

How do I use the TO_DATE function in Google Sheets?

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The TO_DATE function in Google Sheets allows users to convert a text string into a date format. To use this function, the user must first select the cell where they want the converted date to appear. They can then enter the formula "=TO_DATE()" followed by the cell containing the text string that they want to convert. The text string must be in a recognizable date format such as "MM/DD/YYYY" or "DD-MMM-YYYY". The TO_DATE function will then convert the text string into a date format and display it in the selected cell. This function is useful for organizing and analyzing data in a spreadsheet.

TO_DATE

Converts a provided number to a date.

Sample Usage

```
TO_DATE(25405)
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TO_DATE(A2)
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TO_DATE(40826.4375)
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Syntax

```
TO_DATE(value)
```

`value` - The argument or reference to a cell to be converted to a date.

If `value` is a number or a reference to a cell containing a numeric value, TO_DATE returns `value` converted to a date, interpreting `value` as number of days since December 30, 1899.

Negative values are interpreted as days before this date, and fractional values indicate time of day past midnight.

If `value` is not a number or a reference to a cell containing a numeric value, TO_DATE returns `value` without modification.

Notes

TO_DATE does not autoconvert number formats in the same way as direct entry into cells. Therefore, TO_DATE(10/10/2000) is interpreted as TO_DATE(0.0005), the quotient of 10 divided by 10 divided by 2000.

TO_DATE is not as commonly used as DATE, which takes a year, month, and day in numeric format

as inputs.

TO_DATE is the inverse of N as applied to a date, and equivalent to applying **Format** **Number**

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Date time from the menu bar.

See Also

DATE: Converts a year, month, and day into a date.

TO_TEXT: Converts a provided numeric value to a text value.

TO_PURE_NUMBER: Converts a provided date/time, percentage, currency or other formatted numeric value to a pure number without formatting.

TO_PERCENT: Converts a provided number to a percentage.

TO_DOLLARS: Converts a provided number to a dollar value.

N: Returns the argument provided as a number.

Examples