#### COUNTA

[Syntax](Syntax.docx):

COUNTA ( argument-list )

Description: Counts the number of arguments that are not [cell](cell.docx) [references](references.docx), and the number of cells, referred to by arguments, which are not empty.

Arguments:

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| Name | Type | Description |
| argument-list | [text](text.docx) | Each argument in argument-list designates a value. Arguments with values of any type shall be counted. However, empty cells shall not be counted.  If an argument is an array or [reference](reference.docx), only values in that array or [reference](reference.docx) shall be counted. Empty cells and text values in the array or [reference](reference.docx) shall be ignored. [Note: To exclude logical values, text, or error values, use the [COUNT](COUNT.docx) (§) function. end note] |

Return Type and Value: number – The number of arguments that are not [cell](cell.docx) [references](references.docx), and the number of cells, referred to by arguments, which are not empty.

[Example:  
  
COUNTA(1,2,3,4,5) results in 5  
COUNTA({1,2,3,4,5}) results in 15  
COUNTA({1,2,3,4,5},6,"7") results in 7  
COUNTA(10,E1), where E1 is an empty [cell](cell.docx), results in 1, as E1 is ignored  
COUNTA(10,E2), where E2 contains [TRUE](TRUE.docx), results in 2, as E2 is counted  
  
end example]