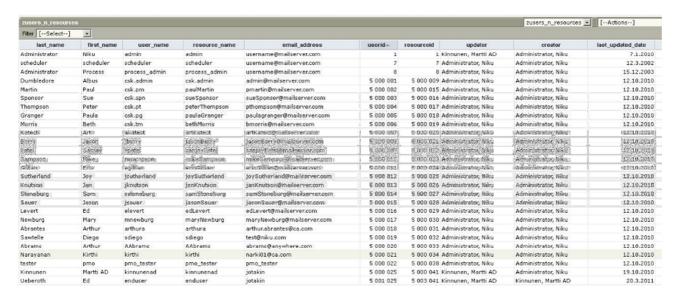
FORMATTING IN EXPORT TO EXCEL

INTRODUCTION

This document explores the formatting of numbers and dates files generated with Export to Excel. Up to version 8 including service packs the export format was xls file. Actually that is xml file with all the data on a single line. Some of the xml editors cannot open such a file. Excel 2007 and later notify the user that the file is actually not an xls file. When the xls file is opened in Excel numbers and dates are formatted in normal Excel manner which makes them nonusable without additional formatting for saving in CSV format for further processing. Version 12 introduced a new Export to Excel which gives a real xlsx file which is formatted as a real Excel spreadsheet. These files can be saved into good CSV files without any reformatting.

TESTS

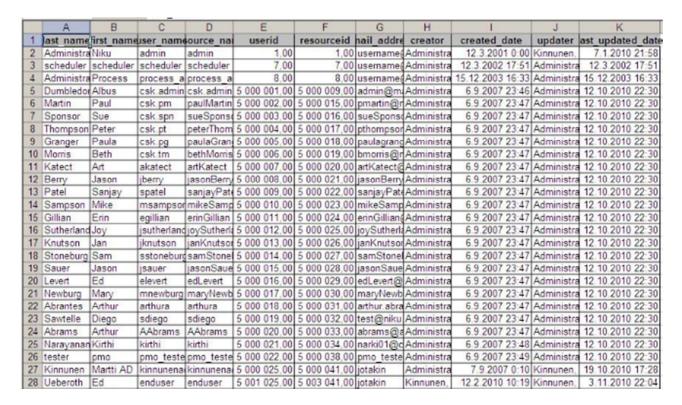
The test data is a portlet with user and resource data including numeric ID's and creation dates.



The export was made from v12.1.0.1 and the appearance is the same when the export is made from v12 SP5

Excel 2003

Office 2003 only supports the old file formats which for Excel 2003 is xls. Excel 2003 opens the xls file without any messages but when saving the default forma is changed to xml. The format of the xlsx file is not recognized.



The numbers and dates are formatted in the normal Excel manner.

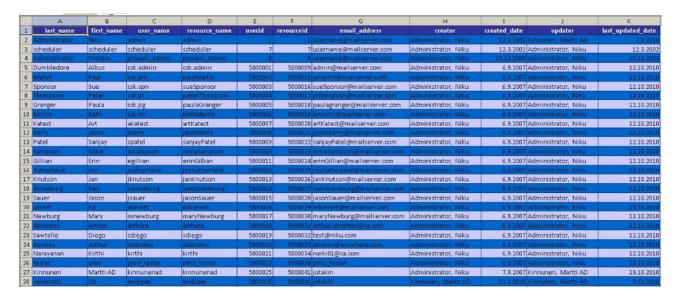
Excel 2003 with file format compatibility pack

Microsoft has published a file format compatibility pack which allows users with Office 2003 to open (but not save) the new xlsx files. The compatibility pack does not make any change in how the exported xls files are handled.

The xlsx file is recognized as an Excel 2007 workbook file, but if you try to open the file in the normal manner you get an error



You can open the file by double clicking it in Widows Explorer.



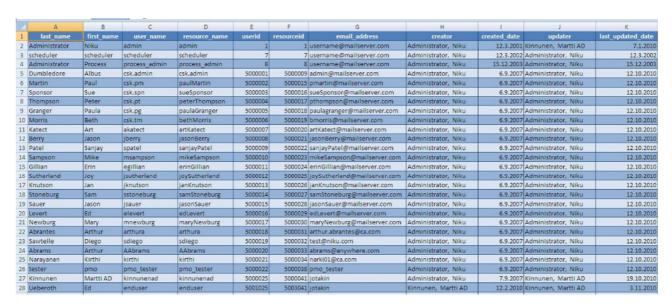
The numbers and dates are formatted in the same manner as they are in Clarity GUI. There is also a coloring scheme applied. Note that the column width is also adjusted according to the data length.

Excel 2007

The exported xls files are handled by Excel 2007 in the same manner as by the previous version though you get an error about the file format



The exported xlsx can be opened with Excel 2007 without any extra measures because that is the default file format.



The formatting is the same as with the compatibility pack except that the colors are slightly different.

Excel 2010

Both xls and xlsx exported files are handled with Excel 2010 in the same manner are with Excel 2007.

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SAVING TO CSV

When the export file is saved in CSV format the numbers and dates are saved in the same format they are displayed in Excel. That is CSV files saved from xls files are incorrectly formatted and the CSV files saved from xlsx files are correctly formatted.

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