

Re: Cell formatting issue

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On May 16, 4:04 pm, "Peo Sjoblom" <terr...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

If you use a web query you can pre-format the columns as text and then in the query process (under properties) select Preserve cell formatting

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Regards,

Peo Sjoblom

<Richard.Bri...@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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On May 16, 11:53 am, CLR <C...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Yes, usually in the Importing Utility.....how are you bringing the data in to Excel?.....If through MSQuery you can just follow the menus and should see the option to format each field.

Vaya Con Dios,
Chuck, CABGx3

"Richard.Bri...@xxxxxxxx" wrote:

On May 16, 9:38 am, CLR
<C...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

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If you don't have to do any math on the figures, you might try importing that column as TEXT, to get it to display all the numbers....

Vaya con Dios,
Chuck, CABGx3

"Richard.Bri...@xxxxxxxxxx"
wrote:

Hello,

We have data that is downloaded to a .xls file from a SAP application. The field in question is a 30 character field that contains all numeric data. The problem is when opened in Excel the format of the data is change to scientific notation and the right 7 characters are changed to zeros. The character string

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should be
9611019049526870545643
but
inExcelit
appears as
9.61102e+21
and
formatted as
a general
number.
When
converted to
a
displayable
number
it converts
to
9611019049526870000000.
I tried
saving the
file
rather
than
opening it
intoExceland
found the
character
string did
contain
all the
numbers,
when
opening it
in Notepad
it appears as
<td
class='SAPBExSt'
style=" ">
9611019049526870545643
</td>.

Any
assistance
would be
appreciated.

Thanks,

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Chuck,

Thank you for your response. Is there a way to specify the field's importformat?

Thanks,

Rick– Hide quoted text –

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Unfortunately the file is already a .xls file and Excel does not recognize the need to run the import wizard to open the file. It is a download from a SAP Web query. I did check the .xls file and the string is all there before Excel opens it and changes it. I tried cutting and pasting a long numeric string into an Excel cell and experienced the same results.

Is there a way to override the 15 char limit in Excel or to treat the string as a string and not a number?

Thanks,

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Thank you for the response but I don't see where I have the control to specify the maintain cell formatting. In testing I have a situation where one value is truncated into the scientific notation and the other is not. Looking at the .xls file I do not see a difference between the two character strings that would cause one to truncate and the other to open correctly. Any thoughts?

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