

Convert a Text date to an actual date in Excel

Use this formula to convert a date stored as text into an actual date/time format:

`=DATEVALUE(TEXT(E4,"MM/DD/YYYY"))+TIMEVALUE(TEXT(E4,"HH:MM"))`. – *substitute the actual cell number for "E4"*

Example: this shows a list of renewal dates, but the renewal_date column came in as Text. It was not possible to convert it to an actual date with the "format cell" function. The "renewal_date_converted" column was created by applying the formula above.

loan_date	loan_actio	renewal_date	renewal_date_converted
8/24/2018	renewed	08/26/2022 06:56 am	8/26/22 6:56 AM
8/24/2018	renewed	08/30/2021 09:22 am	8/30/21 9:22 AM
11/10/2010	renewed	09/03/2021 09:50 am	9/3/21 9:50 AM