

# Re: Change field format programmatically

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Good generalization. Any time you can put stuff in a table (where users can edit via a form) instead of code (where you have to program and distribute the changes), you are way, way better off. Just make sure the function's logic guards against all kinds of user mistakes ;-)

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Marsh  
MVP [MS Access]

wAyne wrote:

Worked great ...

I did make one change — instead of using a case statement — I placed the formats in with the unit type table and used those — allows for more flexibility — and right now they keep changing their minds on formats and adding new types.

"Marshall Barton" wrote:

In this case, things get kind of tricky.

Create a function in the form's module to format the value:

```
Private Function MyFormat(num, typ) As Variant
Select Case typ
Case "vertical"
MyFormat = Format(num, "@ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @")
Case "piping"
MyFormat = Format(num, "@ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @")
...
End Select
End Function
```

Create a text box to display the formatted value. Set its



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@ @ @@ @@
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Case "piping"
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Me.txtItemNumber.Format =
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"@@@@@@@@@@@@ @ @@"
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Case
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...
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