BUSINESS ANALYTICS CLUB

Workshop Series 10.24

Excel Visual Basics for Applications

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Learning Objective

- Learn sample tasks in Excel VBA to clean a large dataset for analysis in other programming languages
 - a) Data Type
 - b) Object Hierarchy
 - c) Functions
- Powerful to to data cleaning
 - a) Microsoft Corporate VP, 10/26
 - b) Credit Suisse, Big Data, 11/3
 - c) Registration / Office hour, 11/5
 - d) Digital Reasoning, detecting fraud +/ terrorism, 11/12

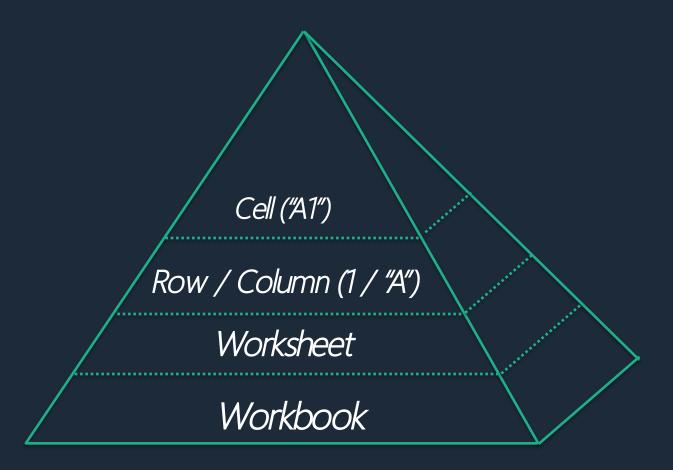


Data Type

- Types of Data in Excel
 - Name of city: New York (words)
 - Length of West 4th Street: 2.00 (decimal)
 - Population: 8,500,000 (integer)
 - MetroCard fare: 2.75 (currency)
 - Workshop location: "Tisch Hall" (string)
 - Pass/Fail: false (boolean)
 - Average grade: 95.7 (double)
 - Food Rating: A (character)



Excel Hierarchy





Sample Use Cases

- When user selects certain cells to run: modules
 - User runs the code the tally all numbers
 - User runs the code to form a table from entries
 - 2 Types:
 - Subroutine: code that perform a set of actions / calculations. Does not return values
 - Function: like subroutine, but returns a value
- When action is performed within the entire

workbook/worksheet

 Code is run when the workbook is opened or modified, etc.



Running VBA Codes

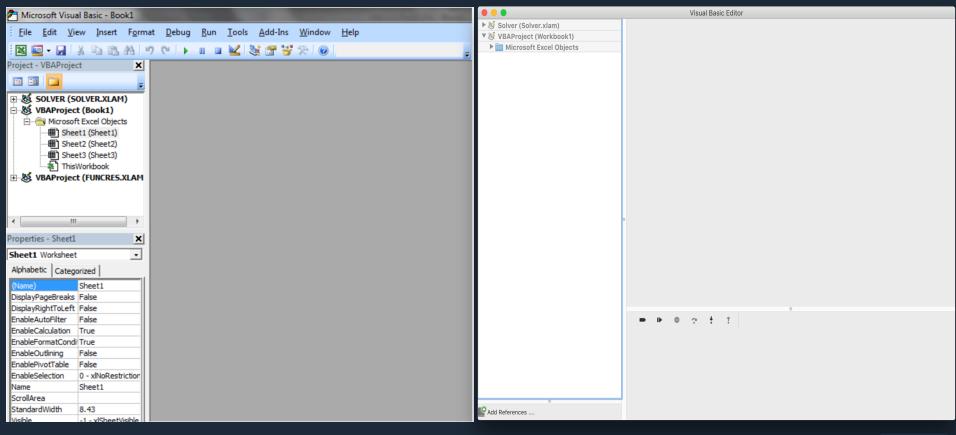
- Programs updates automatically
 - No need to "compile" as we would need to in other programming languages
- No undoing once programs are run and make changes
 - You should save the file before running the code
 - OR, sometimes make a duplicate of the file to run the code on



Launching VBA

PC ALT + F11 Mac

Tool -> Macro -> Visual Basic Editor

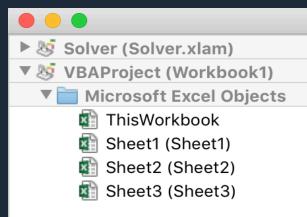




Microsoft Excel Objects

- Each sheet has been set by default as an object
 - Sheet1 (Sheet1)
 - Sheet2 (Sheet2)
 - Sheet3 (Sheet3)
- The workbook is also an object
- Code should be written in the respective object that you

want the actions top be performed



VBA-pardy

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 300
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 500
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 700
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Rules

- The teams will be made up of Left and Right halves of the room. Think of a team name!
- Objective is to score as many points as possible.
- The problem / point value will be projected.
- First team to post a correct answer to the problem on the BAC facebook wall wins: www.facebook.com/SternBAC (specify your team name)
- Team with the winning points will receive a mysterious prize



Function Example



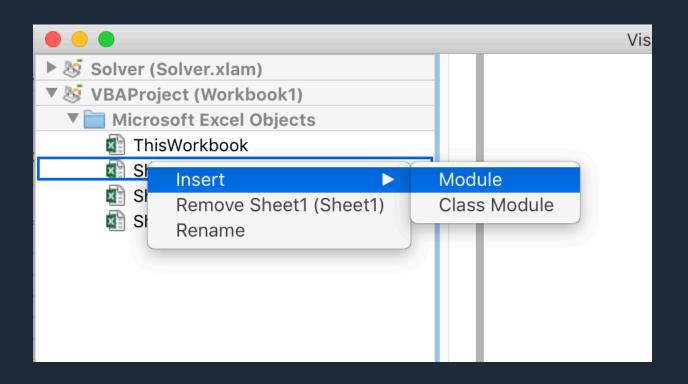
Function Example

- Task: given three digits a, b, c, and return the number abc
 - For example: 4, 5, 6 are passed, function returns 456
- Calculation: 100 x a + 10 x b + c
- Call this function concat
- Module OR entire worksheet?



Create a Module

Right Click Sheet -> Insert -> Module





Create a Module

```
Function Concat (a,b,c)

Concat = 100 * a + 10 * b + c

End Function
```

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Visual Basic Editor

Solver (Solver.xlam)

VBAProject (Workbook1)

V Microsoft Excel Objects

Sheet1 (Sheet1)
Sheet2 (Sheet2)
Sheet3 (Sheet3)

V Modules

Module1
```



Boolean Example



Coachella Game

Are these band names Real or Fake?

Gold Panda *Real*Petting Zoo *Fake*Evil Needle *Real*Barilla Penne *Fake*Bugseed *Real*



Boolean Example

Boolean returns whether statement is True or False.

Is cell A1 equal to cell A2? = A1 = A2

Is A greater than 5 times B? = A1 > (A2*5)

Is 10 times A1 not equal to = (A1 * 10) <> (A2 / 5) one fifth of A2?



Loop Example

Loop Example

Let's print 1, 2, ..., 20 in columna A of the first 20 rows.

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$$A20 / Cell (20,1) = 20$$



For Loop

```
Sub fillmein()
For Row = 1 To 20
Cells(Row, 1) = Row
Next Row
End Sub
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Recall, there is no values to return. We are writing a subroutine, which is just a generic routine – in this case, fill in the first 20 rows with values.

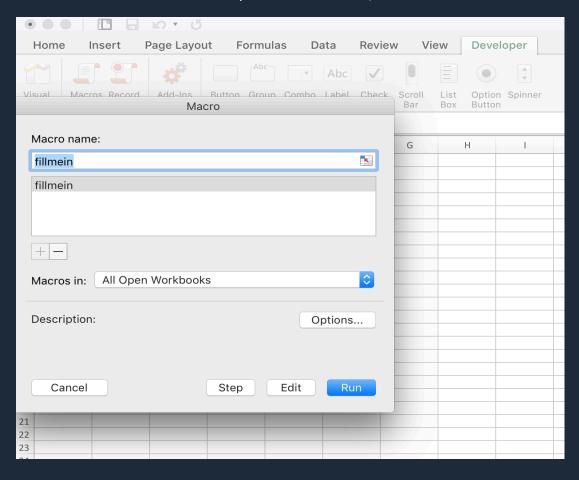
Common Mistakes: Cells not Cell.

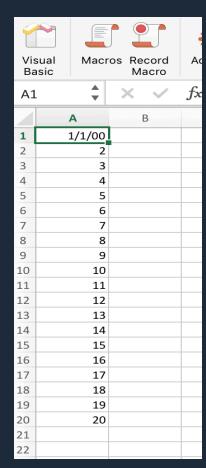
Don't forget Next Row, and End Sub



For Loop

To run the script, [Developer] tab -> [Macro] -> [fillmein] -> [run]







While Loop

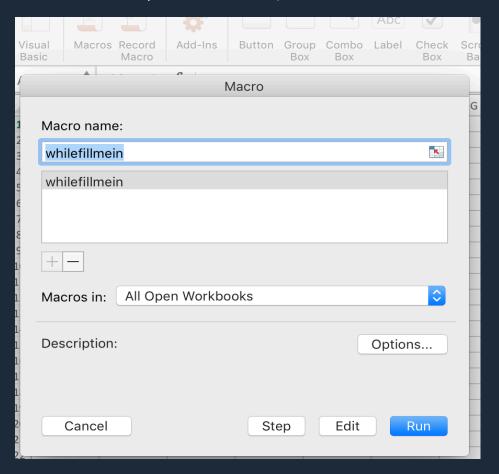
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Sub whilefillmein()
Row = 1
While Row <= 20
Cells(Row, 1) = Row
Row = Row + 1
Wend
End Sub</pre>
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Key Difference: in For loop, we use Next Row to increment. In While loop, we have to manually increment by calling Row = Row + 1



While Loop

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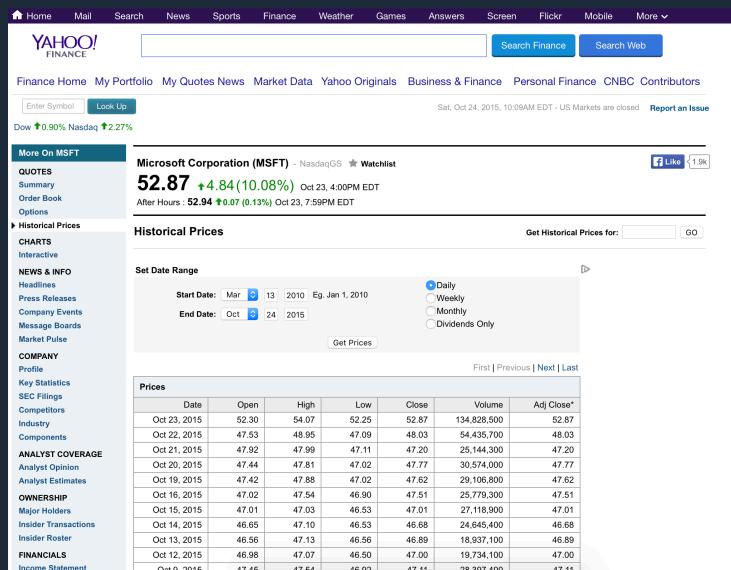
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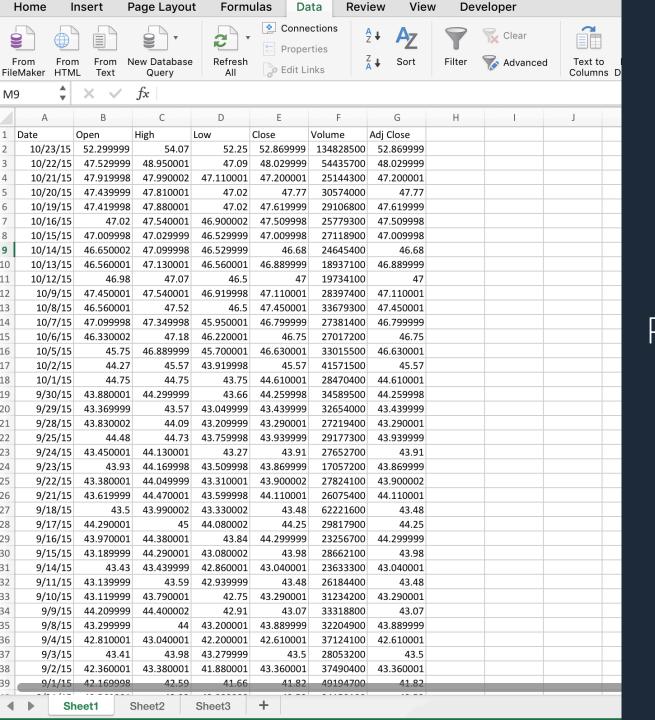
Tying everything together

Simple Trading Buy/Sell Signal

Microsoft Stock Price from Yahoo Finance







Paste into Excel, Text to Column



Use While Loop to Calculate Return

```
Daily Return = (Close - Open) / Open
Fill in Column H with Return
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```
Sub buysellsignal()
 return col = 8
Cells(1, return col) = "Return"
Row = 2 'first row is title
While Cells (Row, 2) <> ""
\overline{\text{Cells}(\text{Row, return col})} = \overline{(\text{Cells}(\text{Row, 5}) - \overline{(\text{Cells
Cells (Row, 2) / (Cells (Row, 2))
Row = Row + 1
Wend
End Sub
```



Three Day Moving Average

Average of three days' returns. New code highlighted below.

```
Sub buysellsignal()
Cells(1, 8) = "Return"
Cells (1, 9) = "3D MA"
return col = 8
Row = 2 'first row is title
While Cells(Row, 2) <> ""
Cells(Row, return col) = (Cells(Row, 5) - Cells(Row, 2)) /
(Cells(Row, 2))
If (Cells(Row + 1, return col) <> "") And (Cells(Row + 2,
return col) <> "") Then
End If
Row = Row + 1
Wend
End Sub
```

VBA is a Powerful Tool

This is just a toy example.

VBA is capable of doing so much more, such as:

Cleaning data
Updating spreadsheet every time it's opened or modified

