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The easiest way to convert a "number" in a cell to an actual number (eg if you copy & paste data from accounting software and the data pastes as text) is to type 1 in a blank cell, copy that cell with 1 in it, highlight all the cells that you want to convert to numbers, paste special, select multiply (under operation), then ok.

Sandra Sugden, Australia Post

Comment. A neat solution to a fairly common problem. An alternative method is to use the Value function in an adjacent cell =Value(cell ref).

The AND formula can greatly simplify nested IF statements. Eg the following two formulas check if three cells are the same, but the second is much easier to read:

=IF(A17=B17,IF(B17=C17,"Yes","No"),"No")

=IF(AND(A17=B17, B17=C17),"Yes","No")

Doug Beer, Tasmanian Ports Corporation

Comment. Yes, and the more values you compare the simpler it becomes - this is covered in NDA's [Excel Advanced](#) course. Doug reminds me that I used to be his IT Lecturer - in 1989 :-).

We received an excellent selection of formula tips from a client but on closer inspection they came from the December 2007 edition of this newsletter but - hey - its nice to know they are in circulation. You can review the original version on our website at [Top Excel Formula Tips](#).

And the winner is...Jennie Reid of Internet Tasmania, for the general all-round usefulness of her suggestion re customising toolbars. A \$100 Myer voucher is on its way to you, Jennie. Next month we will include a tutorial on this subject and identify our favourite non-standard Office tools.

The Laptop on a Small Boat Problem

Last month we recounted the problem of a sailor friend trying to read compass bearings from a laptop while on a small boat pitching in a heavy sea. He wanted the ability to click on a cell and have that row automatically highlight in some way to more easily read a bearing from further along the same row. Three solutions were received. Tomasz Pinkiewicz and Rob Van Tholen both produced VB solutions while Doug Beer (appropriately from the Tasmanian Ports Corp) made the simple suggestion of switching on Data, Filter, AutoFilter then selecting the appropriate bearing from the drop down list. Our client liked the simplicity of the AutoFilter solution but my preference is for Tomasz' VB solution as the one click operation increased the font size of the selected row as well as hiding unselected rows. Tomasz - call by our Launceston training centre sometime and pick up a bottle of Bass Strait 2006 Tasmanian Pinot from Reception as your prize.

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