

Elevating your lookup game!

ADVANCED EXCEL FUNCTIONS



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From Excel - to leading a data team!

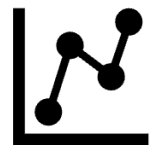
Hi there! 🙌



Excel lover!



DataCamp believer!



Data passionate!



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The power of LOOKUP functions

Previously on DataCamp:

- `VLOOKUP()` - vertical lookup
- `HLOOKUP()` - horizontal lookup

Category	FEB	APR	MAY
Chairs	\$ 2,114	\$ 4,085	\$ 5,678
Labels	\$ 1,456	\$ 4,273	\$ 241
Storage	\$ 896	\$ 3,678	\$ 3,113

Limitations:

- `VLOOKUP()` - searched value must be to the **right** of the lookup value
- `HLOOKUP()` - searched value must be **below** of the lookup value

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What is an array?

Array - a set of row or column of values, or a combination of rows and columns of values¹

The diagram shows an Excel table with a purple header row and three purple label rows. The data values are in an orange array. An arrow points from the 'headers' label to the header row, and another arrow points from the 'an array' label to the data rows.

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An Excel table consists of:

- **Header:** row and column names
- **Array:** set of underlying values

¹ <https://support.microsoft.com/>

Drum roll... XLOOKUP!

`XLOOKUP()` - A lookup function that can search in any direction, thanks to arrays.

NEW as of Excel 2021!

Syntax:

`XLOOKUP(lookup_value, lookup_array, return_array, [if_not_found], [match_mode], [search_mode])`

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Category	Region	Sub-category	Profit	Sales
2	Furniture	East	Book cases	\$ 5,678	\$ 5,678
3	Office Supplies	West	Appliances	\$ 241	\$ 241
4	Technology	←	Accessories	\$ 3,113	\$ 3,113
5	Art	North	Paintings	\$ 822	\$ 27,119

F	G	H
Category	Sub-category	Sales
=XLOOKUP(G2, C2:C5, A2:A5)	Accessories	\$ 3,113

Pro tip! Use name ranges in your formulas: `XLOOKUP(G2, Sub_categories, Categories)`

2D lookups? INDEX()

	A	B	C	D
1	Category	FEB	APR	MAY
2	Chairs	\$ 2,114	\$ 4,085	\$ 5,678
column 2 3	Labels	\$ 1,456	\$ 4,273	\$ 241
4	Storage	\$ 896	\$ 3,678	\$ 3,113

array B2 : D4

Labels Sales for April? = INDEX (B2:D4, 2, 2)

- *Syntax:* INDEX(array, row_num, [column_num])
- Returns the value of a cell within a specified array

2D lookups? MATCH()

- *Syntax:* `MATCH(lookup_value, lookup_array, [match_type])`
- Finds which row and column to reference

		A	B	
1			APR	
2	Labels		???	

rows array
= Categories

column array = Months

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Where to find Labels Sales for April?

`= Match ("Labels", Categories, 0) = row 2`

`= Match ("APR", Months, 0) = column 2`

2D lookups? (INDEX and) MATCH made in heaven

	A	B	
1		APR	
2	Labels	???	

rows array
=
Categories

	column array = Months		
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array= Sales

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= INDEX ( B2:D4, 2, 2)
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= INDEX(array, MATCH(rows), MATCH(columns))
```

```
= INDEX ( Sales, MATCH( "Labels", Categories, 0), MATCH( "APR", Months, 0) )
```


Meet our dataset!

Commercial dataset:

Column name	Data Group	Value example
Row ID	Order info	20
Order ID		CA-2014-143336
Returned?		Yes
Order Date		27/08/2014
Ship Date	Shipment info	01/09/2014
Ship Mode		Second Class
Customer ID	Customer info	ZD-21925
Customer Name		Zuschuss Donatelli
Segment		Consumer
Country		United States
City		San Francisco
State		California
Postal Code		94109
Region		West
Product ID	Product info	TEC-PH-10001949
Category		Technology
Sub-Category		Phones
Product Name		Cisco SPA 501G IP Phone
Sales	Value	213.48
Quantity		3
Discount		0.2
Profit		16.011

Data at a glance:

- Order information
- Customer socio-demo
- Detailed product data
- Sales, Volumes, Discounts, and Profits

Check out the [Metadata sheet](#) for more info.

Time for practice!

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XLOOKUP and INDEX MATCH in action

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Let's practice!
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