

# Working Smarter with Excel

## Formula Cheat Sheet

### vlookup

=VLOOKUP(Value to look up, Range to look for value,  
Column of the return value, Type of Match)

=VLOOKUP(A1, Lookup!A1:B7, 2, TRUE)

### absolute/relative references

Relative references can move      A1

Absolute references can't move      \$A\$1

\$A\$2 The column and the row do not change when copied.

A\$2 The row does not change when copied.

\$A2 The column does not change when copied.

### date difference

=DATEDIF(Start date, End date, Difference calculation, ...)

=DATEDIF(A1, "A2", "d")

Today's date:      today()

Difference in days:      "d"

Difference in weeks: ... "d")/7

Difference in months: "m"

Difference in years:      "y"

### if

=IF(Logical test, Value if true, Value if false)

=IF(A1=B1, "Match", "No Match")

### other tricks

Extract date element

=YEAR(A1)

Generate random number

=RANDBETWEEN(Bottom, Top)

Generate random date

=RANDBETWEEN(DATE(2020,1,1), DATE(2020,8,1))

Count instances

=COUNTIF(Where are we looking?, What are we looking for?)

=COUNTIF(A:A, "Washington")

