

FAQ:

What is Sheet Spider?

Sheet Spider allows you to split your original spreadsheet data in order to create new spreadsheets. Below are a list of frequently asked questions that can help you understand Sheet Spider.

There are two tracks to Sheet Spider. The first track allows you to create the new sheets. When you launch Sheet Spider after creating new sheets, you begin at the second track.

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What is different from the previous version of Sheet Spider?

Action	sheetSpider Script	Sheet Spider Add-On (New Version)
Creating Sheets	Asks you to create a separate “entity sheet” to identify your unique spreadsheet title and sharing settings	Allows you to share based on your current original spreadsheet using a specific tab. You can create new Sheets in three easy steps.
Pushing Data	When creating new spreadsheets, it is a separate step to push new data from your feeder sheet	When creating new spreadsheets, all of your spreadsheet data will be pushed on creation of new sheets
Triggers	Allows for Form Trigger	Requires a manual push and retrieval of data each use. No triggers are allowed at this time.
Sharing Permissions		You need to reopen Sheet Spider after creating your new spreadsheets and identify a column from your original tab to share your new spreadsheets with

Why am I getting an error when I first launch Sheet Spider?

In order to get past step 1, you must have data on your original spreadsheet. Be sure you have headers on your spreadsheet and at least one data row for your source column header before you begin step 1.

When creating new spreadsheets, what data is added to the new sheets?

When you first CREATE new spreadsheets, the entire data row will be copied over to the new sheets. It is important to know which columns you want to push on your first push. These columns are the only columns that will be included on future push and pulls within Sheet Spider.

Why do I not see my Team Drive Folders?

Currently Team Drives does not allow add-on integration. Due to this, you will be unable to select a folder that lives in your Team Drive.

How do I share my newly created spreadsheets?

After creating your new spreadsheets, Launch Sheet Spider again and click Share your sheets. Sheet Spider shares spreadsheets based on a column of email addresses listed in your original spreadsheet. You must have a column that includes a Google enabled email address for every sheet you want to share Sheet Spider with. To add multiple email addresses in one cell, simply separate them with a comma.

How do I know who is shared on my new spreadsheets?

To see everyone shared on a new spreadsheet, go to the summary tab and open each spreadsheet's sharing settings.

What happens if I delete my Sheet Spider Summary tab?

If you delete the summary tab, you will be prompted to begin at track one again forcing you to create new duplicate spreadsheets. It is important that whoever you share your Sheet Spider original spreadsheet with knows not to delete the information on the summary tab.

What happens when I Push New Data?

Currently Sheet Spider allows you to add new data rows when you push new data. When you click Push New Data, there must be at least one column that includes a unique value for every row. This allows Sheet Spider to compare your original spreadsheet to your new sheets and add any row that is missing. It will not account for new columns added to your original sheet or changes within your cells.

What happens when I Retrieve Data?

When you retrieve data, all of the data that was created on your child spreadsheets will be pulled into your workbook. A new tab named Returned Data will be created (the first time) and will combine all data rows in one place. If you retrieve data a second time, the return data tab will clear out and be replaced with the most current data on your child spreadsheets.

Can I use Sheet Spider with formulas?

If your original spreadsheet is using importRange, you can still create new spreadsheets. If you are looking to push new data rows, it will only paste as values on the new sheets. Formulas will not be added to new spreadsheets.

Can I use data validation?

You can push data validation from your original spreadsheet to your new sheets. You are unable to retrieve data validated cells. Instead, it will pull back as values.

Can I use conditional formatting?

At this time, Sheet Spider will not push conditional formatting to your new spreadsheets. Want to see this feature implemented? Join our Google+ Community and let us know.

Why am I unable to push a hyperlink in my new spreadsheets?

You can only push website links that are listed as a website. You are unable to push hyperlinks at this time. To fix this, add the website directly to the cell before pushing.

Why didn't my new information push to the new spreadsheets?

Sheet Spider will only push information from your original spreadsheet tab. If you retrieve data, you must first copy the data you want to push into your original spreadsheet's tab before you push new data rows.

How do I let other people run Sheet Spider?

Share your original spreadsheet with who you want to have access and make sure they are shared on the child spreadsheet folder as an editor. Once they install Sheet Spider, they will be able to use it as well.

Why am I unable to share my spreadsheets? (I'm getting a failed message)

If you have spreadsheets that failed to share, go to your "invalid email" column list and check for any misspellings. You also want to ensure that the domain you are sharing with can accept documents from outside their domain. These are the two most common reasons. Other reasons to look out for is if the email address listed is a "Google Enabled" email account. By Google Enabled, we mean the account owner has access to Google Drive and the suite of products.

