

How can I remove the last three characters from a string in Excel?

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To remove the last three characters from a string in Excel, you can use the "LEFT" function. This function allows you to specify the number of characters you want to extract from the beginning of a string. By using a combination of the "LEFT" function and the "LEN" function to determine the length of the string, you can easily remove the last three characters from a string in Excel. This method is useful for cleaning up data or extracting specific information from a longer string.

Excel: Remove Last 3 Characters from String

Often you may want to remove the last 3 characters from a string in Excel.

You can use the LEFT function combined with the LEN function to do so:

=LEFT(A2,LEN(A2)-3)

This particular formula removes the last 3 characters from the string in cell A2.

The following example shows how to use this formula in practice.

Example: Remove Last 3 Characters from String in Excel

Suppose we have the following list of basketball team names:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Team					
2	Mavericks					
3	Rockets					
4	Hornets					
5	Pacers					
6	Raptors					
7	Thunder					
8	Pelicans					
9	Nuggets					
10	Timberwolves					
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Suppose we would like to remove the last three characters from each team name.

We can type the following formula into cell B2 to do so:

=LEFT(A2,LEN(A2)-3)

We can then click and drag this formula down to each remaining cell in column B:

	A	B	C
1	Team	Team with Last 3 Characters Removed	
2	Mavericks	Maveri	
3	Rockets	Rock	
4	Hornets	Horn	
5	Pacers	Pac	
6	Raptors	Rapt	
7	Thunder	Thun	
8	Pelicans	Pelic	
9	Nuggets	Nugg	
10	Timberwolves	Timberwol	
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Column B now displays the team names in column A with the last three characters removed from each team name.

How This Formula Works

The LEFT() function in Excel extracts a specific number of characters from the left side of a string.

The LEN() function in Excel is used to find the length of a string.

Thus, our formula displays the entire string with the last three characters removed.

Note: Blank spaces in a string count as characters. You may need to first remove blank spaces to get your desired result.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Excel:

[Excel: A Formula for MID From Right](#)

[Excel: How to Use MID Function for Variable Length Strings](#)