

Using Numbers in iOS or MacOS to help with your taxes.

Spreadsheet

A spreadsheet is an interactive computer application for organization, analysis and storage of data in tabular form. Spreadsheets are developed as computerized simulations of paper accounting worksheets. The program operates on data entered in cells of a table. Each cell may contain either numeric or text data, or the results of formulas that automatically calculate and display a value based on the contents of other cells. A spreadsheet may also refer to one such electronic document.[More at Wikipedia](#)

VisiCalc (for "visible calculator")^[1] was the first [spreadsheet](#) computer program for [personal computers](#), originally released for the [Apple II](#) by [VisiCorp](#) (1979). It is often considered the application that turned the [microcomputer](#) from a hobby for computer enthusiasts into a serious business tool,

	A	B	C	D
	ITEM	NO.	UNIT	COST
	MUCK RAKE	4	12.95	556.85
	TONER	25	49.75	1248.75
	SNUFF	2	4.95	9.90
			SUBTOTAL	13155.50
		9.75% TAX		1282.66
			TOTAL	14438.16

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Here is an example of a simple one created to use at the Friends of the Library Book Sales

	A	B	C
1	count	price	sub total
2		\$0.50	\$0.00
3		\$0.75	\$0.00
4	23	\$1.00	\$23.00
5		\$1.50	\$0.00
6	3	\$2.00	\$6.00
7	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
8		\$5.00	\$0.00
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			\$32.00

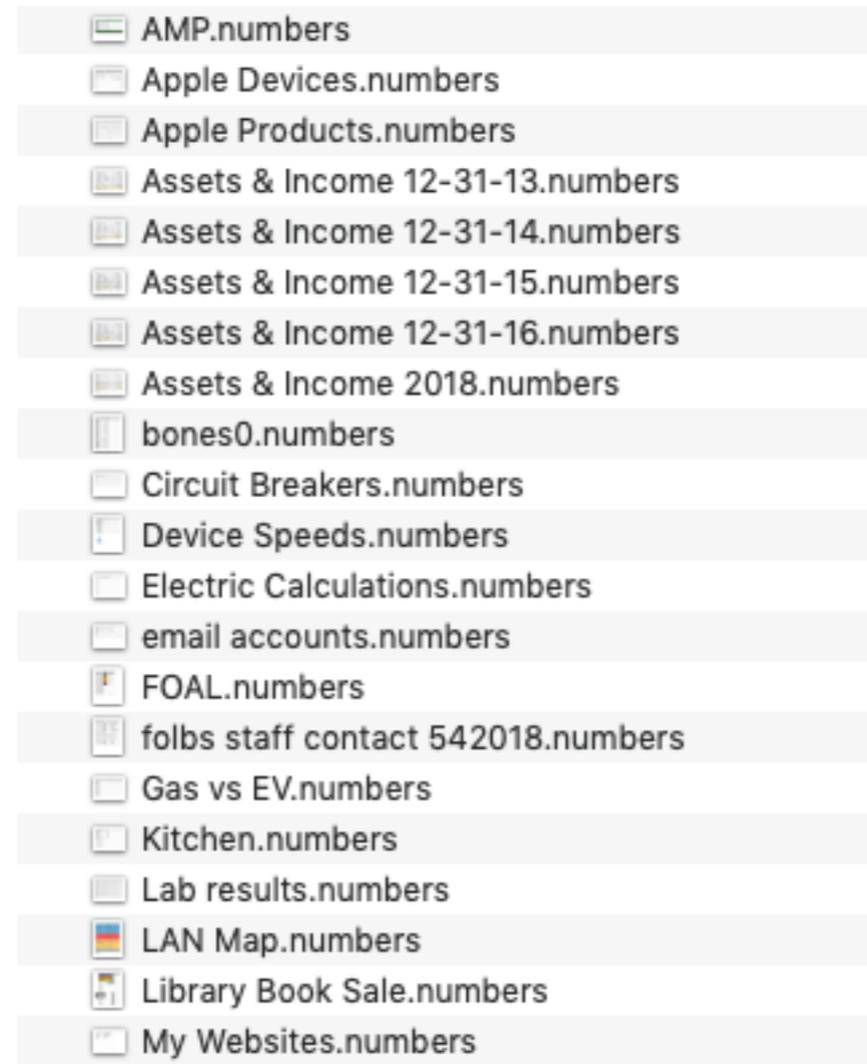
Formula: \$A4 × price 23

Formula: SUM (C2:C13)

Each row is a **record**. Each column is a **field**.

Each cell is a **datum** that contains some text (row 1), a number (column B), a formula (column C) or media.

Since a spreadsheet can contain text, numbers and other media it can be used to store any data. It need not contain formulas. Below many of these numbers files do not contain formulas.



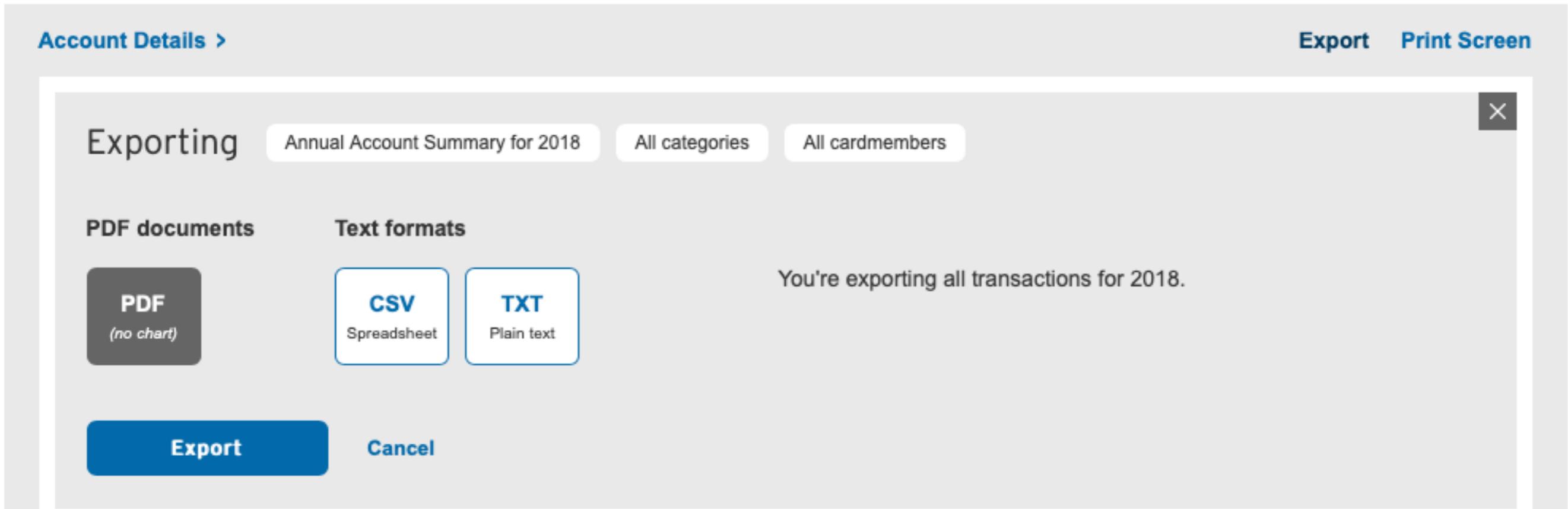
But the real power of spreadsheets are their ability to contain functions.

This is where they become useful in tax preparation.

At the end of each year, log into each of your financial accounts:

Now to outline using Numbers to help prepare your taxes.

Export a CSV (Comma separated Values) file from each account.



Open each CSV file in Numbers.

Sort by Payee,

Create a new field (column) called “Category”

Fill in a Category for each tax related Payee.

Sort by Category.

Select (drag over) all of each Category’s Transactions.

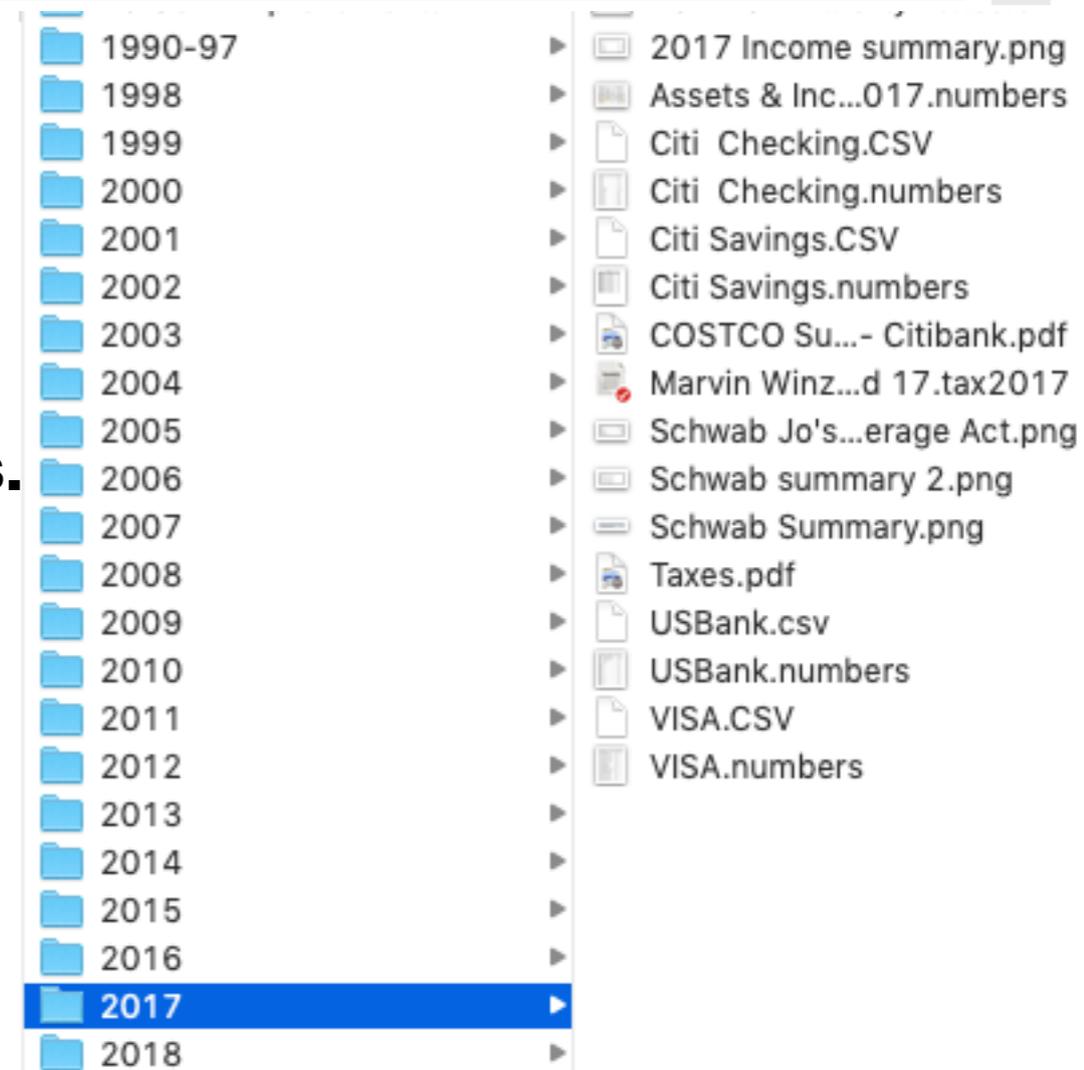
Their sum will appear at the bottom of the window.

Record the sum or Create a new field/column to hold the sums.

Save the Numbers file.

On the right is a screenshot of my tax data folder.

Inside of 2017 you see the files created.



This is a Template I complete in each year called Assets and Income.numbers

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Assets and Income		2018							
2	Type	Account	Holding	Marv	Jo	Joint	Catagory Total	As Of		
3	Transactional	USBank	Checking							
4	Transactional	Citibank Visa	Credit Card							
5	Transactional	Citibank	Checking							
6	Transactional			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Transactional		
7	Cash	Citibank	Savings							
8	Cash	Schwab								
9	Cash	Schwab								
10	Cash	Schwab								
11	Cash	Schwab								
12	Money Market	Schwab								
13	Money Market	Schwab								
14	Cash & Money Market			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Money Market		
15	Stocks	Prudential								
16	Stocks	Schwab								
17	Stocks	Schwab								
18	Stocks	Schwab								
19	Stocks	Schwab								
20	Stocks	Savings Plus								
21	Stocks			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Stocks		
22	Mutual Funds	Schwab								
23	Bonds	Treasury Direct	Series I Savings Bonds							
24	Bonds			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Bonds		
25	Liquid Assets			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Liquid Assets		
26	Life Insurance	Lafayette Life								
27	Life Insurance	Prudential								
28	Annuities	American United Life								
29	Insurance			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Insurance		
30	Real Estate	Home	Location							
31	Real Estate	Rental								
32	Real Estate	Cabin								
33	Real Estate	Jo's Inheritance								
34	Real Estate			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Real Estate		
35	Total Assetts			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Assetts		
36	529	ScholarShare	Russell							
37	529	ScholarShare	Caitlin							
38	Trusts						\$0.00	Trusts	IRS Witheld	FTB Witheld
39	IRA Distrabution	Schwab	Jo's IRA Rollover							
40	IRA Distrabution	Schwab	Marv's IRA							
41	Deferred Income	Savings Plus & Nationwide Retirement	Marv's 457 Plan Account							
42	Retirement	Public Employees Retirement System								
43	Retirement	Social Security								
44	Retirement	State Teachers Retirement System								
45	Rental	3360 Tonga Ln.								
46	Dividends	Schwab Marv								
47	Dividends	Schwab Jo								
48	Dividends	Prudential	PRU Prudential Financial							
49	Interest	Citibank								
50	Total Income			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Income	\$0.00	\$0.00