

Re: Wildcard character in an "If" statement?

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It could get tripped up when situations like this might arise:

Looking for John:

Johnson = a match
John's = a match
Johnston = a match
Littlejohn = a match

Either formula will trip on these, David's or the one I offered.

One way to limit most of the problems is to pad the lookup value with a space on each end. But even this will not work on these type of situations:

Looking for John:

"John"
John's
John?
John:
John!
John.

Biff

"SteveDB1" <SteveDB1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:B6FC730D-149F-42BE-94CE-FDEAFFFE60AC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

David.
Thank you.
It works like a charm.
Any items that I should be aware of as for not working? Or is that too large
an answer...?
Again... Thank you!

"David Biddulph" wrote:

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I can't see the message to which you are replying, Steve, but as far as your question is concerned, try
=IF(ISNUMBER(SEARCH("stringname",A1)),B1*1/2,B\$1*3/4) or
=IF(ISNUMBER(FIND("stringname",A1)),B1*1/2,B\$1*3/4)

FIND() is case-sensitive, SEARCH() isn't.

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David Biddulph

"SteveDB1" <SteveDB1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:44655D9E-0204-429F-8C5B-78EB45F2EB65@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I want to do what seems to be a similar IF function.

Here is my version.

=IF(a1="*stringname*",b1*1/2,b1*3/4)

My goal is to look in a cell which contains a phrase. The phrase itself

varies {the cell contents could be a name of a person, with (word)

following

it}, but the particular component that I'm seeking either shows up as

(word),

or as (word1). Eg., cell contents being within the dbl quote marks:

"Dave

Johnson (word)", or "Danny Thomas (word1)"

Where "word" could be anything.

I've tried already, and it <always> returns a false value---

b1*3/4.

1- can I do this?

2- what would I need to do in order to make it work?

I've also tried the tilda, and question mark. Neither of those are

working.

If however, I just have it look in a cell with a single character, the

equation works fine [=if(a1="c",b1*1/2,b1*3/4)]. I'd assume that it'd

work

well too if I had just a single word in the cell, as opposed to a number

of

them. For some reason I just can't get it to work with longer elements,

where

I want to locate a single word within a string of 5 or six words.

If I'm unable to do this, what variation would I need to accomplish

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this?

Thank you.