LESSON 2.3b

98-364 Database Administration Fundamentals

Create Views Using a Graphical Designer

Lesson Overview

In this lesson, you will learn:

- What is a graphical designer?

- How is T-SQL different from graphical designers?

- What is a view?

- What is a query?

- How is a view created?

- How do you create queries in Design View?

What is a graphical designer?

- A graphical designer is a largely object-oriented method of database management using drag-and-drop functions, drop-down menus, or both.

- A graphic designer, such as Jet SQL, is used in the Microsoft® Access® application to extract, manipulate, and structure data that resides in a relational database management system (RDBMS).

- Jet SQL is based largely on the ANSI SQL-92 standard, with additional extensions.

How is T-SQL different from graphical designers?

- T-SQL is a procedural programming language that uses command lines to help the user work with the database.

- Graphical designers, such as Microsoft Access, are object-oriented and use drag-and-drop functions instead of command lines.

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What is a view?

- A view is a virtual table that displays the data from a selected table or tables.

- In RDMSs, a logical table (or view) is created through the specification of one or more relational operations on one or more tables.

What is a query?

- **Query (1)**—a specific set of instructions for extracting particular data.

- **Query(2)** —to extract data from a database and present it for use.
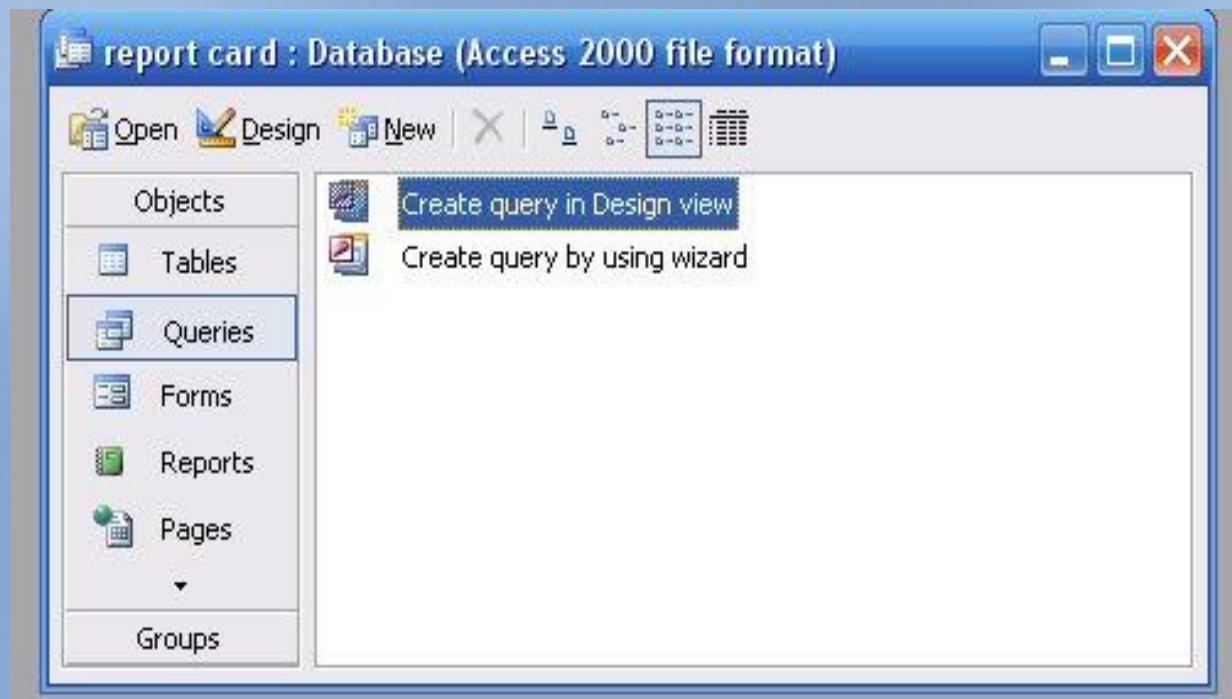
  A query is a question to a table or tables within a database. The syntax of the question depends on the database language. In this lesson, we focus on graphical database queries.

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How is a view created?

- A view is a SELECT query that selects data from a table, allowing you to view the data in a chosen order.

- In Access, you can use queries to select data from a table or tables or other queries. The data is limited by the definition of the query.

  - Queries are SQL commands, as follows:

    - SELECT

    - UPDATE

    - DELETE

  - Queries include clauses such as

    - WHERE

    - FROM

    - ORDER BY

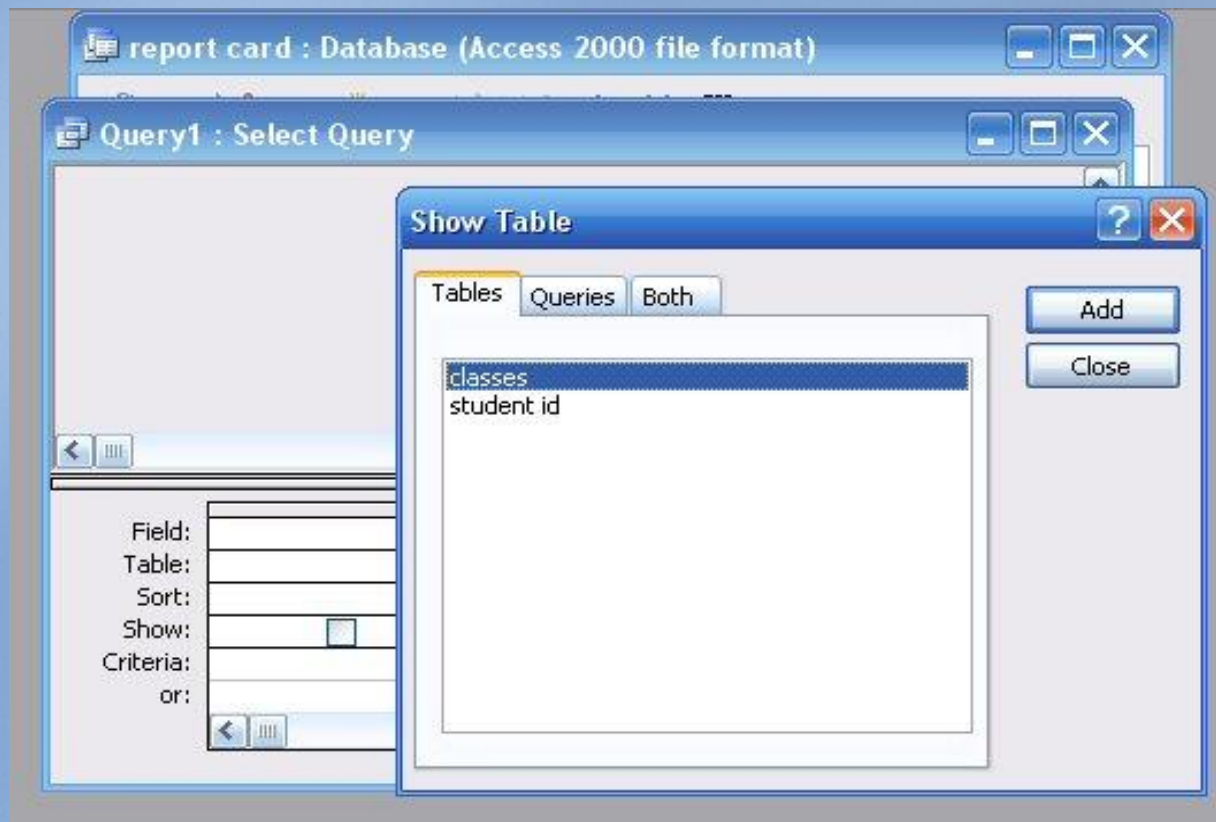98-364 Database Administration

How do you create queries in Design View?

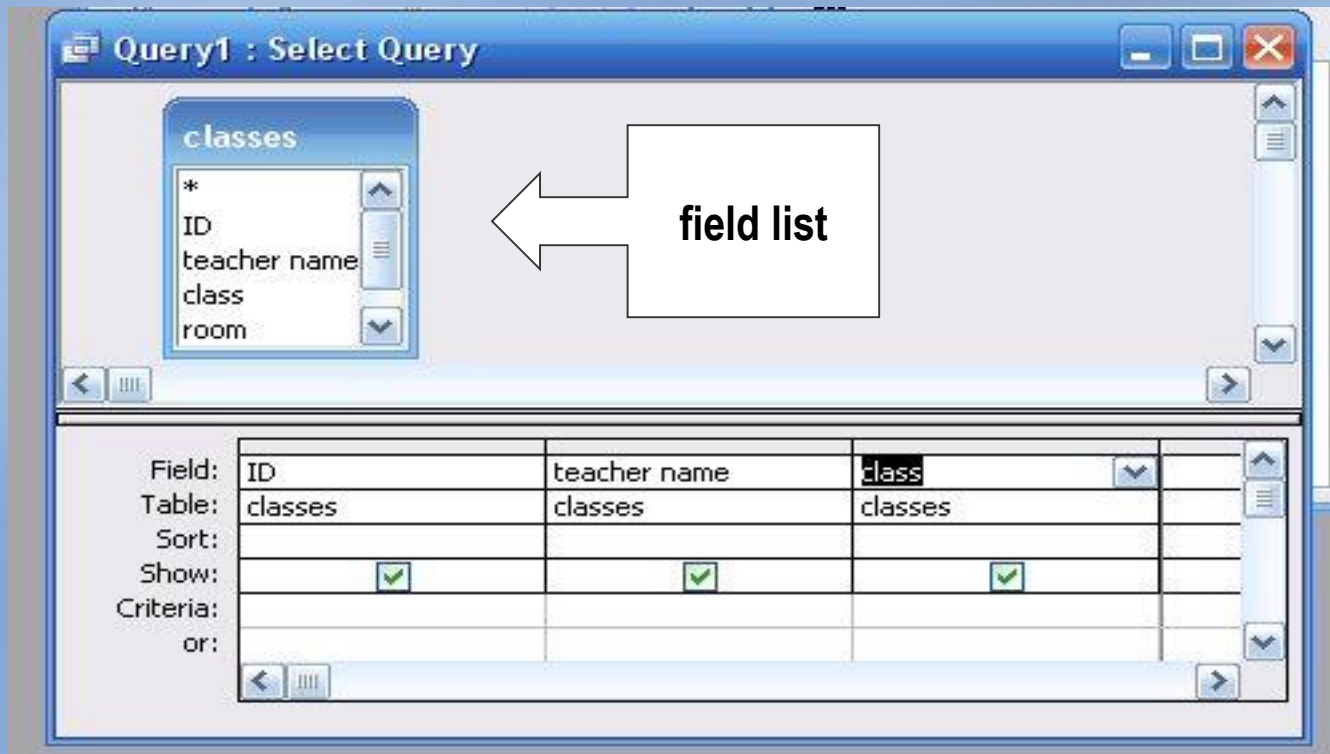Double-click Create Query in Design View to open

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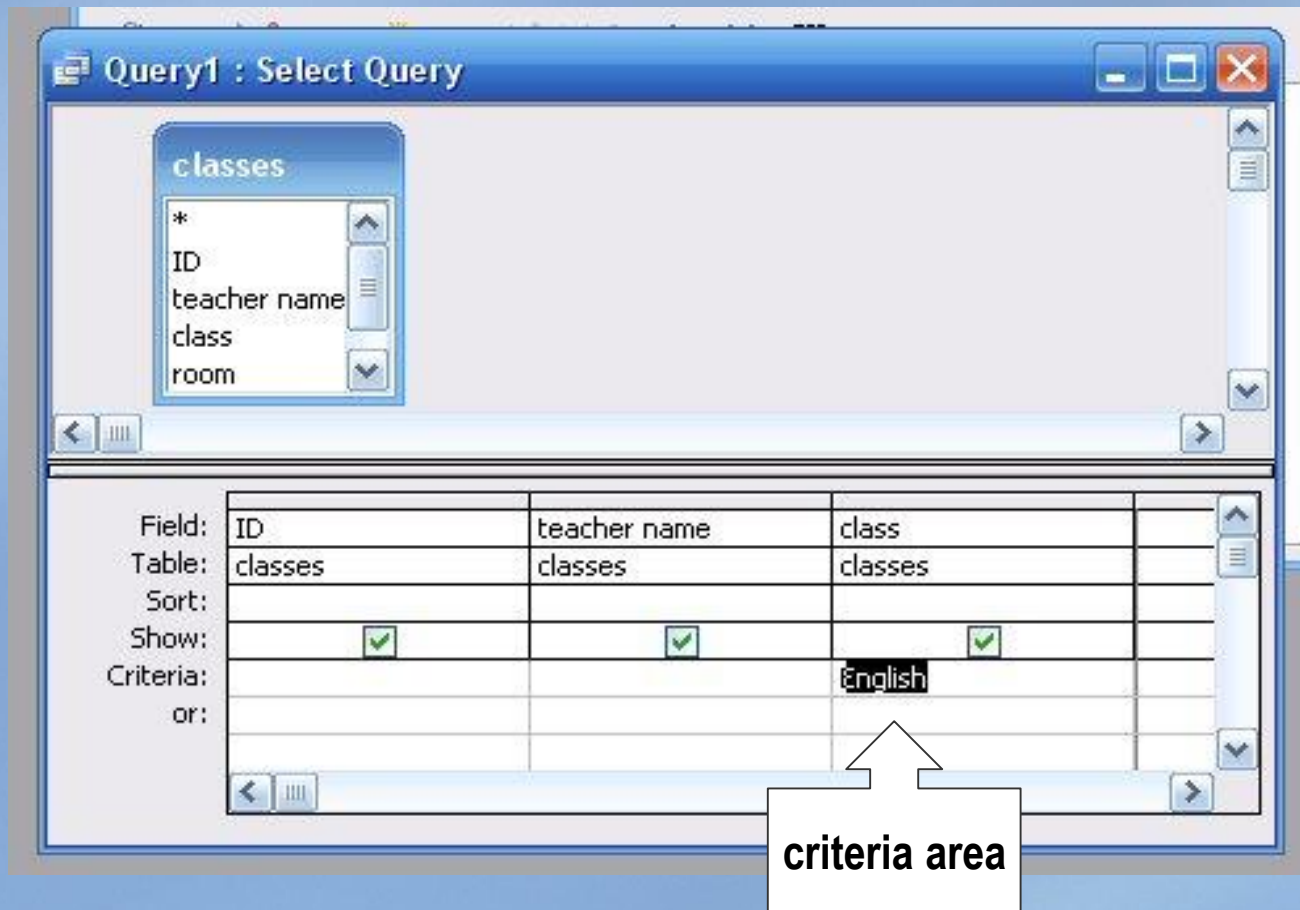Select one or more tables from the Show Table dialog box.

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Once the table is selected, you can select fields from the field lists.

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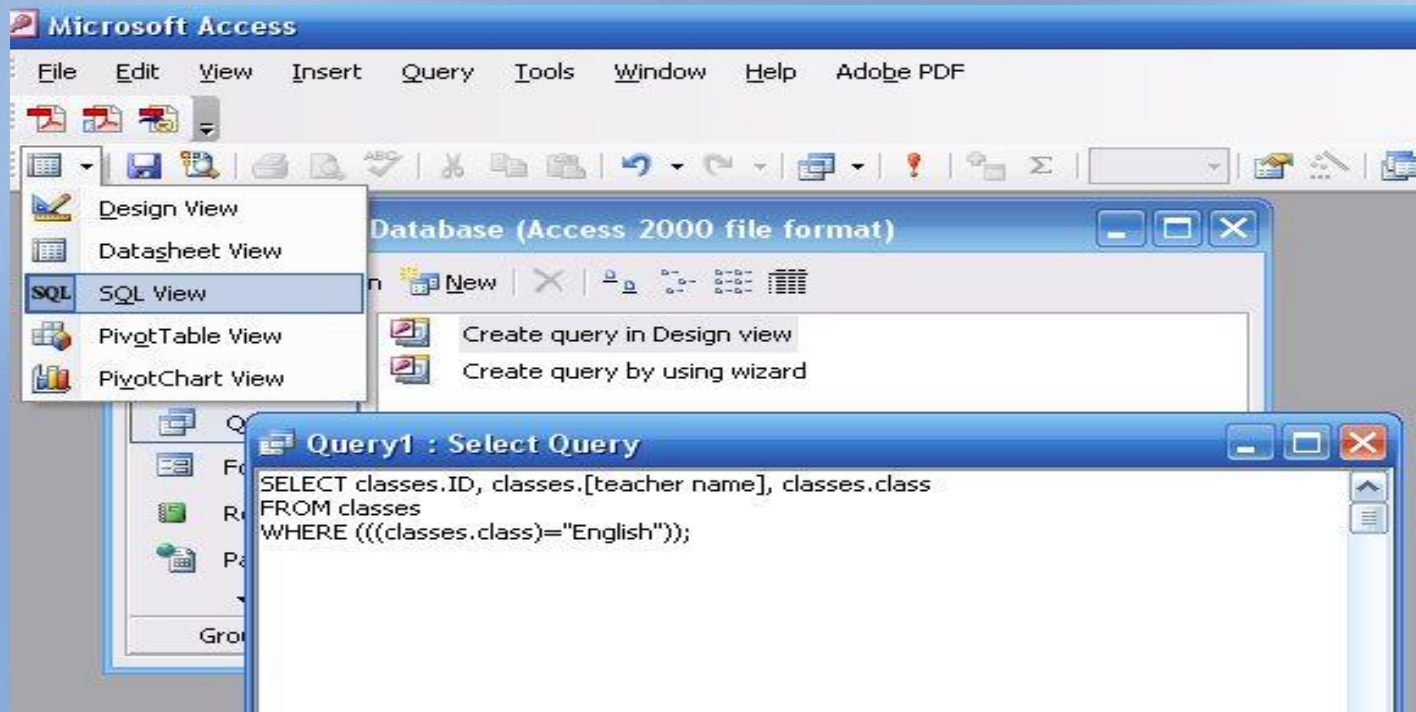You can specify conditions in the criteria area of the design grid.

criteria area

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When you create a query in Design View, Access builds the necessary SQL statements behind the scenes.
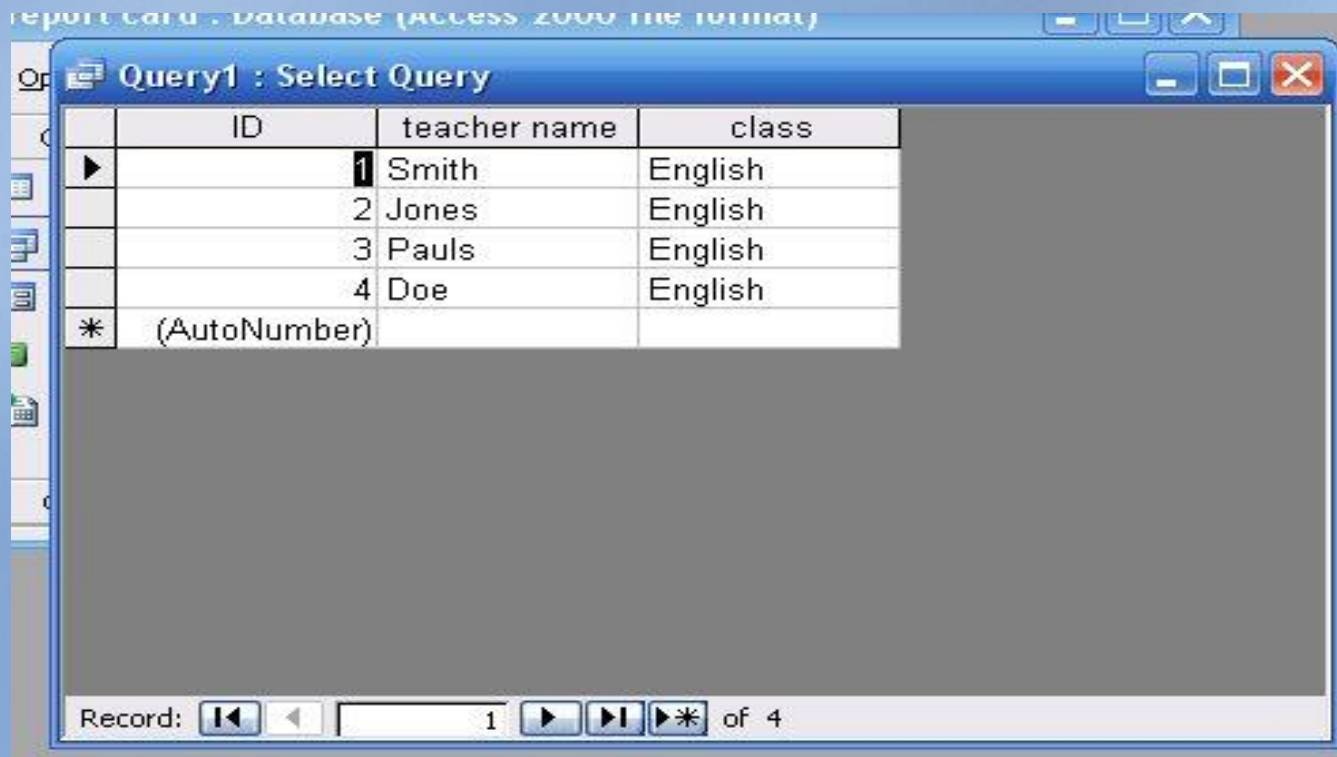
The SQL view displays the generated SQL statement, which also can be edited.

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Run the query, and the result is displayed as shown here.

Lesson Review—Discussion Questions

1. What is the relationship between tables, queries, and views?

2. How is T-SQL different from graphical designers?