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The VBA FormatPercent Function

Description

The VBA FormatPercent function applies a percentage format to a numeric expression and returns the result as a string.

The syntax of the function is:

**FormatPercent([Expression](#), [\[NumDigitsAfterDecimal\]](#),
[\[IncludeLeadingDigit\]](#),
[\[UseParensForNegativeNumbers\]](#), [\[GroupDigits\]](#))**

Where the function arguments are:

[Expression](#)

- The expression that you want to format.

[\[NumDigitsAfterDecimal\]](#)

- An optional numeric value specifying the number of digits should be displayed after decimal.

If [\[NumDigitsAfterDecimal\]](#) is omitted, it defaults to the value denoting that the computer regional settings should be used.

[\[IncludeLeadingDigit\]](#)

- An optional vbTriState enum value, specifying whether a leading zero should be displayed for fractional values.

This can have any of the following values:

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| vbFalse | - Do not display a leading zero |
| vbTrue | - Display a leading zero |
| vbUseDefault | - Use the default |

computer
settings.

If omitted, the [\[IncludeLeadingZero\]](#) argument is set to **vbUseDefault**

[\[UseParensForNegativeNumbers\]](#) - An optional vbTriState enumer value, specifying whether neg numbers should be encase parentheses.

This can have any of the follc values:

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|--------------|---|--|
| vbFalse | - | Do not encase negative numbers parentheses |
| vbTrue | - | Encase negative numbers parentheses |
| vbUseDefault | - | Use the default computer settings. |

If omitted, [\[UseParensForNegativeNumbers\]](#) argument is set to **vbUseDefault**

[\[GroupDigits\]](#) - An optional vbTriState enumer value, specifying whether number should be grouped thousands, etc.), using the c delimiter that is specified or computer's regional settings.

This can have any of the follc values:

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|--------------|---|------------------------------------|
| vbFalse | - | Do not gr digits. |
| vbTrue | - | Group dig |
| vbUseDefault | - | Use the default computer settings. |

VBA FormatPercent Function Examples

The following example shows how the VBA FormatPercent function can be used to format numeric values into percentages. Each example uses different formatting rules.

```
' Format numeric values in different percentage formats.  
  
Dim pc1 As String  
Dim pc2 As String  
Dim pc3 As String  
Dim pc4 As String  
  
pc1 = FormatPercent( 10 )  
' pc1 is now equal to the String "1,000.00%".  
  
pc2 = FormatPercent( 10, , , vbFalse )  
' pc2 is now equal to the String "1000.00%".  
  
pc3 = FormatPercent( 0.559, 0 )  
' pc3 is now equal to the String "56%".  
  
pc4 = FormatPercent( -0.5, , , vbTrue )  
' pc4 is now equal to the String "(50.00%)".
```

Note that in the above calls to the FormatPercent function:

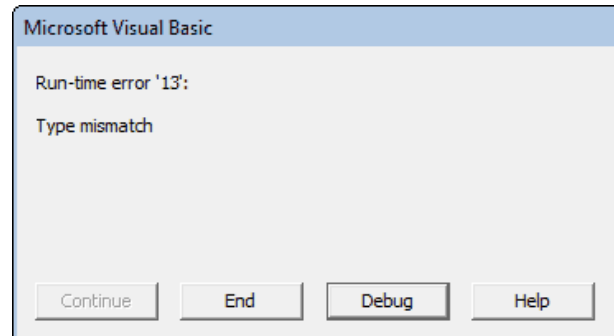
- When only the [Expression](#) argument is provided, the function uses the default percentage format for the current system.
- When the [\[GroupDigits\]](#) argument is set to **vbFalse**, the number 10 is returned as the percentage string "1000.00%" (with no commas separating the groups of numbers).
- When the [\[NumDigitsAfterDecimal\]](#) argument is set to 0, the supplied expression, 0.559 is rounded to the percentage 56% (zero decimal places), before being returned as the string "56%".
- When the [\[UseParensForNegativeNumbers\]](#) argument is set to **vbTrue**, the negative value -0.5 is returned as the string "(50.00%)".

Note also, that in each case, the result that is returned from the FormatPercent function is a String data type.

VBA FormatPercent Function Error

If the [Expression](#) that is supplied to the FormatPercent function is a text string that cannot be converted into a numeric value, you will get the error:

Run-time error '13': Type mismatch



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