

Re: Using dates during mail merge

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Yes, this is the comparison that I wish to make, preferably with a space between month and year. And yes, we wish to make a not equal comparison.

I tried your suggestion, but the merge returned nil results. Word date format (language English (UK)) was set to dd MMMM yyyy without ordinal. However, this may have no relevance.

Unless your suggested SKIPIF syntax can be modified, I suppose it will not be possible to achieve my aim. If so, I shall continue to use SKIPIF with the comparison date manually inserted at each merge. This will be crude, but the method will work.

Many thanks indeed for your advice. It is very useful.

Peter Jamieson wrote:

You mean compare with things that are in your data source like

7th February2008

1st March2008

etc?

As long as you can use date and numeric field switches that generate precisely the date format you need to compare with, you should be able to use a similar technique, e.g.

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{ SKIPIF "{ MERGEFIELD mydatetext }" <> "{ DATE \@ "D" \*Ordinal } { DATE \@ "MMMMYYYY" }" }
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Haven't tried it myself though, and at best you will only be able to do exact comparisons (equal or not equal), not determine whether one date is before the other.

Many thanks indeed. This works fine. However, to go one step further: Is

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Many
thanks in
anticipation.

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