

How do I create a countdown timer in Google Sheets?

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Creating a countdown timer in Google Sheets allows you to track and display the remaining time until a specific event or deadline. To create a countdown timer in Google Sheets, you can use the built-in functions such as NOW(), TODAY(), and MINUS(), along with conditional formatting to display the timer visually. This feature is useful for managing time-sensitive tasks and can be easily integrated into your spreadsheets for efficient time management. By following a few simple steps, you can easily create a countdown timer in Google Sheets for your personal or professional use.

Create a Countdown Timer in Google Sheets

You can create a countdown timer in Google Sheets that counts the number of days, hours, and minutes until some date by using the NOW() function.

The following step-by-step example shows how to use this function to create a countdown timer in practice.

Step 1: Enter the Countdown Date

Suppose today is 2/3/2022.

I will create a countdown timer in Google Sheets that counts the number of days, hours, and minutes until 2/10/2022:

	A	B	C	D	
1	Countdown Date				
2	2/10/2022				
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Step 2: Create the Formulas for Counting Down

Next, we can use the following formulas to count the number of days, hours, and minutes until 2/10/2022:

Days: **=INT(A2-NOW())** **Hours:** **=HOUR(A2-NOW())** **Minutes:** **=MINUTE(A2-NOW())**

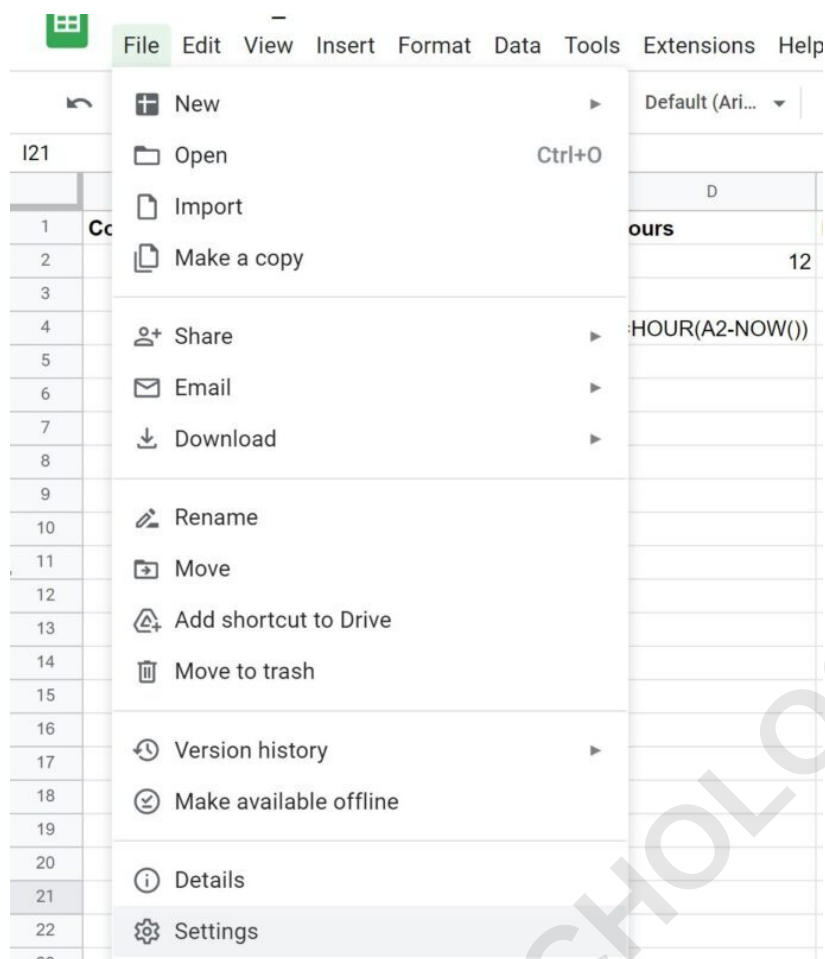
We can type these formulas into each of their own cells:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Countdown Date		Days	Hours	Minutes
2	2/10/2022		6	12	42
3					
4			=INT(A2-NOW())	=HOUR(A2-NOW())	=MINUTE(A2-NOW())
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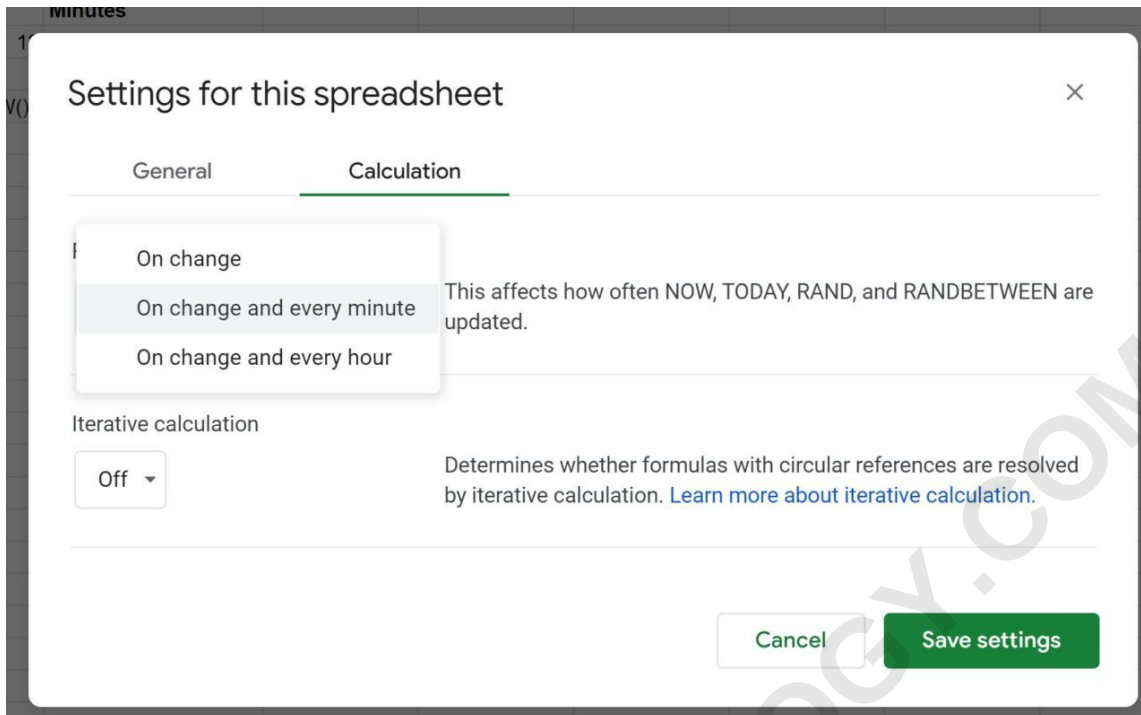
This tells us that the date 2/10/22 is 6 days, 12 hours, and 42 minutes away.

Step 3: Update the Countdown Timer Every Minute

To ensure that the values for the countdown timer update every minute, click the File tab along the top ribbon and then click Settings from the dropdown menu:



Next, click the Calculation tab and then click the dropdown arrow next to Recalculation and choose On change and every minute and then click Save settings:



Additional Resources

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