

Re: Statement parameter in Mailmerge.OpenDataSource

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You can certainly pass an SQL SELECT statement with a WHERE clause. Getting the syntax right can be difficult, as you have discovered. What I find generally works is

- quoting table and column names. I think it is clearer to use `` or [] rather than "" but it may be less standard these days
- aliasing tables – even when aliasing should not be syntactiacly required – and always using the alias names when referencing individual columns
- using single quotes ' ' as text literal delimiters
- e.g. (not tested – you'll need to play around to check)

```
SELECT [MV].* FROM [MyView] MV WHERE [MV].[MyColumn] = 'abc'
```

You may also be able to pass a call to a Transact-SQL procedure using the old ODBC escape syntax which looks something like

```
{ call functionname(p1,p2) }
```

You may be able to find out more about that in SQL Server Books Online. However, I have had a mixed experience using that approach in the past because, for example, procedures that return multiple results do not seem to work.

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"Christof Nordiek" <cn@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:ef6yr\\$WSFHA.3664@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ef6yr$WSFHA.3664@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

- > i'm trying to make some MailMerge by automating word2003.
- > If i call MailMerge.OpenDataSource, what can i pass for the Satement Parameter?
- > For Connectioninformation i'm using a *.odc file, wich connects to a SQL-Server.
- > The name of the odc-file i pass as the Name parameter.
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- > when I try
- > SELECT * FROM MyView
- > it fails.

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> SELECT * FROM "MyView"
> succeeds.
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> Also passing the name of the view succeeds only with quotationmarks
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> What i'm trying to do is, passing a statement calling a table-valued
> Function with parameters and/or a statement with a where clause containing
> Filterconditions.
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> Does anyone know, how to do this?
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> Thanks
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