

NOTE D: EXCEL HELP FROM THE INTERNET

NEWSGROUPS (AS OF AUGUST 15, 2007)

Microsoft.public.excel.123quattro
Microsoft.public.excel.charting
Microsoft.public.excel.crashesgpf
Microsoft.public.excel.datamap
Microsoft.public.excel.fr
Microsoft.public.excel.interpoledde
Microsoft.public.excel.links
Microsoft.public.excel.macintosh
Microsoft.public.excel.misc
Microsoft.public.excel.printing
Microsoft.public.excel.programming
Microsoft.public.excel.querydao
Microsoft.public.excel.sdk
Microsoft.public.excel.setup
Microsoft.public.excel.templates
Microsoft.public.excel.worksheets.functions
Microsoft.public.excel.worksheetsfunctions

Questions are freely posted, and answers depend of others active on the news group responding. One may or may not get a quick response to a question. Questions on statistical applications are a very small fraction of actual questions. The “Microsoft.public.excel.worksheets.functions” newsgroup is more likely to get answers to questions on statistical applications than the others.

The Microsoft newsgroups are not statistically oriented and a question involving statistics may not get answered. Microsoft.public.excel.worksheets.functions is the best choice. People such as Jerry W. Lewis, David J. Braden and Harlan Grove are frequent responders with statistical knowledge and give good advice. There are the statistics news groups that one can post questions on. They are also listed in Note B. One must be able to post a question with sufficient backing information, so that somebody else can see the problem and give an answer.

For access to the historical records, go to <http://www.google.com>, select groups, and browse through the lists of groups to find the desired group. Use keywords in the search to find articles of interest.

STATISTICS NEWSGROUPS

Sci.math.num-analysis

Sci.stat.consult

Sci.stat.edu

Sci.stat.math

STATISTICS LISTS

EDSTAT - Subscription, posting, archives, etc. can be found at
<http://lists.psu.edu/archives/edstat-1.html>

GOOGLE GROUPS

Google has a number of groups in the area of statistics and on Excel. However they are poorly attended, and questions posted are quite likely to be not answered.

WEBSITES

There have been a number of recent websites that represent forums and locations for users to post questions, and others to respond. Excel is one of the categories.

ITtoolbox

YAHOO GROUPS

One useful group is EUSPRIG. An international forum (England), it is primarily focused on spreadsheet errors. The focus is on large spreadsheets (primarily commerce/business/government) where human errors are the principle problems. They deal with views on cell equations (i.e. the 3 inch rule), on finding faults and errors, on constructing VB macros, etc. Most of the interest is on financial accounting practices.

OTHER INTERNET WEB SITES

Many of the websites are not current or are based on Excel 5 and Excel 7 only.

<http://kb.indiana.edu/data/aapc.html>

There are universities that have on-line tutorials to teach the fundamentals of Excel.