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Subject: Re: Macro questions: preserving columnProperty and setting date filter  
Posted by [thomas](#) on Fri, 12 Feb 2021 11:33:25 GMT

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Hi Andrew,

first I must correct myself. The stored and used date value is not the milliseconds value itself. It is the milliseconds since Jan 1st, 1970 divided by 86400000, which makes the float the number of days since Jan 1st, 1970.

You cannot use a macro or filter to directly filter dates in relation to the current date, but you can calculate a new column (e.g. in a macro) using an expression like 'today()-myDateColumn' and then use a filter on that column.

Your other question related to the column properties macro: This will work if you replace the TABs by equal signs ("\t" by "="). TABs are used as separators in the column properties section of the file. The column properties dialog uses equal signs, because they are more user friendly. And they are also used within the macro file format. TABs as separators in the file have been a strange decision, but now they are there to live with them.

Thomas

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