

Numbers are interpreted as varchar columns by the text file connection

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I am using a Text File (source) connection and the input is a CSV file and the first row of the file as column headers. When I try to create a destination table DTS interprets columns which are numbers as a varchar (255) column but when I save the same .csv file from Excel as a .xls file and use a .XLS file as the connection with column headers DTS interprets them correctly as a float or double column.

But I cannot afford to import these files into Excel and save them as .XLS file.

Please can any of you suggest a workaround how I can overcome this problem and still get natural interpretation of a number as float or double without having to import the .csv file into Excel and save it as .XLS file.

Thanks
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