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Correction on last statement

> *simple concatenate in C1, eg =A1&B1*

replace with

simple concatenate in C1, eg =B1&"<br><br><br>"&A1

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Regards

Ken..... Microsoft MVP - Excel  
Sys Spec - Win XP Pro / XL 97/00/02/03

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It's easier to beg forgiveness than ask permission :-)  
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"Ken Wright" <[ken.wright@NOSPAMntlworld.com](mailto:ken.wright@NOSPAMntlworld.com)> wrote in message  
news:u6EQ0sucEHA.4092@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Assuming your data is in Cols A and B as stated, then in C1 put the following  
> and then copy down  
>  
> =LEFT(B1,FIND("<br><br><br>",B1)+11)&A1  
>  
> Now edit the text as required in Col A and this will be reflected in Col C.  
> When done, simply copy Column C and then paste special as values.  
>  
> Note, this assumes that in each line of html, you have only one section with 3  
> <br>s and that that section is immediately prior to the text.  
>  
> The other option is simply to do an Edit / replace on <br><br><br>\*  
which  
> will delete all text at the end of every statement. Then you can just use a  
> simple concatenate in C1, eg =A1&B1, again copying and paste special as values  
> when done.

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> "Tim Smith" <timbo@telpacific.com.au> wrote in message
> news:4104a946$1@news.rivernet.com.au...
> > Hi all,
> >
> > Ok, here's the challenge...
> >
> > I've got a csv database of text to upload (sql) to my website database. This
> > database contains all of the information on books that I sell (approx. 1700)
> > the only problem is, is that I've got two columns of the same text (book
> > descriptions) that needs to be amended / revised to be the same. That's the
> > long and relatively easier part of the job.
> >
> > Column A - Has the text description of the book ie. "Instructions & colour
> > photos for a variety of socks for all the family".
> >
> > I want to amend this text and then copy and place in Column B - the trick
> > is, column B has my html code ie. AUTHOR:&nbsp;
> > KNITTING<br>EDITION:&nbsp;Hardcover<br>ISBN:&nbsp;1930500084<br>PAGES:&nbsp;
> > 96<br>SIZE:&nbsp;140mm x 180mm<br><br><br>Instructions & colour photos for a
> > variety of socks for all the family.
> >
> > As you can see, the text I want to replace (with what I've amended in column
> > A) is at the end of this html code. So, short of copying and pasting nearly
> > 2000 lines of text, is there something I can use / do that will copy text
> > from column A and replace / paste at the end of the code in Column B at a
> > specific point (ie. after the third <br> point.
> >
> > This may look a bit weird, but the company I obtained the database from
> > supplied it on a - what you see is what you get basis, in other words, if I
> > want to use it, I've gotta fix it myself.
> >
> > I hope that explains - here's hoping someone can assist!
> >
> > Tim.
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