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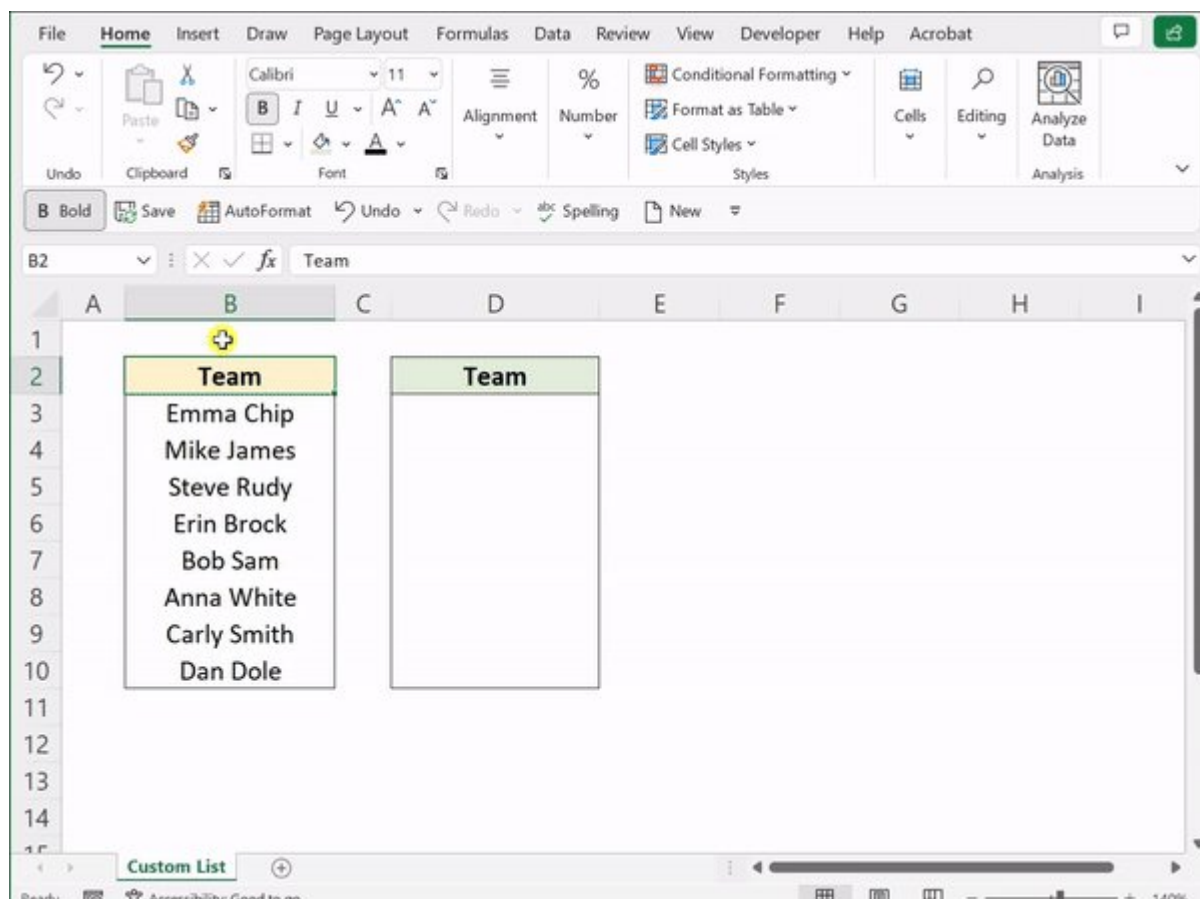
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### Save hours of your life with these 10 Excel productivity tips:

#### 1. Custom Lists

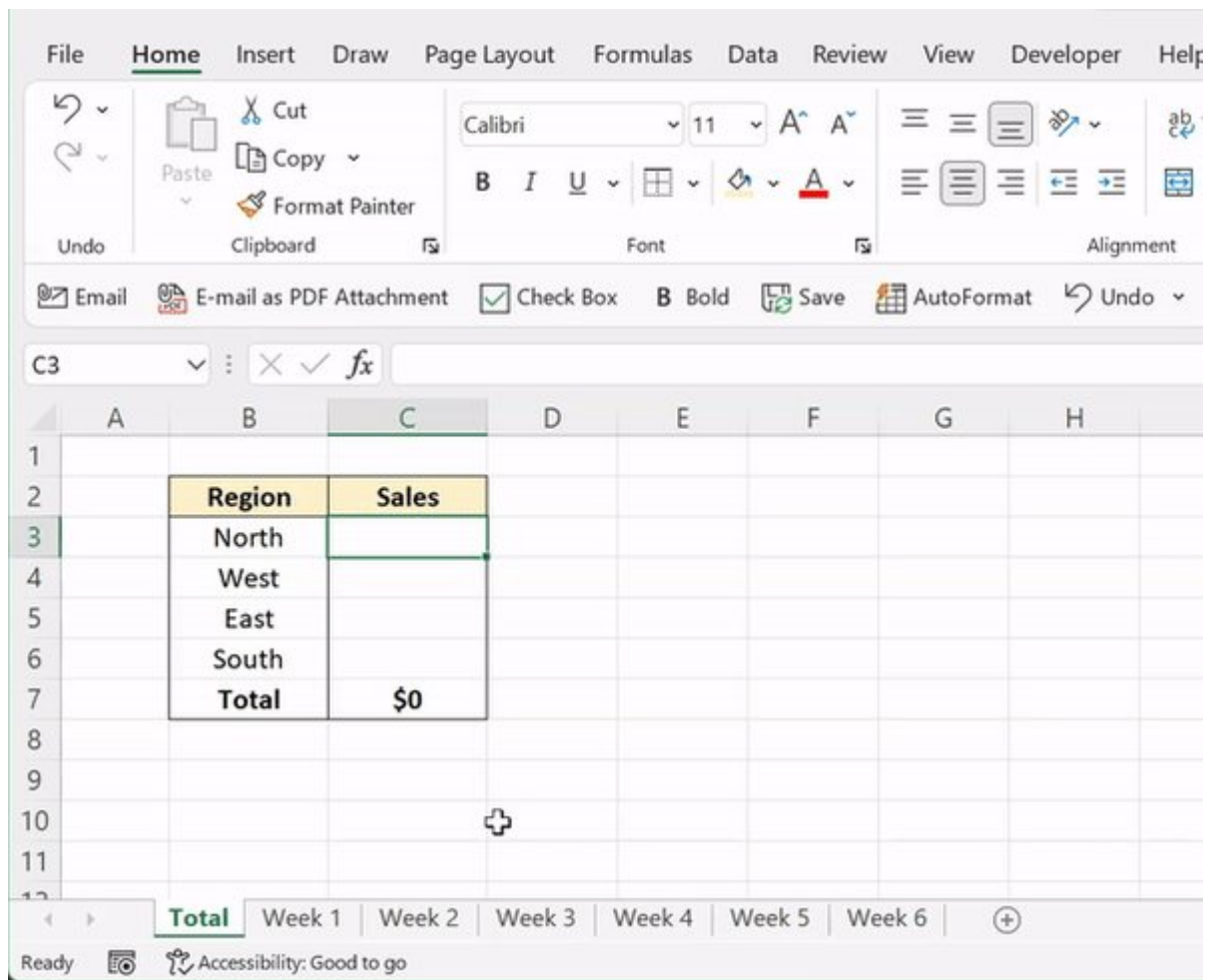
If you are repeatedly entering the same list of values, try this instead. Create a custom list that Excel auto-fills for you. Go to File > Options > Advanced > Edit Custom Lists > Enter List > Import > OK. Enter any list item and drag down the fill handle!



#### 2. AutoFormat

If you waste too much time trying to figure out how to format your data table, meet AutoFormat. AutoFormat creates a selection of data formats that can be applied directly to your data. Just select AutoFormat and choose your favorite style!





#### 4. Flash Fill

Manipulating data in Excel can be a tedious task but not with Flash Fill. Flash Fill automatically fills data based on detected patterns. Enter the data, hit Flash Fill on the Insert tab or CTRL E, and Excel will automatically fill the pattern down the column!

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Undo Paste Cut Copy Format Painter Clipboard Font Alignment

Email E-mail as PDF Attachment Check Box Bold Save AutoFormat Undo Redo

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2		<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Initials</b>			
3		Elli Sam Golding							
4		Charles Tim Ray							
5		Fetty Fay Bop							
6		Ed Eddy Shearer							
7		Kiki Keys Kadid							
8		Cristo Don Ronald							
9		Kylie Kim Lenner							
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## 5. Fill Contents in Selection

If you spend too much time dragging formulas down and reformatting contents, you need the CTRL ENTER shortcut! CTRL ENTER automatically fills the active cell's contents into selected cells. Note: The active cell has to be in editing mode to work.



The screenshot displays the Microsoft Excel interface. The ribbon is set to 'Home', showing options for Font (Calibri, size 11, bold, italic, underline), Alignment (left, center, right, justify), and Clipboard (undo, redo, paste, copy, format painter). The active cell is B2, and the formula bar shows 'Regional Sales (000's)'. The worksheet contains a table with the following data:

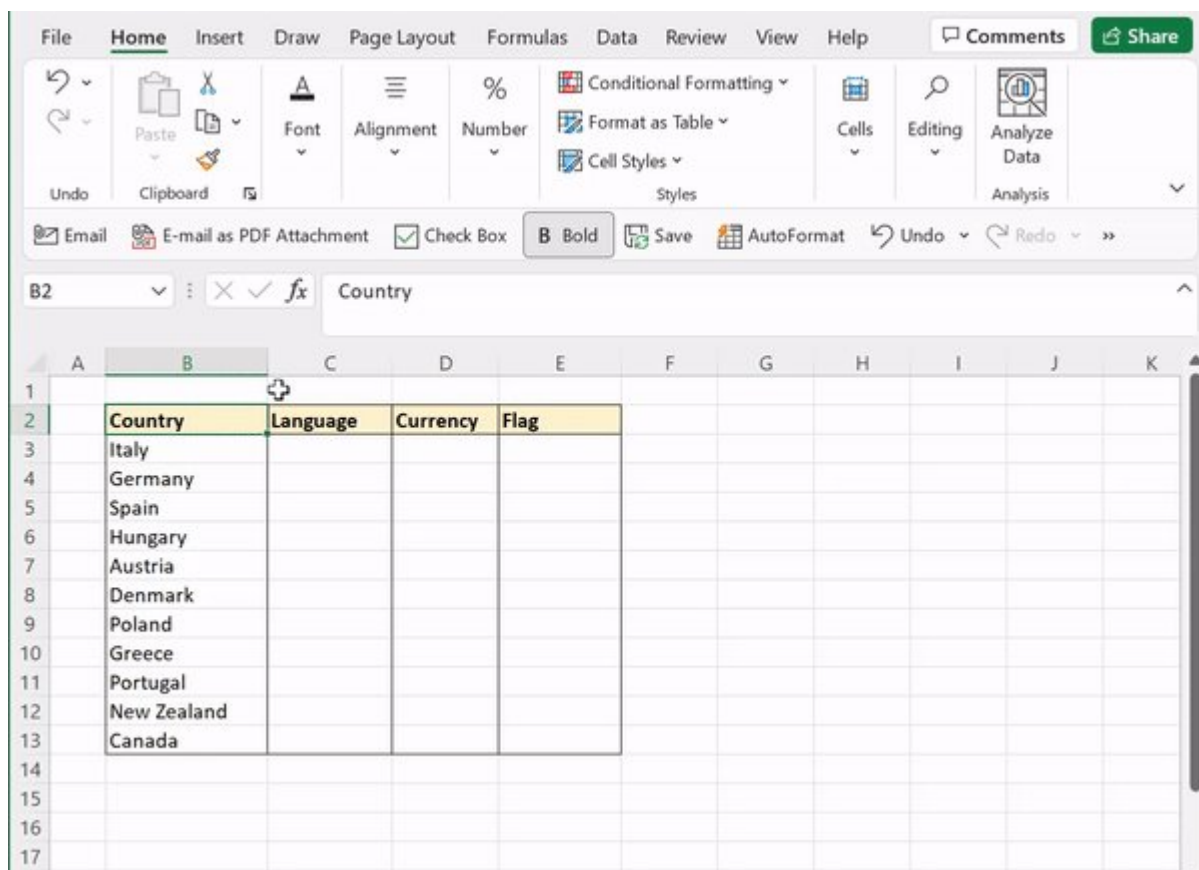
Regional Sales (000's)					
North	\$27,780	\$37,382	\$40,562	\$27,547	
West	\$29,849	\$11,528	\$38,983	\$38,761	
East	\$44,329	\$21,646	\$44,835	\$15,576	
South	\$30,499	\$17,799	\$9,257	\$14,251	
Total	\$132,457	\$88,355	\$133,638	\$96,134	

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Ready' and 'Accessibility: Good to go'.

## 7. Data Types

Instead of google searching fields individually, let Excel search them all at once using Data Types. Convert text strings to linked data types by selecting the data > Data tab > Select the Data Type. Then select the data's attributes you want to pull in.





## 8. AutoSum

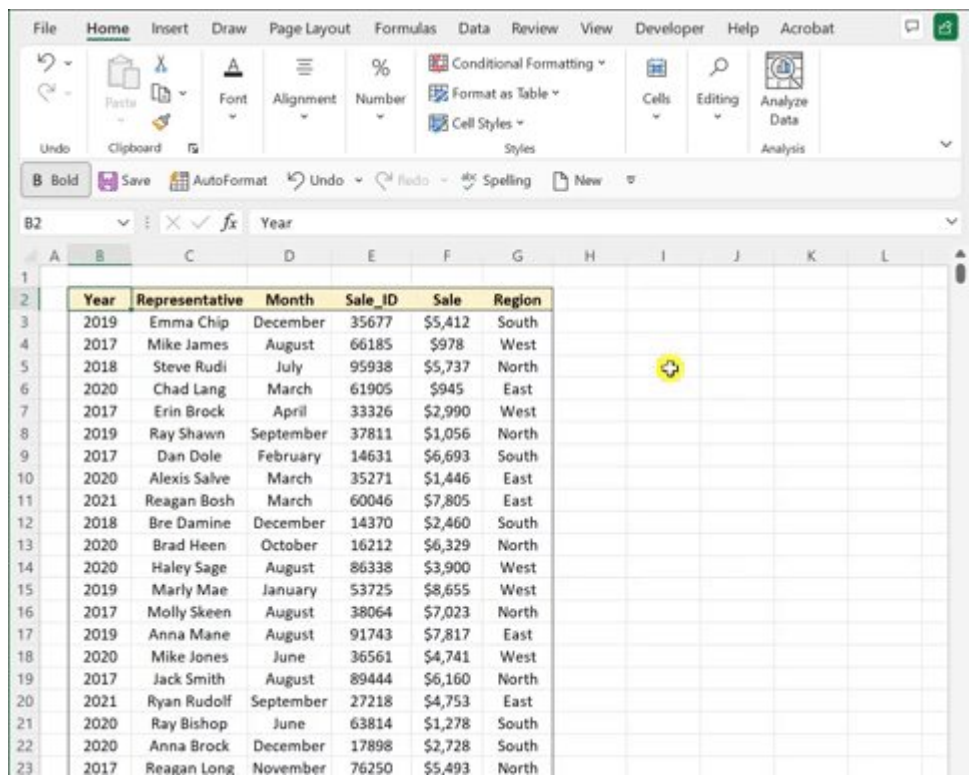
'=A1+A1+A1+...' if this looks familiar to you, stop scrolling and learn AutoSum. AutoSum automatically detects data in adjacent cells and sums it using the SUM function. Select an empty cell adjacent to the data and select AutoSum on the Home tab or press Alt =.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the 'Home' tab selected. The ribbon includes options for Font, Alignment, and AutoSum. The formula bar shows 'B17'. The worksheet contains a table with the following data:

2021 Sales	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Justin Fever	\$26,166	\$25,815	\$24,023	\$83,143	
Kiki Kadid	\$73,841	\$34,728	\$12,390	\$23,819	
Cristo Ronald	\$23,761	\$48,372	\$23,721	\$23,842	
Kylie Lenner	\$27,047	\$52,948	\$76,574	\$72,048	
Kim Cardashion	\$23,452	\$23,467	\$23,465	\$34,563	
Dwayne Jonston	\$53,234	\$65,432	\$54,382	\$23,524	
Taylor Swooft	\$13,805	\$45,622	\$87,193	\$32,502	
Bill Bates	\$39,603	\$35,103	\$60,905	\$70,594	
<b>Total</b>					

## 9. Analyze Data

Analyzing, summarizing, and visualizing large data sets can be time-consuming, but not with Analyze Data. Let Excel do the work for you by selecting Analyze Data under the Home tab, typing in how you want to summarize your data, and inserting it into your sheet.



Year	Representative	Month	Sale_ID	Sale	Region
2019	Emma Chip	December	35677	\$5,412	South
2017	Mike James	August	66185	\$978	West
2018	Steve Rudi	July	95938	\$5,737	North
2020	Chad Lang	March	61905	\$945	East
2017	Erin Brock	April	33326	\$2,990	West
2019	Ray Shawn	September	37811	\$1,056	North
2017	Dan Dole	February	14631	\$6,693	South
2020	Alexis Salve	March	35271	\$1,446	East
2021	Reagan Bosh	March	60046	\$7,805	East
2018	Bre Damine	December	14370	\$2,460	South
2020	Brad Heen	October	16212	\$6,329	North
2020	Haley Sage	August	86338	\$3,900	West
2019	Marly Mae	January	53725	\$8,655	West
2017	Molly Skeen	August	38064	\$7,023	North
2019	Anna Mane	August	91743	\$7,817	East
2020	Mike Jones	June	36561	\$4,741	West
2017	Jack Smith	August	89444	\$6,160	North
2021	Ryan Rudolf	September	27218	\$4,753	East
2020	Ray Bishop	June	63814	\$1,278	South
2020	Anna Brock	December	17898	\$2,728	South
2017	Reagan Long	November	76250	\$5,493	North

## 10. Tables

The productivity hack you didn't know you needed: Excel Tables. Excel Tables clean up formatting, autofill formulas, and automatically expand and update charts linked to the data when rows are added. To format your data as a table, just select the data and hit CTRL T.



