

Re: Excel field returning NULLS in SQL field...

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Glad you bottomed this problem out. I often find that things like this catch you out. What you think you are looking at is not what you are actually looking at.

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"Josh Mikow" <jmikow@applebyco.com> wrote in message
news:uwMBVWDEEHA.2404@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> Allan,

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> I think we narrowed down the issue to being the excel file. We have other
> DTS packages which do what you tested and work fast and fine. With the
> excel file which gives us trouble it appears that it is generated from a
> crystal report and exported. When using this file it runs much slower and
> has problems compared to the other excel files we have.

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> When we converted it to a standard excel file and it appears to work much
> better.

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> Thanks for your research.

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> Josh

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> "Allan Mitchell" <allan@no-spam.sqldts.com> wrote in message
> news:%230MBjmMDEHA.1600@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> > OK done a very quick test

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> > Excel table looks like

> >

> > Col1 Col2 Col3
> > I am Here
> > Yes you Are

> >

> >

> > SQL Server table looks like

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> > CREATE TABLE Exceltester(
> > col1 varchar(20),
> > col2 varchar(20),
> > col2Again varchar(20),
> > col3 varchar(20)

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> > )
> > GO
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> >
> > I simply pump as you would expect by the names of the columns and I get.
> >
> > col1                col2                col2Again                col3
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> > -----
> > I                Am                Am                Here
> > Yes                You                You                are
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> >
> > Is what I am doing different to you?
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> > "Allan Mitchell" <allan@no-spam.sqldts.com> wrote in message news:...
> > > OK So I can test
> > >
> > > 1 Excel Spreadsheet
> > > 1 SQL Server table
> > >
> > > 2 columns in SQL Table access same Excel attribute
> > >
> > > OK I will run some texts and get back to you.
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> > > "Josh Mikow" <jmikow@applebyco.com> wrote in message
> > > news:uIzVJwGDEHA.1588@tk2msftngpl3.phx.gbl...
> > > > Allan,
> > > >
> > > > Actually that is not what is happening. When the DTS runs a test it
> > > > appears
> > > > fine but when the package is saved it does not import correctly. It
> > > > either
> > > > has NULL values or blank values.
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> > > > We have tried changing the registry value and it does not appear to
> > > > change
> > > > the results.
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> > > > We have been trying to solve this for a few weeks now and nothing
has
> > > > worked.
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> > > > Any more suggestions would be great!
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> > > > Thanks,
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> > > > Josh
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> > > > "Allan Mitchell" <allan@no-spam.sqldts.com> wrote in message
> > > > news:%23mUIPuFDEHA.1452@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
> > > > > Are you seeing this problem?
> > > >
> > > > Excel Inserts Null Values
> > > > (http://www.sqldts.com/default.aspx?254)
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> > > > "Josh Mikow" <jmikow@applebyco.com> wrote in message
> > > > news:eAOch$EDEHA.2712@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
> > > > > I'm importing an Excel file into SQL using a DTS package.
There's
> a
> > > > column
> > > > > in the Excel file called 'Description.' There are two fields in
> my
> > > > SQL
> > > > > table called 'DetailDesc' and 'ShortDesc.' Both of these fields
> > point
> > > > to
> > > > > the same 'Description' column in my Excel file. The only
> > exception
> > is
> > > > > that
> > > > > the 'ShortDesc' field is only grabbing the first 40 characters
> > (using
> > > > Left
> > > > > function).
> > > > >
> > > > > After running the DTS package, I see that the 'DetailDesc'
> > imported
> > > > > correctly, but the 'ShortDesc' returned all blanks. I thought
> > maybe
> > > > it
> > > > > had
> > > > > something to do with the Left function I was using, so I took it
> > off
> > > > and
> > > > > did
> > > > > the same import as the 'DetailDesc.' But now it just returns
> > NULLs.
> > > > So
> > > > > I'm
> > > > > doing the exact same thing with two different SQL fields
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pointing
> to
> > > an
> > > > > Excel column, with one importing it correctly and the other
> > returning
> > > > > NULLs.
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> > > > > I think I've narrowed it down.  It's when the two SQL fields are
> > > > accessing
> > > > > the same column that I'm getting the problem.  If I take away
> either
> > > > one,
> > > > > the other works fine, but with both, the second link created
> > receives
> > > > > NULLs.
> > > > >
> > > > > When I test the import links from within the ActiveX properties,
I
> > see
> > > the
> > > > > data fine.  But when it's actually executed, it's NULLs.  So I'm
> not
> > > > sure
> > > > > why it will work in test mode, but not during execution.
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