

Microsoft Excel for Mac - Basic

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Skill level

Beginner

Lessons

24

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Pre-requisites

None

Versions supported

Excel for Mac 2016

Video duration

2h 08m

Estimated study time

12h for all materials

Instructor

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Getting to Know Excel

1

The Ribbon

Identify the terminology and elements of the Ribbon.

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The Work Surface

Recognize the main terms used to describe Excel's work canvas.

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Navigation

Utilize the keyboard or mouse to select cells and ranges in a spreadsheet.

4

First File

Create your first Excel file, enter data and create a table.

5

Formatting

Format cells by selecting fonts and color fills to make information more attractive.

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Basic Math

Utilize basic mathematics including multiplication and division in Excel.

Essential Formula Knowledge

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Formula Anatomy

Understanding Excel Formula Anatomy.

8 **Cell Referencing**
Learn about working with absolute and relative cell referencing, and techniques for copying formulas.

9 **Function Anatomy**
Use to understand the anatomy of Excel functions, and what their components mean.

10 **Math Functions**
Learn basic math functions including SUM, ROUND and SUBTOTAL.

11 **Basic Statistics**
Learn basic statistical functions including COUNT, COUNTA, AVERAGE, MAX, MIN, MEDIAN and MODE.

12 **Logic Functions**
Learn to build standalone logical IF functions, and make them more complex by nesting AND and OR within them.

13 **Text Functions**
Learn to break apart text with the LEFT, RIGHT, MID, FIND and SEARCH functions, and to combine text with the & character.

Intermediate Formula Knowledge

14 **Conditional Math**
Learn to use SUMIF, COUNTIF and SUMPRODUCT to add cells only when certain conditions are met.

15 **External Links**
Learn about creating and updating external links, and about the potential dangers of external links in Excel.

Optimizing Data

16 **Sorting**
Learn to sort data in Excel by a single column or by multiple columns.

17 **Filtering**
Learn to filter Excel data for specific words, dates, and apply multiple filters to a single data table.

18 **Contiguous Data**
Learn tricks for consolidating your data so it's vertically contiguous (without blank rows) – for Tables, PivotTables and Charts.

Presenting and Reporting

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Cell Formatting

Learn to work with the Format Cells dialog to apply text rotation and borders, and to center data across multiple cells.

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Building Column Charts

Learn how to create an effective column chart by reducing ink and 'noise' that distract from the main messages.

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Building Bar Charts

How to create an effective bar chart by reducing ink and noise that distract from the story.

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Building Pie Charts

Learn how to build an effective pie chart, and when you should and shouldn't use them.

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Building Line Charts

How to create an effective line chart through careful manipulation of chart elements to enhance its story telling ability.

Validating and Updating

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Comments

Learn about creating, reviewing and printing Excel comments.

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