

WEEK 1 - VISUALISATION TOOLS



This handy quick reference covers the main topics from Week 1: Conditional Formatting, Macros, Sparklines and Custom Number Formats.

CONDITIONAL FORMATS Conditional formatting changes the way a cell looks if it meets certain criteria. To apply, select the cells, go to the Conditional Format as Cell Formatting ~ Table ~ Styles ~ Home ribbon and click Conditional Formatting. **Highlight Cell Rules** Value Based Formatting Rules **Greater Than** All values under a specified value Less Than All values over a specified value Between All values between two specified values (inclusive) Equal to All values equal to a specified value Text that Contains Text that contains specific characters Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, In the last 7 days, A Date Occurring Last/This/Next week, Last/This/Next Month **Duplicate Values** All values where the value occurs more than once **Top/Bottom Rules** Value Based Formatting Rules Top 10 Items The top n items where n is a number you provide Top 10 % The top n % of items where n is a number you provide Bottom 10 Items The bottom n items where n is a number you provide Bottom 10 % The bottom n % of items Above Average All numbers below the average All numbers above the average Below Average Trend based format shows a bar that represents the Data Bars size of the value compared to the rest of the data Trend based format applies an icon that represents Color Scales the size of the value compared to the rest of the data Trend based format applies a colour that represents **Icon Sets** the size of the value compared to the rest of the data

Formatting a row with Conditional Formatting:

When applying conditional formatting, you can use formulas that reference other cells. You can use this to format an entire row based on the values in one column. Select all cells where format may apply, select New Rule > Formula and apply a mixed reference, e.g. \$B3.

RECORDED MACROS

- 1. Enable the Developer Tab: File > Options > Customise Ribbon
- 2. Click Record Macro
- 3. Enter macro name and optional shortcut
- 4. Perform actions you want to automate
- 5. Click Stop recording
- 6. To run, click Macros > Run (or shortcut)
- 7. To view/edit code click Visual Basic button or Alt+F11

Start with Sub Comment Select a cell Change value in active cell Finish with End Sub CT()

Start with Sub Sub ACT()

' Keyboard Shortcut: Ctrl+Shift+A

Range("K1").Select

ActiveCell.FormulaR1C1 = "ACT"

Range("B4").Select

End Sub

CUSTOM NUMBER FORMATS

Allow us to customise how numbers display. To apply a custom number format, first select cell(s) to be formatted then type Ctrl+1, select Numbers > Custom and type in the new format. Each format can have up to four sections, separated with semi-colons as follows:

① ② ③ ④ [Blue]0.00 ; [Color26]-0.00 ; 0"mm" ; @" sales"

This will format different values differently:

- 1. Will apply to positive numbers
- 2. Will apply to negative numbers
- 3. Will apply to zero values
- 4. Will apply to text values

You are not limited to these ranges, you can apply your own, e.g.: [>100][Magenta]♥; will show values >100 as ♥ and <=100 as blank cells.

SPARKLINES

Tiny charts that fit in a cell. 3 options on Insert ribbon



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Format Cells	Ctrl+1	₩+1
Macro dialog	Alt+F8	Option+F8
VBA Editor	Alt+F11	Option+F11

Before

56.3222

-56.3222

Q1

After

56.32

-56.32

Q1 sales

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CUSTOM NUMBER COLOUR CODES		
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