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## **CSV Sidecar Add-in for Excel**

Automatically Save Your Spreadsheets as CSVs

## About

I'm sure we've all had the need, at some point in our lives, to upload CSV files so that some automated system can process our data. It's just a part of the modern condition of man. For instance, I have to upload lists of contacts to MailChimp, an email newsletter system. I have a spreadsheet of contacts, and I like to keep track of statistics on them, so I have formulas to do some math.

But when it comes time to upload the list to MailChimp for including in newsletters, I have to manually save the data as a comma-separated values file, or CSV. Excel doesn't make this particularly friendly - you have to "Save As" and click through several warnings about all the bad things that will happen if you save as CSV. And there's a chance of accidentally making changes to the CSV and not the Excel file, and losing those changes after you close the file.

To simplify my workflow I wrote an add-in to handle it for me. Here's what it lets you do:

- Automatically save the first worksheet of your Excel file as a "sidecar" CSV.
- Toggle the automatic CSV saving per-file (adds a checkbox to Excel's Data ribbon).
- Saves the CSV with the same file name, just with the CSV extension instead of XLSX.

This software is provided as-is. There's no warranty so please don't come crying to me if it breaks your computer. It worked great for me on Windows 10 v1809 with Excel 2019.

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## **Download the Add-in**

After downloading and unzipping the files, install the add-in in the traditional manner. Also, I didn't sign the file so you'll get warnings about macros. If you want the warnings to go away please send me enough money to afford a software-signing cert.

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