

# Dates in Excel

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## Having trouble with dates?

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Excel stores dates behind the scenes as the number of days since 1 Jan 1900. For example, 31 Dec 2020 is 44196. DevResults is only capable of reading that number or producing that number. It doesn't matter how your dates are *displayed* in Excel when you upload information to DevResults (like mm/d/yyyy or dd/mm/yyyy) as long as they're *stored* as dates and not text.

You can investigate your dates by copying and pasting a date as a number (CTRL+C to copy, then CTRL+SHIFT+V or right click->paste values). If this doesn't change the value to a number, then your dates aren't stored properly. Once you've confirmed that your dates are stored correctly as values, then you can display the number with whatever date format you prefer. (Home ribbon > number section > format cells > choose "date" or "custom").

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>m/d/yyyy</b>	<b>d/m/yyyy</b>	<b>yyyy-mm-dd</b>	<b>Number</b>
2	1/1/1900	1/1/1900	1900-01-01	1
3	3/15/1900	15/3/1900	1900-03-15	75
4	12/31/2020	31/12/2020	2020-12-31	44196
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