**What is Excel?**

**Excel is pronounced "Eks - sel"**

**It is a spreadsheet program developed by Microsoft. Excel organizes data in columns and rows and allows you to do mathematical functions. It runs on Windows, macOS, Android and iOS.**

**The first version was released in 1985 and has gone through several changes over the years. However, the main functionality mostly remains the same.**

**Excel is typically used for:**

* **Analysis**
* **Data entry**
* **Data management**
* **Accounting**
* **Budgeting**
* **Data analysis**
* **Visuals and graphs**
* **Programming**

Financial modeling

**And much, much more!**

**Why Use Excel?**

1. **It is the most popular spreadsheet program in the world**
2. **It is easy to learn and to get started.**
3. **The skill ceiling is high, which means that you can do more advanced things as you become better**
4. **It can be used with both work and in everyday life, such as to create a family budget**
5. **It has a huge community support**
6. **It is continuously supported by Microsoft**
7. **Templates and frameworks can be reused by yourself and others, lowering creation costs**