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Referencing a Cell in Another Sheet

In a sheet cell you can show a reference to a cell in another sheet.
In the same way, a reference can also be made to a cell from another document provided that this document has already been saved as a file.

To Reference a Cell in the Same Document

- 1. Open a new, empty spreadsheet. By default, it has only a single sheet named Sheet1. Add a second sheet clicking on + button to the left of the sheet tab in the bottom (it will be named Sheet2 by default).
- 2. By way of example, enter the following formula in cell A1 of Sheet1:
`=Sheet2.A1`
- 3. Click the **Sheet 2** tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet. Set the cursor in cell A1 there and enter text or a number.
- 4. If you switch back to Sheet1, you will see the same content in cell A1 there. If the contents of Sheet2.A1 change, then the contents of Sheet1.A1 also change.

💡 When referencing a sheet with name containing spaces, use single quotes around the name: `= 'Sheet with spaces in name' .A1`

💡 The example uses Calc formula syntax. It is also possible to use Excel A1 or R1C1 formula syntax; this is configured on [Formula options page](#).

To Reference a Cell in Another Document

- 1. Choose **File - Open**, to load an existing spreadsheet document.
- 2. Choose **File - New**, to open a new spreadsheet document. Set the cursor in the cell where you want to insert the external data and enter an equals sign to indicate that you want to begin a formula.
- 3. Now switch to the document you have just loaded. Click the cell with the data that you want to insert in the new document.
- 4. Switch back to the new spreadsheet. In the input line you will now see how LibreOffice Calc has added the reference to the formula for you.
The reference to a cell of another document contains the fully qualified name of the other document between single quotes (') , then a hash # , then the name of the sheet of the other document, followed by a period and the name or reference of the cell.
For example, `'file:///home/user/Documents/Price list.ods#$'Information SKU'.H51`.

📌 The path and document name URI **must always** be enclosed in single quotes. If the name contains single quotes (') they must be escaped using two single quotes (" "). Only a sheet name may not be quoted if it does not contain a space or a character that would be an operator or the name would be pure numeric (for example, '123' must be quoted).

- 5. Confirm the formula by clicking the green check mark.
- 6. If you drag the box in the lower right corner of the active cell to select a range of cells, LibreOffice automatically inserts the corresponding references in the adjacent cells. As a result, the sheet name is preceded with a "\$" sign to designate it as an [absolute reference](#).

If you examine the name of the other document in this formula, you will notice that it is written as a [URL](#). This means that you can also enter a URL from the Internet.

Related Topics

- [Referencing URLs in other Sheets](#)
- [Addresses and References, Absolute and Relative](#)

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