

What Would An Epicurean Use In Their Toolkit For Making Their Hedonic Calculus?

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Thanks Godek. Are you good with Google docs and spreadsheets? Why don't we go ahead and actually setup a spreadsheet format as Hiram initially suggested? Your list of considerations is certainly a good start, but probably in terms of visualizing the final result setting up an actual spreadsheet divided into columns would be better.

Maybe Hiram pictures it differently but I am picturing a spreadsheet generally divided into two columns. And it's important to decide whether we are making a spreadsheet to analyze a single activity, or a list of activities that would then be ranked according to score. I am thinking the obvious choice is a LIST of activities, ranked by score.

Down the left in the margin would be column for the description of the activity. Then the left side would be taken up with a series of entries for ranking the elements. Sort of like this:



The image shows a screenshot of a spreadsheet with a title bar that reads "Considerations For Comparing Net Pleasure and Pains With the Goal of Pleasure Maximization". The spreadsheet is divided into two main sections by a vertical line. The left section has a header row with the following labels: "Activity", "Pleasure (long)", "Pleasure", "Pain", "Pain (long)", "Net Pleasure", and "Net Pain". The right section has a header row with the following labels: "Net Pleasure", "Net Pain", "Pleasure (long)", "Pleasure", "Pain", "Pain (long)", "Net Pleasure", and "Net Pain". The spreadsheet contains several rows of data, with the first row being a header row and the subsequent rows containing numerical values. The spreadsheet is displayed in a window with a standard operating system interface.