

Some Visicalc Hints

Note: Please look at the screen while typing to insure that you are entering the correct information.

Movements Press <- or -> arrow keys for left or right movement and up or down movement (Spacebar toggles direction).

Esc key deletes one (1) character at a time from the left of the cursor position on the entry line.

CTRL-C cancels the current command and edit line.

Hit the + key first to enter a value into a Cell location or else the Cell will be entered as a Label.

/E Edit Command

/E will allow you to edit or retype incorrect entries of the selected Cell. Using the <- and -> arrow keys, you may move the cursor on the edit line to the immediate right of the entry character(s) to be deleted by the *Esc key*, or to the immediate left of the entry character(s) to be inserted. Press *RETURN* to accept the new entry and leave EDIT mode.

/R Replicate Command:

/R will enable you to recreate a range of Label(s) or Value(s) or Formula(s) across a range of Columns or Rows.

Example: Cell A1 contains the value 3.14159 (pi). Then Cell B1 contains the number 1, Cell C1 contains the number 2, Cell D1 contains the number 3. Now, the desired effect is to have the individual Cells B2...D2 multiply the number in Cell A1 with the numbers in Cells B1...D1. (*The concept is to see what the circumference of a circle is depending on the diameter of the circle*). The formula is $\pi * D$, (pi times Diameter equals circumference).

Therefore the Cell B2 has for its formula $A1 * B1$ and results in the value 3.14159. To Replicate this formula ($A1 * B1$) across the Cells C2..D2 we will do the following:

/R Source Range B2...B2 (Press *Return key*)

Target Range C2...D2 (Press *Return key*)

Answer *N*(for No Change) when cursor is on A1 of Formula

Answer *R*(for Relative) when cursor is on B1 of Formula

You will then witness that the Cells C2..D2 contain their own correct formulas as well as the correct values that they relate too.