

VMEX
USER MANUAL
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General Information

VMEX is a very simple spreadsheet program. It is based on some very simple code I found. I have added numerous improvements, a complete math parser, saving workspaces and loading workspaces.

After every cell entry, the spreadsheet is recomputes ALL cells.

The maximum size of the spreadsheet is 99(rows) and 26(columns). Rows should be labeled with numbers, starting from 1 to 99, and columns should be labeled with letters, starting from A to Z. Cells should be referenced by a letter number and row number, with no space or symbol between; for example, E9, B88. Lowercase and uppercase letters to reference cells are allowed and will be recognized.

VMEX using both integer and double (floating) numbers. They can be intermixed. The output from functions is always in double format.

Commands

The following are commands that VMEX will accept. All commands must start with an "*" and can be upper or lower case.

***BOT**

Positions the spreadsheet to the bottom row.
Does NOT change the column value;

***CELLS**

This is the default view for the VMEX program.
Cells may be updated on this view. After each input, the COMPLETE workspace is recomputed.
You may navigate to other views or move the current view around based what command is entered.

***CLEAR**

This command clears the current workspace.
All data is LOST. You must *SAVE the current workspace before the *CLEAR or any changes made from the last *LOAD will be lost.

***DOWN**

Moves the current view by 15 rows.

***EXIT**

Exit the VMEX spreadsheet. All data will NOT be saved.

***HOME**

Returns the view port to the stating location.
row = 0, column = 1 (Default Home position).

***LEFT**

Moves the current view LEFT 4 columns.

***LOAD**

Prompts for the workspace to be loaded.

***MATH**

Displays the current math values by cell.

***PROG**

This command displays the program code for the current workspace. All the functions, math variables, and text variables are displayed in the cells.

***RIGHT**

Move the current view **RIGHT** 4 columns.

***SAVE**

Prompts for the name of the file to store the current workspace.

***TOP**

Return to view to row 0, the top of sheet. The column value is NOT changed. You must use *LEFT or *RIGHT to shift the view over.

***UP**

Moves the current view **UP** 15 rows.

***VIEW**

Sets the view port to be displayed on the screen. You will be prompted for the ROW and then the COL entry.

ROW can be 0 to 99.

COL must start with 1 and can be up to 26.

Math Processing

A math parser written by Dr. Jack Crenshaw has been integrated into VMEX. Operations supported are +, -, *, and /.

Mixed mode is supported.

=a1+b1 ...etc

or

=6+9 or =6+a1 or =b2+7

Built-in Functions

You can include functions in the spreadsheet. Functions are of the form =AVG(A2,A5), =SUM(C1,C15). Functions **MUST** start with the = (equal) character.

AVG

AVG will return the average value from the cells inside the (...).

Ex: =AVG(B1,C1);

DATE

DATE will display in the cell, the current date. This cell CAN NOT be used in any math activity. If you need math ability, then use MTH, DAY or YR.

Ex: =DATE
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DAY

Will return the current day as an integer.

Ex: =DAY

HOURL

Will return the current hour as an integer.

MIN

Will return the current minute as an integer.

MTH

Will return the current month as an integer.

Ex: =YR

POW

Raises a number to the indicate power.

Ex: =POW(a8,2)

 a8 = 5

 This raises a8 (5) to the 2nd power
 giving the result of 25.

RNG

RNG will return the difference between the largest and smallest value in the input.

Ex: = RNG(C1,C3)

SEC

Will return the current second as an integer.

SQRT

Will return the square root of a cell. The cell to be used MUST be entered as a double (Ex: 4.0, 9.0, 15.33)

Ex: B5 set value 9.0

 =SQRT(B5)

 Value returned is 3.0

SUM

SUM will return the cumulative total. The input must be a horizontal or vertical 1D range of cells, described by the end points. The formula will compute a result using only values within the given range of cells; it should ignore empty cells and those containing text or another formula. If there are no values within the given range of cells, the result should default to zero.

Ex: =SUM(C1,C3)

TIME

Will return the current time in a string.

Ex: =TIME

 15:33:34

YR

Will return the current year as an integer.

Ex: =YR