

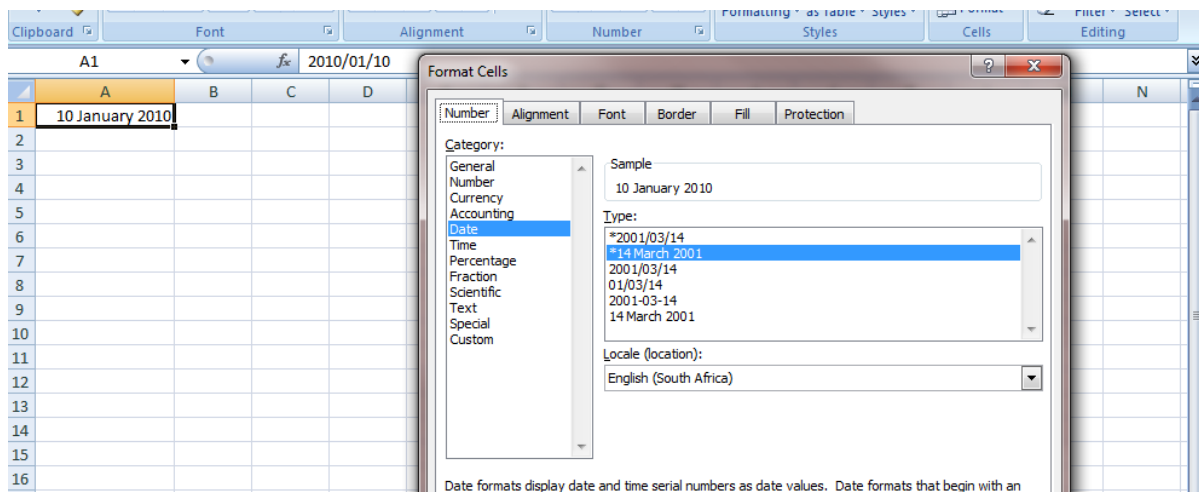
**Question:** Can I check if a given date is within 90 days of today's date?

**Answer:** Yes, using a combination of the TODAY() function with an IF() function

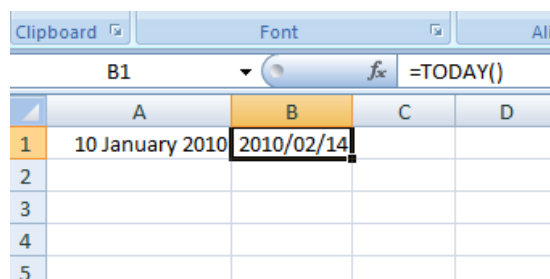
**Process (Excel 2003 and 2007):**

The TODAY() function returns the date as per the system date of the machine, using the YYYY/MM/DD format for the date.

Once in a cell, this date can be used in calculations. The example in this tip and trick starts with the following information in Excel: a date listed in cell A1, with the cell formatted to represent a date in DD-MMMM-YY format.



1. Select cell B2.
2. Type in =TODAY() and press **Enter**.



3. Select cell C2. Type in `=B2-A1` and press **Enter**.
4. Select cell C2. Type in `=(TODAY()-A1)>=90` and press **Enter**. This will return a *FALSE* value, as the result (35) is not greater than or equal to 90.

	A	B	C	D
1	10 January 2010	2010/02/14	FALSE	
2				
3				
4				

5. With cell C2 still selected, type in `=IF(TODAY()-A1>=90,"Yes","No")` and press **Enter**.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	10 January 2010	2010/02/14	No		
2					
3					

The formula will subtract the entered date from today's date, then compare the value against 90. If the value is greater than or equal 90, the result will be "Yes", otherwise "No".

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