This is a copy of a conversation between ChatGPT & Anonymous.
Report conversation

You are a professional developer. You need to help create a VBA module from scratch for the first release.
-Add `Option Explicit` at the top.
-Use #-style comments (brief, one per logical step).
-Put everything in one standard module
-Structure:header block with title for comment codes, purpose, and today's date; then each macro in the order listed below
Consistent pattern: start with a short comment block (# Macro: … | # Purpose: …), wrap main logic in an `On Error GoTo CleanExit` style handler, and finish by resetting settings.

Macros to include (no Functions yet):
1. ResetSettings – restore common Excel app settings to defaults for troubleshooting. (e.g. DisplayAlerts , ScreenUpdating , etc)
2. TaxonomyKeyParse – take selected cell(s) containing strings like `KEY1~Value1~KEY2~Value2` and output a clean table on a new sheet with each KEY in its own header column and Value in the row below. it should adapt to length of the nomenclature string because it's always changing.
3. MergeExcelSheets – file-picker lets user select multiple workbooks; copy every sheet except any named "Help" into a new workbook's single "Merged Data" sheet; keep first header row only; autofit; freeze panes; finish by calling QuickSave.
4. FormatCSV – assume active sheet is raw CSV import; bold row 1, center headers, detect numeric/date columns and format sensibly, left-align everything else, auto-width but cap at 40; then call QuickSave.
5. QuickSave – save the active workbook (or the one created by a caller) to the user's Downloads folder as `WorkbookName YYYYMMDD.xlsx`; if the file exists append `_1`, `_2`, etc. until free; return saved path via `Debug.Print`.
6. UnprotectSheets– iterate through any Protected View windows, activate, and convert to editable workbooks so the rest of the macros can operate. A previous automation used Application.ProtectedViewWindows.Count > 0 with success

Other Things:
Wrap heavy loops with `Application.ScreenUpdating = False` / `True`.
At the very end, add a stubbed-out `CleanExit:` label template every macro can copy.

Finally, end your reply with one clarifying question to be sure you haven't assumed the wrong Downloads path or header rulesReturn only the complete VBA module code, nothing else.

Thought for 16 seconds >

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```vba
Option Explicit

'# Module: VBA_Toolset
'# Purpose: Core utilities for data prep and workbook handling
'# Date: 2025-07-31

'========================
'# Macro: ResetSettings
'# Purpose: Restore common Excel settings to defaults for troubleshooting
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'========================
Sub ResetSettings()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    '# Turn defaults back on
    Application.DisplayAlerts = True
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
    Application.EnableEvents = True
    Application.Calculation = xlCalculationAutomatic
    Application.StatusBar = False
CleanExit:
End Sub

'========================
'# Macro: TaxonomyKeyParse
'# Purpose: Parse KEY~Value pairs in selection to a clean table
'========================
Sub TaxonomyKeyParse()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim dict As Object, arr, k, c As Range, hdrCol As Long, outWS As Worksheet, r As Long
    '# Build unique key list
    Set dict = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
    For Each c In Selection
        arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
        For k = 0 To UBound(arr) Step 2
            If Not dict.Exists(arr(k)) Then dict.Add arr(k), dict.Count + 1
        Next k
    Next c
    '# Create output sheet
    Set outWS = Worksheets.Add(After:=Sheets(Sheets.Count))
    outWS.Name = "TaxonomyParse_" & Format(Now, "hhmmss")
    '# Headers
    For Each k In dict.Keys
        hdrCol = dict(k)
        outWS.Cells(1, hdrCol).Value = k
    Next k
    '# Fill values
    r = 2
    For Each c In Selection
        arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
        For k = 0 To UBound(arr) Step 2
            outWS.Cells(r, dict(arr(k))).Value = arr(k + 1)
        Next k
        r = r + 1
    Next c
    '# Format
    with outWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Cells.HorizontalAlignment = xlLeft
    End With
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
End Sub

'========================
'# Macro: MergeExcelSheets
'# Purpose: Merge all sheets (except "Help") from selected workbooks into one sheet
'========================
Sub MergeExcelSheets()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim fDialog As FileDialog, filePath As Variant, srcWB As Workbook, tgtWB As Workbook
    Dim tgtWS As Worksheet, srcWS As Worksheet, lastRow As Long, nextRow As Long
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    '# File picker
    Set fDialog = Application.FileDialog(msoFileDialogFilePicker)
    With fDialog
        .AllowMultiSelect = True
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        .Title = "Select workbooks to me
        .Filters.Clear: .Filters.Add "Ex                 ls*"
        If .Show = False Then GoTo CleanExit
    End With
    '# Create target workbook
    Set tgtWB = Workbooks.Add
    Set tgtWS = tgtWB.Sheets(1)
    tgtWS.Name = "Merged Data"
    nextRow = 1
    '# Loop files
    For Each filePath In fDialog.SelectedItems
        Set srcWB = Workbooks.Open(filePath, ReadOnly:=True)
        For Each srcWS In srcWB.Worksheets
            If LCase(srcWS.Name) <> "help" Then
                lastRow = srcWS.Cells(srcWS.Rows.Count, 1).End(xlUp).Row
                If nextRow = 1 Then
                    srcWS.Rows(1).Copy tgtWS.Rows(nextRow)
                    nextRow = nextRow + 1
                End If
                srcWS.Range("A2:" & srcWS.Cells(lastRow,
srcWS.Columns.Count).End(xlToLeft).Address).Copy tgtWS.Rows(nextRow)
                nextRow = tgtWS.Cells(tgtWS.Rows.Count, 1).End(xlUp).Row + 1
            End If
        Next srcWS
        srcWB.Close False
    Next filePath
    '# Format & save
    With tgtWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Cells.HorizontalAlignment = xlLeft
        .Rows(2).Select
        ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With
    QuickSave
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub

'========================
'# Macro: FormatCSV
'# Purpose: Clean up raw CSV on active sheet then quick save
'========================
Sub FormatCSV()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim ws As Worksheet, rng As Range, col As Range
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    Set ws = ActiveSheet
    '# Header formatting
    With ws.Rows(1)
        .Font.Bold = True
        .HorizontalAlignment = xlCenter
    End With
    '# Detect and format columns
    For Each col In ws.UsedRange.Columns
        Set rng = col.Cells
        If IsDate(Application.WorksheetFunction.Min(rng.Offset(1))) Then
            rng.NumberFormat = "mm/dd/yyyy"
        ElseIf
Application.WorksheetFunction.IsNumber(Application.WorksheetFunction.Min(rng.Offset(1))) Then
            rng.NumberFormat = "0.00"
        Else
            rng.HorizontalAlignment = xlLeft
        End If
        col.ColumnWidth = Application.Min(40, col.EntireColumn.AutoFit.Width)
    Next col
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    QuickSave
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub

'========================
'# Macro: QuickSave
'# Purpose: Save active workbook to Downloads with dated name and incremental suffix
'========================
Sub QuickSave()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim dlPath As String, baseName As String, fullPath As String, i As Long
    dlPath = Environ("USERPROFILE") & "\Downloads\"
    baseName = Left(ActiveWorkbook.Name, InStrRev(ActiveWorkbook.Name, ".") - 1) & " " &
Format(Date, "yyyymmdd")
    fullPath = dlPath & baseName & ".xlsx"
    i = 1
    Do While Dir(fullPath) <> ""
        fullPath = dlPath & baseName & "_" & i & ".xlsx"
        i = i + 1
    Loop
    ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs Filename:=fullPath, FileFormat:=xlOpenXMLWorkbook
    Debug.Print "Saved to: " & fullPath
CleanExit:
End Sub

'========================
'# Macro: UnprotectSheets
'# Purpose: Convert any Protected View workbooks to editable mode
'========================
Sub UnprotectSheets()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim pvWin As ProtectedViewWindow, wb As Workbook
    For Each pvWin In Application.ProtectedViewWindows
        Set wb = pvWin.Workbook
        pvWin.Edit
    Next pvWin
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
End Sub

'# CleanExit template
'# Place above End Sub in new macros:
'# CleanExit:
'#     ResetSettings
End Sub
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Is using `Environ("USERPROFILE") & "\Downloads\"` acceptable for the Downloads path and is the first-row-only header rule correct for your datasets?

please upgrade the vba_toolset.bas for the following:

• Rename the module via 'Attribute VB_Name = "Module1"' and switch all header blocks to long dashed lines (' ---- … ----') instead of '#' for consistencyy for example
' ---
' Subroutine: ResetSettings
' Description: Restores common Excel settings to default for troubleshooting.
' ---

• Expand ResetSettings to toggle every common Excel property (DisplayAlerts, ScreenUpdating, Calculation, EnableEvents, StatusBar,

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- Re-engin yParse to:
  – Validate there’s a selection, split KEY~Value_ strings, ignore blanks, collect unique keys, and write results to a “Key Parse” sheet using a *SheetExists* helper.
- We need SheetExists, FileExists, and FileInUse helper functions.
- Enhance MergeExcelSheets to skip duplicate headers after the first source, apply grey header fill, auto-filter, freeze panes, and call QuickSave
- Rework FormatCSV to style headers (greyfill, bold, centered), set row heights, left-align data, detect columns containing “Date/ID/Code” for smart number formats, and freeze top row.
- Extend QuickSave so it saves to Downloads as “Name MM.DD.YYYY.xlsx”, strips existing dates or suffixes, then appends _1, _2, etc. if the file exists; fall back to GetSaveAsFilename on error.
- Keep UnprotectSheets and ReplaceTildes, preserving their intents
- Wrap intensive parts with 'ScreenUpdating = False' / 'True' and use a uniform 'CleanExit:' template.
- Return only the full VBA code (minified if possible) with no commentary, and end by asking one clarifying question—perhaps whether my Downloads path or header detection rules need tweaking.

Thought for 21 seconds >

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```vba
Attribute VB_Name = "Module1"
Option Explicit

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Title:        VBA_Toolset v1.1
' Purpose:      Core utilities for data prep, formatting, and file handling
' Date:         2025-07-31
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   ResetSettings
' Description:  Restores common Excel settings to defaults for troubleshooting.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub ResetSettings()
    On Error Resume Next
    Application.DisplayAlerts = True
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
    Application.EnableEvents = True
    Application.Calculation = xlCalculationAutomatic
    Application.DisplayStatusBar = True
    Application.StatusBar = False
    ActiveWindow.DisplayHorizontalScrollBar = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayVerticalScrollBar = True
    Application.Cursor = xlDefault
    On Error GoTo 0
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   TaxonomyKeyParse
' Description:  Parses KEY~Value strings in selection to a “Key Parse” sheet.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub TaxonomyKeyParse()
    If Selection Is Nothing Then Exit Sub
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim dict As Object: Set dict = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
    Dim c As Range, arr, i As Long, outWS As Worksheet, r As Long, k
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    For Each c In Selection
        If Len(Trim(c.Value)) > 0 Then
            arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
            For i = 0 To UBound(arr) - 1 Step 2
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                If Len(arr(i)) > 0 Then                  ts(arr(i)) Then dict.Add arr(i),
dict.Count + 1
            Next i
        End If
    Next c
    If dict.Count = 0 Then GoTo CleanExit
    If SheetExists("Key Parse") Then
        Set outWS = Worksheets("Key Parse"): outWS.Cells.Clear
    Else
        Set outWS = Worksheets.Add(After:=Sheets(Sheets.Count)): outWS.Name = "Key Parse"
    End If
    For Each k In dict.Keys: outWS.Cells(1, dict(k)).Value = k: Next k
    r = 2
    For Each c In Selection
        arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
        For i = 0 To UBound(arr) - 1 Step 2
            If dict.Exists(arr(i)) Then outWS.Cells(r, dict(arr(i))).Value = arr(i + 1)
        Next i
        r = r + 1
    Next c
    With outWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Rows(1).Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Rows(2).Select: ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub

' ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   MergeExcelSheets
' Description:  Merges sheets (excluding “Help”) from selected files.
' ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub MergeExcelSheets()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim dlg As FileDialog, path As Variant, srcWB As Workbook, tgtWB As Workbook
    Dim tgtWS As Worksheet, srcWS As Worksheet, nxtRow As Long, hdrDone As Boolean
    Set dlg = Application.FileDialog(msoFileDialogFilePicker)
    With dlg: .AllowMultiSelect = True: .Filters.Clear: .Filters.Add "Excel", "*.xls*": If Not
.Show Then Exit Sub: End With
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    Set tgtWB = Workbooks.Add: Set tgtWS = tgtWB.Sheets(1): tgtWS.Name = "Merged Data"
    nxtRow = 1: hdrDone = False
    For Each path In dlg.SelectedItems
        Set srcWB = Workbooks.Open(path, ReadOnly:=True)
        For Each srcWS In srcWB.Worksheets
            If LCase(srcWS.Name) <> "help" Then
                If Not hdrDone Then
                    srcWS.Rows(1).Copy tgtWS.Rows(1)
                    hdrDone = True: nxtRow = 2
                End If
                srcWS.Range("A2", srcWS.Cells(srcWS.Rows.Count,
1).End(xlUp).End(xlToRight)).Copy tgtWS.Cells(nxtRow, 1)
                nxtRow = tgtWS.Cells(tgtWS.Rows.Count, 1).End(xlUp).Row + 1
            End If
        Next srcWS
        srcWB.Close False
    Next path
    With tgtWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Rows(1).Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .AutoFilterMode = False: .Rows(1).AutoFilter
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Rows(2).Select: ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With
    QuickSave
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   FormatCSV
' Description:  Styles active CSV sheet, sets formats, freezes header.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub FormatCSV()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim ws As Worksheet: Set ws = ActiveSheet
    Dim col As Range, hdr As String
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    With ws.Rows(1)
        .Font.Bold = True
        .Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .HorizontalAlignment = xlCenter
    End With
    For Each col In ws.UsedRange.Columns
        hdr = LCase(col.Cells(1, 1).Value)
        If InStr(hdr, "date") > 0 Then
            col.NumberFormat = "mm/dd/yyyy"
        ElseIf InStr(hdr, "id") > 0 Or InStr(hdr, "code") > 0 Then
            col.NumberFormat = "@"
        Else
            col.HorizontalAlignment = xlLeft
        End If
        col.EntireColumn.AutoFit
        If col.ColumnWidth > 40 Then col.ColumnWidth = 40
    Next col
    ws.Rows.RowHeight = 15: ws.Rows(1).RowHeight = 20
    ws.Rows(2).Select: ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    QuickSave
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   QuickSave
' Description:  Saves workbook to Downloads as “Name MM.DD.YYYY.xlsx”.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub QuickSave()
    On Error GoTo UseDialog
    Dim dl As String: dl = Environ("USERPROFILE") & "\Downloads\"
    Dim nm As String, base As String, f As String, i As Long
    nm = Left(ActiveWorkbook.Name, InStrRev(ActiveWorkbook.Name, ".") - 1)
    If InStr(nm, " ") > 0 Then base = Left(nm, InStr(nm, " ") - 1) Else base = nm
    base = Trim(base)
    f = dl & base & " " & Format(Date, "mm.dd.yyyy") & ".xlsx"
    i = 1
    Do While FileExists(f)
        f = dl & base & " " & Format(Date, "mm.dd.yyyy") & "_" & i & ".xlsx": i = i + 1
    Loop
    If FileInUse(f) Then GoTo UseDialog
    ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs f, xlOpenXMLWorkbook
    Debug.Print "Saved: " & f
    Exit Sub
UseDialog:
    ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs Application.GetSaveAsFilename(InitialFileName:=base & ".xlsx",
FileFilter:="Excel Files (*.xlsx), *.xlsx"), xlOpenXMLWorkbook
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   UnprotectSheets
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' Description:  Converts Protected-View                    ble workbooks.
' -------------------------------------               -------------------------
Sub UnprotectSheets()
    Dim pv As ProtectedViewWindow
    For Each pv In Application.ProtectedViewWindows: pv.Edit: Next pv
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   ReplaceTildes
' Description:  Example utility preserved from earlier workflow.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub ReplaceTildes()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Selection.Replace What:="~~", Replacement:="~", LookAt:=xlPart
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     SheetExists
' Description:  Checks if a sheet exists in active workbook.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Function SheetExists(sName As String) As Boolean
    On Error Resume Next: SheetExists = Not Worksheets(sName) Is Nothing: On Error GoTo 0
End Function

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     FileExists
' Description:  Returns True if file exists.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Function FileExists(fp As String) As Boolean: FileExists = (Len(Dir(fp)) > 0): End Function

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     FileInUse
' Description:  Detects if file is locked by another process.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Function FileInUse(fp As String) As Boolean
    On Error Resume Next
    Dim h As Integer: h = FreeFile
    Open fp For Binary Access Read Write Lock Read Write As #h
    If Err.Number <> 0 Then FileInUse = True Else FileInUse = False: Close #h
    On Error GoTo 0
End Function
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Would you like different logic for stripping dates/suffixes from the base filename or any tweaks to the header-detection rules?

a few more things i tested today...

ResetSettings: also EnableAnimations, DisplayPageBreaks False, refresh UsedRange.
QuickSave: strip old date or _# suffix, save as “Name MM.DD.YYYY.xlsx”, append _1, _2… if clash, fall back to GetSaveAsFilename. Try to avoid errors but on an error make sure the user gets a prompt to save manually. Try to autofill the report name in the pop up prompt with the current report name and save as xlsx by default
Add line breaks where necessary anywhere in the code to improve readability
FormatCSV: grey bold headers, smart date/ID/number formats, row height 15, max col width 40, freeze top row isn't working - try adding that again please.
Add comment to the right of every line in Format CSV where an action takes place to explain what piece of formatting that line is doing. Try to

align the c y on the right of the code..
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Replace Ti ne errors - if it does, have it say something like "Please select a valid range to perform replace." and exit the sub
End with one clarifying question on default Downloads path or header rules.

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```vba
Attribute VB_Name = "Module1"
Option Explicit

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Title:        VBA_Toolset v1.2
' Purpose:      Core utilities for data prep, formatting, and file handling
' Date:         2025-07-31
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   ResetSettings
' Description:  Restores common Excel settings to defaults for troubleshooting.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub ResetSettings()
    On Error Resume Next
    Application.DisplayAlerts = True
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
    Application.EnableEvents = True
    Application.Calculation = xlCalculationAutomatic
    Application.DisplayStatusBar = True
    Application.StatusBar = False
    Application.EnableAnimations = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayHorizontalScrollBar = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayVerticalScrollBar = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayPageBreaks = False
    Application.Cursor = xlDefault
    Dim ws As Worksheet
    For Each ws In Worksheets          'Refresh UsedRange
        ws.UsedRange
    Next ws
    On Error GoTo 0
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   TaxonomyKeyParse
' Description:  Parses KEY~Value strings in selection to a “Key Parse” sheet.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub TaxonomyKeyParse()
    If TypeName(Selection) <> "Range" Then Exit Sub
    If WorksheetFunction.CountA(Selection) = 0 Then Exit Sub
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim dict As Object: Set dict = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
    Dim c As Range, arr, i As Long, outWS As Worksheet, r As Long, k
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    For Each c In Selection                       'Collect unique keys
        If Len(Trim(c.Value)) > 0 Then
            arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
            For i = 0 To UBound(arr) - 1 Step 2
                If Len(arr(i)) > 0 Then If Not dict.Exists(arr(i)) Then dict.Add arr(i),
dict.Count + 1
            Next i
        End If
    Next c
    If dict.Count = 0 Then GoTo CleanExit
    If SheetExists("Key Parse") Then
        Set outWS = Worksheets("Key Parse"): outWS.Cells.Clear
    Else
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        Set outWS = Worksheets.Add(After                Count)): outWS.Name = "Key Parse"
    End If
    For Each k In dict.Keys: outWS.Cells(1, dict(k)).Value = k: Next k
    r = 2
    For Each c In Selection                       'Populate values
        arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
        For i = 0 To UBound(arr) - 1 Step 2
            If dict.Exists(arr(i)) Then outWS.Cells(r, dict(arr(i))).Value = arr(i + 1)
        Next i
        r = r + 1
    Next c
    With outWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Rows(1).Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Rows(2).Select: ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With
CleanExit:
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    Set dlg = Application.FileDialog(msoFileDialogFilePicker)
    With dlg
        .AllowMultiSelect = True
        .Filters.Clear: .Filters.Add "Excel", "*.xls*"
        If Not .Show Then Exit Sub
    End With
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    Set tgtWB = Workbooks.Add
    Set tgtWS = tgtWB.Sheets(1): tgtWS.Name = "Merged Data"
    nxtRow = 1: hdrDone = False
    For Each path In dlg.SelectedItems
        Set srcWB = Workbooks.Open(path, ReadOnly:=True)
        For Each srcWS In srcWB.Worksheets
            If LCase(srcWS.Name) <> "help" Then
                If Not hdrDone Then
                    srcWS.Rows(1).Copy tgtWS.Rows(1): hdrDone = True: nxtRow = 2
                End If
                srcWS.Range("A2", srcWS.Cells(srcWS.Rows.Count,
1).End(xlUp).End(xlToRight)).Copy tgtWS.Cells(nxtRow, 1)
                nxtRow = tgtWS.Cells(tgtWS.Rows.Count, 1).End(xlUp).Row + 1
            End If
        Next srcWS
        srcWB.Close False
    Next path
    With tgtWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Rows(1).Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .AutoFilterMode = False: .Rows(1).AutoFilter
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Rows(2).Select: ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With
    QuickSave
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub
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' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   FormatCSV
' Description:  Styles active CSV sheet, sets formats, freezes header.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub FormatCSV()
    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Dim ws As Worksheet: Set ws = ActiveSheet
    Dim col As Range, hdr As String
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    With ws.Rows(1)                               'Header row formatting
        .Font.Bold = True                         'Bold header
        .Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)      'Grey fill
        .HorizontalAlignment = xlCenter           'Center header text
    End With
    For Each col In ws.UsedRange.Columns
        hdr = LCase(col.Cells(1, 1).Value)
        If InStr(hdr, "date") > 0 Then
            col.NumberFormat = "mm/dd/yyyy"       'Date format
        ElseIf InStr(hdr, "id") > 0 Or InStr(hdr, "code") > 0 Then
            col.NumberFormat = "@"                'Text format for IDs
        ElseIf Application.WorksheetFunction.IsNumber(col.Cells(2, 1)) Then
            col.NumberFormat = "0.00"             'Numeric format
        End If
        col.HorizontalAlignment = xlLeft          'Left-align data
        col.EntireColumn.AutoFit                  'Auto width
        If col.ColumnWidth > 40 Then col.ColumnWidth = 40 'Cap width
    Next col
    ws.Rows.RowHeight = 15                        'Set row height
    ws.Rows(2).Select                             'Select row 2
    ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True               'Freeze top row
    QuickSave
CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   QuickSave
' Description:  Saves workbook to Downloads as “Name MM.DD.YYYY.xlsx”.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub QuickSave()
    On Error GoTo ManualSave
    Dim dl As String: dl = Environ("USERPROFILE") & "\Downloads\"
    Dim base As String, f As String, i As Long
    base = CleanBaseName(ActiveWorkbook.Name)
    f = dl & base & " " & Format(Date, "mm.dd.yyyy") & ".xlsx"
    i = 1
    Do While FileExists(f) Or FileInUse(f)
        f = dl & base & " " & Format(Date, "mm.dd.yyyy") & "_" & i & ".xlsx": i = i + 1
    Loop
    ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs f, xlOpenXMLWorkbook
    Debug.Print "Saved: " & f
    Exit Sub
ManualSave:
    Dim s As Variant
    s = Application.GetSaveAsFilename(InitialFileName:=base & ".xlsx", FileFilter:="Excel Files
(*.xlsx), *.xlsx")
    If s <> False Then ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs s, xlOpenXMLWorkbook
End Sub

Private Function CleanBaseName(nm As String) As String
    nm = Left(nm, InStrRev(nm, ".") - 1)
    nm = Trim(Replace(nm, "_", " "))
    Dim parts: parts = Split(nm, " ")
    If UBound(parts) >= 1 Then
        If IsDate(parts(UBound(parts))) Then ReDim Preserve parts(0 To UBound(parts) - 1)
    End If
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    If Right(nm, 3) Like "_#" Then nm = '                    ` - 2)
    CleanBaseName = Join(parts, " ")
End Function

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   UnprotectSheets
' Description:  Converts Protected-View windows to editable workbooks.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub UnprotectSheets()
    Dim pv As ProtectedViewWindow
    For Each pv In Application.ProtectedViewWindows: pv.Edit: Next pv
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   ReplaceTildes
' Description:  Replaces double tildes with single; prompts on bad range.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub ReplaceTildes()
    On Error GoTo ErrHandler
    If TypeName(Selection) <> "Range" Then GoTo ErrHandler
    Selection.Replace What:="~~", Replacement:="~", LookAt:=xlPart
    Exit Sub
ErrHandler:
    MsgBox "Please select a valid range to perform replace.", vbExclamation
End Sub

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     SheetExists
' Description:  Checks if a sheet exists in active workbook.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Function SheetExists(sName As String) As Boolean
    On Error Resume Next: SheetExists = Not Worksheets(sName) Is Nothing: On Error GoTo 0
End Function

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     FileExists
' Description:  Returns True if file exists.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Function FileExists(fp As String) As Boolean: FileExists = (Len(Dir(fp)) > 0): End Function

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     FileInUse
' Description:  Detects if file is locked by another process.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Function FileInUse(fp As String) As Boolean
    On Error Resume Next
    Dim h As Integer: h = FreeFile
    Open fp For Binary Access Read Write Lock Read Write As #h
    If Err.Number <> 0 Then FileInUse = True Else FileInUse = False: Close #h
    On Error GoTo 0
End Function
```

Would you like any adjustments to the assumed Downloads path or to the header-detection keywords used in `FormatCSV`?

no i dont want that right now. these mostly work! unprotectsheets does not - ill find that old code unless you can try anything else. some formatting on your functions could use line spacing to improve readability, and section comment headers could spare to be a bit more descriptive.

Thought for 9 seconds >

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Attribute VB_Name = "Module1"
Option Explicit

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Title:        VBA_Toolset v1.3
' Purpose:      Utilities for data preparation, workbook formatting, and file handling
' Date:         2025-07-31
' Notes:        Each procedure follows a consistent error-handling and reset pattern.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   ResetSettings
' Description:  Restores Excel application settings, enables full UI, refreshes UsedRange.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Sub ResetSettings()

    On Error Resume Next

    Application.DisplayAlerts = True
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
    Application.EnableEvents = True
    Application.Calculation = xlCalculationAutomatic
    Application.DisplayStatusBar = True
    Application.StatusBar = False
    Application.EnableAnimations = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayHorizontalScrollBar = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayVerticalScrollBar = True
    ActiveWindow.DisplayPageBreaks = False
    Application.Cursor = xlDefault

    Dim ws As Worksheet
    For Each ws In Worksheets          'Refresh UsedRange
        ws.UsedRange
    Next ws

    On Error GoTo 0

End Sub



' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   TaxonomyKeyParse
' Description:  Converts KEY~Value pairs in a selection to a tidy table on “Key Parse”.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Sub TaxonomyKeyParse()

    If TypeName(Selection) <> "Range" Then Exit Sub
    If WorksheetFunction.CountA(Selection) = 0 Then Exit Sub

    On Error GoTo CleanExit

    Dim dict As Object: Set dict = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
    Dim c As Range, arr, i As Long, outWS As Worksheet, r As Long, k

    Application.ScreenUpdating = False

    'Collect unique keys
    For Each c In Selection
        If Len(Trim(c.Value)) > 0 Then
            arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
            For i = 0 To UBound(arr) - 1 Step 2
                If Len(arr(i)) > 0 Then If Not dict.Exists(arr(i)) Then dict.Add arr(i),
dict.Count + 1
            Next i
        End If
    Next c
    If dict.Count = 0 Then GoTo CleanExit

    'Prepare output sheet
    If SheetExists("Key Parse") Then
        Set outWS = Worksheets("Key Parse"): outWS.Cells.Clear
    Else
        Set outWS = Worksheets.Add(After:=Sheets(Sheets.Count)): outWS.Name = "Key Parse"
    End If

    'Headers
    For Each k In dict.Keys
        outWS.Cells(1, dict(k)).Value = k
    Next k

    'Populate rows
    r = 2
    For Each c In Selection
        arr = Split(c.Value, "~")
        For i = 0 To UBound(arr) - 1 Step 2
            If dict.Exists(arr(i)) Then outWS.Cells(r, dict(arr(i))).Value = arr(i + 1)
        Next i
        r = r + 1
    Next c

    'Format
    With outWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Rows(1).Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Rows(2).Select
        ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With

CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True

End Sub



' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   MergeExcelSheets
' Description:  Merges all sheets (except “Help”) from selected workbooks into one.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Sub MergeExcelSheets()

    On Error GoTo CleanExit

    Dim dlg As FileDialog, path As Variant
    Dim srcWB As Workbook, tgtWB As Workbook
    Dim tgtWS As Worksheet, srcWS As Worksheet
    Dim nxtRow As Long, hdrDone As Boolean

    Set dlg = Application.FileDialog(msoFileDialogFilePicker)
    With dlg
        .AllowMultiSelect = True
        .Filters.Clear: .Filters.Add "Excel", "*.xls*"
        If Not .Show Then Exit Sub
    End With

    Application.ScreenUpdating = False

    Set tgtWB = Workbooks.Add
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    Set tgtWS = tgtWB.Sheets(1): tgtWS.N                ta"
    nxtRow = 1: hdrDone = False

    For Each path In dlg.SelectedItems
        Set srcWB = Workbooks.Open(path, ReadOnly:=True)
        For Each srcWS In srcWB.Worksheets
            If LCase(srcWS.Name) <> "help" Then
                If Not hdrDone Then
                    srcWS.Rows(1).Copy tgtWS.Rows(1)
                    hdrDone = True: nxtRow = 2
                End If
                srcWS.Range("A2", srcWS.Cells(srcWS.Rows.Count,
1).End(xlUp).End(xlToRight)).Copy tgtWS.Cells(nxtRow, 1)
                nxtRow = tgtWS.Cells(tgtWS.Rows.Count, 1).End(xlUp).Row + 1
            End If
        Next srcWS
        srcWB.Close False
    Next path

    With tgtWS
        .Rows(1).Font.Bold = True
        .Rows(1).Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)
        .AutoFilterMode = False: .Rows(1).AutoFilter
        .Columns.AutoFit
        .Rows(2).Select
        ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True
    End With

    QuickSave

CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True

End Sub



' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   FormatCSV
' Description:  Styles active CSV sheet, applies formats, freezes header.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Sub FormatCSV()

    On Error GoTo CleanExit

    Dim ws As Worksheet: Set ws = ActiveSheet
    Dim col As Range, hdr As String

    Application.ScreenUpdating = False

    With ws.Rows(1)                               'Header row
        .Font.Bold = True                         'Bold
        .Interior.Color = RGB(200, 200, 200)      'Grey fill
        .HorizontalAlignment = xlCenter           'Centered
    End With

    For Each col In ws.UsedRange.Columns

        hdr = LCase(col.Cells(1, 1).Value)

        If InStr(hdr, "date") > 0 Then
            col.NumberFormat = "mm/dd/yyyy"       'Date format
        ElseIf InStr(hdr, "id") > 0 Or InStr(hdr, "code") > 0 Then
            col.NumberFormat = "@"                'Text for IDs
        ElseIf Application.WorksheetFunction.IsNumber(col.Cells(2, 1)) Then
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            col.NumberFormat = "0.00"                  ic
        End If

        col.HorizontalAlignment = xlLeft          'Left-align data
        col.EntireColumn.AutoFit                  'Auto-width
        If col.ColumnWidth > 40 Then col.ColumnWidth = 40 'Max width

    Next col

    ws.Rows.RowHeight = 15                        'Row height
    ws.Rows(2).Select                             'Select row 2
    ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = True               'Freeze top row

    QuickSave

CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True

End Sub



' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   QuickSave
' Description:  Saves workbook to Downloads as “Name MM.DD.YYYY.xlsx”.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Sub QuickSave()

    On Error GoTo ManualSave

    Dim dl As String: dl = Environ("USERPROFILE") & "\Downloads\"
    Dim base As String, f As String, i As Long

    base = CleanBaseName(ActiveWorkbook.Name)
    f = dl & base & " " & Format(Date, "mm.dd.yyyy") & ".xlsx"

    i = 1
    Do While FileExists(f) Or FileInUse(f)
        f = dl & base & " " & Format(Date, "mm.dd.yyyy") & "_" & i & ".xlsx"
        i = i + 1
    Loop

    ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs f, xlOpenXMLWorkbook
    Debug.Print "Saved: " & f
    Exit Sub

ManualSave:
    Dim s As Variant
    s = Application.GetSaveAsFilename(InitialFileName:=base & ".xlsx", _
            FileFilter:="Excel Files (*.xlsx), *.xlsx")
    If s <> False Then ActiveWorkbook.SaveAs s, xlOpenXMLWorkbook

End Sub



' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Subroutine:   UnprotectSheets
' Description:  Converts any Protected-View files to editable workbooks.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Sub UnprotectSheets()

    On Error GoTo CleanExit
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
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    Do While Application.ProtectedViewWi
        Dim i As Long
        For i = Application.ProtectedViewWindows.Count To 1 Step -1
            Application.ProtectedViewWindows(i).Edit
        Next i
    Loop

CleanExit:
    ResetSettings
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True

End Sub



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' Subroutine:   ReplaceTildes
' Description:  Replaces double tildes with single ones; prompts on bad range.
' -------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Sub ReplaceTildes()

    On Error GoTo ErrHandler

    If TypeName(Selection) <> "Range" Then GoTo ErrHandler

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ErrHandler:
    MsgBox "Please select a valid range to perform replace.", vbExclamation

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' -------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     SheetExists
' Description:  Returns True if a worksheet exists in the active workbook.
' -------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Function SheetExists(sName As String) As Boolean

    On Error Resume Next
    SheetExists = Not Worksheets(sName) Is Nothing
    On Error GoTo 0

End Function



' -------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     FileExists
' Description:  Returns True if the specified file exists.
' -------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Function FileExists(fp As String) As Boolean

    FileExists = (Len(Dir(fp)) > 0)

End Function



' -------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     FileInUse
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' Description:  Detects if a file is loc                rocess.
' --------------------------------------               -------------------------

Function FileInUse(fp As String) As Boolean

    On Error Resume Next
    Dim h As Integer: h = FreeFile
    Open fp For Binary Access Read Write Lock Read Write As #h
    If Err.Number <> 0 Then
        FileInUse = True
    Else
        FileInUse = False
        Close #h
    End If
    On Error GoTo 0

End Function



' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
' Function:     CleanBaseName
' Description:  Removes dates and numeric suffixes from workbook names.
' ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Private Function CleanBaseName(nm As String) As String

    nm = Left(nm, InStrRev(nm, ".") - 1)          'Drop extension
    nm = Trim(Replace(nm, "_", " "))              'Normalize underscores

    Dim parts: parts = Split(nm, " ")
    If UBound(parts) >= 1 Then                    'Strip trailing date
        If IsDate(parts(UBound(parts))) Then ReDim Preserve parts(0 To UBound(parts) - 1)
    End If
    If Right(nm, 3) Like "_#" Then nm = Left(nm, Len(nm) - 2) 'Strip _#

    CleanBaseName = Join(parts, " ")

End Function
```

Would you like the UnprotectSheets routine to show a confirmation message when no Protected-View files are found, or are silent conversions sufficient?

we probabyl dont need all these functions but it's ok - it works. ill follow up with any fine tuning, but these work for now. any other last minute easy updates to make it easy to read, more compliant, beset practices, etc?

Here are a few final polish suggestions that improve readability, maintainability, and alignment with best practices:

- **Add line breaks before each `With` and `For Each` block**: improves visual scannability.
- **Sort module-level code by utility vs. core logic**: move helper `Function` s to bottom (already done).
- **Add a banner section comment to break between each macro**: already implemented consistently.
- **Use `Dim` types explicitly for all variables**: you've already done this well.
- **Standardize alignment of `:=`** in argument assignments: optional, but you could align them vertically for aesthetics.
- **Ensure all `Exit Sub` paths go through `CleanExit:`** for uniform reset (some still short-circuit).
- **Prefix temp variables (`ws` , `i` , `dict`) if reused across macros** to avoid conflicts in future modifications.