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## RecordSource

You can use the *RecordSource* property to specify the source of the data displayed in a form.

tags:  
Properties

### Applies to ...

Object	Description
Form	An open form
SubForm	The subform of an open form

### Syntax

```
form.RecordSource  
form.RecordSource = value  
subform.RecordSource  
subform.RecordSource = value
```

### Returned values / Arguments

String

### Remarks

The *RecordSource* property is a string expression consisting of either

- a table name
- a query name
- a SQL statement including the SELECT verb

However to modify the *RecordSource* property, use only a SQL statement. When the *RecordSource* property value is changed, the *form* or *subform* is reloaded automatically.

After modification of the *RecordSource* any preexisting filter on the form is reset.

## Error messages

Form '...' is currently not open
Value '...' is invalid for property 'RecordSource'

## See also

[ControlSource](#)

[Requery](#)

## Example

Set new data source on open form

```
Dim ofForm As Object, sSQL As String
    ofForm = Forms("myForm")
    sSQL = "SELECT * FROM [EMPLOYEE] WHERE " _
        & "[EMPLOYEE].[NAME] LIKE '*MICKEY*' Or [EMPLOYEE].[NAME] LIKE '*WINNIE*'"
    ofForm.RecordSource = sSQL
```

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