

FileMaker Pro allows you to do quite detailed calculations on data. In this chapter you will look at a few different examples.

- 1 Load FileMaker Pro, click on OPEN AN EXISTING FILE and select OK. Or close the current file and select OPEN from the FILE menu.
- 2 Access your FMP8 FILES folder and open:

Library Orders 7 Copy

3 Open the LIBRARY ENTRY layout.

Mathematical Calculations

Mathematical calculations can be carried out on NUMBER fields. The AMOUNT field that is already present in the Library Orders 7 database multiplies the price of the book by the number of copies purchased. Let's see how the calculation was created.

A Opening the Specify Calculation Dialogue Box

When fields are set to the CALCULATION type the SPECIFY CALCULATION dialogue box is opened. The calculations are entered in that dialogue box.

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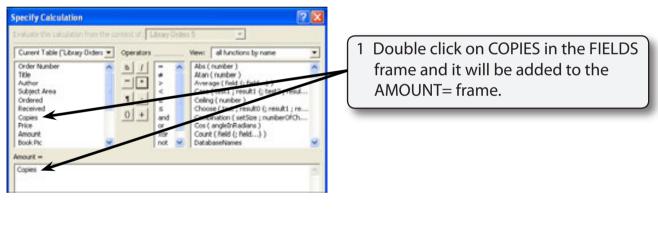
1 Display the FILE menu, highlight DEFINE and select DATABASE.

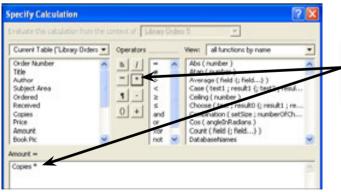
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4 Highlight COPIES*PRICE in the AMOUNT= frame and press the BACKSPACE or DELETE key to remove the formula.

B Entering the Calculation Formula

To set the calculation formula you select fields from the top left frame and operators or functions from the top right frames. You can also type in items using the keyboard.





2 Click on the * button in the OPERATORS section to insert the multiplication symbol.



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5 Select OK in the DEFINE DATABASE dialogue box to return to the layout.

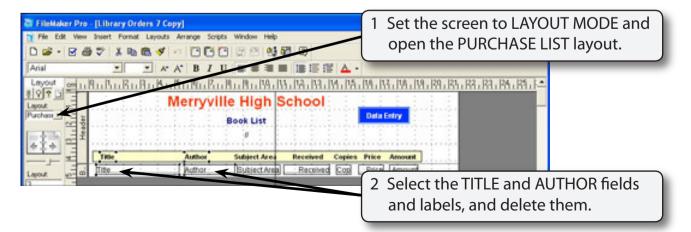
Combining Fields

Calculations can be used to combine the contents of fields. This can save space in reports. Some examples of where this can be used is combining names together.

Let's combine the book TITLE and AUTHOR fields together and place 'by' between their values.

A Selecting the Layout

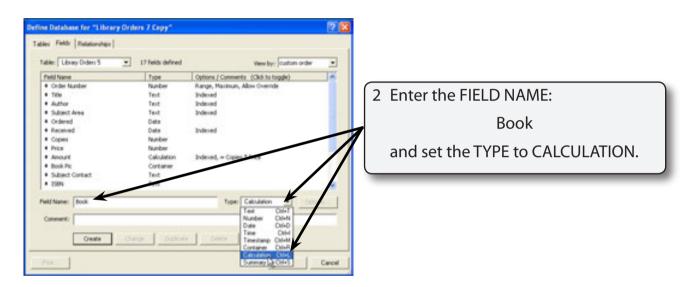
The new field will be placed in the PURCHASE LIST layout.



NOTE: The calculation field will be inserted in the position that the TITLE and AUTHOR fields and labels were.

B Defining the Calculation Field

1 Display the FILE menu, highlight DEFINE and select DATABASE.



3 Click on CREATE to open the SPECIFY CALCULATION dialogue box.

