Steps to Build a Spreadsheet from Scratch



These steps are a good guideline for creating a new spreadsheet:

- 1) Place the Labels on the sheet
- 2) Enter sample data
- 3) Put the formulas on the sheet (check the results)
- 4) Enter real data
- 5) Lastly, format the sheet, save it and print it.

As an Example Build Simple Bank Account Reconciliation Sheet:

	A5	•	=			
	Α	В	С	D	E	
1	Bank Reconciliation for Name					
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3	Date	Deposit	Withdrawl	Balance		
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- 1. Enter Labels as above
- 2. In D4 enter an open balance
- 3. In A5 enter a date
- 4. In B5 & C5 enter some transaction values
- 5. In D5 enter a formula that takes the previous balance
 - adds any deposits and subtracts any withdraws for the current date [=d4+B5-c5]
 - you can copy the formula down using the autofill handle
- 6. Enter real data
- 7. Format the sheet!