

Re: "-" ignored in sort

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>From xl2002's help (for: Troubleshoot sorting)

Apostrophes (') and hyphens (-) are ignored, with one exception: If two text strings are the same except for a hyphen, the text with the hyphen is sorted last.

Can you use a period instead?

or even

=b1&char(10)&c1

This will be like an alt-enter if the cell is set for wrap text—else it'll show a little square.

Mike H wrote:

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> *The hyphen character "-" seems to be ignored in a sort that I'm using.*

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> *Here are the details:*

> *I have a worksheet that uses vendor name and partnumber in the form of*

> *"vendor-part" that then uses vlookup to query a vendor file with these*

> *fields applicable fields:*

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> *column a column b column c*

> *=B1&"-"&C1 vendor part*

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> *Strangely, to me, a sort using column A doesn't produce the same results*

> *as a sort using column B plus column C.*

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> *For example, using only column A for the sort:*

> *A-C75A A C75A*

> *ACB-15 ACB 15*

> *A-CG1850 A CG1850*

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> *using column A + column B*

> *A-C75A A C75A*

> *A-CG1850 A CG1850*

> *ACB-15 ACB 15*

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> *As a result, if I use TRUE in the range_lookup portion of the vlookup
> function I have no idea what the outcome will be. I don't know if
> vlookup is considering a sorted array in the same way that SORT is.*
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> *I suppose this is a two-part question:*
> *1) what would the result be of a lookup for A-C8? I seem to get A-C75A
> using a column A sort and #NA using a column B+C sort.*
> *2) given the sorting behavior, how do I want to sort this table, or
> which character besides a hyphen can use to get both good vlookup results
> and sensible visual results as well?*
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> *Mike H*

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