

Re: Orphaned Links -- HELP!

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Thanks for posting that link.

(Those links hang out everywhere!)

Steve Drenker wrote:

Dave...I tried the add-in that you pointed me to, but it didn't work on my Mac.

However, I did find source code for a VBA utility written by Bill Manville and David Ringstrom in an article in Microsoft Office and VBA Developer magazine titled "Banish Phantom Links" that did the trick. I found the pointer to the article on the MS site at <http://www.microsoft.com/europe/vba/resources/downloads/159.htm>

I think this is essentially the source code for the add-in.

I found the links in some names that were copied in with the data cells.

Steve

When I can't find links, I'll use Bill Manville's FindLink program:
<http://www.oaltd.co.uk/MVP/Default.htm>

But I use a WinTel machine. I don't know if it'll work with your Mac.

Steve Drenker wrote:

Mac PowerBook G4, 2 GB RAM running Excel 2004

I copied a range of cells into a new worksheet in a workbook. Now I've got a mysterious link I don't want somewhere on the copied range. I cannot find any external links in the copied cells -- they are all numbers and text, no

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formulas.

I've tried Edit|Links|Break Link but it doesn't work.

I tried moving the new worksheet out of the old workbook. When I try to save the old workbook without the new worksheet, Excel asks me if I want to save the link to the new unnamed worksheet. I have the options of OK and Cancel. I hit Cancel, but get the same problem when I try to quit. So I clicked "OK" and now I've got a SECOND useless and orphaned link to an unnamed worksheet.

Aaargh! I don't want any links and now I've got two useless ones that are always causing error messages to pop up and the stupid "Compatibility Report" icon to flash red at me. How do I get rid of the links?

I tried a macro approach from Joseph Rubin's ExcelTip site ([http://www.exceltip.com/show_tip/Links_in_VBA/List_change_or_delete_external_formula_references_\(links\)_using_VBA_in_Microsoft_Excel/487.html](http://www.exceltip.com/show_tip/Links_in_VBA/List_change_or_delete_external_formula_references_(links)_using_VBA_in_Microsoft_Excel/487.html)), but it didn't find any links.

Why the hell can't Microsoft build less buggy software?

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To top it off, my worksheet started life on a PC with a few ActiveX controls. These can't be selected or deleted on my Mac. I was getting lots of 32809 errors and the MS knowledge base said these are caused by exactly the situation I've got -- sheet originating on PC with ActiveX and moved to a Mac. I had to take the file to Kinkos, open it on a PC, erase the ActiveX controls, save it and move it back to my Mac.

Excel is what, 15 years old? Isn't it about time MS fixed these fundamental problems??? Quit adding new features that nobody needs and fix the BASICS!!

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