

Re: finding exact matches using vlookup

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Well, TRIM function might not work just good enough because it cleans spaces but it doesnt clean HIDDEN characters! For that job there is CLEAN function!

So your VLOOKUP should be little modify:

=VLOOKUP(A2,CLEAN(range),column_index,0)

"Peo Sjoblom" <peo.sjoblom@nw^excelsolutions.com> wrote in message news:e90VEP2rGHA.984@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

You can run a macro

<http://www.mvps.org/dmccritchie/excel/join.htm#trimall>

same site has instructions on how to install macros

if the extra character is a space you can use

=VLOOKUP(A2,TRIM(range),column_index,FALSE)

replace A2 with your lookup value and range with your lookup table

entered with ctrl + shift & enter

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Regards,

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"Ekazakoff" <Ekazakoff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I did find I have hidden characters. How do I get rid of them?

"Ekazakoff" wrote:

I am getting #N/A errors even when I have an apparently exact match in my table array to the lookup value. I know that excel requires the formats to be exactly the same and I can force the match if I copy the lookup value from my table array and paste it into the worksheet. Is there an easy way to "fix" my table array. The table array is a reference worksheet I have created which has worked in the past.