

Find the location of a character within a string

Use the "Position" function to locate the first occurrence of a character (or character string) within a field (the equivalent of the "InStr" function in Access). The function will return the position number of the character within the field.

Syntax:

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POSITION ('<character>' IN <field name>)
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Example: find the hyphen in the field **po_line_number** from the table **po_receiving_history** (alias prh)

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POSITION ('-' IN prh.po_line_number)
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Use the POSITION function in combination with the SUBSTRING function to parse out the **po_number** from the **po_line_number**:

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substring (prh.po_line_number, 1, position ('-' in prh.po_line_number)-1)
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	ABC po_line_number	123 position_number	ABC po_number
61	3AJE8132-1	9	3AJE8132
62	3AJH5618-1	9	3AJH5618
63	3AJH8558a-1	10	3AJH8558a
64	3AJK8076-1	9	3AJK8076
65	3AKA8596a-1	10	3AKA8596a