

Excel 2003: Managing Worksheets

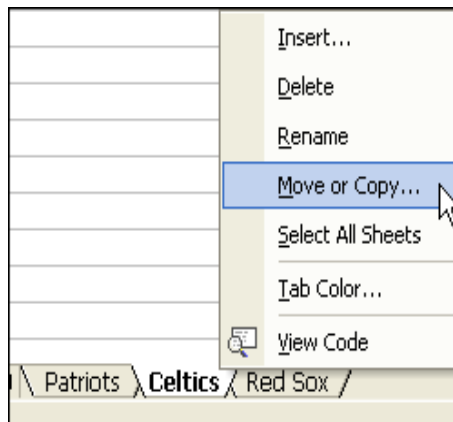
Learning Guide

Many projects have several related sets of data, and sometimes it's hard to manage your data across multiple Excel documents. Excel simplifies this process by allowing you to keep your data on multiple worksheets within a single workbook. Once your data is stored in a single document, Excel's tools for managing worksheets help you stay organized so that you can easily find and use your data.

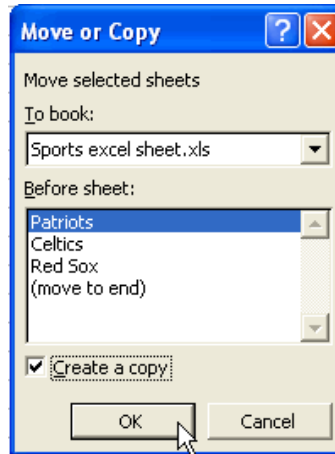
Copying worksheets

In many situations, you will want to make a copy of a worksheet containing data or a chart. You can then make minor adjustments to the worksheet's copy, and use it to perform a new analysis of your existing data.

- Open the spreadsheet with the data you wish to manage.
- At the bottom of the Excel window, right-click on the tab of the worksheet that you wish to copy (for example, Celtics).
- From the menu that appears, select **Move or Copy**.



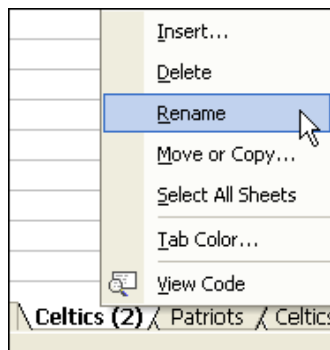
- From the **Move or Copy** window that appears, locate the list labeled **Before sheet**.
- Click on the name of the worksheet that you wish to appear after the new worksheet copy.
- Click to place a check in the box labeled **Create a copy**.
- Click on the button labeled **Ok**.
 - *In the example below, a copy of the Celtics worksheet will be inserted before the **Patriots** worksheet.*



Renaming worksheets

Once you have copied a worksheet, you will want to rename that sheet so that its name reflects its new function in your Excel spreadsheet.

- Right click on the tab of the worksheet that you wish to rename.
- From the menu that appears, select **Rename**.



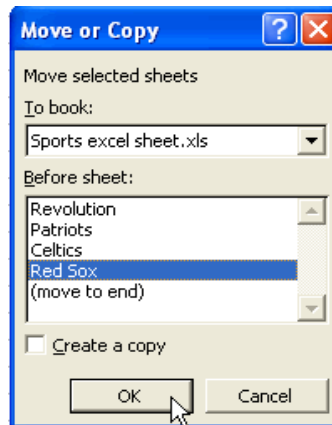
- Excel will highlight the name of your worksheet, as it currently appears on the worksheet's tab (for example, Celtics (2)).

- Type the new title for your worksheet.
- Type **Enter** on your keyboard to save the new worksheet title.

Moving worksheets

As the number of worksheets in your spreadsheet increases, you may need to move your worksheets so that they are organized logically.

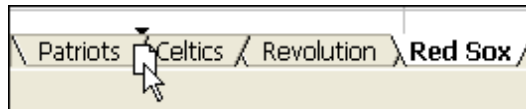
- Right-click on the tab of the worksheet that you wish to move.
- From the menu that appears, select **Move or Copy**.
- From the **Move or Copy** window locate the list labeled **Before Sheet**.
- Click on the name of the worksheet you wish to appear after the moved worksheet.
- Click on the button labeled **Ok** to move your worksheet.
 - *In the example below, the selected worksheet will be moved after the worksheet labeled Celtics.*



Tip: Moving worksheets

You can also move a worksheet by dragging its sheet tab to a new location at the bottom of your Excel window.

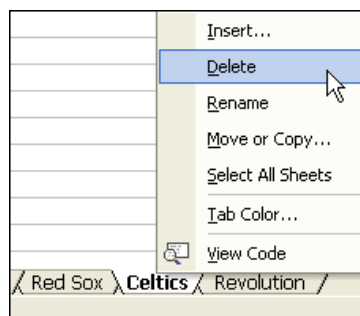
- Place your cursor over the worksheet that you wish to move.
- Click and drag so that the down facing arrow appears to the left of the worksheet you wish to move it next to.
 - In the example below, the Red Sox worksheet will be moved before the Celtics sheet.



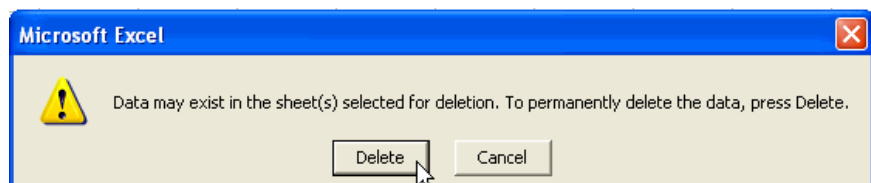
Deleting worksheets

Sometimes, when organizing your workbook, you may need to delete worksheets that are no longer needed. To delete a worksheet:

- Right-click on the tab of the worksheet you wish to delete.
- From the menu that appears, select **Delete**.



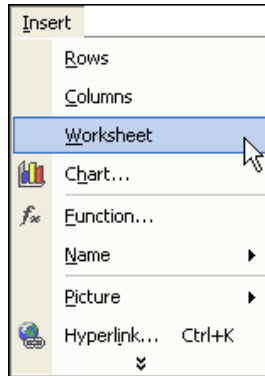
- Excel will ask you to confirm that you wish to delete the worksheet.
- To confirm the deletion, click on the button labeled **Delete**.
*Remember that you can't undo the deletion of a worksheet, so be certain about your choice before clicking **Delete**!*



Inserting blank worksheets

Although you'll often wish to copy an existing worksheet, certain situations will require you to insert a blank worksheet into your Excel document.

- Click on the name of the worksheet you wish to appear after the blank worksheet.
- From the **Insert** menu, select **Worksheet**.



- Excel will insert a blank worksheet before the worksheet whose tab you selected.