

Maintaining Formats when Exporting Data from SAS into Microsoft Excel

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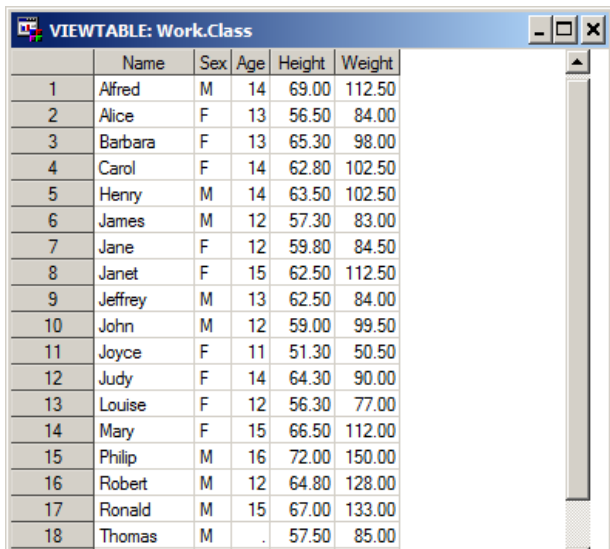
Introduction

Many typical ways of exporting data from SAS into Excel destroy the data formats.

Creating Data Formats

```
DATA class;  
  SET sashelp.class;  
  FORMAT age 3. height weight 6.2;  
  IF name = 'Thomas' THEN age = .;  
RUN;
```

SAS Dataset



VIEWTABLE: Work.Class

	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight
1	Alfred	M	14	69.00	112.50
2	Alice	F	13	56.50	84.00
3	Barbara	F	13	65.30	98.00
4	Carol	F	14	62.80	102.50
5	Henry	M	14	63.50	102.50
6	James	M	12	57.30	83.00
7	Jane	F	12	59.80	84.50
8	Janet	F	15	62.50	112.50
9	Jeffrey	M	13	62.50	84.00
10	John	M	12	59.00	99.50
11	Joyce	F	11	51.30	50.50
12	Judy	F	14	64.30	90.00
13	Louise	F	12	56.30	77.00
14	Mary	F	15	66.50	112.00
15	Philip	M	16	72.00	150.00
16	Robert	M	12	64.80	128.00
17	Ronald	M	15	67.00	133.00
18	Thomas	M	.	57.50	85.00

Exporting SAS Data

Now let's export it via PROC EXPORT and the ExcelXP tagset:

SAS Code

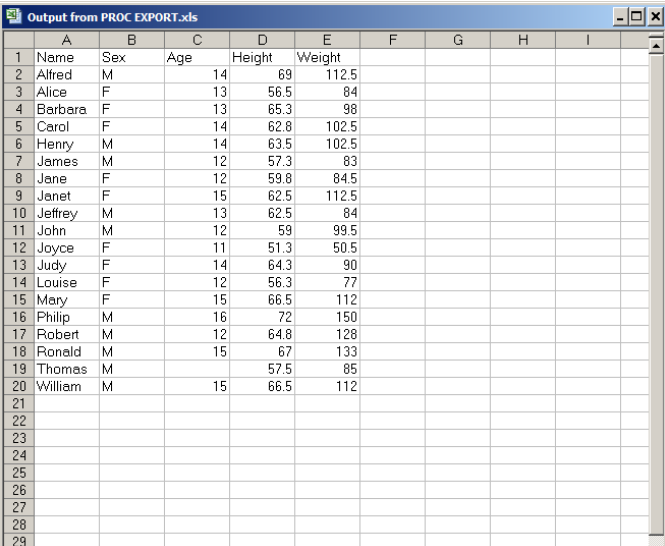
```
PROC EXPORT DATA=class
  OUTFILE="&outroot\Output from PROC EXPORT.xls";
RUN;

ODS tagsets.ExcelXP
  FILE="&outroot\Output from ExcelXP.xls";

PROC PRINT DATA=class;
RUN;

ODS tagsets.ExcelXP CLOSE;
```

PROC EXPORT Output



Output from PROC EXPORT.xls

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight				
2	Alfred	M	14	69	112.5				
3	Alice	F	13	56.5	84				
4	Barbara	F	13	65.3	98				
5	Carol	F	14	62.8	102.5				
6	Henry	M	14	63.5	102.5				
7	James	M	12	57.3	83				
8	Jane	F	12	59.8	84.5				
9	Janet	F	15	62.5	112.5				
10	Jeffrey	M	13	62.5	84				
11	John	M	12	59	99.5				
12	Joyce	F	11	51.3	50.5				
13	Judy	F	14	64.3	90				
14	Louise	F	12	56.3	77				
15	Mary	F	15	66.5	112				
16	Philip	M	16	72	150				
17	Robert	M	12	64.8	128				
18	Ronald	M	15	67	133				
19	Thomas	M		57.5	85				
20	William	M	15	66.5	112				
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29									

PROC EXPORT Output

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet window titled "Output from PROC EXPORT.xls" with columns A through I and rows 1 through 29. The data is as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight				
2	Alfred	M	14	69	112.5				
3	Alice	F	13	56.5	84				
4	Barbara	F	13	65.3	98				
5	Carol	F							
6	Henry	M							
7	James	M							
8	Jane	F							
9	Janet	F							
10	Jeffrey	M							
11	John	M							
12	Joyce	F							
13	Judy	F							
14	Louise	F							
15	Mary	F							
16	Philip	M							
17	Robert	M							
18	Ronald	M							
19	Thomas	M							
20	William	M							
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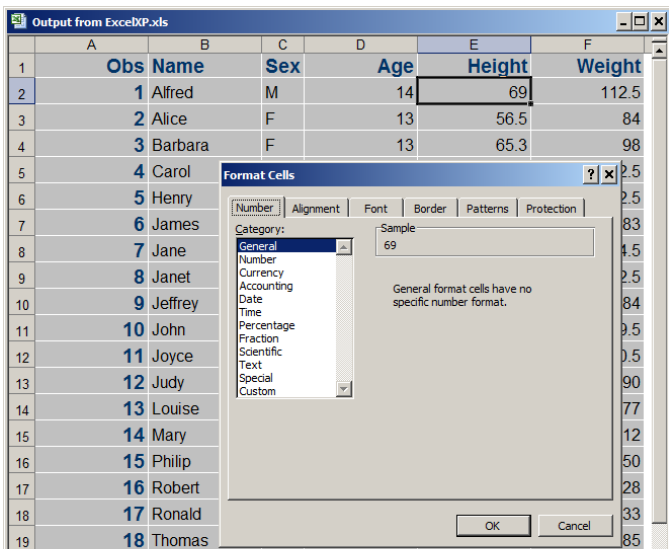
The "Format Cells" dialog box is open, showing the "Number" tab. The "Category" list includes General, Number, Currency, Accounting, Date, Time, Percentage, Fraction, Scientific, Text, Special, and Custom. The "Sample" field displays "69". A message states: "General format cells have no specific number format." The "OK" and "Cancel" buttons are at the bottom.

ExcelXP Tagset Output



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Obs	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight
2	1	Alfred	M	14	69	112.5
3	2	Alice	F	13	56.5	84
4	3	Barbara	F	13	65.3	98
5	4	Carol	F	14	62.8	102.5
6	5	Henry	M	14	63.5	102.5
7	6	James	M	12	57.3	83
8	7	Jane	F	12	59.8	84.5
9	8	Janet	F	15	62.5	112.5
10	9	Jeffrey	M	13	62.5	84
11	10	John	M	12	59	99.5
12	11	Joyce	F	11	51.3	50.5
13	12	Judy	F	14	64.3	90
14	13	Louise	F	12	56.3	77
15	14	Mary	F	15	66.5	112
16	15	Philip	M	16	72	150
17	16	Robert	M	12	64.8	128
18	17	Ronald	M	15	67	133
19	18	Thomas	M	.	57.5	85

ExcelXP Tagset Output



Output from ExceXP.xls

	A	B	C	D	E	F	
1		Obs	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight
2		1	Alfred	M	14	69	112.5
3		2	Alice	F	13	56.5	84
4		3	Barbara	F	13	65.3	98
5		4	Carol				2.5
6		5	Henry				2.5
7		6	James				83
8		7	Jane				4.5
9		8	Janet				2.5
10		9	Jeffrey				84
11		10	John				9.5
12		11	Joyce				0.5
13		12	Judy				90
14		13	Louise				77
15		14	Mary				12
16		15	Philip				50
17		16	Robert				28
18		17	Ronald				33
19		18	Thomas				85

Format Cells

Number Alignment Font Border Patterns Protection

Category: General

Sample: 69

General format cells have no specific number format.

OK Cancel

SAS Formats vs. Excel Formats

SAS Formats vs. Excel Formats

SAS format	Excel format	Excel format name
\$8.	@	Text
8.2	0.00	Number, 2 decimal places
z8.2	00000.00	(none)
percent8.2	0.00%	Percentage, 2 decimal places
mmdyy8.	mm/dd/yy	Date, type "03/14/01"
comma12.2	#,##0.00	Number, 2 decimal places, with ...

We need to translate SAS formats into Excel formats!

ExcelXP Tagset Solution

SAS Code

```
ODS tagsets.ExcelXP
  FILE="&outroot\Output from ExcelXP, Numeric Formatting.xls";

PROC PRINT DATA=class;
  VAR name sex age;
  VAR height weight / STYLE={TAGATTR='format=0.00'};
RUN;

ODS tagsets.ExcelXP CLOSE;
```

ExcelXP Tagset Solution

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "Output from ExcelXP, Numeric Formatting.xls". The spreadsheet contains a table with 7 columns: Obs, Name, Sex, Age, Height, and Weight. The data is as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Obs	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight
2	1	Alfred	M	14	69.00	112.50
3	2	Alice	F	13	56.50	84.00
4	3	Barbara	F	13	65.30	98.00
5	4	Carol	F	14	62.80	102.50
6					63.50	102.50
7					57.30	83.00
8					59.80	84.50
9					62.50	112.50
10					62.50	84.00
11					59.00	99.50
12					51.30	50.50
13					64.30	90.00
14					56.30	77.00
15					66.50	112.00
16					72.00	150.00
17					64.80	128.00
18					67.00	133.00
19					57.50	85.00

A "Format Cells" dialog box is open over cell E6. The "Number" category is selected. The "Sample" field shows "69.00". The "Decimal places" is set to 2. The "Use 1000 Separator (,)" checkbox is unchecked. The "Negative numbers" dropdown is open, showing three options: "-1234.10", "(1234.10)", and "(1234.10)".

Number is used for general display of numbers. Currency and Accounting offer specialized formatting for monetary value.

ExcelXP Tagset Solution with PROC TEMPLATE

SAS Code

```
PROC TEMPLATE;  
  DEFINE STYLE styles.mystyle;  
    PARENT = styles.default;  
    STYLE data_num from data / TAGATTR='format:0.00';  
  END;  
RUN;  
  
ODS tagsets.ExcelXP  
  FILE="&outroot\Output from ExcelXP, Numeric Formatting.xls";  
  
PROC PRINT DATA=class;  
  VAR name sex age;  
  VAR height weight / STYLE( data )=data_num;  
RUN;  
  
ODS tagsets.ExcelXP CLOSE;
```

Dealing with Missing Values

SAS Code

```
OPTIONS MISSING='';

ODS tagsets.ExcelXP
  FILE="&outroot\Output from ExcelXP, Numeric Formatting.xls";

PROC PRINT DATA=class;
  VAR name sex age;
  VAR height weight / STYLE( data )=data_num;
RUN;

ODS tagsets.ExcelXP CLOSE;

OPTIONS MISSING='.';
```

Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) Solution

- DDE = SAS opens Excel, tells it what to do.
- You have to tell Excel **every single step**.
- Best solution: The %exportToXL macro (free!).

SAS Code

```
%LET exroot = c:\...\exportToXL;  
  
OPTIONS SASAUTOS=( "&exroot" ) MAUTOSOURCE;  
  
%exportToXL( DSIN=class, SAVEPATH=&outroot,  
  SAVENAME=Output from DDE );
```

Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) Solution

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "Output from DDE.xls" with a table of 20 rows and 14 columns (A-N). The data is as follows:

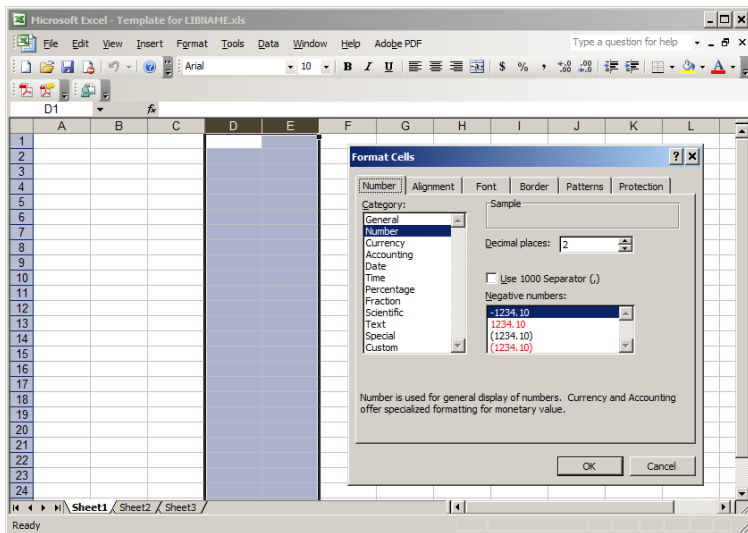
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight									
2	Alfred	M	14	69.00	112.50									
3	Alice	F	13	56.50	84.00									
4	Barbara	F	13	65.30	98.00									
5	Carol	F	14	62.80	102.50									
6	Henry	M	14	63.50	102.50									
7	James	M	12	57.30	83.00									
8	Jane	F	12	59.80	84.50									
9	Janet	F	15	62.50	112.50									
10	Jeffrey	M	13	62.50	84.00									
11	John	M	12	59.00	99.50									
12	Joyce	F	11	51.30	50.50									
13	Judy	F	14	64.30	90.00									
14	Louise	F	12	56.30	77.00									
15	Mary	F	15	66.50	112.00									
16	Philip	M	16	72.00	150.00									
17	Robert	M	12	64.80	128.00									
18	Ronald	M	15	67.00	133.00									
19	Thomas	M		57.50	85.00									
20	William	M	15	66.50	112.00									
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22														
23														
24														
25														

The "Format Cells" dialog box is open, showing the "Number" category selected. The "Sample" field displays "69.00". The "Decimal places" is set to 2. The "Use 1000 Separator (,)" checkbox is unchecked. The "Negative numbers:" list shows three options: "-1234.10" (selected), "(1234.10)", and "(1234.10)". The "Number" category is described as: "Number is used for general display of numbers. Currency and Accounting offer specialized formatting for monetary value."

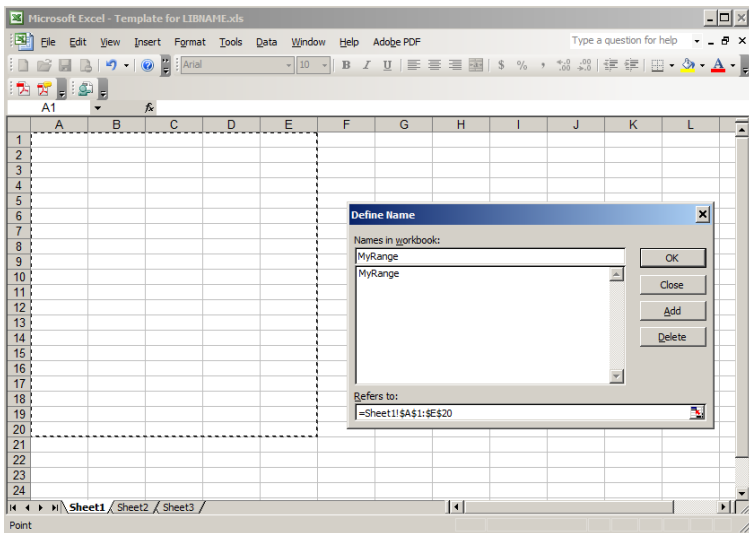
The LIBNAME Solution

- Requires the SAS/ACCESS for PC Files package.
- We “cheat” by (manually) formatting the Excel template ahead of time.
- We then pour the data into the template.

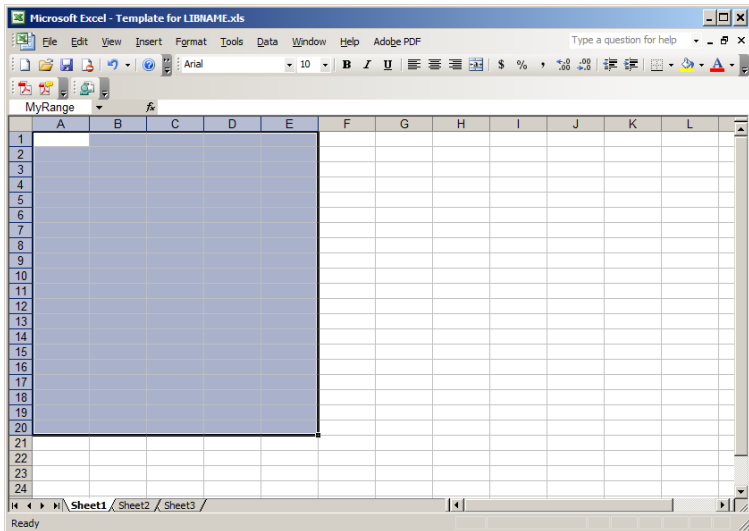
The LIBNAME Solution



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The LIBNAME Solution

SAS Code

```
LIBNAME workbook PCFILES
  PATH("&outroot\Output from LIBNAME.xls");

PROC DATASETS LIBRARY=workbook NOLIST;
  DELETE MyRange;
QUIT;

DATA workbook.MyRange;
  SET class;
RUN;

LIBNAME workbook CLEAR;
```

The LIBNAME Solution

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "Output from LIBNAME.xls" with a table of personal data. The table has columns for Name, Sex, Age, Height, and Weight. The 'Height' column is selected, and the 'Format Cells' dialog box is open, showing the 'Number' category with a sample value of 69.00 and two decimal places. The dialog also shows options for using a 1000 separator and negative number formatting.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Name	Sex	Age	Height	Weight							
2	Alfred	M	14	69.00	112.50							
3	Alice	F	13	56.50	84.00							
4	Barbara	F	13	65.30	98.00							
5	Carol	F	14	62.80	102.50							
6	Henry	M	14	63.50	102.50							
7	James	M	12	57.30	83.00							
8	Jane	F	12	59.80	84.50							
9	Janet	F	15	62.50	112.50							
10	Jeffrey	M	13	62.50	84.00							
11	John	M	12	59.00	99.50							
12	Joyce	F	11	51.30	50.50							
13	Judy	F	14	64.30	90.00							
14	Louise	F	12	56.30	77.00							
15	Mary	F	15	66.50	112.00							
16	Philip	M	16	72.00	150.00							
17	Robert	M	12	64.80	128.00							
18	Ronald	M	15	67.00	133.00							
19	Thomas	M		57.50	85.00							
20	William	M	15	66.50	112.00							
21												
22												
23												
24												
25												

Format Cells

Number Alignment Font Border Patterns Protection

Category: General Number Currency Accounting Date Time Percentage Fraction Scientific Text Special Custom

Sample: 69.00

Decimal places: 2

Use 1000 Separator (,)

Negative numbers: -1234.10 1234.10 (1234.10) (1234.10)

Number is used for general display of numbers. Currency and Accounting offer specialized formatting for monetary value.

OK Cancel

Conclusions

- Many ways of exporting data from SAS into Excel destroy data formats.
 - SAS and Excel speak different languages for data formats.
- This can be fixed in three ways:
 - ExcelXP Tagset with the `TAGATTR` style.
 - Dynamic Data Exchange with `%exportToXL` macro.
 - The `LIBNAME` engine with pre-formatted template.

Further Resources

Too many to list – see the paper!

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