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## Masking Dates

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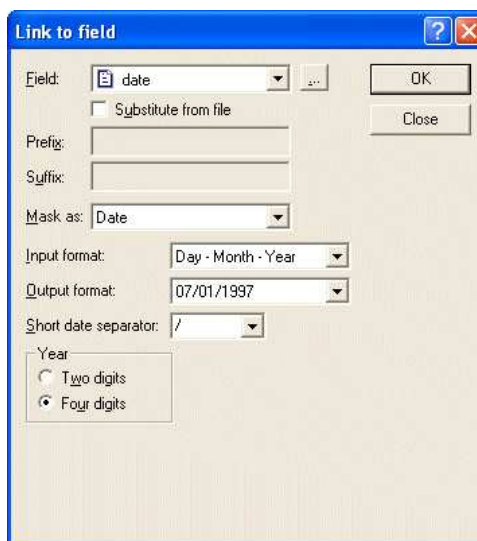
FormTrap can apply date masking to data fields of up to 10 characters.

### Apply Date Mask

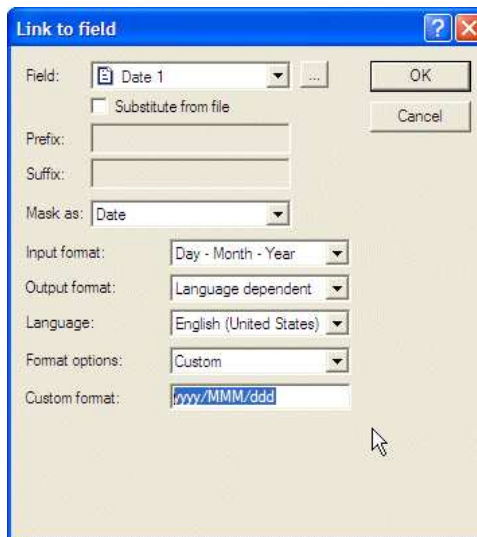
To apply date masking:

- Create a new variable text object or edit an existing variable text object.
- On the **Link to field** dialog box, select **Date** from the **Mask as** drop down menu.
- Select the original date type (date format in the data) from the **Input format** menu.
- Select the desired date type from the **Output format** menu.
- If you are using an all-numeric format, select a date separator from the **Short date separator** menu.
- Underneath **Year**, check either the **Two digit** or **Four digit** year option.
- Click the **OK** button to apply the mask to the field.

Note: It is important that the Input format chosen in FTDesign matches the format from the input data. If not, the output on the form shows an error message, such as "Invalid day: 2009", or shows the wrong date.



If you want to show the date in another format, select **Output format** as **Language dependent** and adjust it to the language required per this screen shot.



**Language** is the language used for alphabetic Month and Day names.

**Custom** must be selected to define your own version of the output date.

Various combinations of **d** (day), **M** (month - capital letter) and **y** (year) produce these results:

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<p>All defined as Day Month Year</p>	<p>Language Dependant, English (US), Custom ...</p>			
	yyyy/M/d	yyyy/MM/dd	yyyy/MMM/ddd	yyyy/MMMM/dddd
1/2/10	2010/2/1	2010/02/01	2010/Feb/Mon	2010/February/Monday
1/02/10	2010/2/1	2010/02/01	2010/Feb/Mon	2010/February/Monday
31/12/2010	2010/12/31	2010/12/31	2010/Dec/Fri	2010/December/Friday
11/12/2010	2010/12/11	2010/12/11	2010/Dec/Sat	2010/December/Saturday

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Slashes are optional and most other separator characters may be used.

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