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(54) Title: CONVERSION OF DATA RANGES TO TABLE OBJECTS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1									
2		BIO TEAM ANNUAL BUDGET							
3		ANNUAL INCOME							
4		ITEM	AMOUNT						
5		STUDENT LIFE SPONSORSHIP	\$1,200.00						
6		FUNDRAISING	\$900.00						
7									
8		ANNUAL EXPENSES							
9		ITEM	AMOUNT						
10		ROOM RENTALS	SELECT ALL						
11		TEE SHIRTS	\$45.00						
12		RED SQUARE TABLE SUPPLIES	\$75.00						
13		RECYCLING FLIERS	\$120.00						
14		BOOKS	\$150.00						
15		MISCELLANEOUS	\$150.00						
16		MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT	ABC 123						
17									
18									

FIG. 5

(57) Abstract: Conversion of data ranges to table objects in an electronic spreadsheet document is provided. When an electronic spreadsheet document is being utilized, data ranges may be automatically converted to tables to allow the user to enjoy the full benefits of the table properties and functionalities. When a data range is automatically converted to a table object, a user will be given an opportunity to revert the table object back to the data range from which it was converted. Instead of automatic conversion, a suggestion may be provided to a user before a data range is converted to a table object. If the user accepts the suggestion, then the data range may be automatically converted to a table object.

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