

Access: DateValue Function

In Access, the **DateValue** function converts a string to a date.

The syntax for the **DateValue** function is:

DateValue (string_date)

string_date is a string representation of a date. *string_date* can be a date ranging from January 1, 100 to December 31, 9999. It can include a time component, if desired.

Note:

If *string_date* includes numbers separated by slashes (or other date separators), then the **DateValue** function will use your Window's Short Date format to determine the order of the year, month, and day components.

If *string_date* does not include the year component of the date, the **DateValue** function will use the current year.

For example:

DateValue ("June 30, 2004") would return 6/30/2004

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VBA Code

The **DateValue** function can be used in VBA code. For example:

```
Dim LDate As Date
```

```
LDate = DateValue ("May 15, 2003")
```

In this example, the variable called LDate would now contain the value of 5/15/2003.

SQL/Queries

You can also use the **DateValue** function in a query.

