



Tools for Working with Excel in Java

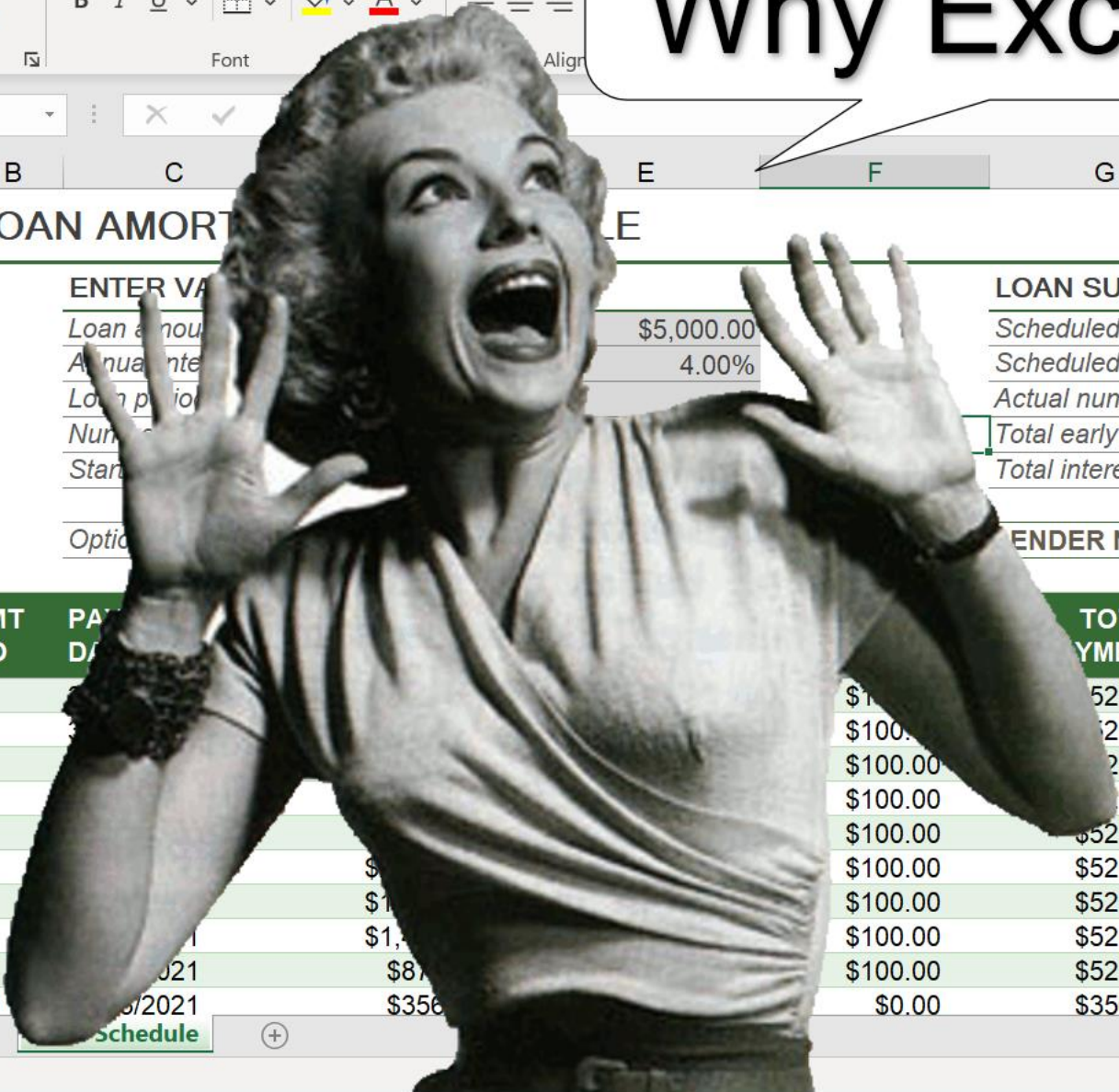
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Why Excel!??



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May I be of
assistance?



Writing Static Excel Reports

- Give users a report already in Excel format
- Save time reformatting compared with CSV reports
- Include multiple sheets in one document
- Can include formulas for basic calculations
- Go crazy with charts and formatting!

Writing Static Excel Reports

Apache POI

<https://poi.apache.org/>



Automate all the things

Automating Excel

- Excel has a scriptable interface
- Anything that can be done in VBA is available
- It's called COM!
- Not as scary as you think

Automating Excel

- com4j

<https://github.com/kohsuke/com4j>

- Pre-built com4j Excel classes

<https://github.com/exceljava/jinx-com4j>

A comic book illustration of Superman. He is wearing his classic blue suit with a red cape and a yellow belt. On his chest, instead of the traditional 'S' shield, is a green shield with a white 'X' and a grid pattern, representing the Microsoft Excel logo. He is standing in front of a city skyline with a large globe in the background. A speech bubble is coming from the globe.

Real heroes write
Excel add-ins.

Writing an Excel Add-In

- Give the user tools they need right in Excel
- No importing/exporting of data
- Connect Excel directly to existing systems
- No VBA required!

Writing an Excel Add-In

Jinx (Java In Excel)

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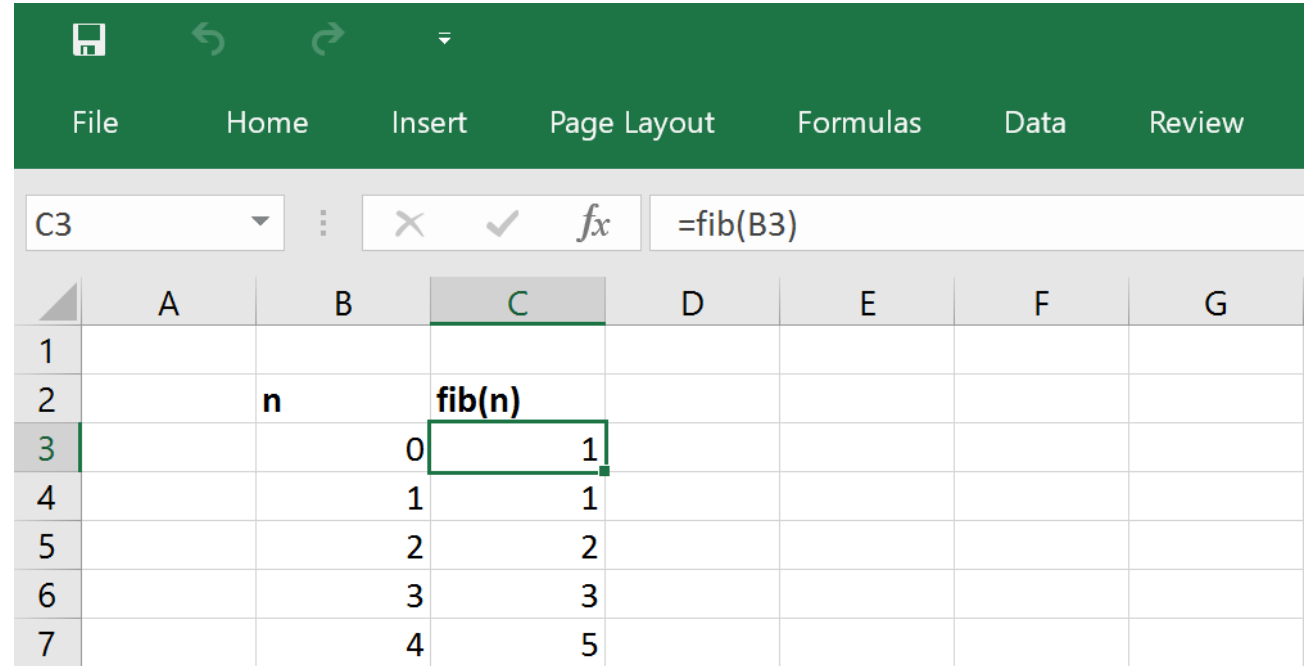
- Worksheet functions (UDFs)
- Real time data
- Macros / Menus / Ribbons / Context menus
- Dynamic Array Functions
- Pass Java objects between Excel functions

Writing an Excel Add-In: Example

```
import com.exceljava.jinx.ExcelFunction;

class FibonacciExample {
    /**
     * Returns the n-th Fibonacci number where:
     * fib(0) = 1
     * fib(1) = 1
     * fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
     */
    @ExcelFunction
    public static int fib(int n) {
        if (n < 2) {
            return 1;
        }

        int fib_n1 = 1;
        int fib_n2 = 1;
        for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {
            int fib_n = fib_n1 + fib_n2;
            fib_n2 = fib_n1;
            fib_n1 = fib_n;
        }
        return fib_n1;
    }
}
```



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with a green ribbon at the top containing tabs for File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, and Review. The active cell is C3, and the formula bar shows the formula `=fib(B3)`. The spreadsheet contains the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2		n	fib(n)				
3		0	1				
4		1	1				
5		2	2				
6		3	3				
7		4	5				

Questions?

Slides and Code available at

<https://github.com/exceljava/ljc-excel-java-tools-07-2020>

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