USING "GO TO SPECIAL" TO FILL BLANK ROWS BETWEEN DATA IN EXCEL

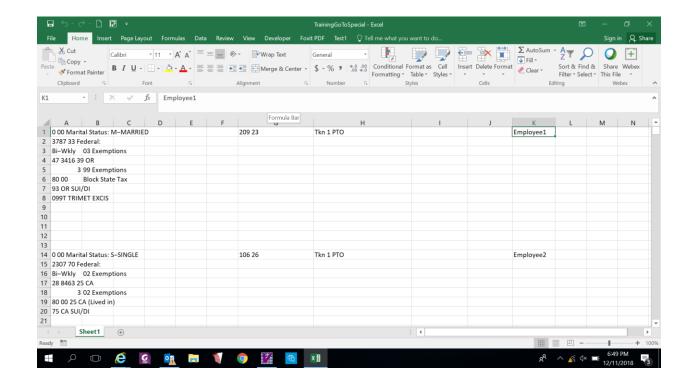
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When you have a set of data where there are blank rows between the various items in the data set, you can fill those blank rows with the data using a simple function from the "Go To Special" function in Excel. This particular function is particularly useful when using a pdf conversion software.

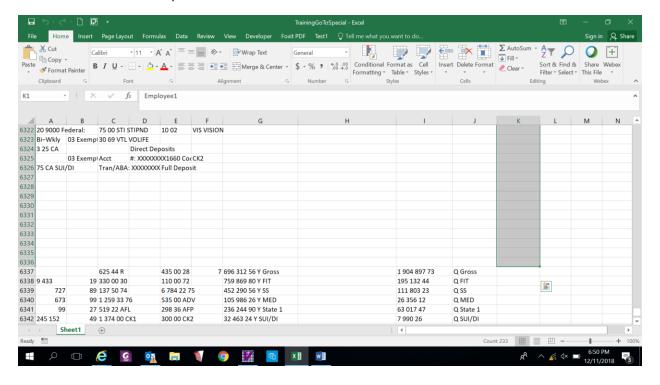
The example here is the result of performing a pdf conversion on an ADP Master Control report. The user has already identified the employee names using filters. The objective here is to equate the individual employee's name on each row of the data for that employee, which can then be data mined using filters.

This feature replaces a multi step process using "if then" statements.

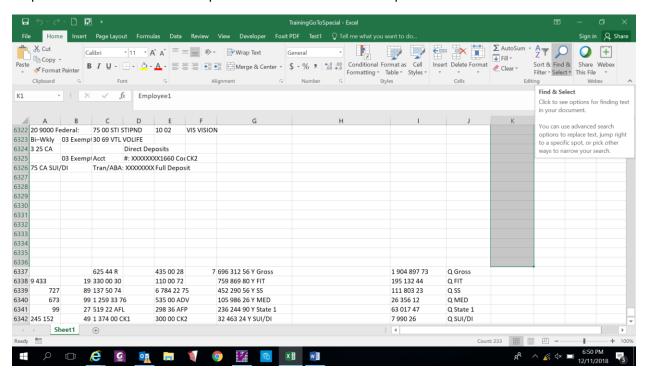
The figure below what the original information looks like after identifying each employee with the beginning of the rows of data. In the example below, we want to carry the employee name in the blank rows and when the name changes, fill the subsequent rows with the changed name.

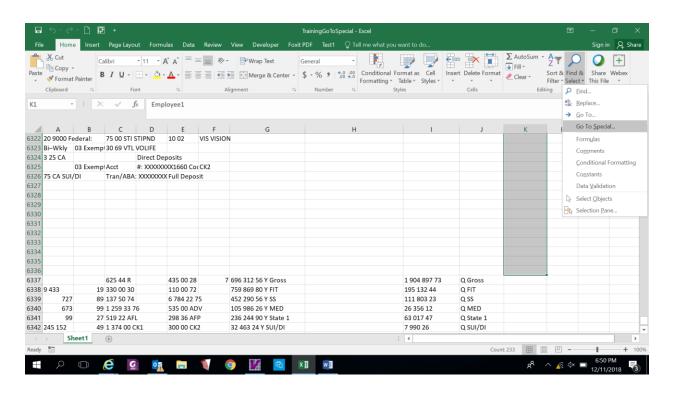


Step 1: Highlight the range where you want this action to be performed. In this example, employee names are in Column K and we do not want to associate an employee name with the totals from the master control report. The user here clicked on cell K1 and holding the shift key, hit the page down button until getting to the end of the desired range where this action is to be performed.

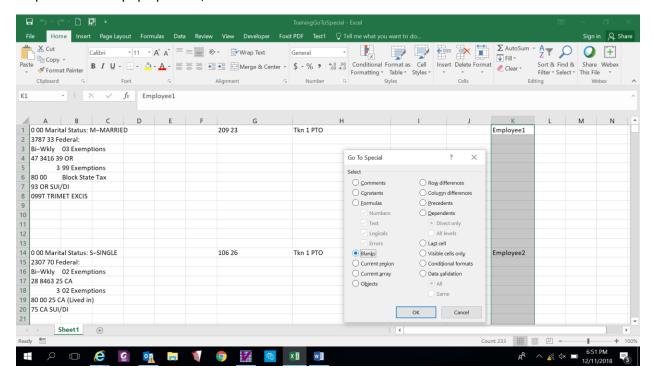


Step 2: Click on the "Find and Replace" Icon and Select "Go To Special"



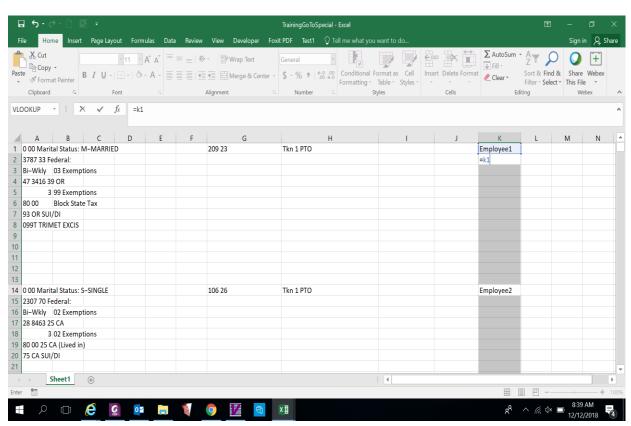


Step 3: From the pop up menu, select "blanks" and click OK

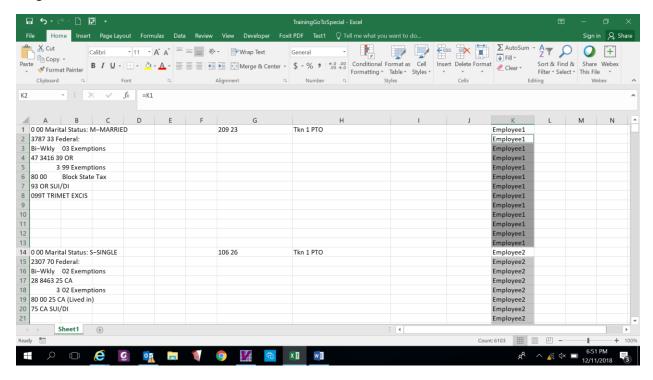


Step 4: When the action in Step 3 is completed, the second cell (in this example K2) will be not be highlighted and the user can enter data in that cell. Without touching any other keys or the mouse, enter the reference cell from the first row of data (in this example K1) in this format

=K1



Step 5: Hit the Control Key and the Enter Key simultaneously and the data will automatically copy within your selected range



Step 6: The action in Step 5 creates formulas. To make these usable, highlight the row, hit Control-C, right click and select the "paste as values" option

