

DataImportProperties.ConvertStrings

Introduced in build 8.4

Description

Sets or returns whether to convert numeric strings such as currencies and formatted numerals in the imported data to numbers by using the culture information specified through the [ConversionCulture](#) property. By default it is set to `false`.

C#

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

vb.net

```
Public Property ConvertStrings() As Boolean
```

Remarks

By default, when importing data, ExcelWriter will not convert numeric strings to numbers. If `ConvertStrings` is set to `true`, ExcelWriter will parse the strings into a `decimal` type by using the culture information specified through the [ConversionCulture](#) property. If no specific culture is explicitly set, the invariant culture will be used to parse the numeric string. Currently only the currencies and formatted numerals (such as numbers with the decimal and thousands delimiters) will be parsed into numbers. Percentage, date and time, exponents and hexadecimal representations won't be converted.

Examples

C#

```
DataImportProperties importProps = wb.CreateDataImportProperties();

//--- Get ConvertStrings
bool convertStrings = importProps.ConvertStrings;

//--- Set ConvertStrings
importProps.ConvertStrings = true;
```

vb.net

```
Dim importProps As DataImportProperties = wb.CreateDataImportProperties()  
  
'--- Get ConvertStrings  
Dim convertStrings As Boolean = importProps.ConvertStrings  
  
'--- Set ConvertStrings  
importProps.ConvertStrings = True
```

Remarks

When `ConvertStrings` is set to `true` it will also affect column names when `UseColumnNames` is also set to `true`.