

## Re: Distinguishing blank cells

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Hi Daniel,

Apologies. Despite your clear signature, I called you David.

Sorry agan!

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Regards,

Norman

"daniel chen" <danchen@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message  
news:i5xUc.467863\$Gx4.106687@bgtncsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net...

> Hi Norman, Thank you.

> Is there a blanket operation similar to "Formula Auditing" to look into?

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> "Norman Jones" <normanjones@whereforartthou.com> wrote in message  
> news:e7ssQ%23KhEHA.2908@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> > Hi David,

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> > =Isblank(A1)

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> > returns true if A1 an empty cell and false in the other cases you  
> indicate.

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> > Regards,

> > Norman

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> > "daniel chen" <danchen@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message

> > news:zRvUc.219162\$OB3.38054@bgtncsc05-news.ops.worldnet.att.net...

> > > There are 3 kinds of blanks.

> > > I don't know what you call them. Let's say

> > > 1) a string blank : derived from = '

> > > 2) an embedded blank : derived from = "" either by assignment  
or

> > by

> > > conditional formula.

> > > When this was copied, and paste-special-value-only, it  
turned

> > > pseudo empty

> > > 3) an empty blank : a true virgin blank

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> > > Is there a way to distinguish the embedded blanks from the empty  
blanks

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> > > worksheet?  
> > > Any idea?  
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