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## FORMAT Function (DAX)

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Converts a value to text according to the specified format.

### Syntax

```
FORMAT(<value>, <format_string>)
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### Parameters

Term	Definition
<b>value</b>	A value or expression that evaluates to a single value.
<b>format_string</b>	A string with the formatting template.

### Return Value

A string containing **value** formatted as defined by **format\_string**.

### Remarks

For information on how to use the **format\_string** parameter, see the appropriate topic listed below:

To Format	Follow these instructions
Numbers	Use <a href="#">predefined numeric formats</a> or create <a href="#">user-defined numeric formats</a> .
Dates and times	Use <a href="#">predefined date/time formats</a> or create <a href="#">user-defined date/time formats</a> .

All predefined formatting strings use the current user locale when formatting the result.

#### Caution

The format strings supported as an argument to the DAX FORMAT function are based on the format strings used by Visual Basic (OLE Automation), not on the format strings used by the .NET Framework. Therefore, you might get unexpected results or an error if the argument does not match any defined format strings. For example, "p" as an abbreviation for "Percent" is not supported. Strings that you provide as an argument to the FORMAT function that are not included in the list of predefined format strings are handled as part of a custom format string, or as a string literal.

### See Also

#### Reference

[Pre-Defined Numeric Formats for the FORMAT Function \(DAX\)](#)

[Custom Numeric Formats for the FORMAT Function \(DAX\)](#)

[Pre-defined Date and Time Formats for the FORMAT Function \(DAX\)](#)

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