

## Excel : Tips \& Tricks

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## AGENDA

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## Copy \& Paste

Used when:

1) Size is under 9 digits
2) Data is suited for columns
3) No additional fields are desired
4) Custom Report

- Open an ALEPH module
- Run a service
- Move file from remote to local
- Double-click to open file
- When file opens, the copy/paste may be done
- Scroll down to end of file
- Ctrl/A - highlights all data
- Ctrl/C - copies all data
- Open Excel
- Paste data into Excel
- Manipulate data


## Importing Aleph Reports Into Excel

DYK (Did You Know) recording \& word doc both available @

## http://umwug.odin.nodak.edu/OtherInformation

Used when:

1) Size is over 9 digits
2) Data is suited for columns
3) Additional fields are desired
4) Report won't open in ALEPH
5) Note - Must be an ALEPH canned report "not" a custom report

## Text to Columns

Highlight all of column 1
On menu, click Data
Click Text to Columns
A "convert text to columns wizard" window opens up

Make sure "Fixed Width" is checked and click Next

Make sure "break" lines are where you want them - sometimes Excel misses one or puts it in the wrong place

When satisfied with break lines, click Finish


Manipulate data, columns, etc as much as you want

## Advanced Filter

## Prepare your Data

- Make sure that titles are at the top of your columns
- Highlight all data to be filtered

Set up Filter

- Click Data
- Click Filter
- Click Advanced
- An Advanced Filter window will pop up
- Fill window out - see example




## Lengthening Columns

- Quickest way is to drag/drop column and line borders



## Tabs/Sheets

- Just be aware that any Excel document may have multiple Excel documents inside



## Doing the Math

## Equal sign starts equation

## Be consistent with statistics

- =sum(c9:c29)sum(d6:d66)
- $=\mathrm{g} 6 * 27.69$
- =h29/7
- $=\mathrm{g} 5+\mathrm{g} 9+\mathrm{h} 4+\mathrm{h} 10$
- $=(\mathrm{g} 5+\mathrm{g} 45)-\mathrm{i} 16$
- Set up your excel sheet and plug in numbers from year to year
- Put comments in sheet to indicate where you got figures



## Comments within Cells



## Concatenate

Used for:

1) Preparing an input file for a service
2) Inserting $x x x 01$ or $x x x 60$ to end of a 9-digit system\#
\# \# \# \# \# \# \# \# \#XXX01
\# \# \# \# \# \# \# \# \#XXX60
=CONCATENATE("00",A2,B2, "" $)$
=CONCATENATE("000",A2,B2,,"")

ITEMS - 9-digit adm\# + 6-digit sequence
\# \# \# \# \# \# \# \# \#000010
\# \# \# \# \# \# \# \#000020
=CONCATENATE("0000",A2,"0000",B2, "")

Excel concatenate templates available @ http://umwug.odin.nodak.edu/OtherInfor mation

- Retrieve item doc numbers (9digit)
- Paste doc numbers into col A
- Make sure sequence \# is in col B
- Excel automatically concatenates in col D because of formula
- Highlight col D concatenated data \& copy into Word
- Save as plain text (.txt file) remember to insert line breaks when saving
- Move file into correct scratch directory on the server(may need system help)
- Must remove .txt in server scratch directory
- Use as input into a service


## OPEN DISCUSSION年

Did this session help you?
What could be done to improve things? Would you attend another ODIN Work Day?

