

## Using Concatenate function in excel without impacting custom format

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Suppose you have date time text in one column (format as YYYY-MM-DD) which you want to use in your concatenate function without changing custom format, because if you don't do it then in concatenate function it will come in some numerical form for e.g. 40513 instead of 2010-12-01. It happens because excel ignores formatting.

Use below to fix it,

Say column name is A1 where date value resides and you want to sue it in concatenate function present in another column, your concatenate function will look like,

```
=CONCATENATE(TEXT(A1,"YYYY-MM-DD")
```

A more complex example is,

```
=CONCATENATE(A1,"",TEXT(B1,"YYYY-MM-DD")," 00:00:00.000?",C1,"",TEXT(D1,"YYYY-MM-DD")," 00:00:00.000?; Go")
```

Usage of this is limitless; you can keep any type of custom formatting using Text function.

### **Reference:**

<http://www.techrepublic.com/article/concatenate-date-cells-with-text-cells-in-excel/6137546>