

## **Workbook A-Z Function Reference**

This document (© Visual Components Inc.) provides an alphabetical reference for the worksheet functions used in the FilmStar/Scantraq Workbook. The 32-bit version may include additional functions.

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## ABS

<b>Description</b>	Returns the absolute value of a number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ABS</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is any integer.
<b>Remarks</b>	An absolute value does not display a positive or negative sign.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>SIGN</b> function
<b>Examples</b>	ABS(-1) returns 1 ABS(1) returns 1

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## ACOS

<b>Description</b>	Returns the arc cosine of a number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ACOS</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is the cosine of the angle. The cosine can range from 1 to -1.
<b>Remarks</b>	The resulting angle is returned in radians (from 0 to $\pi$ ).
<b>See Also</b>	<b>COS</b> and <b>PI</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	ACOS(.5) returns 1.05 ACOS(-.2) returns 1.77

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## ACOSH

<b>Description</b>	Returns the inverse hyperbolic cosine of a number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ACOSH</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is any number equal to or greater than 1.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ASINH</b> , <b>ATANH</b> , and <b>COSH</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	ACOSH(1.2) returns .62 ACOSH(3) returns 1.76

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## ADDRESS

<b>Description</b>	Creates a cell address as text.								
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b> ( <i>row</i> , <i>column</i> , <i>ref_type</i> [, <i>a1</i> ] [, <i>sheet</i> ])  <i>row</i> is the row number for the cell address. <i>column</i> is the column number for the cell address. <i>ref_type</i> is the cell reference type. The following table lists the values for this argument.								
	<table><thead><tr><th><b>Argument</b></th><th><b>Reference type</b></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Absolute</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Absolute row, relative column</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Relative row, absolute column</td></tr></tbody></table>	<b>Argument</b>	<b>Reference type</b>	1	Absolute	2	Absolute row, relative column	3	Relative row, absolute column
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*a1* is the reference format. This argument must be TRUE() to represent an A1 reference format; Formula One does not support the R1C1 reference format.

*sheet* is the name of an external spreadsheet. Omitting this argument assumes that the reference exists in the current spreadsheet.

**See Also** COLUMN, OFFSET, and ROW functions

**Examples** ADDRESS(5, 6, 1) returns "\$F\$5"  
ADDRESS(5, 6, 4, TRUE(), "SALES.VTS") returns "SALES.VTS!F5"

## AND

**Description** Returns True if all arguments are true; returns False if at least one argument is false.

**Syntax** AND(*logical\_list*)

*logical\_list* is a list of conditions separated by commas. You can include as many as 30 conditions in the list. The list can contain logical values or a reference to a range containing logical values. Text and empty cells are ignored. If there are no logical values in the list, #VALUE! is returned.

**See Also** IF, NOT, and OR functions

**Examples** AND(1+1=2, 5+5=10) returns True because both arguments are true.  
AND(TRUE(), FALSE()) returns False

## ASIN

**Description** Returns the arcsine of a number.

**Syntax** ASIN(*number*)

*number* is the sine of the resulting angle, ranging from -1 to 1.

**Remarks** The resulting angle is returned in radians (ranging from  $-\pi/2$  to  $\pi/2$ ).

**See Also** ASINH, PI, and SIN functions

**Examples** ASIN(-1) returns -1.57  
ASIN(.4) returns .41

## ASINH

**Description** Returns the inverse hyperbolic sine of a number.

**Syntax** ASINH(*number*)

*number* is any number.

**See Also** ACOSH, ASIN, ATANH, and SINH functions

**Examples** ASINH(5.3) returns 2.37  
ASINH(-4) returns -2.09

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## ATAN

<b>Description</b>	Returns the arctangent of a number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ATAN</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is the tangent of the angle.
<b>Remarks</b>	The resulting angle is returned in radians, ranging from $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$ . To find the result in degrees, multiply the result by $180/\text{PI}()$ .
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ATAN2</b> , <b>ATANH</b> , <b>PI</b> , and <b>TAN</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>ATAN(3.5)</code> returns 1.29 <code>ATAN(-4)</code> returns -1.33

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## ATAN2

<b>Description</b>	Returns the arctangent of the specified coordinates.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ATAN2</b> ( <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> )  <i>x</i> is the x coordinate. <i>y</i> is the y coordinate.
<b>Remarks</b>	The arctangent is the angle from the x axis to a line with end points at the origin (0, 0) and a point with the given coordinates (x, y). The angle is returned in radians, ranging from $-\pi$ to $\pi$ , excluding $-\pi$ .
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ATAN</b> , <b>ATANH</b> , <b>PI</b> , and <b>TAN</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>ATAN2(3, 6)</code> returns 1.11 <code>ATAN2(-1, .1)</code> returns 3.04

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## ATANH

<b>Description</b>	Returns the inverse hyperbolic tangent of a number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ATANH</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is a number between -1 and 1, excluding -1 and 1.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ACOS</b> , <b>ASINH</b> , and <b>TANH</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>ATANH(.5)</code> returns .55 <code>ATANH(-.25)</code> returns -.26

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## AVERAGE

<b>Description</b>	Returns the average of the supplied numbers. The result of <b>AVERAGE</b> is also known as the arithmetic mean.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b> ( <i>number_list</i> )  <i>number_list</i> is a list of numbers separated by commas. As many as 30 numbers can be included in the list, and the list can contain numbers or a reference to a range that contains numbers. Text, logical expressions, or empty cells in a referenced range are ignored. All numeric values (including 0) are used.

**See Also** MIN and MAX functions

**Examples** AVERAGE(5, 6, 8, 14) returns 8.25  
AVERAGE(C15:C17) returns 134; C15:C17 contains 24,144, and 234

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## CALL

**Description** Calls a custom function in a dynamic linked library (DLL).

**Syntax** CALL(*file\_name*, *func\_name*, *data\_type*, *argument\_list*)

*file\_name* is the name of the DLL that contains the custom function. The file name should be provided as a quoted text string. You can also provide the path for the file.

*func\_name* is the name of the custom function to be called from the DLL. The function name should be provided as a quoted text string.

*argument\_list* is the list of arguments supplied to the custom function.

*data\_type* is the data type, as a quoted text string, of the arguments and return value of the custom function. The following table lists the data type codes that can be used for this argument.

Data type	Description	Pass by	C declaration
A	Logical (False =0, True =1)	Value	short int
B	IEEE 8-byte floating point number	Value	double
C	Null-terminated string (255 characters maximum)	Reference	char*
D	Byte-counted string (first byte contains string length; 255 characters maximum)	Reference	unsigned char *
E	IEEE 8-byte floating point number	Reference	double*
F	Null-terminated string (255 characters maximum)	Reference	char*
G	Byte-counted string (first byte contains string length; 255 characters maximum)	Reference	unsigned char*
H	Unsigned 2-byte integer	Value	unsigned short int
I	Signed 2-byte integer	Value	short int
J	Signed 4-byte integer	Value	long int
L	Logical (False=0, True =1)	Reference	short int*
M	Signed 2-byte integer	Reference	short int*
N	Signed 4-byte integer	Reference	long int*

**Remarks** For declarations made in C, it is assumed that your compiler defaults to 8-byte doubles, 2-byte short integers, and 4-byte long integers. In the Windows programming environment, all pointers should be far pointers.

Pascal calling conventions are used for all functions called from DLLs. For most C compilers, you must add the `--Pascal` keyword to the function declaration.

If the return value for your custom function uses a pass-by-reference data type, a null pointer can be passed as the return value. The null pointer is interpreted as the `#NUM!` error value.

For F and G data types, a custom function can modify an allocated string buffer. If the return value type code is F or G, the value returned by the function is ignored. The list of function arguments is searched for the first data type that corresponds to the return value type. The current contents of the allocated string buffer is taken for the return value. 256 bytes is allocated for the argument; therefore, a function can return a larger string than it receives.

You can use a single digit (n), with a value from 1 to 9, as the code for `data_type`. The variable in the location pointed to by the nth argument is modified instead of the return value; this process is referred to as modifying in place. The nth argument must be a pass-by-reference data type. In addition, you must declare the function void. For most C compilers, you can add the `Void` keyword to the function declaration.

**Example** `CALL ("\\VTFORM1\\DEMO4\\CUSTFUNC.DLL", "Quotient", "BBB", 3, 2)`

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## CEILING

**Description** Rounds a number up to the nearest multiple of a specified significance.

**Syntax** **CEILING**(*number*, *significance*)

*number* is the value to round.

*significance* is the multiple to which to round.

**Remarks** Regardless of the sign of the number, the value is rounded up, away from zero. If number is an exact multiple of significance, no rounding occurs.

If number or significance is non-numeric, `#VALUE!` is returned. When the arguments have opposite signs, `#NUM!` is returned.

**See Also** **EVEN**, **FLOOR**, **INT**, **ODD**, **ROUND**, and **TRUNC** functions

**Examples** `CEILING(1.23459, .05)` returns 1.25  
`CEILING(-148.24, -2)` returns -150

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## CHAR

**Description** Returns a character that corresponds to the supplied ANSI code.

**Syntax** **CHAR**(*number*)

*number* is a value between 1 and 255 that specifies an ANSI character.

**Remarks** The character and associated numeric code are defined by Windows in the ANSI character set.

**See Also** **CODE** function

**Examples** `CHAR(70)` returns F  
`CHAR(35)` returns #

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## CHOOSE

<b>Description</b>	Returns a value from a list of numbers based on the index number supplied.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>CHOOSE</b> ( <i>index</i> , <i>item_list</i> )  <i>index</i> is a number that refers to an item in <i>item_list</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>index</i> can be a cell reference. <i>index</i> can also be a formula that returns any value from 1 to 29.</li><li>◆ If <i>index</i> is less than 1 or greater than the number of items in <i>item_list</i>, #VALUE! is returned.</li><li>◆ If <i>index</i> is a fractional number, it is truncated to an integer.</li></ul> <i>item_list</i> is a list of numbers, formulas, or text separated by commas. This argument can also be a range reference. You can specify as many as 29 items in the list.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>INDEX</b> function
<b>Examples</b>	<code>CHOOSE(2,"Q1","Q2","Q3","Q4")</code> returns "Q2"  <code>AVERAGE(CHOOSE(1,A1:A10,B1:B10,C1:C10))</code> returns the average of the contents of range A1:A10.

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## CLEAN

<b>Description</b>	Removes all non-printable characters from the supplied text.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>CLEAN</b> ( <i>text</i> )  <i>text</i> is any worksheet information.
<b>Remarks</b>	Text that is imported from another environment may require this function.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>CHAR</b> and <b>TRIM</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	<code>CLEAN("Payments " &amp; CHAR(8) &amp; "Due")</code> returns Payments Due because the character returned by CHAR(8) is non-printable.

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## CODE

<b>Description</b>	Returns a numeric code representing the first character of the supplied string.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>CODE</b> ( <i>text</i> )  <i>text</i> is any string.
<b>Remarks</b>	The numeric code and associated string are defined in your computer's character set. The character set used by Windows is the ANSI character set.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>CHAR</b> function
<b>Examples</b>	<code>CODE("A")</code> returns 65 <code>CODE("b")</code> returns 98

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## COLUMN

<b>Description</b>	Returns the column number of the supplied reference.
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<b>Syntax</b>	<b>COLUMN</b> ( <i>reference</i> )
	<i>reference</i> is a reference to a cell or range. Omitting the argument returns the number of the column in which <b>COLUMN</b> is placed.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>COLUMNS</b> and <b>ROW</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	COLUMN(B3) returns 2 COLUMN( ) returns 4 if the function is entered in cell D2.

## COLUMNS

<b>Description</b>	Returns the number of columns in a range reference.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>COLUMNS</b> ( <i>range</i> )
	<i>range</i> is a reference to a range of cells.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>COLUMN</b> and <b>ROWS</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	COLUMNS(A1:D5) returns 4

## COS

<b>Description</b>	Returns the cosine of an angle.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>COS</b> ( <i>number</i> )
	<i>number</i> is any number.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ACOS</b> , <b>ASINH</b> , <b>ATANH</b> , <b>COSH</b> , and <b>PI</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	COS(1.444) returns .126 COS(5) returns .28

## COSH

<b>Description</b>	Returns the hyperbolic cosine of a number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>COSH</b> ( <i>number</i> )
	<i>number</i> is any number.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ASINH</b> , <b>ATANH</b> , and <b>COS</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	COSH(2.10) returns 4.14 COSH(.24) returns 1.03

## COUNT

<b>Description</b>	Returns the number of values in the supplied list.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>COUNT</b> ( <i>value_list</i> )
	<i>value_list</i> is a list of values. The list can contain as many as 30 values.
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>COUNT</b> only numerates numbers or numerical values (e.g., logical values, dates, or text representations of dates). If you supply a range, only numbers and numerical values in the range are counted. Empty cells, logical values, text, and error values in the range are ignored.

**See Also**            **AVERAGE, COUNTA, and SUM** functions

**Examples**            COUNT(5, 6, "Q2") returns 2  
COUNT("03/06/94", "06/21/94", "10/19/94") returns 3

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## COUNTA

**Description**        Returns the number of non-blank values in the supplied list.

**Syntax**             **COUNTA**(*expression\_list*)

*expression\_list* is a list of expressions. As many as 30 expressions can be included in the list.

**Remarks**            **COUNTA** returns the number of cells that contain data in a range. Null values ("") are counted, but references to empty cells are ignored.

**See Also**            **AVERAGE, COUNT, PRODUCT, and SUM** functions

**Examples**            COUNTA(32, 45, "Earnings", "") returns 4  
COUNTA(C38:C40) returns 0 when the specified range contains empty cells

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## DATE

**Description**        Returns the serial number of the supplied date.

**Syntax**             **DATE**(*year, month, day*)

*year* is a number from 1900 to 2078. If *year* is between 1920 to 2019, you can specify two digits to represent the year; otherwise specify all four digits.

*month* is a number representing the month (e.g., 12 represents December). If a number greater than 12 is supplied, the number is added to the first month of the specified year.

*day* is a number representing the day of the month. If the number you specify for *day* exceeds the number of days in that month, the number is added to the first day of the specified month.

**See Also**            **DATEVALUE, DAY, MONTH, NOW, TIMEVALUE, TODAY, and YEAR** functions

**Examples**            DATE(94, 6, 21) returns 34506  
DATE(99, 3, 6) returns 36225

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## DATEVALUE

**Description**        Returns the serial number of a date supplied as a text string.

**Syntax**             **DATEVALUE**(*text*)

*text* is a date, in text format, between January 1, 1900, and December 31, 2078. If you omit the year, the current year is used.

**See Also**            **NOW, TIMEVALUE, and TODAY** functions

**Examples**            DATEVALUE("3/6/94") returns 34399  
DATEVALUE("12/25/95") returns 35058

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## DAY

<b>Description</b>	Returns the day of the month that corresponds to the date represented by the supplied number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>DAY</b> ( <i>serial_number</i> )  <i>serial_number</i> is a date represented as a serial number or as text (e.g., "06-21-94" or "21-Jun-94").
<b>See Also</b>	<b>HOUR, MINUTE, MONTH, NOW, SECOND, TODAY, WEEKDAY,</b> and <b>YEAR</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	DAY( 34399 ) returns 6 DAY( "06-21-94" ) returns 21

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## DB

<b>Description</b>	Returns the real depreciation of an asset for a specific period of time using the fixed-declining balance method.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>DB</b> ( <i>cost, salvage, life, period</i> [, <i>months</i> ])  <i>cost</i> is the initial cost of the asset. <i>salvage</i> is the salvage value of the asset. <i>life</i> is the number of periods in the useful life of the asset. <i>period</i> is the period for which to calculate the depreciation. The time units used to determine period and life must match. <i>months</i> is the number of months in the first year of the item's life. Omitting this argument assumes there are 12 months in the first year.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>DDB, SLN, SYD,</b> and <b>VDB</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	DB(10000, 1000, 7, 3) returns 1451.52

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## DDB

<b>Description</b>	Returns the depreciation of an asset for a specific period of time using the double-declining balance method or a declining balance factor you supply.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>DDB</b> ( <i>cost, salvage, life, period</i> [, <i>factor</i> ])  <i>cost</i> is the initial cost of the asset. <i>salvage</i> is the salvage value of the asset. <i>life</i> is the number of periods in the useful life of the asset. <i>period</i> is the period for which to calculate the depreciation. The time units used to determine period and life must match. <i>factor</i> is the rate at which the balance declines. Omitting this argument assumes a default factor of 2, the double-declining balance factor.
<b>Remarks</b>	The double-declining balance method uses an accelerated rate where the highest depreciation occurs in the first period, decreasing in successive periods.  All arguments for this function must be positive numbers.

**See Also** DB , SLN, SYD, and VDB functions

**Example** DDB(10000,1000, 7, 3) returns 1457.73

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## DOLLAR

**Description** Returns the specified number as text, using currency format and the supplied precision.

**Syntax** DOLLAR(*number* [, *precision*])

*number* is a number, a formula that evaluates to a number, or a reference to a cell that contains a number.

*precision* is a value representing the number of decimal places to the right of the decimal point. Omitting this argument assumes two decimal places.

**See Also** FIXED, TEXT, and VALUE functions

**Examples** DOLLAR(1023.789) returns "\$1023.79"  
DOLLAR(495.301, -2) returns "\$500"

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## ERROR.TYPE

**Description** Returns a number corresponding to an error.

**Syntax** ERROR.TYPE(*error\_ref*)

*error\_ref* is a cell reference.

**Remarks** The following table lists the error text and associated error numbers returned by this function.

Number	Error text
1	#NULL!
2	#DIV/0!
3	#VALUE!
4	#REF!
5	#NAME?
6	#NUM!
7	#N/A
#N/A	Other

**See Also** ISERR and ISERROR functions

**Example** ERROR.TYPE(A1) returns 2 if the formula in cell A1 attempts to divide by zero.

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## EVEN

**Description** Rounds the specified number up to the nearest even integer.

**Syntax** EVEN(*number*)

*number* is any number, a formula that evaluates to a number, or a reference to a cell that contains a number.

**See Also** **CEILING, FLOOR, INT, ODD, ROUND, and TRUNC** functions

**Examples** `EVEN(2.5)` returns 4  
`EVEN(2030.45)` returns 2032

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## EXACT

**Description** Compares two expressions for identical, case-sensitive matches. True is returned if the expressions are identical; False is returned if they are not.

**Syntax** **EXACT**(*expression1*, *expression2*)

*expression1* is any text.

*expression2* is any text.

**See Also** **LEN** and **SEARCH** functions

**Examples** `EXACT("Match", "Match")` returns True  
`EXACT("Match", "match")` returns False

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## EXP

**Description** Returns e raised to the specified power. The constant e is 2.71828182845904 (the base of the natural logarithm).

**Syntax** **EXP**(*number*)

*number* is any number as the exponent.

**See Also** **LN** and **LOG** functions

**Examples** `EXP(2.5)` returns 12.18  
`EXP(3)` returns 20.09

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## FACT

**Description** Returns the factorial of a specified number.

**Syntax** **FACT**(*number*)

*number* is any non-negative integer. If you supply a real number, **FACT** truncates the number to an integer before calculation.

**See Also** **PRODUCT** function

**Examples** `FACT(2.5)` returns 2  
`FACT(6)` returns 720

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## FALSE

**Description** Returns the logical value False. This function always requires the trailing parentheses.

**Syntax** **FALSE**()

**See Also** **TRUE** function

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## FIND

<b>Description</b>	Searches for a string of text within another text string and returns the character position at which the search string first occurs.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>FIND</b> ( <i>search_text</i> , <i>text</i> [, <i>start_position</i> ])  <i>search_text</i> is the text to find. If you specify an empty string (""), <b>FIND</b> matches the first character in <i>text</i> .  <i>text</i> is the text to be searched.  <i>start_position</i> is the character position in <i>text</i> where the search begins. The first character in <i>text</i> is character number 1. When you omit this argument, the default starting position is character number 1.
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>FIND</b> is case-sensitive. You cannot use wildcard characters in the <i>search_text</i> .
<b>See Also</b>	<b>EXACT</b> , <b>LEN</b> , <b>MID</b> , and <b>SEARCH</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>FIND("time", "There's no time like the present")</code> returns 12 <code>FIND("4", "Aisle 4, Part 123-4-11", 9)</code> returns 19

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## FIXED

<b>Description</b>	Rounds a number to the supplied precision, formats the number in decimal format, and returns the result as text.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>FIXED</b> ( <i>number</i> [, <i>precision</i> ] [, <i>no_commas</i> ])  <i>number</i> is any number.  <i>precision</i> is the number of digits that appear to the right of the decimal place. When this argument is omitted, a default precision of 2 is used. If you specify negative precision, number is rounded to the left of the decimal point. You can specify a precision as great as 127 digits.  <i>no_commas</i> determines if thousands separators (commas) are used in the result. Use 1 to exclude commas in the result. If <i>no_commas</i> is 0 or the argument is omitted, thousands separators are included (e.g., 1,000.00).
<b>See Also</b>	<b>DOLLAR</b> , <b>ROUND</b> , <b>TEXT</b> , and <b>VALUE</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>FIXED(2000.5, 3)</code> returns "2,000.500" <code>FIXED(2009.5, -1, 1)</code> returns "2010"

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## FLOOR

<b>Description</b>	Rounds a number down to the nearest multiple of a specified significance.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>FLOOR</b> ( <i>number</i> , <i>significance</i> )  <i>number</i> is the value to round.  <i>significance</i> is the multiple to which to round.
<b>Remarks</b>	Regardless of the sign of the number, the value is rounded down, toward zero. If number is an exact multiple of significance, no rounding occurs.  If number or significance is non-numeric, #NAME? is returned. When the arguments have opposite signs, #NUM! is returned.

**See Also** **CEILING, EVEN, INT, ODD, ROUND, and TRUNC** functions

**Examples** `FLOOR(1.23459, .05)` returns 1.2  
`FLOOR(-148.24, -2)` returns -148

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## FV

**Description** Returns the future value of an annuity based on regular payments and a fixed interest rate.

**Syntax** **FV**(*interest*, *nper*, *payment* [, *pv*] [, *type*])

*interest* is the fixed interest rate.

*nper* is the number of payments in an annuity.

*payment* is the fixed payment made each period.

*pv* is the present value, or the lump sum amount, the annuity is currently worth. When you omit this argument, a present value of 0 is assumed.

*type* indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.

**Remarks** The units used for interest must match those used for *nper*. For example, if the annuity has an 8% annual interest rate over a period of 5 years, specify 8%/12 for interest and 5\*12 for *nper*.

Cash paid out, such as a payment, is shown as a negative number. Cash received, such as a dividend check, is shown as a positive number.

**See Also** **IPMT, NPER, PMT, PPMT, PV** , and **RATE** functions

**Examples** `FV(5%, 8, -500)` returns 4,774.55  
`FV(10%/12, 240, -700, 1)` returns 531,550.86

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## HLOOKUP

**Description** Searches the top row of a table for a value and returns the contents of a cell in that table that corresponds to the location of the search value.

**Syntax** **HLOOKUP**(*search\_item*, *search\_range*, *row\_index*)

*search\_item* is a value, text string, or reference to a cell containing a value that is matched against data in the top row of *search\_range*.

*search\_range* is a reference to the range (table) to be searched. The cells in the first row of *search\_range* can contain numbers, text, or logical values. The contents of the first row must be in ascending order (e.g., -2, -1, 0, 2...A through Z, False, True). Text searches are not case-sensitive.

*row\_index* is the row in *search\_range* from which the matching value is returned.

- ◆ *row\_index* can be a number from 1 to the number of rows in *search\_range*.
- ◆ If *row\_index* is less than 1, #VALUE! is returned.
- ◆ When *row\_index* is greater than the number of rows in the table, #REF! is returned.

**Remarks** **HLOOKUP** compares the information in the top row of *search\_range* to the supplied *search\_item*. When a match is found, information located in the same column and supplied row (*row\_index*) is returned.

If *search\_item* cannot be found in the top row of *search\_range*, the largest value that is less than *search\_item* is used. When *search\_item* is less than the smallest value in the first row of the *search\_range*, #REF! is returned.

**See Also** **INDEX**, **LOOKUP**, **MATCH**, and **VLOOKUP** functions

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Midwest	Northeast	Pacific	South
2	Q1	48.23	278.21	61.97	164.80
3	Q2	163.83	22.63	161.73	183.96
4	Q3	43.96	233.56	278.16	171.98
5	Q4	245.69	167.09	245.23	163.00

**Examples** In the preceding worksheet:

HLOOKUP("Northeast", B1:E5, 3) returns 22.63  
HLOOKUP("Pacific", B1:E5, 7) returns #REF!

## HOUR

**Description** Returns the hour component of the specified time in 24-hour format.

**Syntax** **HOUR**(*serial\_number*)

*serial\_number* is the time as a serial number. The decimal portion of the number represents time as a fraction of the day.

**Remarks** The result is an integer ranging from 0 (12:00 AM) to 23 (11:00 PM).

**See Also** **DAY**, **MINUTE**, **MONTH**, **NOW**, **SECOND**, **WEEKDAY**, and **YEAR** functions

**Examples** HOUR(34259.4) returns 9  
HOUR(34619.976) returns 23

## IF

**Description** Tests the condition and returns the specified value.

**Syntax** **IF**(*condition*, *true\_value*, *false\_value*)

*condition* is any logical expression.

*true\_value* is the value to be returned if condition evaluates to True.

*false\_value* is the value to be returned if condition evaluates to False.

**See Also** **AND**, **FALSE**, **NOT**, **OR** , and **TRUE** functions

**Example** IF(A1>10, "Greater", "Less") returns Greater if the contents of A1 is greater than 10 and Less if the contents of A1 is less than 10.

## INDEX

**Description** Returns the contents of a cell from a specified range.

**Syntax** **INDEX**(*reference* [, *row*] [, *column*] [, *range\_number*])

*reference* is a reference to one or more ranges.

- ◆ If *reference* specifies more than one range, separate each reference with a comma and enclose *reference* in parentheses (e.g., (A1:C6, B7:E14, F4)).
- ◆ If each range in *reference* contains only one row or column, you can omit the row or column argument. For example, if *reference* is A1:A15, you can omit the column argument (e.g., INDEX(A1:A15, 3,, 1)).

*row* is the row number in *reference* from which to return data.

*column* is column number in *reference* from which to return data.

*range\_number* specifies the range from which data is returned if *reference* contains more than one range. For example, if *reference* is (A1:A10, B1:B5, D14:E23), A1:A10 is *range\_number* 1, B1:B5 is *range\_number* 2, and D14:E23 is *range\_number* 3.

**Remarks** If *row*, *column*, and *range\_number* do not point to a cell within *reference*, #REF! is returned. If *row* and *column* are omitted, **INDEX** returns the range in *reference* specified by *range\_number*.

**See Also** **CHOOSE**, **HLOOKUP**, **LOOKUP**, **MATCH**, and **VLOOKUP** functions

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Sales Group 1			Sales Group 2	
2	Adams	\$1,225.14		Cash	\$1,819.47
3	Baker	\$1,415.35		Johnson	\$1,733.67
4	Martinez	\$1,573.57		Nelson	\$1,138.23
5	Smith	\$1,469.78		Randall	\$1,634.58
6	White	\$1,390.89		Schultz	\$1,093.82

**Examples** In the preceding worksheet:

INDEX(A2:B6, 2, 2) returns \$1415.35

INDEX((A2:B6, D2:E6), 4, 2, 2) returns \$1634.58

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## INDIRECT

**Description** Returns the contents of the cell referenced by the specified cell.

**Syntax** **INDIRECT**(*ref\_text* [, *a1*])

*ref\_text* is a reference to a cell that references a third cell. If *ref\_text* is not a valid reference, #REF! is returned.

*a1* is the reference format. This argument must be TRUE() to represent an A1 reference format; Formula One does not support the R1C1 reference format.

**See Also** **OFFSET** function

**Example** **INDIRECT**(C1) returns the contents of the cell that C1 references. If C1 contains "D1", the contents of D1 is returned by **INDIRECT**.

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## INT

**Description** Rounds the supplied number down to the nearest integer.

**Syntax** **INT**(*number*)

*number* is any real number.

**See Also** **CEILING**, **FLOOR**, **MOD**, **ROUND**, and **TRUNC** functions

**Examples** `INT(10.99)` returns 10  
`INT(-10.99)` returns -11

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## IPMT

**Description** Returns the interest payment of an annuity for a given period, based on regular payments and a fixed periodic interest rate.

**Syntax** **IPMT**(*interest*, *per*, *nper*, *pv*, [*fv*], [*type*])

*interest* is the fixed periodic interest rate.

*per* is the period for which to return the interest payment. This number must be between 1 and *nper*.

*nper* is the number of payments.

*pv* is the present value, or the lump sum amount the annuity is currently worth.

*fv* is the future value, or the value after all payments are made. If this argument is omitted, the future value is assumed to be 0.

*type* indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.

**Remarks** The units used for interest must match those used for *nper*. For example, if the annuity has an 8% annual interest rate over a period of 5 years, specify 8%/12 for interest and 5\*12 for *nper*.

Cash paid out, such as a payment, is shown as a negative number. Cash received, such as a dividend check, is shown as a positive number.

**See Also** **FV**, **PMT**, **PPMT**, and **RATE** functions

**Examples** `IPMT(8%/12, 2, 48, 18000)` returns -117.87  
`IPMT(8%/12, 2, 48, 18000, 0, 1)` returns -117.09

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## IRR

**Description** Returns internal rate of return for a series of periodic cash flows.

**Syntax** **IRR**(*cash\_flow* [, *guess*])

*cash\_flow* is a reference to a range that contains values for which to calculate the internal rate of return. The values must contain at least one positive and one negative value.

- ◆ During calculation, **IRR** uses the order in which the values appear to determine the order of the cash flow.
- ◆ Text, logical values, and empty cells in the range are ignored.

*guess* is the estimate of the internal rate of return. If no argument is supplied, a rate of return of 10 percent is assumed.

**Remarks** The internal rate of return is the interest rate received for an investment consisting of payments (specified by negative numbers) and investments (specified by positive numbers).

**IRR** is calculated iteratively, cycling through the calculation until the result is accurate to .00001 percent. If the result cannot be found after 20 iterations, #NUM! is returned. When this occurs, supply a different value for guess.

**See Also** **MIRR**, **NPV**, and **RATE** functions

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>1</b>	Investment	(\$60,000.00)
<b>2</b>	1989 income	\$9,590.00
<b>3</b>	1990 income	\$10,580.00
<b>4</b>	1991 income	\$12,790.00
<b>5</b>	1992 income	\$15,830.00
<b>6</b>	1993 income	\$18,930.00

**Examples** In the preceding worksheet:

IRR(B1:B6) returns 3.72%  
IRR(B1:B3, -20%) returns -49.26%

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## ISBLANK

**Description** Determines if the specified cell is blank.

**Syntax** **ISBLANK**(*reference*)

*reference* is a reference to any cell.

**Remarks** If the referenced cell is blank, True is returned. False is returned if the cell is not blank.

**See Also** **ISERR**, **ISERROR**, **ISLOGICAL**, **ISNA**, **ISNONTTEXT**, **ISNUMBER**, **ISREF**, and **ISTEXT** functions

**Example** ISBLANK(A1) returns True if A1 is a blank cell.

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## ISERR

**Description** Determines if the specified expression returns an error value.

**Syntax** **ISERR**(*expression*)

*expression* is any expression.

**Remarks** If the *expression* returns any error except #N/A!, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.

**See Also** **ISBLANK**, **ISERROR**, **ISLOGICAL**, **ISNA**, **ISNONTTEXT**, **ISNUMBER**, **ISREF**, and **ISTEXT** functions

**Example** ISERR(A1) returns True if A1 contains a formula that returns an error (e.g., #NUM!).

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## ISERROR

**Description** Determines if the specified expression returns an error value.

<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ISERROR</b> ( <i>expression</i> )  <i>expression</i> is any expression.
<b>Remarks</b>	If the <i>expression</i> returns any error value (e.g., #N/A!, #VALUE!, #REF!, #DIV/0!, #NUM!, #NAME?, or #NULL!), True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ISBLANK, ISERR, ISLOGICAL, ISNA, ISNONTEXT, ISNUMBER, ISREF,</b> and <b>ISTEXT</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	ISERROR(4/0) returns True ISERROR(A1) returns False if A1 contains a formula that does not return an error.

## ISLOGICAL

<b>Description</b>	Determines if the specified expression returns a logical value.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ISLOGICAL</b> ( <i>expression</i> )  <i>expression</i> is any expression.
<b>Remarks</b>	If the expression returns a logical value, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISNA, ISNONTEXT, ISNUMBER, ISREF,</b> and <b>ISTEXT</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	ISLOGICAL( ISBLANK( A1 ) ) returns True because ISBLANK returns a logical value.

## ISNA

<b>Description</b>	Determines if the specified expression returns the value not available error.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ISNA</b> ( <i>expression</i> )  <i>expression</i> is any expression.
<b>Remarks</b>	If the <i>expression</i> returns the #N/A! error, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISLOGICAL, ISNONTEXT, ISNUMBER, ISREF,</b> and <b>ISTEXT</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	ISNA(A1) returns True if cell A1 contains the NA() function or returns the error value #N/A!.

## ISNONTEXT

<b>Description</b>	Determines if the specified expression is not text.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>ISNONTEXT</b> ( <i>expression</i> )  <i>expression</i> is any expression.
<b>Remarks</b>	If the <i>expression</i> returns any value that is not text, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.

**See Also** **ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISLOGICAL, ISNA, ISNUMBER, ISREF, and ISTEXT** functions

**Examples** `ISNONTEXT(F3)` returns True if cell F3 contains a number or is a blank cell.  
`ISNONTEXT("text")` returns False.

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## ISNUMBER

**Description** Determines if the specified expression is a number.

**Syntax** **ISNUMBER**(*expression*)

*expression* is any expression.

**Remarks** If the *expression* returns a number, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned. If *expression* returns a number represented as text (e.g., "12"), False is returned.

**See Also** **ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISLOGICAL, ISNA, ISNONTEXT, ISREF, and ISTEXT** functions

**Examples** `ISNUMBER(123.45)` returns True  
`ISNUMBER("123")` returns False

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## ISREF

**Description** Determines if the specified expression is a range reference.

**Syntax** **ISREF**(*expression*)

*expression* is any expression.

**Remarks** If the *expression* returns a range reference, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.

**See Also** **ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISLOGICAL, ISNA, ISNONTEXT, ISNUMBER, and ISTEXT** functions

**Example** `ISREF(A3)` returns True

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## ISTEXT

**Description** Determines if the specified expression is text.

**Syntax** **ISTEXT**(*expression*)

*expression* is any expression.

**Remarks** If the *expression* returns text, True is returned. Otherwise, False is returned.

**See Also** **ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISLOGICAL, ISNA, ISNONTEXT, ISNUMBER, and ISREF** functions

**Example** `ISTEXT("2nd Quarter")` returns True

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## LEFT

**Description** Returns the leftmost characters from the specified text string.

**Syntax** **LEFT**(*text* [, *num\_chars*])

*text* is any text string.

*num\_chars* is the number of characters to return. This value must be greater than or equal to zero. If *num\_chars* is greater than the number of characters in *text*, the entire string is returned. Omitting this argument assumes a value of 1.

**See Also**        **MID** and **RIGHT** functions

**Examples**        LEFT("2nd Quarter") returns "2"  
LEFT("2nd Quarter", 3) returns "2nd"

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## LEN

**Description**    Returns the number of characters in the supplied text string.

**Syntax**         **LEN**(*text*)

*text* in any text string. Spaces in the string are counted as characters.

**See Also**        **EXACT** and **SEARCH** functions

**Examples**        LEN("3rd Quarter") returns 11  
LEN("1-3") returns 3

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## LN

**Description**    Returns the natural logarithm (based on the constant e) of a number.

**Syntax**         **LN**(*number*)

*number* is any positive real number.

**Remarks**        **LN** is the inverse of the **EXP** function.

**See Also**        **EXP**, **LOG**, and **LOG10** functions

**Examples**        LN(12.18) returns 2.50  
LN(20.09) returns 3.00

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## LOG

**Description**    Returns the logarithm of a number to the specified base.

**Syntax**         **LOG**(*number* [, *base*])

*text* is any positive real number.

*base* is the base of the logarithm. Omitting this argument assumes a base of 10.

**See Also**        **EXP**, **LN**, and **LOG10** functions

**Examples**        LOG(1) returns 0  
LOG(10) returns 1

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## LOG10

**Description**    Returns the base-10 logarithm of a number.

**Syntax**         **LOG10**(*number*)

*number* is any positive real number.

**See Also**      **EXP**, **LN**, and **LOG** functions

**Examples**      LOG10(260) returns 2.41  
LOG10(100) returns 2

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## LOOKUP

**Description**      Searches for a value in one range and returns the contents of the corresponding position in a second range.

**Syntax**            **LOOKUP**(*lookup\_value*, *lookup\_range*, *result\_range*)

*lookup\_value* is the value for which to search in the first range.

*lookup\_range* is the first range to search and contains only one row or one column.

- ◆ The range can contain numbers, text, or logical values.
- ◆ To search *lookup\_range* correctly, the expressions in the range must be placed in ascending order (e.g., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2...A through Z, False, True). The search is not case-sensitive.

*result\_range* is a range of one row or one column that is the same size as *lookup\_range*.

**Remarks**            If *lookup\_value* does not have an exact match in *lookup\_range*, the largest value that is less than or equal to *lookup\_value* is found and the corresponding position in *result\_range* is returned. When *lookup\_value* is smaller than the data in *lookup\_range*, #N/A is returned.

**See Also**            **HLOOKUP**, **INDEX**, and **VLOOKUP** functions

	A	B
1	Region	Headquarters
2	Midwest	Kansas City
3	North	Detroit
4	Northeast	Philadelphia
5	Pacific	Portland
6	South	Atlanta
7	Southwest	Phoenix

**Examples**            In the preceding worksheet:

LOOKUP("North", A2:A7, B2:B7) returns Detroit  
LOOKUP("Alabama", A2:A7, B2:B7) returns #N/A

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## LOWER

**Description**      Changes the characters in the specified string to lowercase characters. Numeric characters in the string are not changed.

**Syntax**            **LOWER**(*text*)

*text* is any string.

**See Also**            **PROPER** and **UPPER** functions

**Examples** LOWER("3rd Quarter") returns "3rd quarter"  
LOWER("JOHN DOE") returns "john doe"

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## MATCH

**Description** A specified value is compared against values in a range. The position of the matching value in the search range is returned.

**Syntax** **MATCH**(lookup\_value, lookup\_range, comparison)

*lookup\_value* is the value against which to compare. It can be a number, text, or logical value or a reference to a cell that contains one of those values.

*lookup\_range* is the range to search and contains only one row or one column. The range can contain numbers, text, or logical values.

*comparison* is a number that represents the type of comparison to be made between *lookup\_value* and the values in *lookup\_range*. When you omit this argument, comparison method 1 is assumed.

- ◆ When comparison is 1, the largest value that is less than or equal to *lookup\_value* is matched. When using this comparison method, the values in *lookup\_range* must be in ascending order (e.g., ...-2, -1, 0, 1, 2..., A through Z, False, True).
- ◆ When comparison is 0, the first value that is equal to *lookup\_value* is matched. When using this comparison method, the values in *lookup\_range* can be in any order.
- ◆ When comparison is -1, the smallest value that is greater than or equal to *lookup\_value* is matched. When using this comparison method, the values in *lookup\_range* must be in descending order (e.g., True, False, Z through A, ...2, 1, 0, -1, -2...).

**Remarks** When using comparison method 0 and *lookup\_value* is text, *lookup\_value* can contain wildcard characters. The wildcard characters are \* (asterisk), which matches any sequence of characters, and ? (question mark), which matches any single character.

When no match is found for *lookup\_value*, #N/A is returned.

**See Also** HLOOKUP, INDEX, LOOKUP, and VLOOKUP functions

	A	B
1	Mfr. Code	Stock No.
2	BAJ	0677
3	DOD	0753
4	FMH	0816
5	JMR	0913
6	PLY	7534
7	TJL	7763

**Examples** In the preceding worksheet:

MATCH(7600, B2:B7,1) returns 5  
MATCH("D\*", A2:A7,0) returns 2

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## MAX

**Description** Returns the largest value in the specified list of numbers.

<b>Syntax</b>	<b>MAX</b> ( <i>number_list</i> )
	<i>number_list</i> is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The list can contain numbers, logical values, text representations of numbers, or a reference to a range containing those values.</li> <li>◆ Error values or text that cannot be translated into numbers return errors.</li> <li>◆ If a range reference is included in the list, text, logical expressions, and empty cells in the range are ignored.</li> <li>◆ If there are no numbers in the list, 0 is returned.</li> </ul>
<b>See Also</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b> and <b>MIN</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<p>MAX(50, 100, 150, 500, 200) returns 500</p> <p>MAX(A1:F12) returns the largest value in the range</p>

## MID

<b>Description</b>	Returns the specified number of characters from a text string, beginning with the specified starting position.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>MID</b> ( <i>text</i> , <i>start_position</i> , <i>num_chars</i> )
	<i>text</i> is the string from which to return characters.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>start_position</i> is the position of the first character to return from text.</li> <li>◆ If <i>start_position</i> is 1, the first character in text is returned.</li> <li>◆ If <i>start_position</i> is greater than the number of characters in text, an empty string ("") is returned.</li> <li>◆ If <i>start_position</i> is less than 1, #VALUE! is returned.</li> </ul>
	<i>num_chars</i> is the number of characters to return. If <i>num_chars</i> is negative, #VALUE! is returned.
<b>Remarks</b>	If <i>start_position</i> plus the number of characters in <i>num_chars</i> exceeds the length of text, the characters from <i>start_position</i> to the end of text are returned.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>CODE</b> , <b>FIND</b> , <b>LEFT</b> , <b>RIGHT</b> , and <b>SEARCH</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<p>MID("TravelExpenses", 8, 8) returns "Expenses"</p> <p>MID("Part #45-7234", 7, 2) returns 45</p>

## MIN

<b>Description</b>	Returns the smallest value in the specified list of numbers.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>MIN</b> ( <i>number_list</i> )
	<i>number_list</i> is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The list can contain numbers, logical values, text representations of numbers, or a reference to a range containing those values.</li> <li>◆ Error values or text that cannot be translated into numbers return errors.</li> <li>◆ If a range reference is included in the list, text, logical expressions, and empty cells in the range are ignored.</li> </ul>

- ◆ If there are no numbers in the list, 0 is returned.

**See Also** **AVERAGE** and **MAX** functions

**Examples** MIN(50, 100, 150, 500, 200) returns 50  
MIN(A1:F12) returns the smallest value in the range

## MINUTE

**Description** Returns the minute that corresponds to the supplied date.

**Syntax** **MINUTE**(*serial\_number*)

*serial\_number* is the time as a serial number. The decimal portion of the number represents time as a fraction of the day.

**Remarks** The result is an integer ranging from 0 to 59.

**See Also** **DAY**, **HOUR**, **MONTH**, **NOW**, **SECOND**, **WEEKDAY**, and **YEAR** functions

**Examples** MINUTE(34506.4) returns 36  
MINUTE(34399.825) returns 48

## MIRR

**Description** Returns the modified internal rate of return for a series of periodic cash flows.

**Syntax** **MIRR**(*cash\_flows*, *finance\_rate*, *reinvest\_rate*)

*cash\_flow* is a reference to a range that contains values for which to calculate the modified internal rate of return. The values must contain at least one positive and one negative value.

- ◆ During calculation, **MIRR** uses the order in which the values appear to determine the order of cash flow.
- ◆ Values that represent cash received should be positive; negative values represent cash paid.
- ◆ Text, logical values, and empty cells in the range are ignored.

*finance\_rate* is the interest rate paid on money used in the cash flow.

*reinvest\_rate* is the interest rate received on money reinvested from the cash flow.

**Remarks** The modified internal rate of return considers the cost of the investment and the interest received on the reinvestment of cash.

**See Also** **IRR**, **NPV**, and **RATE** functions

	A	B
1	Investment	(\$60,000.00)
2	1989 income	\$9,590.00
3	1990 income	\$10,580.00
4	1991 income	\$12,790.00
5	1992 income	\$15,830.00
6	1993 income	\$18,930.00

**Examples** In the preceding worksheet:

MIRR(B1:B6, 12%, 8%) returns 5.20%  
MIRR(B1:B3, 12%, 8%) returns -40.93%

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## MOD

**Description** Returns the remainder after dividing a number by a specified divisor.

**Syntax** **MOD**(*number*, *divisor*)

*number* is any number.

*divisor* is any non-zero number. If *divisor* is 0, #DIV/0! is returned.

**See Also** **INT**, **ROUND**, and **TRUNC** functions

**Examples** MOD(-23, 3) returns 1  
MOD(-23, -3) returns -2

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## MONTH

**Description** Returns the month that corresponds to the supplied date.

**Syntax** **MONTH**(*serial\_number*)

*serial\_number* is the date as a serial number or as text (e.g., "06-21-94" or "21-Jun-94").

**Remarks** **MONTH** returns a number ranging from 1 (January) to 12 (December).

**See Also** **DAY**, **HOUR**, **MINUTE**, **NOW**, **SECOND**, **TODAY**, **WEEKDAY**, and **YEAR** functions

**Examples** MONTH("06-21-94") returns 6  
MONTH(34626) returns 10

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## N

**Description** Tests the supplied value and returns the value if it is a number.

**Syntax** **N**(*value*)

*value* is a value or a reference to a cell containing a value to test.

**Remarks** Numbers are returned as numbers, serial numbers formatted as dates are returned as serial numbers, and the logical function TRUE() is returned as 1. All other expressions return 0.

**See Also** **T** and **VALUE** functions

**Examples** N(32467) returns 32467  
N(A4) returns 1 if A4 contains the logical function True

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## NA

**Description** Returns the error value #N/A, which represents "not available."

**Syntax** **NA**()

**Remarks** Use **NA** to mark cells that lack data without leaving them empty. Empty cells may not be correctly represented in some calculations.

Although **NA** does not use arguments, you must supply the empty parentheses to correctly reference the function.

**See Also** **ISNA** function

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## NOT

**Description** Returns a logical value that is the opposite of its value.

**Syntax** **NOT**(*logical*)

*logical* is an expression that returns a logical value (e.g., True or False).

**Remarks** If *logical* is false, **NOT** returns True. Conversely, if *logical* is true, **NOT** returns False.

**See Also** **AND**, **IF**, and **OR** functions

**Examples**  
NOT(TRUE()) returns False  
NOT(MONTH("12/25/94") = 12) returns False

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## NOW

**Description** Returns the current date and time as a serial number.

**Syntax** **NOW**()

**Remarks** In a serial number, numbers to the left of the decimal point represent the date; numbers to the right of the decimal point represent the time. The result of this function changes only when a recalculation of the worksheet occurs.

**See Also** **DATE**, **DAY**,  **HOUR**, **MINUTE**, **MONTH**, **SECOND**, **TODAY**, **WEEKDAY**, and **YEAR** functions

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## NPER

**Description** Returns the number of periods of an investment based on regular periodic payments and a fixed interest rate.

**Syntax** **NPER**(*interest*, *pmt*, *pf* [, *fv*] [, *type*])

*interest* is the fixed interest rate.

*pmt* is the fixed payment made each period. Generally, *pmt* includes the principle and interest, not taxes or other fees.

*pf* is the present value, the lump-sum amount that a series of future payments is currently worth.

*fv* is the future value, the balance to attain after the final payment. Omitting this argument assumes a future balance of 0.

*type* indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.

**See Also** **FV**, **IPMT**, **PMT**, **PPMT**, **PV**, and **RATE** functions

**Examples**  
NPER(12%/12, -350, -300, 16000, 1) returns 36.67  
NPER(1%, -350, -300, 16000) returns 36.98

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## NPV

**Description** Returns the net present value of an investment based on a series of periodic payments and a discount rate.

**Syntax** **NPV**(*discount\_rate*, *value\_list*)

*discount\_rate* is the rate of discount for one period.

*value\_list* is a list of as many as 29 arguments or a reference to a range that contains values that represent payments and income.

- ◆ During calculation, **NPV** uses the order in which the values appear to determine the order of cash flow.
- ◆ Numbers, empty cells, and text representations of numbers are included in the calculation. Errors and text that cannot be translated into numbers are ignored.
- ◆ If *value\_list* is a range reference, only numeric data in the range is included in the calculation. Other types of data in the range (e.g., empty cells, logical values, text, and error values) are ignored.

**Remarks** The time span **NPV** uses for calculation begins one period before the first cash flow date and ends when the last cash flow payment is made. This function is based on future cash flows. When your first cash flow occurs at the beginning of the first period, the first value must be added to the **NPV** result, not supplied as a value in *value\_list*.

**See Also** **FV** , **IRR**, and **PV** functions

**Example** NPV(8%, -12000, 3000, 3000, 3000, 7000) returns 811.57

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## ODD

**Description** Rounds the specified number up to the nearest odd integer.

**Syntax** **ODD**(*number*)

*number* is any number, a formula that evaluates to a number, or a reference to a cell that contains a number.

**See Also** **CEILING**, **EVEN**, **FLOOR**, **INT**, **ROUND**, and **TRUNC** functions

**Examples**  
ODD(3.5) returns 5  
ODD(6) returns 7

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## OFFSET

**Description** Returns the contents of a range that is offset from a starting point in the spreadsheet.

**Syntax** **OFFSET**(*reference*, *rows*, *columns* [, *height*] [, *width*])

*reference* is a reference to a cell from which the offset reference is based. If you specify a range reference, #VALUE! is returned.

*rows* is the number of rows from *reference* that represents the upper-left cell of the offset range. A positive number represents rows below the starting cell; a negative number represents rows above the starting cell. If *rows*

places the upper-left cell of the offset range outside the spreadsheet boundary, #REF! is returned.

*columns* is the number of columns from reference that represents the upper-left cell of the offset range. A positive number represents columns right of the starting cell; a negative number represents columns left of the starting cell. If *columns* places the upper-left cell of the offset range outside the spreadsheet boundary, #REF! is returned.

*height* is a positive number representing the number of rows to include in the offset range. Omitting this argument assumes a single row .

*width* is a positive number representing the number of columns to include in the offset range. Omitting this argument assumes a single column.

**Remarks** **OFFSET** does not change the current selection in the worksheet. Because it returns a reference, **OFFSET** can be used in any function that requires or uses a cell or range reference as an argument.

**See Also** **COLUMN**, **INDIRECT**, and **ROW** functions

**Examples** **OFFSET**(B1, 3, 2, 1, 1) returns the contents of cell D4  
**SUM**(**OFFSET**(A1, 2, 4, 3, 2)) equals the sum of the range E3:F5

## OR

**Description** Returns True if at least one of a series of logical arguments is true.

**Syntax** **OR**(*logical\_list*)

*logical\_list* is a list of conditions separated by commas. You can include as many as 30 conditions in the list. The list can contain logical values or a reference to a range containing logical values. Text and empty cells are ignored. If there are no logical values in the list, the error value #VALUE! is returned.

**See Also** **AND**, **IF** , and **NOT** functions

**Example** **OR**(1 + 1 = 1, 5 + 5 = 10) returns True because one of the arguments is true.

## PI

**Description** Returns the value of pi ( $\pi$ ), which is approximately 3.14159265358979 when calculated to 15 significant digits.

**Syntax** **PI**()

**Remarks** Although **PI** does not use arguments, you must supply the empty parentheses to correctly reference the function.

**See Also** **COS**, **SIN**, and **TAN** functions

## PMT

**Description** Returns the periodic payment of an annuity, based on regular payments and a fixed periodic interest rate.

**Syntax** **PMT**(*interest*, *nper*, *pv* [, *fv*] [, *type*])

*interest* is the fixed periodic interest rate.

*nper* is the number of periods in the annuity.

*pv* is the present value, or the amount the annuity is currently worth.

*fv* is the future value, or the amount the annuity will be worth. When you omit this argument, a future value of 0 is assumed.

*type* indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.

**Remarks** **PMT** returns only the principal and interest payment, it does not include taxes or other fees.

The units used for interest must match those used for *nper*. For example, if the annuity has an 8% annual interest rate over a period of 5 years, specify 8%/12 for interest and 5\*12 for *nper*.

Cash paid out, such as a payment, is shown as a negative number. Cash received, such as a dividend check, is shown as a positive number.

**See Also** **FV** , **IPMT** , **NPER** , **PPMT** , **PV** , and **RATE** functions

**Examples** `PMT(8%/12, 48, 18000)` returns -439.43  
`PMT(8%/12, 48, 18000, 0, 1)` returns -436.52

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## PPMT

**Description** Returns the principle paid on an annuity for a given period.

**Syntax** **PPMT**(*interest*, *per*, *nper*, *pv*, [*fv*], [*type*])

*interest* is the fixed periodic interest rate.

*per* is the period for which to return the principle.

*nper* is the number of periods in the annuity.

*pv* is the present value, or the amount the annuity is currently worth.

*fv* is the future value, or the amount the annuity will be worth. When you omit this argument, a future value of 0 is assumed.

*type* indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.

**Remarks** The units used for interest must match those used for *nper*. For example, if the annuity has an 8% annual interest rate over a period of 5 years, specify 8%/12 for interest and 5\*12 for *nper*.

**See Also** **FV** , **IPMT** , **NPER** , **PMT** , **PV** , and **RATE** functions

**Examples** `PPMT(8%/12, 2, 48, 18000)` returns -321.56  
`PPMT(8%/12, 2, 48, 18000, 0, 1)` returns -319.43

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## PRODUCT

**Description** Multiplies a list of numbers and returns the result.

**Syntax** **PRODUCT**(*number\_list*)

*number\_list* is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas.

- ◆ The list can contain numbers, logical values, text representations of numbers, or a reference to a range containing those values.
- ◆ Error values or text that cannot be translated into numbers return errors.
- ◆ If a range reference is included in the list, text, logical expressions, and empty cells in the range are ignored.
- ◆ All numeric values, including 0, are used in the calculation.

**See Also** **FACT** and **SUM** functions

**Example** `PRODUCT(1, 2, 3, 4)` returns 24

## PROPER

**Description** Returns the specified string in proper-case format.

**Syntax** **PROPER**(*text*)

*text* is any string.

**Remarks** In proper-case format, the first alphabetic character in a word is capitalized. If an alphabetic character follows a number, punctuation mark, or space, it is capitalized. All other alphabetic characters are lowercase. Numbers are not changed by **PROPER**.

**See Also** **LOWER** and **UPPER** functions

**Examples** **PROPER**("3rd Quarter") returns "3Rd Quarter"  
**PROPER**("JOHN DOE") returns "John Doe"

## PV

**Description** Returns the present value of an annuity, considering a series of constant payments made over a regular payment period.

**Syntax** **PV**(*interest*, *nper*, *pmt* [, *fv*] [, *type*])

*interest* is the fixed periodic interest rate.

*nper* is the number of payment periods in the investment.

*pmt* is the fixed payment made each period.

*fv* is the future value, or the amount the annuity will be worth. When you omit this argument, a future value of 0 is assumed.

*type* indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.

**Remarks** The units used for interest must match those used for *nper*. For example, if the annuity has an 8% annual interest rate over a period of 5 years, specify 8%/12 for interest and 5\*12 for *nper*.

Cash paid out, such as a payment, is shown as a negative number. Cash received, such as a dividend check, is shown as a positive number.

**See Also** **FV** , **IPMT** , **NPV** , **PMT** , **PPMT** , and **RATE** functions

**Examples** `PV(8%/12, 48, 439.43)` returns -17999.89

PV(8%/12, 48, -439.43) returns 17999.89

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## RAND

<b>Description</b>	Returns a number selected randomly from a uniform distribution greater than or equal to 0 and less than 1.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>RAND()</b>
<b>Remarks</b>	Although <b>RAND</b> does not use arguments, you must supply the empty parentheses to correctly reference the function.
<b>Example</b>	RAND()*10 returns a random number greater than or equal to 0 and less than 10.

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## RATE

<b>Description</b>	Returns the interest rate per period of an annuity, given a series of constant cash payments made over a regular payment period.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>RATE</b> ( <i>nper</i> , <i>pmt</i> , <i>pv</i> [, <i>fv</i> ] [, <i>type</i> ] [, <i>guess</i> ])  <i>nper</i> is the number of periods in the annuity.  <i>pmt</i> is the fixed payment made each period. Generally, <i>pmt</i> includes only principle and interest, not taxes or other fees.  <i>pv</i> is the present value of the annuity.  <i>fv</i> is the future value, or the amount the annuity will be worth. When you omit this argument, a future value of 0 is assumed.  <i>type</i> indicates when payments are due. Use 0 if payments are due at the end of the period or 1 if payments are due at the beginning of the period. When you omit this argument, 0 is assumed.  <i>guess</i> is your estimate of the interest rate. If no argument is supplied, a value of .1 (10%) is assumed.
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>RATE</b> is calculated iteratively, cycling through the calculation until the result is accurate to .00001 percent. If the result cannot be found after 20 iterations, #NUM! is returned. When this occurs, supply a different value for <i>guess</i> .
<b>See Also</b>	<b>FV</b> , <b>IPMT</b> , <b>NPER</b> , <b>PMT</b> , <b>PPMT</b> , and <b>PV</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	RATE(48, -439.43, 18000) returns .0067 (rounded to 4 decimals), which is the monthly interest rate. The annual interest rate (.0067 multiplied by 12) is 8%.

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## REPLACE

<b>Description</b>	Replaces part of a text string with another text string.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>REPLACE</b> ( <i>orig_text</i> , <i>start_position</i> , <i>num_chars</i> , <i>repl_text</i> )  <i>orig_text</i> is the original text string.  <i>start_position</i> is the character position where the replacement begins. ◆ If <i>start_position</i> is greater than the number of characters in <i>orig_text</i> , <i>repl_text</i> is appended to the end of <i>orig_text</i> .

◆ If *start\_position* is less than 1, #VALUE! is returned.

*num\_chars* is the number of characters to replace. If this argument is negative, #VALUE! is returned.

*repl\_text* is the replacement text string.

**See Also** MID, SEARCH, and TRIM functions

**Examples** REPLACE("For the year: 1993", 18, 1, "4") returns "For the year: 1994"

## REPT

**Description** Repeats a text string the specified number of times.

**Syntax** REPT(*text*, *number*)

*text* is any text string.

*number* is the number of times you want text to repeat. If *number* is 0, empty text ("") is returned.

**Remarks** The result of REPT cannot exceed 255 characters.

**Example** REPT("error-", 3) returns "error-error-error"

## RIGHT

**Description** Returns the rightmost characters from the given text string.

**Syntax** RIGHT(*text* [, *num\_chars*])

*text* is any text string.

*num\_chars* is the number of characters to return. The value must be greater than or equal to zero. If *num\_chars* is greater than the number of characters in text, the entire string is returned. Omitting this argument assumes a value of 1.

**See Also** LEFT and MID functions

**Examples** RIGHT("2nd Quarter") returns "r"  
RIGHT("2nd Quarter", 7) returns "Quarter"

## ROUND

**Description** Rounds the given number to the supplied number of decimal places.

**Syntax** ROUND(*number*, *precision*)

*number* is any value.

*precision* is the number of decimal places to which *number* is rounded.

◆ When a negative precision is used, the digits to the right of the decimal point are dropped and the absolute number of significant digits specified by precision are replaced with zeros.

◆ If *precision* is 0, number is rounded to the nearest integer.

**See Also** CEILING, FLOOR, INT, MOD, and TRUNC functions

**Examples**      ROUND(123.456, 2) returns 123.46  
                  ROUND(9899.435, -2) returns 9900

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## ROW

**Description**      Returns the row number of the supplied reference.

**Syntax**            **ROW**(*reference*)

*reference* is a cell or range reference. Omitting this argument returns the row number of the cell in which **ROW** is entered.

**See Also**          **COLUMN** and **ROWS** function

**Examples**          ROW(B3) returns 3

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## ROWS

**Description**      Returns the number of rows in a range reference.

**Syntax**            **ROWS**(*range*)

*range* is a reference to a range of cells.

**See Also**          **COLUMNS** and **ROW** functions

**Examples**          ROWS(A1:D5) returns 5  
                  ROWS(C30:F35) returns 6

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## SEARCH

**Description**      Locates the position of the first character of a specified text string within another text string.

**Syntax**            **SEARCH**(*search\_text*, *text* [, *start\_position*])

*search\_text* is the text to find.

- ◆ The search string can contain wildcard characters. The available wildcard characters are \* (asterisk), which matches any sequence of characters, and ? (question mark), which matches any single character.
- ◆ To search for an asterisk or question mark, include a tilde (~) before the character.

*text* is the text to be searched.

*start\_position* is the character position where the search begins. If the number you specify is less than 0 or greater than the number of characters in *text*, #VALUE! is returned. Omitting this argument assumes a starting position of 1.

**Remarks**          Text is searched from left to right, starting at the position specified. The search is not case-sensitive. If *text* does not contain the search string, #VALUE! is returned.

**See Also**          **FIND**, **MID**, **REPLACE**, and **SUBSTITUTE** functions

**Examples**          SEARCH("?5", "Bin b45") returns 6  
                  SEARCH("b", "Bin b45", 4) returns 5

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## SECOND

<b>Description</b>	Returns the second that corresponds to the supplied date.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SECOND</b> ( <i>serial_number</i> )  <i>serial_number</i> is the time as a serial number. The decimal portion of the number represents time as a fraction of the day.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>DAY, HOUR, MINUTE, MONTH, NOW, WEEKDAY,</b> and <b>YEAR</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	SECOND (.259) returns 58 SECOND (34657.904) returns 46

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## SIGN

<b>Description</b>	Determines the sign of the specified number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SIGN</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is any number.
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>SIGN</b> returns 1 if the specified number is positive, -1 if it is negative, and 0 if it is 0.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ABS</b> function
<b>Examples</b>	SIGN(-123) returns -1 SIGN(123) returns 1

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## SIN

<b>Description</b>	Returns the sine of the supplied angle.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SIN</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is the angle in radians. If the angle is in degrees, convert the angle to radians by multiplying the angle by PI()/180.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ASIN</b> and <b>PI</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	SIN(45) returns .85 SIN(90) returns .89

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## SINH

<b>Description</b>	Returns the hyperbolic sine of the specified number.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SINH</b> ( <i>number</i> )  <i>number</i> is any number.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>ASINH</b> and <b>PI</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	SINH(1) returns 1.18 SINH(3) returns 10.02

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## SLN

**Description** Returns the depreciation of an asset for a specific period of time using the straight-line balance method.

**Syntax** **SLN**(*cost*, *salvage*, *life*)

*cost* is the initial cost of the asset.

*salvage* is the salvage value of the asset.

*life* is the number of periods of the useful life of the asset.

**See Also** **DDB**, **SYD**, and **VDB** functions

**Example** `SLN(10000, 1000, 7)` returns 1285.71

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## SQRT

**Description** Returns the square root of the specified number.

**Syntax** **SQRT**(*number*)

*number* is any positive number. If you specify a negative number, #NUM! is returned.

**See Also** **SUMSQ** function

**Examples**  
`SQRT(9)` returns 3  
`SQRT(2.5)` returns 1.58

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## STDEV

**Description** Returns the standard deviation of a population based on a sample of supplied values. The standard deviation of a population represents an average of deviations from the population mean within a list of values.

**Syntax** **STDEV**(*number\_list*)

*number\_list* is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas. The list can contain numbers or a reference to a range that contains numbers.

**See Also** **STDEVP**, **VAR**, and **VARP** functions

**Example** `STDEV(4.0, 3.0, 3.0, 3.5, 2.5, 4.0, 3.5)` returns .56

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## STDEVP

**Description** Returns the standard deviation of a population based on an entire population of values. The standard deviation of a population represents an average of deviations from the population mean within a list of values.

**Syntax** **STDEVP**(*number\_list*)

*number\_list* is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas. The list can contain numbers or a reference to a range that contains numbers.

**See Also** **STDEV**, **VAR**, and **VARP** functions

**Example** `STDEVP(4.0, 3.0, 3.0, 3.5, 2.5, 4.0, 3.5)` returns .52

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## SUBSTITUTE

<b>Description</b>	Replaces a specified part of a text string with another text string.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SUBSTITUTE</b> ( <i>text</i> , <i>old_text</i> , <i>new_text</i> [, <i>instance</i> ])  <i>text</i> is a text string that contains the text to replace. You can also specify a reference to a cell that contains text.  <i>old_text</i> is the text string to be replaced.  <i>new_text</i> is the replacement text.  <i>instance</i> specifies the occurrence of <i>old_text</i> to replace. If this argument is omitted, every instance of <i>old_text</i> is replaced.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>REPLACE</b> and <b>TRIM</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>SUBSTITUTE("First Quarter Results", "First", "Second")</code> returns "Second Quarter Results"  <code>SUBSTITUTE("Shipment 45, Bin 45", "45", "52", 2)</code> returns "Shipment 45, Bin 52"

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## SUM

<b>Description</b>	Returns the sum of the supplied numbers.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SUM</b> ( <i>number_list</i> )  <i>number_list</i> is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ The list can contain numbers, logical values, text representations of numbers, or a reference to a range containing those values.</li><li>◆ Error values or text that cannot be translated into numbers return errors.</li><li>◆ If a range reference is included in the list, text, logical expressions, and empty cells in the range are ignored.</li></ul>
<b>See Also</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b> , <b>COUNT</b> , <b>COUNTA</b> , <b>PRODUCT</b> , and <b>SUMSQ</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	<code>SUM(1000, 2000, 3000)</code> returns 6000  <code>SUM(A10:D10)</code> returns 4000 when each cell in the range contains 1000

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## SUMSQ

<b>Description</b>	Squares each of the supplied numbers and returns the sum of the squares.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>SUMSQ</b> ( <i>number_list</i> )  <i>number_list</i> is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ The list can contain numbers, logical values, text representations of numbers, or a reference to a range containing those values.</li><li>◆ Error values or text that cannot be translated into numbers return errors.</li><li>◆ If a range reference is included in the list, text, logical expressions, and empty cells in the range are ignored.</li></ul>
<b>See Also</b>	<b>SUM</b> function

**Example** SUMSQ(9, 10, 11) returns 302

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## SYD

**Description** Returns the depreciation of an asset for a specified period using the sum-of-years method. This depreciation method uses an accelerated rate, where the greatest depreciation occurs early in the useful life of the asset.

**Syntax** SYD(*cost*, *salvage*, *life*, *per*)

*cost* is the initial cost of the asset.

*salvage* is the salvage value of the asset.

*life* is the number of periods in the useful life of the asset.

*period* is the period for which to calculate the depreciation. The time units used to determine period and life must match.

**See Also** DDB, SLN, and VDB functions

**Example** SYD(10000, 1000, 7, 3) returns 1607.14

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## T

**Description** Tests the supplied value and returns the value if it is text.

**Syntax** T(*value*)

*value* is the value to test.

**Remarks** Empty text ("") is returned for any value that is not text.

**See Also** N , and VALUE functions

**Examples** T("Report") returns "Report"

T(A4) returns empty text ("") if A4 contains a number

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## TAN

**Description** Returns the tangent of the specified angle.

**Syntax** TAN(*number*)

*number* is the angle in radians. To convert a number expressed as degrees to radians, multiply the degrees by 180/PI().

**See Also** ATAN, ATAN2, PI , and TANH functions

**Examples** TAN(45) returns 1.62

TAN(90) returns -2.00

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## TANH

**Description** Returns the hyperbolic tangent of a number.

**Syntax** TANH(*number*)

*number* is any number.

**See Also** ATANH, COSH, SINH, and TAN functions

**Examples**      `TANH(-2)` returns -.96  
`TANH(1.2)` returns .83

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## TEXT

**Description**      Returns the given number as text, using the specified formatting.

**Syntax**            `TEXT(number, format)`

*number* is any value, a formula that evaluates to a number, or a reference to a cell that contains a value.

*format* is a string representing a number format. The string can be any valid format string including "General," "M/DD/YY," or "H:MM AM/PM." The format must be surrounded by a set of double quotation marks. Asterisks cannot be included in format.

**See Also**            **DOLLAR, FIXED, T** , and **VALUE** functions

**Examples**            `TEXT(123.62, "0.000")` returns 123.620  
`TEXT(34626.2, "MM/DD/YY")` returns 10/19/94

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## TIME

**Description**      Returns a serial number for the supplied time.

**Syntax**            `TIME(hour, minute, second)`

*hour* is a number from 0 to 23.

*minute* is a number from 0 to 59.

*second* is a number from 0 to 59.

**See Also**            **HOUR, MINUTE, NOW, SECOND**, and **TIMEVALUE** functions

**Examples**            `TIME(12, 26, 24)` returns .52  
`TIME(1, 43, 34)` returns .07

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## TIMEVALUE

**Description**      Returns a serial number for the supplied text representation of time.

**Syntax**            `TIMEVALUE(text)`

*text* is a time in text format.

**See Also**            **HOUR, MINUTE, NOW, SECOND**, and **TIME** functions

**Examples**            `TIMEVALUE("1:43:43 am")` returns .07  
`TIMEVALUE("14:10:07")` returns .59

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## TODAY

**Description**      Returns the current date as a serial number.

**Syntax**            `TODAY()`

**Remarks**            This function is updated only when the worksheet is recalculated.

**See Also**            **DATE, DAY**, and **NOW** functions

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## TRIM

<b>Description</b>	Removes all spaces from text except single spaces between words.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>TRIM</b> ( <i>text</i> )  <i>text</i> is any text string or a reference to a cell that contains a text string.
<b>Remarks</b>	Text that is imported from another environment may require this function.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>CLEAN</b> , <b>MID</b> , <b>REPLACE</b> , and <b>SUBSTITUTE</b> functions
<b>Example</b>	TRIM(" Level 3, Gate 45 ") returns "Level 3, Gate 45"

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## TRUE

<b>Description</b>	Returns the logical value True. This function always requires the trailing parentheses.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>TRUE</b> ()
<b>See Also</b>	<b>FALSE</b> function

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## TRUNC

<b>Description</b>	Truncates the given number to an integer.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>TRUNC</b> ( <i>number</i> [, <i>precision</i> ])  <i>number</i> is any value.  <i>precision</i> is the number of decimal places allowed in the truncated number. Omitting this argument assumes a <i>precision</i> of 0.
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>TRUNC</b> removes the fractional part of a number to the specified precision without rounding the number.
<b>See Also</b>	<b>CEILING</b> , <b>FLOOR</b> , <b>INT</b> , <b>MOD</b> , and <b>ROUND</b> functions
<b>Examples</b>	TRUNC(123.456, 2) returns 123.45 TRUNC(9899.435, -2) returns 9800

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## TYPE

<b>Description</b>	Returns the argument type of the given expression.
<b>Syntax</b>	<b>TYPE</b> ( <i>expression</i> )  <i>expression</i> is any expression.
<b>Remarks</b>	The following table lists the <i>expression</i> types and numbers.

<b>Expression type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Number	1
Text string	2
Logical value	4
Error value	16

**See Also** ISBLANK, ISERR, ISERROR, ISLOGICAL, ISNA, ISNONTEXT, ISNUMBER, ISREF, and ISTEXT functions

**Examples** TYPE(A1) returns 1 if cell A1 contains a number.  
TYPE("Customer") returns 2

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## UPPER

**Description** Changes the characters in the specified string to uppercase characters.

**Syntax** UPPER(*text*)

*text* is any string.

**Remarks** Numeric characters in the string are not changed.

**See Also** LOWER and PROPER functions

**Examples** UPPER("3rd Quarter") returns "3RD QUARTER"  
UPPER("JOHN DOE") returns "JOHN DOE"

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## VALUE

**Description** Returns the specified text as a number.

**Syntax** VALUE(*text*)

*text* is any text string, a formula that evaluates to a text string, or a cell reference that contains a text string. You can also specify a date or time in a recognizable format (e.g., M/DD/YY for dates or H:MM AM/PM for time). If the format is not recognized, #VALUE! is returned.

**See Also** DOLLAR, FIXED, and TEXT functions

**Examples** VALUE(9800) returns 9800  
VALUE("123") returns 123

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## VAR

**Description** Returns the variance of a population based on a sample of values.

**Syntax** VAR(*number\_list*)

*number\_list* is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas. The list can contain numbers or a reference to a range that contains numbers.

**See Also** STDEV, STDEVP, and VARP functions

**Example** VAR(4.0, 3.0, 3.0, 3.5, 2.5, 4.0, 3.5) returns .31

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## VARP

**Description** Returns the variance of a population based on an entire population of values.

**Syntax** VARP(*number\_list*)

*number\_list* is a list of as many as 30 numbers, separated by commas. The list can contain numbers or a reference to a range that contains numbers.

**See Also** STDEV, STDEVP, and VAR functions

**Example**            VARP(4.0, 3.0, 3.0, 3.5, 2.5, 4.0, 3.5) returns .27

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## VDB

**Description**       Returns the depreciation of an asset for a specified period using a variable method of depreciation.

**Syntax**            **VDB**(*cost*, *salvage*, *life*, *start\_period*, *end\_period* [, *factor*] [, *method*])

*cost* is the initial cost of the asset.

*salvage* is the salvage value of the asset.

*life* is the number of periods in the useful life of the asset.

*start\_period* is the beginning period for which to calculate the depreciation. The time units used to determine *start\_period* and *life* must match.

*end\_period* is the ending period for which to calculate the depreciation. The time units used to determine *end\_period* and *life* must match.

*factor* is the rate at which the balance declines. Omitting this argument assumes a default of 2, which is the double-declining balance factor.

*method* is a logical value that determines if you want to switch to straight-line depreciation when depreciation is greater than the declining balance calculation. Use True to maintain declining balance calculation; use False or omit the argument to switch to straight-line depreciation calculation.

**See Also**            **DDB**, **SLN**, and **SYD** functions

**Examples**            VDB(10000, 1000, 7, 3, 4) returns 1041.23

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## VLOOKUP

**Description**       Searches the first column of a table for a value and returns the contents of a cell in that table that corresponds to the location of the search value.

**Syntax**            **VLOOKUP**(*search\_item*, *search\_range*, *column\_index*)

*search\_item* is a value, text string, or reference to a cell containing a value that is matched against data in the top row of *search\_range*.

*search\_range* is the reference of the range (table) to be searched. The cells in the first column of *search\_range* can contain numbers, text, or logical values. The contents of the first column must be in ascending order (e.g., -2, -1, 0, 2...A through Z, False, True). Text searches are not case-sensitive.

*column\_index* is the column in the search range from which the matching value is returned.

- ◆ *column\_index* can be a number from 1 to the number of rows in the search range.
- ◆ If *column\_index* is less than 1, #VALUE! is returned.
- ◆ When *column\_index* is greater than the number of rows in the table, #REF! is returned.

**Remarks**            **VLOOKUP** compares the information in the first column of *search\_range* to the supplied *search\_item*. When a match is found, information located in the same row and supplied column (*column\_index*) is returned.

If *search\_item* cannot be found in the first column of *search\_range*, the largest value that is less than *search\_item* is used. When *search\_item* is less than the smallest value in the first column of the *search\_range*, #REF! is returned.

**See Also** HLOOKUP, INDEX, LOOKUP, and MATCH functions

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Employee	Start Date	Emp. No.	Salary	Exempt
2	Anderson	10/15/84	2348	\$37,800	Y
3	Clark	2/6/90	4891	\$28,700	N
4	Davis	6/21/80	2480	\$46,950	Y
5	Franklin	4/20/88	3793	\$30,275	Y
6	Lee	8/30/89	3961	\$25,000	N
7	Olson	11/1/81	2578	\$45,780	Y
8	Turner	2/15/93	5129	\$26,100	N
9	Wilson	9/1/89	3965	\$31,650	Y

**Examples** In the preceding worksheet:

VLOOKUP("Clark", A2:E9, 4) returns \$28,700  
 VLOOKUP("Lee", A2:E9, 3) returns 3961

## WEEKDAY

**Description** Returns the day of the week that corresponds to the supplied date.

**Syntax** WEEKDAY(*serial\_number*)

*serial\_number* is the date as a serial number or as text (e.g., "06-21-94" or "21-Jun-94").

**Remarks** WEEKDAY returns a number ranging from 1 (Sunday) to 7 (Saturday).

**See Also** DAY, NOW, TEXT, and TODAY functions

**Examples** WEEKDAY(34399.92) returns 1, indicating Sunday  
 WEEKDAY("06/21/94") returns 3, indicating Tuesday

## YEAR

**Description** Returns the year that corresponds to the supplied date.

**Syntax** YEAR(*serial\_number*)

*serial\_number* is the date as a serial number or as text (e.g., "06-21-94" or "21-Jun-94").

**See Also** DAY, HOUR, MINUTE, MONTH, NOW, SECOND, TODAY, and WEEKDAY functions

**Examples** YEAR(34328) returns 1993  
 YEAR("06/21/94") returns 1994