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Getting Familiar With Excel

- 1 Excel building blocks include sheets, cells, rows, columns, the ribbon menu, and the formula bar.
- 2 An Excel workbook is saved with the extension '**.xlsx**'.
- 3 The most commonly used operations in Excel are **filtering**, **sorting**, and **conditional formatting**.

Keyboard Shortcuts

- ➡ Control + Scroll Mouse - to increase/decrease the cell size
- ➡ Control + Z - Undo
- ➡ Control + C - Copy
- ➡ Control + V - Paste



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Introduction to Formulas

- 1 To write a formula in a cell, start with the "=" sign.
- 2 Use the Format Painter tool to copy and paste formats.
- 3 **SUM**, **IF** and **SUMIF** are the most commonly used formulas in Excel.



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Formula Behavior

- 1 Locking referenced cells in a formula helps prevent dynamic changes when the formula is copied or moved to another cell.
- 2 To lock a column or row reference, put a '\$' in front of it. You can also use the **F4** key to do the same.
- 3 You have the flexibility to lock either rows or columns or both.

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Introduction to Tables

Benefits of using Tables in Excel:

- 1 Named Ranges allow calculations using descriptive names rather than cell references.
- 2 Formulas will be automatically applied to new rows.
- 3 Additional features such as slicers, automatic totals, and filters are available.
- 4 Table headers remain visible when scrolling down, which is useful for large tables.

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Introduction to Charts

- 1 The "**Recommended Charts**" feature in Excel suggests the most appropriate charts based on the selected data.
- 2 Converting data into tables allows the automatic addition of new data to charts.
- 3 The **UNIQUE()** function extracts unique values from a range or array.

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Other Essential Features

- 1 **Merge & Center** option combines multiple cells into one cell and centers the content horizontally within the merged cell.
- 2 **Format Painter** quickly copies and applies cell formatting to other cells or ranges in your spreadsheet.
- 3 **Format Cells** dialog box helps you customize cell appearance and behavior in your spreadsheet.
- 4 **Wrap Text** lets you display the cell contents over multiple lines instead of one.
- 5 Excel provides several **security features** to help protect your spreadsheet from unauthorized access or modification.