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# Introduction to DATA ORGANIZATION for spreadsheets

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# Learning objectives

After this lesson, you will be able to:

- Implement best practices in data table formatting
- Identify and address common formatting mistakes
- Understand approaches for handling dates in spreadsheets
- Utilize basic quality control features and data manipulation practices
- Effectively export data from spreadsheet program