

## RE: Upper / Fill Series Function in Excel

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You'd have to create named ranges for each of those text strings, which is not what the average user knows.

Does your boss understand Excel? The way you've done it is the simplest way to do it.

Dave

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"Shohoku79" wrote:

Thanks Dave for your response.

Well, the method you provided is what I already tried. That is, if the addresses were in column A, and in Column B, I reference the column using =UPPER(A1) and drag down to fill series, then it will work.

What my boss wanted was finding out if there was a way to:

First Do  
=UPPER("123 Main Street")

and then using the fill function so that the formula format =UPPER("text") will be applied to subsequent cells automatically.  
=UPPER("1412 south avenue")  
=UPPER("592 northern main drive")  
=UPPER("243 EAST ROAD")

I thought I could get by with using the reference column, but she wants a simple way where the average users will know how to do this. Simplest way would've been a built-in excel function that will change all highlighted cell contents to either UPPER/LOWER/PROPER case. But I don't think there is that function, or is there...?

"Dave F" wrote:

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Another thing to consider is that if your boss doesn't want to see the formulas, just copy the column, select paste special--values and click OK.

Dave

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"Dave F" wrote:

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=UPPER(A1)
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Select that, hold the shift and down arrow and release these keys when you get to the end of your range. Then CTRL+D.

The method you were trying is for data series, i.e., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.

Dave

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"Shohoku79" wrote:

Ok, I understand that in Excel, to convert a string of texts to all caps could be done by using the UPPER formula ( e.g. UPPER("Text") )  
My supervisor came to me and asked me, she has a column full of street addresses in mixed cases that she needs to convert to all caps.

Example:

123 Main Street  
1412 south avenue  
592 northern main drive  
243 EAST ROAD

I tried the UPPER formula on the first one and wanted to do the same for all the others, but the Fill series / paste special all seemed to end up copying the contents of the first cell rather than

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repeating the =UPPER("text") for the series. Then I thought about doing this by reference. So I copied and generated a separate column and used the reference formula (=UPPER(A1)) and filled series, this worked. But my boss complained and said this is too complicated and insisted that there is an easier way.

My question now is, is there any way to do this without having to use reference?

Thanks a bunch.