SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Operating System: Windows 7 or Windows 8

Internet Browser: Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 or higher

Internet Access:

*** required for working with some exercises included in Chapter 13, 21, and in Part 9 of the book (Excel and Web Technologies)

*** required for downloading additional recommended materials

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Microsoft Excel 2013

Important Note!!! This book has been specifically designed for Excel 2013. If you have a lower version of Excel (2010) you should work with the previous edition of

this book available from Mercury Learning and Information - Excel 2010 VBA Programming with XML and ASP by Julitta Korol. ISBN: 978-1-936420-0-3-2

OTHER RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE

Some exercises in the book will require that you have access to the following Microsoft Office products:

Microsoft Word 2013/2010

Microsoft Access 2013/2010

Microsoft Outlook 2013/2010

WHAT'S ON THIS CD-ROM DISC?

This companion disc contains the source code and supplemental files for the Hands-On exercises and custom projects presented in Microsoft Excel 2013 Programming by Example with VBA, XML and ASP.

The CD also contains all the figures used in the book.

The CD directory structure and contents is shown below:

At the root level (Excel2013_VBA_Source), you will find the Publisher's Readme file in the PDF format; and the About CD-ROM text file. The main contents of the disc is divided into the following five subfolders:

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* Excel2013_ASP_Classic *

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This folder contains files used or created during the Hands-On exercises in Chapter 28 (Excel and Active Server Pages).

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* Excel2013_ByExample *

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This folder contains files that were created by working with the book's Hands-On exercises and custom projects. Once you complete a chapter, you can compare your work against the corresponding files in those folders. You can also check a file in this folder in case you are having difficulty with a particular example in the book's Hands-On exercises.

The two subfolders (WorksheetWithChart_files, ZipPackage) contain files generated by running VBA procedures in Chapter 27 and Chapter 29.

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* Excel2013_HandsOn *

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This folder contains files used in the Hands-On exercises and custom projects. Some of these files are collections of the example code used in the book, while others are supplemental files that may be required to run the book's VBA procedures. To access the source code for each chapter, see the text files prefixed with the name "Excel2013_".

The Extra Images folder (a subfolder of the Excel2013_HandsOn folder) contains small button images for working with Ribbon customizations in Chapter 21.

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* Excel2013_XML   *

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This folder contains files created during the Hands-On exercises presented in Chapter 29 (Using XML in Excel 2013).

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* Excel2013_Figures   *

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This folder contains all the figures used for presenting the concepts discussed and demonstrated in the book.

For easy access, all figures are organized into corresponding chapters.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

The CD-ROM disc does not include a Personal.xlsb file. To create this file you must complete the Hands-On 1.20 in Chapter 1. Excel will automatically create this file for you.

HOW TO USE THE CD-ROM DISC?

For quick access, you may want to copy the entire contents of the Excel2013_VBA_Source folder to your hard drive. This way you can have all the files available when you need them without having to access your CD-ROM drive. Your working directory for most of the chapters in the book is called C:\Excel2013_ByExample. It is created in the book's Hands-On 1.1 exercise. Be sure to complete this Hands-On. You will use the Excel2013_ByExample folder to save your files created during the Hands-On projects, except when instructed otherwise. The files in the directory with the same name on the CD-ROM disk are provided for your convenience so that you can check your finished work against the author's original work. It is recommended that you perform the Hands-On first and then check your work against the included original.

Many Hands-On instructions in this book will require that you copy files from your C:\Excel2013_HandsOn folder to your working folder (C:\Excel2013_ByExample). Therefore, you should do the following:

   1) Create a folder called C:\Excel2013_HandsOn

   2) Copy all the files from the CD-ROM disc's Excel2013_HandsOn folder to your source folder named C:\Excel2013_HandsOn.

Note: The Excel2013_HandsOn folder includes files with the source code for the chapter Hands-On exercises. You may use the code provided in these files instead of typing in the code from the book. However, I strongly recommend that you do your own typing. You will learn more by entering the code yourself. Remember that we all make mistakes and we learn only by making them. When you do your own typing you will get a bonus. You will learn how to fix your own errors. Also, you will learn how to spot errors others have made in their code.

This book is a tutorial. It is meant to be followed in a step-by-step manner. If you skip some steps it may be hard to follow in a later Hands-On. Some exercises are linked together. You build up your skills as you progress from one exercise to another. You can take as many breaks as you wish but you should never stop in the middle of the Hands-On. Always complete the exercise you are working with before taking a break. When you work with a particular Hands-On always think of how you can add to it to make it more useful. You will learn more by making your own revisions to the code.

Take your time learning. This is not a race. When you finish the book you will be the winner no matter how long it took you to complete the course. And now, let's get on.

Welcome to the course in which you acquire skills that will change the way you work with Excel.

Good luck,

Julitta Korol, the Author