

NOTE B: EXCEL VERSIONS AND SOURCES

UPDATES

The most important aspect of using Excel is to **BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED ALL THE UPDATES.** By all means set your computer for the automatic downloads from Microsoft. I can't emphasize this strongly enough.

VERSIONS

<u>Excel Version</u>	<u>Excel Name</u>	<u>Office Suite Name</u>
4.0	Excel 94 for Windows 4.0	
5.0	Excel for Windows NT	
7.0	Excel 95	Office 95
8.0	Excel 97	Office 97
	Excel 98	Office 97 for the MacIntosh
9.0	Excel 2000	Office 2000
	Excel 2001	Office 2000 for the MacIntosh
10.0	Excel 2002	Office XP
11.0	Excel 2003	Office 2003
	Excel 2004	Office 2003 for the
MacIntosh		
12.0	Excel 2007	Office 2007

Excel version 5 started the use of VBA programming in Excel.

VERSIONS EVALUATED

The Excel 2000 version that I used (Office 2000 Professional) to find faults and errors, is version 9.0.6926 with service release 3 (SR-3).

The Excel 2003 version that I used to find faults and errors is version 11.0.6355.0 with service release SR-1. (KBA 834691). Current users (as of December 31, 2005) with all fixes installed should have version 11.0.8000.0. The current version is now 11.8146.8132 SP2

The Excel 2007 version that I used was 12.0.6024.5000.

SOURCES

The EXCEL stat package was an add-on developer package by Grey Matter International Inc, Cambridge, MA. (back in the early 90's). Microsoft did not write it.

The Tool-Pac Add-in uses macros written for Excel 4.0. This limits the ability to upgrade the tool-pac, since version 4.0 macros are no longer supported.

The Solver add-in is from Frontline Systems, and is an early, limited version of their commercial versions.

VERSION UPGRADES

Upgrades, Downloads, etc. issued by Microsoft may or may not be effectively incorporated, depending of whether the version was independently purchased, or purchased as part of an OFFICE suite. Microsoft issued upgrades or downloads for a current OFFICE suite, which can be downloaded, but will not install if only a separate EXCEL program was installed. This prevents certain security, error fixes and upgrades that may affect a particular user from being incorporated.

For example I have OFFICE 2000 with EXCEL 2003 and EXCEL 2007 loaded as Excel programs. OFFICE 2003 Service Pack 2 will download, but not install. WORD 2000 and 2007 are different. If one changes from 2000 to 2007, a complete reload is required, and vice versa.