

Re: Offset/match returns #value error

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Use INDEX instead of OFFSET.

I don't know how your row offset of MATCH()+4 relates to C8 but you can probably figure it out.

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"Geoff" <Geoff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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The following function looks up a value in another workbook:

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=OFFSET('PATH\Testing\2008hi\[0208hi.xls]WKSHT_NAME'!$C$8,MATCH($A11,'PATH\Testing\2008hi
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Unfortunately when that particular workbook is closed, the function returns a #VALUE! error – so the referenced spreadsheet needs to be open for the formula to be evaluated. I could replace all the formulae with values but I would like to preserve the reference to the other spreadsheet in the cells if at all possible. Any suggestions?

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There are 10 types of people in the world – those who understand binary and those who don't.