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  - *Date:* Tue, 09 Oct 2007 15:43:07 -0500
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As long as you know that those strings are always included, you can look for them and clean up the whole header.

This replaces the original code:

```
Option Explicit
Private Sub Workbook_Open()

Dim myHeader As String
Dim WeekOfPos As Long
Dim PagePos As Long
Dim TheWeekOfStr As String
Dim PageStr As String
Dim myStr As String

TheWeekOfStr = "week of "
PageStr = "page &P"

myHeader = ActiveSheet.PageSetup.CenterHeader

WeekOfPos = InStr(1, myHeader, TheWeekOfStr, vbTextCompare)
If WeekOfPos > 0 Then
    'it was found
    WeekOfPos = WeekOfPos + Len(TheWeekOfStr)
End If

PagePos = InStr(1, myHeader, PageStr, vbTextCompare)

If WeekOfPos > 0 _
And PagePos > 0 Then
myStr = Left(myHeader, PagePos - 1)
myStr = Mid(myStr, WeekOfPos)
myStr = Trim(myStr)
Else
myStr = myHeader
End If

MsgBox "The date in the header is:" & vbCrLf & _
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```
myStr & _  
vbLf & vbLf & "If you would " & _  
"like to change this date, please do so now"  
End Sub
```

Max wrote:

Here's a recap.

I would like a reminder box to pop-up when this is opened, saying what the date is and asking the user if they would like to change this date or leave it as it is. (I.e., if my assistant goes to open it on Thursday (3 days from now), the box would pop up and it would read "The date in the header is for the week of October 8 – 12, 2007. If you would like to change this date, please do so now.")

I used this code from JW:

```
MsgBox "The date in the header is " & _  
ActiveSheet.PageSetup.CenterHeader & _  
Chr(10) & Chr(10) & "If you would " & _  
"like to change this date, please do so now"
```

After I enabled macros and changed the security level, as per Dave Peterson, I got almost what I wanted, except that the pop-up box contains the font formatting code preceding the actual date. The pop-up alert says the following: "The date in the header is &"Arial,Bold" &20Week of October 15 – 19, 2007 Page &P

If you would like to change this date, please do so now."

I don't want the user to see those format codes, how do I delete that &"Arial,Bold" &20 bit?

My aim is to have a pop-up alert to 1, let the user know what date is in the header the last time the item was saved, and 2, remind them to change the date if appropriate.

OR use JW's second set of code which I think is to enable the date to be entered while in the alert dialog box.

"Gord Dibben" wrote:

Best you post which set of code you used and any edits you may have made.

I can't tell which you are using.

You want to have a message and a method to change the date range in the

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header,  
right?

Gord

On Tue, 9 Oct 2007 12:28:03 -0700, Max  
<Max@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Woohoo, kewl! I love learning new stuff especially when it works. Thank you so much, you guys, IMO you're ALL MVP's.

Now I have one tiny little problem and 1 more question though. The pop-up alert says the following: "The date in the header is &"Arial,Bold" &20Week of October 15 - 19, 2007 Page &P

If you would like to change this date, please do so now."

I don't want the user to see those format codes, how do I delete that &"Arial,Bold" &20 bit?

My last question, I hope, is: That macro means that the pop-up message will reflect whichever date is typed into that header, right?

"Gord Dibben" wrote:

Max

Go to Tools>Options>Security>Macro Security and change to "Medium"

When you open the workbook you will be asked if you want to enable macros.

Click "Enable" and the workbook will open and the code will run.

Gord Dibben MS Excel MVP

On Tue, 9 Oct 2007 11:44:01 -0700, Max  
<Max@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote:

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I did warn you that I'm new to Excel & that this is a bit too technical to me. Even though I don't know what the terms mean, I found the Module menu and determined that there's General & ThisWorkbook, + chose ThisWorkbook, copied and pasted the code from here (from the first half of JW's reply); closed that window, closed Excel saving the changes. When I went to reopen it, I got a pop-up alert saying "Macros are disabled because the security level is set to High and a digitally signed Trusted Certificate is not attached to the macros. To run the macros, change the security level to a lower setting (not recommended), or request the macros be signed by the author using a certificate issued by a Certificate Authority."

I see that there are 3 worksheets on this when it's open, but I only use what's on Worksheet 1; I don't really know what a worksheet is! I think that what JW gave me is computer code, but I don't know a thing about that. I also know zilch about macros, let alone Certificates and/or Certificate Authorization. I don't know what to do next. Can you help me? Or can you tell me how to find the answers I need?

FWIW, I am taking an Intro.

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to Excel workshop at the  
end of this month,  
hopefully the instructors  
will let us work on real-job  
situations like this.  
I would really like to learn  
Excel.

"Max" wrote:

JW, this is  
giving me  
some grief.  
Can I  
simply copy  
& paste the  
code?

"JW" wrote:

```
In  
the  
ThisWorkbook  
module  
of  
the  
workbook,  
place  
this:  
Private  
Sub  
Workbook_Open()  
MsgBox  
"The  
date  
in  
the  
header  
is  
"  
&  
-  
ActiveSheet.PageSetup.CenterHeader  
&  
-  
Chr(10)  
&  
Chr(10)  
&
```

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"If  
you  
would  
"  
&  
-  
"like  
to  
change  
this  
date,  
please  
do  
so  
now"  
End  
Sub  
This  
will  
display  
a  
popup  
message  
stating  
the  
info  
from  
the  
center  
header  
of  
the  
activesheet  
when  
the  
workbook  
opens.  
If  
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need  
to  
ensure  
that  
a  
particular  
sheet  
is  
the  
one  
that  
it

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opens  
to,  
you  
can  
add  
an  
activate  
line  
before  
the  
msgbox  
line:  
Sheets("your\_sheet\_name").Activate

You  
could  
take  
this  
a  
step  
further  
and  
automate  
the  
the  
process  
a  
little  
more.  
No  
error  
handling  
in  
the  
below  
routine,  
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it's  
just  
to  
give  
you  
an  
idea  
of  
what  
could  
be  
done.  
Private  
Sub

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Workbook_Open()  
If  
MsgBox("The  
date  
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the  
header  
is  
"  
&  
-  
ActiveSheet.PageSetup.CenterHeader  
&  
-  
Chr(10)  
&  
Chr(10)  
&  
"Would  
you  
like  
"  
&  
-  
"like  
to  
change  
this  
date  
now?",  
-  
vbYesNo,  
"Change  
Header")  
=  
vbYes  
Then  
newDate  
=  
InputBox("Enter  
the  
new  
date",  
-  
"Entry")  
ActiveSheet.PageSetup.CenterHeader  
=  
newDate  
End  
If  
End
```

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Sub

Max  
wrote:

I  
have  
an  
EXCEL  
document  
that  
requires  
daily  
updating  
and  
weekly  
reprinting.  
There's  
probably  
a  
better  
way  
to  
format  
what  
I  
need,  
but  
I  
don't  
know  
how  
to  
find  
it.  
I  
tried  
googling  
but  
I  
don't  
really  
even  
know  
how  
to  
word  
it.  
Please

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bear  
with  
me  
as  
I  
am  
new  
to  
EXCEL.  
(These  
MS  
Newsgroups  
helped  
me  
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several  
years  
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I  
was  
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to  
Word  
and  
Access;  
alas  
I  
don't  
use  
Access  
in  
this  
job.)  
I  
have  
the  
date  
as  
a  
header  
item,  
in  
the  
following  
format:  
"Week  
of  
October  
8  
–

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12,  
2007".  
Since  
I'm  
not  
the  
only  
person  
who  
uses  
this  
item,  
I  
would  
like  
a  
reminder  
box  
to  
pop-up  
when  
this  
is  
opened,  
saying  
what  
the  
date  
is  
and  
asking  
the  
user  
if  
they  
would  
like  
to  
change  
this  
date  
or  
leave  
it  
as  
it  
is.  
(I.e.,  
if  
my  
assistant

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Thursday  
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the  
box  
would  
pop  
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and  
it  
would  
read  
"The  
date  
in  
the  
header  
is  
for  
the  
week  
of  
October  
8  
–  
12,  
2007.  
If  
you  
would  
like  
to  
change  
this  
date,  
please  
do  
so  
now.")  
Is  
this  
possible?  
Thanks  
for

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all  
your  
help.

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Dave Peterson

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