

Re: Format\$() Function

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This works, albeit not pretty. The problem is that : is a special character for date/time, so using it in the format expression causes VB to think you're passing a valid time. This solution uses the decimal, then uses Replace to change the decimal to a colon ...

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Private Sub Command1_Click()
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    Dim v As Single
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    v = 42.574
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    Label1.Caption = Replace$(Format$(v, "##0m.##s"), ".", ":")
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End Sub
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MS MVP Visual Basic
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http://vbnet.mvps.org/
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"Jerry West" <jwest@comcast.net> wrote in message
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news:10ujcakjb6mc137@news.supernews.com...
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: I'm trying to set a label's caption property where it displays a minute  
and
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: second value derived from GetTickCount. For example, after processing
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: GetTickCount I may have a number like so 42.574
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: I want that to display in the caption property as 42m:57s. I always want a
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: or higher for the minute value. I have tried using:
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: Label1.Caption = Format$(siTime!, "##0m.##s")
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: That will work except that I get a period separator versus a colon. If I
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try
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: using a colon in the Format function I get the formatting wrong, i.e. 42
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is
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: in the seconds versus minutes. I attempted several different things trying
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: to get this to work. Finally I just processed it like the first example
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and
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: then used the Replace function to replace the period with a colon. I know
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: there must be an easier way, but how?
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: JW
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