

Use the **NUMBERVALUE()** Function With the *fx* Wizard

The **NUMBERVALUE()** function transforms a number in text format into a number in number format.

In the table below, you want to transform the text in the orange cell into a number that Excel can use:

	A	B	C	D
1	Function: NUMBERVALUE()			
2				
3		Before	After	
4		2 2548.65		

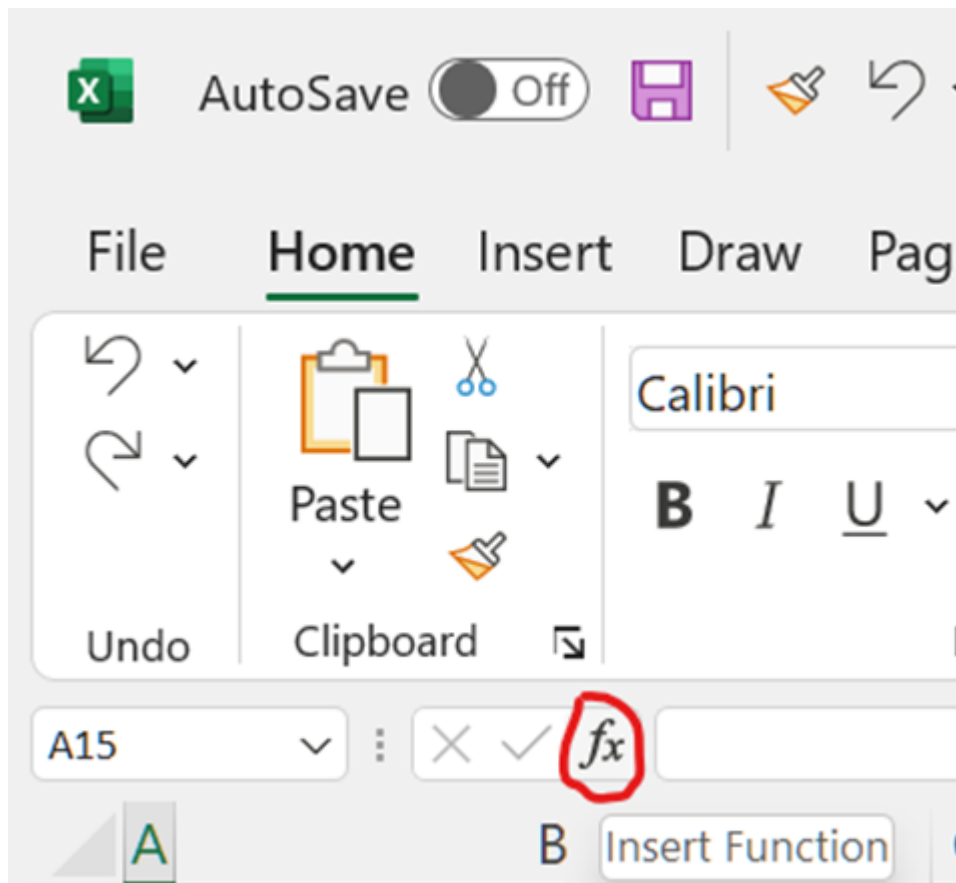
You want to populate cell C4 with the transformed text from cell B4

We'll transform the text using the **NUMBERVALUE()** function.

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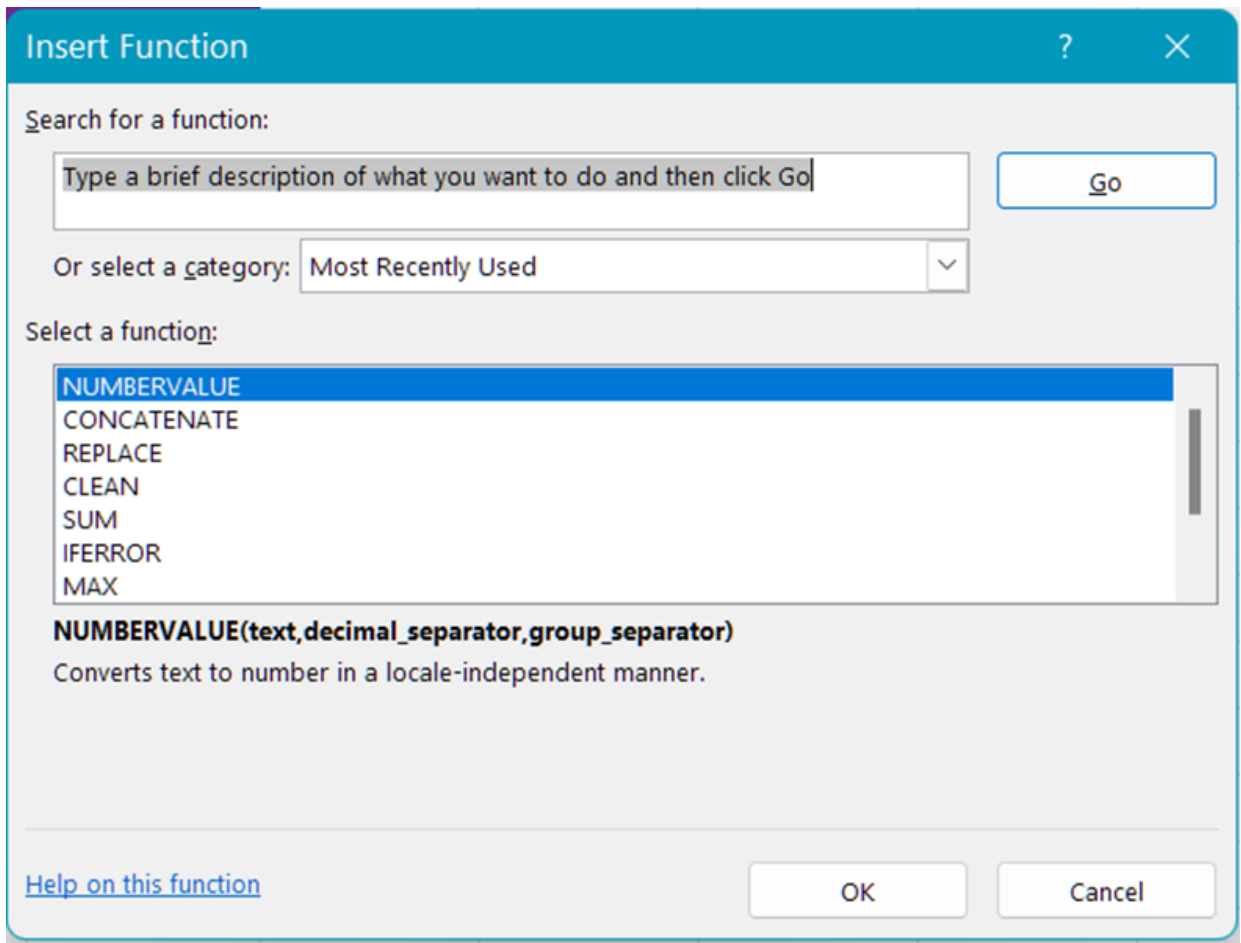
To use this function with the fx wizard:

- Click on the "fx" icon to the left of the formula bar:



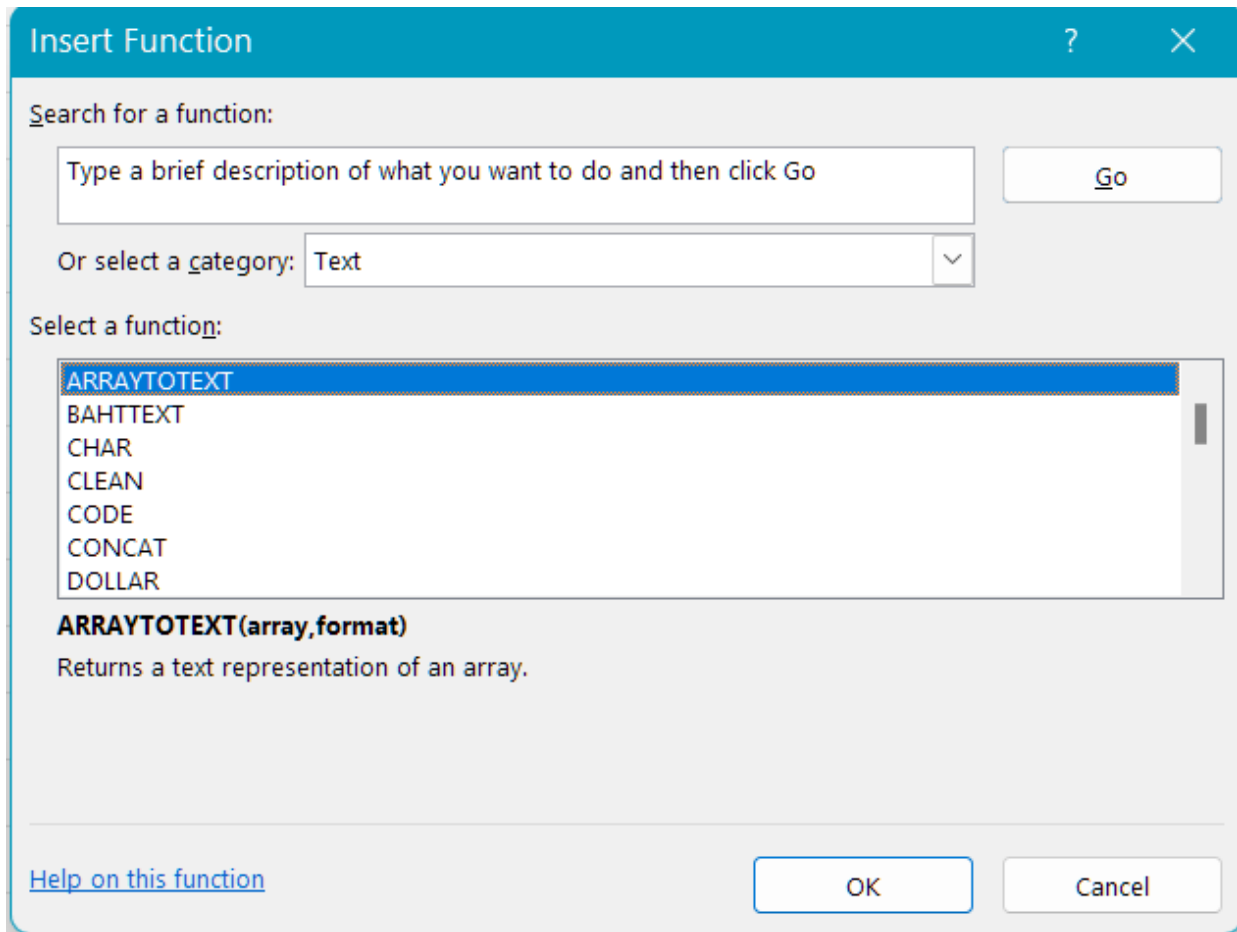
Click on the fx icon shown here in red

- The “Insert Function” dialog box opens up:



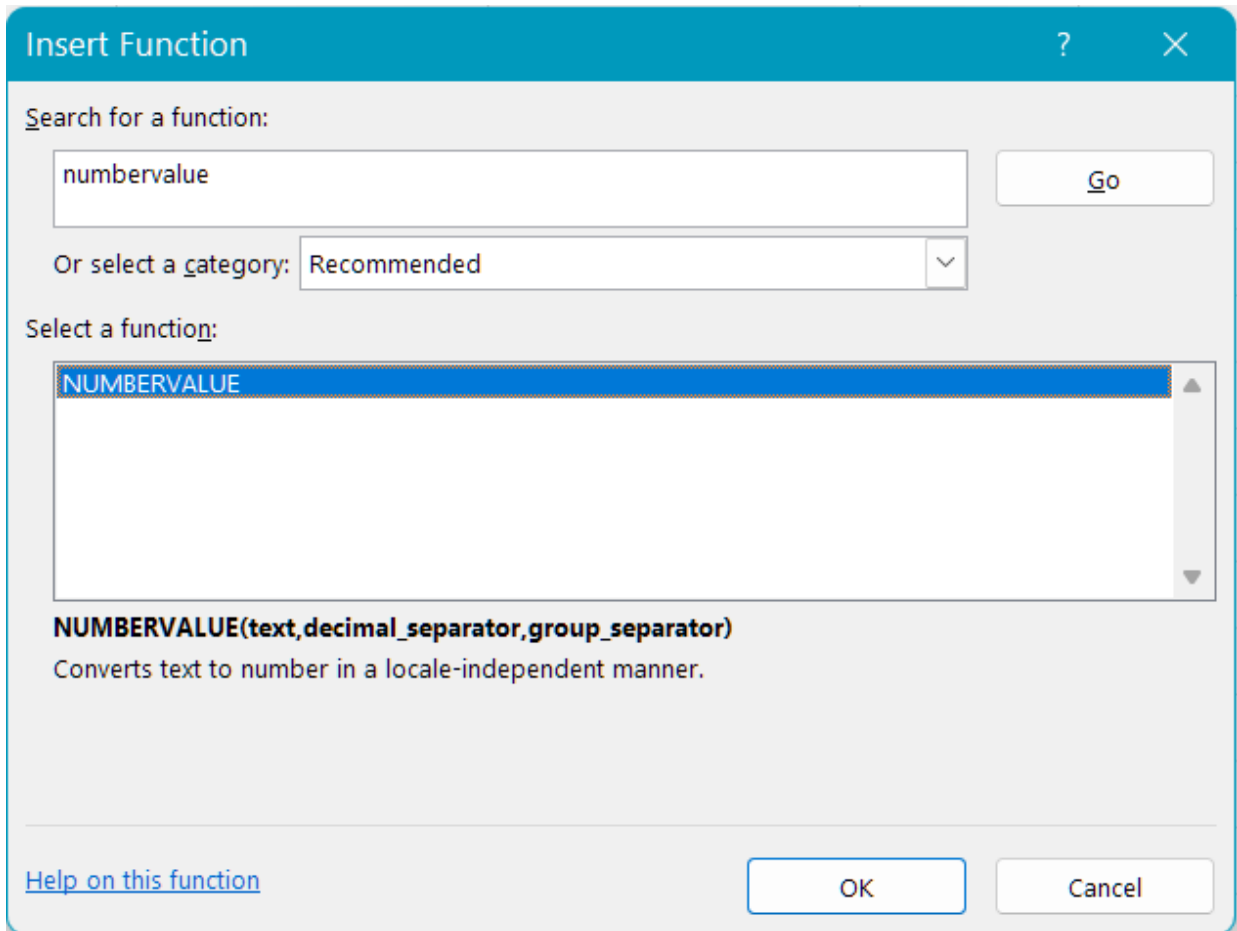
The “fx” icon opens the “Insert Function” dialog box

- Select the function:
 - Either by selecting "NUMBERVALUE" in the "Text" category:



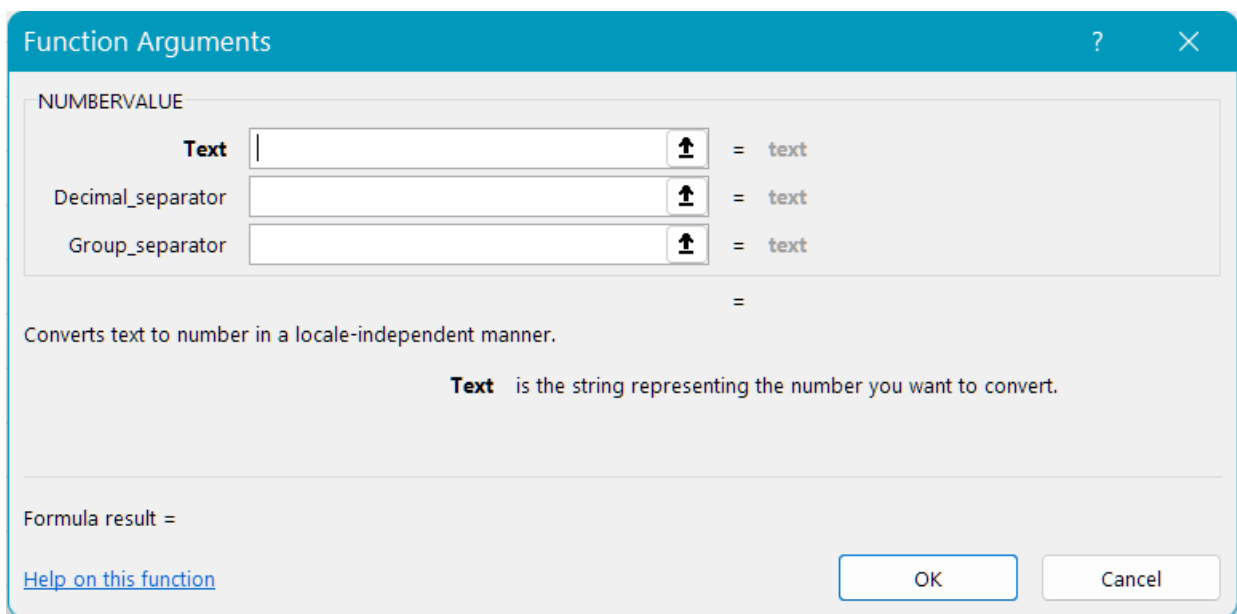
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- Or by typing "numbervalue" into the search field:



The NUMBERVALUE() function via the search field

- Click OK.
- The "Function Arguments" dialog box opens up:



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- Click on the button to the right of the first argument, and select the relevant cell, i.e., B4.

Text  = "2 2548.65"

Select the cell containing the relevant text

- In the second argument, type the decimal separator for the text in inverted commas. In this case, it's a dot: "."

Decimal_separator  = ""

Populate the second argument with the decimal separator

- In the third argument, type the thousands separator for the text in inverted commas. In this case, it's a space: " "

Group_separator  = ""

Populate the third argument with the thousands separator

- Click OK. The text has been transformed into a number! You can see it because the cell is automatically aligned to the right.

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Excel can now use the number.

Ta-da! Now you know how to use the fx wizard to set up this function! 😊