



Left Lookup in Excel

The [VLOOKUP function](#) only looks to the right. To look up a value in any column and return the corresponding value to the left, simply use INDEX and MATCH.

1. The MATCH function returns the position of a value in a given range.

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Explanation: 104 found at position 4 in the range \$G\$4:\$G\$7.

2. Use this result and the INDEX function to return the 4th value in the range \$E\$4:\$E\$7.

B2	:	X	✓	f _x	=INDEX(\$E\$4:\$E\$7,MATCH(A2,\$G\$4:\$G\$7,0))			
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

	ID	Product						
2	104	Printer						
3	103							
4	104		Product	Brand	ID			
5	101		Computer	Dell	101			
6	102		Keyboard	Logitech	102			
7	103		Mouse	Logitech	103			
8	101		Printer	HP	104			
9	104							
10	101							
11	102							
12								

3. Drag the formula in cell B2 down to cell B11.

B2								
=INDEX(\$E\$4:\$E\$7,MATCH(A2,\$G\$4:\$G\$7,0))								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	ID	Product						
2	104	Printer						
3	103	Mouse			Product	Brand	ID	
4	104	Printer			Computer	Dell	101	
5	101	Computer			Keyboard	Logitech	102	
6	102	Keyboard			Mouse	Logitech	103	
7	103	Mouse			Printer	HP	104	
8	101	Computer						
9	104	Printer						
10	101	Computer						
11	102	Keyboard						
12								
13								

Note: when we drag this formula down, the [absolute references](#) (\$E\$4:\$E\$7 and \$G\$4:\$G\$7) stay the same, while the relative reference (A2) changes to A3, A4, A5, etc.

4. If you have Excel 365 or Excel 2021, simply use the XLOOKUP function to perform a left lookup.

B2								
=XLOOKUP(A2:A11,G4:G7,E4:E7)								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	ID	Product						
2	104	Printer						
3	103	Mouse			Product	Brand	ID	
4	104	Printer			Computer	Dell	101	
5	101	Computer			Keyboard	Logitech	102	
6	102	Keyboard			Mouse	Logitech	103	
7	103	Mouse			Printer	HP	104	
8	101	Computer						
9	104	Printer						
10	101	Computer						
11	102	Keyboard						

Note: the XLOOKUP function, entered into cell B2, fills multiple cells. Wow! This behavior in Excel 365/2021 is called [spilling](#). Visit our page about the [XLOOKUP function](#) to learn more about this great new Excel function.

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