## XLOOKUP function

## Syntax

The XLOOKUP function searches a range or an array, and then returns the item corresponding to the first match it finds. If no match exists, then XLOOKUP can return the closest (approximate) match.

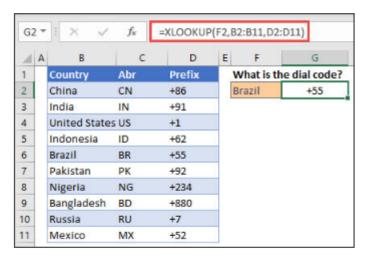
=XLOOKUP(lookup\_value, lookup\_array, return\_array, [if\_not\_found], [match\_mode], [search\_mode])

| Argument                  | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| lookup_value<br>Required* | The value to search for *If omitted, XLOOKUP returns blank cells it finds in lookup_array.   |
| lookup_array<br>Required  | The array or range to search   |
| return_array<br>Required  | The array or range to return   |
| [if_not_found] Optional   | Where a valid match is not found, return the [if_not_found] text you supply.  If a valid match is not found, and [if_not_found] is missing, #N/A is returned.  |
| [match_mode] Optional     | Specify the match type:  0 - Exact match. If none found, return #N/A. This is the default.  -1 - Exact match. If none found, return the next smaller item.  1 - Exact match. If none found, return the next larger item.  2 - A wildcard match where *, ?, and ~ have special meaning. |

| [search_mode] | Specify the search mode to use:  |
|---------------|--|
| Optional      | 1 - Perform a search starting at the first item. This is the default.  |
|               | -1 - Perform a reverse search starting at the last item.   |
|               | 2 - Perform a binary search that relies on lookup_array being sorted in <i>ascending</i> order. If not sorted, invalid results will be returned.   |
|               | -2 - Perform a binary search that relies on lookup_array being sorted in <i>descending</i> order. If not sorted, invalid results will be returned. |

## Examples

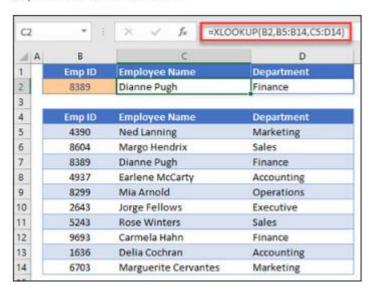
Example 1 uses XLOOKUP to look up a country name in a range, and then return its telephone country code. It includes the lookup\_value (cell F2), lookup\_array (range B2:B11), and return\_array (range D2:D11) arguments. It doesn't include the match\_mode argument, as XLOOKUP produces an exact match by default.



Note: XLOOKUP uses a lookup array and a return array, whereas VLOOKUP uses a single table array followed by a column index number. The equivalent VLOOKUP formula in this case would be:

=VLOOKUP(F2,B2:D11,3,FALSE)

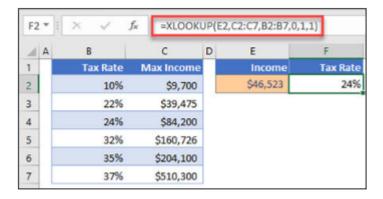
Example 2 looks up employee information based on an employee ID number. Unlike VLOOKUP, XLOOKUP can return an array with multiple items, so a single formula can return both employee name and department from cells C5:D14.



Example 3 adds an if\_not\_found argument to the preceding example.

| al A | В      | C                    | D          |
|------|--------|----------------------|------------|
| 1    | Emp ID | Employee Name        | Department |
| 2    | 1234   | ID not found         |            |
| 3    |        |                      |            |
| 4    | Emp ID | Employee Name        | Department |
| 5    | 4390   | Ned Lanning          | Marketing  |
| 6    | 8604   | Margo Hendrix        | Sales      |
| 7    | 8389   | Dianne Pugh          | Finance    |
| 8    | 4937   | Earlene McCarty      | Accounting |
| 9    | 8299   | Mia Arnold           | Operations |
| 10   | 2643   | Jorge Fellows        | Executive  |
| 11   | 5243   | Rose Winters         | Sales      |
| 12   | 9693   | Carmela Hahn         | Finance    |
| 3    | 1636   | Delia Cochran        | Accounting |
| 14   | 6703   | Marguerite Cervantes | Marketing  |

**Example 4** looks in column C for the personal income entered in cell E2, and finds a matching tax rate in column B. It sets the **if\_not\_found** argument to return 0 (zero) if nothing is found. The **match\_mode** argument is set to 1, which means the function will look for an exact match, and if it can't find one, it returns the next larger item. Finally, the **search\_mode** argument is set to 1, which means the function will search from the first item to the last.



Note: XARRAY's lookup\_array column is to the right of the return\_array column, whereas VLOOKUP can only look from left-to-right.

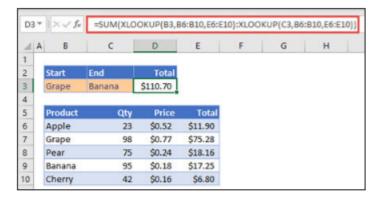
Example 5 uses a nested XLOOKUP function to perform both a vertical and horizontal match. It first looks for Gross Profit in column B, then looks for Qtr1 in the top row of the table (range C5:F5), and finally returns the value at the intersection of the two. This is similar to using the INDEX and MATCH functions together.

Tip: You can also use XLOOKUP to replace the HLOOKUP function.

| D3 | * × ✓ £             | =XLOOKUP(D2,\$86:\$817,XLOOKUP(\$C3,\$C5:\$G5,\$C6:\$G17)) |              |            |            |             |
|----|---------------------|--|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 4  | A B                 | С  | D            | E          |            | G           |
| 1  |                     | The second second  |              |            |            |             |
| 2  |                     | Quarter  | Gross Profit | Net Profit | Profit %   |             |
| 3  |                     | Qtr1   | \$25,000     | \$19,342   | 29.3%      |             |
| 5  | Income Statement    | Qtr1   | Qtr2         | Qtr3       | Qtr4       | Total       |
| 6  | Total sales         | \$50,000   | \$78,200     | \$89,500   | \$91,250   | \$308,950   |
| 7  | Cost of sales       | (\$25,000)   | (\$42,050)   | (\$59,450) | (\$60,450) | (\$186,950) |
| 8  | Gross profit        | \$25,000   | \$36,150     | \$30,050   | \$30,800   | \$122,000   |
| 10 | Depreciation        | (\$899)  | (\$791)      | (\$202)    | (\$412)    | (\$2,304)   |
| 11 | Interest            | (\$513)  | (\$853)      | (\$150)    | (\$956)    | (\$2,472)   |
| 12 | Earnings before Tax | \$23,588   | \$34,506     | \$29,698   | \$29,432   | \$117,224   |
| 14 | Tax                 | (\$4,246)  | (\$6,211)    | (\$5,346)  | (\$5,298)  | (\$21,100)  |
| 16 | Net profit          | \$19,342   | \$28,295     | \$24,352   | \$24,134   | \$96,124    |
| 17 | Profit %            | 29.3%  | 27.8%        | 23,4%      | 27.6%      | 26.9%       |

Note: The formula in cells D3:F3 is: =XLOOKUP(D2,\$B6:\$B17,XLOOKUP(\$C3,\$C5:\$G5,\$C6:\$G17)).

**Example 6** uses the SUM function, and two nested XLOOKUP functions, to sum all the values between two ranges. In this case, we want to sum the values for grapes, bananas, and include pears, which are between the two.



The formula in cell E3 is: =SUM(XLOOKUP(B3,B6:B10,E6:E10):XLOOKUP(C3,B6:B10,E6:E10))

How does it work? XLOOKUP returns a range, so when it calculates, the formula ends up looking like this: =SUM(\$E\$7:\$E\$9). You can see how this works on your own by selecting a cell with an XLOOKUP formula similar to this one, then select Formulas > Formula Auditing > Evaluate Formula, and then select Evaluate to step through the calculation.