Logical Functions in Excel

Learn how to use Excel's logical functions, such as IF, AND, OR and NOT.

✦ IF

The IF function checks whether a condition is met, and returns one value if true and another value if false.

1. For example, take a look at the IF function in cell C2 below.

| C2 | | ⋮ | ✕ | ✓ | fx | =IF(B2>=60,"Pass","Fail") |

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Score	Result						
2	Richard	93	Pass						
3	Jennifer	60	Pass						
4	James	58	Fail						
5	Lisa	79	Pass						
6	Sharon	41	Fail						
7									

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Explanation: if the score is greater than or equal to 60, the IF function returns Pass, else it returns Fail. Visit our page about the IF function for many more examples.

✦ AND

The AND Function returns TRUE if all conditions are true and returns FALSE if any of the conditions are false.

1. For example, take a look at the AND function in cell D2 below.

| D2 | | ⋮ | ✕ | ✓ | fx | =AND(B2>=60,C2>=90) |

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

	Name	Score 1	Score 2	Result
1				
2	Richard	93	80	FALSE
3	Jennifer	60	91	TRUE
4	James	58	75	FALSE
5	Lisa	79	94	TRUE
6	Sharon	41	33	FALSE
7				

Explanation: the AND function returns TRUE if the first score is greater than or equal to 60 and the second score is greater than or equal to 90, else it returns FALSE. Visit our page about the AND function to learn more about this Excel function.

✦ OR

The OR function returns TRUE if any of the conditions are TRUE and returns FALSE if all conditions are false.

1. For example, take a look at the OR function in cell D2 below.

| D2 | | | × | ✓ | f_x | =OR(B2>=60,C2>=60) |

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Score 1	Score 2	Result					
2	Richard	93	80	TRUE					
3	Jennifer	60	91	TRUE					
4	James	58	75	TRUE					
5	Lisa	79	94	TRUE					
6	Sharon	41	33	FALSE					
7									

Explanation: the OR function returns TRUE if at least one score is greater than or equal to 60, else it returns FALSE. Visit our page about the OR function for many more examples.

✦ NOT

The NOT function changes TRUE to FALSE, and FALSE to TRUE.

1. For example, take a look at the NOT function in cell D2 below.

| D2 | | | × | ✓ | f_x | =NOT(OR(B2>=60,C2>=60)) |

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Score 1	Score 2	Result					
2	Richard	93	80	FALSE					
3	Jennifer	60	91	FALSE					
4	James	58	75	FALSE					
5	Lisa	79	94	FALSE					
6	Sharon	41	33	TRUE					
7									

Explanation: in this example, the NOT function reverses the result of the OR function (see previous example).

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