

## Re: Find last instance of character in text

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- *From:* "Pete\_UK" <[pashurst@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:pashurst@xxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* 28 Nov 2006 03:51:30 -0800
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Or the Welsh Dragon ... <bg>

Good luck, Biff – you would have my vote if I had one.

Pete

Roger Govier wrote:

Biff

The quality and quantity of your postings, positively "ooze" professionalism regardless of the "handle" that you use.

The same would apply to others those using just their forename like Max or others with interesting "handles" such as Daddylonglegs or Teethless mama ( to use but a few of the participants who regularly provide quality answers).

For my part, I only use my full name as I am too boring to have another "handle" – perhaps I should change to "theartfuldodger"

I wish you well in your quest.

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Regards

Roger Govier

"T. Valko" <[biffinpitt@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:biffinpitt@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:OqCKhGqEHHA.1748@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OqCKhGqEHHA.1748@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

It's more "professional". My goal is to become a MVP. I don't think "Biff" would get much consideration.

Biff

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"JMB" <JMB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
news:25F4645F-A6B2-4EB3-A928-CB8CAFC6C702@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Just not as quickly as yours does <g>

Out of curiosity, if you don't mind, why the name change?

"T. Valko" wrote:

Oh, OK. It does that.

Biff

"JMB"

<JMB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:D2198C81-9B72-4800-AEBA-1B61B7492D94@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

But it was only supposed to  
pick up the ":", the OP said  
he was  
already  
familiar w/the text functions  
and just needed to find the  
last  
character  
position.

Nice suggestion for a  
non-array solution.

"T. Valko" wrote:

You need to  
add 1. It  
picks up the  
":".

=MID(A1,MAX((MID(A1,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&LEN(A1))),1))=":

Another  
way:  
(normally  
entered)

=MID(A1,FIND("~",SUBSTITUTE(A1,":", "~",LEN(A1)-LEN(SUB

Biff

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"JMB"

<JMB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in

message

news:22F2A1AC-5B02-40E8-A9A8-E0E95AAB71B4@xxxxxxxx

Just  
change  
the  
cell  
references  
from  
A1  
to  
C6.

"KonaA1"  
wrote:

Thanks  
for  
the  
reply,  
JMB.  
Assuming  
the  
"1:"  
s/b  
":1",  
I  
couldn't  
get  
this  
to  
work.  
I  
tried  
changing  
the  
A1  
references  
to  
C6,  
for  
example,  
and  
still  
got  
a  
#REF!

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error.  
Both  
times  
I  
entered  
as  
an  
array.

Even  
after  
looking  
at  
the  
help  
files  
for  
ROW  
and  
INDIRECT,  
I  
can't  
figure  
this  
out.  
Your  
help  
is  
appreciated.

Allan

"JMB"  
wrote:

One  
way

=MAX((MID(A1,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&L

entered  
using  
Cntrl+Shift+Enter  
or  
you  
will  
get  
0  
or  
1.

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"KonaAI"

wrote:

Hi  
All,

I  
need  
to  
be  
able  
to  
return  
an  
account  
number  
(7  
digits)  
from  
a  
text  
string.  
The  
account  
number  
is  
preceded  
by  
a  
colon.  
I'm  
very  
familiar  
with  
find,  
left,  
len,  
right  
functions,  
etc.  
My  
problem  
is  
the  
there  
can  
be  
several

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colons  
in  
the  
string  
and  
the  
position  
changes.  
For  
example:

Text  
1  
1000000  
.  
Cash  
&  
Cash  
Equivalents:1010000  
.  
Cash  
Accounts:1012000  
.  
IBT:1012600  
.  
IBT  
Cash  
{WF}

Text  
2  
1000000  
.  
Cash  
&  
Cash  
Equivalents:1010000  
.  
Cash  
Accounts:1013000  
.  
IBT  
-  
B  
of  
A

What  
I  
need  
is

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1012600  
from  
the  
first  
string  
and  
1013000  
from  
the  
second.

I  
can't  
figure  
out  
how  
to  
obtain  
the  
position  
of  
the  
last  
colon  
in  
the  
string.

TIA,

Allan