

# Remove middle initial from "first name middle initial"

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Hello Excel Gurus,

I've been searching the site for an answer to this question but as yet no luck. If I missed a previous post on this topic I apologize, please direct me to it.

I have 1 column with a series of people's first names. Many have a middle initial, some don't. About half of the cells are of two people's names joined by an "&". Sample data below:

Frank & Debbie J  
Marshall & Teresa  
Timothy R  
Jeffrey D & Eileen N  
Pamela J  
James R & Rachel  
Brooke S  
Myung S  
Martin F & Susan A  
Kathleen

I need remove the middle initial and preserve the first names and the "&" with a single space between the names and the "&". Can anyone provide me with a way to do this?

Many thanks in advance,  
Justin F.

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