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## **Chapter 1: Getting started with Excel VBA**

Microsoft Excel includes a comprehensive macro programming language called VBA. This programming language provides you with at least three additional resources:

- 1. Automatically drive Excel from code using Macros. For the most part, anything that the user can do by manipulating Excel from the user interface can be done by writing code in Excel VBA.
- 2. Create new, custom worksheet functions.
- 3. Interact Excel with other applications such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, Notepad, etc.

VBA stands for Visual Basic for Applications. It is a custom version of the venerable Visual Basic programming language that has powered Microsoft Excel's macros since the mid-1990s.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Please ensure any examples or topics created within the excel-vba tag are **specific** and **relevant** to the use of VBA with Microsoft Excel. Any suggested topics or examples provided that are generic to the VBA language should be declined in order to prevent duplication of efforts.

- on-topic examples:
  - ✓ Creating and interacting with worksheet objects
  - √ The WorksheetFunction class and respective methods
  - ✓ Using the x1Direction enumeration to navigate a range
- off-topic examples:
  - X How to create a 'for each' loop
  - X MsgBox class and how to display a message
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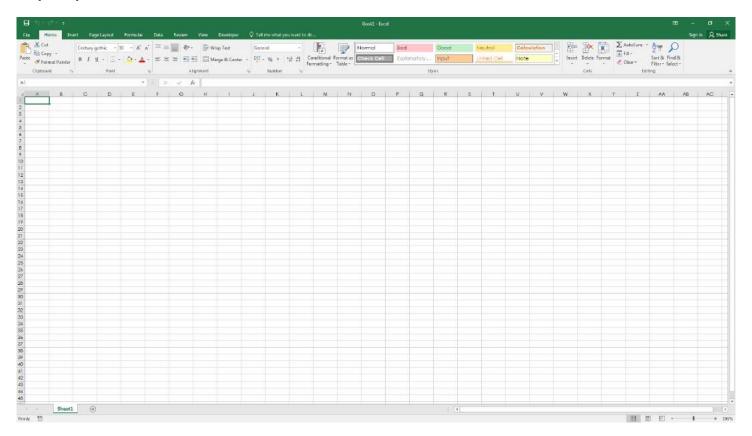
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## Section 1.1: Opening the Visual Basic Editor (VBE)

#### Step 1: Open a Workbook

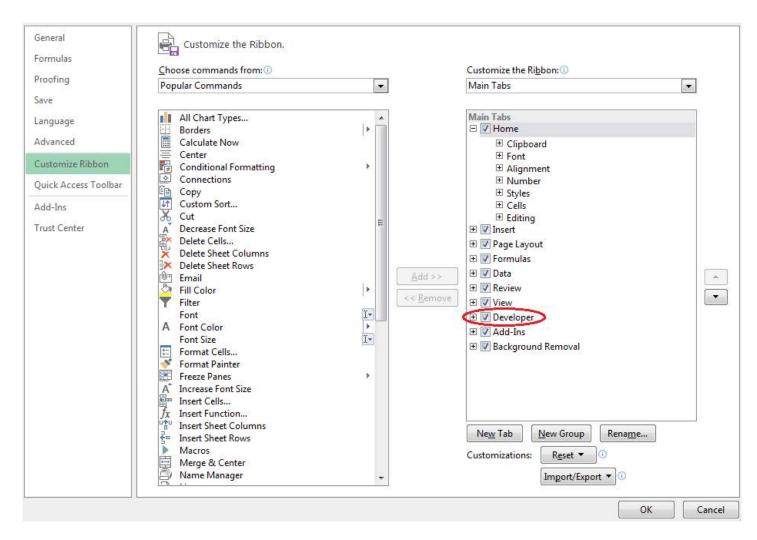


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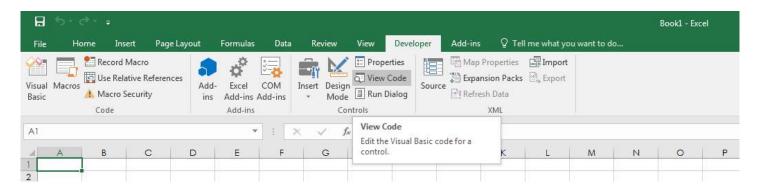
This is the standard shortcut to open the VBE.

#### Step 2 Option B: Developer Tab --> View Code

First, the Developer Tab must be added to the ribbon. Go to File -> Options -> Customize Ribbon, then check the box for developer.

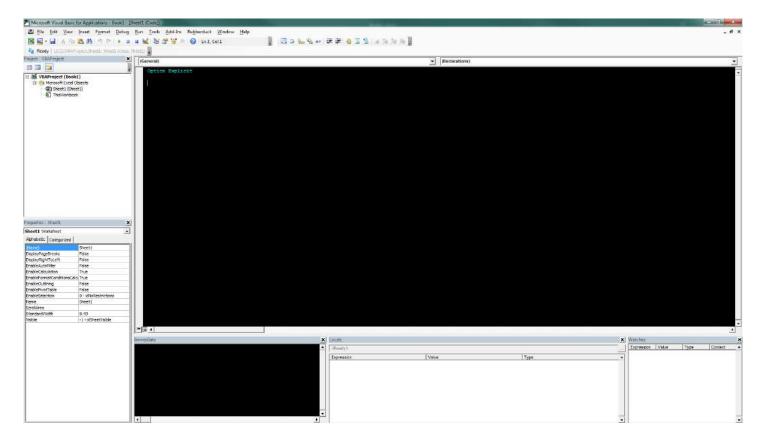


Then, go to the developer tab and click "View Code" or "Visual Basic"



Step 2 Option C: View tab > Macros > Click Edit button to open an Existing Macro

All three of these options will open the Visual Basic Editor (VBE):



## **Section 1.2: Declaring Variables**

To explicitly declare variables in VBA, use the **Dim** statement, followed by the variable name and type. If a variable is used without being declared, or if no type is specified, it will be assigned the type Variant.

Use the **Option** Explicit statement on first line of a module to force all variables to be declared before usage (see ALWAYS Use "Option Explicit").

Always using **Option** Explicit is highly recommended because it helps prevent typo/spelling errors and ensures variables/objects will stay their intended type.

```
Option Explicit

Sub Example()
    Dim a As Integer
    a = 2
    Debug.Print a
    'Outputs: 2

Dim b As Long
    b = a + 2
    Debug.Print b
    'Outputs: 4

Dim c As String
    c = "Hello, world!"
    Debug.Print c
    'Outputs: Hello, world!
End Sub
```

Multiple variables can be declared on a single line using commas as delimiters, but **each type must be declared individually**, or they will default to the Variant type.

```
Dim Str As String, IntOne, IntTwo As Integer, Lng As Long
```

```
Debug.Print TypeName(Str) 'Output: String
Debug.Print TypeName(IntOne) 'Output: Variant <--- !!!
Debug.Print TypeName(IntTwo) 'Output: Integer
Debug.Print TypeName(Lng) 'Output: Long
```

Variables can also be declared using Data Type Character suffixes (\$ % & ! # @), however using these are increasingly discouraged.

```
Dim this$ 'String
Dim this% 'Integer
Dim this& 'Long
Dim this! 'Single
Dim this# 'Double
Dim this@ 'Currency
```

#### Other ways of declaring variables are:

• Static like: Static CounterVariable as Integer

When you use the Static statement instead of a Dim statement, the declared variable will retain its value between calls.

• Public like: Public CounterVariable as Integer

Public variables can be used in any procedures in the project. If a public variable is declared in a standard module or a class module, it can also be used in any projects that reference the project where the public variable is declared.

Private like: Private CounterVariable as Integer

Private variables can be used only by procedures in the same module.

Source and more info:

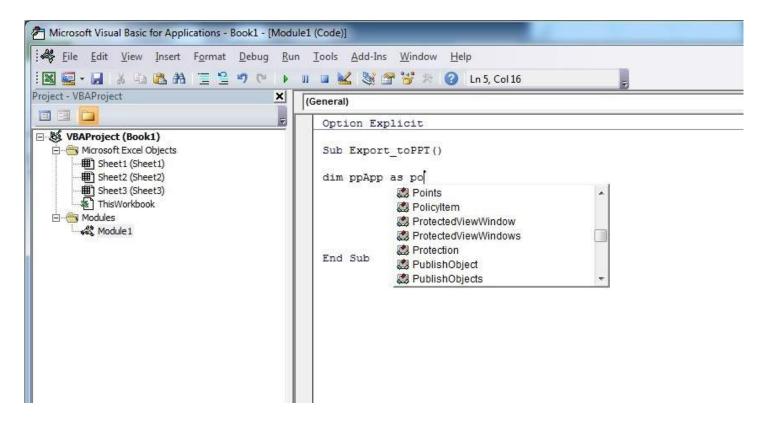
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Type Characters (Visual Basic)

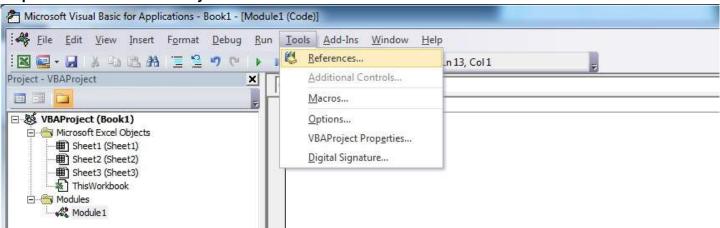
## Section 1.3: Adding a new Object Library Reference

The procedure describes how to add an Object library reference, and afterwards how to declare new variables with reference to the new library class objects.

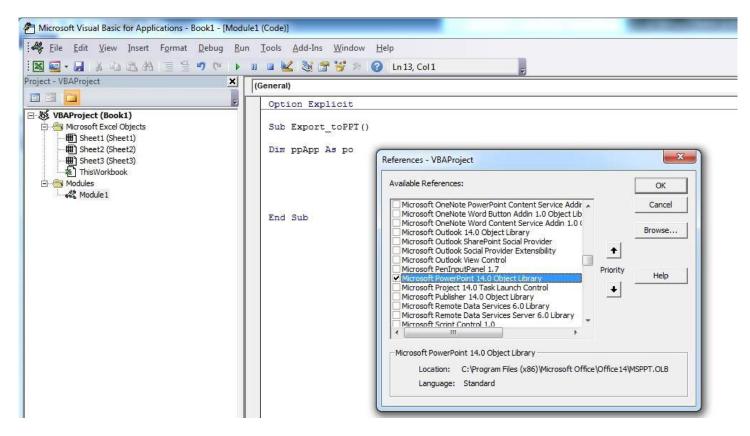
The example below shows how to add the *PowerPoint* library to the existing VB Project. As can be seen, currently the PowerPoint Object library is not available.



Step 1: Select Menu Tools --> References...

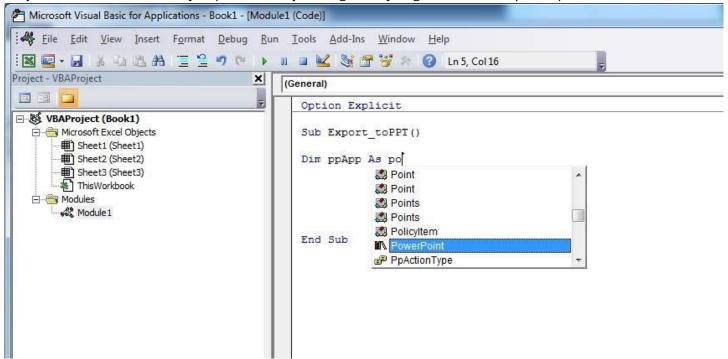


**Step 2**: Select the Reference you want to add. This example we scroll down to find "*Microsoft PowerPoint 14.0 Object Library*", and then press "**OK**".

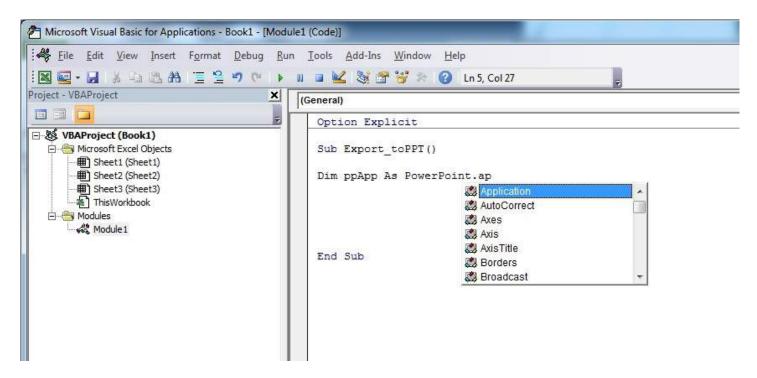


Note: PowerPoint 14.0 means that Office 2010 version is installed on the PC.

Step 3: in the VB Editor, once you press Ctrl+Space together, you get the autocomplete option of PowerPoint.

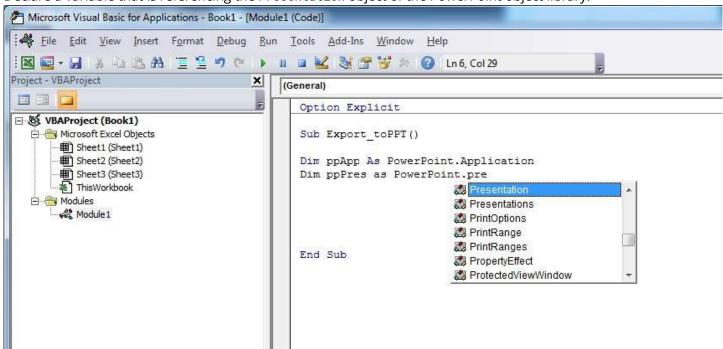


After selecting PowerPoint and pressing ., another menu appears with all objects options related to the PowerPoint Object Library. This example shows how to select the PowerPoint's object Application.

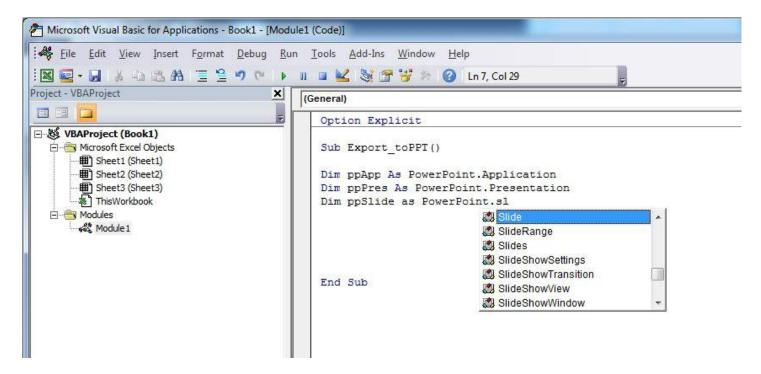


**Step 4**: Now the user can declare more variables using the PowerPoint object library.

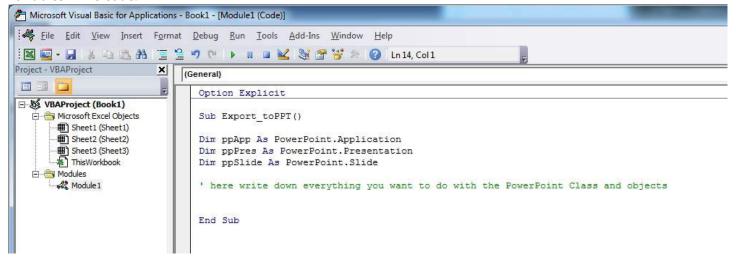
Declare a variable that is referencing the Presentation object of the PowerPoint object library.



Declare another variable that is referencing the Slide object of the PowerPoint object library.



Now the variables declaration section looks like in the screen-shot below, and the user can start using these variables in his code.



Code version of this tutorial:

```
Option Explicit

Sub Export_toPPT()

Dim ppApp As PowerPoint.Application

Dim ppPres As PowerPoint.Presentation

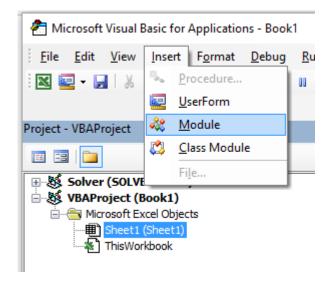
Dim ppSlide As PowerPoint.Slide

' here write down everything you want to do with the PowerPoint Class and objects

End Sub
```

#### Section 1.4: Hello World

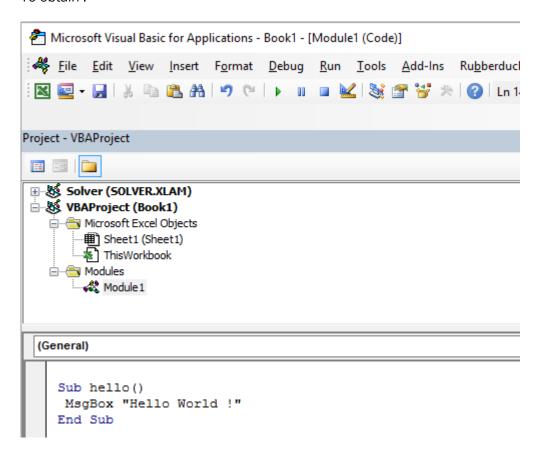
- 1. Open the Visual Basic Editor (see Opening the Visual Basic Editor)
- 2. Click Insert --> Module to add a new Module:



3. Copy and Paste the following code in the new module:

```
Sub hello()
  MsgBox "Hello World !"
End Sub
```

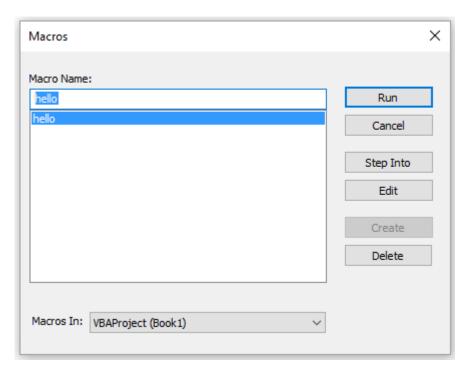
#### To obtain:



4. Click on the green "play" arrow (or press F5) in the Visual Basic toolbar to run the program:



5. Select the new created sub "hello" and click Run:



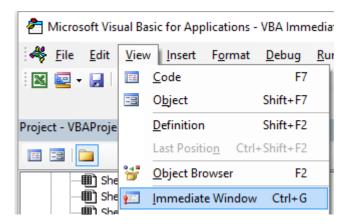
6. Done, your should see the following window:



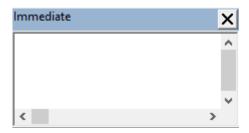
## Section 1.5: Getting Started with the Excel Object Model

This example intend to be a gentle introduction to the Excel Object Model for beginners.

- 1. Open the Visual Basic Editor (VBE)
- 2. Click View --> Immediate Window to open the Immediate Window (or ctrl + G):



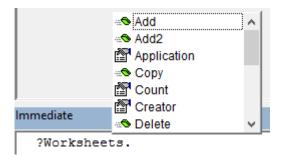
3. You should see the following Immediate Window at the bottom on VBE:



This window allow you to directly test some VBA code. So let's start, type in this console:

?Worksheets.

VBE has intellisense and then it should open a tooltip as in the following figure:



Select .Count in the list or directly type .Cout to obtain :

#### ?Worksheets.Count

4. Then press Enter. The expression is evaluated and it should returns 1. This indicates the number of Worksheet currently present in the workbook. The question mark (?) is an alias for Debug.Print.

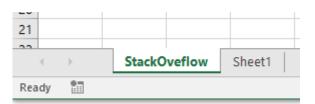
Worksheets is an **Object** and Count is a **Method**. Excel has several Object (Workbook, Worksheet, Range, Chart ..) and each of one contains specific methods and properties. You can find the complete list of Object in the <u>Excel VBA reference</u>. Worksheets Object is presented <u>here</u>.

This Excel VBA reference should become your primary source of information regarding the Excel Object Model.

5. Now let's try another expression, type (without the? character):

```
Worksheets.Add().Name = "StackOveflow"
```

6. Press Enter. This should create a new worksheet called StackOverflow.:



To understand this expression you need to read the Add function in the aforementioned Excel reference. You will find the following:

```
Add: Creates a new worksheet, chart, or macro sheet.

The new worksheet becomes the active sheet.

Return Value: An Object value that represents the new worksheet, chart,
```

```
or macro sheet.
```

So the Worksheets.Add() create a new worksheet and return it. Worksheet(without s) is itself a Object that <u>can be</u> <u>found</u> in the documentation and Name is one of its **property** (see <u>here</u>). It is defined as:

```
Worksheet.Name Property: Returns or sets a String value that represents the object name.
```

So, by investigating the different objects definitions we are able to understand this code Worksheets.Add().Name = "StackOveflow".

Add() creates and add a new worksheet and return a **reference** to it, then we set its Name **property** to "StackOverflow"

Now let's be more formal, Excel contains several Objects. These Objects may be composed of one or several collection(s) of Excel objects of the same class. It is the case for WorkSheets which is a collection of Worksheet object. Each Object has some properties and methods that the programmer can interact with.

The Excel Object model refers to the Excel object hierarchy

At the top of all objects is the Application object, it represents the Excel instance itself. Programming in VBA requires a good understanding of this hierarchy because we always need a reference to an object to be able to call a Method or to Set/Get a property.

The (very simplified) Excel Object Model can be represented as,

Application Workbooks Workbook Worksheets Worksheet Range

A more detail version for the Worksheet Object (as it is in Excel 2007) is shown below,

#### Microsoft Excel Objects (Worksheet)

See Also



The full Excel Object Model can be found here.

Finally some objects may have events (ex: Workbook.WindowActivate) that are also part of the Excel Object Model.

## **Chapter 2: Arrays**

# Section 2.1: Dynamic Arrays (Array Resizing and Dynamic Handling)

Due to not being Excel-VBA exclusive contents this Example has been moved to VBA documentation.

Link: Dynamic Arrays (Array Resizing and Dynamic Handling)

## Section 2.2: Populating arrays (adding values)

There are multiple ways to populate an array.

#### **Directly**

```
'one-dimensional
Dim arrayDirect1D(2) As String
arrayDirect(0) = "A"
arrayDirect(1) = "B"
arrayDirect(2) = "C"

'multi-dimensional (in this case 3D)
Dim arrayDirectMulti(1, 1, 2)
arrayDirectMulti(0, 0, 0) = "A"
arrayDirectMulti(0, 0, 1) = "B"
arrayDirectMulti(0, 0, 2) = "C"
arrayDirectMulti(0, 1, 0) = "D"
'...
```

#### Using Array() function

```
'one-dimensional only

Dim array1D As Variant 'has to be type variant

array1D = Array(1, 2, "A")

'-> array1D(0) = 1, array1D(1) = 2, array1D(2) = "A"
```

#### From range

```
Dim arrayRange As Variant 'has to be type variant

'putting ranges in an array always creates a 2D array (even if only 1 row or column)

'starting at 1 and not θ, first dimension is the row and the second the column

arrayRange = Range("A1:C10").Value

'-> arrayRange(1,1) = value in A1

'-> arrayRange(1,2) = value in B1

'-> arrayRange(5,3) = value in C5

'...

'Yoo can get an one-dimensional array from a range (row or column)

'by using the worksheet functions index and transpose:

'one row from range into 1D-Array:

arrayRange = Application.WorksheetFunction.Index(Range("A1:C10").Value, 3, θ)

'-> row 3 of range into 1D-Array

'-> arrayRange(1) = value in A3, arrayRange(2) = value in B3, arrayRange(3) = value in C3

'one column into 1D-Array:

'limited to 65536 rows in the column, reason: limit of .Transpose
```

```
arrayRange = Application.WorksheetFunction.Index( _
Application.WorksheetFunction.Transpose(Range("A1:C10").Value), 2, 0)
'-> column 2 of range into 1D-Array
'-> arrayRange(1) = value in B1, arrayRange(2) = value in B2, arrayRange(3) = value in B3
'...
'By using Evaluate() - shorthand [] - you can transfer the
'range to an array and change the values at the same time.
'This is equivalent to an array formula in the sheet:
arrayRange = [(A1:C10*3)]
arrayRange = [(A1:C10*"_test")]
arrayRange = [(A1:B10*C1:C10)]
'...
```

#### 2D with Evaluate()

```
Dim array2D As Variant
'[] ist a shorthand for evaluate()
'Arrays defined with evaluate start at 1 not 0
array2D = [{"1A","1B","1C";"2A","2B","3B"}]
'-> array2D(1,1) = "1A", array2D(1,2) = "1B", array2D(2,1) = "2A" ...
'if you want to use a string to fill the 2D-Array:
Dim strValues As String
strValues = "{""1A"",""1B"",""1C"";""2A"",""2B"",""2C""}"
array2D = Evaluate(strValues)
```

#### **Using Split() function**

```
Dim arraySplit As Variant 'has to be type variant
arraySplit = Split("a,b,c", ",")
'-> arraySplit(0) = "a", arraySplit(1) = "b", arraySplit(2) = "c"
```

## Section 2.3: Jagged Arrays (Arrays of Arrays)

Due to not being Excel-VBA exclusive contents this Example has been moved to VBA documentation.

Link: Jagged Arrays (Arrays of Arrays)

# Section 2.4: Check if Array is Initialized (If it contains elements or not)

A common problem might be trying to iterate over Array which has no values in it. For example:

```
Dim myArray() As Integer
For i = 0 To UBound(myArray) 'Will result in a "Subscript Out of Range" error
```

To avoid this issue, and to check if an Array contains elements, use this *oneliner*:

```
If Not Not myArray Then MsgBox UBound(myArray) Else MsgBox "myArray not initialised"
```

## Section 2.5: Dynamic Arrays [Array Declaration, Resizing]

```
Sub Array_clarity()

Dim arr() As Variant 'creates an empty array
Dim x As Long
Dim y As Long
```

## **Chapter 3: Conditional statements**

#### Section 3.1: The If statement

The If control statement allows different code to be executed depending upon the evaluation of a conditional (Boolean) statement. A conditional statement is one that evaluates to either **True** or **False**, e.g. x > 2.

There are three patterns that can be used when implementing an If statement, which are described below. Note that an If conditional evaluation is always followed by a Then.

#### 1. Evaluating one If conditional statement and doing something if it is True

#### Single line If statement

This is the shortest way to use an If and it is useful when only one statement needs to be carried out upon a **True** evaluation. When using this syntax, all of the code must be on a single line. Do not include an **End If** at the end of the line.

```
If [Some condition is True] Then [Do something]
```

#### If block

If multiple lines of code need to be executed upon a True evaluation, an If block may be used.

```
If [Some condition is True] Then
  [Do some things]
End If
```

Note that, if a multi-line If block is used, a corresponding **End If** is required.

## 2. Evaluating one conditional If statement, doing one thing if it is True and doing something else if it is False

#### Single line If, Else statement

This may be used if one statement is to be carried out upon a **True** evaluation and a different statement is to be carried out on a **False** evaluation. Be careful using this syntax, as it is often less clear to readers that there is an **Else** statement. When using this syntax, all of the code must be on a single line. Do not include an **End If** at the end of the line.

```
If [Some condition is True] Then [Do something] Else [Do something else]
```

#### If, Else block

Use an If, **Else** block to add clarity to your code, or if multiple lines of code need to be executed under either a **True** or a **False** evaluation.

```
If [Some condition is True] Then
   [Do some things]
Else
   [Do some other things]
End If
```

Note that, if a multi-line If block is used, a corresponding **End If** is required.

## 3. Evaluating many conditional statements, when preceding statements are all False, and doing something different for each one

This pattern is the most general use of If and would be used when there are many non-overlapping conditions that require different treatment. Unlike the first two patterns, this case requires the use of an If block, even if only one line of code will be executed for each condition.

#### If, ElseIf, ..., Else block

Instead of having to create many If blocks one below another, an **ElseIf** may be used evaluate an extra condition. The **ElseIf** is only evaluated if any preceding If evaluation is **False**.

As many **ElseIf** control statements may be included between an **If** and an **End If** as required. An **Else** control statement is not required when using **ElseIf** (although it is recommended), but if it is included, it must be the final control statement before the **End If**.

## **Chapter 4: Ranges and Cells**

## Section 4.1: Ways to refer to a single cell

The simplest way to refer to a single cell on the current Excel worksheet is simply to enclose the A1 form of its reference in square brackets:

```
[a3] = "Hello!"
```

Note that square brackets are just convenient <u>syntactic sugar</u> for the Evaluate method of the Application object, so technically, this is identical to the following code:

```
Application.Evaluate("a3") = "Hello!"
```

You could also call the Cells method which takes a row and a column and returns a cell reference.

```
Cells(3, 1).Formula = "=A1+A2"
```

Remember that whenever you pass a row and a column to Excel from VBA, the row is always first, followed by the column, which is confusing because it is the opposite of the common A1 notation where the column appears first.

In both of these examples, we did not specify a worksheet, so Excel will use the active sheet (the sheet that is in front in the user interface). You can specify the active sheet explicitly:

```
ActiveSheet.Cells(3, 1).Formula = "=SUM(A1:A2)"
```

Or you can provide the name of a particular sheet:

```
Sheets("Sheet2").Cells(3, 1).Formula = "=SUM(A1:A2)"
```

There are a wide variety of methods that can be used to get from one range to another. For example, the Rows method can be used to get to the individual rows of any range, and the Cells method can be used to get to individual cells of a row or column, so the following code refers to cell C1:

```
ActiveSheet.Rows(1).Cells(3).Formula = "hi!"
```

## Section 4.2: Creating a Range

A Range cannot be created or populated the same way a string would:

```
Sub RangeTest()
    Dim s As String
    Dim r As Range 'Specific Type of Object, with members like Address, WrapText, AutoFill, etc.

' This is how we fill a String:
    s = "Hello World!"

' But we cannot do this for a Range:
    r = Range("A1") '//Run. Err.: 91 Object variable or With block variable not set//

' We have to use the Object approach, using keyword Set:
    Set r = Range("A1")
End Sub
```

It is considered best practice to qualify your references, so from now on we will use the same approach here. More about <u>Creating Object Variables (e.g. Range) on MSDN</u>. More about <u>Set Statement on MSDN</u>.

There are different ways to create the same Range:

```
Sub SetRangeVariable()
    Dim ws As Worksheet
   Dim r As Range
    Set ws = ThisWorkbook.Worksheets(1) ' The first Worksheet in Workbook with this code in it
    ' These are all equivalent:
    Set r = ws.Range("A2")
    Set r = ws.Range("A" & 2)
    Set r = ws.Cells(2, 1) ' The cell in row number 2, column number 1
    Set r = ws.[A2] 'Shorthand notation of Range.
    Set r = Range("NamedRangeInA2") 'If the cell A2 is named NamedRangeInA2. Note, that this is
Sheet independent.
    Set r = ws.Range("A1").Offset(1, 0)' The cell that is 1 row and 0 columns away from A1
    Set r = ws.Range("A1").Cells(2,1) ' Similar to Offset. You can "go outside" the original Range.
    Set r = ws.Range("A1:A5").Cells(2) 'Second cell in bigger Range.
    Set r = ws.Range("A1:A5").Item(2) 'Second cell in bigger Range.
    Set r = ws.Range("A1:A5")(2) 'Second cell in bigger Range.
End Sub
```

Note in the example that Cells(2, 1) is equivalent to Range("A2"). This is because Cells returns a Range object. Some sources: <u>Chip Pearson-Cells Within Ranges</u>; <u>MSDN-Range Object</u>; <u>John Walkenback-Referring To Ranges In Your VBA Code</u>.

Also note that in any instance where a number is used in the declaration of the range, and the number itself is outside of quotation marks, such as Range("A" & 2), you can swap that number for a variable that contains an integer/long. For example:

If you are using double loops, Cells is better:

```
Sub RangeIteration2()
    Dim wb As Workbook, ws As Worksheet
    Dim r As Range

Set wb = ThisWorkbook
    Set ws = wb.Worksheets(1)
```

## Section 4.3: Offset Property

• Offset(Rows, Columns) - The operator used to statically reference another point from the current cell. Often used in loops. It should be understood that positive numbers in the rows section moves right, wheres as negatives move left. With the columns section positives move down and negatives move up.

i.e

```
Private Sub this()
    ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Sheet1").Range("A1").Offset(1, 1).Select
    ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Sheet1").Range("A1").Offset(1, 1).Value = "New Value"
    ActiveCell.Offset(-1, -1).Value = ActiveCell.Value
    ActiveCell.Value = vbNullString
End Sub
```

This code selects B2, puts a new string there, then moves that string back to A1 afterwards clearing out B2.

## Section 4.4: Saving a reference to a cell in a variable

To save a reference to a cell in a variable, you must use the **Set** syntax, for example:

```
Dim R as Range
Set R = ActiveSheet.Cells(3, 1)

later...

R.Font.Color = RGB(255, 0, 0)
```

Why is the **Set** keyword required? **Set** tells Visual Basic that the value on the right hand side of the = is meant to be an object.

## Section 4.5: How to Transpose Ranges (Horizontal to Vertical & vice versa)

 $\label{town:count} To Range. Resize (From Range. Columns. Count, From Range. Rows. Count). Value 2 = Tmp Array \\ \textbf{End Sub}$ 

Note: Copy/PasteSpecial also has a Paste Transpose option which updates the transposed cells' formulas as well.

## **Chapter 5: Named Ranges**

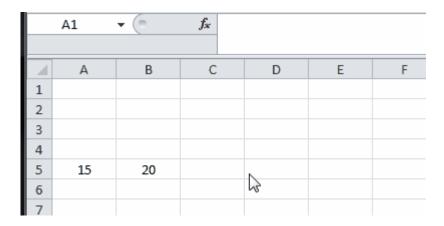
Topic should include information specifically related to named ranges in Excel including methods for creating, modifying, deleting, and accessing defined named ranges.

## Section 5.1: Define A Named Range

Using named ranges allows you to describe the meaning of a cell(s) contents and use this defined name in place of an actual cell address.

For example, formula =A5\*B5 can be replaced with =Width\*Height to make the formula much easier to read and understand.

To define a new named range, select cell or cells to name and then type new name into the Name Box next to the formula bar.



Note: Named Ranges default to global scope meaning that they can be accessed from anywhere within the workbook. Older versions of Excel allow for duplicate names so care must be taken to prevent duplicate names of global scope otherwise results will be unpredictable. Use Name Manager from Formulas tab to change scope.

## Section 5.2: Using Named Ranges in VBA

Create new named range called 'MyRange' assigned to cell A1

```
ThisWorkbook.Names.Add Name:="MyRange", _
RefersTo:=Worksheets("Sheet1").Range("A1")
```

**Delete** defined named range by name

```
ThisWorkbook.Names("MyRange").Delete
```

#### Access Named Range by name

```
Dim rng As Range
Set rng = ThisWorkbook.Worksheets("Sheet1").Range("MyRange")
Call MsgBox("Width = " & rng.Value)
```

#### **Access a Named Range with a Shortcut**

<u>Just like any other range</u>, named ranges can be accessed directly with through a shortcut notation that does not require a Range object to be created. The three lines from the code excerpt above can be replaced by a single line:

```
Call MsgBox("Width = " & [MyRange])
```

Note: The default property for a Range is its Value, so [MyRange] is the same as [MyRange]. Value

You can also call methods on the range. The following selects MyRange:

```
[MyRange].Select
```

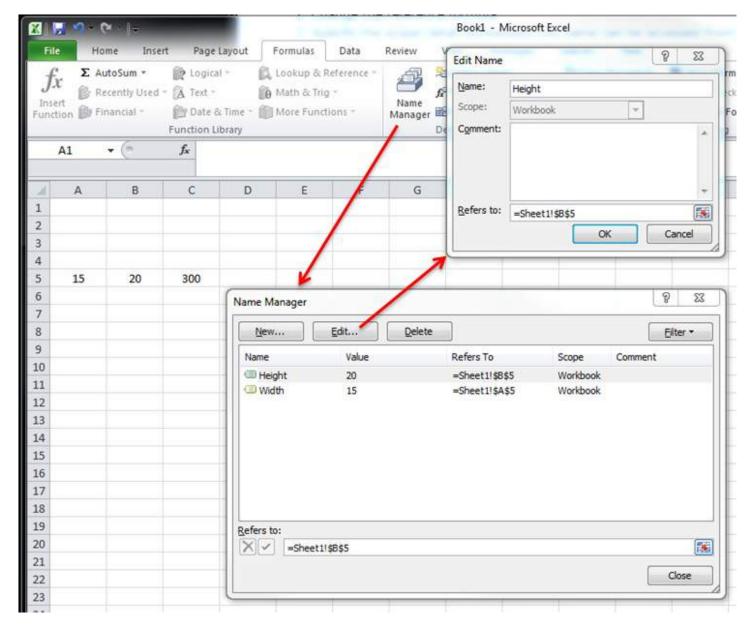
Note: One caveat is that the shortcut notation does not work with words that are used elsewhere in the VBA library. For example, a range named Width would not be accessible as [Width] but would work as expected if accessed through ThisWorkbook.Worksheets("Sheet1").Range("Width")

## Section 5.3: Manage Named Range(s) using Name Manager

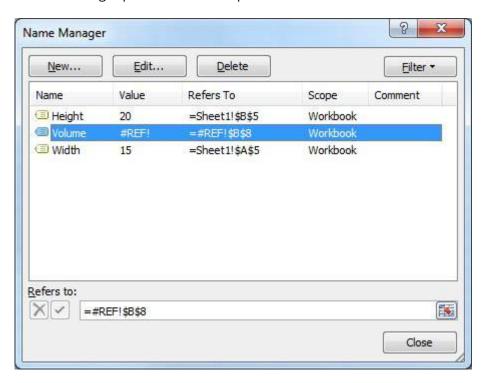
Formulas tab > Defined Names group > Name Manager button

Named Manager allows you to:

- 1. Create or change name
- 2. Create or change cell reference
- 3. Create or change scope
- 4. Delete existing named range

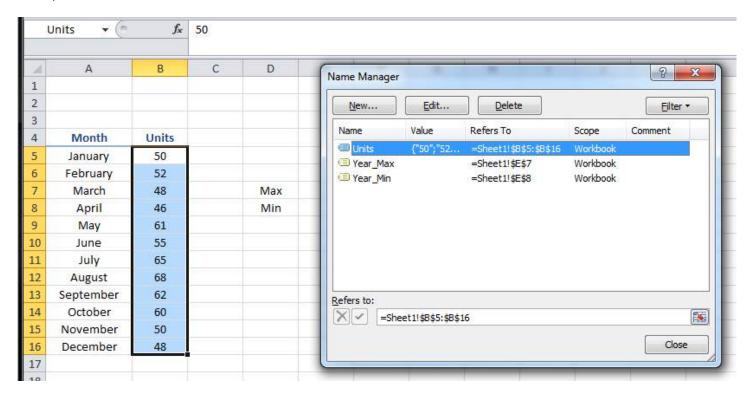


Named Manager provides a useful quick look for broken links.



## Section 5.4: Named Range Arrays

#### Example sheet



#### Code

```
Sub Example()
    Dim wks As Worksheet
    Set wks = ThisWorkbook.Worksheets("Sheet1")

Dim units As Range
    Set units = ThisWorkbook.Names("Units").RefersToRange

Worksheets("Sheet1").Range("Year_Max").Value = WorksheetFunction.Max(units)
    Worksheets("Sheet1").Range("Year_Min").Value = WorksheetFunction.Min(units)

End Sub
```

#### Result

Month	Units			
January	50			
February	52			
March	48	Max	68	
April	46	Min	46	
May	61			
June	55			
July	65			
August	68			
September	62			
October	60			
November	50			
December	48			

## Chapter 6: Merged Cells / Ranges

## Section 6.1: Think twice before using Merged Cells/Ranges

First of all, Merged Cells are there only to improve the look of your sheets.

So it is literally the last thing that you should do, once your sheet and workbook are totally functional!

#### Where is the data in a Merged Range?

When you merge a Range, you'll only display one block.

The data will be in the very first cell of that Range, and the others will be empty cells!

One good point about it: no need to fill all the cells or the range once merged, just fill the first cell!;)

The other aspects of this merged ranged are globally negative:

- If you use a method for finding last row or column, you'll risk some errors
- If you loop through rows and you have merged some ranges for a better readability, you'll encounter empty cells and not the value displayed by the merged range

# Chapter 7: Locating duplicate values in a range

At certain points, you will be evaluating a range of data and you will need to locate the duplicates in it. For bigger data sets, there are a number of approaches you can take that use either VBA code or conditional functions. This example uses a simple if-then condition within two nested for-next loops to test whether each cell in the range is equal in value to any other cell in the range.

## Section 7.1: Find duplicates in a range

The following tests range A2 to A7 for duplicate values. **Remark:** This example illustrates a possible solution as a first approach to a solution. It's faster to use an array than a range and one could use collections or dictionaries or xml methods to check for duplicates.

```
Sub find_duplicates()
' Declare variables
                                      ' worksheet
 Dim ws As Worksheet
 Dim cell As Range
                                      ' cell within worksheet range
                                      ' highest row number
 Dim n As Integer
 Dim bFound As Boolean
                                      ' boolean flag, if duplicate is found
                                     ' found duplicates
 Dim sFound As String: sFound = "|"
 Dim s    As String
                                      ' message string
 Dim s2    As String
                                      ' partial message string
' Set Sheet to memory
 Set ws = ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Duplicates")
' loop thru FULLY QUALIFIED REFERENCE
 For Each cell In ws.Range("A2:A7")
   bFound = False: s2 = ""
                                      ' start each cell with empty values
   Check if first occurrence of this value as duplicate to avoid further searches
   If InStr(sFound, "|" & cell & "|") = 0 Then
     For n = cell.Row + 1 To 7
                                       ' iterate starting point to avoid REDUNDANT SEARCH
       If cell = ws.Range("A" & n).Value Then
          ' boolean flag
               found duplicates in cell A\{n\}
                s2 = s2 & vbNewLine & " -> duplicate in A" & n
          End If
       End If
      Next
    notice all found duplicates
    If bFound Then
        ' add value to list of all found duplicate values
        ' (could be easily split to an array for further analyze)
          sFound = sFound & cell & "|"
          s = s & cell.Address & " (value=" & cell & ")" & s2 & vbNewLine & vbNewLine
    End If
  Next
' Messagebox with final result
 MsgBox "Duplicate values are " & sFound & vbNewLine & vbNewLine & s, vbInformation, "Found
duplicates"
End Sub
```

Depending on your needs, the example can be modified - for instance, the upper limit of n can be the row value of last cell with data in the range, or the action in case of a True If condition can be edited to extract the duplicate

value somewhere else. However, the mechanics of the routine would not change.	

## **Chapter 8: User Defined Functions (UDFs)**

## Section 8.1: Allow full column references without penalty

It's easier to implement some UDFs on the worksheet if full column references can be passed in as parameters. However, due to the explicit nature of coding, any loop involving these ranges may be processing hundreds of thousands of cells that are completely empty. This reduces your VBA project (and workbook) to a frozen mess while unnecessary non-values are processed.

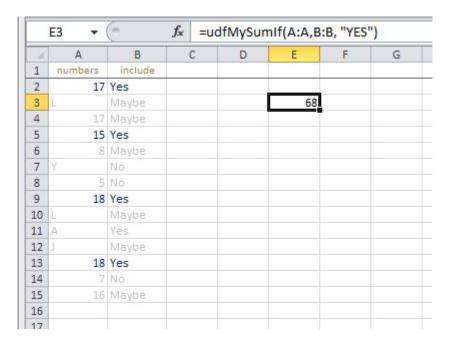
Looping through a worksheet's cells is one of the slowest methods of accomplishing a task but sometimes it is unavoidable. Cutting the work performed down to what is actually required makes perfect sense.

The solution is to truncate the full column or full row references to the <u>Worksheet.UsedRange property</u> with the <u>Intersect method</u>. The following sample will loosely replicate a worksheet's native SUMIF function so the *criteria\_range* will also be resized to suit the *sum\_range* since each value in the *sum\_range* must be accompanied by a value in the *criteria\_range*.

The <u>Application.Caller</u> for a UDF used on a worksheet is the cell in which it resides. The cell's <u>.Parent</u> property is the worksheet. This will be used to define the .UsedRange.

In a Module code sheet:

```
Option Explicit
Function udfMySumIf(rngA As Range, rngB As Range, _
                    Optional crit As Variant = "yes")
    Dim c As Long, ttl As Double
    With Application.Caller.Parent
        Set rngA = Intersect(rngA, .UsedRange)
        Set rngB = rngB.Resize(rngA.Rows.Count, rngA.Columns.Count)
    End With
    For c = 1 To rngA.Cells.Count
        If IsNumeric(rngA.Cells(c).Value2) Then
            If LCase(rngB(c).Value2) = LCase(crit) Then
                ttl = ttl + rngA.Cells(c).Value2
            End If
        End If
    Next c
    udfMySumIf = ttl
End Function
```



While this is a fairly simplistic example, it adequately demonstrates passing in two full column references (1,048,576 rows each) but only processing 15 rows of data and criteria.

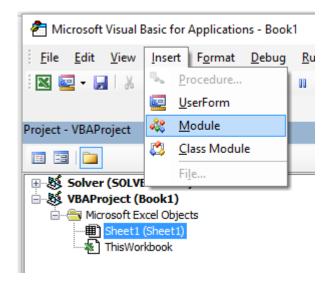
Linked official MSDN documentation of individual methods and properties courtesy of Microsoft™.

## Section 8.2: Count Unique values in Range

Collections

## Section 8.3: UDF - Hello World

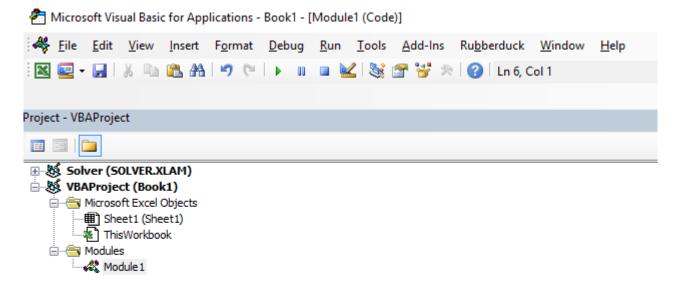
- 1. Open Excel
- 2. Open the Visual Basic Editor ( see Opening the Visual Basic Editor )
- 3. Add a new module by clicking Insert --> Module:



4. Copy and Paste the following code in the new module:

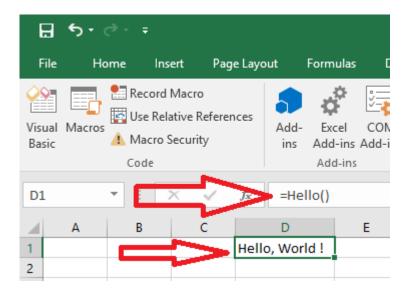
```
Public Function Hello() As String
'Note: the output of the function is simply the function's name
Hello = "Hello, World !"
End Function
```

#### To obtain:



```
Public Function Hello() As String
'Note: the output of the function is simply the function's name
Hello = "Hello, World!"
End Function
```

5. Go back to your workbook and type "=Hello()" into a cell to see the "Hello World".



## Chapter 9: Conditional formatting using VBA

## Section 9.1: FormatConditions.Add

### Syntax:

```
FormatConditions.Add(Type, Operator, Formula1, Formula2)
```

#### **Parameters:**

NameRequired / OptionalData TypeTypeRequiredXIFormatConditionType

Operator Optional Variant
Formula1 Optional Variant
Formula2 Optional Variant

### XIFormatConditionType enumaration:

Name Description

xlAboveAverageCondition Above average condition

xlBlanksCondition Blanks condition

xlCellValue Cell value xlColorScale Color scale xlDatabar Databar

xlErrorsConditionErrors conditionxlExpressionExpressionXlIconSetIcon set

xlNoBlanksConditionNo blanks conditionxlNoErrorsConditionNo errors condition

xlTextStringText stringxlTimePeriodTime periodxlTop10Top 10 valuesxlUniqueValuesUnique values

#### Formatting by cell value:

```
With Range("A1").FormatConditions.Add(xlCellValue, xlGreater, "=100")
    With .Font
        .Bold = True
        .ColorIndex = 3
    End With
End With
```

#### **Operators:**

#### Name

xlBetween

xlEqual

xlGreater

xlGreaterEqual

xlLess

xlLessEqual

xlNotBetween

xlNotEqual

If Type is xlExpression, the Operator argument is ignored.

#### Formatting by text contains:

#### **Operators:**

NameDescriptionxlBeginsWithBegins with a specified value.xlContainsContains a specified value.xlDoesNotContainDoes not contain the specified value.xlEndsWithEndswith the specified value

#### Formatting by time period

```
With Range("a1:a10").FormatConditions.Add(xlTimePeriod, DateOperator:=xlToday)
    With .Font
        .Bold = True
        .ColorIndex = 3
    End With
End With
```

#### **Operators:**

#### Name

xlYesterday

xlTomorrow

xlLast7Days

xlLastWeek

xlThisWeek

xlNextWeek

xlLastMonth

xlThisMonth

xlNextMonth

## Section 9.2: Remove conditional format

#### Remove all conditional format in range:

```
Range("A1:A10").FormatConditions.Delete
```

### Remove all conditional format in worksheet:

Cells.FormatConditions.Delete

## Section 9.3: FormatConditions.AddUniqueValues

#### **Highlighting Duplicate Values**

```
With Range("E1:E100").FormatConditions.AddUniqueValues
  .DupeUnique = xlDuplicate
With .Font
  .Bold = True
```

```
.ColorIndex = 3
End With
End With
```

### **Highlighting Unique Values**

```
With Range("E1:E100").FormatConditions.AddUniqueValues
    With .Font
        .Bold = True
        .ColorIndex = 3
    End With
End With
```

## Section 9.4: FormatConditions.AddTop10

#### **Highlighting Top 5 Values**

```
With Range("E1:E100").FormatConditions.AddTop10
    .TopBottom = xlTop10Top
    .Rank = 5
    .Percent = False
    With .Font
        .Bold = True
        .ColorIndex = 3
    End With
End With
```

## Section 9.5: FormatConditions.AddAboveAverage

```
With Range("E1:E100").FormatConditions.AddAboveAverage
    .AboveBelow = xlAboveAverage
    With .Font
        .Bold = True
        .ColorIndex = 3
    End With
End With
```

#### **Operators:**

Name	Description	
XIAboveAverage	Above average	
XIAboveStdDev	Above standard deviation	
XlBelowAverage	Below average	
XlBelowStdDev	Below standard deviation	
XIEqualAboveAverage Equal above average		
XIEqualBelowAverage Equal below average		

## Section 9.6: FormatConditions.AddIconSetCondition

- 4		Α	
-4	_		
1	Ψ.		13
2	4		22
3	∌		33
4	4		30
5	∌		23
6	P		40
7	P		50
8	Ψ		4
9	∌		20
10	Ψ		13
11	Ψ		5
12	P		45
13	4		30
14	P		37
15	Ψ		12

```
Range("a1:a10").FormatConditions.AddIconSetCondition
With Selection.FormatConditions(1)
    .ReverseOrder = False
    .ShowIconOnly = False
    .IconSet = ActiveWorkbook.IconSets(xl3Arrows)
End With
With Selection.FormatConditions(1).IconCriteria(2)
    .Type = xlConditionValuePercent
    .Value = 33
    .0perator = 7
End With
With Selection.FormatConditions(1).IconCriteria(3)
    .Type = xlConditionValuePercent
    .Value = 67
    .0perator = 7
End With
```

#### IconSet:

#### Name

xl3Arrows

xl3ArrowsGray

xl3Flags

xl3Signs

xl3Stars

xl3Symbols

xl3Symbols2

xl3TrafficLights1

xl3TrafficLights2

xl3Triangles

xl4Arrows

xl4ArrowsGray

xI4CRV

xl4RedToBlack

xl4TrafficLights

xl5Arrows

xl5ArrowsGray xl5Boxes xl5CRV xl5Quarters



### Type:

#### Name

xlConditionValuePercent xlConditionValueNumber xlConditionValuePercentile

xlConditionValueFormula

## **Operator:**

**Name Value** xlGreater 5

xlGreaterEqual 7

## Value:

Returns or sets the threshold value for an icon in a conditional format.

## Chapter 10: Workbooks

## Section 10.1: When To Use ActiveWorkbook and ThisWorkbook

It's a VBA Best Practice to always specify which workbook your VBA code refers. If this specification is omitted, then VBA assumes the code is directed at the currently active workbook (ActiveWorkbook).

```
'--- the currently active workbook (and worksheet) is implied
Range("A1").value = 3.1415
Cells(1, 1).value = 3.1415
```

However, when several workbooks are open at the same time -- particularly and especially when VBA code is running from an Excel Add-In -- references to the ActiveWorkbook may be confused or misdirected. For example, an add-in with a UDF that checks the time of day and compares it to a value stored on one of the add-in's worksheets (that are typically not readily visible to the user) will have to explicitly identify which workbook is being referenced. In our example, our open (and active) workbook has a formula in cell A1 =EarlyOrLate() and does NOT have any VBA written for that active workbook. In our add-in, we have the following User Defined Function (UDF):

```
Public Function EarlyOrLate() As String
    If Hour(Now) > ThisWorkbook.Sheets("WatchTime").Range("A1") Then
        EarlyOrLate = "It's Late!"
    Else
        EarlyOrLate = "It's Early!"
    End If
End Function
```

The code for the UDF is written and stored in the installed Excel add-in. It uses data stored on a worksheet in the add-in called "WatchTime". If the UDF had used ActiveWorkbook instead of ThisWorkbook, then it would never be able to guarantee which workbook was intended.

## Section 10.2: Changing The Default Number of Worksheets In A New Workbook

The "factory default" number of worksheets created in a new Excel workbook is generally set to three. Your VBA code can explicitly set the number of worksheets in a new workbook.

```
"--- save the current Excel global setting
With Application
    Dim oldSheetsCount As Integer
    oldSheetsCount = .SheetsInNewWorkbook
    Dim myNewWB As Workbook
    .SheetsInNewWorkbook = 1
    Set myNewWB = .Workbooks.Add
    '--- restore the previous setting
    .SheetsInNewWorkbook = oldsheetcount
End With
```

## Section 10.3: Application Workbooks

In many Excel applications, the VBA code takes actions directed at the workbook in which it's contained. You save that workbook with a ".xlsm" extension and the VBA macros only focus on the worksheets and data within. However, there are often times when you need to combine or merge data from other workbooks, or write some of your data to a separate workbook. Opening, closing, saving, creating, and deleting other workbooks is a common need for many VBA applications.

At any time in the VBA Editor, you can view and access any and all workbooks currently open by that instance of Excel by using the Workbooks property of the Application object. The <u>MSDN Documentation</u> explains it with references.

## Section 10.4: Opening A (New) Workbook, Even If It's Already Open

If you want to access a workbook that's already open, then getting the assignment from the Workbooks collection is straightforward:

```
dim myWB as Workbook
Set myWB = Workbooks("UsuallyFullPathnameOfWorkbook.xlsx")
```

If you want to create a new workbook, then use the Workbooks collection object to Add a new entry.

```
Dim myNewWB as Workbook
Set myNewWB = Workbooks.Add
```

There are times when you may not or (or care) if the workbook you need is open already or not, or possible does not exist. The example function shows how to always return a valid workbook object.

```
Option Explicit
Function GetWorkbook(ByVal wbFilename As String) As Workbook
    '--- returns a workbook object for the given filename, including checks
        for when the workbook is already open, exists but not open, or
         does not yet exist (and must be created)
         *** wbFilename must be a fully specified pathname
    Dim folderFile As String
    Dim returnedWB As Workbook
    '--- check if the file exists in the directory location
    folderFile = File(wbFilename)
    If folderFile = "" Then
        '--- the workbook doesn't exist, so create it
        Dim pos1 As Integer
        Dim fileExt As String
        Dim fileFormatNum As Long
        '--- in order to save the workbook correctly, we need to infer which workbook
             type the user intended from the file extension
        pos1 = InStrRev(sFullName, ".", , vbTextCompare)
        fileExt = Right(sFullName, Len(sFullName) - pos1)
        Select Case fileExt
            Case "xlsx"
                fileFormatNum = 51
            Case "xlsm"
                fileFormatNum = 52
            Case "xls"
                fileFormatNum = 56
            Case "xlsb"
                fileFormatNum = 50
            Case Else
                Err.Raise vbObjectError + 1000, "GetWorkbook function", _
                         "The file type you've requested (file extension) is not recognized. " & _
                         "Please use a known extension: xlsx, xlsm, xls, or xlsb."
        End Select
        Set returnedWB = Workbooks.Add
        Application.DisplayAlerts = False
        returnedWB.SaveAs filename:=wbFilename, FileFormat:=fileFormatNum
```

## Section 10.5: Saving A Workbook Without Asking The User

Often saving new data in an existing workbook using VBA will cause a pop-up question noting that the file already exists.

To prevent this pop-up question, you have to suppress these types of alerts.

```
Application.DisplayAlerts = False 'disable user prompt to overwrite file
myWB.SaveAs FileName:="NewOrExistingFilename.xlsx"

Application.DisplayAlerts = True 're-enable user prompt to overwrite file
```

## Chapter 11: Working with Excel Tables in VBA

This topic is about working with tables in VBA, and assumes knowledge of Excel Tables. In VBA, or rather the Excel Object Model, tables are known as ListObjects. The most frequently used properties of a ListObject are ListRow(s), ListColumn(s), DataBodyRange, Range and HeaderRowRange.

## Section 11.1: Instantiating a ListObject

```
Dim lo as ListObject
Dim MyRange as Range

Set lo = Sheet1.ListObjects(1)

'or

Set lo = Sheet1.ListObjects("Table1")

'or

Set lo = MyRange.ListObject
```

## Section 11.2: Working with ListRows / ListColumns

```
Dim lo as ListObject
Dim lr as ListRow
Dim lc as ListColumn
Set 1r = lo.ListRows.Add
Set lr = lo.ListRows(5)
For Each lr in lo.ListRows
    lr.Range.ClearContents
    lr.Range(1, lo.ListColumns("Some Column").Index).Value = 8
Next
Set lc = lo.ListColumns.Add
Set lc = lo.ListColumns(4)
Set lc = lo.ListColumns("Header 3")
For Each lc in lo.ListColumns
    lc.DataBodyRange.ClearContents
                                     'DataBodyRange excludes the header row
    lc.Range(1,1).Value = "New Header Name"
                                                'Range includes the header row
Next
```

## Section 11.3: Converting an Excel Table to a normal range

```
Dim lo as ListObject

Set lo = Sheet1.ListObjects("Table1")
lo.Unlist
```

## Chapter 12: Loop through all Sheets in Active Workbook

## Section 12.1: Retrieve all Worksheets Names in Active Workbook

```
Option Explicit

Sub LoopAllSheets()

Dim sht As Excel.Worksheet
' declare an array of type String without committing to maximum number of members

Dim sht_Name() As String

Dim i As Integer
' get the number of worksheets in Active Workbook , and put it as the maximum number of members in the array

ReDim sht_Name(1 To ActiveWorkbook.Worksheets.count)

i = 1
' loop through all worksheets in Active Workbook

For Each sht In ActiveWorkbook.Worksheets
    sht_Name(i) = sht.Name ' get the name of each worksheet and save it in the array
    i = i + 1

Next sht

End Sub
```

## Section 12.2: Loop Through all Sheets in all Files in a Folder

```
Sub Theloopofloops()
Dim wbk As Workbook
Dim Filename As String
Dim path As String
Dim rCell As Range
Dim rRng As Range
Dim ws0 As Worksheet
Dim sheet As Worksheet
 path = "pathtofile(s)" & "\"
Filename = Dir(path & "*.xl??")
Set ws0 = ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Sheet1") 'included in case you need to differentiate_
              between workbooks i.e currently opened workbook vs workbook containing code
Do While Len(Filename) > 0
     DoEvents
     Set wbk = Workbooks.Open(path & Filename, True, True)
         For Each sheet In ActiveWorkbook.Worksheets 'this needs to be adjusted for specifiying
sheets. Repeat loop for each sheet so thats on a per sheet basis
                Set rRng = sheet.Range("a1:a1000") 'OBV needs to be changed
                For Each rCell In rRng.Cells
                If rCell <> "" And rCell.Value <> vbNullString And rCell.Value <> 0 Then
                   'code that does stuff
```

End If
 Next rCell
 Next sheet
 wbk.Close False
 Filename = Dir
Loop
End Sub

# Chapter 13: Use Worksheet object and not Sheet object

Plenty of VBA users consider Worksheets and Sheets objects synonyms. They are not.

Sheets object consists of both Worksheets and Charts. Thus, if we have charts in our Excel Workbook, we should be careful, not to use Sheets and Worksheets as synonyms.

## Section 13.1: Print the name of the first object



```
Option Explicit
Sub CheckWorksheetsDiagram()

    Debug.Print Worksheets(1).Name
    Debug.Print Charts(1).Name
    Debug.Print Sheets(1).Name
End Sub
```

#### The result:

Sheet1 Chart1 Chart1

# Chapter 14: Methods for Finding the Last Used Row or Column in a Worksheet

## Section 14.1: Find the Last Non-Empty Cell in a Column

In this example, we will look at a method for returning the last non-empty row in a column for a data set.

This method will work regardless of empty regions within the data set.

However *caution* should be used if *merged cells* are involved, as the **End** method will be "stopped" against a merged region, returning the first cell of the merged region.

In addition non-empty cells in *hidden rows* will not be taken into account.

```
Sub FindingLastRow()
    Dim wS As Worksheet, LastRow As Long
    Set wS = ThisWorkbook.Worksheets("Sheet1")

    'Here we look in Column A
    LastRow = wS.Cells(wS.Rows.Count, "A").End(xlUp).Row
    Debug.Print LastRow
End Sub
```

To address the limitations indicated above, the line: LastRow = wS.Cells(wS.Rows.Count, "A").End(xlUp).Row

may be replaced with:

- 1. for last used row of "Sheet1":
   LastRow = wS.UsedRange.Row 1 + wS.UsedRange.Rows.Count.
- 2. for last non-empty cell of Column "A" in "Sheet1":

```
Dim i As Long
For i = LastRow To 1 Step -1
    If Not (IsEmpty(Cells(i, 1))) Then Exit For
Next i
LastRow = i
```

## Section 14.2: Find the Last Non-Empty Row in Worksheet

```
Private Sub Get_Last_Used_Row_Index()
    Dim wS As Worksheet

Set wS = ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Sheet1")
    Debug.Print LastRow_1(wS)
    Debug.Print LastRow_0(wS)

End Sub
```

You can choose between 2 options, regarding if you want to know if there is no data in the worksheet:

- NO: Use LastRow\_1: You can use it directly within wS.Cells(LastRow\_1(wS),...)
- YES: Use LastRow\_0: You need to test if the result you get from the function is 0 or not before using it

```
Public Function LastRow_1(wS As Worksheet) As Double
    With wS
        If Application.WorksheetFunction.CountA(.Cells) <> 0 Then
            LastRow_1 = .Cells.Find(What:="*", _
                                After:=.Range("A1"), _
                                Lookat:=xlPart, _
                                LookIn:=xlFormulas, _
                                SearchOrder:=xlByRows, _
                                SearchDirection:=xlPrevious, _
                                MatchCase:=False).Row
        Else
            LastRow_1 = 1
        End If
    End With
End Function
Public Function LastRow_0(wS As Worksheet) As Double
    On Error Resume Next
    LastRow_0 = wS.Cells.Find(What:="*", _
                            After:=ws.Range("A1"), _
                            Lookat:=xlPart, _
                            LookIn:=xlFormulas, _
                            SearchOrder:=xlByRows, _
                            SearchDirection:=xlPrevious, _
                            MatchCase:=False).Row
End Function
```

## Section 14.3: Find the Last Non-Empty Column in Worksheet

```
Private Sub Get_Last_Used_Row_Index()
    Dim wS As Worksheet

Set wS = ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Sheet1")
    Debug.Print LastCol_1(wS)
    Debug.Print LastCol_0(wS)
End Sub
```

You can choose between 2 options, regarding if you want to know if there is no data in the worksheet:

- NO: Use LastCol\_1: You can use it directly within wS.Cells(...,LastCol\_1(wS))
- YES: Use LastCol\_0: You need to test if the result you get from the function is 0 or not before using it

The Err object's properties are automatically reset to zero upon function exit.

## Section 14.4: Find the Last Non-Empty Cell in a Row

In this example, we will look at a method for returning the last non-empty column in a row.

This method will work regardless of empty regions within the data set.

However *caution* should be used if *merged cells* are involved, as the *End* method will be "stopped" against a merged region, returning the first cell of the merged region.

In addition non-empty cells in *hidden columns* will not be taken into account.

```
Sub FindingLastCol()
    Dim wS As Worksheet, LastCol As Long
    Set wS = ThisWorkbook.Worksheets("Sheet1")

    'Here we look in Row 1
    LastCol = wS.Cells(1, wS.Columns.Count).End(xlToLeft).Column
    Debug.Print LastCol
End Sub
```

## Section 14.5: Get the row of the last cell in a range

## Section 14.6: Find Last Row Using Named Range

In case you have a Named Range in your Sheet, and you want to dynamically get the last row of that Dynamic Named Range. Also covers cases where the Named Range doesn't start from the first Row.

```
Sub FindingLastRow()
```

```
Dim sht As Worksheet
Dim LastRow As Long
Dim FirstRow As Long

Set sht = ThisWorkbook.Worksheets("form")

'Using Named Range "MyNameRange"
FirstRow = sht.Range("MyNameRange").Row

' in case "MyNameRange" doesn't start at Row 1
LastRow = sht.Range("MyNameRange").Rows.count + FirstRow - 1
End Sub
```

#### Update:

A potential loophole was pointed out by @Jeeped for a a named range with non-contiguous rows as it generates unexpected result. To addresses that issue, the code is revised as below.

Asumptions: targes sheet = form, named range = MyNameRange

## Section 14.7: Last cell in Range.CurrentRegion

<u>Range.CurrentRegion</u> is a rectangular range area surrounded by empty cells. Blank cells with formulas such as ="" or ' are not considered blank (even by the <u>ISBLANK</u> Excel function).

## Section 14.8: Find the Last Non-Empty Cell in Worksheet - Performance (Array)

- The first function, using an array, is much faster
- If called without the optional parameter, will default to .ThisWorkbook.ActiveSheet
- If the range is empty will returns Cell( 1, 1 ) as default, instead of Nothing

#### Speed:

```
GetMaxCell (Array): Duration: 0.0000790063 seconds GetMaxCell (Find ): Duration: 0.0002903480 seconds

.Measured with <u>MicroTimer</u>
```

```
Public Function GetLastCell(Optional ByVal ws As Worksheet = Nothing) As Range
    Dim uRng As Range, uArr As Variant, r As Long, c As Long
    Dim ubR As Long, ubC As Long, lRow As Long
```

```
If ws Is Nothing Then Set ws = Application.ThisWorkbook.ActiveSheet
   Set uRng = ws.UsedRange
   uArr = uRng
   If IsEmpty(uArr) Then
       Set GetLastCell = ws.Cells(1, 1): Exit Function
   Fnd Tf
   If Not IsArray(uArr) Then
       Set GetLastCell = ws.Cells(uRng.Row, uRng.Column): Exit Function
   End If
   ubR = UBound(uArr, 1): ubC = UBound(uArr, 2)
   For r = ubR To 1 Step -1
       For c = ubC To 1 Step -1
           If Not IsError(uArr(r, c)) Then
               If Len(Trim$(uArr(r, c))) > 0 Then
                   1Row = r: Exit For
               End If
           End If
       If lRow > 0 Then Exit For
   Next
   If 1Row = 0 Then 1Row = ubR
                               '----- last col
   For c = ubC To 1 Step -1
       For r = 1Row To 1 Step -1
           If Not IsError(uArr(r, c)) Then
               If Len(Trim$(uArr(r, c))) > 0 Then
                   Set GetLastCell = ws.Cells(lRow + uRng.Row - 1, c + uRng.Column - 1)
                   Exit Function
               End If
           End If
       Next
   Next
End Function
```

```
'Returns last cell (max row & max col) using Find
Public Function GetMaxCell2(Optional ByRef rng As Range = Nothing) As Range 'Using Find
    Const NONEMPTY As String = "*"
    Dim 1Row As Range, 1Col As Range
    If rng Is Nothing Then Set rng = Application.ThisWorkbook.ActiveSheet.UsedRange
    If WorksheetFunction.CountA(rng) = 0 Then
        Set GetMaxCell2 = rng.Parent.Cells(1, 1)
    Else
        With rng
            Set lRow = .Cells.Find(What:=NONEMPTY, LookIn:=xlFormulas, _
                                        After:=.Cells(1, 1), _
                                         SearchDirection:=xlPrevious, _
                                         SearchOrder:=xlByRows)
            If Not 1Row Is Nothing Then
                Set lCol = .Cells.Find(What:=NONEMPTY, LookIn:=xlFormulas, _
                                            After:=.Cells(1, 1), _
                                            SearchDirection:=xlPrevious, _
                                            SearchOrder:=xlByColumns)
                Set GetMaxCell2 = .Parent.Cells(lRow.Row, lCol.Column)
            End If
        End With
    End If
```

#### MicroTimer:

# Chapter 15: Creating a drop-down menu in the Active Worksheet with a Combo Box

This is a simple example demonstrating how to create a drop down menu in the Active Sheet of your workbook by inserting a Combo Box Activex object in the sheet. You'll be able to insert one of five Jimi Hendrix songs in any activated cell of the sheet and be able to clear it, accordingly.

## Section 15.1: Example 2: Options Not Included

This example is used in specifying options that might not be included in a database of available housing and its attendant amenities.

It builds on the previous example, with some differences:

- 1. Two procedures are no longer necessary for a single combo box, done by combining the code into a single procedure.
- 2. The use of the LinkedCell property to allow for the correct input of the user selection every time
- 3. The inclusion of a backup feature for ensuring the active cell is in the correct column and an error prevention code, based on previous experience, where numeric values would formatted as strings when populated to the active cell.

```
Private Sub cboNotIncl_Change()
Dim n As Long
Dim notincl_array(1 To 9) As String
n = myTarget.Row
    If n >= 3 And n < 10000 Then
        If myTarget.Address = "$G$" & n Then
            'set up the array elements for the not included services
            notincl_array(1) = "Central Air"
            notincl_array(2) = "Hot Water"
            notincl_array(3) = "Heater Rental"
            notincl_array(4) = "Utilities"
            notincl_array(5) = "Parking"
            notincl_array(6) = "Internet"
            notincl_array(7) = "Hydro"
            notincl_array(8) = "Hydro/Hot Water/Heater Rental"
            notincl_array(9) = "Hydro and Utilities"
            cboNotIncl.List = notincl_array()
        Else
            Exit Sub
        End If
        With cboNotIncl
            'make sure the combo box moves to the target cell
            .Left = myTarget.Left
            .Top = myTarget.Top
```

```
'adjust the size of the cell to fit the combo box
myTarget.ColumnWidth = .Width * 0.18

'make it look nice by editing some of the font attributes
.Font.Size = 11
.Font.Bold = False

'populate the cell with the user choice, with a backup guarantee that it's in column G

If myTarget.Address = "$G$" & n Then

.LinkedCell = myTarget.Address

'prevent an error where a numerical value is formatted as text
myTarget.EntireColumn.TextToColumns

End If

End With

End If 'ensure that the active cell is only between rows 3 and 1000

End Sub
```

The above macro is initiated every time a cell is activated with the SelectionChange event in the worksheet module:

```
Public myTarget As Range

Private Sub Worksheet_SelectionChange(ByVal Target As Range)

Set myTarget = Target

   'switch for Not Included
   If Target.Column = 7 And Target.Cells.Count = 1 Then

        Application.Run "Module1.cboNotIncl_Change"

End If

End Sub
```

## Section 15.2: Jimi Hendrix Menu

In general, the code is placed in the module of a sheet.

This is the Worksheet\_SelectionChange event, which fires each time a different cell is selected in the active sheet. You can select "Worksheet" from the first drop-down menu above the code window, and "Selection\_Change" from the drop down menu next to it. In this case, every time you activate a cell, the code is redirected to the Combo Box's code.

```
Private Sub Worksheet_SelectionChange(ByVal Target As Range)

ComboBox1_Change

End Sub
```

Here, the routine dedicated to the ComboBox is coded to the Change event by default. In it, there is a fixed array, populated with all the options. Not the CLEAR option in the last position, which will be used to clear the contents of a cell. The array then is handed to to the Combo Box and passed to the routine that does the work.

The array is passed to the routine that fills the cells with the song name or null value to empty them. First, an integer variable is given the value of the position of the choice that the user makes. Then, the Combo Box is moved to the TOP LEFT corner of the cell the user activates and its dimensions adjusted to make the experience more fluid. The active cell is then assigned the value in the position in the integer variable, which tracks the user choice. In case the user selects CLEAR from the options, the cell is emptied.

The entire routine repeats for each selected cell.

```
Sub FillACell(MyArray As Variant)

Dim n As Integer

n = ComboBox1.ListIndex

ComboBox1.Left = ActiveCell.Left
ComboBox1.Top = ActiveCell.Top
Columns(ActiveCell.Column).ColumnWidth = ComboBox1.Width * 0.18

ActiveCell = MyArray(n)

If ComboBox1 = "CLEAR" Then
    Range(ActiveCell.Address) = ""
End If
End Sub
```

## Chapter 16: File System Object

## Section 16.1: File, folder, drive exists

#### File exists:

```
Sub FileExists()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    If fso.FileExists("D:\test.txt") = True Then
        MsgBox "The file is exists."
    Else
        MsgBox "The file isn't exists."
    End If
End Sub
```

#### Folder exists:

```
Sub FolderExists()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    If fso.FolderExists("D:\testFolder") = True Then
        MsgBox "The folder is exists."
    Else
        MsgBox "The folder isn't exists."
    End If
End Sub
```

#### **Drive exists:**

```
Sub DriveExists()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    If fso.DriveExists("D:\") = True Then
        MsgBox "The drive is exists."
    Else
        MsgBox "The drive isn't exists."
    End If
End Sub
```

## Section 16.2: Basic file operations

#### Copy:

```
Sub CopyFile()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.CopyFile "c:\Documents and Settings\Makro.txt", "c:\Documents and Settings\Macros\"
End Sub
```

#### Move:

```
Sub MoveFile()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.MoveFile "c:\*.txt", "c:\Documents and Settings\"
End Sub
```

#### Delete:

```
Sub DeleteFile()
    Dim fso
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.DeleteFile "c:\Documents and Settings\Macros\Makro.txt"
```

## Section 16.3: Basic folder operations

#### Create:

```
Sub CreateFolder()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.CreateFolder "c:\Documents and Settings\NewFolder"
End Sub
```

## Copy:

```
Sub CopyFolder()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.CopyFolder "C:\Documents and Settings\NewFolder", "C:\"
End Sub
```

#### Move:

```
Sub MoveFolder()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.MoveFolder "C:\Documents and Settings\NewFolder", "C:\"
End Sub
```

#### Delete:

```
Sub DeleteFolder()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    fso.DeleteFolder "C:\Documents and Settings\NewFolder"
End Sub
```

## **Section 16.4: Other operations**

#### Get file name:

```
Sub GetFileName()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    MsgBox fso.GetFileName("c:\Documents and Settings\Makro.txt")
End Sub
```

Result: Makro.txt

#### Get base name:

```
Sub GetBaseName()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    MsgBox fso.GetBaseName("c:\Documents and Settings\Makro.txt")
End Sub
```

Result: Makro

#### Get extension name:

```
Sub GetExtensionName()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    MsgBox fso.GetExtensionName("c:\Documents and Settings\Makro.txt")
```

#### **End Sub**

#### Result: txt

## **Get drive name:**

```
Sub GetDriveName()
    Dim fso as Scripting.FileSystemObject
    Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
    MsgBox fso.GetDriveName("c:\Documents and Settings\Makro.txt")
End Sub
```

#### Result: c:

## **Chapter 17: Pivot Tables**

## Section 17.1: Adding Fields to a Pivot Table

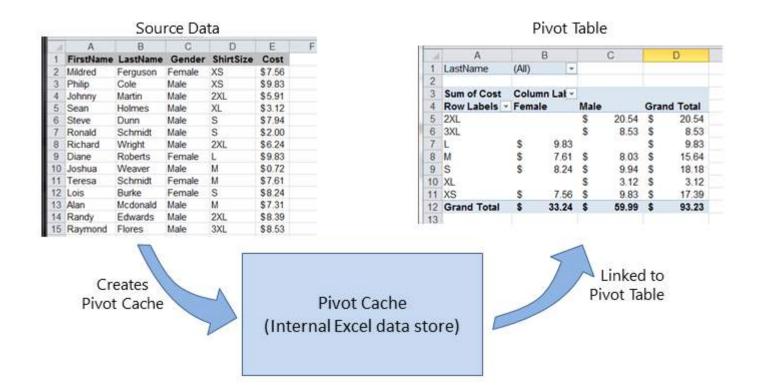
Two important things to note when adding fields to a Pivot Table are Orientation and Position. Sometimes a developer may assume where a field is placed, so it's always clearer to explicitly define these parameters. These actions only affect the given Pivot Table, not the Pivot Cache.

```
Dim thisPivot As PivotTable
Dim ptSheet As Worksheet
Dim ptField As PivotField
Set ptSheet = ThisWorkbook.Sheets("SheetNameWithPivotTable")
Set thisPivot = ptSheet.PivotTables(1)
With thisPivot
    Set ptField = .PivotFields("Gender")
    ptField.Orientation = xlRowField
    ptField.Position = 1
    Set ptField = .PivotFields("LastName")
    ptField.Orientation = xlRowField
    ptField.Position = 2
    Set ptField = .PivotFields("ShirtSize")
    ptField.Orientation = xlColumnField
    ptField.Position = 1
    Set ptField = .AddDataField(.PivotFields("Cost"), "Sum of Cost", xlSum)
    .InGridDropZones = True
    .RowAxisLayout xlTabularRow
End With
```

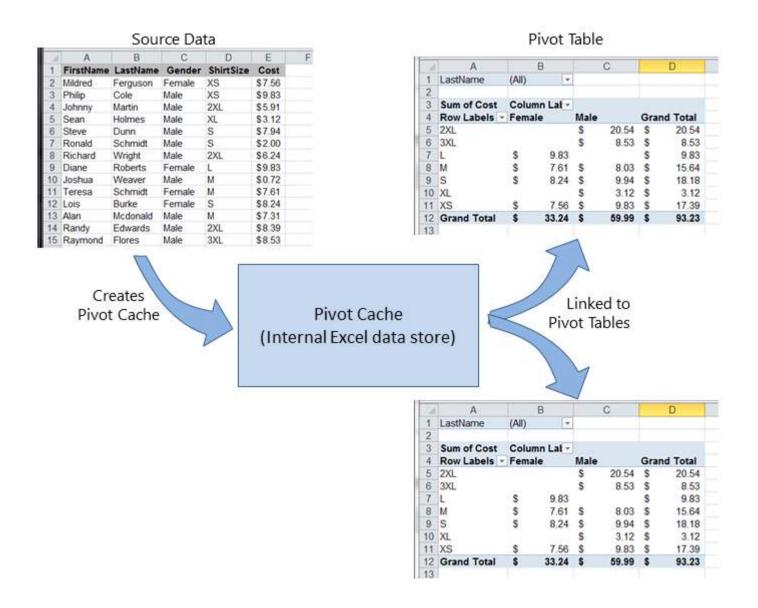
## Section 17.2: Creating a Pivot Table

One of the most powerful capabilities in Excel is the use of Pivot Tables to sort and analyze data. Using VBA to create and manipulate the Pivots is easier if you understand the relationship of Pivot Tables to Pivot Caches and how to reference and use the different parts of the Tables.

At its most basic, your source data is a Range area of data on a Worksheet. This data area **MUST** identify the data columns with a header row as the first row in the range. Once the Pivot Table is created, the user may view and change the source data at any time. However, changes may not be automatically or immediately reflected in the Pivot Table itself because there is an intermediate data storage structure called the Pivot Cache that is directly connected to the Pivot Table itself.



If multiple Pivot Tables are needed, based on the same source data, the Pivot Cache may be re-used as the internal data store for each of the Pivot Tables. This is a good practice because it saves memory and reduces the size of the Excel file for storage.



As an example, to create a Pivot Table based on the source data shown in the Figures above:

```
Sub test()
    Dim pt As PivotTable
    Set pt = CreatePivotTable(ThisWorkbook.Sheets("Sheet1").Range("A1:E15"))
End Sub
Function CreatePivotTable(ByRef srcData As Range) As PivotTable
    '--- creates a Pivot Table from the given source data and
         assumes that the first row contains valid header data
         for the columns
    Dim thisPivot As PivotTable
    Dim dataSheet As Worksheet
    Dim ptSheet As Worksheet
    Dim ptCache As PivotCache
    '--- the Pivot Cache must be created first...
    Set ptCache = ThisWorkbook.PivotCaches.Create(SourceType:=xlDatabase, _
                                                   SourceData:=srcData)
    '--- ... then use the Pivot Cache to create the Table
    Set ptSheet = ThisWorkbook.Sheets.Add
    Set thisPivot = ptCache.CreatePivotTable(TableDestination:=ptSheet.Range("A3"))
    Set CreatePivotTable = thisPivot
End Function
```

## Section 17.3: Pivot Table Ranges

These excellent reference sources provide descriptions and illustrations of the various ranges in Pivot Tables.

#### References

- Referencing Pivot Table Ranges in VBA from Jon Peltier's Tech Blog
- Referencing an Excel Pivot Table Range using VBA from globaliconnect Excel VBA

## Section 17.4: Formatting the Pivot Table Data

This example changes/sets several formats in the data range area (DataBodyRange) of the given Pivot Table. All formattable parameters in a standard Range are available. Formatting the data only affects the Pivot Table itself, not the Pivot Cache.

NOTE: the property is named TableStyle2 because the TableStyle property is not a member of the PivotTable's object properties.

```
Dim thisPivot As PivotTable
Dim ptSheet As Worksheet
Dim ptField As PivotField

Set ptSheet = ThisWorkbook.Sheets("SheetNameWithPivotTable")
Set thisPivot = ptSheet.PivotTables(1)

With thisPivot
    .DataBodyRange.NumberFormat = "_($* #,##0.00_);_($* (#,##0.00);_($* "-"??_);_(@_)"
    .DataBodyRange.HorizontalAlignment = xlRight
    .ColumnRange.HorizontalAlignment = xlCenter
    .TableStyle2 = "PivotStyleMedium9"

End With
```

## **Chapter 18: Binding**

## Section 18.1: Early Binding vs Late Binding

Binding is the process of assigning an object to an identifier or variable name. Early binding (also known as static binding) is when an object declared in Excel is of a specific object type, such as a Worksheet or Workbook. Late binding occurs when general object associations are made, such as the Object and Variant declaration types.

Early binding of references some advantages over late binding.

- Early binding is operationally faster than late binding during run-time. Creating the object with late binding in run-time takes time that early binding accomplishes when the VBA project is initially loaded.
- Early binding offers additional functionality through the identification of Key/Item pairs by their ordinal position.
- Depending on code structure, early binding may offer an additional level of type checking and reduce errors.
- The VBE's capitalization correction when typing a bound object's properties and methods is active with early binding but unavailable with late binding.

**Note:** You must add the appropriate reference to the VBA project through the VBE's Tools → References command in order to implement early binding.

This library reference is then carried with the project; it does not have to be re-referenced when the VBA project is distributed and run on another computer.

```
'Looping through a dictionary that was created with late binding'
Sub iterateDictionaryLate()
   Dim k As Variant, dict As Object
    Set dict = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
    dict.comparemode = vbTextCompare
                                               'non-case sensitive compare model
    'populate the dictionary
    dict.Add Key:="Red", Item:="Balloon"
    dict.Add Key:="Green", Item:="Balloon"
    dict.Add Key:="Blue", Item:="Balloon"
    'iterate through the keys
    For Each k In dict.Keys
        Debug.Print k & " - " & dict.Item(k)
    Next k
                            'remove individual key/item pair by key
    dict.Remove "blue"
    dict.RemoveAll
                            'remove all remaining key/item pairs
End Sub
'Looping through a dictionary that was created with early binding'
Sub iterateDictionaryEarly()
    Dim d As Long, k As Variant
    Dim dict As New Scripting.Dictionary
    dict.CompareMode = vbTextCompare
                                              'non-case sensitive compare model
    'populate the dictionary
    dict.Add Key:="Red", Item:="Balloon"
    dict.Add Key:="Green", Item:="Balloon"
```

```
dict.Add Key:="Blue", Item:="Balloon"
    dict.Add Key:="White", Item:="Balloon"
    'iterate through the keys
    For Each k In dict.Keys
        Debug.Print k & " - " & dict.Item(k)
    Next k
    'iterate through the keys by the count
    For d = 0 To dict.Count - 1
        Debug.Print dict.Keys(d) & " - " & dict.Items(d)
    Next d
    'iterate through the keys by the boundaries of the keys collection
    For d = LBound(dict.Keys) To UBound(dict.Keys)
        Debug.Print dict.Keys(d) & " - " & dict.Items(d)
    Next d
    dict.Remove "blue"
                                                'remove individual key/item pair by key
    dict.Remove dict.Keys(♥)
                                                'remove first key/item by index position
    dict.Remove dict.Keys(UBound(dict.Keys))
                                                'remove last key/item by index position
    dict.RemoveAll
                                                'remove all remaining key/item pairs
End Sub
```

However, if you are using early binding and the document is run on a system that lacks one of the libraries you have referenced, you will encounter problems. Not only will the routines that utilize the missing library not function properly, but the behavior of all code within the document will become erratic. It is likely that none of the document's code will function on that computer.

This is where late binding is advantageous. When using late binding you do not have to add the reference in the Tools>References menu. On machines that have the appropriate library, the code will still work. On machines without that library, the commands that reference the library will not work, but all the other code in your document will continue to function.

If you are not thoroughly familiar with the library you are referencing, it may be useful to use early binding while writing the code, then switch to late binding before deployment. That way you can take advantage of the VBE's IntelliSense and Object Browser during development.

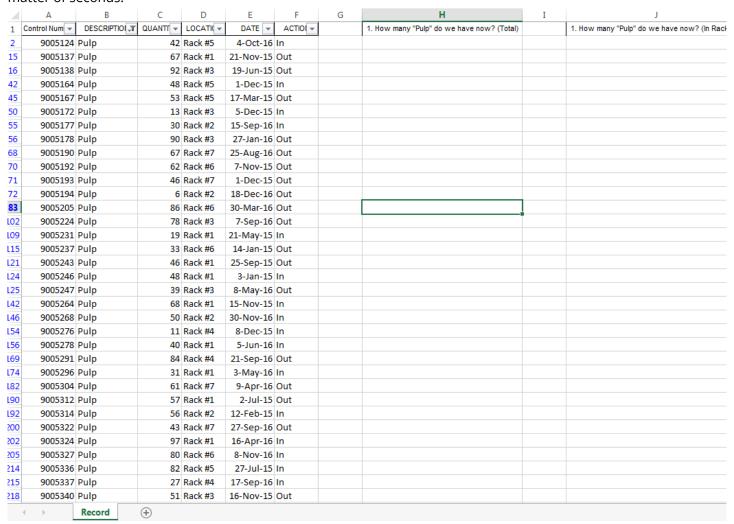
# Chapter 19: autofilter; Uses and best practices

**Autofilter** ultimate goal is to provide in the quickest way possible data mining from hundreds or thousands of rows data in order to get the attention in the items we want to focus on. It can receive parameters such as "text/values/colors" and they can be stacked among columns. You may connect up to 2 criteria per column based in logical connectors and sets of rules. Remark: Autofilter works by filtering rows, there is no Autofilter to filter columns (at least not natively).

## Section 19.1: Smartfilter!

#### **Problem situation**

Warehouse administrator has a sheet ("Record") where every logistics movement performed by the facility is stored, he may filter as needed, although, this is very time consuming and he would like to improve the process in order to calculate inquiries faster, for example: How many "pulp" do we have now (in all racks)? How many pulp do we have now (in rack #5)? Filters are a great tool but, they are somewhat limited to answer these kind of question in matter of seconds.



### **Macro solution:**

The coder knows that *autofilters are the best, fast and most reliable solution* in these kind of scenarios since *the data exists already in the worksheet* and the *input for them can be obtained easily* -in this case, by user input. The approach used is to create a sheet called "SmartFilter" where administrator can easily filter multiple data as needed and calculation will be performed instantly as well.

He uses 2 modules and the Worksheet\_Change event for this matter

Code for module 1, called "General\_Functions"

```
Sub ExcelNormal()
        With Excel.Application
        .EnableEvents = True
        .Cursor = xlDefault
        .ScreenUpdating = True
        .DisplayAlerts = True
        .StatusBar = False
        .CopyObjectsWithCells = True
        End With
End Sub
Sub ExcelBusy()
       With Excel.Application
        .EnableEvents = False
        .Cursor = xlWait
        .ScreenUpdating = False
        .DisplayAlerts = False
        .StatusBar = False
        .CopyObjectsWithCells = True
        End With
End Sub
Sub Select_Sheet(NameSheet As String, Optional VerifyExistanceOnly As Boolean)
    On Error GoTo Err01Select_Sheet
    Sheets(NameSheet).Visible = True
    If VerifyExistanceOnly = False Then ' 1. If VerifyExistanceOnly = False
    Sheets(NameSheet).Select
    Sheets(NameSheet).AutoFilterMode = False
    Sheets(NameSheet).Cells.EntireRow.Hidden = False
    Sheets(NameSheet).Cells.EntireColumn.Hidden = False
    End If ' 1. If VerifyExistanceOnly = False
    If 1 = 2 Then '99. If error
Err01Select_Sheet:
    MsgBox "Err01Select_Sheet: Sheet " & NameSheet & " doesn't exist!", vbCritical: Call
ExcelNormal: On Error GoTo -1: End
    End If '99. If error
End Sub
Function General_Functions_Find_Title(InSheet As String, TitleToFind As String, Optional InRange As
Range, Optional IsNeededToExist As Boolean, Optional IsWhole As Boolean) As Range
Dim DummyRange As Range
    On Error GoTo Err01General_Functions_Find_Title
    If InRange Is Nothing Then ' 1. If InRange Is Nothing
    Set DummyRange = IIf(IsWhole = True, Sheets(InSheet).Cells.Find(TitleToFind, LookAt:=xlWhole),
Sheets(InSheet).Cells.Find(TitleToFind, LookAt:=xlPart))
    Else ' 1. If InRange Is Nothing
    Set DummyRange = IIf(IsWhole = True, Sheets(InSheet).Range(InRange.Address).Find(TitleToFind,
LookAt:=xlWhole), Sheets(InSheet).Range(InRange.Address).Find(TitleToFind, LookAt:=xlPart))
    End If ' 1. If InRange Is Nothing
    Set General_Functions_Find_Title = DummyRange
```

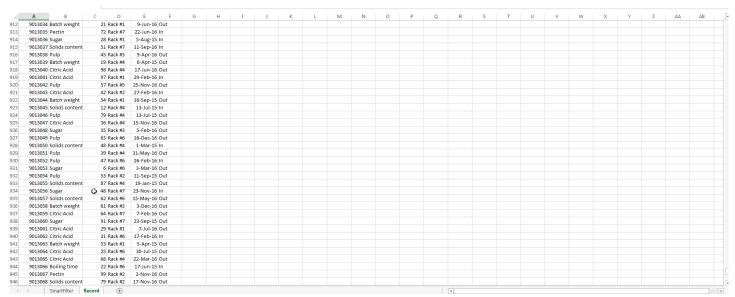
```
If 1 = 2 Or DummyRange Is Nothing Then '99. If error
Err01General_Functions_Find_Title:
    If IsNeededToExist = True Then MsgBox "Err01General_Functions_Find_Title: Ttile '" &
TitleToFind & "' was not found in sheet '" & InSheet & "'", vbCritical: Call ExcelNormal: On Error
GoTo -1: End
    End If '99. If error
End Function
```

Code for module 2, called "Inventory Handling"

```
Const TitleDesc As String = "DESCRIPTION"
Const TitleLocation As String = "LOCATION"
Const TitleActn As String = "ACTION"
Const TitleQty As String = "QUANTITY"
Const SheetRecords As String = "Record"
Const SheetSmartFilter As String = "SmartFilter"
Const RowFilter As Long = 2
Const ColDataToPaste As Long = 2
Const RowDataToPaste As Long = 7
Const RangeInResult As String = "K1"
Const RangeOutResult As String = "K2"
Sub Inventory_Filter()
Dim ColDesc As Long: ColDesc = General_Functions_Find_Title(SheetSmartFilter, TitleDesc,
IsNeededToExist:=True, IsWhole:=True).Column
Dim ColLocation As Long: ColLocation = General_Functions_Find_Title(SheetSmartFilter,
TitleLocation, IsNeededToExist:=True, IsWhole:=True).Column
Dim ColActn As Long: ColActn = General_Functions_Find_Title(SheetSmartFilter, TitleActn,
IsNeededToExist:=True, IsWhole:=True).Column
Dim ColQty As Long: ColQty = General_Functions_Find_Title(SheetSmartFilter, TitleQty,
IsNeededToExist:=True, IsWhole:=True).Column
Dim CounterQty As Long
Dim TotalQty As Long
Dim TotalIn As Long
Dim TotalOut As Long
Dim RangeFiltered As Range
         Call Select_Sheet(SheetSmartFilter)
         If Cells(Rows.Count, ColDataToPaste).End(xlUp).Row > RowDataToPaste - 1 Then
Rows(RowDataToPaste & ":" & Cells(Rows.Count, "B").End(xlUp).Row).Delete
         Sheets(SheetRecords).AutoFilterMode = False
         If Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc).Value <> "" Or Cells(RowFilter, ColLocation).Value <> "" Or
Cells(RowFilter, ColActn). Value <> "" Then ' 1. If Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc). Value <> "" Or
Cells(RowFilter, ColLocation). Value <> "" Or Cells(RowFilter, ColActn). Value <> ""
         With Sheets(SheetRecords).UsedRange
         If Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc).Value <> "" Then .AutoFilter
\label{lem:field:General_Functions_Find_Title} (Sheet Records, \ Title Desc, \ Is Needed To Exist:= \color="rate">True, True, True
IsWhole:=True).Column, Criteria1:=Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc).Value
         If Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColLocation).Value <> "" Then .AutoFilter
Field:=General_Functions_Find_Title(SheetRecords, TitleLocation, IsNeededToExist:=True,
Is Whole:= \textbf{True}). Column, \ Criteria1:= Sheets (Sheet Smart Filter). Cells (Row Filter, \ Col Location). Value \ Column \ Collaboration (Sheet Smart Filter). Cells (Row Filter) \ Collaboration). Value \ Collaboration (Collaboration) \ Collaboration). Value \ Collaboration (Collaboration) \ Collaboration) \ Collaboration) \ Collaboration (Collaboration) \ Collaboration (Coll
         If Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColActn).Value <> "" Then .AutoFilter
Field:=General_Functions_Find_Title(SheetRecords, TitleActn, IsNeededToExist:=True,
IsWhole:=True).Column, Criteria1:=Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColActn).Value
          'If we don't use a filter we would need to use a cycle For/to or For/Each Cell in range
          'to determine whether or not the row meets the criteria that we are looking and then
          'save it on an array, collection, dictionary, etc
          'IG: For CounterRow = 2 To TotalRows
          'If Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc).Value <> "" and
Sheets(SheetRecords).cells(CounterRow, ColDescInRecords).Value=
Sheets(SheetSmartFilter).Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc).Value then
          'Redim Preserve MyUnecessaryArray(UnecessaryNumber) ''Save to array:
(UnecessaryNumber)=MyUnecessaryArray. Or in a dictionary, etc. At the end, we would transpose this
```

```
values into the sheet, at the end
    'both are the same, but, just try to see the time invested on each logic.
    If .Cells(1, 1).End(xlDown).Value <> "" Then Set RangeFiltered = .Rows("2:" &
Sheets(SheetRecords).Cells(Rows.Count, "A").End(xlUp).Row).SpecialCells(xlCellTypeVisible)
    'If it is not <>"" means that there was not filtered data!
    If RangeFiltered Is Nothing Then MsgBox "Err01Inventory_Filter: No data was found with the
given criteria!", vbCritical: Call ExcelNormal: End
    RangeFiltered.Copy Destination:=Cells(RowDataToPaste, ColDataToPaste)
    TotalQty = Cells(Rows.Count, ColQty).End(xlUp).Row
    For CounterQty = RowDataToPaste + 1 To TotalQty
    If Cells(CounterQty, ColActn).Value = "In" Then ' 2. If Cells(CounterQty, ColActn).Value = "In"
    TotalIn = Cells(CounterQty, ColQty).Value + TotalIn
    ElseIf Cells(CounterQty, ColActn).Value = "Out" Then ' 2. If Cells(CounterQty, ColActn).Value =
"In"
    TotalOut = Cells(CounterQty, ColQty).Value + TotalOut
    End If ' 2. If Cells(CounterQty, ColActn).Value = "In"
    Next CounterQty
    Range(RangeInResult).Value = TotalIn
    Range(RangeOutResult).Value = -(TotalOut)
    End With
    End If ' 1. If Cells(RowFilter, ColDesc).Value <> "" Or Cells(RowFilter, ColLocation).Value <>
"" Or Cells(RowFilter, ColActn).Value <> ""
```

#### Testing and results:



As we saw in the previous image, this task has been achieved easily. By using **autofilters** a solution was provided that just **takes seconds to compute**, **is easy to explain to the user** -since s/he is familiar with this command- and **took a few lines to the coder**.

## **Chapter 20: Application object**

## Section 20.1: Simple Application Object example: Display Excel and VBE Version

```
Sub DisplayExcelVersions()

MsgBox "The version of Excel is " & Application.Version
MsgBox "The version of the VBE is " & Application.VBE.Version
End Sub
```

The use of the Application. Version property is useful for ensuring code only operates on a compatible version of Excel.

## Section 20.2: Simple Application Object example: Minimize the Excel window

This code uses the top level **Application** object to minimize the main Excel window.

```
Sub MinimizeExcel()
    Application.WindowState = xlMinimized
End Sub
```

## **Chapter 21: Charts and Charting**

### Section 21.1: Creating a Chart with Ranges and a Fixed Name

Charts can be created by working directly with the Series object that defines the chart data. In order to get to the Series without an exisitng chart, you create a ChartObject on a given Worksheet and then get the Chart object from it. The upside of working with the Series object is that you can set the Values and XValues by referring to Range objects. These data properties will properly define the Series with references to those ranges. The downside to this approach is that the same conversion is not handled when setting the Name; it is a fixed value. It will not adjust with the underlying data in the original Range. Checking the SERIES formula and it is obvious that the name is fixed. This must be handled by creating the SERIES formula directly.

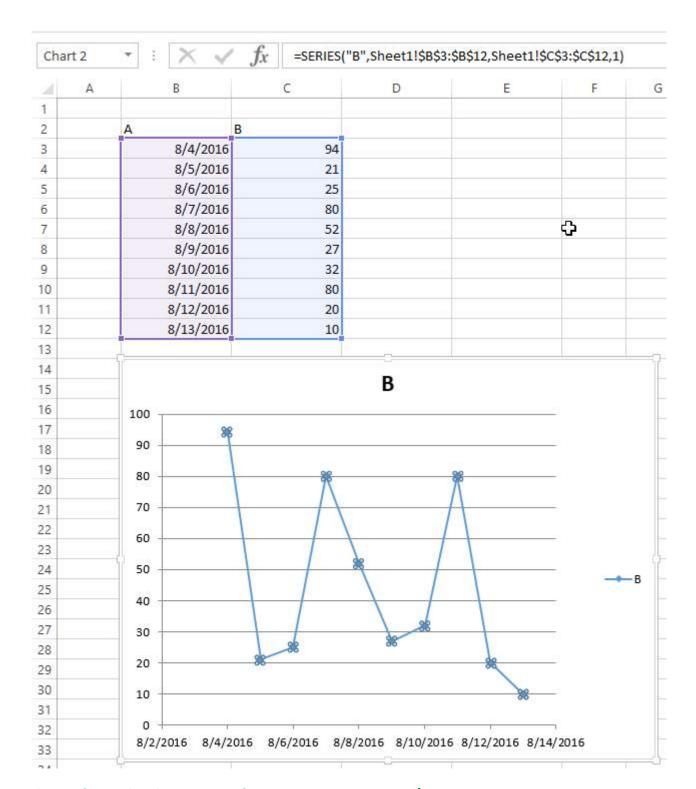
#### Code used to create chart

Note that this code contains extra variable declarations for the Chart and Worksheet. These can be omitted if they're not used. They can be useful however if you are modifying the style or any other chart properties.

```
Sub CreateChartWithRangesAndFixedName()
    Dim xData As Range
    Dim yData As Range
    Dim serName As Range
    'set the ranges to get the data and y value label
    Set xData = Range("B3:B12")
    Set yData = Range("C3:C12")
    Set serName = Range("C2")
    'get reference to ActiveSheet
    Dim sht As Worksheet
    Set sht = ActiveSheet
    'create a new ChartObject at position (48, 195) with width 400 and height 300
    Dim chtObj As ChartObject
    Set chtObj = sht.ChartObjects.Add(48, 195, 400, 300)
    'get reference to chart object
    Dim cht As Chart
    Set cht = chtObj.Chart
    'create the new series
    Dim ser As Series
    Set ser = cht.SeriesCollection.NewSeries
    ser.Values = yData
    ser.XValues = xData
    ser.Name = serName
    ser.ChartType = xlXYScatterLines
End Sub
```

#### Original data/ranges and resulting Chart after code runs

Note that the SERIES formula includes a "B" for the series name instead of a reference to the Range that created it.



## Section 21.2: Creating an empty Chart

The starting point for the vast majority of charting code is to create an empty Chart. Note that this Chart is subject to the default chart template that is active and may not actually be empty (if the template has been modified).

The key to the ChartObject is determining its location. The syntax for the call is ChartObjects.Add(Left, Top, Width, Height). Once the ChartObject is created, you can use its Chart object to actually modify the chart. The ChartObject behaves more like a Shape to position the chart on the sheet.

#### Code to create an empty chart

```
Sub CreateEmptyChart()

'get reference to ActiveSheet
```

```
Dim sht As Worksheet

Set sht = ActiveSheet

'create a new ChartObject at position (0, 0) with width 400 and height 300

Dim chtObj As ChartObject

Set chtObj = sht.ChartObjects.Add(0, 0, 400, 300)

'get reference to chart object

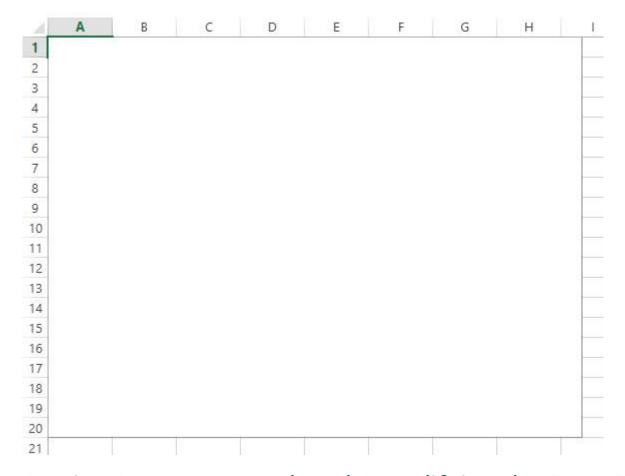
Dim cht As Chart

Set cht = chtObj.Chart

'additional code to modify the empty chart
'...

End Sub
```

#### **Resulting Chart**



## Section 21.3: Create a Chart by Modifying the SERIES formula

For complete control over a new Chart and Series object (especially for a dynamic Series name), you must resort to modifying the SERIES formula directly. The process to set up the Range objects is straightforward and the main hurdle is simply the string building for the SERIES formula.

The SERIES formula takes the following syntax:

```
=SERIES(Name, XValues, Values, Order)
```

These contents can be supplied as references or as array values for the data items. Order represents the series position within the chart. Note that the references to the data will not work unless they are fully qualified with the sheet name. For an example of a working formula, click any existing series and check the formula bar.

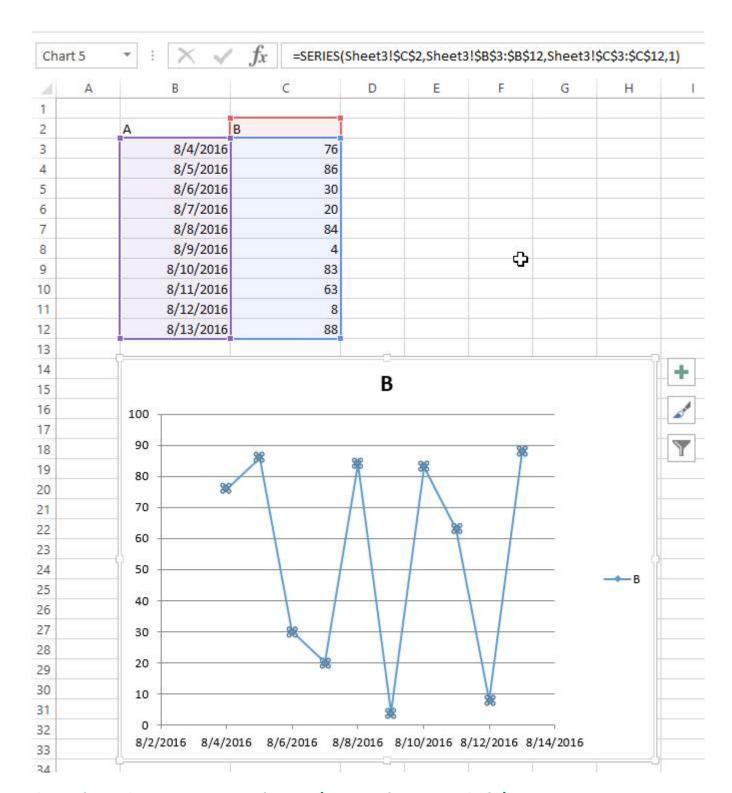
#### Code to create a chart and set up data using the SERIES formula

Note that the string building to create the SERIES formula uses .Address(,,,,True). This ensures that the *external* Range reference is used so that a fully qualified address with the sheet name is included. You **will get an error if** the sheet name is excluded.

```
Sub CreateChartUsingSeriesFormula()
    Dim xData As Range
    Dim yData As Range
    Dim serName As Range
    'set the ranges to get the data and y value label
    Set xData = Range("B3:B12")
    Set yData = Range("C3:C12")
    Set serName = Range("C2")
    'get reference to ActiveSheet
    Dim sht As Worksheet
    Set sht = ActiveSheet
    create a new ChartObject at position (48, 195) with width 400 and height 300'
    Dim chtObj As ChartObject
    Set chtObj = sht.ChartObjects.Add(48, 195, 400, 300)
    'get refernce to chart object
    Dim cht As Chart
    Set cht = cht0bj.Chart
    'create the new series
    Dim ser As Series
    Set ser = cht.SeriesCollection.NewSeries
    'set the SERIES formula
    '=SERIES(name, xData, yData, plotOrder)
    Dim formulaValue As String
    formulaValue = "=SERIES(" & _
        serName.Address(, , , True) & "," & _
        xData.Address(, , , True) & "," & _
        yData.Address(, , True) & ",1)"
    ser.Formula = formulaValue
    ser.ChartType = xlXYScatterLines
End Sub
```

#### Original data and resulting chart

Note that for this chart, the series name is properly set with a range to the desired cell. This means that updates will propagate to the Chart.



### Section 21.4: Arranging Charts into a Grid

A common chore with charts in Excel is standardizing the size and layout of multiple charts on a single sheet. If done manually, you can hold down ALT while resizing or moving the chart to "stick" to cell boundaries. This works for a couple charts, but a VBA approach is much simpler.

#### Code to create a grid

This code will create a grid of charts starting at a given (Top, Left) position, with a defined number of columns, and a defined common chart size. The charts will be placed in the order they were created and wrap around the edge to form a new row.

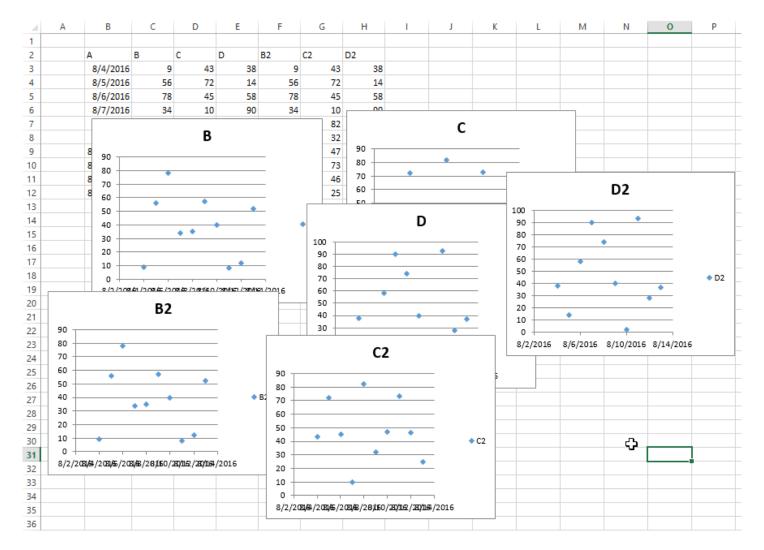
Sub CreateGridOfCharts()

```
Dim int_cols As Integer
    int_cols = 3
    Dim cht_width As Double
    cht_width = 250
    Dim cht_height As Double
    cht_height = 200
    Dim offset_vertical As Double
    offset_vertical = 195
    Dim offset_horz As Double
    offset_horz = 40
    Dim sht As Worksheet
    Set sht = ActiveSheet
    Dim count As Integer
    count = 0
    'iterate through ChartObjects on current sheet
    Dim cht_obj As ChartObject
    For Each cht_obj In sht.ChartObjects
        'use integer division and Mod to get position in grid
        cht_obj.Top = (count \ int_cols) * cht_height + offset_vertical
        cht_obj.Left = (count Mod int_cols) * cht_width + offset_horz
        cht_obj.Width = cht_width
        cht_obj.Height = cht_height
       count = count + 1
    Next cht_obj
End Sub
```

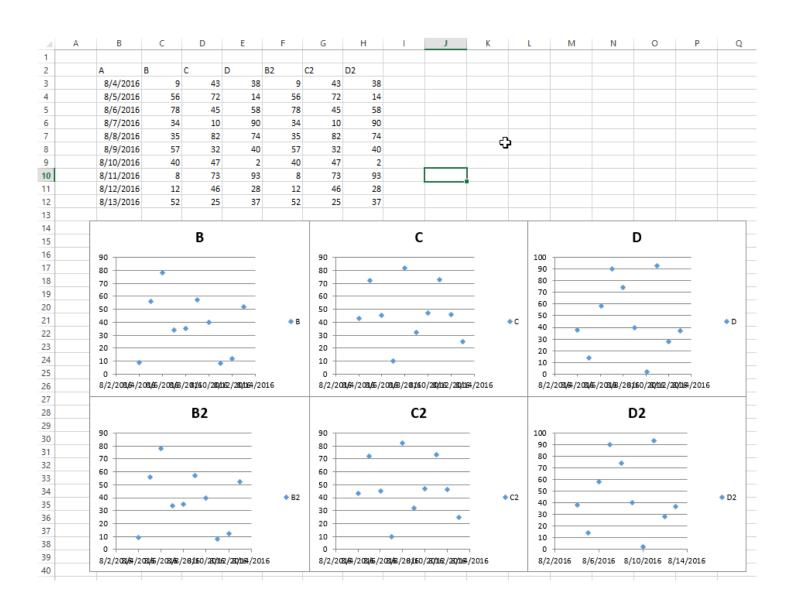
#### **Result with several charts**

These pictures show the original random layout of charts and the resulting grid from running the code above.

Before



After



# Chapter 22: CustomDocumentProperties in practice

Using CustomDocumentProperties (CDPs) is a good method to store user defined values in a relatively safe way within the same work book, but avoiding to show related cell values simply in an unprotected work sheet \*).

Note: CDPs represent a separate collection comparable to BuiltInDocumentProperties, but allow to create user defined property names of your own instead of a fixed collection.

\*) Alternatively, you could enter values also in a hidden or "very hidden" workbook.

### Section 22.1: Organizing new invoice numbers

Incrementing an invoice number and saving its value is a frequent task. Using CustomDocumentProperties (CDPs) is a good method to store such numbers in a relatively safe way within the same work book, but avoiding to show related cell values simply in an unprotected work sheet.

#### **Additional hint:**

Alternatively, you could enter values also in a hidden worksheet or even a so called "very hidden" worksheet (see Using xlVeryHidden Sheets. Of course, it's possible to save data also to external files (e.g. ini file, csv or any other type) or the registry.

#### **Example content**:

The example below shows

- a function NextInvoiceNo that sets and returns the next invoice number,
- a procedure DeleteInvoiceNo, that deletes the invoice CDP completely, as well as
- a procedure showAllCDPs listing the complete CDPs collection with all names. Not using VBA, you can also list them via the workbook's information: Info | Properties [DropDown:] | Advanced Properties | Custom

You can get and set the next invoice number (last no plus one) simply by calling the above mentioned function, returning a string value in order to facilitate adding prefixes. "InvoiceNo" is implicitly used as CDP name in all procedures.

```
Dim sNumber As String
sNumber = NextInvoiceNo ()
```

#### **Example code:**

```
Option Explicit

Sub Test()
    Dim sNumber As String
    sNumber = NextInvoiceNo()
    MsgBox "New Invoice No: " & sNumber, vbInformation, "New Invoice Number"

End Sub

Function NextInvoiceNo() As String
    ' Purpose: a) Set Custom Document Property (CDP) "InvoiceNo" if not yet existing
    ' b) Increment CDP value and return new value as string
    ' Declarations
    Dim prop As Object
```

```
Dim ret As String
 Dim wb As Workbook
' Set workbook and CDPs
 Set wb = ThisWorkbook
 Set prop = wb.CustomDocumentProperties
  ' ______
  ' Generate new CDP "InvoiceNo" if not yet existing
  ′ _______
   If Not CDPExists("InvoiceNo") Then
      set temporary starting value "0"
      prop.Add "InvoiceNo", False, msoPropertyTypeString, "0"
   End If
   Increment invoice no and return function value as string
    _____
      ret = Format(Val(prop("InvoiceNo")) + 1, "0")
  ' a) Set CDP "InvoiceNo" = ret
      prop("InvoiceNo").value = ret
  ' b) Return function value
      NextInvoiceNo = ret
End Function
Private Function CDPExists(sCDPName As String) As Boolean
' Purpose: return True if custom document property (CDP) exists
' Method: loop thru CustomDocumentProperties collection and check if name parameter exists
' Site: cf.
http://stackoverflow.com/questions/23917977/alternatives-to-public-variables-in-vba/23918236#23918236
' vgl.:
https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/msoffice/forum/msoffice_word-mso_other/using-customdocumentproper
ties-with-vba/91ef15eb-b089-4c9b-a8a7-1685d073fb9f
Declarations
 Dim cdp As Variant
                        ' element of CustomDocumentProperties Collection
 Dim boo As Boolean ' boolean value showing element exists
 For Each cdp In ThisWorkbook.CustomDocumentProperties
   If LCase(cdp.Name) = LCase(sCDPName) Then
                     ' heureka
      boo = True
      Exit For
                    ' exit loop
   End If
 Next
 CDPExists = boo
                       ' return value to function
End Function
Sub DeleteInvoiceNo()
' Declarations
 Dim wb
          As Workbook
 Dim prop As Object
' Set workbook and CDPs
 Set wb = ThisWorkbook
 Set prop = wb.CustomDocumentProperties
' Delete CDP "InvoiceNo"
If CDPExists("InvoiceNo") Then
   prop("InvoiceNo").Delete
End If
```

**End Sub** 

```
Sub showAllCDPs()
' Purpose: Show all CustomDocumentProperties (CDP) and values (if set)
' Declarations
 Dim wb As Workbook
 Dim cdp
            As Object
 Dim i
            As Integer
 Dim maxi As Integer
 Dim s         As String
' Set workbook and CDPs
 Set wb = ThisWorkbook
 Set cdp = wb.CustomDocumentProperties
' Loop thru CDP getting name and value
 maxi = cdp.Count
 For i = 1 To maxi
   On Error Resume Next ' necessary in case of unset value
   s = s & Chr(i + 96) & ") " & _
           cdp(i).Name & "=" & cdp(i).value & vbCr
 Next i
' Show result string
 Debug.Print s
End Sub
```

# Chapter 23: PowerPoint Integration Through VBA

## Section 23.1: The Basics: Launching PowerPoint from VBA

While there are many parameters that can be changed and variations that can be added depending on the desired functionality, this example lays out the basic framework for launching PowerPoint.

**Note:** This code requires that the PowerPoint reference has been added to the active VBA Project. See the References Documentation entry to learn how to enable the reference.

First, define variables for the Application, Presentation, and Slide Objects. While this can be done with late binding, it is always best to use early binding when applicable.

```
Dim PPApp As PowerPoint.Application
Dim PPPres As PowerPoint.Presentation
Dim PPSlide As PowerPoint.Slide
```

Next, open or create a new instance of the PowerPoint application. Here, the **On Error Resume Next** call is used to avoid an error being thrown by GetObject if PowerPoint has not yet been opened. See the Error Handling example of the Best Practices Topic for a more detailed explanation.

```
'Open PPT if not running, otherwise select active instance
On Error Resume Next
Set PPApp = GetObject(, "PowerPoint.Application")
On Error GoTo ErrHandler
If PPApp Is Nothing Then
    'Open PowerPoint
    Set PPApp = CreateObject("PowerPoint.Application")
    PPApp.Visible = True
End If
```

Once the application has been launched, a new presentation and subsequently contained slide is generated for use.

```
'Generate new Presentation and slide for graphic creation

Set PPPres = PPApp.Presentations.Add

Set PPSlide = PPPres.Slides.Add(1, ppLayoutBlank)

'Here, the slide type is set to the 4:3 shape with slide numbers enabled and the window 'maximized on the screen. These properties can, of course, be altered as needed

PPApp.ActiveWindow.ViewType = ppViewSlide

PPPres.PageSetup.SlideOrientation = msoOrientationHorizontal

PPPres.PageSetup.SlideSize = ppSlideSizeOnScreen

PPPres.SlideMaster.HeadersFooters.SlideNumber.Visible = msoTrue

PPApp.ActiveWindow.WindowState = ppWindowMaximized
```

Upon completion of this code, a new PowerPoint window with a blank slide will be open. By using the object variables, shapes, text, graphics, and excel ranges can be added as desired

## Chapter 24: How to record a Macro

#### Section 24.1: How to record a Macro



The easiest way to record a macro is the button in the lower left corner of Excel looks like this:

When you click on this you will get a pop-up asking you to name the Macro and decide if you want to have a shortcut key. Also, asks where to store the macro and for a description. You can choose any name you want, no spaces are allowed.



If you want to have a shortcut assigned to your macro for quick use choose a letter that you will remember so that you can quickly and easily use the macro over and over.

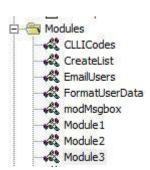
You can store the macro in "This Workbook," "New Workbook," or "Personal Macro Workbook." If you want the macro you're about to record to be available only in the current workbook, choose "This Workbook." If you want it saved to a brand new workbook, choose "New Workbook." And if you want the macro to be available to any workbook you open, choose "Personal Macro Workbook."

After you have filled out this pop-up click on "Ok".

Then perform whatever actions you want to repeat with the macro. When finished click the same button to stop recording. It now looks like this:



Now you can go to the Developer Tab and open Visual Basic. (or use Alt + F11)



You will now have a new Module under the Modules folder.

The newest module will contain the macro you just recorded. Double-click on it to bring it up.

I did a simple copy and paste:

```
Sub Macro1()
' Macro1 Macro
'
Selection.Copy
Range("A12").Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
End Sub
```

If you don't want it to always paste into "A12" you can use Relative References by checking the "Use Relative



References" box on the Developer Tab:

Following the same steps as before will now turn the Macro into this:

```
Sub Macro2()
' Macro2 Macro
'
Selection.Copy
   ActiveCell.Offset(11, 0).Range("A1").Select
   ActiveSheet.Paste
End Sub
```

Still copying the value from "A1" into a cell 11 rows down, but now you can perform the same macro with any starting cell and the value from that cell will be copied to the cell 11 rows down.

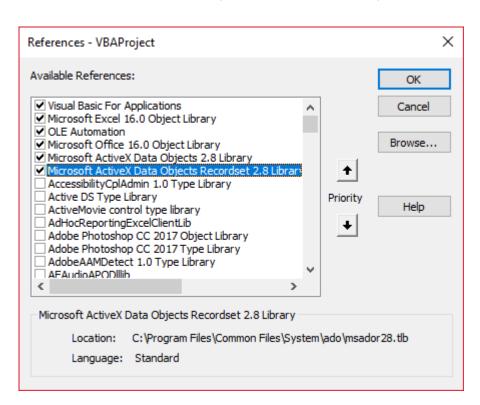
## Chapter 25: SQL in Excel VBA - Best Practices

#### Section 25.1: How to use ADODB.Connection in VBA?

#### **Requirements:**

Add following references to the project:

- Microsoft ActiveX Data Objects 2.8 Library
- Microsoft ActiveX Data Objects Recordset 2.8 Library



#### **Declare variables**

```
Private mDataBase As New ADODB.Connection
Private mRS As New ADODB.Recordset
Private mCmd As New ADODB.Command
```

#### **Create connection**

#### a. with Windows Authentication

```
Private Sub OpenConnection(pServer As String, pCatalog As String)
    Call mDataBase.Open("Provider=SQLOLEDB;Initial Catalog=" & pCatalog & ";Data Source=" & pServer
& ";Integrated Security=SSPI")
    mCmd.ActiveConnection = mDataBase
End Sub
```

#### b. with SQL Server Authentication

```
Private Sub OpenConnection2(pServer As String, pCatalog As String, pUser As String, pPsw As String)
    Call mDataBase.Open("Provider=SQLOLEDB;Initial Catalog=" & pCatalog & ";Data Source=" & pServer
& ";Integrated Security=SSPI;User ID=" & pUser & ";Password=" & pPsw)
    mCmd.ActiveConnection = mDataBase
End Sub
```

#### **Execute sql command**

```
Private Sub ExecuteCmd(sql As String)
    mCmd.CommandText = sql
    Set mRS = mCmd.Execute
End Sub
```

#### Read data from record set

```
Private Sub ReadRS()
    Do While Not (mRS.EOF)
        Debug.Print "ShipperID: " & mRS.Fields("ShipperID").Value & " CompanyName: " &
mRS.Fields("CompanyName").Value & " Phone: " & mRS.Fields("Phone").Value
        Call mRS.MoveNext
    Loop
End Sub
```

#### **Close connection**

```
Private Sub CloseConnection()
    Call mDataBase.Close
    Set mRS = Nothing
    Set mCmd = Nothing
    Set mDataBase = Nothing
End Sub
```

#### How to use it?

```
Public Sub Program()
    Call OpenConnection("ServerName", "NORTHWND")
    Call ExecuteCmd("INSERT INTO [NORTHWND].[dbo].[Shippers]([CompanyName],[Phone]) Values ('speedy shipping','(503) 555-1234')")
    Call ExecuteCmd("SELECT * FROM [NORTHWND].[dbo].[Shippers]")
    Call ReadRS
    Call CloseConnection
End Sub
```

#### Result

ShipperID: 1 CompanyName: Speedy Express Phone: (503) 555-9831

ShipperID: 2 CompanyName: United Package Phone: (503) 555-3199

ShipperID: 3 CompanyName: Federal Shipping Phone: (503) 555-9931

ShipperID: 4 CompanyName: speedy shipping Phone: (503) 555-1234