

Profiles of "Cloud-Based" Database Software

CRITERIA	Grubba.net	Zoho Office > Creator	Caspio
Examples and Template Files Available	YES	YES	YES
Provision for multiple data types (text,numerical, calculations,graphics, etc.)	YES	YES	YES
Customizability in Data Entry and Data Import	YES	YES	YES
Ease of Sorting processes (a-z, z-a)	YES	YES	YES
Precision in Searching processes (quick find, and/or not, multiple search criteria)	NO	NO	YES
Variety/Customizability in Layouts for Reports (subsets of flat files, combinations of related files)	YES	NO	NO
Ease of web-based file sharing	NO	YES	NO
Online Help Available	NO	NO	YES

Caspio Bridge Review

After reviewing Caspio Bridge, the cost was from free to \$12 per Data Page, depending on the services provided. It is extremely easy to import single-table data, including auto-increment numerical keys. It is also easy to set up Web-based interactions with tables. Online help is available. The downsides of Caspio are the relational data structures are difficult to master. If you have no experience with creating data structures, you are really going to be using the Online Support. Although, Caspio is more affordable than other databases it can mount up if you need multiple pages and/or apps. Caspio is best known for creating a sophisticated user interface with data online. Also it is well known for putting large amounts of single-table data online. A good example of using Caspio would be that if I wanted to create pages where I could

search my data and show the results, I could very easily.

Grubba.net Review

After reviewing Grubba, we discovered that Grubba has ready-made templates and is extremely easy for inexperienced users to understand. It was easy to figure out how to get started with a template because of the one-minute screencast tutorial provided on the subject. You don't have to worry about any audio instructions with the Grubba makes things understandable. Using the form designer, you can customize each field by changing its name, making it searchable, changing the input type, deciding whether Grubba should check the input on exit for a specific format, and making it required or not. You can also set row color and add help text, which is great if you're creating a database for use by others. For users who are already working with other database programs, and who don't want to start again from scratch when trying out Grubba, the site offers a data import tool. The tool uses industry standard .csv formatted information to import your data, and you can preview the output before completing the operation. You can create new users, and set their access level, although it doesn't seem as though you can customize user level abilities. You just get read-only, read/write and administrator options, but that really should cover all your needs for basic database applications.

Basically, if you want a simple and lightweight app to help you create and manage databases, and you aren't keen on installing yet another system-resource eating standalone app, Grubba is an excellent choice. Not only is it user-friendly and well-designed, it also has a free version that supports most conceivable uses. The free version supports unlimited users, but limits you to a maximum of three forms and 10,000 records. If you need more than that, for \$7.95/month you get eight forms maximum, and 25,000 records, plus improved support.

Zoho Creator Review

After reviewing Zoho Office > Creator, it was discovered that it is free for up to two users; after that, it is ten dollars per user per month. The pages are easy, elegant design of a database structure. You have access to the mobile version and scripting language. Also, there is granular access control. The downside of Zoho Office > Creator is there is limited display options without using the API. Pricing plans are restrictive for large groups. Also, there is inability to share administration for a database without giving access to the entire Zoho account. Now Zoho Office > Creator is best known for being able to share private information with groups. Being able to put public data display where customization isn't a major concern. There are applications available to which you can add scripting capabilities based on certain conditions.