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GETTING STARTED

Prerequisites

It is assumed that the user is both familiar and comfortable with the following prior to working with Microsoft Excel:

- Using the mouse and left-click feature
- Basic navigation through Microsoft Windows
- Basic typing and keyboard commands
- Basic components of Microsoft Excel

Please let the instructor know if you do not meet these requirements. You may still attend the class, but the instructor may not have time to cover all of the prerequisites.

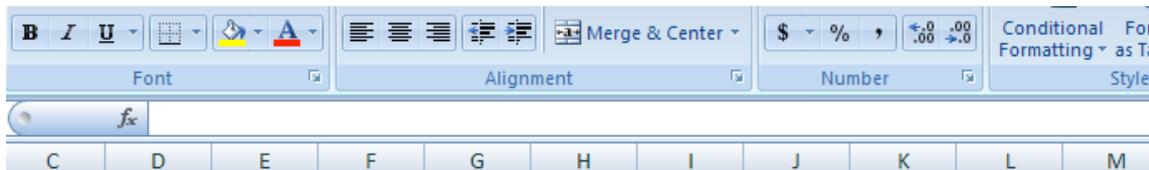
What You Will Learn

Cutting, Copying, and Pasting Data	Filling Data Across Columns and Rows	More About Formatting Cells
Formatting Numbers	Text Alignment	Borders
Colors and Patterns	Functions	Creating Charts and Graphs
Multiple Sheets	Saving Spreadsheets	Printing Spreadsheets
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MORE TASKS IN MICROSOFT EXCEL

Cutting, Copying, and Pasting Data

In the Excel Basics class, we discussed entering data by typing in the cells of an Excel spreadsheet. You can do this either by clicking on a cell and beginning to type, or by typing in the Formula Bar at the top of the screen below the ribbon menu.



When you are typing in your spreadsheet, it can be very helpful to cut or copy information from one cell and paste it into another. This can help reduce the amount of typing you have to do, as well as limit the number of typographical errors. Cutting, copying, and pasting the contents of cells in Excel is very similar to the way you do it in Microsoft Word.

To **CUT** the contents of a cell, click on the cell to select it, then click on the **Cut** button on the Home tab: . You will see the border of the cell turn into little “marching ants.” The contents are now on the Clipboard, ready for you to paste them somewhere else.

To **PASTE** the cut selection somewhere else, click on the cell where you want the selection to go. Then click on the **Paste** button on the Home tab.

The selection will now appear in the new cell and be removed from the



original cell.

To **COPY** the contents of a cell, simply follow the directions above but replace the **CUT** command with **COPY**: . This will leave the contents of the original cell in place and make an exact copy of them in another cell.

Filling Data Across Columns and Rows

Another way to copy text from one cell to another is to drag it or “fill” it across a range of cells (a row or a column). This is a great method if you want all the text (or numbers) in a column or row to be the same. For example, if you have a spreadsheet for your yearly budget with a column for rent, you could use this method to fill in all the cells in the rent column with the same number without re-typing.

To fill the contents of cells in a column:

1. Click on the cell with the information you want to copy to the other cells.

- Hover your mouse over the little square (called a “fill handle”) in the bottom right corner of the highlighted cell border. Your mouse will turn into a cross.

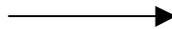
- Click on the fill handle and drag your mouse (while still holding the button down) down the column until you’ve highlighted all the cells where you want the text to go.

2012 Budget	
	Rent
January	600
February	
March	
April	

- Let go of the mouse button. The text will now appear in all the cells you highlighted.

- You can follow these same steps to fill the contents of a row rather than a column— simply drag your mouse across the row instead of down the column.

	A	B
1	Budget	
2		
3		Rent
4	January	450
5	February	
6	March	
7	April	
8	May	
9	June	
10	July	
11	August	
12	September	
13	October	
14	November	
15	December	



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1	Budget	
2		
3		Rent
4	January	450
5	February	450
6	March	450
7	April	450
8	May	450
9	June	450
10	July	450
11	August	450
12	September	450
13	October	450
14	November	450
15	December	450

You can also use this technique to copy formulas across columns and rows in the spreadsheet.

PRACTICE:

Type January in cell A4 as shown above. Use the fill handle and drag down to row 15. This should populate February through December in those cells. In cell B4, type 450. Use the fill handle and drag down to row 15. Now the amount will be filled in for the other months as well.

MORE ABOUT FORMATTING CELLS

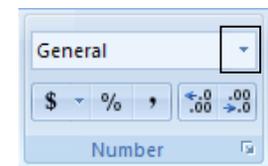
In the Excel Basics class, we mentioned briefly that you can format the way your data is represented within each cell. Now we're going to look at some of these formatting options in more detail so you can get more practice with them. Remember, changes you make to cell formatting will only apply to cells that you have selected (highlighted by clicking on them).

Numbers

The numbers you enter in a spreadsheet can represent many different things—dates, times, percentages, currency, etc. Depending on what you want to represent, you will want your number to appear a certain way.

To change the appearance of a number:

1. Select a cell or range of cells by highlighting them.
2. On the Home tab, click on the downward-pointing arrow next to “General” in the **Number** group.
3. Choose an option from the list that appears (for example, “Number” or “Currency”).



OR

4. If you don't see an option that you want, click on **More Number Formats** at the bottom of the list.
5. A new dialog box will appear where you can choose a category.
6. Depending on the category you choose, you will see different options you can set for how you want the number to look. When you are finished changing these settings, click **OK**.

For example, if you choose **Number** from the category list, you will have options to change the number of places after the decimal point, choose whether or not you want a comma in numbers over 1,000, and choose how you want negative numbers to look. If you choose **Date** from the category list, you can choose whether you want the date to display as 3/14/2001, or 14-Mar-01, or March 14, 2001 (as well as other choices).



(Similar to the **Merge cells** command, the **Merge and Center** button  on the Home tab will merge several cells together and center the text across the merged cells. This is a great tool for creating a title for your spreadsheet or creating a heading that spans across multiple columns.) Note that if you select multiple cells with data in it, using Merge or Merge & Center will cause you to lose all data except that which is in the upper left cell.

You might also want to change the orientation of the text, or the angle of the text within the cell. You can choose to have your text appear vertically, horizontally, or any angle in between. This might be useful for column headings. To change the orientation, click on the red dot in the diagram under **Orientation** on the Alignment tab and drag it until the text appears at the angle you want.

Borders

As you probably know, borders are the lines around each cell. By default, the borders that appear on the screen are a light gray color. You might want to make the borders more visible or even make certain cells stand out by making the borders thicker or have a different line style than other cells.

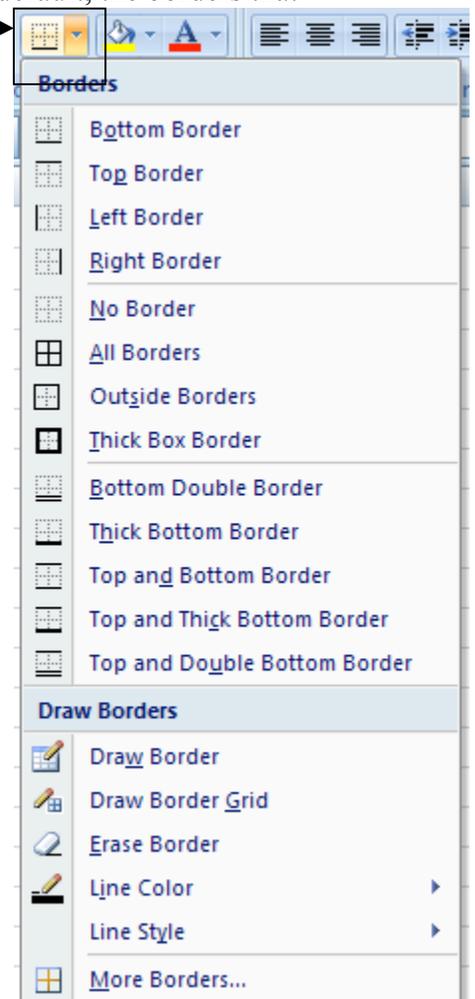
Also, it is important to note that when you print a spreadsheet, you will not see any lines between cells unless you have specified that you want a border around them. Even though you can see the light gray lines between cells on the screen, these will not print on the page. Excel will only print borders that you have added manually.

To format cell borders:

1. Select a cell or group of cells by highlighting them.
2. Click on the **Borders** button from the **Font** group on the Home tab.
3. Choose an option from the menu that appears. You will have options about which sides of the cell you want borders for, what line style you want, and the line color.

OR

4. If you want other options, click on the **More Borders** option from the bottom of the menu that appears. A



dialog box will appear where you can select options for formatting borders.

You don't have to have a border around the entire cell – you can choose to just have the top and bottom border of the cell, for example.

PRACTICE:

Select cells A4 through E15 on your spreadsheet. Click on the downward-facing arrow next to the **Borders** button from the **Font** group on the Home tab. Select “Top and Thick Bottom Border.” Your spreadsheet should now look similar to the following:

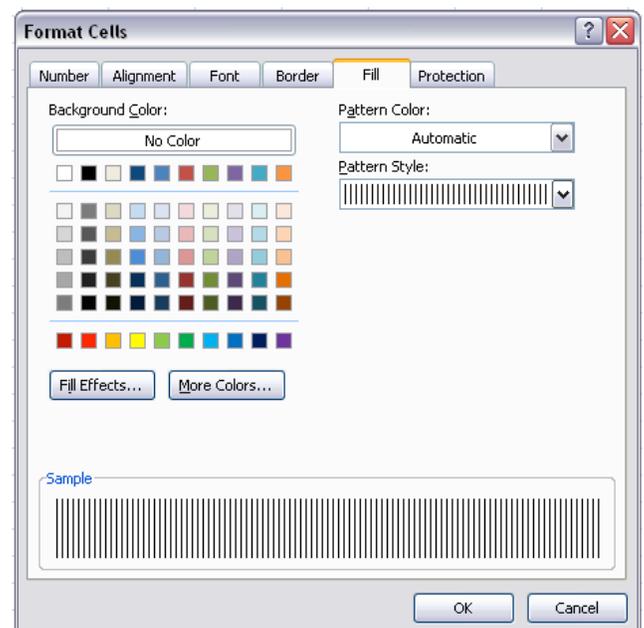
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Budget					
2						
3		Rent				
4	January	\$450.00				
5	February	\$450.00				
6	March	\$450.00				
7	April	\$450.00				
8	May	\$450.00				
9	June	\$450.00				
10	July	\$450.00				
11	August	\$450.00				
12	September	\$450.00				
13	October	\$450.00				
14	November	\$450.00				
15	December	\$450.00				
16						
17						

Colors and Patterns

Within a spreadsheet, there may be certain cells that you want to stand out, like the headings for rows and columns. One way to emphasize cells is to give them a background color or pattern.

To add colors and patterns to cells:

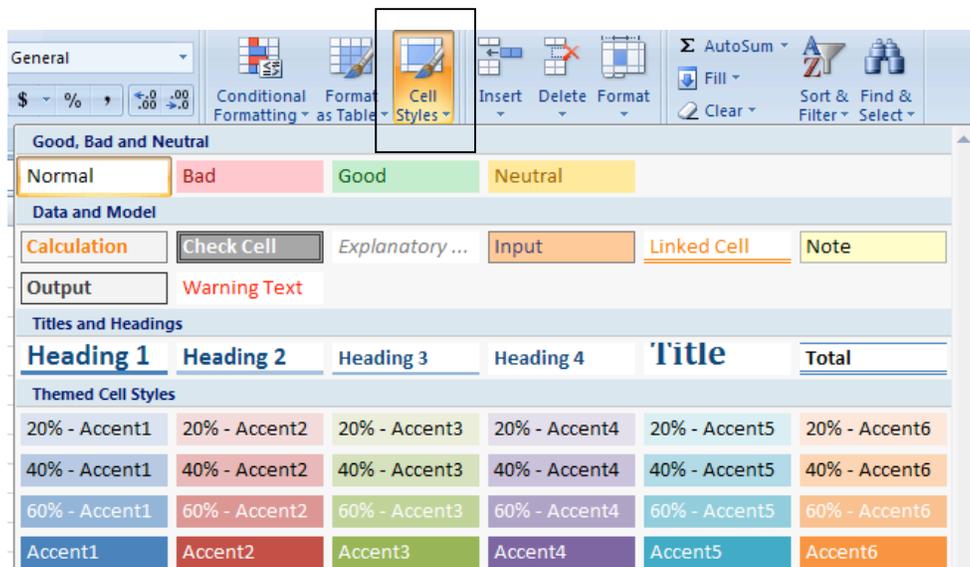
1. Select a cell or group of cells by highlighting them.
2. Click on the **Format** button from the **Cells** group on the Home tab.
3. Click on **Format Cells** from the bottom of the menu that appears.
4. Click on the **Fill** tab.



5. If desired, choose a color from the color options.
6. If desired, choose a pattern from the drop-down box. You will see a preview of what you've chosen in the **Sample** area of the dialog box.
7. Click OK.

Keep in mind that if you have text in the cell you're adding a background pattern to, it might make it difficult to read the text. Be sure to preview your work before printing it to make sure the text is still readable with the formatting you've chosen.

In addition to formatting cells with this method, you can also use Excel's pre-defined styles to add formatting. On the Home tab, click on the **Cell Styles** button in the **Styles** group. Choose from any of the options to add a style to the cells you've selected.



PRACTICE:

Select the cells that have the months listed in your spreadsheet. Click on the **Format** button and click on **Format Cells** from the bottom of the menu. Click the **Fill** tab. Now pick your favorite color. Keep in mind that if you have picked a dark color, it may be hard to see your text since it is currently black. To change the color of the font, Click the **Font** tab and change the color of the font to something lighter so your text is still readable.

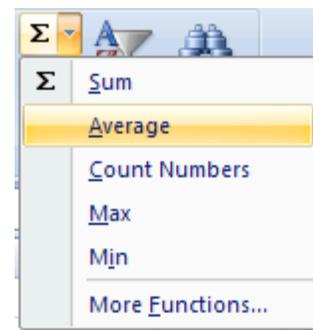
MORE PRACTICE WITH FORMULAS AND FUNCTIONS

In the previous class, we talked a little bit about Excel's ability to calculate equations and formulas. This is a very powerful tool, and getting a formula to work correctly can be complicated and challenging, so let's practice creating formulas a little bit more.

Functions

You don't have to write all of your equations from scratch—Excel has many commonly used ones already programmed for you. These are called **functions**, and we started looking at them in the Introduction to Excel class. Let's practice using more of Excel's functions.

In the previous class, we looked at the **AutoSum** function, which adds together the numbers in a group of cells. Another common function is the **Average** function, which finds the average of a range of numbers. Using this function is similar to the way you used the AutoSum function.



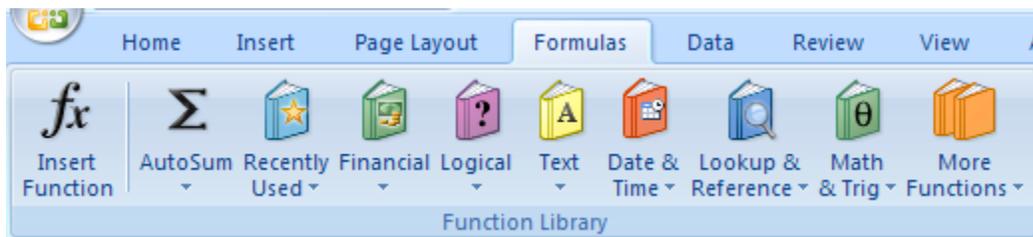
1. Select the cell where you want the answer to the Average function to appear by clicking on it.
2. Click on the downward arrow next to the AutoSum button on the Home tab (as seen to the right).
3. Click on **Average** from the list that appears.
4. Excel will create the equation for you and choose the range of cells it thinks you want to find the average of. The border around this range of cells will turn into “marching ants”. If these are not the cells you want to use, you can edit the function by typing the desired cell names in the formula bar.

Remember, the range of cells is represented as (FirstCell>LastCell) where FirstCell and LastCell are replaced with the cell names (here, B3 and B7). The : between the cell names means that all cells in between the first and last will be included in the calculation.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3		240				
4		335				
5		178				
6		501				
7		236				
8		=AVERAGE(B3:B7)				
9						
10						

AVERAGE(number1, [number2], ...)

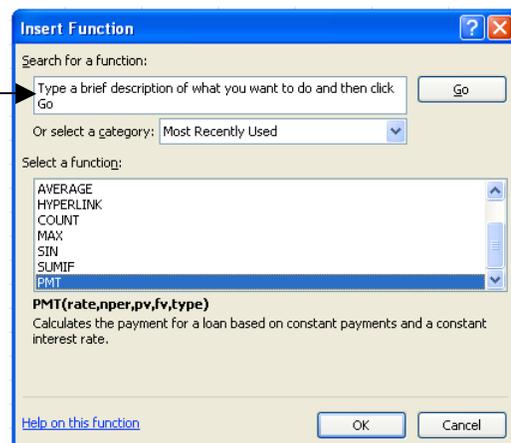
Excel has many other functions already programmed. To see lists of these functions, click on the **Formulas** tab.



Functions are grouped on this tab into different categories. Click on any of these categories to see a list of the functions within that category. Hovering your mouse over any of the choices will give you a description of that function.

You can also click on the **Insert Function** button on the left side of the **Formulas** ribbon menu to see all of the functions in one dialog box.

You can search for a function by typing a description into the box or by selecting a category from the drop-down menu in the dialog box. When you click on a function from the list, you will see a description of what that function does and the variables it uses in its calculation.



Once you select a function and click OK, another dialog box will appear (see next page). Here you can type in the numbers for each of the variables, or “arguments”, that that function uses. Each function will ask you for different information. For example, below we have chosen the PMT function which calculates the payment for a loan, and we need to enter information such as the interest rate and number of payments for the loan. This dialog box will tell you what each of these

arguments mean, and you can click on “Help on this function” at the bottom of the dialog box for more help. Using functions can often be challenging, so don’t be afraid to make a mistake the first few times.

Variables used by this function and description of what it calculates

Function Arguments

PMT

Rate = number

Nper = number

Pv = number

Fv = number

Type = number

=

Calculates the payment for a loan based on constant payments and a constant interest rate.

Rate is the interest rate per period for the loan. For example, use 6%/4 for quarterly payments at 6% APR.

Formula result =

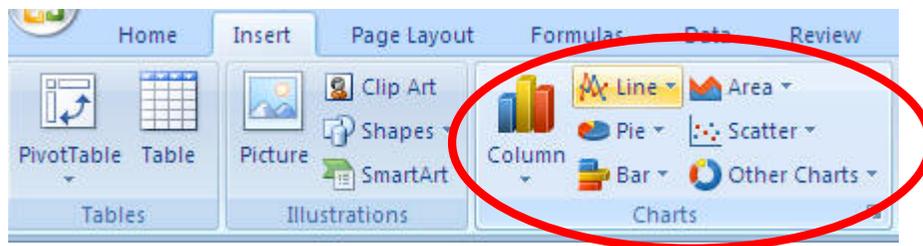
[Help on this function](#)

OK Cancel

Creating Charts and Graphs

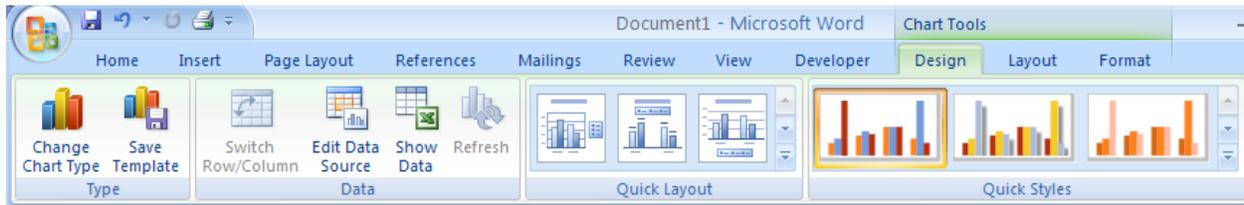
In Excel, there are also ways to represent your data in chart or graphical forms.

To create a chart or graph, select the **Insert** tab from the Ribbon Menu bar. In the middle of this new menu, you will see a “**Charts**” box.



1. Select the range of data to be represented in the chart or graph. Click on your spreadsheet and select the data to be represented using the same method that you used to select data in the **sorting exercise**.
2. Select the type of chart or graph you wish to create (for our example, we’ll choose a pie chart).
3. Once you have created your graph, you can now “customize” it by giving it a title and labeling different parts. You can also make certain design decisions regarding the

appearance of your graph or chart by choosing the different elements under the **Design** tab that appears on the Ribbon Menu bar.



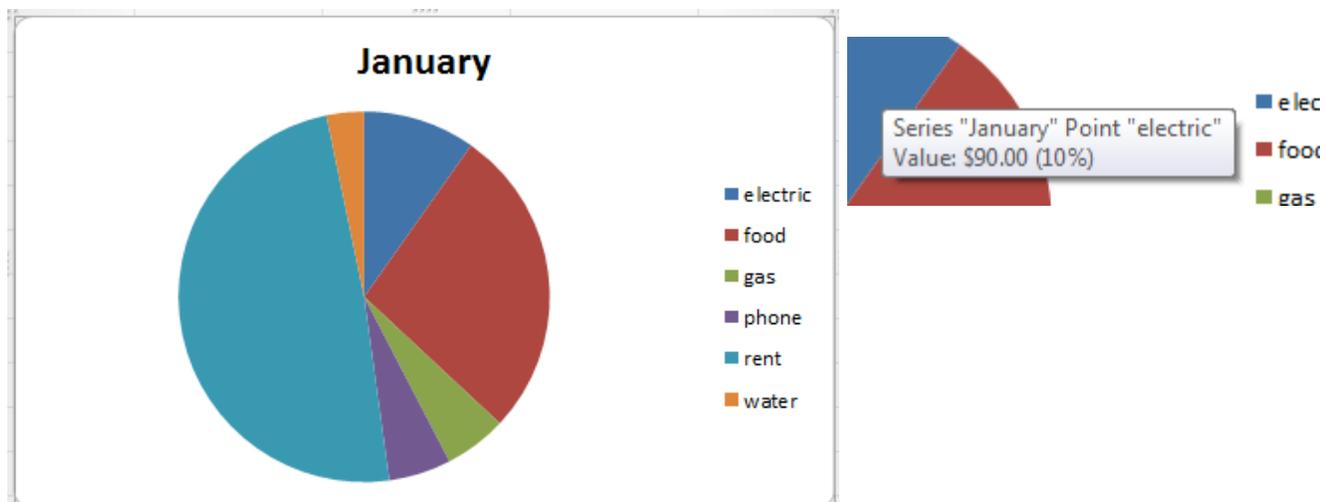
4. Finally, you will need to decide if your chart should be **pasted on to the existing spreadsheet** or if it should be **pasted on to a brand new sheet**. On the very right side of the Ribbon Menu bar, select **Move Chart**.

Once the chart or graph has been created and you realize a mistake has been made or it did not turn out the way you wanted it to, simply click on the chart or graph and hit the Backspace key on your keyboard to delete it from your spreadsheet. Don't be afraid to go back and try again!

PRACTICE:

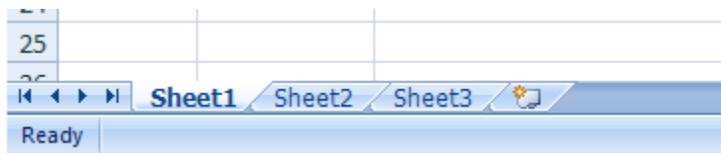
Using Sheet2 of your Excel workbook, enter the following data in columns A and B. Select the cells that contain your data (A1 through B7). From the Insert ribbon, in the Charts section, select Pie. Now choose a 2D pie chart. We now have a pie chart showing the percentages of each individual item. If you hover over each slice of the "pie", you will see both a value and percentage displayed. Change the amount of gas to 100 and note the pie chart will update to show the new percentages.

	A	B
1	Bill	January
2	electric	70
3	food	250
4	gas	50
5	phone	50
6	rent	450
7	water	30



Multiple Sheets

Sometimes you may find it useful to have multiple spreadsheets for related data. For example, personal finances are usually tracked on a monthly calendar and it's generally a good idea to keep records of the past transactions. Excel can create multiple spreadsheets attached to the same Excel file, one for each month. Tabs for the different sheets are located in the lower-left corner of the spreadsheet.



The spreadsheet that is currently being worked on is on the **top tab**. To access another spreadsheet, select the appropriate **tab**, such as **Sheet 2**. The default names for the sheets are usually **Sheet1**, **Sheet2**, and **Sheet3**. To **rename** a sheet or to create a new sheet, simply move the mouse pointer over the sheet name and right-click. Select "**Rename**" to rename the sheet or select "**Insert**" to create a new sheet.

You can transfer cell information between two or more sheets by creating a simple formula. For example, most people who keep track of their personal finances don't begin every month with a balance of \$0. Instead, the balance at the beginning of the month is transferred over from the previous month. So if you have a March 2013 finance spreadsheet and an April 2013 finance spreadsheet, you can select a cell in the April 2013 sheet and write in the formula

= 'March 2012'!D11

The equals sign (=) tells Excel that the value for this cell is to be derived from somewhere in the spreadsheet (such as a formula or another cell location).

'**Sheet name**' tells Excel what sheet to refer to when it retrieves the value. The single quotation marks (' ') are important.

!D11 tells Excel that it is to copy the value that is located in cell D11 (or whatever cells you wish to copy the value from).

If you want to transfer cell information from one cell to another on the same sheet, you can use the exact same formula; just exclude '**Sheet name**.'

If you change the name of your sheets after referencing them, don't worry! Excel will automatically update your references for you.

PRACTICE:

In cell B16 on Sheet1, create a formula to add cells B4:B15.

Rename Sheet1 to BudgetA and rename Sheet2 to BudgetB.

Go to the BudgetB sheet and in cell A1, enter ='BudgetA'!B16

and press Enter. Cell A1 should now show 5400 and the Function Bar will reflect the reference to BudgetA. Go back to the BudgetA sheet by clicking on the tab and changing December's rent to 600. The new total will be reflected on the BudgetB sheet.

15	December	450
16		5400



A1		fx =BudgetA!B16			
	A	B	C	D	E
1	5400				

CLOSING MICROSOFT EXCEL

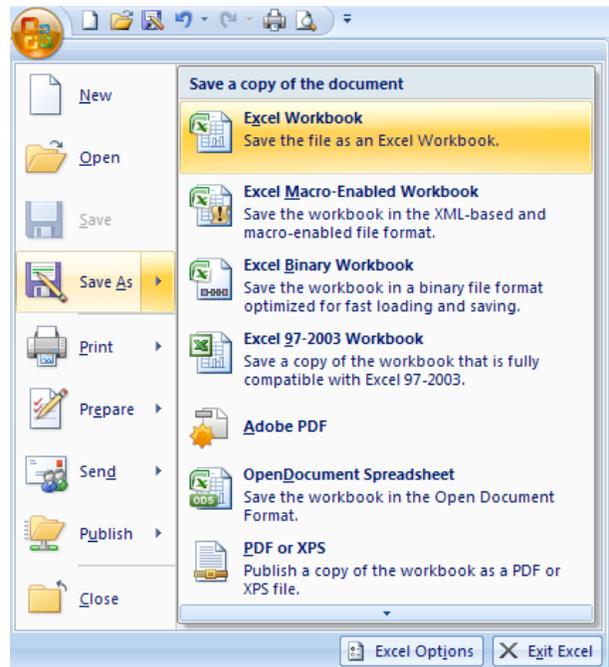
Saving Spreadsheets

When you finish your spreadsheet and want to leave the computer, it is important to save your work, even if you are printing a hard copy. To save your work in Excel, it is essential to know **WHAT** you are trying to save and **WHERE** you are trying to save it.

Click the Office Button, then hover your mouse over Save As. Select Excel Workbook.

You can change the filename that Excel has chosen just by typing a new one in the “File name” box at the bottom of the window that appears.

The My Documents folder on your computer’s hard drive is a good place to store your documents. A blank CD or a USB jump drive are great portable storage options and can contain a LOT of data.



Excel will automatically save your document with the suffix “.xls”—this is simply a tag that lets Excel know that your work is specific to this program and what version it is in. You do not have to type it—just highlight what is there (default is “Book1”) and write a new file name. You may also chose to save it in an older format so that it can be opened with older versions of Excel.

After the first save, you can just click “Save” to preserve your work. However, it is important to note that every following command of **SAVE** will overwrite your original file, creating the most up-to-date version.

If you would like to keep saving different versions of your worksheet, be sure to use the “Save As” function each time you save, using a slightly different name for each version.

Printing Spreadsheets

To print your Excel document, click on the Office Button, then click “Print” from the menu. From the window that pops up, you can make changes to your print job and release it.

As with all commands in Excel, you can make changes along the way. You can change the number of copies you would like to print, change the paper orientation, choose which printer you want to use, and more.

Other useful tools are the **Print Preview** function found alongside the **Print** command and the **Page Setup** function. **Print Preview** will allow you to look over an exact copy of what will come out of the printer before actually executing the print command. **Page Setup** will allow you to select the page order in which multiple pages will be printed and to determine if the **Gridlines** should be printed or not.

Finding More Help

You can get help with Excel by clicking on the Question Mark symbol in the upper-right hand corner of the main menu bar or by pressing the “F1” button. This will take you to help from Office.com, Microsoft’s help website.



There are also many other resources and tutorials available online. You might try a Google search with the words “Excel 2010” and the function you are trying to perform. Ask your instructor for help finding these resources if you have any trouble.

Closing the Program

Click on the Office Button, then click “Exit.”

OR

Click on the X in the top right corner of the Excel screen.

It’s that easy! If you don’t save before attempting to close the program, Excel will prompt you to save the file. Make sure you save if you don’t want to lose any changes!!

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