

WordTemplate.DataSourceSeparator

Description

Use [DataSourceSeparator](#) to set the character that separates a data source name from a column name in a data marker. '.' is the default data source separator.

C#

```
public char DataSourceSeparator { get; set; }
```

vb.net

```
Public Property DataSourceSeparator() As Char
```

Remarks

The `DataSourceSeparator` property must be set **before** `Open` is called because the merge field collection is parsed when the document is opened.

The following characters cannot be used as data source separators:

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890_@${}()[],
```

The space character cannot be used as a data source separator.

Examples

C#

```
WordTemplate oWW = new WordTemplate();  
oWW.DataSourceSeparator = "-";  
oWW.Open("Template.doc");  
...
```

vb.net

```
Dim oWW As New WordTemplate()  
oWW.DataSourceSeparator = "-"  
oWW.Open("Template.doc")  
...
```