

Data Storage Capability Comparison Excel 2003 to Excel 2007

Many Excel users take advantage of the data summary and calculation capabilities. In earlier versions of Excel, there were some limitations on the amount of data that could be stored in a single worksheet. These capabilities have been expanded in Excel 2007. A comparison of Excel 2003 and Excel 2007 capabilities are provided in the table below.

Storage Option	Excel 2003	Excel 2007
Columns in Worksheet	256	16,384
Rows in a Worksheet	65,536	1,048,576
Different Colors Allowed in a Workbook	56	4.3 billion
Conditional Format Conditions per Cell	3	Limited by Memory
Sorting Levels of a Range or Table	3	64
Items Displayed in AutoFilter List	1,024	32,768
Number of Characters in a Cell	1,024	32,768
Characters Per Cell That Can be Printed	1,024	32,768
Total Unique Cell Styles in a Workbook	4,000	65,536
Maximum Length of a Formula (in characters)	1,024	8,192
Nested Levels Allowed in a Formula	7	64
Maximum Number of Arguments in a Formula	30	255
Characters That Can be Stored and Displayed in a Cell With a Text Format	255	32,768
Columns Allowed in a PivotTable	255	16,384
Fields displayed in the PivotTable List Task Pane	255	16,384

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