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Filter

You can use the *Filter* property to

tags:
Properties

- specify a subset of records to be displayed when a filter is applied to a **form** or a **subform**
- set or return a value that determines the records included in a subsequently opened **Recordset** object (via **OpenRecordset**)

Applies to ...

Object	Description
Form	An open form
SubForm	A subform in an open form
Recordset	The representation of a set of records from a table, a query or a SQL statement

Syntax

```

form.Filter
form.Filter = value
subform.Filter
subform.Filter = value
recordset.Filter
recordset.Filter = value

```

Returned values / Arguments

String

Remarks

The *Filter* property is a string expression consisting of a **WHERE** clause without the WHERE keyword. Like in *MsAccess table names*, or *field names* (e.g. when containing a space) may be surrounded by square brackets ([]).

Error messages

Form '...' is currently not open

Value '...' is invalid for property 'Filter'

See also

[FilterOn](#)

Example

Set and apply a filter on a form

```
Dim ofForm As Object, sFilter As String
    Set ofForm = Forms("myForm")
    sFilter = "[VAT CODE]=3 And [PRODUCT CODE]<'28000'"
    ofForm.Filter = sFilter
    ofForm.FilterOn = True
```

Set and apply a filter on a recordset derived from an existing recordset

Count the records before and after filter application

```
Dim oRecordset1 As Object, oRecordset2 As Object, sFilter As String
    Set oRecordset1 = Application.CurrentDb().OpenRecordset("SELECT * FROM [PRODUCTS]")
    sFilter = "[VAT CODE]=3 And [PRODUCT CODE]<'28000'"
    oRecordset1.Filter = sFilter
    oRecordset1.MoveLast
    Print oRecordset1.RecordCount,
    Set oRecordset2 = oRecordset1.OpenRecordset()      ' Filter is applied now
    oRecordset2.MoveLast
    Print oRecordset2.RecordCount,
    Application.CurrentDb().CloseAllRecordsets()      ' Don't forget !!
```

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