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MS Excel Fundamentals

Empowering Your Data Skills in Just One Day

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Data & Analytics

Introduction

Welcome to the MS Excel Fundamentals course! In today's data-driven world, proficiency in Microsoft Excel is an essential skill for professionals across various industries. Whether you are managing budgets, analyzing data, or organizing information, Excel provides powerful tools to streamline your tasks and enhance productivity.

This intensive one-day course is designed to equip you with the foundational skills and knowledge needed to utilize Excel effectively. With over 30 years of industry experience, our instructor will guide you through real-world applications and practical exercises, ensuring you gain hands-on experience with the tools most demanded by employers today.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the Excel interface and navigate through worksheets efficiently.
- Create, format, and manage worksheets and workbooks.
- Perform basic calculations and use essential formulas.
- Organize and analyze data using sorting, filtering, and basic charting techniques.
- Apply conditional formatting to highlight key data points.
- Utilize Excel's printing options to produce professional reports.

Prerequisites

- Basic computer literacy (ability to navigate the Windows operating system).
- Familiarity with fundamental mathematical concepts.

Training outline

1. Introduction to Excel

- Overview of Excel and its applications in various industries

  Navigating the Excel interface

  - Ribbon and toolbar overview
  - Workbook and worksheet navigation
  - Understanding cells, rows, and columns

2. Creating and Managing Worksheets

- Creating a new workbook

  Entering and editing data

  - Text and number input
  - Autofill and flash fill techniques
- Saving and opening workbooks

  Managing multiple worksheets

  - Adding, deleting, and renaming worksheets
  - Moving and copying worksheets

3. Formatting Worksheets

Cell formatting basics

- Font styles, sizes, and colors
- Cell borders and fill colors

Number formatting

- Currency, percentage, and date formats

- Aligning and merging cells
- Using styles and themes for consistent formatting

4. Basic Calculations and Formulas

Introduction to formulas

- Understanding formula syntax
- Order of operations in Excel

Basic arithmetic operations

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

Essential functions

- SUM, AVERAGE, MIN, MAX
- Using the AutoSum feature

- Relative and absolute cell references

5. Organizing and Analyzing Data

Sorting and filtering data

- Sorting by one or multiple columns
- Applying filters to display specific data

Conditional formatting

- Highlighting cells based on values or conditions
- Data bars, color scales, and icon sets

Basic data validation

- Setting up data entry rules
- Creating drop-down lists

6. Introduction to Charts

Creating basic charts

- Column, bar, line, and pie charts
- Selecting the appropriate chart type for your data

Customizing charts

- Adding titles, labels, and legends
- Formatting chart elements

- Sparklines for data visualization

7. Printing and Sharing Workbooks

Print settings and options

- Print area selection
- Page orientation and scaling

- Headers and footers
- Previewing and printing worksheets
- Saving workbooks as PDF for easy sharing

8. Practical Exercises and Real-World Applications

Hands-on exercises to reinforce learning

- Creating and formatting a budget worksheet
- Analyzing sales data with sorting and filtering
- Visualizing data with charts

Real-world scenarios and problem-solving

- Applying learned skills to industry-relevant tasks

9. Conclusion and Q&A

- Recap of key concepts covered
- Open floor for questions and clarifications
- Additional resources for further learning

By the end of this intensive one-day course, you will have a solid foundation in MS Excel, enabling you to handle basic data management and analysis tasks with confidence. Join us to unlock the full potential of Excel and enhance your productivity in the workplace.

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