Spreadsheet Programs

automatic (re)calculation

Spreadsheet Basics

- rows and columns
- address of a cell: (c, r)
- data types
 - numbers
 - text

Expressions

- expression: a calculation on operands
 - **34** + 8
 - **6** * 7
 - **■** 5 * 8 + 2
- formula: an expression used to calculate a result
 - **=** 34 + 8
 - **=** 5 * 8 + 2

Cell Addressing

formulae can contain cell addresses:

on changes, formalue will be automatically recalculated

Relative Addressing

- plain addresses are relative
 - D2 = A1 + B2
 - \bullet (c,r) = (c-3,r-1) + (c-2,r)
- copy / pasting the formula preserves the relation
 - if pasted into E5:
 - \blacksquare (E,5) = (E-3,5-1) + (E-2,5)
 - \blacksquare = B4 + C5

Absolute Addressing

- if an axis starts with a \$ it's absolute
 - D2 = A\$1 + \$B2
 - \bullet (c,r) = (c-3,1) + (B,r)
- value doesn't change when pasted
 - if pasted into E5:
 - \blacksquare (E,5) = (E-3,1) + (B,5)
 - = B1 + B5

Functions

- take parameters, return result
- examples:
 - ABS: 1 parameter
 - SQRT: 1 parameter
 - ROUND: 2 parameters
 - RAND: no parameters, different result every time

Ranges

- range: block of consecutive cells
- start:end
- range functions:
 - COUNT: count numeric values
 - COUNTA: count all values (non-empty)
 - SUM
 - AVERAGE
 - empty cells are ignored

Selection Function

- select one of two values based on a condition:
 - IF(condition, true_value, false_value)
 - IF(A1 >= 18, "Adult", "Minor")
- counting based on a condition:
 - COUNTIF(range, condition)
 - COUNTIF(A3:A50, "=Adult")

Advanced Operations

- filtering
- sorting
- charts

CSV

- comma separated values
- only the active sheet is exported
- values can be exported, not the formulae
- style can not be exported
- settings: separator, text delimited, character set

Style

- fonts, colours
- borders
- column width, row height
- alignment: horizontal and vertical
- cell merging