

Spreadsheets

Demo of Spreadsheet Oddities

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Live Demo

- Dates
- References
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Spreadsheet Success Factors

- Liveness (output is updated immediately)
- Directness (small distance between goal and actions required)
 - Is combining data, metadata, and calculations required for this?
- One-click deployment (universal reproducibility)

Promising Approaches

- Testing
- Reverse engineering
- Smell detection
- Clone detection
- Refactoring

Leverage Success Factors for Better Systems?

- Break into groups (one per success factor)
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- Propose new ideas that take each success factor further.