



Calculating With Dates and Times

In OpenOffice.org Calc, you can perform calculations with current date and time. If you are in seconds or hours, follow the following steps:

1. In a spreadsheet, enter your birthday in cell A1.
2. Enter the following formula in cell A3: =NOW()-A1
3. After pressing the **Enter** key you will see the result in date format. Since dates as a number of days, you must format cell A3 as a number.
4. Place the cursor in cell A3, right-click to open a context menu and choose **Format Cells**.
5. The **Format Cells** dialog appears. On the **Numbers** tab, the **Number** is set to "General", which causes the result of a calculation containing a date to be displayed as a number. To format the result as a number, set the number format to "-1,234" and close the dialog.
6. The number of days between today's date and the specified date is displayed in cell A3.
7. Experiment with some additional formulas: in A4, enter =A3*24 to calculate the number of hours between today's date and the specified date.