

# Identify Duplicate Items Based On Multiple Criteria

---

*Source:*

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Excel/microsoft.public.excel.worksheet.functions/2006-09/msg00553.html>

---

- *From:* [calummurdo@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:calummurdo@xxxxxxxxxx)
  - *Date:* 7 Sep 2006 04:01:16 -0700
- 

Hi,

I have a rather large list (approx 20,000 rows) of suppliers of training. I have their name in column 1, type of training they provide in column 2 (e.g. health and safety, first aid, generic stuff) and the name of the course in column 3.

e.g.

Col 1

Provider 1

Provider 1

Provider 1

Provider 2

Provider 3

Col 2

H&S

H&S

First Aid

H&S

Other

Col 3

5 Day Course

5 Day Course

3 Day Course

Chainsaw Training

Something else

The problem is many of the courses are duplicated so one supplier of one type of course with a given name might have fifty entries that are identical. What I would like to do is to have one entry for each variation but can't think how. I did consider an array but only end up counting the number of duplicates :(

Any ideas would be most appreciated!

Best Regards,

## Identify Duplicate Items Based On Multiple Criteria

CalumMurdo Kennedy

.