# Important uses of Microsoft Excel for students 

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## Working with Cells and Sheets

## Format Cells

When we format cells in Excel, we change the appearance of a number without changing the number itself. We can apply a number format ( 0.8 , $\$ 0.80,80 \%$, etc) or other formatting (alignment, font, border, etc).
By default, Excel uses the General format (no specific number format) for numbers. To apply a number format, use the 'Format Cells' dialog box. Select any cell. Right click, and then click Format Cells (or press CTRL + 1).

## Format Painter

The Format Painter copies formatting from one place and applies it to another. On the Home tab, in the Clipboard group, click Format Painter.

Click Format Painter


## Cell Styles

On the Home tab, in the Styles group, choose a cell style.

| - | Conditional Format as Formatting * Table * | Normal | Bad | Good | Neutral | $\wedge$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| +00 |  | Calculation | Check Cell | Explanatory ... | Input | - |
| $\sqrt{3}$ |  |  | Styles |  |  |  |

## Wrap Text Automatically

1. For example, take a look at the long text string in cell A1 below. Cell B1 is empty.

| A1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

On the Home tab，in the Alignment group，click Wrap Text．

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \equiv \equiv \text { 欲 写 Wrap Text }
\end{aligned}
$$

> Alignment
> $\sqrt{5}$

Result：


## Basic Arithmetic Expressions

https：／／chandoo．org／wp／top－10－formulas－for－aspiring－analysts／

| Operator | What it does | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $+-\star$ | Basic arithmetic operators． Perform addition，subtraction， multiplication \＆division | $\begin{aligned} & 2+3,7-2,9 * 12,108 / 3 \\ & 2+3 * 4-2 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\wedge$ | Power of operator．Raises something to the power of other value． | $\begin{aligned} & 2^{\wedge} 3,9 \wedge 0.5, \operatorname{PI}()^{\wedge} 2, \\ & \operatorname{EXP}(1)^{\wedge} 0.5 \end{aligned}$ |
| （ ） | To define precedence in calculations．Anything included in | $(2+3) *(4+5)$ calcuates $2+3$ first，then $4+5$ and multiplies |

parenthesis is calculated first. both results.
\& To combine 2 text "You are " \& "awesome" returns "You values are awesome"
\% To divide with 100. 2/4\% will give 50 as result. Note: (2/4)\% will give $0.5 \%$ as result.
: Used to specify ranges
\$ To lock a reference column or row or both
$A 1: B 20$ refers to the range from cell A1 to B20
\$A\$1 refers to cell A1 all the time. \$A1 refers to column A, relative row based on where you use it. For more refer to absolute vs. relative references in Excel.
[ ] Used to structurally refer ourSales[month] refers to the month to columns in table column in the ourSales table. Works only in Excel 2007 or above. Know more about Excel Tables.
@ Used to structurally refer ourSales[@month] refers to current to current row values in row's month value in oursales table. a table
\{ \} To specify an inline array $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$ - refers to a the list of of values values 1,2,3,4,5
< > Comparison operators. $2>3$ will be FALSE. $99<101$ will be Output will always be TRUE.
$<=>=\begin{aligned} & \text { Output will always be } \\ & \text { boolean - ie TRUE or }\end{aligned}$ FALSE.
$=<>$ Equality operators. $2=2$, "hello"="hello", $4<>5$ will all Check whether 2 values return TRUE.
are equal or not equal.
Output will TRUE or

FALSE

* ? Used as wild cards in certain formulas like COUNTIF etc.

SPACE Intersection operator. Returns the range at intersection of 2 ranges

COUNTIF(A1:A10, "a*") counts the values in range A1:A10 starting with a. For more on this refer to COUNTIF \& SUMIF in Excel

A1:C4 B2:D5 refers to the intersection or range A1:C4 and B2:D5 and returns B2:C4. Caution: The output will be an array, so you must use it in another formula which takes arrays, like SUM, COUNT etc.

## To select a part of the whole data range

Click on the cell at the top left of the intended range.
Then hold the shift key, now click the right bottom cell of the range.
https://www.excel-easy.com/basics/keyboard-shortcuts.html

## Keyboard Shortcuts

1. To select the entire range, press CTRL + a (if you press CTRL + a one more time Excel selects the entire sheet).

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2. To copy the range, press CTRL + c (to cut a range, press CTRL $+x$ ).
3. Select cell A6 and press CTRL + v to paste this range.

|  | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

4. To undo this operation, press CTRL $+z$

## Moving

Select cell B2.

|  | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. To quickly move to the bottom of the range, hold down CTRL and press $\downarrow$

| H | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2. To quickly move to the right of the range, hold down CTRL and press $\rightarrow$

| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Try it yourself. Hold down CTRL and press the arrow keys to move from edge to edge.

Selecting
Select cell A1.

|  | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Qales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. To select cells while moving down, hold down SHIFT and press $\downarrow$ a few times.

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2. To select cells while moving to the right, hold down SHIFT and press $\rightarrow$ a few times.

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Formulas
Select cell F2.

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 |  |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. To quickly insert the SUM function, press ATL + =, and press Enter.
2. To fill a formula down, press CTRL + d (down).

| F2 | * | $\times \quad \boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{x}}$ |  | =SUM(B2:E2) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 | 1030850 |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 | 1151284 |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 | 1231940 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: in a similar way, you can fill a formula right by pressing CTRL $+r$ (right).
Formatting
Select the range B2:F4.

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | 178073 | 227625 | 267445 | 357707 | 1030850 |  |  |
| 3 | Production | 355081 | 120655 | 420045 | 255503 | 1151284 |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | 498287 | 174551 | 195043 | 364059 | 1231940 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. To launch the 'Format cells' dialog box, press CTRL +1
2. Press TAB and press $\downarrow$ two times to select the Currency format.
3. Press TAB and press $\downarrow$ two times to set the number of decimal places to 0.

4. Press Enter.

Result:

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sales | $\$ 178,073$ | $\$ 227,625$ | $\$ 267,445$ | $\$ 357,707$ | $\$ 1,030,850$ |  |  |
| 3 | Production | $\$ 355,081$ | $\$ 120,655$ | $\$ 420,045$ | $\$ 255,503$ | $\$ 1,151,284$ |  |  |
| 4 | Logistics | $\$ 498,287$ | $\$ 174,551$ | $\$ 195,043$ | $\$ 364,059$ | $\$ 1,231,940$ |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

5. To quickly bold a range, select the range and press CTRL +b

## Very Useful Keyboard Shortcuts

https://chandoo.org/wp/100-excel-tips-resources-to-celebrate-2000-rss-subscribers/

1. To format any selected object, press ctrl+1
2. To insert current date, press ctrl+;
3. To insert current time, press ctrl+shift+;
4. To repeat last action, press F4
5. To edit a cell comment, press shift + F2
6. To autosum selected cells, press alt $+=$
7. To see the suggest drop-down in a cell, press alt + down
arrow
8. To enter multiple lines in a cell, press alt+enter
9. To insert a new sheet, press shift + F11
10. To edit active cell, press F2 (places cursor in the end)
11. To hide current row, press ctrl+9
12. To hide current column, press ctrl+0
13. To unhide rows in selected range, press ctrl+shift+9
14. To unhide columns in selected range, press ctrl+shift+0
15. To recalculate formulas, press F9
16. To select data in current region, press ctrl+shift+8
17. To see formulas in the worksheet, press ctrl+
18. While editing formulas to change the reference type from absolute to relative vice versa, press F4 19. To format a number as currency, press ctrl+shift+4 (ctrl+\$)

## Worksheets

https://www.excel-easy.com/

## Freeze Panes

If you have a large table of data in Excel, it can be useful to freeze rows or columns. This way you can keep rows or columns visible while scrolling through the rest of the worksheet.
Freeze Top Row, Freeze First Column, Freeze Panes
On the View tab, in the Window group, click Freeze Panes.

Freeze Panes
Keep rows and columns visible while the rest of
the worksheet scrolls (based on current selection).

| Freeze Top Row |
| :--- |
| Keep the top row visible while scrolling through |
| the rest of the worksheet. |
| Freeze First Column |
| Keep the first column visible while scrolling |
| through the rest of the worksheet. |

## Line Break (https://chandoo.org/)

ALT+Enter to get a line break in a cell
To add space between lines of text in a cell, double-click the cell, click where you want to break the line, and then press ALT+ENTER

| Good Morning. How are you? |
| :--- |
|  |
| Good Morning. |
| How are you? |

Manual Line Break
To insert a manual line break, execute the following steps.

1. For example, double click cell A1.
2. Place your cursor at the location where you want the line to break.
3. Press Alt + Enter.

## Merge Cells

On the Home tab, in the Alignment group, click Merge \& Center.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\equiv \equiv \equiv \text { 分 } \\
\bar{\equiv} \bar{\equiv} \bar{\equiv} \overline{\text { ED Wrap Text }} \\
\text { Alignment }
\end{gathered}
$$

| A1 |  | - $\vdots$ | $\times \quad \boldsymbol{f}_{\mathbf{x}}$ |  | Week 38 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
| 1 | Week 38 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |  |  |
| 3 | 20 | 32 | 66 | 67 | 37 | 48 | 89 |  |  |
| 4 | 10 | 60 | 57 | 65 | 82 | 95 | 27 |  |  |
| 5 | 41 | 53 | 31 | 81 | 90 | 88 | 48 |  |  |
| 6 | 77 | 31 | 46 | 66 | 92 | 64 | 70 |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2. Select the range $\mathrm{A} 1: \mathrm{G} 1$.

| 1R×7C - |  | - $\vdots \quad x$ | $\times \quad \checkmark$ | Week 38 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
| 1 | Week 38 |  |  |  |  |  | そ |  |  |
| 2 | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |  |  |
| 3 | 20 | 32 | 66 | 67 | 37 | 48 | 89 |  |  |
| 4 | 10 | 60 | 57 | 65 | 82 | 95 | 27 |  |  |
| 5 | 41 | 53 | 31 | 81 | 90 | 88 | 48 |  |  |
| 6 | 77 | 31 | 46 | 66 | 92 | 64 | 70 |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

3. On the Home tab, in the Alignment group, click Merge \& Center.

Result:


Note: on the Home tab, in the Alignment group, use the 6 alignment buttons to change the alignment of text in a cell.
Remember, Excel only keeps the value in the upper-left cell and deletes all other values.

## Strikethrough

On the Font tab, under Effects, click Strikethrough.

4. Click OK.

Result:


|  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $f_{x}$ |  | x2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\triangle$ | A |  | B |  | C |  |  | D |  | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 | $\times 2$ I |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Superscript and Subscript

It's easy to format a character as superscript (slightly above the baseline) or subscript (slightly below the baseline) in Excel.
For example, double click cell A1.

| A1 |  | $\checkmark$ | ! | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $f_{x}$ |  | x2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A |  |  | B |  | C |  |  | D |  | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 | $\times 2$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## Click OK.

Result:


## Check Mark

On the Insert tab, in the Symbols group, click Symbol.

7. Select Wingdings 2 from the drop-down list, select a check mark and click Insert.


Note: you can also insert a check mark symbol with a box around it (see picture above). After inserting one check mark, you can use the Recently used symbols to quickly insert another check mark.
Now you can create a nice to-do list that uses check marks. Use CTRL +c and CTRL +v to copy/paste a check mark or red X.

| B2 | - $\vdots \times$ | $\checkmark \quad f$ | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| 1 | Task | Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Pay Bills | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Finish Assignment | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Wash Car | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Book Conference Room | $\times$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Call Mom | $\times$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Buy Groceries | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Bake Cake | $\times$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Auto Fitting rows and columns

Resizing rows and columns is easy. But AutoFitting them is even easier.
AutoFit adjusts row height and column width so every value in the row or columns fits perfectly.
This is great if you don't know how long every value is, and you don't want to scroll through all of them.

The best part is how simple it is. All you have to do is double-click on the boundary of the row or column you want to AutoFit.

Resizing multiple rows or columns
First, select all columns by clicking. Now, click and drag either column boundary to resize it.

## Conditional Formatting

|  | A | B |
| :---: | ---: | :--- |
| 1 | 14 |  |
| 2 | 6 |  |
| 3 | 39 |  |
| 4 | 43 |  |
| 5 | 2 |  |
| 6 | 95 |  |
| 7 | 5 |  |
| 8 | 11 |  |
| 9 | 86 |  |
| 10 | 57 |  |
| 11 |  |  |

On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.

| Conditional Format as Formatting * Table * | Normal | Bad | Good | Neutral | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Calculation | Check Cell | Explanatory ... | Input | F |
|  | Styles |  |  |  |  |

3. Click Highlight Cells Rules, Greater Than.

4. Enter the value 80 and select a formatting style.

| Greater Than |  |  | ? | $\times$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Format cells that are GREATER THAN: |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | with | Light Red Fill with Dark R | Red Text |  |
|  |  | OK | Cancel |  |

## 5. Click OK.

Result. Excel highlights the cells that are greater than 80.

| 4 | A | B |
| :---: | ---: | :--- |
| 1 | 14 |  |
| 2 | 6 |  |
| 3 | 39 |  |
| 4 | 43 |  |
| 5 | 2 |  |
| 6 | 95 |  |
| 7 | 5 |  |
| 8 | 11 |  |
| 9 | 86 |  |
| 10 | 57 |  |
| 11 |  |  |

## Data Validation

Use data validation in Excel to make sure that users enter certain values into a cell.
https://www.howtoexcel.org/tips-and-tricks/11-awesome-examples-of-data-validation/

## Creating Dropdown Lists (DROPDOWN MENU)

Creating drop down lists is the reason most people become familiar with the Data Validation feature. Creating lists is a simple and effective way of controlling data entry.

1. To create the list in cells A1:A4...
2. Select cell e.g., E3..
3. Choose Validation from Data Menu
4. Choose or Select List from the Allow option's drop down list
5. Click the Source Control and drag to highlight the cells A1:A4...
6. Make sure the In-Cell Dropdown option is checked.
(courtesy: www.Techrepublic.com/


You can then either type the list items directly into the Source box separated by a comma, or refer to a range of cells that contain the list items.
When you need a simple list such as Open and Closed, or Yes and No, then typing the entries in makes sense.

|  | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Confirmed |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Yes |  | Data Validation | 龶 | ? $\times$ |  |
| 3 |  |  | Settings: Input Message | Error Alert |  |  |
| Yes <br> No |  |  | Validation criteria <br> Allow: |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { List } \\ \hline \text { Data: } \end{array}$ | $\checkmark \checkmark$ Ignore blank |  |  |
| 6 |  |  | between | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| 7 |  |  | $\qquad$ |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  | $\square$ Apply these changes to a | Il other cells with the sa | ttings |  |
| 10 |  |  | Slear All | OK | Cancel |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

When you need a more dynamic list for items that change over time such as lists of products, places and people, then referring to a range makes sense.


For this list, click in the Source box and then go and select the cells that contain the items.
In this example, the items were in range A1:A5 of a sheet called Names.

## https://www.guru99.com/excel-validation-filtersgrouping.html

Let's assume you are recording student exam marks and you know the minimum is 0 and the maximum is 100 . You can take advantage of validation features to ensure that only values between 0 and 100 are entered.

Add a new sheet in your workbook by clicking on the plus button at the bottom of the worksheet.

Add a column for S/N, Name and Score. Your sheet should look as follows

| $\mathbf{S} / \mathbf{N}$ | Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Jane |
| 2 | James |

John

- Click on the DATA tab
- Select the cells C2 to C6 (The cells that will be used to record the scores)

| C2 |  | - $\vdots>$ | $\times$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C |  |
| 1 | S/N | Name | Score |  |
| 2 |  | 1 Jane |  |  |
| 3 |  | 2 james |  |  |
| 4 |  | 3 Jones |  | Selection |
| 5 |  | 4 Jonathan |  |  |
| 6 |  | 5 John |  |  |

- Click on Data validation drop down list.
- Click on Data validation.

- You will get the following dialogue window



## - Click on Error Alert tab

- Enter the alert title and message as shown in the diagram below.


Set data validation rules

## SORT

1. Select the range
2. Select Data tab on the Ribbon, then click Sort command
3. The sorting dialogue box will appear
4. Decide sorting order, then click OK


https://www.excel-easy.com/basics/protect.html

## Protect the Excel File with Password

Encrypt an Excel file with a password so that it requires a password to open it.

1. Open a workbook.
2. On the File tab, click Save As.
3. Click Browse.


https://www.excel-easy.com/examples/protect-workbook.html

## Protect Workbook

This example teaches you how to protect the workbook structure in Excel.
If you protect the workbook structure, users cannot insert, delete, rename, move, copy, hide or unhide worksheets anymore.

1. Open a workbook.
2. On the Review tab, in the Changes group, click Protect Workbook.

3. Check Structure, enter a password and click OK.

| Protect Structure and Windows | $?$ | $\times$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Protect workbook for |  |  |
| $\square$ structure |  |  |
| $\square$ Windows |  |  |
| Password (optional): |  |  |
| $\bullet \bullet \bullet \mid$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |


| Reenter the password and dlick on OK. |
| :--- |
| Confirm Password |
| Reenter password to proceed. |
| $\bullet \bullet$ ? |

Caution: If you lose or forget the password, it cannot be recovered. It is advisable to keep a list of passwords and their corresponding workbook and sheet names in a safe place. (Remember that passwords are case-sensitive.)
OK Cancel

Users cannot insert, delete, rename, move, copy, hide or unhide worksheets anymore

## Protect Sheet

When you share an Excel file with other users, you may want to protect a worksheet to help prevent it from being changed.

1. Right click a worksheet tab.
2. Click Protect Sheet.

3. Enter a password.
4. Check the actions you allow the users of your worksheet to perform.
5. Click OK.


Note: if you don't check any action, users can only view the Excel file! 6. Confirm the password and click OK.

## Count

To count the number of cells that contain numbers, use the COUNT function.

| A7 |  | ! | $\times \quad$ | $f_{x}$ | =COUNT(A1:A5) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Countif

To count cells based on one criteria (for example, greater than 9), use the following COUNTIF function.

| A7 | $\checkmark$ | ! | $\times \quad \checkmark$ | $f_{x}$ | =COUNTIF(A1:A5,">9") |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Countifs

To count cells based on multiple criteria (for example, green and greater than 9 ), use the following COUNTIFS function.


## Sum

To sum a range of cells, use the SUM function.


## Sumif

To sum cells based on one criteria (for example, greater than 9), use the following SUMIF function (two arguments).


General note: in a similar way, you can use the AVERAGEIF and AVERAGEIFS function to average cells based on one or multiple criteria.

The SUMIF function below sums values in the range B1:B5 if the corresponding cells in the range A1:A5 contain exactly circle +1 character. A question mark (?) matches exactly one character.

| B7 |  | ; $\times$ | $\times$ | $f_{x}$ | =SUMIF(A1:A5,"circle?",B1:B5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C |  | D | E | F | G | H | I |
| 1 | circle6 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | triangle | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | circle | 7 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | circle8 | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | triangle5 | 3 | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Sumproduct Basic Use

1. For example, the SUMPRODUCT function below calculates the total amount spent.


## Numbers

1. The COUNTIF function below counts the number of cells that contain the value 20 .


## Count Blank/Nonblank Cells

This example shows you how to count the number of blank and nonblank cells in Excel.

1. The COUNTBLANK function counts the number of blank cells.

| A9 |  | ! | $\times \quad$ | $f_{x}$ | =COUNTBLANK(A1:A7) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
| 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | sun |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | moon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | TRUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

2. The COUNTA function counts the number of nonblank cells. COUNTA stands for count all.

| A9 - |  | ! | $\times \quad \boldsymbol{f r x}_{\boldsymbol{x}}$ |  | =COUNTA(A1:A7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C |  | D | E | F | G | H | I |
| 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | sun |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | moon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | TRUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Count Cells with Text

This page illustrates multiple ways to count cells with text in Excel. Visit our page about the COUNTIF function to count cells that contain specific text.

1. Use the COUNTIF function and the asterisk symbol (*) to count cells with text.

| A |  | : | $\times \checkmark$ | $f_{x}$ | $=C O U N T I F(A 1: A 5, " * ")$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | golf |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | baseball |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | tennis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Cell References

## Absolute Reference

See the formula in cell E3 below.

1. To create an absolute reference to cell H 3 , place a $\$$ symbol in front of the column letter and row number ( $\$ \mathrm{H} \$ 3$ ) in the formula of cell E3.

| COUNTIF |  |  | $\times \checkmark$ | $f_{x}$ | = B3*\$ ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ 3 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  | Length (cm) | Width (cm) |  | Length (inch) | Width (inch) |  | Conversion rate |  |
| 3 |  | 1 | 10 |  | =B3*\$ ${ }^{\text {S }}$ \$ |  |  | 0.3937008 |  |
| 4 |  | 5 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | 4 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  | 2 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| COUNTIF * |  |  | $\times \checkmark$ |  | =C6*\$ ${ }^{\text {\% }} 3$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | 1 |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  | Length (cm) | Width (cm) |  | Length (inch) | Width (inch) |  | Conversion rate |  |
| 3 |  | 1 | 10 |  | 0.3937008 | 3.937008 |  | 0.3937008 |  |
| 4 |  | 5 | 10 |  | 1.968504 | 3.937008 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | 4 | 8 |  | 1.5748032 | 3.1496064 |  |  |  |
| 6 |  | 2 | 10 |  | 0.7874016 | =C6*\$ ${ }^{\text {S }}$ 3 |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Vlookup

## What is VLOOKUP?

Vlookup (V stands for 'Vertical') is an in-built function in excel which allows establishing a relationship between different columns of excel. In other words, it allows you to find (look up) a value from one column of data and returns it's respective or corresponding value from another column.

The VLOOKUP (Vertical lookup) function looks for a value in the leftmost column of a table, and then returns a value in the same row from another column you specify.
A parameter of FALSE means that VLOOKUP is looking for an EXACT match for the value of say, 10251. A parameter of TRUE means that a "close" match will be returned.
(https://www.techonthenet.com/excel/formulas/vlookup.php )

1. Insert the VLOOKUP function shown below.


Calculate Letter Grade Based On Numeric Score With VLOOKUP Function
https://www.extendoffice.com/documents/excel/3706-excel-calculate-letter-grade.html

| C2 | - | $\times \vee f_{x}$ | $=\mathrm{VLOOKUP}(\mathrm{B} 2, \mathrm{FF} \$ 1: \mathrm{SG} \$ 10,2$, TRUE $)$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | A | B | C 1 | D | E | F | G |
| 1 | Name | Score | Grade |  |  | Score | Grade |
| 2 | Kerry | 75 | C+ |  |  | 0 | F |
| 3 | Rachel | 34 | F |  |  | 60 | D |
| 4 | David | 98 | A+ |  |  | 65 | D+ |
| 5 | Tommy | 70 | C |  |  | 70 | C |
| 6 | Nancy | 89 | B+ |  | - | 75 | C+ |
| 7 | Ruby | 100 | A+ |  |  | 80 | B |
| 8 | Jack | 54 | F |  |  | 85 | B+ |
| 9 | Rose | 60 | D |  |  | 90 | A |
| 10 | Emily | 69 | D+ |  |  | 95 | A+ |
| 11 | Thomas | 90 | A |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Kerry | 82 | B |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Wendy | 70 | C |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Engel | 51 | F |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Cloudy | 82 | B |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Susie | 55 | F |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Makrini | 43 | F |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Henrik | 70 | C |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Tedi | 79 | C+ |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Sherrill | 82 | B |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Patrick | 93 | A |  |  |  |  |
| 22 |  |  |  | E+ |  |  |  |

## Hlookup

In a similar way, you can use the HLOOKUP (Horizontal lookup) function.

## IF Function

Grade Calculation
(https://www.extendoffice.com/documents/excel/370 6-excel-calculate-letter-grade.html)
Enter this formula: $=I F(E 2>=90, " A ", I F(E 2>=80, " B ", I F(E 2>=70, " C ", I F(E 2>=60, " D ", " F ")))$ ) into a blank cell next to your score data where you want to locate the letter grade, F2, for instance, and then drag the fill handle down to the cells that you want to contain this formula, and the letter grade has been displayed in each cell as follows:

| $\checkmark f_{x}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | D | E | 1 F | G | H |
|  | Name | Score | Grade |  |  |
|  | Kerry | 75 | C |  |  |
|  | Rachel | 34 | F |  |  |
|  | David | 98 | A |  |  |
|  | Tommy | 79 | C |  |  |
|  | Nancy | 89 | B |  |  |
|  | Ruby | 100 | A |  |  |
|  | Jack | 54 | F |  |  |
|  | Rose | 60 D | D |  |  |
|  | Emily | 69 D | D |  |  |
|  | Thomas | 90 | A |  |  |
|  | Kerry | 82 | B |  |  |
|  | Wendy | 70 | C |  |  |
|  | Engel | 51 | F |  |  |
|  | Cloudy | 82 | B |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Standard Deviation

 What is Standard Deviation?Standard deviation is a number that tells you how far numbers are from their mean.
The numbers below also have a mean (average) of 10.


Explanation: the numbers are close to the mean. As a result, the numbers have a low standard deviation.
3. The numbers below also have a mean (average) of 10 .

| A6 |  | ! | $\times \checkmark$ | $f_{x}$ | $=$ STDEV(A1:A5) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
| 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 12.58968 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## What is the Coefficient of Variation?

https://www.statisticshowto.datasciencecentral.com/probability-and-statistics/how-to-find-a-coefficient-of-variation/
The coefficient of variation (CV) is a measure of relative variability. It is the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean (average). For example, the expression "The standard deviation is $15 \%$ of the mean" is a CV.
The formula for the coefficient of variation is:
Coefficient of Variation $=($ Standard Deviation $/$ Mean $) * 100$.
How to find a coefficient of variation in Excel.
You can calculate the coefficient of variation in Excel using the formulas for standard deviation and mean. For a given column of data (i.e. A1:A10), you could enter: "=stdev(A1:A10)/average(A1:A10)) then multiply by 100.

## Charts + Graphs

Creating Graphs http://bowlesphysics.com/images/EGN1006 - Excel -
Graphical Analysis.pdf
Creating graphs in Excel is a simple process Follow these steps: Select the block of cells containing the data to be plotted. You may include headings!
The " X " axis data column should always be to the left of the " $Y$ " axis. For example, place x -axis data in column A and y -axis data in column B.

| $X$ | $Y$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 19 |
| 3 | 27 |

## Click on the INSERT tab

Choose the graph type from the CHARTS area (In engineering and science, SCATTER is most often used.
The data an engineer collects could reveal: Spatial profile Time history Cause and effect relationship System output as a function of input Mathematical expressions are then used to CAPTURE the relationship shown in the data Data is usually represented by values that show some SCATTER, which is due to fluctuations or errors in measurement.

## Scatter plot, Trendline, and Linear regression

http://researchguides.library.vanderbilt.edu/c.php?g=69346\&p=855833
Creating a scatter plot in Excel
To set up a scatter plot in Excel, enter the pairs of data in two columns with each value of a pair on the same row. By default, Excel considers the column on the left to contain the horizontal ( X ) values and the column on the right to contain the vertical ( Y ) values.


After creating the graph, click on the data points, and then right mouse click and select Add Trendline

| Days | \% Expansion |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.0000 |
| 3 | 0.0070 |
| 7 | 0.0287 |
| 10 | 0.0490 |
| 14 | 0.0677 |
| 21 | 0.0940 |
| 28 | 0.1123 |
| 42 | 0.1333 |
| 56 | 0.1490 |
| 70 | 0.1637 |
| 84 | 0.1793 |

To utilize the Trendline Analysis tool, an XY Scatter graph must already be present. Notice that the trendline is the best line that fits through the points. It may or may not actually pass through any particular points. That's why another name for trendline is best-fit line. In scientific graphs, one almost never "connects the dots". (There is another chart type that Excel makes which does that - don't use it!) The name of the process used to create the best-fit line is called linear regression. (http://researchguides.library.vanderbilt.edu/c.php? $\mathrm{g}=69346 \& \mathrm{p}=85583$ 3)

In addition to visually depicting the trend in the data with a regression line, you can also calculate the equation of the regression line. This equation can either be seen in a dialogue box and/or shown on your graph. How well this equation describes the data (the 'fit'), is expressed as a correlation coefficient, $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ (Rsquared). The closer $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ is to 1.00 , the better the fit. This too can be calculated and displayed in the graph.

## Example (courtesy Dr. E. R. Latifee):





R squared. This is $r^{2}$, the Coefficient of Determination
An $R^{2}$ of 0.94 means that $94 \%$ of the variance in the data is explained by the line and $6 \%$ of the variance is due to unexplained effects. For example, $r^{2}, 80 \%$ means, $80 \%$ of the values fit the model.
Once the equation is known, interpolation and extrapolation can be done easily, i.e., given $x$, find $y$ from the equation.

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"A picture is worth a thousand words."


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## Double click on the axis, right mouse click, change the major and minor grid or change axis to change to Log scale





## Print a Worksheet

To print a worksheet in Excel, execute the following steps.

1. On the File tab, click Print.
2. To preview the other pages that will be printed, click 'Next Page' or 'Previous Page' at the bottom of the window.

## Print



Printer


Printer Properties
Settings


Print Active Sheets
Only print the active sheets
(i)


Page Setup


To print the worksheet, click the big Print button.


## What to Print

Instead of printing the entire worksheet, you can also only print the current selection.

1. First, select the range of cells you want to print.
2. Next, under Settings, select Print Selection.

Print


Printer Properties
Settings


Print Active Sheets
Only print the active sheets
Print Entire Workbook
Print the entire workbook


Print Selection
Only print the current selection
Ignore Print Area


A4
$8.27^{\prime \prime} \times 11.69^{\prime \prime}$


Normal Margins
Left: 0.7" Right: $0.7^{\prime \prime}$


Page Setup

$$
4 \text { of } 1 \text { 囲国 }
$$

3. To print the selection, click the big Print button.


Note: you can also print the active sheets (first select the sheets by holding down CTRL and clicking the sheet tabs) or print the entire workbook. Use the boxes next to Pages (see first screenshot) to only print a few pages of your document. For example, 2 to 2 only prints the second page.

## Multiple Copies

To print multiple copies, execute the following steps.

1. Use the arrows next to the Copies box.
2. If one copy contains multiple pages, you can switch between Collated and Uncollated. For example, if you print 6 copies, Collated prints the entire first copy, then the entire second copy, etc. Uncollated prints 6 copies of page 1,6 copies of page 2 , etc.


## SPLINE:

Use "XIXtrFun.xll" for the SPLINE in Microsoft Excel.
NOTE: XIXtrFun.xll is a collection of functions which extends the capabilities of Microsoft Excel, which was developed and distributed as free
from-
Advanced Systems Design and Development
346 Atlantic Avenue
Red Lion, PA 17356
email: support@x|xtrfun.com
http://www.xlxtrfun.com/XIXtrFun/XIXtrFun.htm

Put XIXtrFun.xll wherever is wanted and use Excel's Add-In Manager to install XIXtrFun.xII.

1. To install an Excel 2007 add-in, click on the Office Button, the big round decoration in the top left of the Excel window.
2. This opens the Office Menu. Click the Excel Options button at the bottom of this menu.
3.The Excel Options dialog opens up. Click the Add-Ins item in the list along the left edge of the dialog to see the Add-Ins panel.
4.Make sure the Manage dropdown at the bottom shows Excel Add-Ins, then click the "Go" button. This brings up the Add-Ins dialog.
3. Click Browse, and use the Browse dialog to locate the add-in file which is in this case- "XIXtrFun.xll".

## 6.Click "OK"



