

# Purpose of PHONE\_FORMAT Conversion

The **PHONE\_FORMAT** conversion, delivered with OpenInsight, can be used to validate the contents of a variable, or user input in a window control, to conform to the standard format for United States telephone numbers, including area code. The source code (shown in the next topic) is included, so that you can customize it for international or any other application use.

To specify the **PHONE\_FORMAT** conversion in a control, either for data validation or for conversion, use the **Validation/Conversion Display** dialog, as illustrated below:

Validation/Conversion/Display

Validation Pattern

[PHONE\_FORMAT]

Pattern Options:

nZ	Up to n characters of any type	5Z
nA'x'nZ	Combinations with literals	1A1N1A'1N1A1N
%U%	Only unique multivalues	%U%
[ZIP_FORMAT]	US/Canada Zip	98006, V1A 3R1
[PHONE_FORMAT]	US phone no	(206) 643-9898
<>	Verifile (table lookup)	<TABLENAME>
<<None>>	No input validation/conversion	<<None>>

Conversion Pattern

[PHONE\_FORMAT]

Pattern Options:

MD4	4-Place decimal number	30000.0000
MD0,	Integer with commas	23,334,498
MD2,\$	2-Place decimal dollar amount	\$2,678.34
D	Date, default medium format	24 JUN 1993

OK

Cancel

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