

## RE: Formatting Numbers

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Thanks Frank, that worked. That's a neat trick that'll remember forever!!

"Frank Kabel" wrote:

> *Hi*  
> *try the following:*  
> *- select an empty cell and copy it*  
> *- select your imported data range*  
> *- goto 'Edit - Paste Special' and choose the action 'Add'*  
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> >-----Original Message-----  
> >*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!!*  
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> >*If anyone can help I'd really appreciated it.*  
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> >*Many thanks*

> >*Paul*

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