

SURGICAL STRIKE™



Win the Support Battle Without the Upgrade Wars



If you develop software, you know how hard it is to update your applications once they're deployed. With every new version, you send out large database files. Some of your customers may even make changes themselves. You only want to give them your changes, not a whole new database.

Introducing **Surgical Strike**. The first product that lets you precisely update your program and data databases efficiently and effectively. Surgical Strike is used by developers to create a small file containing only the update that can be executed by your users to upgrade their Access data files and applications.

A New Way to Remotely Update Microsoft Access 97 2000 & 2002 Applications

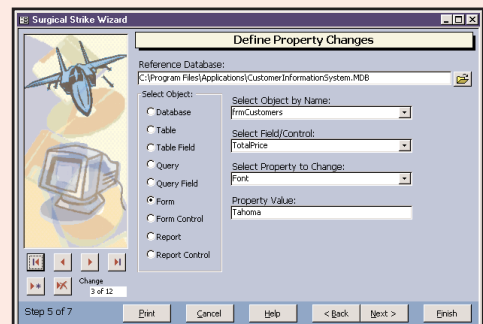
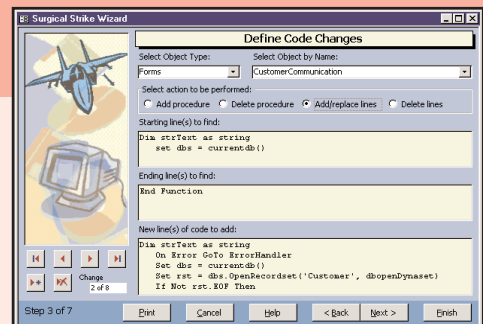
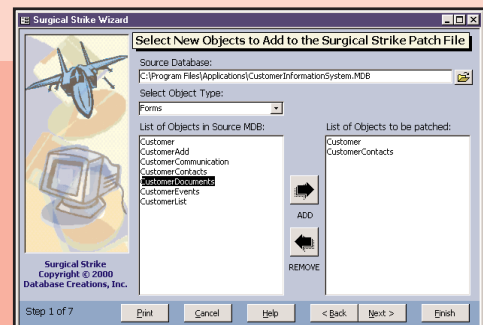
Imagine being able to change lines of code in a module, change properties of a control or object, add or modify fields in a table, replace a form, add a new report, etc. You can do these and a lot more with Surgical Strike.

This is not a simple search and replace utility. It does much, much more and drastically reduces maintenance costs while letting you update applications with precision.

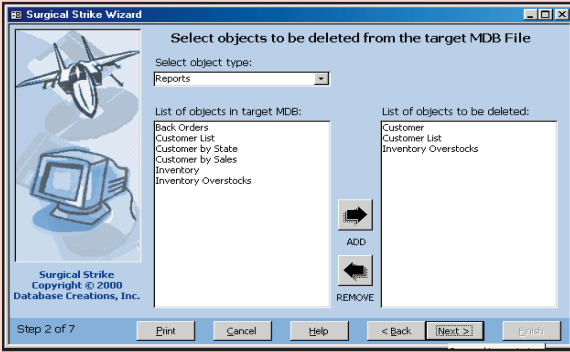
Features:

- Create a List of Objects (Tables, Queries, Forms, Reports, Macros, Modules) to be Added, Deleted or Replaced
- Add or Delete Entire Functions or Procedures Anywhere
- Change Specific Lines of Code within a Form, Report or Module
- Change Properties of any Database Object or Control
- Add, Change or Delete Field Definitions in Tables and Queries
- Conditionally Update Data in Your Tables

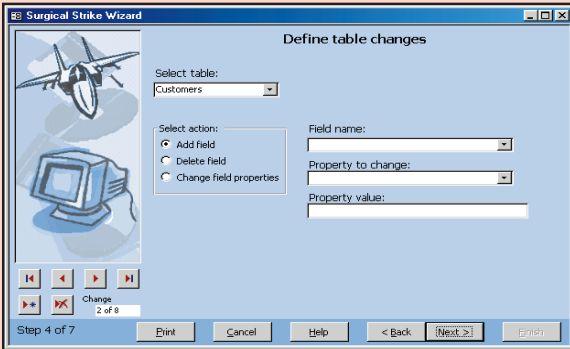
You can e-mail or place your small update file containing only your changes on the Internet for download. If your users customize your application, the Surgical Strike™ update file will only affect those objects that need to be changed and not affect the customized objects.



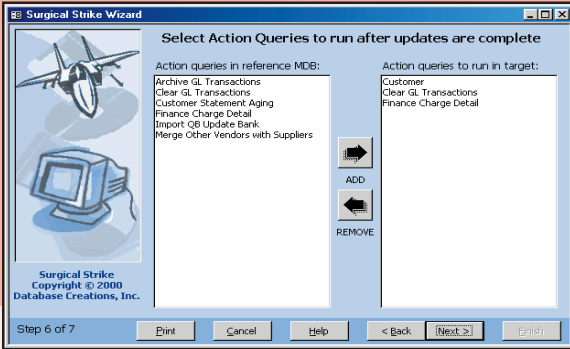
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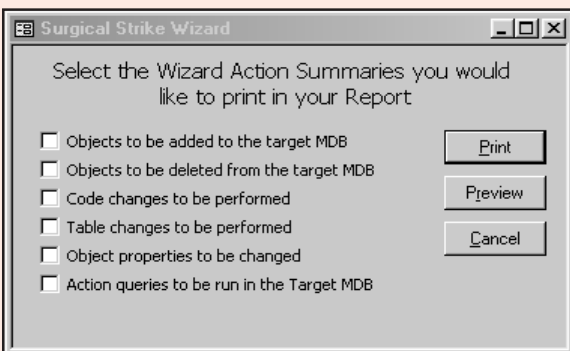
If you do not want to replace an entire form, report, or module but instead just replace the VBA code, you can do that too. You can add or delete a specific procedure. You can even add, delete, or replace lines of code. This is done by entering the type of object, name of the object, and what code is to be deleted, added or replaced. You can work with procedures as a whole, or individual lines of code. If the user has customized the look of the form and you only need to change some code, this is the solution.



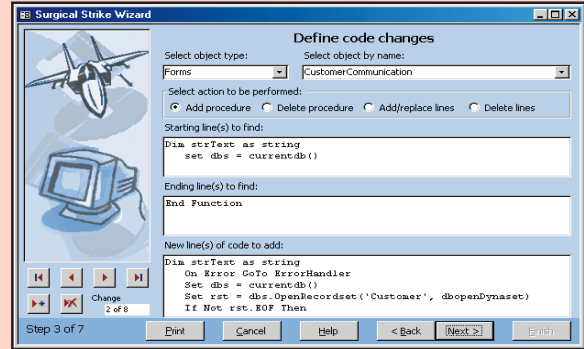
For even more specific and detailed type changes, you can define property changes for the database, tables, table fields, queries, query fields, forms, form controls, reports, and report controls. Without replacing the objects, you can make changes that will affect how the application looks and runs. By specifying to the wizard a reference MDB, lists of objects are available so defining the changes are easy.



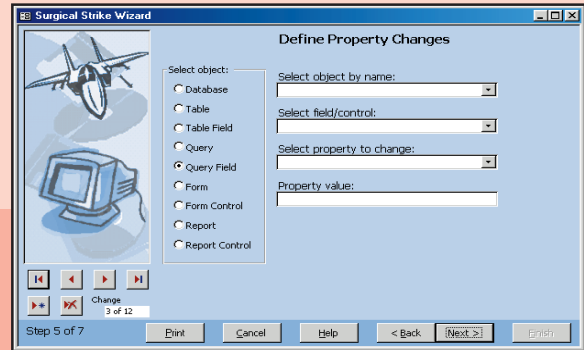
Finally, you specify a version for the patch. This is stored in the target MDB files as a custom database property. When Surgical Strike is executed on the target MDB, the version number is checked first. Only if the version is the correct version will the patch run. The version number is stored in both front end and back end databases so configuration control problems are eliminated.



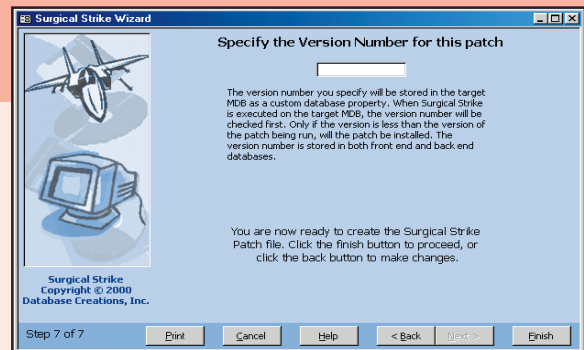
Surgical Strike loads as an add-in to Access 97 or Access 2000. You start with an empty database or a previous created Surgical Strike Patch file. You run the add-in and a wizard like interface will prompt you for information about the patch. The wizard will first ask you for the source MDB file that contains any new objects you want to include in the patch. You select the new objects from a list of objects in the source MDB. If you specify an object that already exists in the target MDB to be patched, the object will be replaced, otherwise the new object will just be added. If the object is a table, you can also specify if the table should be put in the front end or the back end file. You can also create a list of objects that you want deleted in the target MDB.



You can make detailed table or query changes including adding or deleting fields, or changing field properties. Imagine adding a new field to a table without affecting the data in the table.

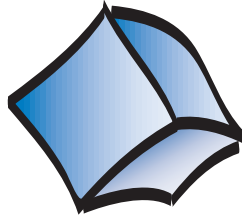


In addition to changing objects, object properties, and VBA code, you can change the data in tables by specifying one or more of queries to run. These action queries gives you the developer the ability to fix or correct data errors that may exist in the tables.



At any time while the wizard is running you can choose to print a report of the patch as it is defined. This provides the developer and user the information needed to make sure the patch definition is correct. It also provides documentation for the version change. After defining the patch, you then finish the process by creating the SSP file. All the objects needed as well as the support objects to make changes are put into the SSP database with a user interface to run Surgical Strike. The SSP can then be distributed to users. When the users run Surgical Strike, they are prompted for the file and file location for the front end application. Surgical Strike will automatically find any back end databases based on the links established in the front end. The user does not need to do anything else, Surgical Strike will take care of the rest.

Surgical Strike makes program support so much easier. Updating an application with Surgical Strike is simpler since shortcuts, filenames, file locations, linked tables, connections, etc. do not have to be re-established.



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