

NUMERIC DATA TYPE

A DATA TYPE defined as NUMERIC requires you to enter the lowest and highest values allowed, the maximum number of decimal digits allowed, and to state whether dollar values are allowed (e.g., \$33).

For example, when defining a NUMERIC DATA TYPE, you are asked the following questions:

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Select FIELD: AGE AT ONSET
Are you adding 'AGE AT ONSET' as a new FIELD? No// Y <RET> (YES)

DATA TYPE OF AGE AT ONSET: NUMERIC
INCLUSIVE LOWER BOUND: 0
INCLUSIVE UPPER BOUND: 100
IS THIS A DOLLAR AMOUNT (Y/N): NO// <RET>
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Figure 112: Defining a NUMERIC DATA TYPE Field in Scrolling Mode (1)

If you answer YES at the "IS THIS A DOLLAR AMOUNT (Y/N):" prompt, VA FileMan would allow users to precede input data with a dollar sign ("\$\$") and show up to two decimal places.

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MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FRACTIONAL DIGITS: 0// <RET>
WILL AGE AT ONSET FIELD BE MULTIPLE? No// <RET> (No)
IS AGE AT ONSET ENTRY MANDATORY (Y/N): NO// <RET> NO
....
'HELP'-PROMPT: Type a Number between 0 and 100, 0 Decimal Digits
                Replace <RET>
DESCRIPTION:
1> <RET>
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Figure 113: Defining a NUMERIC DATA TYPE Field in Scrolling Mode (2)

A default Help prompt is automatically written for you with the NUMERIC DATA TYPE. You can change this prompt using the "Replace ... With" syntax.



This Help information is displayed when the user inputs a single question mark ("?") when editing this field.