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Note: You can pass this course and all graded assessments without access to the downloadable version of Excel.

How to complete this exercise

To complete this exercise, you will need access to Microsoft 365 Excel.

Note: Keep in mind that if you are using free Office for the web or another version of the Microsoft 365 Excel application some features covered in this exercise may not be available.

If you do not have access to Microsoft 365 Excel, you can use Free Office for the web. This version of Office allows you to view and edit files in apps like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. This free service is available to anyone with a Microsoft account.

Access Microsoft Account

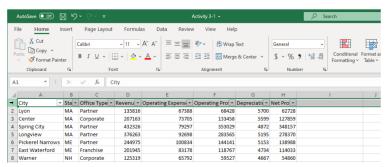
Log in to your Microsoft account. 🖸 Type the email, phone number, or Skype sign-in that you use for other services (Outlook, Office, etc.), then select Next. If you don't have a Microsoft account, you can select No account? Create one!

In this activity, you will format header rows and a title in your worksheet.

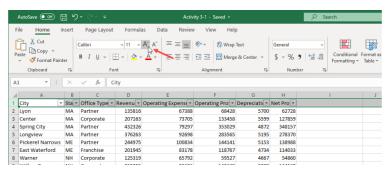
1. Click on the link below to open the Microsoft Excel exercise document you can use to complete this exercise.

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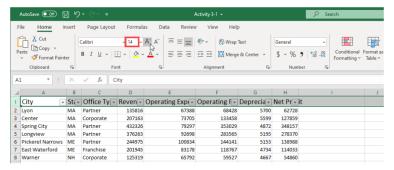
2. First, let's format the header row of the Financial Data sheet. Select Row 1:



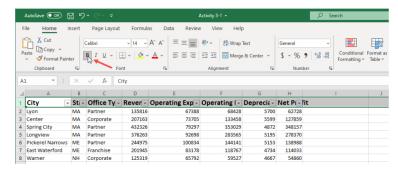
3. Click the Increase Font Size button twice:



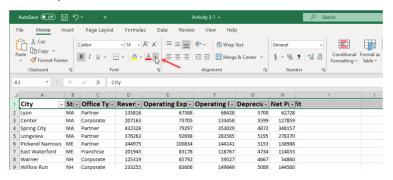
4. The value in the Size menu should now be 14:



5. Apply the Bold effect:



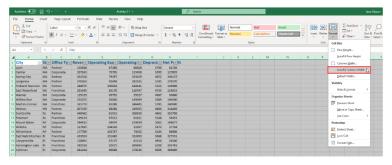
6. Click the drop-down arrow next to the Font Color command:



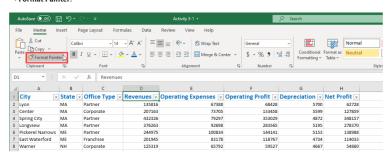
7. Click the **Blue** swatch in the Standard Colors palette:



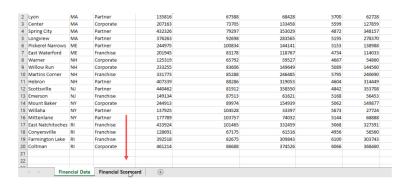
8. Because of the font changes, the data no longer fits in the cells. Press **Ctrl + A** to select the entire worksheet. Click **Home** → **Format** → **AutoFit Column Width**:



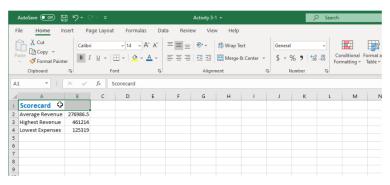
9. Now, let's copy the header row formatting to the second sheet. Click any cell in **Row 1** to select it and click **Home**→ **Format Painter**:



10. Click the Financial **Scorecard** worksheet tab:



11. Click cell A1:



The formatting will be applied; notice that the Merge & Center formatting option has been removed as part of this process. We will fix this in a later activity.

- $12. \, \mathsf{Save} \, \mathsf{your} \, \mathsf{workbook} \, \mathsf{as} \, \mathsf{Activity} \, \mathsf{3-1} \, \mathsf{Complete}. \, \mathsf{Close} \, \mathsf{Microsoft} \, \mathsf{365} \, \mathsf{Excel} \, \mathsf{to} \, \mathsf{complete} \, \mathsf{this} \, \mathsf{activity}.$
- $13. \ Now, you can check out an example of a completed document in the link below:$

Completed exercise: Formatting text

