

Format

The *Format* property determines the way data is displayed in controls of type date, time or formattedfield.

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Applies to ...

Object	Type when in a form	Type when in a GridControl	Description
Control	DateField FormattedField TimeField	DateField FormattedField TimeField	A control on an open form or within a GridControl of one of the listed types

Syntax

`control.Format`
`control.Format = value`

Returned values/Arguments

String

Valid values for **datefield controls** are :

Standard (short)
Standard (short YY)
Standard (short YYYY)
Standard (long)
DD/MM/YY
MM/DD/YY
YY/MM/DD
DD/MM/YYYY
MM/DD/YYYY
YYYY/MM/DD
YY-MM-DD
YYYY-MM-DD

Valid values for **timefield controls** are :

24h short	13:45
24h long	13:45:00
12h short	01:45 PM
12h long	01:45:00 PM

Other values are rejected.

Remarks

The *Format* property is read-only for controls of type *FormattedField*.

Error messages

Property 'Format' not applicable in this context

Value '...' is invalid for property 'Format'

Examples

Display the format of a formatted field

```
Dim ocControl As Object
    Set ocControl = Controls("myForm", "myFormattedField")
    MsgBox ocControl.Format
```

Change the format of a date field

```
Dim ocControl As Object
    Set ocControl = Controls("myForm", "myDateField")
    ocControl.Format = "YYYY-MM-DD"
```

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