

# Calculate a Person's Age with DATEDIF

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Here is an easy way to calculate someone's age using Excel. In cell A1 enter someone's date of birth and in another cell enter this formula (copy and paste it right from this page).

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=DATEDIF(A1,NOW(),"Y") & " years, " & DATEDIF(A1,NOW(),"ym") &  
" months, " & DATEDIF(A1,NOW(),"md") & " days"
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This will return a string like: 47 years, 5 months, 3 days

Be aware; you may notice that the **DATEDIF** function does not appear in the Insert Function dialog box, is not listed in the Date & Time drop-down list, and does not appear in the Formula AutoComplete list. Therefore, to use this function, you must always enter it manually. For a complete explanation of the DATEDIF function and its myriad of uses, please read "***Where's the DATEDIF function?***" article on AlphaNet.

You could also use this technique in many other situations where you need to calculate the time between today and some any other date.