

ColumnFormat

The column's output format.

Usage

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Set_Property(OLECtrlEntID, "OLE.ColumnFormat[col]", StringValue)
```

Values

StringValue can be any string meeting the following format requirements:

Syntax: Depends on the column type. See Remarks for details.

Default: ""

Indices

Index	Description
col	The index to a column in the report table

Remarks

The ColumnFormat property determines how the column's data is displayed. The syntax of this field depends upon the column Type. See [ColumnList](#) for possible types. Listed below are the supported types and their respective format syntax.

Text

You can format text, but you're limited to prefixes and suffixes. You can use any characters in the Format field, but the string "%S%" will always be swapped with the cell's contents. Any other character is treated as a literal and is displayed as is. Currently, there is no way to show "%S%" as a literal, i. e., it will *always* be swapped with the cell's contents.

To Display As	Use
First Name: Kevin	First Name: %S%
Kevin Esquire	%S% Esquire
Code guru Kevin works for SRP Computer Solutions, Inc.	Code guru %S% works for SRP Computer Solutions, Inc.

Number

Numbers are stored as floating point values within the Report Table. Thus, if your data contains decimal values, make sure you include the decimal when you load the Report Table. In other words, there is no equivalent MD2 format for the Report Table. Instead, the Report Table uses an Excel-like syntax to format and round off decimal numbers.

You can use any characters in the Format field, but '#', '0', commas, and periods are reserved characters. Any other character is treated as a literal and is displayed as is. Thus, you may use literal characters in your format to prefix or suffix the data as you choose. If you need to use any reserved characters literally, then surround your literal text in single or double quotes. If you need to display quotes, place two of them side by side. The reserved characters are interpreted as follows:

Character	Displays
#	Significant Digits Only
0	Significant Digits or Insignificant Zeros
comma	1. If within the number, then commas separate every three digits 2. If trailing the number, then the number is shown as an integer divided by 1000 for each trailing comma
period	Decimal point. The first decimal denotes the beginning of the fractional portion of the number. All subsequent decimals are treated as literals

Here are some example number formats:

To Display	As	Use
1234.59	1234.6	####.#
8.9	8.900	#.000
.631	0.6	0.#
44.398	\$44.40	\$0.00
1234.568	\$1,234.57	\$#,##0.00
5.25	5.25%	0.00%
12000	12,000	#,###
12000	12	#,
12200000	12.2	0.0,,

Date

Dates are stored in a proprietary format within the Report Table. Currently, dates must be in OI's internal format when loading them into the Report Table. In other words, the Report Table will not parse string dates on your behalf. Like Numbers, the Report Table uses an Excel-like syntax to format dates.

You can use any characters in the Format field, but 'Y', 'y', 'M', 'm', 'D', and 'd' are reserved characters. Any other character is treated as a literal and is displayed as is. Thus, you may use literal characters in your format to prefix or suffix the data as you choose. If you need to use any reserved characters literally, then surround your literal text in single or double quotes. If you need to display quotes, place two of them side by side. The reserved characters are interpreted as follows:

Character(s)	Displays
YY	Years 00-99
YYYY	Years 0001-2999
M	Months 1-12
MM	Months 01-12
MMM	Months Jan-Dec
MMMM	Months January-December
MMMMM	Months J-D
D	Days 1-31
DD	Days 01-31
DDD	Days Sun-Sat
DDDD	Days Sunday-Saturday

Only uppercase letters are used in the examples here, but lowercase are supported as well. However, uppercase is recommended because DateTime (below) uses capital 'M' to distinguish months from minutes.

Here are some example date formats, all them for the date January 1, 2006:

To Display As	Use
January 1, 2006	MMMM D, YYYY
Sunday, Jan 01, 2006	DDDD, MMM DD, YYYY
2006-01-01	YYYY-MM-DD
1/1/06	M/D/YY
Happy New Year! It's January 01!	"Happy New Year! It's" MMMM DD!

Time

Times are stored in a proprietary format within the Report Table. Currently, times must be in OI's internal format when loading them into the Report Table. In other words, the Report Table will not parse string time on your behalf. The Report Table uses an Excel-like syntax to format dates.

You can use any characters in the Format field, but 'H', 'h', 'M', 'm', 'S', 's', 'A', 'a', and 'O' are reserved characters. Any other character is treated as a literal and is displayed as is. Thus, you may use literal characters in your format to prefix or suffix the data as you choose. If you need to use any reserved characters literally, then surround your literal text in single or double quotes. If you need to display quotes, place two of them side by side. The reserved characters are interpreted as follows:

Character(s)	Displays
h	Hours 0-23
hh	Hours 00-23
m	Minutes 0-59
mm	Minutes 00-59
s	Seconds 0-59
ss	Seconds 00-59
0	Milliseconds 0-9 (rounded to the nearest tenth)
00	Milliseconds 00-99 (rounded to the nearest hundredth)
000	Milliseconds 000-999
a	a/p
aa	am/pm
aaa	a.m./p.m.
A	A/P
AA	AM/PM
AAA	A.M./P.M.

Only lowercase letters are used in the examples here, but uppercase are supported as well. However, lowercase is recommended because DateTime (below) uses lowercase 'm' to distinguish minutes from months.

Here are some example time formats, all them for the time 3:30:30.345 PM:

To Display As	Use
3:30:30.345 PM	h:mm:ss.000 AA
3:30:30.35 P.M.	h:mm:ss.00 AAA
3:30:30.3 PM	h:mm:ss.0 AA
03:30:30 P	hh:mm:ss A
15:30:30	h:mm:ss
15:30	h:mm
The meeting is at 3:30pm	"The meeting is at" h:mmaa

DateTime

DateTimes are stored in a proprietary format within the Report Table. Currently, date & times must be in OI's internal format when loading them into the Report Table. In other words, the Report Table will not parse string date & times on your behalf. Like individual Dates and Times, the Report Table uses an Excel-like syntax for formatting.

You can use any characters in the Format field, but 'Y', 'y', 'M', 'm', 'D', 'd', 'H', 'h', 'S', 's', 'A', 'a', and 'O' are reserved characters. Any other character is treated as a literal and is displayed as is. Thus, you may use literal characters in your format to prefix or suffix the data as you choose. If you need to use any reserved characters literally, then surround your literal text in single or double quotes. If you need to display quotes, place two of them side by side. The reserved characters are interpreted as follows:

Character(s)	Displays
YY	Years 00-99

YYYY	Years 0001-2999
M	Months 1-12
MM	Months 01-12
MMM	Months Jan-Dec
MMMM	Months January-December
MMMMM	Months J-D
D	Days 1-31
DD	Days 01-31
DDD	Days Sun-Sat
DDDD	Days Sunday-Saturday
h	Hours 0-23
hh	Hours 00-23
m	Minutes 0-59
mm	Minutes 00-59
s	Seconds 0-59
ss	Seconds 00-59
0	Milliseconds 0-9 (rounded to the nearest tenth)
00	Milliseconds 00-99 (rounded to the nearest hundredth)
000	Milliseconds 000-999
a	a/p
aa	am/pm
aaa	a.m./p.m.
A	A/P
AA	AM/PM
AAA	A.M./P.M.

Note that 'M' must be used for months and 'm' for minutes. All other codes can be either case.

Here are some example date & time formats, all them for the date & time January 1, 2006 at 3:30:30.245 PM:

To Display As	Use
January 1, 2006 at 3:30 PM	MMMM D, YYYY 'at' h:mm aa
Sunday, Jan 01, 2006	DDDD, MMM DD, YYYY
2006-01-01 15:30:30	YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss

Bool

Bools are stored as 1 or 0 within the Report Table, and booleans must be in this format when loading them into the Report Table. In other words, the Report Table will not parse string booleans on your behalf, such as "Yes," "No," "True" or "False." The Report Table uses a simple syntax for formatting.

You can use any characters in the Format field, but '[', '|', and ']' are reserved characters. Any other character is treated as a literal and is displayed as is. Thus, you may use literal characters in your format to prefix or suffix the data as you choose. If you need to use any reserved characters literally, then surround your literal text in single or double quotes. If you need to display quotes, place two of them side by side. The reserved characters are interpreted as follows (assuming a value of 1):

To Display As	Use
True	[True False]

Yes	[Yes No]
T	[T F]
The value is: True	"The value is:" [True False]
Use quotes to show [, , or] when the value is True	"Use quotes to show [, , or] when the value is" [True False]

Example

```
// Set the date format for column 2
Set_Property(@Window:".OLE_REPORTTABLE", "OLE.ColumnFormat[2]", "MM/DD/YYYY")
```

See Also

[ColumnList](#)