

Re: text file for mail merge stumped

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 - *Date:* Sat, 17 May 2008 14:32:01 -0700
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when I recorde the macro I go all the way thru to close and save the doc. It does the merge as you would expect to a new doc. This is why I don't follow as a macro it will not perform. Would not these action produce the same as manually.

Hope I responded correctly.

Thank You

"Doug Robbins – Word MVP" wrote:

What happens if you manually create the mail merge main document and manually attach C:\Parade\ZZZ.txt as the data source and execute the merge.

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Hope this helps.

Please reply to the newsgroup unless you wish to avail yourself of my services on a paid consulting basis.

Doug Robbins – Word MVP

"Curt" <Curt@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:9CDE1766-9F00-415C-BCDE-D873E4D907DE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Redid macro many times all ways stops and will not run thru complete.
problem
is headerr record delimiters. Set comma for field (debug shows commas=2)
set
record om enter(no symbol for symbolin text file. Get error message record
1
to many data fields then after click on error record 2 to many data fields
click on it again and the merge completes. How can I get past header
record
delimiters and data fields. I know I am missing something somewhere.
Here is my last attempt at macro recording. Text file all records are now
all same size 5 columns. code only records complete rows into text file.
here is my last try at macro recording.
Thanks

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```
Sub Macro8()  
,  
' Macro8 Macro  
' Macro recorded 5/17/2008 by Curtiss A. Greer  
,  
  
ChangeFileOpenDirectory "C:\Parade\  
Documents.Open FileName:="Letter.doc", ConfirmConversions:=False,  
ReadOnly _  
:=False, AddToRecentFiles:=False, PasswordDocument:="",  
PasswordTemplate _  
:="", Revert:=False, WritePasswordDocument:="",  
WritePasswordTemplate:="" _  
, Format:=wdOpenFormatAuto  
Selection.MoveDown Unit:=wdLine, Count:=1  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.MainDocumentType = wdFormLetters  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.OpenDataSource Name:="C:\Parade\ZZZ.txt",  
_  
ConfirmConversions:=False, ReadOnly:=False, LinkToSource:=True, _  
AddToRecentFiles:=False, PasswordDocument:="",  
PasswordTemplate:="", _  
WritePasswordDocument:="", WritePasswordTemplate:="",  
Revert:=False, _  
Format:=wdOpenFormatAuto, Connection:="", SQLStatement:="",  
SQLStatement1 _  
:=""  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.EditMainDocument  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.Fields.Add Range:=Selection.Range, Name:= _  
"Name_of_Entry"  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.Fields.Add Range:=Selection.Range, Name:= _  
"Contact_Person"  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.Fields.Add Range:=Selection.Range, Name:= _  
"Address"  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.Fields.Add Range:=Selection.Range, Name:= _  
"CityState"  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.Fields.Add Range:=Selection.Range,  
Name:="Zip_"  
Selection.TypeParagraph  
ActiveDocument.MailMerge.DataSource.QueryString = _  
"SELECT * FROM C:\Parade\ZZZ.txt WHERE ((Name_of_Entry IS NOT  
NULL )  
AND (Contact_Person IS NOT NULL ) AND (Address IS NOT NULL )  
AND  
(CityState  
IS NOT NULL ) AND (Zip_ IS NOT NULL ))" _
```

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```
& ""  
With ActiveDocument.MailMerge  
.Destination = wdSendToNewDocument  
.MailAsAttachment = False  
.MailAddressFieldName = ""  
.MailSubject = ""  
.SuppressBlankLines = True  
With .DataSource  
.FirstRecord = wdDefaultFirstRecord  
.LastRecord = wdDefaultLastRecord  
End With  
.Execute Pause:=True  
End With  
ActiveWindow.ActivePane.VerticalPercentScrolled = 91  
ActiveWindow.ActivePane.VerticalPercentScrolled = 0  
CommandBars("Stop Recording").Visible = False  
End Sub
```

"Curt" wrote:

I think what is happening as I am new to merge. It is header delimiters.
At
end of row i have a paragraph symbol separator in text file. I cannot
find a
similar in header separator setting. Will insert your code piece and see
what
I can do with it.
Thanks for assistance.

"Doug Robbins – Word MVP" wrote:

I guess I don't really understand what you are doing (or why), but if
you
have a document in which each paragraph contains the same number of
"entries" separated by commas, running the following code will convert
that
text into a table

```
ActiveDocument.Range.ConvertToTable
```

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Or, if the first row contains field names, you can just use it directly as a mail merge data source.

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"Curt"
<Curt@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
news:76732D5F-3181-4866-958B-4AF23E8C257B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Got the text file straightened out all same length now. Still have an issue in word. When bringing data in it does not recognize comma separators. When recorded macro code shows wdSeperateByCommas this means Commas=2 If you change it to Comma it then = 0 is there a way to set it to one comma that is what the text file has

"Curt" wrote:

Thank You
your
explanation
tells me
what I am
doing
wrong it all
makes

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sense
now. Thank
You Again
Will have to
correct the
way text file
is built
Thanks

"Doug
Robbins –
Word
MVP"
wrote:

If
that
is
really
the
text
file
that
you
are
starting
with,
you
have
a
problem
because
all
of
the
records
are
not
of
the
same
length
and
there
is
a
superfluous
comma
(or
two

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in
some
cases
at
the
end
of
the
row
which
means
that
your
data
has
more
fields
than
the
header
source.

Assuming
that
when
you
open
the
file
in
Word,
and
click
on
Show/Hide
¶,
each
row
terminates
in
¶,
you
could
use
Edit>Replace
and
search
for
,^p
and
replace

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it
with
^p
to
get
rid
of
the
superfluous
commas
where
there
is
only
one
of
them.

If
the
supefluous
commas
are
just
mistakes
in
your
email
message,
you
should
then
be
able
to
use
the
Convert
Text
to
Table
ability
of
Word.

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Hope
this
helps.

Please

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Robbins
-
Word
MVP

"Curt"
<Curt@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:A3EC81AC-9835-43D6-BCC2-5B0D40C68994@xx

In
my
knee
jerk
reaction
I
miss
read
the
file.
There
were
some
lines
with
3
commas.
These
must

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represent
empty
fields.
When
I
set
the
delimiter
in
word
for
comma
it
does
the
job
fine.
I
noticed
that
in
code
it
did
say
wdseperate
by
commas.
There
is
only
one
comma
between
fields.
In
debug
when
on
the
word
commas
commas=2
comma=0
This
I
dont
follow.
Will
enclose
my

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text
file
also
so
you
can
see
what
I
am
working
with.
I
create
the
text
file
then
import
to
a
word
table
then
use
table
for
merge.
one
other
thing
I
havent
figured
out
yet
is
it
says
to
many
fields
or
records
at
times.
Is
this
due
to
not

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enough
rows
in
table?
Heres
text
file
Thanks

Name
of
Entry,Contact
Person,
Address,City&State,Zip
Willamette
Leadership
Acedemy,SGM
Steven
Arbuckel,123,123,111,
American
Legion
&
Friends,Richard
Casey,234,234,222,
VFW
Post
3965
Aux
Jr.
Girls,Tina
Blackmer,345,345,333,
U.S.
War
Dogs...Remembered,Fred
Hamburg,456,456,444,
Women
Marines
Association,
Chapter
OR-3,Debbie
Barker,,,,
Marine
Corps
League
Emerald
Empire
Det.,Mike
Barker
Cascade
Manor,Frank
Blain

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Eugene
Code
Pink
says
I
Miss
America,Aria
Seligmann
Cub
Scout
Pack
20,David
Kemp
Junk
Be
Gone,Lisa
Archambault
Knight's
of
Columbus,Raymond
J.
Miller
Lane
County
Veteran's
Bridge
for
Freedom,Larry
A.
Hedrick
Oregon
VFW
Auxillary
President,Iona
Kline
McKenzie
A's
,David
L.
Stone
VFW
#293,Al
bino
Bazzi
Emerald
Empire
Young
Marines,Kenneth
Norwood
Military
Officers

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of
America
Association
(MOAA)
Vehicle,Vince
Puleo
Old
Timer's
Car
Club
,Mykal
Taylor
Congressman
Peter
DeFazio, Frank
Van
Cleave
or
Janice
Kelly
Miss
Lane
Co.
Scholarship
Program,Nicole
Akins,
Director
THE
AMERICAN
ROADSTER,LARRY
AND
MEMORY
NELSON
Girl
Scouts
of
Western
Rivers
Council
,Wendy
Elkins/Sheila
Logan
Boy
Scouts
of
America
Troop
60,
Pack
289
and

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514,Martin
Thompson
Nick
Nichols
9
Dogs,fda,dfa,654,333
WER,WEE,654,FJH,222

"Doug
Robbins
-
Word
MVP"
wrote:

I
think
that
we
have
gone
off
the
track
here.

I
understood
that
what
you
had
to
start
with
was
a
text
file
containing

R1F1,R1F2,...R1Fn,,R2F1,R2F2,...R2Fn,,,

where
R1F1
is

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the
first
field
in
the
first
record
and
the
are
n
fields
in
each
record,
with
the
fields
being
separated
by
commas
and
there
are
3
commas
separating
each
record.

My
recommendation
was
to
open
that
file
in
Word
and
use
a
macro
(just
Edit>Replace)
to
replace
three
commas
with

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a
carriage
return
(¶)

Then
you
would
have

R1F1,R1F2,...R1Fn¶
R2F1,R2F2,...R2Fn¶

etc.

in
which
format
the
data
can
be
used
as
a
data
source.

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Hope
this
helps.

Please
reply
to
the
newsgroup
unless
you
wish
to
avail
yourself
of
my
services
on
a
paid
consulting

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