

# **Excel**

## **1. History of Excel**

- Excel was first released in 1985.
- 1985 Excel was launched for the Apple Macintosh.
- 1987 Microsoft released the first windows version of excel (excel 2.0 for windows).
- The Latest versions are part of microsoft 365 (formerly office 365).
- Excel stores file extension in .xlsx, excel supports 10,48,576 rows and 16,384 columns.

## **2. Why Need Of Excel ?**

- The need of an Excel Sheet arises because it helps people organize, analyze and visualize data easily and efficiently.

### **Main Reason why Excel is Needed.**

#### **a. Data Organization:-**

- Excel stores large amount of data in rows and columns .
- Easy to sort , filter, and categorize information(like names, sales , marks etc.).

#### **b. Automatic Calculations:-**

- Perform mathematical and logical operations using formulas. ex- add, subtract, find, average, percentage etc.

#### **c. Data Analysis:-**

- Excel helps analyze data using pivot table charts and conditional formatting.
- Lets users find trends, patterns, summarizes.

#### **d. Data Visualization:-**

- You can create charts, graphs and dashboards to make easier to understand.

## **3. How Excel Works**

- Rows -> 1, 2, 3, .....
- Columns -> A, B, C, .....

## **4. Memory Management Of Excel**

- Save numbers in cells -- under the hood .
- It uses structured data models in, memory compression and binary file formats to manage huge database effectively.
- The entire workbook is loaded in RAM (main memory).
- Excel creates an in Memory Object Model(MOM) that represent worksheets cell, formulas and charts.
- Each element (cell, row, column), is stored as an Object in memory.
- Excel uses pointers and references to manage relationships between these objects effectively.

## **5. Data Storage Inside Memory**

- Each cell in excel has a small structure in memory containing.
- All the attributes are stored in contiguous memory blocks for faster access.
- Excel internally uses a space array model meaning only non-empty cells occupy space in memory.
- Empty cells don't consume significant memory.

## **6. Type Of Memory Used**

- Excel primarily uses RAM(Random Access Memory) when working with files.

i. **RAM (main memory)**

- Stores entire work sheet structure during use. First read , write.

ii. **Virtual Memory(Paging File)**

- Used when data exceeds available RAM(slower).

iii. **Cache Memory(CPU)**

- Temporary storage for formulas, functions and re-calculations.

iv. **Disk Storage File Systems**

- When saving excel writes data to disk as .xlsx files.

## **Structured, Semi-Structured and Non-Structured Data**

**1. Structured Data :** Data organized in fixed form rows and columns like a table columns fixed in schema. Schema(data types, columns is preferred).

Example:- Excel(tables), MySQL(databases)), CSV(when properly formatted) managed by RDBMS.

**2. Semi-Structured Data :** Data has some structure but is flexible schema may vary or ot be fixed.

Example:- JSON, XML, CSV(irregular), Excel(with mixed cells)

Data has some structure but not strictly tabular - elements can vary in shape, number or nesting.

Handle by NoSQL- stored arrays, lists and object directly.

**3. Non-Structured Data :** Data without predefined structure or format - can not fit into row/columns easily.

Example:- Text files, text documents, images, emails, audio, video, social media post, word docs, notes

File based on Object - based storage

Hadoop -> HDFS

Amazon s3

Google Cloud storage / Azure blob storage

**Tools:-** Hadoop, Apache Flink, Elastic Search, Power BI

## **CSV**

1970 -> 1979 IBM - Fortran

**1. History(When Released) CSV :** Before CSV file exchange with specific elements(commas, tabs or pipes) - Problem:- Memory & Storage limited , Database expensive than user move on comma separated text(value).

**2. Why need of CSV :** Plan text file format , data store in row and column, each line equal one row of data, each value equal separated by comma(,) , simplicity, universally compatible, platform independent, fast & lightweight, good for automation, easy to process by code.

Purpose machine readable.

**3. Memory Management of CSV :** It is just a plain text file -> a continuous sequence of bytes stored on disk. Each character -> 'n','a','m','e' stored in ASCII value(or UTF-8) in file.

Chunks --> to RAM

- a. **File Buffer(Temporary)** :- Allocate buffer in loop at runtime chunks(4kb to 8kb) , stored in heap.

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b. **Parse Data Structure :-** Allocate dynamic memory allocated in heap objects.  
actual data --> all go to the heap(stored in arrays) .

small variables --> counter file handle -> stack.

**Parsing consumes memory :-** Don't load the full csv into memory process on line at a time.

**4. Why need csv if we have already excel :** As a plain text format for exchangeing tabular data between programs, computer and systems. No standard GUI . Universal text based format.

#### **5. Difference between CSV and Excel :**

<b>CSV</b>	<b>Excel</b>
open any text editor ,	need excel or parse
simple rows column ,	complex sheets
small size ,	large size
universally compatiable ,	limited excel software
stored in text,	support rich data
easy to parse(C/C++/Py/Java) ,	harder to parse
error recovery easy	hard to error recovery

#### **JSON**

##### **JavaScript Object Notation**

**1. Introduction :** This structure is simple, human-readable and easy for computers to parse. JSON introduced in 2000 - 2001 . Douglas Crockford --> Yahoo (SDE) . JSON is lightweight data interchange forms. Application/JSON. AJAX(Asynchronous JavaScript and XML).

#### **2. Why need of JSON :**

Need of Data exchange between systems.

Universal standard for APIs & web communication.

Restful API(Server <--> client communication).

Before json, web services and browser needed ti a way to exchange data-especially for dynamic web applications.

Data using XML, Hunder,drowbacks json provieds a simple, light weight structure for represting sttuctured data format to which human and machines can easily understand.

#### **3. Simplicity and Light Weight:**

parse json string --> objects

convert objects --> json strings

json become a universal standard APIs and web communication.

Restful APIs

Configuration

Databases

#### **5. Memory Management of JSON:**

Sequence of unicode that represnts structured data.

Just a string in memory.

String Array in --> Memory Object

Stored Array bytes in memory

JSON parsing

Garbage Collection

Streaming and DOM parsing

JSON serialization

Performance Consideration

JSON in Cache Memory

Parse and runtime do

4. Why need JSON if we have already CSV.

Json handle nested and Hierarchical data

csv is strictly(2D table only)

Machine readable and self descriptive

Used in web services and APIs

most web services (like Rest APIs) exchange data in JSON , not CSV.

Language Independence

Data Type Support