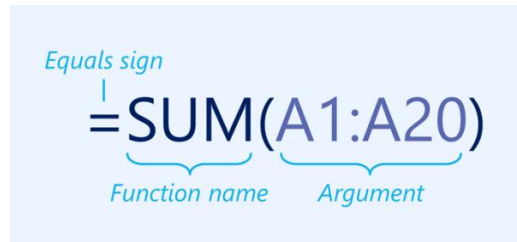# FUNCTIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR LEARNERS

To unlock the power of Excel, you need to use formulas and functions. These calculation tools help you bring information to the surface and make better decisions. Formulas and Functions shows beginner-level users how to summarize and analyze data with these powerful data analysis features.

INTRODUCTION

A **function** are the ready-made formulas that perform a series of operations on a specific range of values. Excel includes many common functions that can be used to quickly find the **sum**, **average**, **count**, **maximum value**, and **minimum value** for a range of cells. In order to use functions correctly, you'll need to understand the different **parts of a function** and how to create **arguments** to calculate values and cell references.

The Parts of a Function

In order to work correctly, a function must be written a specific way, which is called the **syntax**. The basic syntax for a function is the **equals sign (=)** indicates that what follows is a function(formula)**,** the **function name** indicates the operation that will be performed (example SUM, AVERAGE, COUNT, MIN, MAX), and one or more **arguments**. Arguments contain the information you want to calculate. The function in the example below would add the values of the cell range A1:A20.

Working with arguments

Arguments can refer to both **individual cells** and **cell ranges** and must be enclosed within **parentheses**. You can include one argument or multiple arguments, depending on the syntax required for the function.

For example, the function **=AVERAGE(B1:B9)** would calculate the **average** of the values in the cell range B1:B9. This function contains only one argument.

Multiple arguments must be separated by a **comma**. For example, the function **=SUM(A1:A3, C1:C2, E1)** will **add** the values of all of the cells in the three arguments.

Creating a Function

There are a variety of functions available in Excel. Here are some of the most common functions you'll use:

- **SUM**: This function **adds** all of the values of the cells in the argument.

To insert the SUM function, you can type the function manually.

The SUM function setup (syntax) is: **SUM(number1**, [number2],...).

- It has one required argument: **number1**
- It also has optional arguments (enclosed in square brackets): [number2],..

These arguments can be cell references, or can be typed into the formula.

In the example below (**=SUM(J7:M7)**), there is one argument -- a reference to cells A1:A4.

1. Place your cursor in cell N7.

2. Look at the formula bar to view the formula contained within the cell M7:J7.

Formula bar

The formula bar within Microsoft Excel allows the user to view or display the contents of the active cell. The formula bar can be used to manually enter a formula into a cell, edit an existing formula or function and view a formula or function. It is important to remember that the values you see displayed in a cell can be information that has been manually typed or can be the result of a formula or function which is active within a cell. If you want to see where the a is coming from, select the cell and check the formula bar.

- **AVERAGE**: This function determines the **average** of the values included in the argument. It calculates the sum of the cells and then divides that value by the number of cells in the argument.

1. Place your cursor in cell **N7.**
2. Type the = sign followed by the AVERAGE function.
   =AVERAGE
3. Type the open parenthesis.
   =AVERAGE(

			MAPEH				
	LEARNER'S NAME	MUSIC	ARTS	P.E.	HEALTH	**FINAL**	
	MALE						
1	AGARAN,KIM JUSTINE, SEQUERA	80	80	80	79	=AVERAGE(J7:M7	
						AVERAGE(**number1**, [number2], ...)	
2	AGUADO,ALFREDO, BALIGOD	79	80	79	80		
3	ALLAS,KIRBY BLUE, AUSTRIA	80	81	82	80		
4	ALMAZAN,JOHN PAUL, CABELLO	80	79	79	80		
5	AMBAS,EDRENE, RAMOS	80	80	82	80		

4. Place your cursor in cell J7 and drag unto M7.

5. Now you can press the **Enter** key on the keyboard

=AVERAGE(J7:M7)

		MAPEH				
	LEARNER'S NAME	MUSIC	ARTS	P.E.	HEALTH	**FINAL**
1	AGARAN,KIM JUSTINE, SEQUERA	80	80	80	79	80
2	AGUADO,ALFREDO, BALIGOD	79	80	79	80	80
3	ALLAS,KIRBY BLUE, AUSTRIA	80	81	82	80	81
4	ALMAZAN,JOHN PAUL, CABELLO	80	79	79	80	80
5	AMBAS,EDRENE, RAMOS	80	80	82	80	81
6	BALMAYO,LANCE COLINE, -	80	80	81	80	80

6. You can use the Average function found in Formula Tab.

The first screenshot shows an Excel "SUMMARY GRADE SAMPLE" with the AutoSum dropdown (Sum, Average, Count Numbers, Max, Min, More Functions...) and a grade table:

		'S NAME	MUSIC	ARTS	P.E.	HEALTH	FINAL
					MAPEH		
1		AGARAN,KIM JUSTINE, SEQUERA	80	80	80		=
2		AGUADO,ALFREDO, BALIGOD	79	80	79	80	80
3		ALLAS,KIRBY BLUE, AUSTRIA	80	81	82	80	81
4		ALMAZAN,JOHN PAUL, CABELLO	80	79	79	80	80
5		AMBAS,EDRENE, RAMOS	80	80	82	80	81
6		BALMAYO,LANCE COLINE, -	80	80	81	80	80

7. Click the **AVERAGE** function click and drag the arguments from **J7:M7** and press **enter.**

- **COUNT**: This function **counts** the number of cells with numerical data in the argument. This function is useful for quickly counting items in a cell range.

1. In B19 type the =**COUNT** and the open parenthesis (. Place the cursor in B5 drag in to B18 type the close parenthesis then **enter.**

The second screenshot shows a "Summary of My Survey — Favorite Anime of Second Year Students" table with cell B19 containing =COUNT(B5:B18):

STUDENTS	GHOST WARRIOR	DRAGON X	DUNK THE BALL	VOLTS	BOX OUT	HUNTER
A	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	1		1	1	1	1
C	1		1	1	1	1
D	1	1	1	1	1	1
E	1	1	1	1	1	1
F		1	1	1	1	
G	1		1	1	1	1
H		1	1	1	1	1
I	1	1		1	1	
J		1	1	1	1	1
K	1	1	1	1		1
L	1		1		1	
M	1	1		1	1	1
O	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	=COUNT(B5:B18)					

- **MAX**: This function determines the **highest cell value** included in the argument.

The MAX function is used when trying to determine the maximum or highest value from a range of cells or values.

1. Using the example above, you can get the highest total number of votes for anime by using the MAX function.

2. You can use the MAX function found in Formula tab.
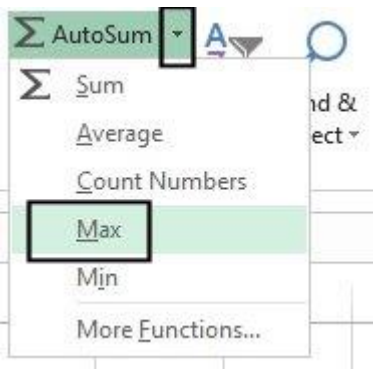
- **MIN**: This function determines the **lowest cell value** included in the argument.

The MIN function is useful for: determining the lowest cost of an item; the lowest quantity; lowest percentage or dollar amount.

1. Using the MIN function, get the lowest total number of anime.

I13 =MIN(B19:G19)

STUDENTS	GHOST WARRIOR	DRAGON X	DUNK THE BALL	VOLTS	BOX OUT	HUNTER			
			Summary of My Survey						
			Favorite Anime of Second Year Students						
STUDENTS	GHOST WARRIOR	DRAGON X	DUNK THE BALL	VOLTS	BOX OUT	HUNTER			
A	1	1	1	1	1	1			
B	1		1	1	1	1			
C	1		1	1	1	1	Most Favorite Anime:		
D	1	1	1	1	1	1	Voters:	13	
E	1	1	1	1	1	1	Anime Title:		
F		1	1	1	1				
G	1		1	1	1	1			
H		1	1	1	1	1	Least Favorite Anime:		
I	1	1		1	1		Votes	=MIN(B19:G19)	
J		1	1	1	1	1	Anime Title:		
K	1	1	1	1		1			
L	1		1		1				
M	1	1		1	1	1			
O	1	1	1	1	1	1			
TOTAL	11	10	12	13	13	11			

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STUDENTS	GHOST WARRIOR	DRAGON X	DUNK THE BALL	VOLTS	BOX OUT	HUNTER		
			Summary of My Survey					
			Favorite Anime of Second Year Students					
STUDENTS	GHOST WARRIOR	DRAGON X	DUNK THE BALL	VOLTS	BOX OUT	HUNTER		
A	1	1	1	1	1	1		
B	1		1	1	1	1		
C	1		1	1	1	1	Most Favorite Anime:	
D	1	1	1	1	1	1	Voters:	13
E	1	1	1	1	1	1	Anime Title:	
F		1	1	1	1			
G	1		1	1	1	1		
H		1	1	1	1	1	Least Favorite Anime:	
I	1	1		1	1		Votes:	10
J		1	1	1	1	1	Anime Title:	
K	1	1	1	1		1		
L	1		1		1			
M	1	1		1	1	1		
O	1	1	1	1	1	1		
TOTAL	11	10	12	13	13	11		

3. You can use the MIN function found in Formula Tab.

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∑ Sum
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   Count Numbers   ect
   Max
   Min
   More Functions...
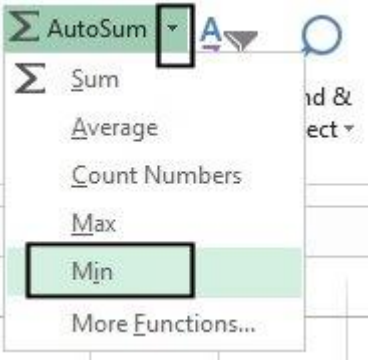
SORT DATA IN AN EXCEL WORKSHEET

When sorting information in a worksheet, you can rearrange the data to find values quickly. You can sort a range or table of data on one or more columns of data. For example, you can sort students—first by section, and then by last name.

**How to sort in Excel?**

1. Select the data to sort

2. Sort by specifying criteria

Use this technique to choose the column you want to sort, together with other criteria such as font or cell colors.

1.   Select a single cell anywhere in the range that you want to sort. Select the column B.

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B2   fx   Male Grade 7- ROSE

	A	B	C	D	
1					
2		Male Grade 7- ROSE			
3		Agbannawag,Carlo Julyan			
4		Agustin,Ar-Jay Salgado			
5		Arcega,TJ Libao			
6		Barlin,Josh Red Salas			
7		Bautista,Leonard Brosas			
8		Bernardino, Alex Orio			
9		Caliz,John Martin Cullado			
10		Campos,John Lloyd			
11		Corpuz, Arbiec Soriano			
12		Corpuz,Christian Sumalbag			
13		De Leon ,Ron Christin Jay Paralyag			
14		Estibar,Frederick			
15		Gurtiza,Daryl Calalang			
16		Helilio, Tie Jhay Mendoza			
17		Madamba, Bryan James Peneyra			
18		Mallari,Anthony Sesuca			
19		Manundo, Francis Larry Meries			
20		Manundo, Joshua Jacinto			
21		Maulino, Godofredo III Galang			
22		Mimis, Argel Villarojo			
23		Namaya, Marky Lawrence Jovillionar			
24		Nineng, Reymon Vijilia			
25		Piamonte, Merwin Alvior			
26		Ramos, Ivan -Jay Tonogan			
27		Reyes, Jeremie Durante			
28		Sawit, Laurence Miranda			

2.   On the **Home** tab, in the **Sort & Filter** group, click **Sort** to display the Sort popup window or you can right click the mouse and it will display the menu click sort and click Sort A to Z.
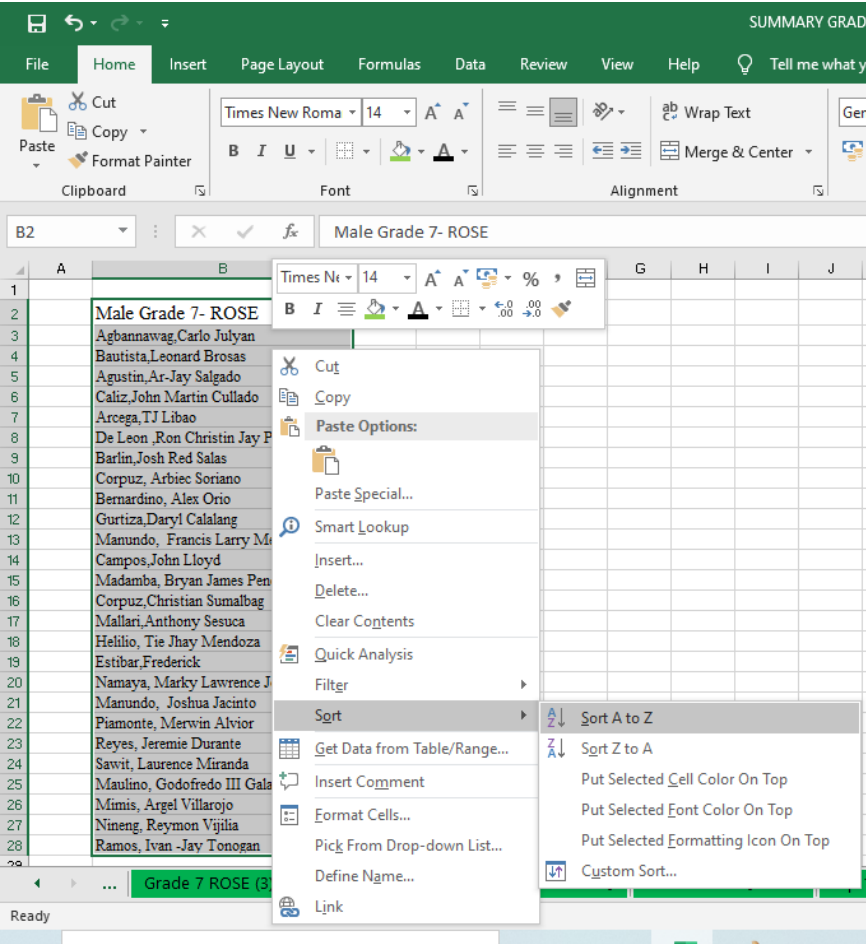
In the **Order** list, choose the order that you want to apply to the sort operation—alphabetically or numerically, ascending or descending (that is, from A to Z (or Z to A) for text, or lower to higher, or higher to lower for numbers).

We can use the data sorting in finding your top 10 in your class.

1. Select the column you want to sort.

SECOND QUARTER
GRADE 7-ROSE TOP 10

RANK	NAME	AVERAGE
1	SANTOS,NIKKO RAVEN, MIGUEL	88.219
2	MAULINO,KWIN CLAIRE, COLLADO	86.000
3	BALMAYO,LANCE COLINE, -	83.438
4	VILLADOS,JAMILLA FAITH, GARCIA	86.813
5	LAGASCA,JOSEPHINE, NADAL	86.063
6	HELILIO,ARHIANE JOY, MENDOZA	84.563
7	DELA CRUZ,ANALYN, CASTILLO	83.375
8	FERNANDEZ, PRINCESS MARVI	85.125
9	PUNO,RICA JOYS, GRANDE	84.563
10	CORPUZ,CATHERINE, SUMALBAG	85.938

2. Right click your mouse and click Sort. Click Sort Largest to Smallest.

3. Click Custom Sort to set what column to sort. Choose the COLUMN R with the title **"AVERAGE ".**
Set the **SORT ON** menu with **"CELL VALUES"** and set the ORDER in to **"LARGEST TO SMALLEST"** then click **"OK"**
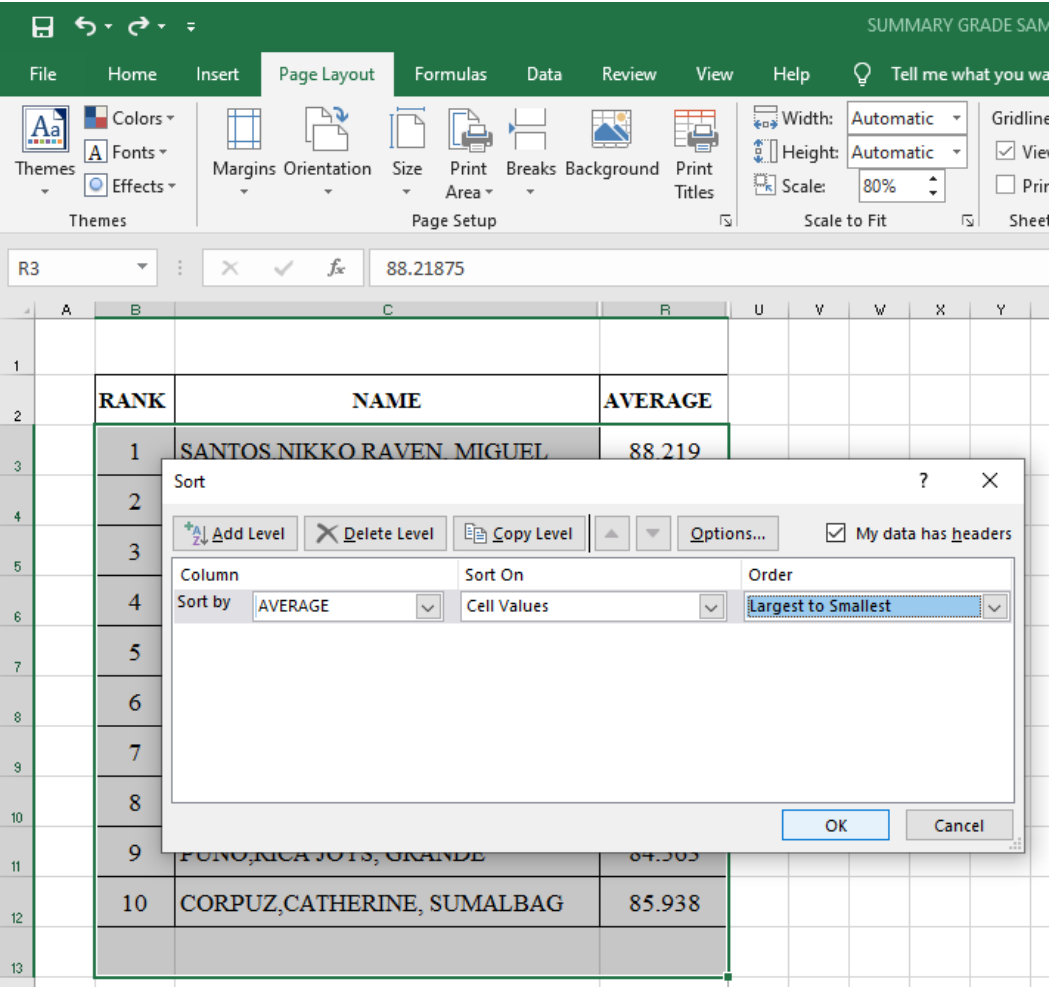
FILTERING DATA

The **Excel FILTER** function "filters" a range of data based on supplied criteria. The result Filters **c**an be applied in different ways to improve the performance of your worksheet. You can filter text, dates, and numbers. You can even use more than one filter to further narrow your results. When data is filtered, only rows that meet the filter criteria will display and other rows will be hidden. With filtered data, you can then copy, format, print, etc., your data, without having to sort or move it first. To use a filter,

To filter data:

In this example, we'll filter the contents of an equipment log at a technology company. We'll display only the laptops and projectors that are available for checkout.

1. Begin with a worksheet that identifies each column using a header row.

	A	B	C	D
1	Equipment Log — Ragnar Technologies Inc.			
2	ID #	Type	Equipment Detail	Checked Out
3	1011	Laptop	10" Saris Netbook Pro	04-Oct-10
4	1012	Laptop	10" Saris Netbook Pro	29-Sep-10
5	1021	Laptop	15" EDI SmartPad L200-3	15-Sep-10
6	1022	Laptop	15" EDI SmartPad L200-3	14-Aug-10
7	1023	Laptop	15" EDI SmartPad L200-3	08-Aug-10
8	1025	Laptop	15" EDI SmartPad L200-4X	26-Sep-10
9	1031	Laptop	17" Saris X-10 Laptop	04-Oct-10
10	1032	Laptop	17" Saris X-10 Laptop	19-Sep-10
11	1033	Laptop	17" Saris X-10 Laptop	24-Sep-10
12	1034	Laptop	17" Saris X-10 Laptop	25-Aug-10
13	2050	Other	EDI SmartBoard L500-1	05-Oct-10
14	2051	Other	EDI SmartBoard L500-1	01-Oct-10
15	3000	Other	Saris Lumina Digital Camera	12-May-10

2. Select the **Data** tab, then locate the **Sort & Filter** group.

3. Click the **Filter** command.
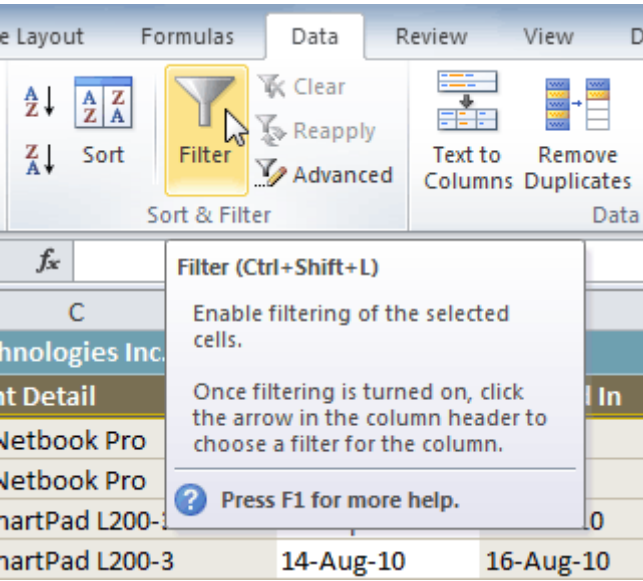
4. Drop-down arrows will appear in the header of each column.

5. Click the **drop-down arrow** for the column you want to filter. In this example, we'll filter the Type column to view only certain types of equipment.

6. The **Filter** menu appears.

7. **Uncheck** the boxes next to the data you don't want to view, or uncheck the box next to **Select All** to quickly uncheck all.

8. **Check** the boxes next to the data you do want to view. In this example, we'll check Laptop and Projector to view only these types of equipment.

9. Click **OK**. All other data will be filtered, or temporarily hidden. Only laptops and projectors will be visible.

Filtering options can also be found on the Home tab, condensed into the **Sort & Filter** command.

ACTIVITY 1

1. Find the final grade of Trisha Mae F. Estabillo in all learning areas using the average function.

Name : TRISHA MAE F. ESTABILLO				2- LOVE	
Learning Areas	**Quarter 1**	**Quarter 2**	**Quarter 3**	**Quarter 4**	**FINAL GRADE**
Filipino	87	89	90	90	
English	87	89	87	86	
Mathematics	86	85	90	91	
Science	88	87	89	90	
Araling Panlipunan	87	87	84	89	
Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao	88	89	86	85	
Technology and Livelihood Education	90	91	92	95	
Mapeh	90	90	91	93	

ACTIVITY 2

Find the total amount of payment of Edgar Manoloto in Paras Printing Press using the SUM function.

PARAS PRINTING PRESS		
Name of the customer: EDGAR MANOLOTO		
Item	**Quantity**	**Price**
HBW	1 BOX	205.00
PILOT PEN	12 PCS	150.00
CRAYONS	8 PCS	240.00
OSLO	50 PCS	100.00
SCISSOR	10 PCS	200.00
GLUE	5 PCS	150.00
PENCIL	2 BOXES	350.00
TOTAL		