

Formatting Numbers

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Hi Guys, can anyone help?

I'm importing data from an access database into an Excel spreadsheet. I have a column that contains numeric and alpha numeric data. I need to be able to format the numeric data so that it is in number format (currently it imports in general format). If I change the format of the column to number, nothing happens until I edit an individual cell. On leaving the cell it is converted to a number. I have lots of data though so this isn't very practical. Does anyone know a quick way to do this? Is it causing a problem because I have mixed numeric and alphanumeric data in the column? I'm happy to change the format of the alphanumeric data manually as there are only two or three fields but need the number formats to change in a "one click" time frame due to the amount of data!!

If anyone can help I'd really appreciated it.

Many thanks
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