

Re: Date Time Variant NOT read when loading CSV

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Hmm...

When I import a .csv file with your data, I get the same results *displayed*, but a quick check of the formula bar shows the data is intact.

XL apparently sees the time with tenths of seconds and defaults to the Time (not Date) format

mm:ss.0

format. But the data is still there – you can switch the format to General to see that XL's parsed the string correctly – the two colons were interpreted as part of a time string. To correct the display, simply change the format:

Format/Cells/Number/Custom mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss.0

Not sure where you were going with the "z" thing – XL doesn't have a default "DateTime" format. However, it seems to me that doing a Find/Replace would have worked ok. And you shouldn't have had to run the Install routine for Office 2000 unless you hadn't loaded it before. I don't remember there being a particular language issue, but it's been a long time since I installed it...

In article <67d8e1e3.0402252122.dd9462a@posting.google.com>, kelvinq415@yahoo.com (kelvinq) wrote:

> I wrote a Java Timestamp using myvariant.toString() which writes
> 2003-12-08 15:34:43.0
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> In a CSV (Comma separated Values file) Excel reads most things OK
> but it truncates the above string to
> 34:43.0
> It seems that Excel doesnt like 2 colons in a string!!!
> This bug occurs in Excel 97 & Excel 2000
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- > *Excel 2000 is WORSE:*
- > *if in Java I replace the first colon with 'z' then use a 'formula' in*
- > *Excel to*
- > *replace the 'z' with a colon I get back to a string which Excel97 can*
- > *recognise as Date (Actually a DateTime)*
- > *but Excel 2000 does NOT recognise the corrected field as a Date.*
- > *The Install routine for Office 2000 looked like it was written by*
- > *EAASL (English As A Second Language) migrants (from Eastern Europe?*
- > *Bangalore?)*
- > *I am glad I didnt pay for either version.*
- > *cheers*
- > *Kelvin*