

. How do I use the LEFTB function in Google Sheets?

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The LEFTB function in Google Sheets is a useful tool for extracting a specific number of characters from the beginning of a text string in a cell. This function is particularly helpful for handling texts with double-byte characters, such as Japanese or Chinese characters. To use the LEFTB function, simply enter the cell reference and the number of characters you want to extract. This function can be applied in various scenarios, such as sorting data or creating customized labels. Overall, the LEFTB function in Google Sheets offers a convenient and efficient way to manipulate text data.

LEFTB function

The LEFTB function returns the left portion of a string up to a certain number of bytes.

Parts of a LEFTB function

`LEFTB(string, num_of_bytes)`

Part	Description
<code>string</code>	The string from which the left portion will be returned.
<code>num_of_bytes</code>	(Optional) The number of bytes to return from the left side of `string`.

Notes

LEFTB returns the same value as LEFT if the input string has only single byte characters. `num_of_bytes` must be greater than or equal to zero. If `num_of_bytes` is greater than the length of text in bytes, LEFTB returns all of text. If `num_of_bytes` is omitted, it is assumed to be 1.

Examples

	A	B	C
1	Input	Formula	Output
2	Aeñ	<code>=LEFTB(A2, 2)</code>	Ae
3	Aeñ	<code>=LEFT(A3, 2)</code>	Ae
4	??	<code>=LEFTB(A4, 2)</code>	?
5	??	<code>=LEFT(A5, 2)</code>	??

Related functions

MIDB: ?The MIDB function returns a section of a string starting at a given character and up to a specified number of bytes.**RIGHTB:** The RIGHTB function returns the right portion of a string up to a certain number of bytes.**LENB:** The LENB function returns the length of a string in bytes.

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