

Re: Using dates during mail merge

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Many thanks indeed for this. I will try it out over the coming weekend and let you know the result.
I am very grateful for your time

Graham Mayor wrote:

It appears there were two issues that prevented this from working here as intended

1. I was using an ASK field to collect the date to compare thus

```
{ ASK MyDate "Start Date" \d { Date \@ "dd/MM/yyyy" \o } { SKIPIF {  
MERGEFIELD Date2 } <> "{ REF MyDate \@ "d " \*Ordinal}{ REF MyDate \@ " MMMM  
yyyy" }" }
```

Unfortunately I was using one of my test data files which also had a field called MyDate (unused in the merge) which conflicted with the bookmark of the same name. With that fieldname changed it worked.

2. This construction will not work for a range of dates eg

```
{ ASK MyDate "Start Date" \d { Date \@ "dd/MM/yyyy" \o } { SKIPIF {  
MERGEFIELD Date2 } > "{ REF MyDate \@ "d " \*Ordinal}{ REF MyDate \@ " MMMM  
yyyy" }" }
```

for that type of range you cannot compare dates with ordinal fields and must revert to the switch I posted earlier. You cannot derive a date in the format \@ "yyyyMMdd" from a field containing ordinal text.

Seems OK in both 2003 and 2000, with or without the quotes, which leads me to wonder whether we are attempting the same thing and/or

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