

# Re: How do I apply a different font to a cross reference?

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1. Insert \\* MERGEFORMAT within the reference fields, so they look something like { REF \_123123123 \\* MERGEFORMAT } (press Alt-F9 to display/hide fieldcodes). That makes the format of the references independent of the format of the reference source.

2. Define and apply a character style to the reference fields.

"KellyDW" <[KellyDW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:KellyDW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:5D09C35B-E55A-4C77-800A-0F7AB49F7E1E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:5D09C35B-E55A-4C77-800A-0F7AB49F7E1E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I have a form in Word in which I want the user to be able to enter information in one place and then have this information automatically populate to another place within the document.

I have used cross references to accomplish this task very nicely. The problem is that I want the first appearance of the information to be formatted with one type of font, and the second appearance of the information to be formatted with another type of font. Seems like it should be easy enough to just use the format font command on the position of the cross reference. This only works on the first word of the fill-in. If someone types Joe Smith at the top of the page and I want Joe Smith to automatically be filled in later in the document but in a different font, only Joe will be formatted correctly. Smith converts back to the default font of the document.