Excel

Excel Formula

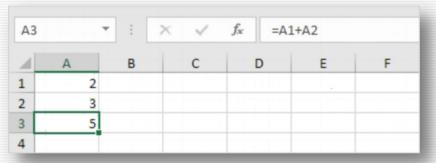
- It is the simplest form, a formula is an expression made up of cell addresses and arithmetic operators. Formulas can also be made up of discrete values i.e. =6*3. Excel evaluates the formula to a value. An example of a formula looks as follows.
- =A2 * D2 / 2

HERE,

- "=" tells Excel that this is a formula, and it should evaluate it.
- "A2" * D2" makes reference to cell addresses A2 and D2 then multiplies the values found in these cell addresses.
- "/" is the division arithmetic operator
- "2" is a discrete value

Enter a Formula

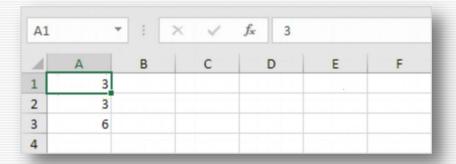
- To enter a formula, execute the following steps.
- 1. Select a cell.
- 2. To let Excel know that you want to enter a formula, type an equal sign (=).
- 3. For example, type the formula A1+A2.



Tip: instead of typing A1 and A2, simply select cell A1 and cell A2.

Enter a Formula

4. Change the value of cell A1 to 3.



- Excel automatically recalculates the value of cell A3.
- This is one of Excel's most powerful features!

Edit a Formula

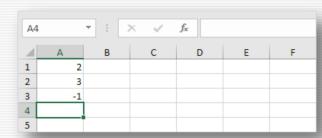
When you select a cell, Excel shows the value or formula of the cell in the formula bar.

АЗ	~		× .	f _x =A1	L+A2	
4	A	В	С	D	E	F
1	2					
2	3					
3	5					
4	1					

1. To edit a formula, click in the formula bar and change the formula.

SI	JMIF 🔻	1	× ~	f _x =A1	L- <mark>A2</mark>	
d	Α	В	С	D	E	F
1	2					
2	3					
3	=A1-A2					
4						

2. Press Enter.



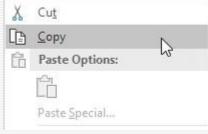
Copy/Paste a Formula

- When you copy a formula, Excel automatically adjusts the cell references for each new cell the formula is copied to. To understand this, execute the following steps.
- 1. Enter the formula shown below into cell A4.

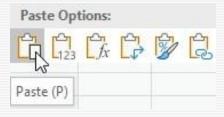
Α4	. +	: >	· /	f _x =A1	*(A2+A3)	
4	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
1	2	5				
2	2	6				
3	1	4				
4	6					
5						

Copy/Paste a Formula

2a. Select cell A4, right click, and then click Copy (or press CTRL + c)...



 ...next, select cell B4, right click, and then click Paste under 'Paste Options:' (or press CTRL + v).



Copy/Paste a Formula

2b. You can also drag the formula to cell B4. Select cell A4, click on the lower right corner of cell A4 and drag it across to cell B4. This is much easier and gives the exact same result!

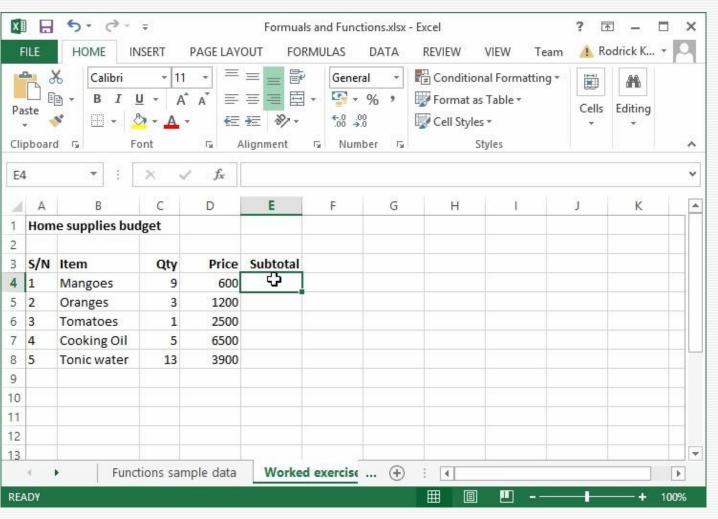
Α4	*	i ×	~	f _x =	A1*(A2+A3)	
4	Α	В	С	D	E	F
1	2	5				
2	2	6				
3	1	4				
4	6					
5	18					

Result. The formula in cell B4 references the values in column B.

B4	+	1 ×	~	<i>f</i> _x =B	1*(B2+B3)	
4	Α	В	С	D	E	F
1	2	5				
2	2	6				
3	1	4				
4	6	50				
5						

Excel Formula

 The animated image shows you how to auto select cell address and apply the same formula to other rows.



Mistakes to avoid when working with formulas in Excel

- 1. Remember the rules of Brackets of Division, Multiplication, Addition, & Subtraction (BODMAS). This means expressions are brackets are evaluated first. For arithmetic operators, the division is evaluated first followed by multiplication then addition and subtraction is the last one to be evaluated. Using this rule, we can rewrite the above formula as =(A2 * D2) / 2. This will ensure that A2 and D2 are first evaluated then divided by two.
- 2. Formulas usually work with numeric data; you can take advantage of data validation to specify the type of data that should be accepted by a cell i.e. numbers only.
- 3. To ensure that you are working with the correct cell addresses referenced in the formulas, you can press F2 on the keyboard. This will highlight the cell addresses used in the formula, and you can cross check to ensure they are the desired cell addresses.
- 4. When you are working with many rows, you can use serial numbers for all the rows and have a record count at the bottom of the sheet. You should compare the serial number count with the record total to ensure that your formulas included all the rows.

Excel Function

- A function is a predefined formula. Functions allow you to use descriptive names to automatically apply formulas for you. Examples of functions include;
- SUM for summation of a range of numbers
- AVERAGE for calculating the average of a given range of numbers
- COUNT for counting the number of items in a given range

The importance of functions

• Functions increase user productivity when working with excel. Let's say you would like to get the grand total for the above home supplies budget. To make it simpler, you can use a formula to get the grand total. Using a formula, you would have to reference the cells E4 through to E8 one by one. You would have to use the following formula.

$$= E4 + E5 + E6 + E7 + E8$$

With a function, you would write the above formula as

As you can see from the above function used to get the sum of a range of cells, it is much more efficient to use a function to get the sum than using the formula which will have to reference a lot of cells.

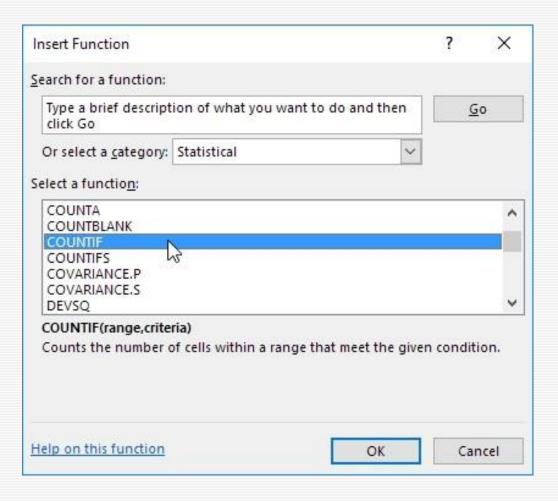
Insert a Function

- Every function has the same structure. For example, SUM(A1:A4). The name of this function is SUM. The part between the brackets (arguments) means we give Excel the range A1:A4 as input. This function adds the values in cells A1, A2, A3 and A4. It's not easy to remember which function and which arguments to use for each task. Fortunately, the Insert Function feature in Excel helps you with this.
- To insert a function, execute the following steps.
- 1. Select a cell.
- 2. Click the Insert Function button.

D1	-	: ×	V 1			
4	A	В	С	D	E	F
1	3	8	6			
2	10	5	4			
3						

Insert a Function

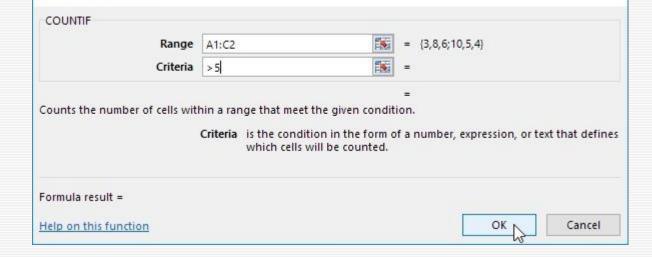
- The 'Insert Function' dialog box appears.
- 3. Search for a function or select a function from a category. For example, choose COUNTIF from the Statistical category.
- 4. Click OK.



Function Arguments

Function Arguments

- The 'Function Arguments' dialog box appears.
- 5. Click in the Range box and select the range A1:C2.
- 6. Click in the Criteria box and type >5.

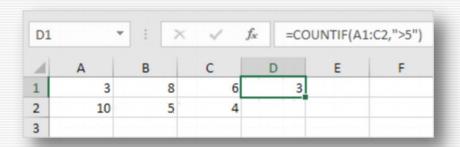


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7. Click OK.

Result of the COUNTIF function

 Result. The <u>COUNTIF function</u> counts the number of cells that are greater than 5.



Note: instead of using the Insert Function feature, simply type
 =COUNTIF(A1:C2,">5"). When you arrive at: =COUNTIF(instead of typing A1:C2, simply select the range A1:C2.

Common functions

• Some of the most commonly used functions in Excel. We will start with statistical functions.

S/N	FUNCTION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	USAGE
01	SUM	Math & Trig	Adds all the values in a range of cells	=SUM(E4:E8)
02	MIN	Statistical	Finds the minimum value in a range of cells	=MIN(E4:E8)
03	MAX	Statistical	Finds the maximum value in a range of cells	=MAX(E4:E8)
)4	AVERAGE	Statistical	Calculates the average value in a range of cells	=AVERAGE(E4:E8)
05	COUNT	Statistical	Counts the number of cells in a range of cells	=COUNT(E4:E8)
)6	LEN	Text	Returns the number of characters in a string text	=LEN(B7)
07	SUMIF	Math & Trig	Adds all the values in a range of cells that meet a specified criteria. =SUMIF(range,criteria,[sum_range])	=SUMIF(D4:D8,">=1000",C4:C8)
08	AVERAGEIF	Statistical	Calculates the average value in a range of cells that meet the specified criteria. =AVERAGEIF(range,criteria,[average_range])	=AVERAGEIF(F4:F8,"Yes",E4:E8)
09	DAYS	Date & Time	Returns the number of days between two dates	=DAYS(D4,C4)
10	NOW	Date & Time	Returns the current system date and time	=NOW()

Numeric Functions

 As the name suggests, these functions operate on numeric data. The following table shows some of the common numeric functions.

S/N	FUNCTION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	USAGE
1	ISNUMBER	Information	Returns True if the supplied value is numeric and False if it is not numeric	=ISNUMBER(A3)
2	RAND	Math & Trig	Generates a random number between 0 and 1	=RAND()
3	ROUND	Math & Trig	Rounds off a decimal value to the specified number of decimal points	=ROUND(3.14455,2)
4	MEDIAN	Statistical	Returns the number in the middle of the set of given numbers	=MEDIAN(3,4,5,2,5)
5	PI	Math & Trig	Returns the value of Math Function $PI(\pi)$	=PI()
6	POWER	Math & Trig	Returns the result of a number raised to a power. POWER(number, power)	=POWER(2,4)
7	MOD	Math & Trig	Returns the Remainder when you divide two numbers	=MOD(10,3)
8	ROMAN	Math & Trig	Converts a number to roman numerals	=ROMAN(1984)

String functions

These functions are used to manipulate text data. The following table shows some of the common string functions.

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S/N	FUNCTION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	USAGE	COMMENT
1	LEFT	Text	Returns a number of specified characters from the start (left-hand side) of a string	=LEFT("GURU99",4)	Left 4 Characters of "GURU99"
2	RIGHT	Text	Returns a number of specified characters from the end (right-hand side) of a string	=RIGHT("GURU99",2)	Right 2 Characters of "GURU99"
3	MID	Text	Retrieves a number of characters from the middle of a string from a specified start position and length. =MID (text, start_num, num_chars)	=MID("GURU99",2,3)	Retrieving Characters 2 to 5
4	ISTEXT	Information	Returns True if the supplied parameter is Text	=ISTEXT(value)	value - The value to check.
5	FIND	Text	Returns the starting position of a text string within another text string. This function is case-sensitive. =FIND(find_text, within_text, [start_num])	=FIND("oo","Roofing",1)	Find oo in "Roofing", Result is 2
6	REPLACE	Text	Replaces part of a string with another specified string. =REPLACE (old_text, start_num, num_chars, new_text)	=REPLACE("Roofing",2, 2,"xx")	Replace "oo" with "xx"

Date Time Functions

 These functions are used to manipulate date values. The following table shows some of the common date functions.

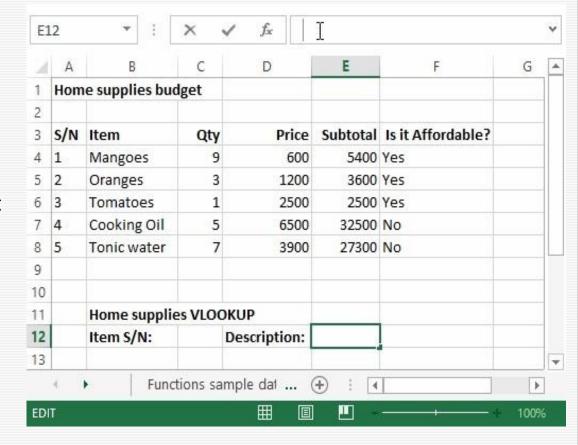
S/N	FUNCTION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	USAGE
1	DATE	Date & Time	Returns the number that represents the date in excel code	=DATE(2015,2,4)
2	DAYS	Date & Time	Find the number of days between two dates	=DAYS(D6,C6)
3	MONTH	Date & Time	Returns the month from a date value	=MONTH("4/2/2015")
4	MINUTE	Date & Time	Returns the minutes from a time value	=MINUTE("12:31")
5	YEAR	Date & Time	Returns the year from a date value	=YEAR("04/02/2015")

VLOOKUP function

- The VLOOKUP function is used to perform a vertical look up in the left most column and return
 a value in the same row from a column that you specify.
- For Example:- The home supplies budget has a serial number column that uniquely identifies
 each item in the budget. Suppose you have the item serial number, and you would like to know
 the item description, you can use the VLOOKUP function. Here is how the VLOOKUP function
 would work.

VLOOKUP function

- = VLOOKUP (C12, A4:B8, 2, FALSE)
- HERE,
- "=VLOOKUP" calls the vertical lookup function
- "C12" specifies the value to be looked up in the left most column
- "A4:B8" specifies the table array with the data
- "2" specifies the column number with the row value to be returned by the VLOOKUP function
- "FALSE," tells the VLOOKUP function that we are looking for an exact match of the supplied look up value



Mathematical operations

- Operators specify the type of calculation that you want to perform on elements in a formula—such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division.
- The following are the type of Mathematical operations:
- 1. Arithmetic operators
- 2. Comparison operators
- 3. Text concatenation operator
- 4. Reference operators

1. Arithmetic operators

 To perform basic mathematical operations such as addition, subtraction, or multiplication—or to combine numbers—and produce numeric results, use the arithmetic operators in this table.

Arithmetic operator	Meaning	Example
+ (plus sign)	Addition	=3+3
– (minus sign)	Subtraction Negation	=3–1 =–1
* (asterisk)	Multiplication	=3*3
/ (forward slash)	Division	=3/3
% (percent sign)	Percent	=20%
^ (caret)	Exponentiation	=

2.Comparison operators

 With the operators in the table below, you can compare two values. When two values are compared by using these operators, the result is a logical value either TRUE or FALSE.

Comparison operator	Meaning	Example
= (equal sign)	Equal to	=A1=B1
> (greater than sign)	Greater than	=A1>B1
< (less than sign)	Less than	=A1 <b1< td=""></b1<>
>= (greater than or equal to sign)	Greater than or equal to	=A1>=B1
<= (less than or equal to sign)	Less than or equal to	=A1<=B1
<> (not equal to sign)	Not equal to	=A1<>B1

3.Text concatenation operator

 Use the ampersand (&) to join, or concatenate, one or more text strings to produce a single piece of text.

Text operator	Meaning	Example
& (ampersand)	Connects, or	="North"&"wind"
	concatenates, two	
	values to produce	
	one continuous	
	text value.	

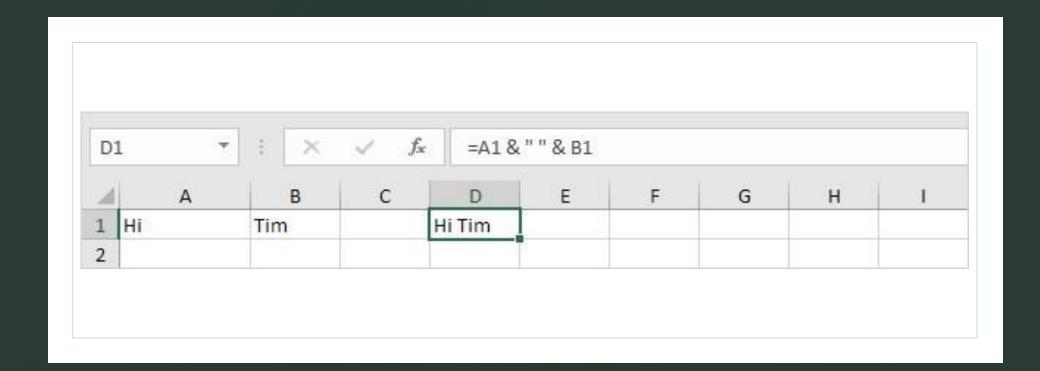
4.Reference operators

 Combine ranges of cells for calculations with these operators.

Reference operator	Meaning	Example
: (colon)	Range operator, which produces one reference to all the cells between two references, including the two references.	=SUM(B5:B15)
, (comma)	Union operator, which combines multiple references into one reference.	=SUM(B5:B15,D5:D15)
(space)	Intersection operator, which produces a reference to cells common to the two references.	=SUM(B7:D7 C6:C8)
# (pound)	The # symbol is used in several contexts: •Used as part of an error name. •Used to indicate insufficient space to render. In most cases, you can widen the column until the contents display properly. •Spilled range operator, which is used to reference an entire range in a dynamic array formula.	•#VALUE! •#### •=SUM(A2#)
@ (at)	Reference operator, which is used to indicate implicit intersection in a formula.	=@A1:A10 =SUM(Table1[@[January]:[Dece mber]])

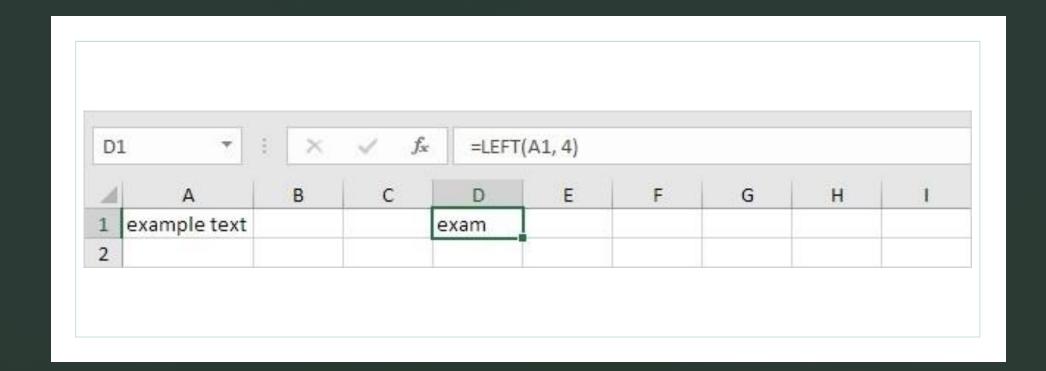
Using Formulas to Manipulate Text

- Although Excel is well known for its mathematical capabilities and features, it also has some powerful tools for creating text formulas to manipulate text.
- The following are some text manipulation functions:
- Join Strings
- Left
- Right
- Mid
- Len
- Find
- Substitute



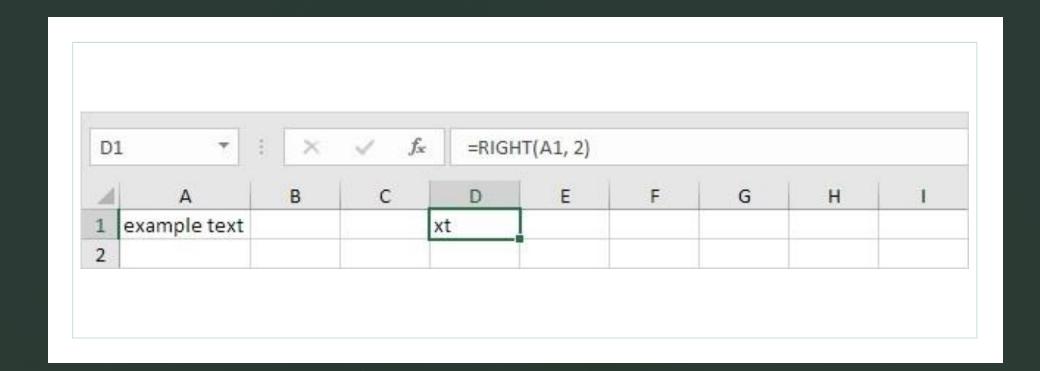
To join strings, use the & operator.

Join Strings



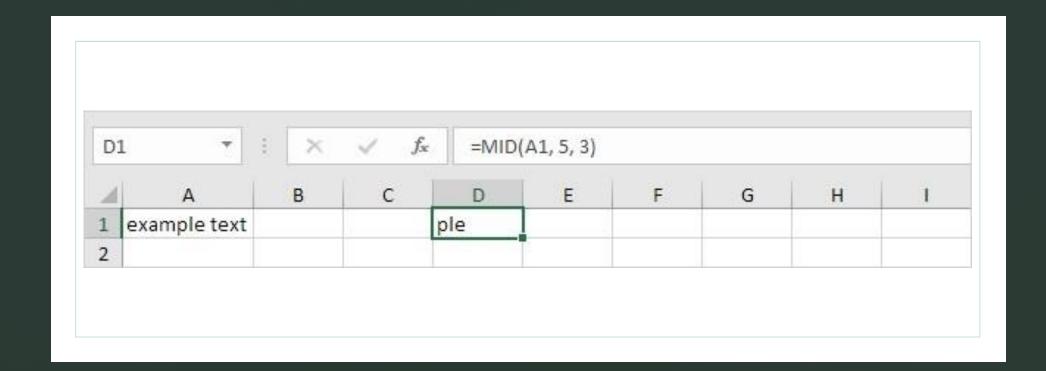
To extract the leftmost characters from a string, use the LEFT function.

Left



To extract the rightmost characters from a string, use the RIGHT function.

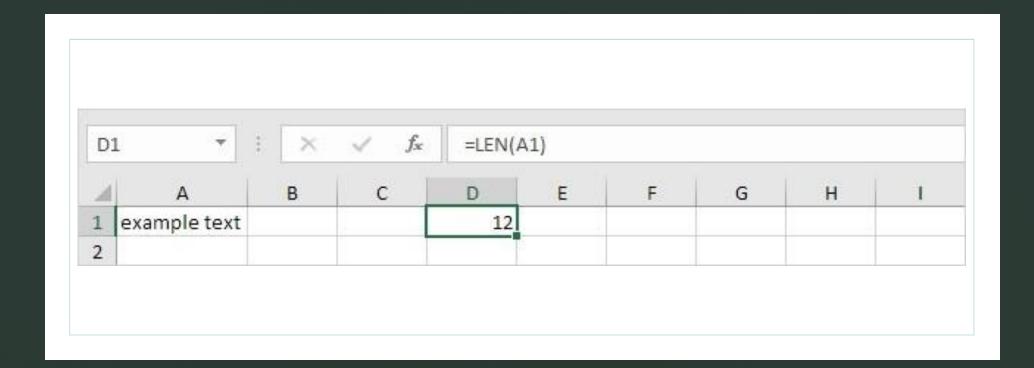
Right



To extract a <u>substring</u>, starting in the middle of a string, use the MID function.

Note: started at position 5 (p) with length 3.

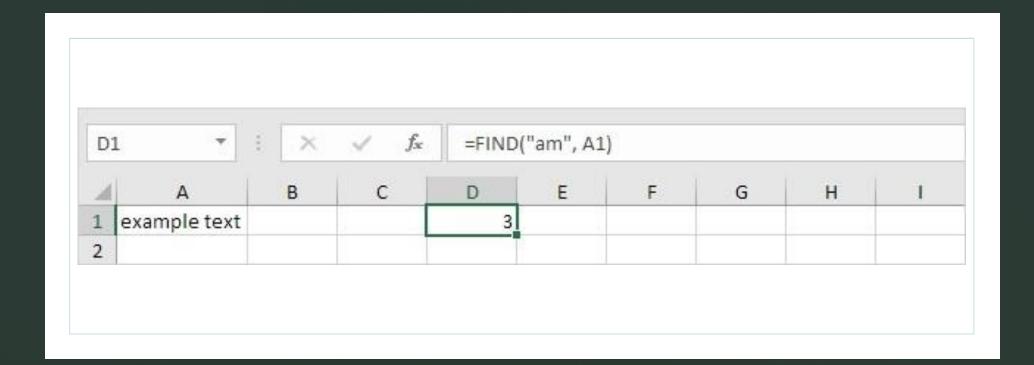
Mid



To get the length of a string, use the LEN function.

Note: space (position 8) included!

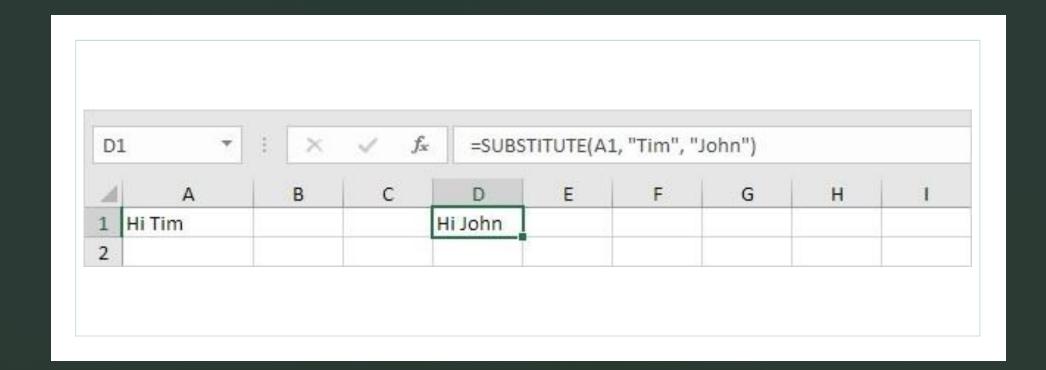
Len



To find the position of a substring in a string, use the FIND function.

Note: string "am" found at position 3. Visit our page about the FIND function for more examples.



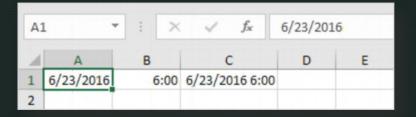


To replace existing text with new text in a string, use the SUBSTITUTE function.

Substitute

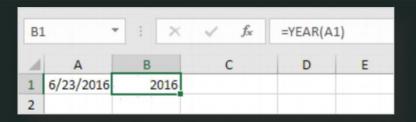
Date & Time Functions

- To enter a date in Excel, use the "/" or "-" characters. To enter a time, use the ":" (colon).
- You can also enter a date and a time in one cell.
- Note: Dates are in US Format. Months first, Days second.
- This type of format depends on your windows regional settings.

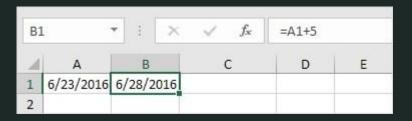


To get the year of a date, use the YEAR function.

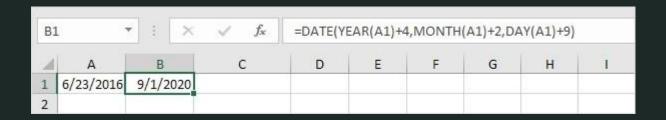
Year, Month, Day



 Note: use the MONTH and DAY function to get the month and day of a date. 1. To add a number of days to a date, use the following simple formula.



 2. To add a number of years, months and/or days, use the DATE function.

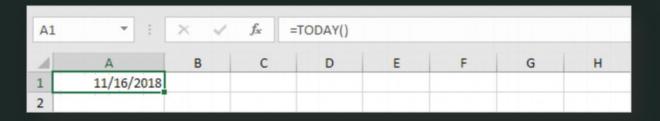


Note: the DATE function accepts three arguments: year, month and day. Excel knows that 6 + 2 = 8 = August has 31 days and rolls over to the next month (23 August + 9 days = 1 September).

Date Function

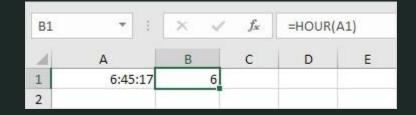
Current Date & Time

 To enter today's date in Excel, use the TODAY function.



To return the hour, use the HOUR function.

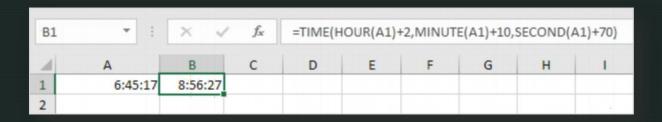
Hour, Minute, Second



 Note: use the MINUTE and SECOND function to return the minute and second.

Time Function

 To add a number of hours, minutes and/or seconds, use the TIME function.



Note: Excel adds 2 hours, 10 + 1 = 11
 minutes and 70 - 60 = 10 seconds.

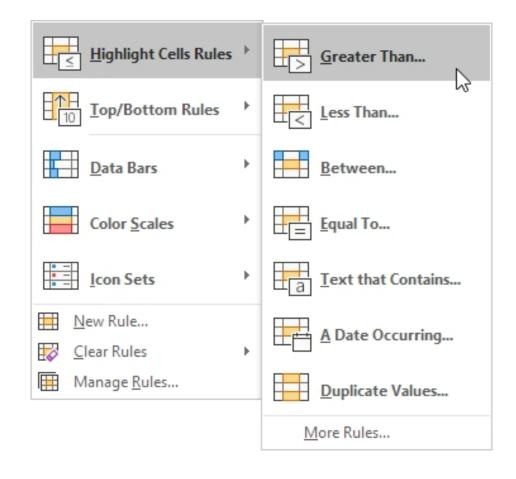
- Conditional formatting in Excel enables you to highlight cells with a certain color, depending on the cell's value.
- The following are the steps for Conditional analysis using formulas:
- Select the range A1:A10.
- 2. On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.
- 3. Click Highlight Cells Rules, Greater Than (Or any other Conditional Formula).
- 4. Enter the value 80 and select a formatting style.
- 5. Click OK.

Select the range A1:A10.

4	А	В
1	14	
2	6	
3	39	
4	43	
5	2	
6	95	
7	5	
8	11	
9	86	
10	57	
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 On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.

Click Highlight Cells Rules, Greater Than.



Enter the value 80 and select a formatting style.

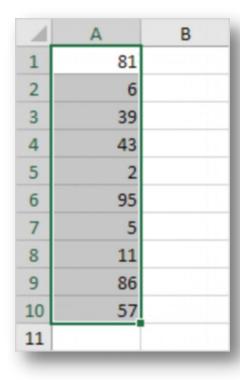


- Click OK.
- Result. Excel highlights the cells that are greater than 80.

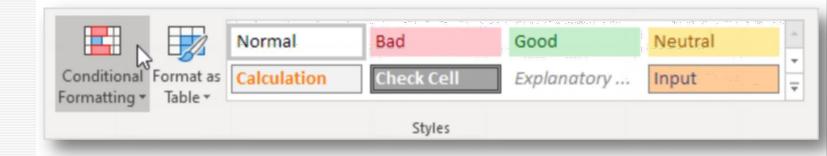
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5	2	
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10	57	
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- Top/Bottom Rules
- To highlight cells that are above average, execute the following steps.
- Select the range A1:A10.
- On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.
- 3. Click Top/Bottom Rules, Above Average.
- 4. Select a formatting style.
- 5. Click OK.

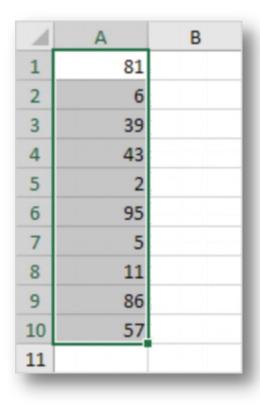
- Top/Bottom Rules
- Select the range A1:A10.



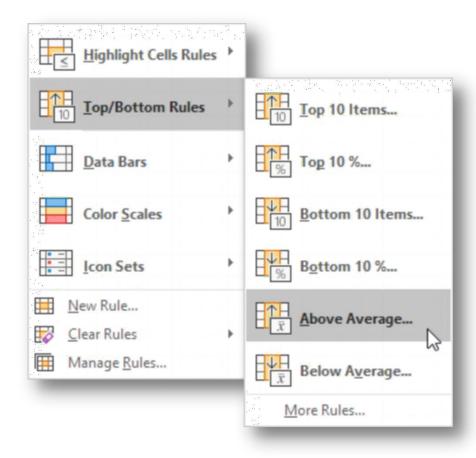
 On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.



Click Top/Bottom Rules, Above Average.



Click Top/Bottom Rules, Above Average.



Select a formatting style.



- Click OK.
- Result. Excel calculates the average (42.5) and formats the cells that are above this average.

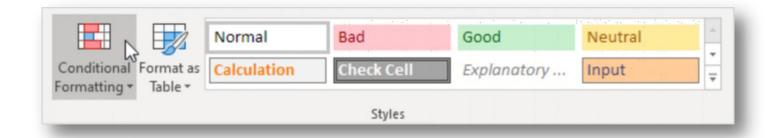
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1	81	
2	6	
3	39	
4	43	
5	2	
6	95	
7	5	
8	11	
9	86	
10	57	
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- Conditional Formatting with Formulas
- Take your Excel skills to the next level and use a formula to determine which cells to format. Formulas that apply conditional formatting must evaluate to TRUE or FALSE.
- Select the range A1:E5.
- 2. On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.
- Click New Rule.
- 4. Select 'Use a formula to determine which cells to format'.
- 5. Enter the formula =ISODD(A1)
- 6. Select a formatting style and click OK.
- 7. Select the range A2:D7.
- 8. Repeat steps 2-4 above.
- 9. Enter the formula =\$C2="USA"
- 10. Select a formatting style and click OK.

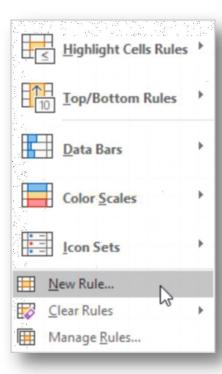
- Conditional Formatting with Formulas
- Select the range A1:E5.

1	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
1	90	77	33	20	96	
2	59	66	20	61	44	
3	94	99	97	41	52	£
4	36	43	70	13	54	
5	15	6	28	28	15	
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- Conditional Formatting with Formulas
- On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.



- Conditional Formatting with Formulas
- Click New Rule.



- Select 'Use a formula to determine which cells to format'.
- Enter the formula =ISODD(A1)
- Select a formatting style and click OK.

Excel highlights all odd numbers.

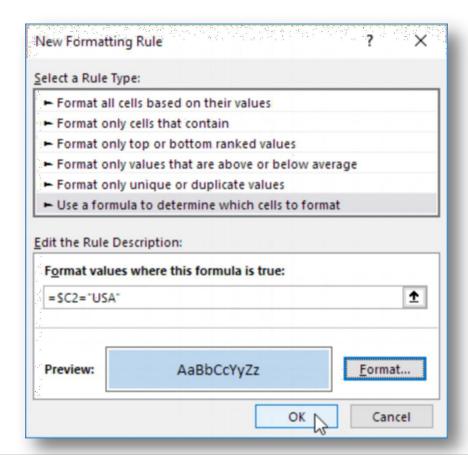
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1	90	77	33	20	96	
2	59	66	20	61	44	
3	94	99	97	41	52	
4	36	43	70	13	54	
5	15	6	28	28	15	
6					5 to 5 2 1 to	

Explanation: always write the formula for the upperleft cell in the selected range. Excel automatically copies the formula to the other cells. Thus, cell A2 contains the formula =ISODD(A2), cell A3 contains the formula =ISODD(A3), etc.

Select the range A2:D7.

1	Α	В	С	D	Е
1	Last Name	Sales	Country	Quarter	
2	Smith	\$16,753.00	UK	Qtr 3	
3	Johnson	\$14,808.00	USA	Qtr 4	
4	Williams	\$10,644.00	UK	Qtr 2	
5	Jones	\$1,390.00	USA	Qtr 3	
6	Brown	\$4,865.00	USA	Qtr 4	
7	Williams	\$12,438.00	UK	Qtr 1	
8					

- Repeat steps 2-4 above.
- Enter the formula =\$C2="USA"
- Select a formatting style and click OK.



Result. Excel highlights all USA orders.

1	Α	В	С	D	E
1	Last Name	Sales	Country	Quarter	
2	Smith	\$16,753.00	UK	Qtr 3	
3	Johnson	\$14,808.00	USA	Qtr 4	
4	Williams	\$10,644.00	UK	Qtr 2	
5	Jones	\$1,390.00	USA	Qtr 3	
6	Brown	\$4,865.00	USA	Qtr 4	
7	Williams	\$12,438.00	UK	Qtr 1	
8					

Explanation: we fixed the reference to column C by placing a \$ symbol in front of the column letter (\$C2). As a result, cell B2, C2 and cell D2 also contain the formula =\$C2="USA", cell A3, B3, C3 and D3 contain the formula =\$C3="USA", etc.

MATCH function

 The MATCH function returns the position of a value in a given range. For example, the MATCH function below looks up the value 53 in the range B3:B9.

CC	COUNTIF ▼ : × ✓ f _x =MATCH(H2,B3:B9,0)										
4	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	
1											
2		ID	First Name	Last Name	Salary		ID	53			
3		72	Emily	Smith	\$64,901		Salary	5			
4		66	James	Anderson	\$70,855						
5	1	14	Mia	Clark	\$188,657						
6		30	John	Lewis	\$97,566						
7		53	Jessica	Walker	\$58,339						
8		56	Mark	Reed	\$125,180						
9		79	Richard	Lopez	\$91,632						
10											

 Explanation: 53 (first argument) found at position 5 in the range B3:B9 (second argument). In this example, we use the MATCH function to return an exact match so we set the third argument to 0.

Two-way Lookup

• The INDEX function can also return a specific value in a two-dimensional range. For example, use the INDEX and the MATCH function in Excel to perform a wwo-way-lookup.

G5	G5 =INDEX(B2:D13,MATCH(G2,A2:A13,0),MATCH(G3,B1:D1,0))									
4	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	н	1	
1		Chocolate	Strawberry	Vanilla						
2	Jan	544	639	189		Month	Feb			
3	Feb	217	719	679		Flavour	Chocolate			
4	Mar	810	178	810						
5	Apr	567	926	929		Sales	217			
6	May	745	230	364						
7	Jun	298	820	947						
8	Jul	457	522	832						
9	Aug	495	500	239						
10	Sep	871	391	529						
11	Oct	585	225	791						
12	Nov	478	262	540						
13	Dec	741	883	809						
14										

Case-sensitive Lookup

- By default, the VLOOKUP function performs a case-insensitive lookup.
 However, you can use the INDEX, MATCH and the EXACT function in Excel to perform a case-sensitive lookup.
- Note: the formula correctly looks up the salary of MIA Reed, not Mia Clark.

G3		*	×	/ f _x	{=INDEX(D3:D9,MATCH(TRUE,EXACT(G2,B3:B9),0))}						
4	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	н	1		
1											
2		First Name	Last Name	Salary		First Name	MIA .				
3		Emily	Smith	\$64,901		Salary	\$125,180				
4		James	Anderson	\$70,855							
5		Mia	Clark	\$188,657							
6		John	Lewis	\$97,566							
7		Jessica	Walker	\$58,339							
8	✓	MIA	Reed	\$125,180							
9		Richard	Lopez	\$91,632							
10											

Left Lookup

- The VLOOKUP function only looks to the right. No worries, you can use the INDEX and the MATCH function in Excel to perform a <u>left lookup</u>.
- Note: when we drag this formula down, the absolute references (\$E\$4:\$E\$7 and \$G\$4:\$G\$7) stay the same, while the relative reference (A2) changes to A3, A4, A5, etc.

B2	B2 ▼ : × ✓ f _x =INDEX(\$E\$4:\$E\$7,MATCH(A2,\$G\$4:\$G\$7,0))										
4	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	1		
1	ID	Product									
2	104	Printer									
3	103	T			Product	Brand	ID				
4	104				Computer	Dell	101				
5	101				Keyboard	Logitech	102				
6	102				Mouse	Logitech	103				
7	103				Printer	HP	104				
8	101										
9	104										
10	101										
11	102										
12											

Two-column Lookup

- Do you want to look up a value based on multiple criteria? Use the INDEX and the MATCH function in Excel to perform a two-column lookup.
- Note: the array formula above looks up the salary of James Clark, not James Smith, not James Anderson.

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G.	5	* :	=INDEX(B2	D13,MATCH	H(G2,4	A2:A13,0),N	MATCH(G3,B1	:D1,0))	
4	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	1
1		Chocolate	Strawberry	Vanilla					
2	Jan	544	639	189		Month	Feb		
3	Feb	217	719	679		Flavour	Chocolate		
4	Mar	810	178	810					
5	Apr	567	926	929		Sales	217		
6	May	745	230	364			I		
7	Jun	298	820	947					
8	Jul	457	522	832					
9	Aug	495	500	239					
10	Sep	871	391	529					
11	Oct	585	225	791					
12	Nov	478	262	540					*
13	Dec	741	883	809					
14									

Closest Match

To find the <u>closest match</u> to a target value in a data column, use the INDEX, MATCH, ABS and the MIN function in Excel.

F3 * {=INDEX(B3:B9,MATCH(MIN(ABS(C3:C9-F2)),ABS(C3:C9-F2),0))}										
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J
1										
2		Name	Data		Target	720				
3		Emily	681		Match	James				
4		James	734							
5		Mia	683							
6		John	704							
7		Jessica	698							
8		Mark	736							
9		Richard	703							
10										