

APPROACH RUNS AROUND THE OTHER DATABASES

Factor (all weighted equally)	Access	Approach	dBASE	FoxPro	Paradox
1. Arranging Tables	**** Wizards are the key here.	***1/2 A simple operation.	**** Its highest marks.	****1/2 FoxPro stands alone.	**** Paradox's strong suit.
2. Importing Data	**1/2 Stumble and fall.	****1/2 Match your columns.	**1/2 This doesn't look good.	** You may never see your data.	** Hard even if you use Paradox.
3. Creating Forms	***1/2 Paint-by-the-numbers ease.	***1/2 Michelangelo results	*** An adequate designer.	*** Good enough for the job.	***1/2 Drag-and-drop simplicity.
4. Building Queries	*** Easy to do.	**** Just click, check, and go.	*** OK if you can figure out how.	***1/2 Automation is easy.	**1/2 Testers called it a "nightmare."
5. Compiling Reports	*** Use the Wizards.	*** Fairly easy, said testers.	**1/2 Poorly documented.	**1/2 Doing math can be hard.	** Far too complicated.
6. Constructing Custom Controls	**1/2 Hard to add drop-down boxes.	*** It'll be the way you want it.	* This is very disappointing.	**1/2 Fussy, but it works.	* Chances of getting it to work are low.
Verdict 100%	***1/2	****	***	***	**1/2
****Excellent ***Good ***Acceptable **Poor *Unacceptable					