

Re: Strange MERGEFIELD insertion behaviour.....

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Err, I included a code sample. Here it is again:

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Dim theInfo as String
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theInfo = "Camera Spot 1"
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Dim theText As String = "MERGEFIELD " + "ASSET_Named_Tool" + "=" + theInfo
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m_Application.Selection.Fields.Add(Range:=m_Application.Selection.Range, _
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Type:=Word.WdFieldType.wdFieldEmpty, _
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```
Text:=CType(theText,
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```
Object), _
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```
PreserveFormatting:=True)
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"Word Heretic" <myfullname@tpg.com.au> wrote in message
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> *G'day "Robin Tucker" <idontwanttobespammedanymore@reallyidont.com>*,

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> *Code sample please*

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> *Steve Hudson – Word Heretic*

> *Want a hyperlinked index? S/W R&D? See WordHeretic.com*

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> *steve from wordheretic.com (Email replies require payment)*

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> *Robin Tucker reckoned:*

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> *>I'm trying to programmatically insert MERGEFIELD items into my document.*

> *>They all seem to work ok, except those I need to add parameters to. For*

> *>example, the following mergefield needs to be inserted:*

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> *>>"MERGEFIELD ASSET_Named_Tool=Camera Spot 1"*

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> *>>ie. I want a merge field included called "ASSET_Named_Tool=Camera Spot 1".*

> >When I come to generate a report using this template, I can parse the
> >mergefield and extract the value I need called "Camera Spot 1". Anyway,
I
> >digress. When I manually insert a mergefield using the add Field dialog,
> >giving the field the name ASSET_Named_Tool=Camera Spot 1, the result is
as
> >expected (ie. I get the << >> brackets around the entire string).
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> >When I do the same thing programmatically, it "cuts off" the string at
the
> >end of "Camera". I guess because it isn't too keen on spaces in field
names.
> >However, if I right click on the newly inserted field and "Edit Field",
then
> >click ok when the edit field dialog is shown, the string seems to be
changed
> >to be correct!
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> >Summary:
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> >(1) Manual insertion produces correct result:
> >«ASSET_Named_Tool=Camera Spot 1»
> >(2) Programmatic insertion produces erroneous result:
> >«ASSET_Named_Tool=Camera»
> >(3) Programmatic insertion, followed by manual "Edit Field", produces
> >correct result.
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> >Here is the code I'm using to add the field:
> >
> >Dim theInfo as String
> >
> >theInfo = "Camera Spot 1"
> >Dim theText As String = "MERGEFIELD " + "ASSET_Named_Tool" + "=" +
theInfo
> >
> >m_Application.Selection.Fields.Add(Range:=m_Application.Selection.Range,
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> >
> >Type:=Word.WdFieldType.wdFieldEmpty, _
> >
> >Text:=CType(theText,
> >Object), _
> >
> >PreserveFormatting:=True)
> >
> >Thanks for any help you can give me.
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> >Robin
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