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Product

One of the most frequently used formulas in Excel is that of multiplication. For example =A1 * B1. Did you know that Excel has a built in function for this. It is called Product (). Below is a brief outline of this alternative method. It's always good to know different ways to do the same thing. You never know when it will come in handy.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Item	Measuremer	Quantity	Cost	Total
2	Pens	1 Box	1	\$11.99	
3	Calculator	1	1	\$54.99	

1. Above is a table of typical office supplies.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Item	Measuremer	Quantity	Cost	Total
2	Pens	1 Box	1	\$11.99	=C2*D2
3	Calculator	1	1	\$54.99	

2. In order to get the total cost typically a person would multiply using the * symbol (ie =C2*D2)

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Item	Measuremer	Quantity	Cost	Total
2	Pens	1 Box	1	\$11.99	\$11.99
3	Calculator	1	1	\$54.99	=PRODUCT(C3,D3)

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3. In cell E3 type = Product(C3, D3)

a. Each item to be multiplied is separated by a comma

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2	Pens	1 Box	1	\$11.99	\$11.99
3	Calculator	1	1	\$54.99	54.99

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4. Above is the final table showing two ways to get a product. One approach uses a formula the second uses a function.

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