
overview of utility code

This chapter might be a dumping ground for useful code that is worth being able to reference. Some things to include here:

- Code to work through the selection on a Chart
- The RangeEnd function to quick get the end of a Range
- Some string processing code?
- The code to work with split values
- Code to convert a 2D array of values to 1D
- GetOrCreateWorksheet which gives you a valid object regardless of what existed
- CreateNextSheet which increments a name as needed
- Creating a Chart based on the XValues, Values, and Name (and order).
- CopyResize command which is used to replicate Copy/PasteValues without using the Clipboard

ColorInputs.md

```
1 Public Sub ColorInputs()  
2  
3     Dim targetCell As Range  
4     Const FIRST_COLOR_ACCENT As String = "msoThemeColorAccent1"  
5     Const SECOND_COLOR_ACCENT As String = "msoThemeColorAccent2"  
6     'This is finding cells that aren't blank, but the description says it  
7     'should be cells with no values..  
8     For Each targetCell In Selection  
9         If targetCell.Value <> "" Then  
10            If targetCell.HasFormula Then  
11                targetCell.Interior.ThemeColor = FIRST_COLOR_ACCENT  
12            Else  
13                targetCell.Interior.ThemeColor = SECOND_COLOR_ACCENT  
14            End If  
15        End If  
16    Next targetCell  
17 End Sub
```

CombineAllSheetsData.md

```
1 Public Sub CombineAllSheetsData()  
2  
3     'create the new wktk and sheet  
4     Dim targetWorkbook As Workbook  
5     Dim sourceWorkbook As Workbook  
6  
7     Set sourceWorkbook = ActiveWorkbook  
8     Set targetWorkbook = Workbooks.Add  
9  
10    Dim targetWorksheet As Worksheet  
11    Set targetWorksheet = targetWorkbook.Sheets.Add  
12  
13    Dim isFirst As Boolean  
14    isFirst = True  
15  
16    Dim targetRow As Long  
17    targetRow = 1  
18  
19    Dim sourceWorksheet As Worksheet  
20    For Each sourceWorksheet In sourceWorkbook.Sheets  
21        If sourceWorksheet.name <> targetWorksheet.name Then  
22  
23            sourceWorksheet.Unprotect  
24  
25            'get the headers squared up  
26            If isFirst Then  
27                'copy over all headers  
28                sourceWorksheet.Rows(1).Copy targetWorksheet.Range("A1")  
29                isFirst = False  
30  
31            Else  
32                'search for missing columns  
33                Dim headerRow As Range  
34                For Each headerRow In Intersect(sourceWorksheet.Rows(1),  
35                    sourceWorksheet.UsedRange)  
36  
37                    'check if it exists
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37         Dim matchingHeader As Variant
38         matchingHeader = Application.Match(headerRow,
39             targetWorksheet.Rows(1), 0)
40
41         'if not, add to header row
42         If IsError(matchingHeader) Then targetWorksheet.Range("A1
43             ").End(xlToRight).Offset(, 1) = headerRow
44         Next headerRow
45     End If
46
47     'find the PnPID column for combo
48     Dim pIDColumn As Long
49     pIDColumn = Application.Match("PnPID", targetWorksheet.Rows(1),
50         0)
51
52     'find the PnPID column for data
53     Dim pIDData As Long
54     pIDData = Application.Match("PnPID", sourceWorksheet.Rows(1), 0)
55
56     'add the data, row by row
57     Dim targetCell As Range
58     For Each targetCell In sourceWorksheet.UsedRange.SpecialCells(
59         xlCellTypeConstants)
60         If targetCell.Row > 1 Then
61
62             'check if the PnPID exists in the combo sheet
63             Dim sourceRow As Variant
64             sourceRow = Application.Match( _
65                 sourceWorksheet.Cells(targetCell.Row, pIDData)
66                 , _
67                 targetWorksheet.Columns(pIDColumn), _
68                 0)
69
70             'add new row if it did not exist and id number
71             If IsError(sourceRow) Then
72                 sourceRow = targetWorksheet.Columns(pIDColumn).Cells(
73                     targetWorksheet.Rows.Count, 1).End(xlUp).Offset(1)
74                     .Row

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68         targetWorksheet.Cells(sourceRow, pIDColumn) =  
69             sourceWorksheet.Cells(targetCell.Row, pIDData)  
70     End If  
71  
72     'get column  
73     Dim columnNumber As Long  
74     columnNumber = Application.Match(sourceWorksheet.Cells(1,  
75         targetCell.Column), targetWorksheet.Rows(1), 0)  
76  
77     'update combo data  
78     targetWorksheet.Cells(sourceRow, columnNumber) =  
79         targetCell  
80  
81     End If  
82     Next targetCell  
83 End If  
84  
85 Next sourceWorksheet  
86 End Sub
```

ConvertSelectionToCsv.md

```
1 Public Sub ConvertSelectionToCsv()  
2  
3     Dim sourceRange As Range  
4     Set sourceRange = GetInputOrSelection("Choose range for converting to CSV  
5         ")  
6  
7     If sourceRange Is Nothing Then Exit Sub  
8  
9     Dim outputString As String  
10  
11     Dim dataRow As Range  
12     For Each dataRow In sourceRange.Rows  
13  
14         Dim dataArray As Variant  
15         dataArray = Application.Transpose(Application.Transpose(dataRow.Rows.  
16             Value2))
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16      'TODO: improve this to use another Join instead of string concats
17      outputString = outputString & Join(dataArray, ",") & vbCrLf
18
19      Next dataRow
20
21      Dim myClipboard As MSForms.DataObject
22      Set myClipboard = New MSForms.DataObject
23
24      myClipboard.SetText outputString
25      myClipboard.PutInClipboard
26
27 End Sub
```

CopyCellAddress.md

```
1 Public Sub CopyCellAddress()
2
3
4      'TODO: this need to get a button or a keyboard shortcut for easy use
5      Dim myClipboard As MSForms.DataObject
6      Set myClipboard = New MSForms.DataObject
7
8      Dim sourceRange As Range
9      Set sourceRange = Selection
10
11      myClipboard.SetText sourceRange.Address(True, True, xlA1, True)
12      myClipboard.PutInClipboard
13 End Sub
```

CutPasteTranspose.md

```
1 Public Sub CutPasteTranspose()
2
3
4      '#####Still Needs to address Issue#23#####
5      On Error GoTo errHandler
```

```
6 Dim sourceRange As Range
7 'TODO #Should use new inputbox function
8 Set sourceRange = Selection
9
10 Dim outputRange As Range
11 Set outputRange = Application.InputBox("Select output corner", Type:=8)
12
13 Application.ScreenUpdating = False
14 Application.EnableEvents = False
15 Application.Calculation = xlCalculationManual
16
17 Dim topLeftCell As Range
18 Set topLeftCell = sourceRange.Cells(1, 1)
19
20 Dim topRow As Long
21 topRow = topLeftCell.Row
22 Dim leftColumn As Long
23 leftColumn = topLeftCell.Column
24
25 Dim outputRow As Long
26 Dim outputColumn As Long
27 outputRow = outputRange.Row
28 outputColumn = outputRange.Column
29
30 outputRange.Activate
31
32 'Check to not overwrite
33 Dim targetCell As Range
34 For Each targetCell In sourceRange
35     If Not Intersect(sourceRange, Cells(outputRow + targetCell.Column -
        leftColumn, outputColumn + targetCell.Row - topRow)) Is Nothing
        Then
36         MsgBox ("Your destination intersects with your data. Exiting.")
37         GoTo errorHandler
38     End If
39 Next
40
41 'this can be better
42 For Each targetCell In sourceRange
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43     targetCell.Cut
44     ActiveSheet.Cells(outputRow + targetCell.Column - leftColumn,
45         outputColumn + targetCell.Row - topRow).Activate
46     ActiveSheet.Paste
47     Next targetCell
48 errHandler:
49     Application.CutCopyMode = False
50     Application.ScreenUpdating = True
51     Application.EnableEvents = True
52     Application.Calculation = xlCalculationAutomatic
53     Application.Calculate
54
55 End Sub
```

FillValueDown.md

```
1 Public Sub FillValueDown()
2
3     Dim inputRange As Range
4     Set inputRange = GetInputOrSelection("Select range for waterfall")
5
6     If inputRange Is Nothing Then Exit Sub
7
8     Dim targetCell As Range
9     For Each targetCell In Intersect(inputRange.SpecialCells(xlCellTypeBlanks
10         ), inputRange.Parent.UsedRange)
11         targetCell = targetCell.End(xlUp)
12     Next targetCell
13 End Sub
```

ForceRecalc.md

```
1 Public Sub ForceRecalc()
2
```

```
3 Application.CalculateFullRebuild
4
5 End Sub
```

GenerateRandomData.md

```
1 Public Sub GenerateRandomData()
2
3     Const NUMBER_OF_ROWS As Long = 10
4     Const NUMBER_OF_COLUMNS As Long = 3 '0 index
5     Const DEFAULT_COLUMN_WIDTH As Long = 15
6
7     'Since we only work with offset, targetcell can be a constant, but range
8     constants are awkward
9     Dim targetCell As Range
10    Set targetCell = Range("B2")
11
12    Dim i As Long
13
14    For i = 0 To NUMBER_OF_COLUMNS
15        targetCell.Offset(, i) = chr(65 + i)
16
17        With targetCell.Offset(1, i).Resize(NUMBER_OF_ROWS)
18            Select Case i
19                Case 0
20                    .Formula = "=TODAY()+ROW()"
21                Case Else
22                    .Formula = "=RANDBETWEEN(1,100)"
23            End Select
24
25            .Value = .Value
26        End With
27    Next i
28
29    ActiveSheet.UsedRange.Columns.ColumnWidth = DEFAULT_COLUMN_WIDTH
30 End Sub
```

OpenContainingFolder.md

```
1 Public Sub OpenContainingFolder()  
2  
3     Dim targetWorkbook As Workbook  
4     Set targetWorkbook = ActiveWorkbook  
5  
6     If targetWorkbook.path <> "" Then  
7         targetWorkbook.FollowHyperlink targetWorkbook.path  
8     Else  
9         MsgBox "Open file is not in a folder yet."  
10    End If  
11  
12 End Sub
```

PivotSetAllFields.md

```
1 Public Sub PivotSetAllFields()  
2  
3     Dim targetTable As PivotTable  
4     Dim targetSheet As Worksheet  
5  
6     Set targetSheet = ActiveSheet  
7  
8     'this information is a bit unclear to me  
9     MsgBox "This defaults to the average for every Pivot table on the sheet.  
10    Edit code for other result."  
11    On Error Resume Next  
12    For Each targetTable In targetSheet.PivotTables  
13        Dim targetField As PivotField  
14        For Each targetField In targetTable.DataFields  
15            targetField.Function = xlAverage  
16        Next targetField  
17    Next targetTable  
18 End Sub
```

SeriesSplit.md

```
1 Public Sub SeriesSplit()
2
3     On Error GoTo ErrorNoSelection
4
5     Dim selectedRange As Range
6     Set selectedRange = Application.InputBox("Select category range with
7         heading", Type:=8)
8
9     Set selectedRange = Intersect(selectedRange, selectedRange.Parent.
10         UsedRange).SpecialCells(xlCellTypeVisible, xlLogical + xlNumbers +
11         xlTextValues)
12
13     Dim valueRange As Range
14     Set valueRange = Application.InputBox("Select values range with heading",
15         Type:=8)
16     Set valueRange = Intersect(valueRange, valueRange.Parent.UsedRange)
17
18     On Error GoTo 0
19
20     'determine default value
21     Dim defaultString As Variant
22     defaultString = InputBox("Enter the default value", , "#N/A")
23     'strptr is undocumented
24     'detect cancel and exit
25     If StrPtr(defaultString) = 0 Then
26         Exit Sub
27     End If
28
29     Dim dictCategories As New Dictionary
30
31     Dim categoryRange As Range
32     For Each categoryRange In selectedRange
33         'skip the header row
34         If categoryRange.Address <> selectedRange.Cells(1).Address Then
35             dictCategories(categoryRange.Value) = 1
36         End If
37     Next categoryRange
38
39     valueRange.EntireColumn.Offset(, 1).Resize(, dictCategories.Count).Insert
```

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33     'head the columns with the values
34
35     Dim valueCollection As Variant
36     Dim counter As Long
37     counter = 1
38     For Each valueCollection In dictCategories
39         valueRange.Cells(1).Offset(, counter) = valueCollection
40         counter = counter + 1
41     Next valueCollection
42
43     'put the formula in for each column
44     '=IF(RC13=R1C,RC16,#N/A)
45     Dim formulaHolder As Variant
46     formulaHolder = "=IF(RC" & selectedRange.Column & " =R" & _
47         valueRange.Cells(1).Row & "C,RC" & valueRange.Column & "," &
48         defaultString & ")"
49
50     Dim formulaRange As Range
51     Set formulaRange = valueRange.Offset(1, 1).Resize(valueRange.Rows.Count -
52         1, dictCategories.Count)
53     formulaRange.FormulaR1C1 = formulaHolder
54     formulaRange.EntireColumn.AutoFit
55
56     Exit Sub
57
58 ErrorNoSelection:
59     'TODO: consider removing this prompt
60     MsgBox "No selection made. Exiting.", , "No selection"
61 End Sub

```

SeriesSplitIntoBins.md

```

1 Public Sub SeriesSplitIntoBins()
2
3     Const LESS_THAN_EQUAL_TO_GENERAL As String = "<= General"
4     Const GREATER_THAN_GENERAL As String = "> General"
5     On Error GoTo ErrorNoSelection

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6
7 Dim selectedRange As Range
8 Set selectedRange = Application.InputBox("Select category range with
   heading", Type:=8)
9 Set selectedRange = Intersect(selectedRange, selectedRange.Parent.
   UsedRange) _
10                               .SpecialCells(xlCellTypeVisible, xlLogical +
   _
11                               xlNumbers + xlTextValues)
12
13 Dim valueRange As Range
14 Set valueRange = Application.InputBox("Select values range with heading",
   Type:=8)
15 Set valueRange = Intersect(valueRange, valueRange.Parent.UsedRange)
16
17 'need to prompt for max/min/bins
18 Dim maximumValue As Double, minimumValue As Double, binValue As Long
19
20 minimumValue = Application.InputBox("Minimum value.", "Min", _
21                                     WorksheetFunction.Min(selectedRange),
22                                     Type:=1)
23
24 maximumValue = Application.InputBox("Maximum value.", "Max", _
25                                     WorksheetFunction.Max(selectedRange),
26                                     Type:=1)
27
28 binValue = Application.InputBox("Number of groups.", "Bins", _
29                                 WorksheetFunction.RoundDown(Math.Sqrt(
30                                 WorksheetFunction.Count(selectedRange)
31                                 ), _
32                                 0), Type:=1)
33
34 On Error GoTo 0
35
36 'determine default value
37 Dim defaultString As Variant
38 defaultString = Application.InputBox("Enter the default value", "Default
   ", "#N/A")
39

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36 'detect cancel and exit
37 If StrPtr(defaultString) = 0 Then Exit Sub
38
39 ''TODO prompt for output location
40
41 valueRange.EntireColumn.Offset(, 1).Resize(, binValue + 2).Insert
42 'head the columns with the values
43
44 ''TODO add a For loop to go through the bins
45
46 Dim targetBin As Long
47 For targetBin = 0 To binValue
48     valueRange.Cells(1).Offset(, targetBin + 1) = minimumValue + (
49         maximumValue - _
50             minimumValue) *
51             targetBin / binValue
52
53 Next
54
55 'add the last item
56 valueRange.Cells(1).Offset(, binValue + 2).FormulaR1C1 = "=RC[-1]"
57
58 'FIRST =IF($D2 <=V$1,$U2,#N/A)
59 '=IF(RC4 <=R1C,RC21,#N/A)
60
61 'MID =IF(AND($D2 <=W$1, $D2>V$1),$U2,#N/A) ''W current, then left
62 '=IF(AND(RC4 <=R1C, RC4>R1C[-1]),RC21,#N/A)
63
64 'LAST =IF($D2>AA$1,$U2,#N/A)
65 '=IF(RC4>R1C[-1],RC21,#N/A)
66
67 ''TODO add number format to display header correctly (helps with charts)
68
69 'put the formula in for each column
70 '=IF(RC13=R1C,RC16,#N/A)
71 Dim formulaHolder As Variant
72 formulaHolder = "=IF(AND(RC" & selectedRange.Column & " <=R" & _
73     valueRange.Cells(1).Row & "C," & "RC" & selectedRange.
74     Column & ">R" & _

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71         valueRange.Cells(1).Row & "C[-1]" & ")" & ",RC" &
72         valueRange.Column & "," & _
73         defaultString & ")"
74     Dim firstFormula As Variant
75     firstFormula = "=IF(AND(RC" & selectedRange.Column & " <=R" & _
76         valueRange.Cells(1).Row & "C)" & ",RC" & valueRange.
77         Column & "," & defaultString _
78         & ")"
79     Dim lastFormula As Variant
80     lastFormula = "=IF(AND(RC" & selectedRange.Column & " >R" & _
81         valueRange.Cells(1).Row & "C)" & ",RC" & valueRange.
82         Column & "," & defaultString _
83         & ")"
84     Dim formulaRange As Range
85     Set formulaRange = valueRange.Offset(1, 1).Resize(valueRange.Rows.Count -
86         1, binValue + 2)
87     formulaRange.FormulaR1C1 = formulaHolder
88     'override with first/last
89     formulaRange.Columns(1).FormulaR1C1 = firstFormula
90     formulaRange.Columns(formulaRange.Columns.Count).FormulaR1C1 =
91         lastFormula
92     formulaRange.EntireColumn.AutoFit
93
94     'set the number formats
95
96     formulaRange.Offset(-1).Rows(1).Resize(1, binValue + 1).NumberFormat =
97         LESS_THAN_EQUAL_TO_GENERAL
98     formulaRange.Offset(-1).Rows(1).Offset(, binValue + 1).NumberFormat =
99         GREATER_THAN_GENERAL
100
101     Exit Sub
102 ErrorNoSelection:
103     'TODO: consider removing this prompt

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```
103     MsgBox "No selection made. Exiting.", , "No selection"
104
105 End Sub
```

Sheet_DeleteHiddenRows.md

```
1 Public Sub Sheet_DeleteHiddenRows()
2     'These rows are unrecoverable
3     Dim shouldDeleteHiddenRows As VbMsgBoxResult
4     shouldDeleteHiddenRows = MsgBox("This will permanently delete hidden rows
5         . They cannot be recovered. Are you sure?", vbYesNo)
6
7     If Not shouldDeleteHiddenRows = vbYes Then Exit Sub
8
9     Application.ScreenUpdating = False
10
11     'collect a range to delete at end, using UNION-DELETE
12     Dim rangeToDelete As Range
13
14     Dim counter As Long
15     counter = 0
16     With ActiveSheet
17         Dim rowIndex As Long
18         For rowIndex = .UsedRange.Rows.Count To 1 Step -1
19             If .Rows(rowIndex).Hidden Then
20                 If rangeToDelete Is Nothing Then
21                     Set rangeToDelete = .Rows(rowIndex)
22                 Else
23                     Set rangeToDelete = Union(rangeToDelete, .Rows(rowIndex))
24                 End If
25                 counter = counter + 1
26             End If
27         Next rowIndex
28     End With
29
30     rangeToDelete.Delete
31
32     Application.ScreenUpdating = True
```

```
32  
33     MsgBox (counter & " rows were deleted")  
34 End Sub
```

UnhideAllRowsAndColumns.md

```
1 Public Sub UnhideAllRowsAndColumns()  
2  
3     ActiveSheet.Cells.EntireRow.Hidden = False  
4     ActiveSheet.Cells.EntireColumn.Hidden = False  
5  
6 End Sub
```