

**How To**

*Omnis Studio*

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Possibly the world's best database is found on our cover CD!

# Make a simple database

Anyone can create a simple contacts database using Omnis 3 (which is supplied on the cover disc). You don't need technical or programming skills. Just follow Mars Mlodzinski's 9 easy steps.



**Loving the alien**

<p><b>1</b> Open the Omnis 3 application and click new users from the welcome splash screen. Alternatively, if you jumped the gun and have already opened this page, simply click on new users from the tools menu.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Next – click on the Apps Builder button to open the Omnis Application Builder, then click the next button on the start screen. The wizard will ask for a name for the database. Enter contacts and click on the next button.</p>	<p><b>3</b> After you're done clicking you will be prompted if you want to download the latest modules from the Omnis site. Just click on next. You will now be asked what type of data base you want to create. To start with, let's stick with the default one.</p>	<p><b>4</b> OK – you're doing great. You're now at a screen that's asking what modules you want for your database from a pre-defined list. Let's choose contacts. The next screen enables us to add fields to the database. Just hit next.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Now you'll be asked if you want to create a default web page for any of the database modules. Leave the options unchecked for now – we'll add the things we want later to create a custom web page for the contacts module.</p>

<p><b>6</b> The next 2 screens give you navigation options. For instance, you can select the type of controls you want to appear in the sidebar. Change the defaults if you have a strong impulse to make things look different. Done. Let's carry on.</p>	<p><b>7</b> The next screen enables you to choose a theme for your database. This is purely cosmetic, so choose a theme that inspires you and will make you a happy camper. The next 2 screens allow you to choose themes for the 2 reports.</p>	<p><b>8</b> The end draws nigh as you have reached the final screen of the wizard. If you're happy with what you've done click on the finish button and wait for a few seconds as the database gets built. You know you're done when you get to a generic splash screen.</p>	<p><b>9</b> OK. After a few more clicks, hit the contacts button on the sidebar and you're at the main screen. Click the insert button to add a new record. Enter the details, click on the OK button and they're saved. Well done. Your database is pumping</p>

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