

# Re: Can't Get a Field to Display the Results of My Formula

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Success! Not only was I able to create the formula in the individual file, but I also customized it to display a graphical indicator (red, yellow, green dots) in the Text field. Once I created this in the individual file it is also displayed in the Master.

Thanks so much for your help John!  
Sara

"Sara Miller" wrote:

Ahah! I think you've got it I was trying this in an inserted sub-project. I will test this out as soon as I get back in the office on Tuesday.  
Thanks!  
Sara

"John" wrote:

In article  
<9CAA3CC6-BCAA-4F72-8CAC-AD38823AAF37@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
Sara Miller <[SaraMiller@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:SaraMiller@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Thanks for the reply John. Actually I did try it in a Text field with the same result.  
Sara

Sara,  
So are telling me that you put your formula in a spare text field and it did NOT work there either? That's strange because it works fine for me. I would check your data very carefully to make sure it is valid. Also, if you are trying to do this on a master file with inserted projects, the formula will only apply to tasks that are actually part of the master. For a formula to work on tasks in a subproject file that is inserted into a master, the formula must reside in the subproject file

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itself.

John  
Project MVP

"John" wrote:

In article  
<1996494A-309A-48E5-9429-B0201D0694CE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
Sara Miller  
<SaraMiller@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote:

I have checked previous  
postings & gotten some  
great tips but I must be  
missing something 'cause I  
just can't get this to work!

What I want to end up with  
is a field that displays the  
difference in  
days  
between the date in the  
Finish field and the date in a  
custom field  
called  
Required (Date1). I've  
customized the Date2 field  
to have this formula:  
DateDiff("d",[Finish],[Date1]).  
The formula is accepted but  
there is  
nothing  
displayed in the Date2 field.  
Any pointers much  
appreciated!

Sara

Sara,  
There is nothing wrong with the formula  
itself so the formula will be  
"accepted". However, you are trying to put  
non-date information into a  
spare date field and that won't work. Try  
putting your formula in a

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spare text field.

John

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