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Masking & Font Change

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Masking Dates

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:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>			
xxxxxxx			yyyy/M/d	yyyy/MM/dd	yyyy/MMM/ddd
xxxxxxx			yyyy/MMMM/dddd		
xxxxxxx			1/2/10	2010/2/1	2010/02/01
xxxxxxx			2010/Feb/Mon	2010/February/Monday	
xxxxxxx			1/02/10	2010/2/1	2010/02/01
xxxxxxx			2010/Feb/Mon	2010/February/Monday	
xxxxxxx			31/12/2010	2010/12/31	2010/12/31
xxxxxxx			2010/Dec/Fri	2010/December/Friday	
xxxxxxx			11/12/2010	2010/12/11	2010/12/11
xxxxxxx			2010/Dec/Sat	2010/December/Saturday	

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

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