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In this tutorial, we are going to go through the different built-in VBA Date Functions.

VBA Date Function

You can use the Date Function to return the current date.

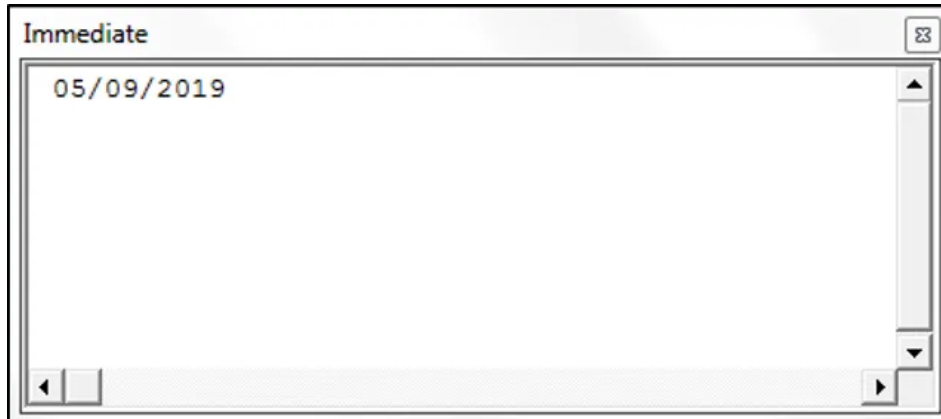
The syntax of the Date Function is `Date()`. It has no arguments.

The following code shows you how to use the Date Function:

```
theDate = Date()  
Debug.Print theDate  
End Sub
```

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The result is:



VBA Now Function

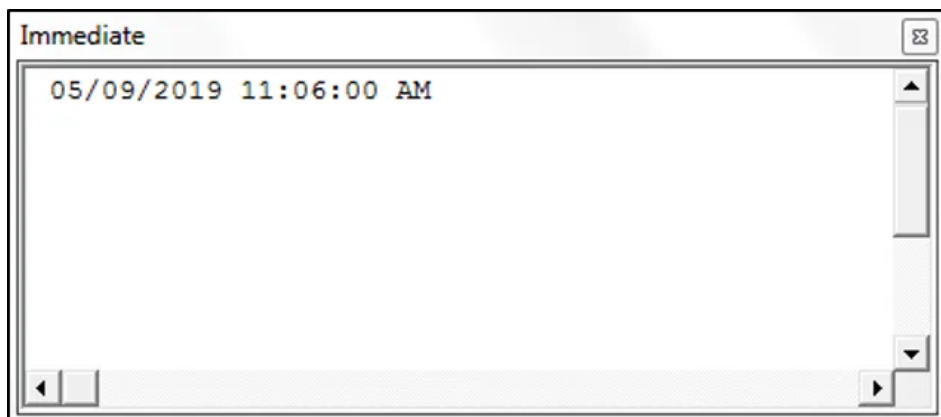
You can use the Now Function to return the current date and time.

The syntax of the Now Function is Now(). It has no arguments.

The following code shows you how to use the Now Function:

```
Sub UsingTheNowFunction()  
  
Dim theDate As Date  
theDate = Now()  
  
Debug.Print theDate  
  
End Sub
```

The result is:



VBA Time Function

You can use the Time Function to return the current time.

The syntax of the Time Function is Time(). It has no arguments.

The following code shows you how to use the Time Function:

```
Dim theTime As Date
theTime = Time()

Debug.Print theTime

End Sub
```

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The result is:



VBA DateAdd Function

You can use the DateAdd Function to add a date/time interval to a date or time, and the function will return the resulting date/time.

The syntax of the DateAdd Function is:

DateAdd(Interval, Number, Date) where:

- Interval – A string that specifies the type of interval to use. The interval can be one of the following values:

“d” – day
“ww” – week
“w” – weekday
“m” – month
“q” – quarter
“yyyy” – year
“y” – day of the year
“h” – hour
“n” – minute
“s” – second

- Number – The number of intervals that you want to add to the original date/time.
- Date – The original date/time.

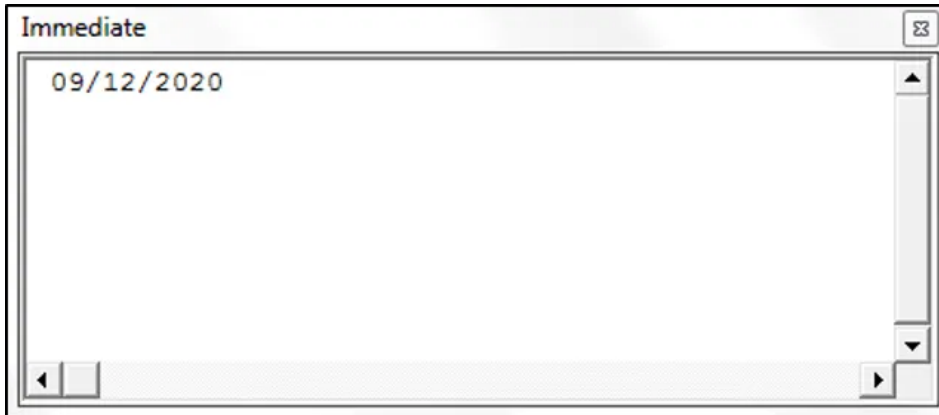
The following code shows how to use the DateAdd Function:

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```
Sub UsingTheDateAddFunction()  
    Dim laterDate As Date  
    laterDate = DateAdd("m", 10, "11/12/2019")  
    Debug.Print laterDate  
End Sub
```

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The result is:



VBA DateDiff Function

You can use the DateDiff Function in order to get the difference between two dates, based on a specified time interval.

The syntax of the DateDiff Function is:

DateDiff(Interval, Date1, Date2, [Firstdayofweek], [Firstweekofyear]) where:

- Interval – A string that specifies the type of interval to use. The interval can be one of the following values:

“d” – day

“ww” – week

“w” – weekday

“m” – month

“q” – quarter

“yyyy” – year

“y” – day of the year

“h” – hour

“n” – minute

“s” – second

- **Firstdayofweek (Optional)** – A constant that specifies the weekday that the function should use as the first day of the week. If blank Sunday is used as the first day of the week. Firstdayofweek can be one of the following values:

-vbSunday – uses Sunday as the first day of the week.
 -vbMonday – uses Monday as the first day of the week.
 -vbTuesday – uses Tuesday as the first day of the week.
 -vbWednesday – uses Wednesday as the first day of the week.
 -vbThursday – uses Thursday as the first day of the week.
 -vbFriday – uses Friday as the first day of the week.
 -vbSaturday – uses Saturday as the first day of the week.
 -vbUseSystemDayOfTheWeek – uses the first day of the week that is specified by your system's settings.

- **Firstweekofyear (Optional)** – A constant that specifies the first week of the year. If blank then the Jan 1st week is used as the first week of the year. Firstweekofyear can be one of the following values:

-vbFirstJan1 – uses the week containing Jan 1st.
 -vbFirstFourDays – uses the first week that contains at least four days in the new year.
 -vbFirstFullWeek – uses the first full week of the year.
 -vbSystem – uses the first week of the year as specified by your system settings.

The following code shows you how to use the DateDiff Function:

```
Sub UsingTheDateDiffFunction()

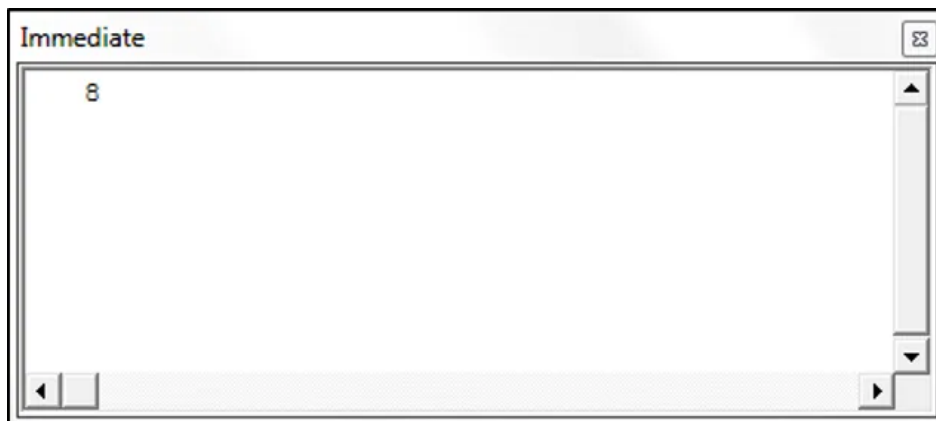
Dim theDifferenceBetweenTwoDates As Long

theDifferenceBetweenTwoDates = DateDiff("q", "11/11/2010", "10/12/2012")

Debug.Print theDifferenceBetweenTwoDates

End Sub
```

The result is:



VBA DatePart Function

You can use the DatePart Function in order to return a part (day, week, quarter, month etc.) of a given date.

The syntax of the DatePart Function is:

DatePart(Interval, Date,[Firstdayofweek], [Firstweekofyear]) where:

- **Interval** – A string that specifies the part of the date to return. The interval can be one of the following values:

“w” – weekday

“m” – month

“q” – quarter

“yyyy” – year

“y” – day of the year

“h” – hour

“n” – minute

“s” – second

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- Date – The date that you want the function to return a part of.
- Firstdayofweek (*Optional*) – A constant that specifies the weekday that the function should use as the first day of the week. If blank Sunday is used as the first day of the week. Firstdayofweek can be one of the following values:

-vbSunday – uses Sunday as the first day of the week.

-vbMonday – uses Monday as the first day of the week.

-vbTuesday – uses Tuesday as the first day of the week.

-vbWednesday – uses Wednesday as the first day of the week.

-vbThursday – uses Thursday as the first day of the week.

-vbFriday – uses Friday as the first day of the week.

-vbSaturday – uses Saturday as the first day of the week.

-vbUseSystemDayOfTheWeek – uses the first day of the week that is specified by your system's settings.

- Firstweekofyear (*Optional*) – A constant that specifies the first week of the year. If blank then the Jan 1st week is used as the first week of the year. Firstweekofyear can be one of the following values:

-vbFirstJan1 – uses the week containing Jan 1st.

-vbFirstFourDays – uses the first week that contains at least four days in the new year.

-vbFirstFullWeek – uses the first full week of the year.

-vbSystem – uses the first week of the year as specified by your system settings.

The following code shows you how to use the DatePart Function:

```
Sub UsingTheDatePartFunction()  
  
Dim thePartOfTheDate As Integer  
  
thePartOfTheDate = DatePart("yyyy", "12/12/2009")  
  
Debug.Print thePartOfTheDate  
  
End Sub
```

The result is:

The VBA DateSerial Function takes an input year, month and day and returns a date.

The syntax of the DateSerial Function is:

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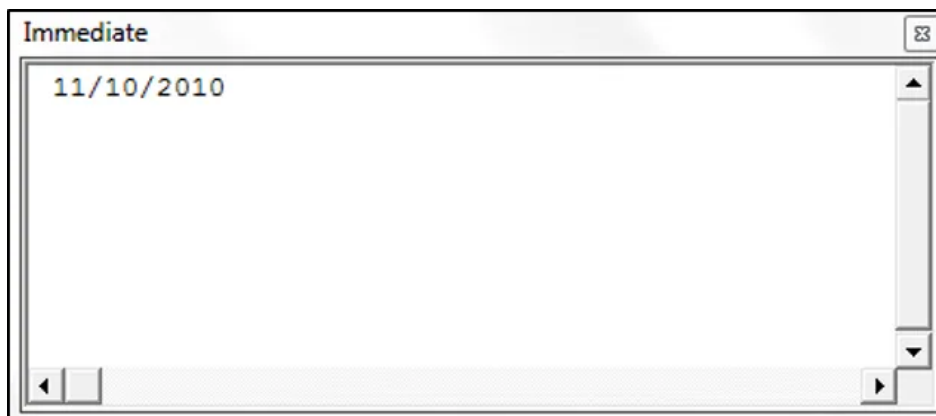
DateSerial(Year, Month, Day) where: Search

- Year – An integer value between 100 and 9999 that represents the year.
- Month – An integer value that represents the month.
- Day – An integer value that represents the day.

The following code shows you how to use the DateSerial Function:

```
Sub UsingTheDateSerialFunction()  
  
Dim theDate As Date  
  
theDate = DateSerial(2010, 11, 10)  
  
Debug.Print theDate  
  
End Sub
```

The result is:



VBA DateValue Function

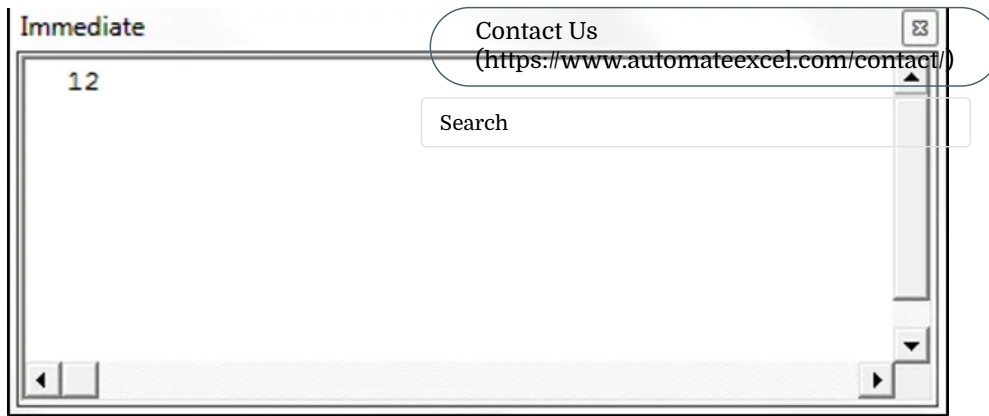
The DateValue Function returns a Date when given a string representation of a date.

The syntax of the DateValue Function is:

DateValue(Date) where:

- Date – A String representing the date.

The following code shows you how to use the DateValue Function:



VBA Hour Function

You can use the Hour Function to return the hour of an input time.

The syntax of the Hour Function is:

Hour(Time) where:

- Time – The time that you want to extract the hour from.

The following code shows you how to use the Hour Function:

```
Sub UsingTheHourFunction()  
    Dim theHour As Integer  
    theHour = Hour("2:14:17 AM")  
    Debug.Print theHour  
End Sub
```

The result is:

VBA Minute Function

You can use the Minute Function to return the minute value of an input time.

The syntax of the Minute Function is:

Minute(Time) where:

- Time – The time that you want to extract the minute value from.

The following code shows you how to use the Minute Function:


```
Dim theMinuteValue As Integer
```

```
theMinuteValue = Minute("2:14:17 AM")
```

```
Debug.Print theMinuteValue
```

```
End Sub
```

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The result is:

VBA Second Function

You can use the Second Function to return the second value of an input time.

The syntax of the Second Function is:

Second(Time) where:

- Time – The time that you want to extract the second value from.

The following code shows you how to use the Second Function:

```
Sub UsingTheSecondFunction()
```

```
Dim theSecondValue As Integer
```

```
theSecondValue = Second("2:14:17 AM")
```

```
Debug.Print theSecondValue
```

```
End Sub
```

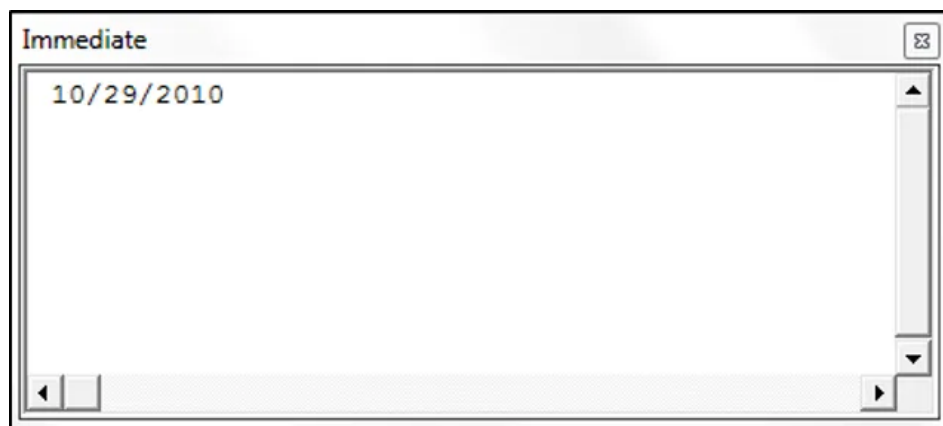
The result is:

```
theDate = DateValue("October, 29, 2010")  
Debug.Print theDate  
End Sub
```

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The result is:



VBA Day Function

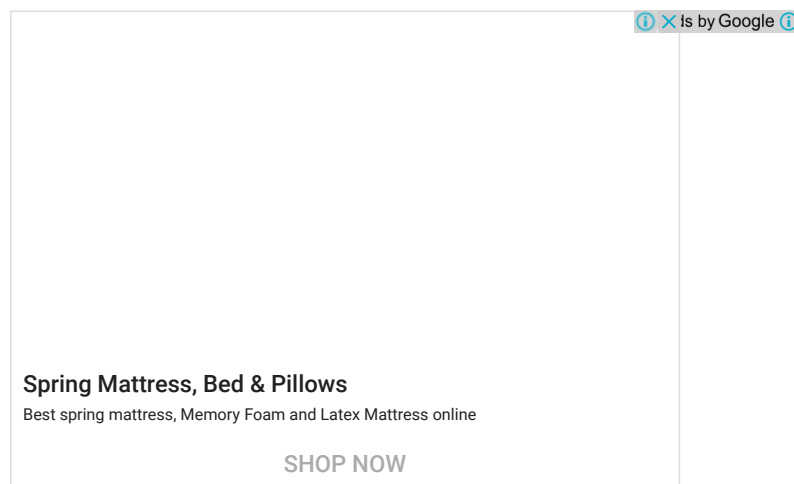
You can use the Day Function to return the day of an input date.

The syntax of the Day Function is:

Day(Date_value) where:

- Date_value – The date which you want to extract the day from.

The following code shows you how to use the Day Function:



```
Sub UsingTheDayFunction()  
Dim theDay As Integer  
theDay = Day("10/12/2010")  
Debug.Print theDay  
End Sub
```

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VBA Month Function

You can use the Month Function to return the month of an input date.

The syntax of the Month Function is:

Month(Date_value) where:

- Date_value – The date which you want to extract the month from.

The following code shows you how to use the Month Function:

```
Sub UsingTheMonthFunction()  
  
Dim theMonth As Integer  
  
theMonth = Month("11/18/2010")  
Debug.Print theMonth  
  
End Sub
```

The result is:

VBA MonthName Function

You can use the MonthName Function to return the name of a month from an input supplied month number.

The syntax of the MonthName Function is:

MonthName(Number_of_month, [Abbreviate]) where:

- Number_of_month – An integer value between 1 and 12.
- Abbreviate (*Optional*) – Specifies whether the month name should be abbreviated. If blank the default value of False is used.

```
Sub UsingTheMonthNameFunction()
```

```
theMonthName = MonthName(12, True)  
Debug.Print theMonthName
```

```
End Sub
```

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The result is:

VBA TimeSerial Function

The TimeSerial Function takes an input hour, minute and second and returns a time.

The syntax of the TimeSerial Function is:

TimeSerial(Hour, Minute, Second) where:

- Hour – An integer value between 0 and 23 that represents the hour value.
- Minute – An integer value between 0 and 59 that represents the minute value.
- Second – An integer value between 0 and 59 that represents the second value.

The following code shows you how to use the TimeSerial Function:

```
Sub UsingTheTimeSerialFunction()
```

```
Dim theTime As Date
```

```
theTime = TimeSerial(1, 10, 15)
```

```
Debug.Print theTime
```

```
End Sub
```

The result is:

The TimeValue Function returns a Time from a string representation of a date or time.

The syntax of the TimeValue Function is: [Contact Us](https://www.automateexcel.com/contact/) (https://www.automateexcel.com/contact/)

TimeValue(Time) where:

- Time – A String representing the time.

The following code shows you how to use the TimeValue Function:

```
Sub UsingTheTimeValueFunction()
```

```
Dim theTime As Date
```

```
theTime = TimeValue("22:10:17")
```

```
Debug.Print theTime
```

```
End Sub
```

The result is:

VBA Weekday Function

You can use the Weekday Function to return an integer from 1 – 7 representing a day of the week from an input date.

The syntax of the Weekday Function is:

Weekday(Date, [Firstdayofweek]) where:

- Date – The date that you want to extract the weekday value from.
- Firstdayofweek (*Optional*) – A constant that specifies the weekday that the function should use as the first day of the week. If blank Sunday is used as the first day of the week. Firstdayofweek can be one of the following values:

-vbSunday – uses Sunday as the first day of the week.

-vbMonday – uses Monday as the first day of the week.

-vbTuesday – uses Tuesday as the first day of the week.

-vbWednesday – uses Wednesday as the first day of the week.

-vbThursday – uses Thursday as the first day of the week.

-vbFriday – uses Friday as the first day of the week.

-vbSaturday – uses Saturday as the first day of the week.

-vbUseSystemDayOfTheWeek – uses the first day of the week that is specified by your system's settings.

The following code shows you how to use the Weekday Function:

```
theWeekDay = Weekday("11/20/2019")
Debug.Print theWeekDay
```

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End Sub

The result is:

VBA WeekdayName Function

You can use the WeekdayName Function to return the name of a weekday from an input supplied weekday number.

The syntax of the WeekdayName Function is:

WeekdayName(Weekday, [Abbreviate], [Firstdayoftheweek]) where:

- Weekday – An integer value between 1 and 7.
- Abbreviate (*Optional*) -Specifies whether the weekday name should be abbreviated. If blank the default value of False is used.
- Firstdayofweek (*Optional*) – A constant that specifies the weekday that the function should use as the first day of the week. If blank Sunday is used as the first day of the week. Firstdayofweek can be one of the following values:

- vbSunday – uses Sunday as the first day of the week.
- vbMonday – uses Monday as the first day of the week.
- vbTuesday – uses Tuesday as the first day of the week.
- vbWednesday – uses Wednesday as the first day of the week.
- vbThursday – uses Thursday as the first day of the week.
- vbFriday – uses Friday as the first day of the week.
- vbSaturday – uses Saturday as the first day of the week.
- vbUseSystemDayOfTheWeek – uses the first day of the week that is specified by your system's settings.

```
Sub UsingTheWeekdayNameFunction()
```

```
Dim theWeekdayName As String
```

```
theWeekdayName = WeekdayName(4)
Debug.Print theWeekdayName
```

```
End Sub
```

The result is:

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VBA Year Function

You can use the Year Function to return the year of an input date.

The syntax of the Year Function is:

Year(Date_value) where:

- Date_value – The date which you want to extract the year from.

The following code shows you how to use the Year Function:

```
Sub UsingTheYearFunction()  
  
Dim theYear As Integer  
  
theYear = Year("11/12/2010")  
Debug.Print theYear  
  
End Sub
```

The result is:

Comparing Dates in VBA

You can compare dates using the >, <, and = operators in VBA. The following code shows you how to compare two dates in VBA.

```
Dim dateTwo As Date
```

```
dateOne = "10/10/2010"
```

```
dateTwo = "11/11/2010"
```

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```
If dateOne > dateTwo Then
```

```
Debug.Print "dateOne is the later date"
```

```
ElseIf dateOne = dateTwo Then
```

```
Debug.Print "The two dates are equal"
```

```
Else
```

```
Debug.Print "dateTwo is the later date"
```

```
End If
```

```
End Sub
```

Learn more about how to Format dates as strings by viewing this tutorial. (<https://www.automateexcel.com/vba/vba-format-date/>)

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