

## RE: Looking up the most recent date

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I suspect a Pivot Table would be the easiest-to-maintain solution.

Using your data table....

<Data><Pivot Table>

Use: Excel

Select your data

Click the [Layout] button

ROW:

Drag the "Machine#" field here

Double-click the field and set the subtotal to None

Drag the "Toner" field here

Double-click the field and set the subtotal to None

Drag the "Replaced" field here

Double-click the field and set the subtotal to None

DATA:

Drag the "Installed" field here

Double-click the field and set the function to MAX

Click [OK]

Select where you want the Pivot Table...and you're most of the way there.

Click the "Replaced" field dropdown on the Pivot Table and only check: Blank

That will leave you with a table of Machine#'s, toner types, and the last install date that hasn't yet been replaced.

If you prefer, you can drag the Machine# field to the PAGE area so you can view one machine at a time.

To refresh the Pivot Table, just right click it and select Refresh Data

Is that something you can work with?

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Regards,  
Ron

XL2002, WinXP

"CatatonicBug" wrote:

I have a Database in which I keep track of all the toner for my company. I list each box as it arrives with a number, and record it (1,2,3...345,346, etc.). When it arrives, I record the date in one column, when I install it in a machine, I record that date in the next column, and when I replace it with a new one, I record that date in the next column. It looks something like this:

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A B C D E
F G
1 Ref # Toner Arrived Installed Machine# Replaced
Toner Life
2 1 C4127X 1/26/05 2/17/05 10185268 3/14/05
25
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I have 62 different machines, and 50 types of toner and other supplies. I maintain a fairly good JIT ordering system for this stuff, but i want to make it one step better.

What I want to be able to do is display on a list of all the different machines (several machines use the same type of toner) the most recent date of installation for each machine, then use that number to determine how many days are left on that installation, based on the average number of days in the "Toner Life" column. I have already figured the average, but I need to be able to pull out the date of the most recent installation for each machine, and plug that into a formula. How do I retrieve that info for each machine? I know this sounds crazy, but any help would be appreciated.

Thanks!

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