

Handling Missing Data: Business Problems

TYPE function

In google spreadsheets, the **TYPE()** function is used to check the datatype of data stored in a cell.

Formula: =TYPE(value)

In the formula, value is the data whose data type you need to check.

TYPE(value)

EXAMPLE

TYPE(C4)

ABOUT

Returns a number associated with the type of data passed into the function.

value

The value from which the type is to be determined.

The TYPE function returns a numeric value, representing the datatype of the data. The numbers and data types are as follows:

TypeCode	Meaning
1	Number
2	Text/ String
4	Boolean/logical
16	Error
64	Array

For example, **=TYPE(50)**, returns **1**, **=TYPE(TRUE)**, returns **4**, and **=TYPE("NINJA")**, returns **2**. Also note that Google Spreadsheets consider date and time as numbers, **=TYPE(2/9/2022)**, returns **1**.

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