
Subject: Re: Comma separators

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Mon, 22 May 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Martin Schultz wrote:

- >
- > Who ever put out the word that MS Excel could be used by sane scientists
- > should
- > be hanged, quartered, stoned, etc. (or, to be a little more friendly: at
- > least put
- > into a different state of mind ;-)

I'm not disagreeing with you, but I have seen one of my bosses do things with Excel in a night that took me weeks to replicate in IDL. My result was a lot more flexible, but we still ended up with the same numbers and in the intervening 2 weeks he had furthered the science much, *much* more. Mind you on the scale of smart, I have been fortunate in that all my supervisors have been way off the scale (in the positive sense) - you know, the "think outside of the box" type of bods.

- > order and format before writing an IDL reader. Largest trouble I have
- > with this piece of creamware is that seldomly two spreadsheets look
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Ha ha. Nice description! If I was drinking milk it would be coming out my nose. hee hee.

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