

ExcelTemplate.PreserveStrings

Description

If you set `PreserveStrings` to `true`, `ExcelWriter` will preserve numeric strings as strings.

C#

```
public boolean PreserveStrings{ get; set; }
```

vb.net

```
Public Property PreserveStrings() As Boolean
```

Remarks

By default, when populating template data markers, `ExcelWriter` tries to convert numeric strings to numbers.

`PreserveStrings` is a **Read/Write** property.

This property can be set for individual data markers using the [Preserve data marker modifier](#).

Examples

C#

```
ExcelTemplate xlt = new ExcelTemplate();
xlt.Open(@"C:\DataBinding\ArrayBindingTemplate.xls");
string[][] twodim = {
    new string[]{"Watertown", "MA", "02472"},
    new string[]{"Washington", "DC", "20500"}
};
string[] names = {"City", "State", "Zip"};
xlt.BindData(twodim,
    names,
    "TwoDimArray",
    xlt.CreateDataBindingProperties());
xlt.PreserveStrings = true;
xlt.Process();
xlt.Save(Page.Response, "ArrayBinding.xls", false);
```

```
Dim xlt As New ExcelTemplate()
xlt.Open("C:\DataBinding\ArrayBindingTemplate.xls")
Dim twodim As String() = { _
    New String(){ "Watertown", "MA", "02472"}, _
    New String(){ "Washington", "DC", "20500"}, _
}
Dim names As String() = {"City", "State", "Zip"}
xlt.BindData(twodim, _
    names, _
    "TwoDimArray", _
    xlt.CreateDataBindingProperties())
xlt.PreserveStrings = True
xlt.Process()
xlt.Save(Page.Response, "ArrayBinding.xls", False)
```