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Introduction

This program provides a "Find and Replace" function for Tables (searching design elements such as field names, not the data in the table), Queries, Forms, Reports, Macros, and Modules (MSAccess 2.0 only provides Find and Replace for Modules). Find And Replace can be used to change names of objects through the entire database (as compared to MS Access itself which provides minimal built-in name change propagation). In addition to facilitating name changes it has other uses, such as: a) changing the path in the connect string for attached tables (search for old path, replace with new; attachment gets refreshed) and b) searching for occurences of a given function to enable you to change the parameters. The intended user of this module is a programmer.

Procedures

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Installation

1   Move the replace2.mda and replace2.hlp files to your ACCESS directory (probably c:\ACCESS)

2   Either use the <u>Add-in manager</u> to add FindAndReplace or manually install.

    Installing via Add-in manager:
    Select menu item "File" then sub-menu item "Add-ins" then choose "Add-in Manager".   Select library "Find And Replace" and click the "Install" button.

    Installing Manually:
    Using Microsoft Windows Notepad or another text editor, open MSACC20.INI (in your WINDOWS directory), and add the following lines under the sections indicated (add the section headings if they are not already present):

    [Libraries]
    replace2.mda=ro

    [Menu Add-ins]
    &Find and Replace==StartFindAndReplace()

    [Property Wizards]
    FARNameBuilder=Name,Smart Rename,zFAR_RenameControl,rw

    Save the file.

3   Restart Microsoft Access.   When you open a database, Find and Replace now appears as a choice on the File menu under the Add-ins submenu.   In addition, when designing forms or reports, the <u>control name change builder</u> is available by pressing the "..." button to the right of the control name in the properties box.

Starting Find and Replace

Starting Find And Replace

Find and Replace appears as a choice on the File menu under the Add-ins submenu.   Select it.
The Find and Replace form should appear.

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Using Find And Replace

Specifying Find/Replace Strings

Specifying one item to be searched for and replaced

Enter the text to be searched for (the "Find Text") in the "Find" combo-box (wildcards are not permitted). Enter the text that will replace it (the "Replace Text") in the "Replace With" box (if you are doing a Find only, you need not enter this but make sure to click the "Find Only" option box).   If you desire that the text to be found must match the whole word (words consist of A-Z, a-z, _, 0-9) check the "Match Whole Word/Name Only" box.

Specifying multiple items to be found/replaced

The combination of the Find Text, Replace Text, and Whole Word option make up a find/replace specification.   You may enter multiple find/replace specifications so that when you start the search, all find/replace specifications are done together (in parallel).   Define your first first specification as described above.   To add another find/replace specification click the "New item" button.   The "Find" and "Replace With" boxes will be cleared and you can enter your new, additional Find/Replace specification.   To review all your find/replace specifications click the drop down button on the "Find" combo-box.   All of your defined find/replace specifications appear in the drop-down list of the "Find" combo-box.

You may select any of these find/replace specifications in order to edit, view, or delete them.   To delete the item displayed, click the "Del Item" button.   To clear the entire Find/Replace specification list click the "Clear List" button.

All items that appear in the drop down list will be searched for (and replaced) when you press the "Find" button.

The order of search and replace within a target string (e.g. property value, ...) is the order in which the Find/Replace specs appear in the drop down list (the order in which they are added).

Sourcing Find/Replace Specs from a Table or Query

This feature is available in registered versions only.   You can source-in multiple Find/Replace specifications from a table (or query) that you have created.   The table (or query) must have at least the following 3 fields (data types are in parentheses): FindText (text), ReplaceText (text), and WholeWord (Yes/No); other fields are ignored.   In the "Find" box enter: "***TABLE:MyTable".   Then set your search options on the Find and Replace Form and press the Find button.   The Find/Replace specs will be pulled from table "MyTable".   "MyTable" could also be the name of a query or an actual SQL select statement (e.g. "***TABLE:SELECT * FROM mytable WHERE batch = 5").

[Specifying Where to search (Tables, forms, ...)](#)

Specifying Where To Search

Choose the containers in which you want to search (Tables, Queries, Forms, Reports, Macros, or Modules); push the appropriate toggle buttons to select any combination of these.   If you want to search only documents with a certain name enter that (wildcards OK) in the "Document Names Like" box next to the desired object type toggle button.   Push the "Find" button to start the search.

Search in:	Document Name Like:		
Tables	Vendors	±	
Queries	×	±	**Find**
Forms	*Vendor*	±	
Reports	×	±	
Macros	×	±	
Modules	×	±	

What Find and Replace Searches (which properties, etc.)
Form and Report options (further limiting where to search)

Notes and Other Information

Notes:

- FIND AND REPLACE CAN BE A DANGEROUS TOOL.   IF YOU'RE NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, DON'T DO IT.   Even if you think you know what you're doing, always have a backup copy of your database that is relatively up to date.

- SendKeys is used for the search in modules.   For English versions of Access: if alt-e has been redefined then the Find in All modules function won't work.   <u>International versions</u> of Access: if the international version isn't yet supported the Find in All Modules button will be disabled and the find in code-behind-forms will be disabled.   I will gladly add support for your international version after you provide me with the necessary information.

- The Match Whole Word only option behaves slightly different than you would expect in modules. This is a feature of the Access Find function.   For example, in modules, a whole word match search for the find string "vendor" will not produce a match for vendor% (or vendor$,...). However, a match will be found for "vendor_zipcode".   With Find and Replace's Match Whole Word/Name option (which is used for everything but modules) vendor% produces a match, but vendor_zipcode does not (this behavior is more desirable when attempting to change names).

- Module search uses the built-in replace function (menu-item) of Access. Unfortunately this has problems with replaces in long lines when the replace without asking option is selected.   If you get a message that not all the changes could be made, you will have to search the modules indicated without the replace without asking option.   In general, Find and Replace will detect this conflict in advance and turn off replace without asking for any module that will has this problem.

- For bug reports or suggestions contact: <u>Rick Fisher</u>

<u>What Find and Replace Searches (which properties, etc.)</u>

What Find and Replace Searches

Tables:

Local Tables -Table Names, Field Names, ValidationRules and ValidationText, Captions, Descriptions, Index Names.

Attached Tables - Table Names, captions, connect strings (if the connect string is changed the link will be refreshed).   The following are searched but replace is disallowed: Field Names, Index Names,ValidationRules, ValidationText, and Descriptions.

Queries:

The query name and the query SQL (which completely specifies the query).

Forms:

Properties that can specify macros, functions, field names, control names, or table/query names. Other properties: Caption, Tag, Validation Text.   Other: form names, code-behind-forms.   Note: Numeric properties are not searched.   See Form and Report Options for a complete list.

Reports:

Properties that can specify macros, functions, field names, control names, or table/query names. Other properties: Caption, Tag.   Other: report names, code-behind-reports.   See Form and Report Options for a complete list.

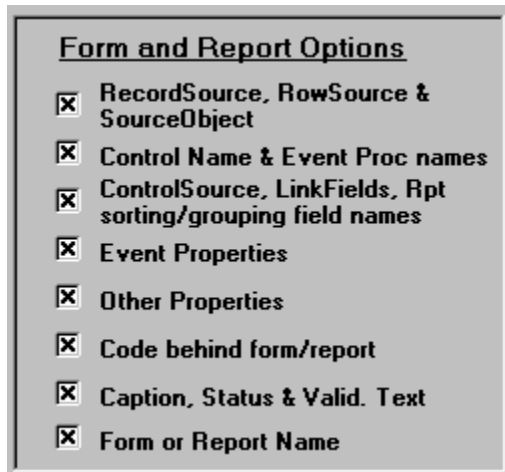**Macros:**

Macro Names, Macro Labels, Conditions, and Parameters to Macro Actions.

Modules:

The module search invokes the Microsoft search function for   modules.   The limitations of MSAccess apply here (see Notes and Other Information).

Report/Form Options

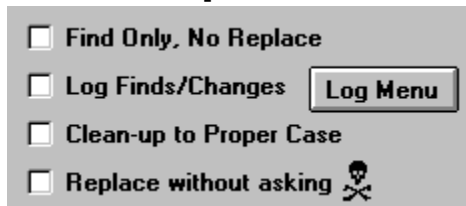These options control what is searched in forms and reports.

Form and Report Options

- ☒ RecordSource, RowSource & SourceObject
- ☒ Control Name & Event Proc names
- ☒ ControlSource, LinkFields, Rpt sorting/grouping field names
- ☒ Event Properties
- ☒ Other Properties
- ☒ Code behind form/report
- ☒ Caption, Status & Valid. Text
- ☒ Form or Report Name

- Recordsource, RowSource, and SourceObject properties
- Control Name & Event Procedure Names.   When this option is selected, control names will be searched.   If a change is made to a control name, the names of any associated event procedures (in CBF) will be changed appropriately so that they remain properly associated with the control.
- ControlSource, LinkChildFields, and LinkMasterFields properties, and Report Sorting/Grouping field names
- Event Properties.
Forms: AfterDelConfirm, AfterInsert, AfterUpdate, BeforeDelConfirm, BeforeInsert, BeforeUpdate, OnActivate, OnChange, OnClick, OnClose, OnCurrent, OnDblClick, OnDeactivate, OnDelete, OnEnter, OnError, OnExit, OnGotFocus, OnKeyDown, OnKeyPress, OnKeyUp, OnLoad, OnLostFocus, OnMouseDown, OnMouseMove, OnMouseUp,   OnNotInList, OnOpen, OnResize,OnTimer, OnUnload
Reports: OnActivate, OnClose, OnDeactivate, OnError, OnFormat, OnOpen, OnPrint, OnRetreat
- Other Properties: DefaultValue, MenuBar, RowSourceType, Tag, ValidationRule
- Code behind form/report (CBF).
- Caption, StatusBarText, ValidationText Properties
- Form or Report Name

Other Options

Other Options

☐ Find Only, No Replace

☐ Log Finds/Changes **Log Menu**

☐ Clean-up to Proper Case

☐ Replace without asking ☠

Find Only, No Replace: If you want Find and Replace to only find, not replace, check the "Find only, No Replace" box.

Log Finds/Changes: If you want all finds and changes to be logged to a log table, check the "Log Finds/Changes" box.   This log may be subsequently viewed by clicking the "Log Menu" button and then clicking the "Log Report" button on that form. The following log features apply to registered copies only: Errors, Find/Replace Specifications, and Report/Form search options will also be logged to the log table.   Note: If 'Replace without asking' is also selected, errors will be reported in the log, not in individual dialog boxes (however, a message box at the completion of entire search will indicate that errors have occurred and can be viewed in the log).

Clean-up to proper case: If you want Find and Replace to try to capitalize things properly (when a replace is done) check "Clean-up to Proper Case" (It will look on both sides of the found string, to the beginning and end of the word containing the found string, to perform this; it will not capitalize lower case prefixes as defined by the Leszynski/Reddick naming standard; it will not change upper case to lower case).   The proper-case cleanup is usually only useful when the original names have spaces or underscores ('_') separating words (within a name) needing capitalization.

Replace without asking: The "Replace without asking" box may be checked if you want all found occurrences to be replaced without any prompting if it is OK (Suggestions if you select this: turn on logging and have a backup of your mdb prior to the change).

Find without asking: When the "Find Only" option is checked the "Replace without asking" option becomes "Find without asking".   This option is only useful if you turn on logging.   Then the result of the Find may be viewed via the log report.

Find/Replace Logging.   The Log Menu.

Change Log

The change log is a table which contains a complete record of items found and any changes made. Errors, Find/Replace Specifications, and Report/Form search options will also be logged to the log table (registered copies only).   Logging is enabled when the "Log Finds/Changes" option on the Find and Replace form is selected.   The log table is stored in the database you are searching and is created when needed.   The name of the log table is "_LOG_FindAndReplace".
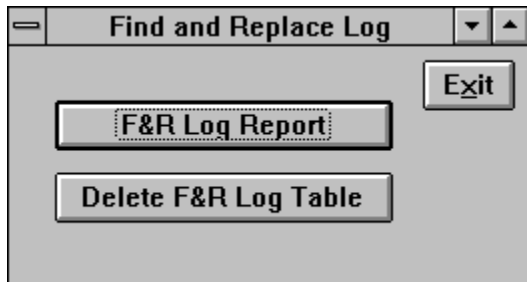
The Log Menu, accessable by pressing the "Log Menu" button on the main Find and Replace form, allows you to view/print a report of the log table, or to delete the log table.   To clear the table simply select the Delete Log Table button.

Notes: Logging for modules (including CBF) is not as complete as for other things.   Find and Replace will log all the matches within the module (or CBF).   But, since the built-in Replace function of Access is used within the modules, Find and Replace has no way of knowing what was replaced; thus a "?" will be displayed in the "Replaced?" column of the log.

Using Find and Replace

When a match is found

Assuming you haven't checked the "Replace without asking" option, when a match is found a dialog box is displayed.

```
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│                   Replace Located String?                    │
├─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
│ Found String in: Tables!zFAR_Strings.Fields!StringName.Name  │
│   Value:                                                     │
│     StringName                                               │
│                                                              │
│                                                              │
│   Changing to:                                               │
│     TextName                                                 │
│                                                              │
│                                                              │
│  ┌──────────────┐      ┌─────────┐   ┌──────┐   ┌─────────┐  │
│  │ Edit Changes │      │  Yes    │   │  No  │   │ Cancel  │  │
│  └──────────────┘      └─────────┘   └──────┘   └─────────┘  │
│                   ┌──────────┬────────┐   ┌───────┬────────┐ │
│                   │ Yes to:  │ All  ▼ │   │ Skip: │Document▼│ │
│                   └──────────┴────────┘   └───────┴────────┘ │
└─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┘
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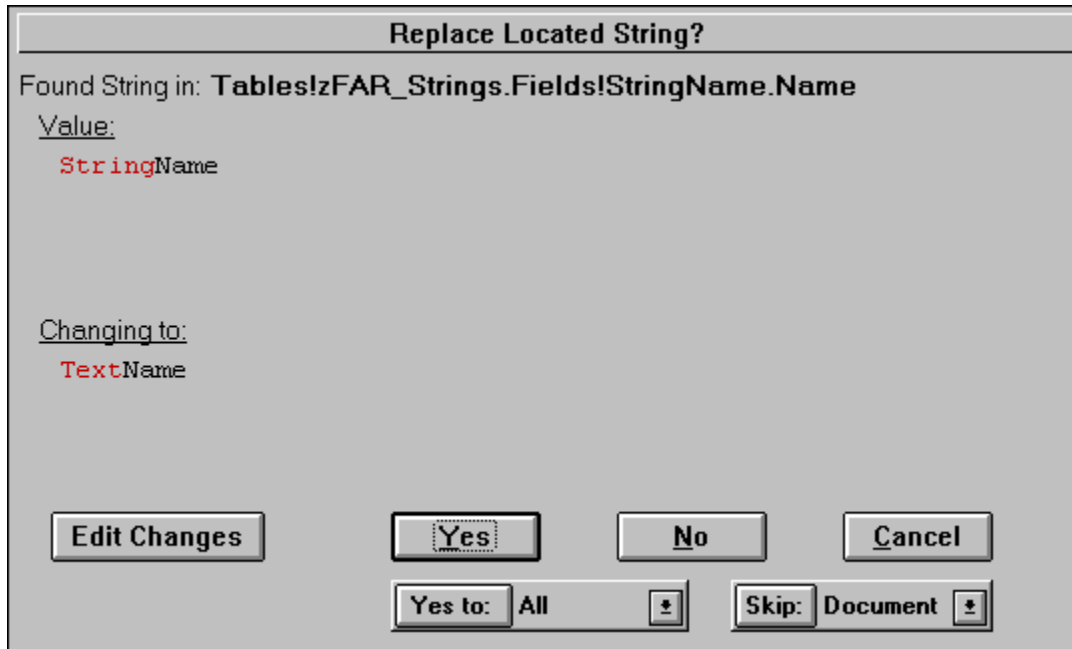
The object and property in which the match was found is indicated at the top of the box.   Just underneath that, under the label "Value", the current value of the property is displayed.   The line after that, "Changing to:", shows what the value will be changed to.   At the bottom are six buttons: "Edit Changes", "Yes", "No", "Cancel", "Yes To:", and "Skip:".   You can select "Yes" to do the replacement, "No" to proceed to the next match, or "Cancel" to stop the entire process.

"Edit Changes" Button

Edit Changes allows you to make additional changes.   When you press this button, an edit box appears allowing you to freely edit the property value as you wish.   This is very useful when you wish to locate something, but the changes may may be different from case to case.

```
                    Replace Located String?
Found String in: Tables!zFAR_Strings.Fields!StringName.Name

  Make additional changes:
  TextName




  ┌──────────────┐      ┌──────────┐  ┌─────────┐  ┌─────────────┐
  │  Undo Edits  │      │   Yes    │  │   No    │  │   Cancel    │
  └──────────────┘      └──────────┘  └─────────┘  └─────────────┘
                     ┌──────────────────┐   ┌──────────────────────┐
                     │ Yes to:  All   �│   │ Skip: Document  �: │
                     └──────────────────┘   └──────────────────────┘
```

"Yes To:" and "Skip:" buttons

The "Yes To:" and "Skip:" buttons depend on the selection in the combo boxes adjacent to the
buttons.   "Yes to:" makes the current change and will make all further changes without asking for the
duration specified in the adjacent combo box: "All" means for the rest of the session, "Container"
means until the next container (if selected while in Forms then Yes To applies to all forms), Document
means until the next document (if selected in Form Form1 then Yes To applies to Form Form1 only),
"Control" means Yes To for all properties of the current control, "Property" means Yes To all
occurences within that property. The "Skip:" button is like answering No for the duration specified in
the adjacent combo box.

```
┌──────┬─────────────┬──┐
│Skip: │ Document    │ :│
└──────┴─────────────┴──┘
       │ All                            │
       │ Container    ( e.g. Forms or Tables or ...)│
       │ Document     (e.g. Current Form or table or ...)│
       │ Control                        │
       │ Property     (this property)   │
       └────────────────────────────────┘
```
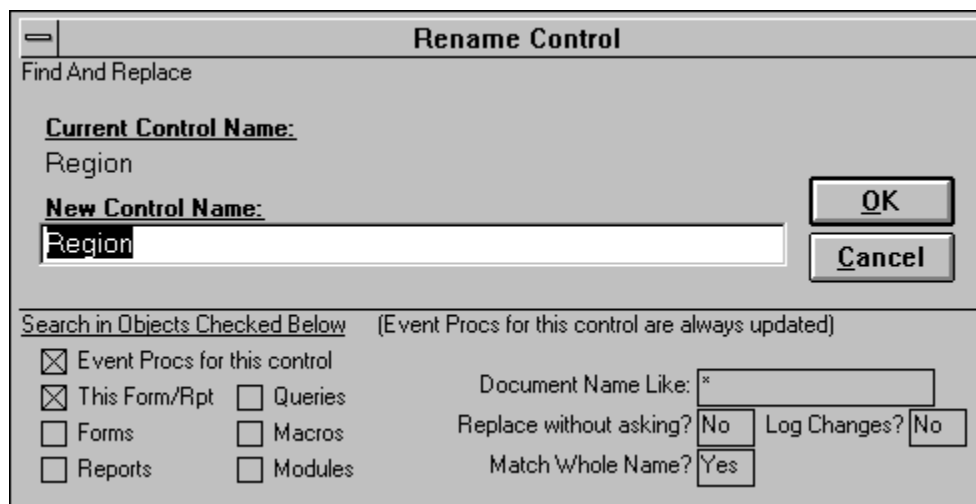
Using Find And Replace

Control Name Change Builder

The control name change builder facilitates changing control names while you are designing a report or form.   Normally, when you change the name of a control all CBF event procedures get "lost". (They are not really lost, they still exist under the old name but they are no longer associated with the control).   Also, any references to that control elsewhere will need to be changed.

The control name change builder solves this by invoking a Find And Replace function which renames the event procedures properly, and optionally searches that form and any other object specified for references to that name.

To access the control name change builder: Open Form or report in design mode.   Open properties display.   Select the control you want to change the name of.   Select the control name item in the properties box.   Click the ...   button to the right of this entry to invoke the control name change builder.

Note: A common error is to change the control name and then click on the builder button.   This will not work since the control name gets changed before the builder is invoked.   You must click on the builder button first!

Type the new name in the "New Control Name:" box.   The default options for the name change are 1) all Event procedure names will get changed to reflect the new control name, and 2) the name will be searched for in this form (including CBF).   Additional options may be checked as desired.   The "Document Name Like" box applies to the Forms, Reports, Queries, Macros, and Modules options (there is not a separate Document Name Like box for each of these options); wildcards are permitted.
Double clicking on the Yes/No boxes toggles that option.

Version Information

ver 2.05f   3/7/95

Fixed "non-existent file ..." error that caused module search to abort in some instances.

ver 2.05e   2/23/95

Table search now includes index names.   Fixed Module search error "Action requires an object name argument" causing module search to abort.   Fixed "Syntax error in date in query expression ..." error that occurred when non-standard date or time separators were specified in the Windows international date/time settings.   Added support for Norwegian language version.

ver 2.05d   1/10/95

Added support for Italian Language version.   Added capability to source Find/Replace Specs from a table.   Attached table field names are now searched (but replace is disallowed since these types of changes must be performed in the source database).   Error handling on attached tables improved (can now change connect string even if old connect string points to a missing file/table). Logging of module finds improved (every matching line within module logged).   Worked around Windows NT 3.5 bug/anomaly that caused module searches to fail.

ver 2.05c   12/20/94

Fixed module search bug ('Syntax Error in the date in a query expression') that occurs when international dates are selected.   Miscellaneous minor operational enhancements (e.g. error handling, logging).

ver 2.05b   11/14/94

Fixed bug where CBF was not being searched properly if you made 2 find/replace specifications (one or more than two worked fine).   Added support for Spanish version.

ver 2.05a   10/13/94

French version support added.   Fixed reports combo box list.

ver 2.05   10/09/94

Various fixes/enhancements: Help file added.   Fixed registration problem with some foreign languages.   Fixed "Yes to All" option (malfunctioned when multiple Find/Replace specifications had been made).   Worked around module replace "all changes not made" when line too long problem. Fixed module search with multiple Find/Replace specs.   Fixed "Skip All" option.

ver 2.04a   09/23/94

Minor fixes/enhancements: Erroneous self integrity check failure fixed.   Search in CBF with multiple find specs improved.   Logging enhanced.

ver 2.04   09/14/94

Fixed bug that prevented German version from loading.   Added capability to specify multiple Find/Replace strings.   Added change logging and reporting.   Added Find only option.   Added combo box selection for "Document name like" boxes.   Added flexible "Yes To" and "Skip" options to the Replace confirmation dialog.   Improved Control Name Change Builder.   Misc. enhancements and minor bug fixes.

ver 2.03   08/08/94

Fixed bug that left Setwarnings off after form and report searches.   Added CIS Registration info.

ver 2.02   08/03/94

If a control name is changed, the Event procedures now get renamed properly no matter what the length of the control name (note: the control name portion of an event procedure name is truncated by Access if the control name is long).   Added Name Change Builder for the Name property in the properties box to let Find and Replace do the name change.   Substantial improvement in module search.   No longer searches all loaded modules.   Will limit search to Object Like specification.   No longer leaves modules open.   User response only required for modules where a match is found. Includes other module search bug fixes.   Interface change: Now can select multiple object types (Tables, Forms,...) and search them in one operation.   German Language version support added. Miscellaneous changes to support foreign versions.

ver 2.01   07/08/94

Fixed Invalid Operation error message in form search (search was done correctly though). Enhanced Macro search: searches comments, improved macro name changing.   Added a "Yes to All" option.

ver 2.00   07/05/94

Initial Version for MS Access 2.0

Where to Find the Latest Version

CompuServe

The latest version of the software can be found on CompuServe, the MSAccess forum, library 15, filename REPL2.ZIP.   In addition the file REPL2.TXT is available which summarizes changes from version to version.   You can preview REPL2.TXT to decide whether you want to download REPL2.ZIP.

Internet

Try the CICA Windows 3.x software collection at ftp.cica.indiana.edu (IP 129.79.26.27), in the Access directory (/PUB/PC/WIN3/ACCESS).   The World Wide Web URL is http://www.cica.indiana.edu. Note: Although files are uploaded to this system at the same time as CompuServe, it can often take several weeks for the new files to get moved to the Access directory, replacing the old files.   You could also try searching in any directory underneath /PUB/PC/WIN3 with "UPLOAD" as part of its name (the uploaded files often reside in such a directory until they are moved).

Version Information

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International Support

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To obtain support for your international version you must send me the keystrokes to accomplish the tasks listed below.   Send me a list of the values (and what language version they are for).   You may print this help topic by selecting File, Print Topic.

Open the MS Access Replace dialog:
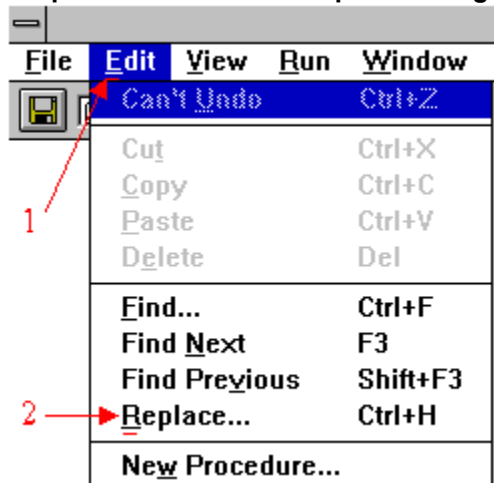
While editing a module, what keystrokes do you use to start the MS Access Replace dialog.   In the English version, you type alt-E then R.
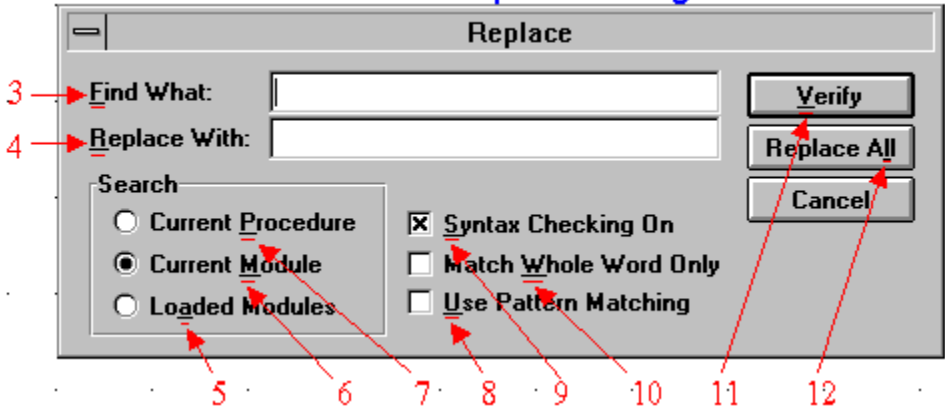
English Version Values:
1. E
2. R

Your Version?
1. _____
2. _____

Selecting various options in the Replace dialog:

MS Access Replace Dialog Box

Replace

3. → Find What: [   ]   Verify
4. → Replace With: [   ]   Replace All
                                                 Cancel

Search
- ○ Current Procedure   ☒ Syntax Checking On
- ◉ Current Module   ☐ Match Whole Word Only
- ○ Loaded Modules   ☐ Use Pattern Matching

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#	English Version	Your Version
3.	F	_____
4.	R	_____
5.	a	_____
6.	M	_____
7.	P	_____
8.	U	_____
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An Access tool that automates or simplifies a task.   Builders are invoked when the builder button (a button with "..." on it) is pressed.   Builder buttons appear to the right of many properties in the Property Sheet.   An example of a builder is the expression builder.   Find and Replace provides a Rename builder button to the right of the control name.

Registration

This is not free software.   You may not use this software beyond the initial 30 day evaluation period unless you register the software.   The price to register version 2.0 of this software is $15 per copy. Payment must be in US dollars and should be sent to Rick Fisher, 22 Peninsula Rd., Belvedere, CA 94920. Include your name, company name, and address with your <u>registration</u> fee.   If you are registering multiple copies, include the names/company names for all copies.   Alternatively, you may pay and register via CompuServe (charges appear on your CompuServe bill).   GO SWREG on CompuServe to register via CompuServe; the registration ID for this program is 3186.   If registering multiple copies via CompuServe please send a mail message to CIS ID 70743,2514 indicating the names for all copies.

To access the registration form provided in Find and Replace, click the "About" button on the Find and Replace form and then click the Registration Form button.   You may fill out this form, print it, and send it in with your registration fee.

When payment is received you will be sent a registration number which can be recorded in the software via the software's registration code screen.   To get to the registration code screen click the 'About' button on the main Find and Replace screen, and then click the 'Enter Registration Code' button.

Add-in Manager

Enables you to install, uninstall, or customize add-ins, wizards, builders, and menu add-ins.   See Microsoft Access Help.

Builder

<Builder>

CBF

Code-Behind-Form   (or Code-Behind-Report)

Container

A container contains a collection of documents.   The following are valid containers for the purposes of Find And Replace: Tables, Queries, Forms, Reports, Macros, and Modules.

Control Name Change Builder

<Control Name Change Builder>

Document

A document is a particular table, query, form, report, macro, or module.

Find/Replace Specification

The combination of the Find text, Replace Text, and Whole Word option make up a find/replace specification.

Form and Report Options

<Report Form Options>

International Versions

<International Support>

Log Finds/Changes

<Other Options>

Log
<Change Log>

Notes and Other Information

<Notes and Other information>

Registration

<Registration>

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<Contact>

Wildcards

The asterisk (*), question mark (?), number sign (#), exclamation point (!), hyphen (-), and brackets ([ ]) are wildcard characters.   You can use these characters in the "Documents Like" boxes to include all documents that begin with specific characters or match a certain pattern.   However, wildcard finds are not supported, so if you use these characters in the"Find" or "Replace With" boxes they have no special meaning.