
Subject: Creating text in a column via macro
Posted by [amorrison](#) on Sat, 12 May 2018 03:40:11 GMT
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Hi,
I'm trying to create a macro that will tidy up data and create some new columns. One of the columns will change every time and would need input from the user. I tried the following in the process

- 1) define variable - gave it a name and left value blank
- 2) Add calculated value - in the formula I put the variable name in step 1

When I run the macro, I get asked the value of the variable, which I complete, but it then doesn't populate all the rows of the calculated column with the variable in step 2. Is this the correct approach, if so what am i doing wrong? Or should I be doing it another way?

Thanks,

Angus

Subject: Re: Creating text in a column via macro
Posted by [thomas](#) on Sat, 12 May 2018 22:12:10 GMT
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Hi Angus,

I admit that currently the handling of explicit variables is neither consistent nor complete. It is very new and was done as a (possibly to quick) solution for an internal problem.

You can refer to your variable in task 2 (formula for calculated values), if you put a '\$' sign ahead of the name.

When solving the equation for every row, the expression calculator treats your variable input as a column name.

If such a column exists, the row's value of that column (and not your input value) is used when solving the equation.

I am not sure, whether this is already part of 4.7.2, it certainly is in 4.7.3, which is the current Windows download.

Thomas

Subject: Re: Creating text in a column via macro
Posted by [amorrison](#) on Sun, 13 May 2018 04:36:11 GMT
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Thanks Thomas, looks like it wont do what I was trying to achieve. We can do this step manually.

Thanks again,

Angus
