
Voyager Prepackaged Access Reports SQL and Microsoft Office "smart quotes"

- **Product:** Voyager
 - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Multi-Tenant Direct, Dedicated-Direct, Local, TotalCare
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Description

Microsoft Office applications such as Word and Outlook automatically change straight quotation marks (' or ") to curly quotation marks (also known as "smart quotes" or typographer's quotes). If introduced into SQL code used in *Access* or *sqlplus*, smart quotes will break the code.

Resolution

If you are using SQL code that is passed through a Microsoft application, be aware of this potential problem.

If you move SQL code into Microsoft Word or Outlook, you can turn smart quotes off. Use the application's internal Help function for instructions.

Additional Information

The following provides an example of "smart quotes" as auto-corrected by Microsoft Word, followed by an example of straight quotes:

“test”

"test"

For some additional useful information on smart and straight quotes, see: <https://practicaltypography.com/straight-and-curly-quotes.html>

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