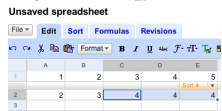


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Google Docs & Spreadsheets



Google Spreadsheets

Google Steals Features from Microsoft Office

AutoFill now included in Google Spreadsheets

The competition between Google Docs & Spreadsheets and Microsoft Office was never confirmed by the two companies but every once in a while the super giant Google adds new features into its web-based product. Today, the Mountain View firm introduces a new function for Spreadsheets that is now able to auto-fill some cells depending on the data entered by you in the previous ones. Just like in Microsoft Office, you can do this by selecting the cells and then, using the drag and drop support by moving your mouse cursor to auto-complete the empty ones. "With AutoFill you can reduce the amount of repetitive entry into your sheets by dragging the new little square at the bottom right of whatever range is selected. You can now fill in commonly seen series, like the days of the week or a series of numbers, or simply use it as a copy-and-paste tool," Andy Bonventre, Engineer - spreadsheets team, sustained today. Google Spreadsheets is a web-based technology, very similar with Microsoft Excel that allows you to organize your data in a matter of seconds. Obviously, the Google product is available for free so you're not required to pay a fee to use the product. All you need is a freeware Google account, compatible with all the search giant's technologies. But along with the AutoFill function, the Mountain View company rolled out several new improvements, most of them addressing the data query support. "We've also just introduced some cool new data query functions that allow you to import RSS/Atom, HTML, CSV/TSV and XML data directly into your sheet. These are handy for basic data import tasks and provide virtually endless opportunities for integrating information from web sources," the same Google engineer added. If you want to use the freeware Google Docs & Spreadsheets, you can login with your own Google account on this [link](#).