



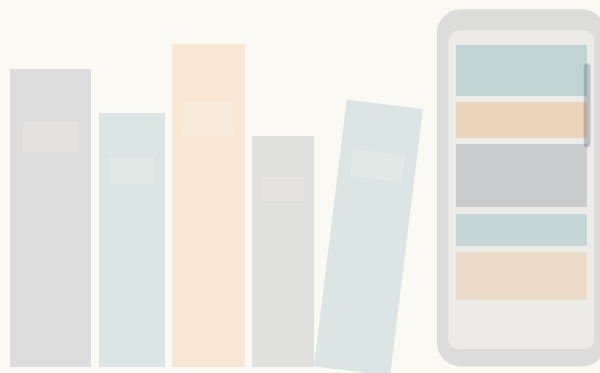
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The Caught-Up Starter

One tab that turns any reading backlog into hours.

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How the starter works

One tab, one row per series. You type six columns — Series, Unit, Latest Out, I'm On, Min/Unit and Notes, the light-orange ones — and the three calculated columns work themselves out.

How to use it

- 1 Open **Webtoon-Light-Novel-Caught-Up-Starter.xlsx** in Excel, Google Sheets, or LibreOffice. It opens on eight fictional example series so you can see it working.
- 2 Clear the example entries — the shaded input cells only, not the whole rows, since the computed columns sit between them — then type a row per series, picking how it's counted from the **Unit** dropdown: episodes, chapters, volumes, parts or arcs.
- 3 Fill **Latest Out**, **I'm On** and **Min/Unit**. The computed columns and the total at the top of the sheet do the rest. There is room for 24 series; to add more, copy the last row down before you type in it.

Latest Out is the highest-numbered episode, chapter, volume or part that has been released. **I'm On** is where you are. **Min/Unit** is how many minutes one of them takes you — and it is the one that matters most, because it is what makes a webtoon episode and a light-novel volume comparable at all.

There is no standard here, and these are not research — they are rough starting points to replace with your own timing:

- Time yourself once on a series you read a lot, and use that number. It beats every guess below.
- Otherwise: a vertical-scroll webtoon or manhwa episode — try about 6 minutes.
- A manga chapter — try about 8. A translated web-novel chapter — try about 12.
- A light-novel prepub part — try about 25. A whole light-novel volume — try about 240.

Behind and **Hrs to Catch Up** then compute themselves, and **Where You Stand** turns the hours into a verdict — caught up, behind, or way behind (more than four hours). The summary strip at the top of the sheet totals the hours across everything you have logged. That total is the number a plain reading list can never give you.

WHY HOURS AND NOT CHAPTERS

Ninety-six chapters behind sounds like a crisis; two volumes behind sounds like a Tuesday. But if a chapter takes you 12 minutes and a volume takes you 240, that is about 19 hours against about 8 — the same order of magnitude. Ranking a backlog by units tells you almost nothing. Ranking it by hours tells you what your week actually holds.

The example rows — every series title and note — are fictional, written only to show the tool in use. Clear just the cells you type in — not the whole rows, since the calculated columns sit between them — and enter your own.

Keep the backlog honest

A reading tracker earns its keep slowly. One series in, it's a tidy row. A year in, it's the thing that tells you which of the fifteen you follow you are actually reading, and which one you have been eighty chapters behind on since March. The only habit it asks of you is a row at a time.

And it's yours. No account, no signup, no monthly fee — just a file you keep, on your own computer or in your own Drive, that will still open in ten years, long after a platform has quietly delisted the series you were halfway through.

READY FOR THE WHOLE BACKLOG, RANKED?

This starter converts a backlog into hours, but you still read across the rows yourself. The full **Webtoon / Light-Novel Tracker** does the ranking and the analysis: a self-filling **Catch-Up Queue** that orders everything by the hours it would take to clear, a **pace engine** that reads your own session log and says plainly when a series is outrunning you, an **Unlock Ledger** that prices the coin packs and fast passes you log per hour of reading, a drop-day **week grid**, a curated guide to ten ways serialized reading is charged for, and a live **Dashboard** — plus a one-click **Google Sheets** copy. [Get the full Webtoon / Light-Novel Tracker ›](#)

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