

President's Remarks

After a couple of very busy months in which we did NOT publish a newsletter, this month's news is jammed packed with lots of information for your business!

In early March I was fortunate enough to spend several days on the Microsoft campus at their MVP conference, where I was able to meet several members of the Access Developers team as well as many Microsoft Access MVPs. Truly an amazing experience and an educational couple of days! The team is busy working on several very intriguing updates to the Access application as well as updating User resources.

I invite you to join the [Access Tech Community](#) to stay abreast of the latest news and developments.

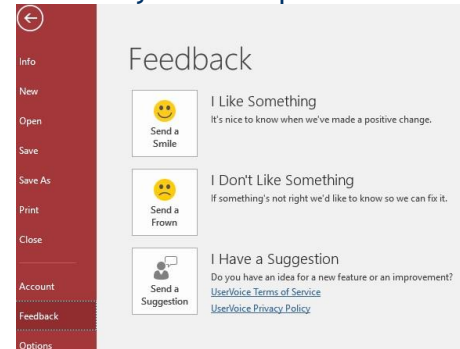
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Office 365 Roadmap for Microsoft Access

Especially if you have ever contributed to Access Feedback (see photo below for one of the ways to provide feedback) you may wonder what the Access Development team is working on for upcoming versions. This [Office 365 Roadmap](#) page (filtered on Access) will let you know what has been recently Launched, what is Rolling Out, and what is currently In development!

You can also get status information on [Access UserVoice](#) as to whether your or others' suggestions are currently marked as "Done!", "Planned", "Reviewed for future consideration", "Need more info", or "No Current Plan". On the home UserVoice page there are links to [known issues and workarounds](#) as well as to several other support options. All are great resources!



Access Feedback

Preview of the New Geography Data Type in Excel

In a recent YouTube video, Oz, the host of Excel on Fire, gives a nice [Preview of the New Geography Data Type in Excel](#). This upcoming feature looks very interesting. It is available now to the Insiders channel and currently scheduled to release over the next few months for Office 365 subscribers. Read more on this and the new Stocks Data Type in this [Microsoft article](#).

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If you are a YouTube fan, subscribe to the [AccessUserGroups.org YouTube channel](#) to make sure you never miss another Access Lunchtime webinar recording! This channel contains links to all of the Access User Groups chapters webinar recordings. Lots of GREAT information on Microsoft Access!

Released: Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server

Microsoft's SQLNCLI team recently announced the release of an updated [OLE DB Driver for SQL Server](#) which supports connectivity to versions 2012 thru 2017 as well as Azure. If you need assistance updating your connection strings or moving your back end database to the cloud, contact mbarnes@BarnesBusinessSolutions.com !

