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# Introduction to Excel Pivot Table

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## Getting Started

*Course Partition/Password:* To be announced in class

*Windows Account/Password:* To be announced in class

*Windows 7 (VM) Account/Password:* **demo/demo**

1. Pick a seat and boot up the ***Course Partition***.
2. Login your ***Windows Account***. Password of a *Windows Account* will be distributed to you in a small piece of paper and each PC station has different password for the *Windows Account*. **You need to use the same machine for the whole course.** Hence, please remember ***seat/machine number***.
3. For the first time login, you will be asked to change the password of the *Windows Account*. Please remember the ***password*** of your ***Windows Account***.
4. Open the ***Oracle VM VirtualBox*** and start the ***Windows 7 (VM)***. The password is **demo**.

## Introduction

PivotTable report is an interactive table that automatically extracts, organizes, and summarizes data. You can then use the report to analyze the data - for example, make comparisons, detect patterns and relationships, and analyze trends.

If BI is new to you, you can start with the end user's perspective of a BI solution. To do this, you will use the simplest possible client tool for data analysis — an Excel pivot table.

## Learning Outcomes

By finishing this lab session, you should be able to

- Summarize and analyze your data
- Quickly rearrange the layout of pivot table report
- View a subset of the data
- Show the details of the data that you specify

## Tools

- Microsoft Excel 2013

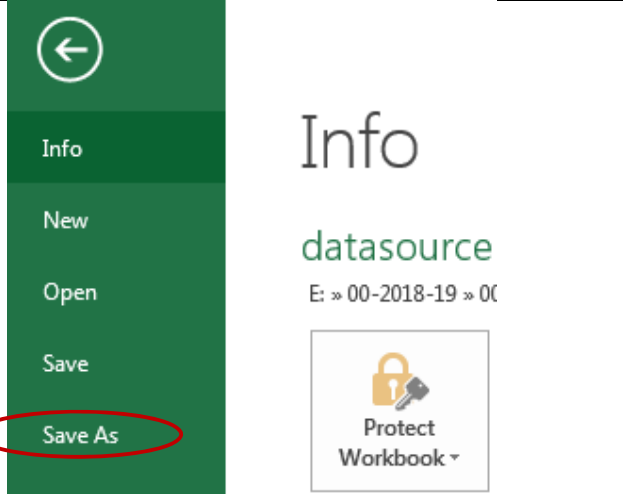
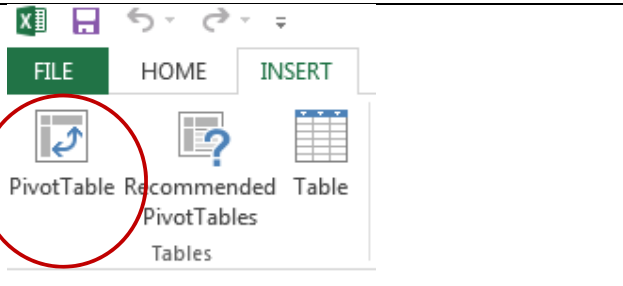
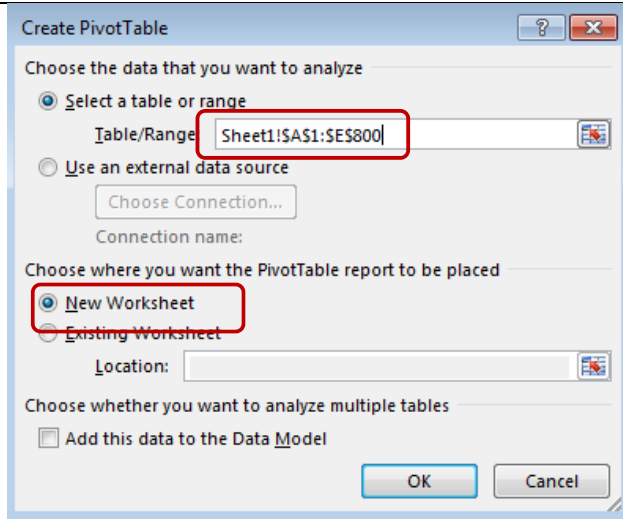
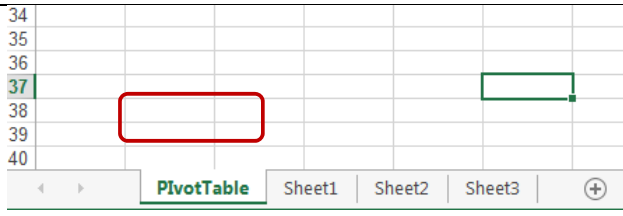
## Source file required

- datasource.xlsx (save it in C:\) from <http://buelearning.hkbu.edu.hk/>

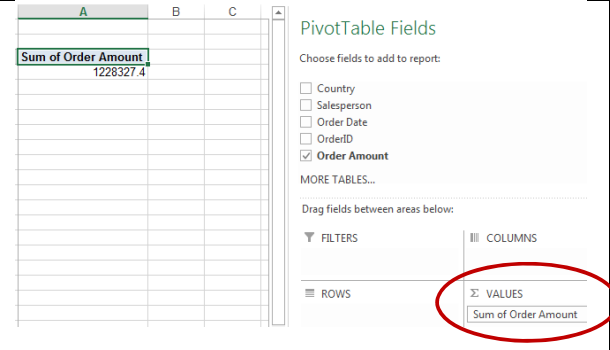
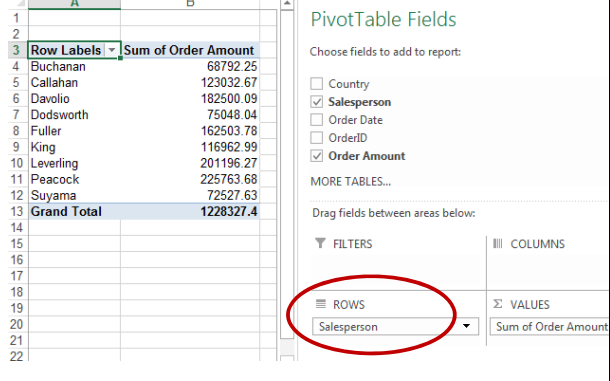
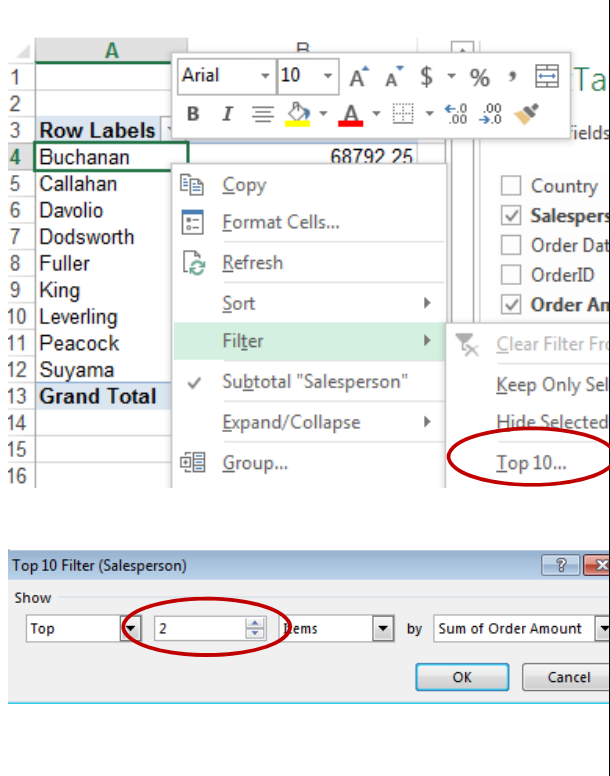
Field	Type
Country	Char(7)
Salesperson	Char(12)
OrderDate	dd/mm/yyyy
OrderID	Char(5)
Order Amount	Decimal(8,2)

## Part A: Create a pivot table report

### I. Create a Pivot Table Report

<p>1. Open the file <b>datasource.xlsx</b> using Excel 2013 and save it as <b>lab1A-ans.xlsx</b> using <b>FILE → Save As</b>.</p>	
<p>2. Select <b>INSERT</b> menu, click <b>PivotTable</b> icon.</p>	
<p>3. Select the data that you want to analyze, i.e. <b>Sheet1!\$A\$1:\$E\$800</b></p> <p>4. Place the PivotTable report in <b>New Worksheet</b> and press <b>OK</b>.</p>	
<p>5. A new worksheet Sheet4 is created. <b>Rename</b> the worksheet to <b>PivotTable</b>.</p>	

## II. Change the layout of the pivot table report

<p>1. To view the total order amount for all salespersons, drag the <b>Order Amount</b> field to the <b>VALUES</b> section. (To remove a field, drag it outside the PivotTable report.)</p>	
<p>2. To view the total order amount for each salesperson, drag the <b>Salesperson</b> field to the <b>ROWS</b> section.</p>	
<p>3. Right click the first salesperson- Buchanan, select <b>Filter</b> → <b>Top 10</b>. Type <b>2</b> (in the second box) to show top 2 salesperson by pressing <b>OK</b>.</p>	

Row Labels	Sum of Order Amount
Leverling	201196.27
Peacock	225763.68
Grand Total	426959.95

4. Click the **Filter** button → **Clear Filter From "Salesperson"** to clear the filter.

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Row Labels

Sort A to Z

Sort Z to A

More Sort Options...

Clear Filter From "Salesperson"

Label Filters

Value Filters

Search

(Select All)

Buchanan

5. Drag the **Order Amount** field to the **VALUES** section, place it below **Sum of Order Amount**.

6. Click on the arrow for **Sum of Order Amount2** and choose **Value Field Settings**

ROWS

Salesperson

VALUES

Sum of Order Amount

Sum of Order Amount2

VALUES

Sum of Order Amount

Sum of Order Amount2

Move Up

Move Down

Move to Beginning

Move to End

Move to Report Filter

Move to Row Labels

Move to Column Labels

Move to Values

Remove Field

Value Field Settings...

7. Select **Average** as the function in the **Summarize value field by** list box.

8. Type **Average Order Amount** as the **Custom Name**.

9. Click **Number Format** button to change the format to **Number** with **2 decimal places**.

10. Click **OK**. Then **OK** to confirm.

Value Field Settings

Source Name: Order Amount

Custom Name: Average Order Amount

Summarize Values By: Show Values As

Summarize value field by

Choose the type of calculation that you want to use to summarize data from the selected field

Sum  
Count  
Average  
Max  
Min  
Product

Number Format

OK Cancel

Number

Category:

General  
Number  
Currency  
Accounting  
Date  
Time  
Percentage  
Fraction  
Scientific  
Text  
Special  
Custom

Sample

1637.91

Decimal places: 2

☒ Use 1000 Separator (,)

Negative numbers:

-1234.10  
1234.10  
(1234.10)  
(1234.10)

11. The result is similar to this one:

Row Labels	Sum of Order Amount	Average Order Amount
Buchanan	68792.25	1637.91
Callahan	123032.67	1242.75
Davolio	182500.09	1559.83
Dodsworth	75048.04	1830.44
Fuller	162503.78	1766.35
King	116962.99	1745.72
Leverling	201196.27	1609.57
Peacock	225763.68	1495.12
Suyama	72527.63	1115.81
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1228327.4</b>	<b>1537.33</b>

12. In a pivot table, you can group *dates*, *number* and *text* fields, for example, to group the first four salespersons, select **Buchanan** to **Dodsworth**, right click, and choose **Group**. Repeat the step to group the next 5 salespersons.

Row Labels

Buchanan  
Callahan  
Davolio  
Dodsworth  
Fuller  
King  
Leverling  
Peacock  
Suyama  
Grand Total

Copy  
Format Cells...  
Refresh  
Sort  
Filter  
Subtotal "Salesperson"  
Expand/Collapse  
Group...

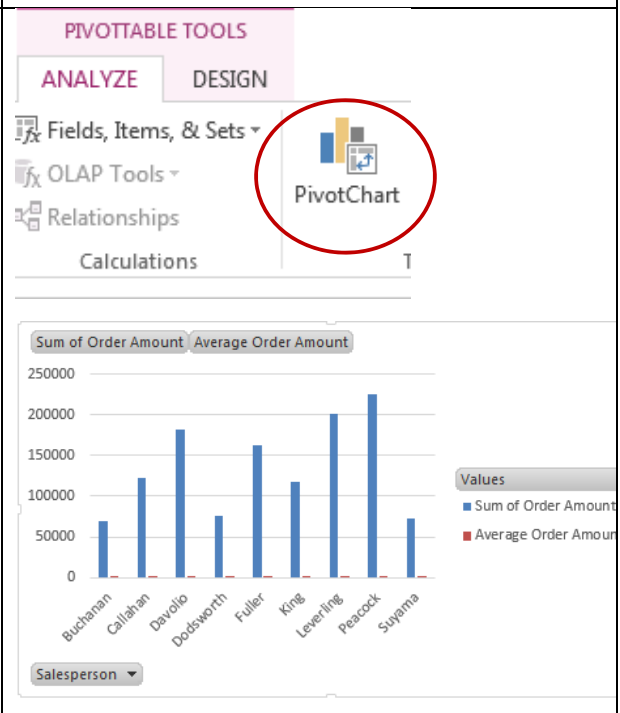
13. This is the result after grouping:

Row Labels	Sum of Order Amount	Average Order Amount
<b>Group1</b>		
Buchanan	68792.25	1637.91
Callahan	123032.67	1242.75
Davolio	182500.09	1559.83
Dodsworth	75048.04	1830.44
<b>Group2</b>		
Fuller	162503.78	1766.35
King	116962.99	1745.72
Leverling	201196.27	1609.57
Peacock	225763.68	1495.12
Suyama	72527.63	1115.81
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1228327.4</b>	<b>1537.33</b>

14. To remove groupings, **right click Group1** and choose **Ungroup**. Repeat the step to ungroup Group2.

15. To create Pivot Chart, click anywhere on the pivot table, select **ANALYZE** tab and choose **PivotChart** button. Then **OK**.

16. **Delete** the Pivot Chart.



17. Drag the **Order Date** field to the **ROWS** section (under Salesperson).

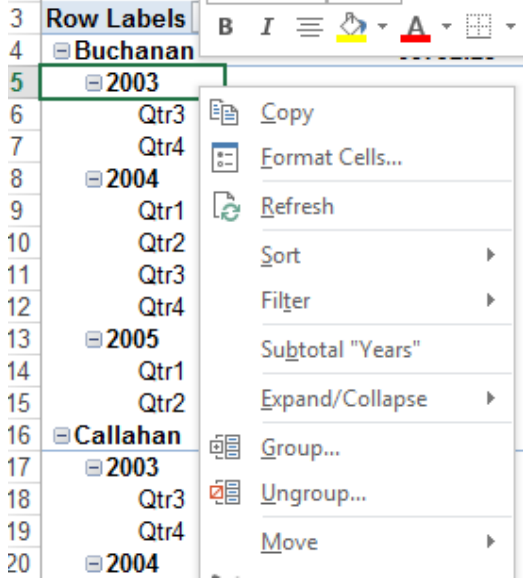
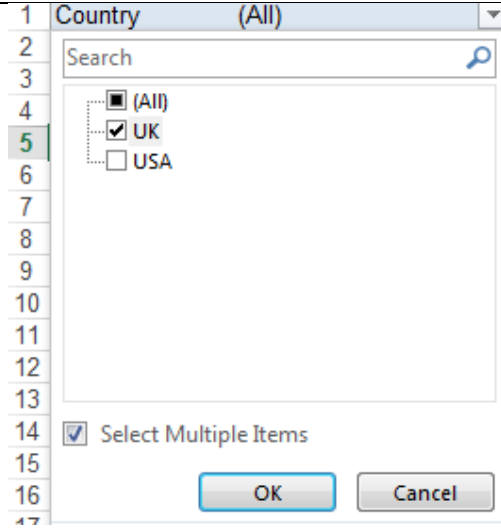
18. Right click any order date, choose **Group**.

19. Select Group by **Quarters** and **Years** only. **Deselect Months**.

20. Press **OK**.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access PivotTable Field List and the Grouping dialog box. In the Field List, the fields **Salesperson**, **Order Date**, and **Order Amount** are selected. The **ROWS** section contains **Salesperson** and **Order Date**, with **Order Date** circled in red. The **VALUES** section contains **Sum of Order Amount** and **Average Order Amo...**. The **Grouping** dialog box is open, showing the **Auto** section with **Starting at** 7/10/2003 and **Ending at** 5/2/2005. The **By** section shows a list of time intervals: **Seconds**, **Minutes**, **Hours**, **Days**, **Months**, **Quarters**, and **Years**. **Quarters** and **Years** are selected and circled in red, while **Months** is deselected. The **Number of days** is set to 1. The **OK** button is highlighted.



<p>21. Press <b>Ctrl Z</b> to undo the grouping. (or right click certain year, choose Ungroup)</p> <p>22. Remove the <b>Order Date</b> field in <b>ROWS</b> section.</p>	
<p>23. Drag the <b>Country</b> field to the <b>FILTERS</b> section.</p> <p>24. Filter the results by choosing <b>UK</b> only.</p> <p>25. Select <b>All</b> countries again and remove the field <b>Country</b> from the <b>FILTERS</b> section.</p> <p>26. Remove <b>Average Order Amount</b> field in <b>VALUES</b> section too.</p> <p>27. Save the file <b>lab1A-ans.xlsx</b></p>	
<p>28. Copy the existing worksheet and paste it to another worksheet, start your exercise.</p>	

In the PivotTable Fields, you can rearrange existing fields or reposition those fields by using one of the four areas at the bottom of the layout section:

Columns

The screenshot shows an Excel PivotTable with the following structure:

- Filters:** A callout points to the 'Years' filter dropdown in cell A1, which is set to '2003'.
- Rows:** A callout points to the 'Row Labels' dropdown in cell A3, which is set to 'Qtr4'.
- Values:** A callout points to the 'Sum of Order Amount' and 'Average Order Amount' columns in cells B3 and C3.

	A	B	C
1	Years	2003	
2			
3	Row Labels	Sum of Order Amount	Average Order Amount
4	Qtr3	63985.16	1048.94
5	Qtr4	129331.38	1577.21
6	Buchanan	14608.38	2434.73
7	Callahan	8120.7	1160.10
8	Davolio	21969.28	1569.23
9	Dodsworth	5530.21	1843.40
10	Fuller	13667.86	1708.48
11	King	13546.16	1693.27
12	Leverling	11808.66	984.06
13	Peacock	34355.19	1908.62
14	Suyama	5724.94	954.16
15	Grand Total	193316.54	1351.86

PIVOTTABLE REPORT	DESCRIPTION
Values	Use to display summary numeric data.
Row Labels	Use to display fields as rows on the side of the report. A row lower in position is nested within another row immediately above it.
Column Labels	Use to display fields as columns at the top of the report. A column lower in position is nested within another column immediately above it.
Filters	Use to filter the entire report based on the selected item in the report filter.

### III. Exercise 1

- Create a pivot table for each of the following question (you may copy the existing worksheet containing the pivot table and rename the worksheet to the question number e.g. A, B etc):
  - Comparing the sum of order amount for different countries
  - Calculating the sum of order amount for each salesperson, and sorting the results from largest to smallest sales
  - Finding the five salespersons with the top five sales order amount
  - Finding the three salespersons with the bottom three sales order amount
  - Showing the sum of order amount for each salesperson, and calculating summarized order amounts as a percentage of the grand total
  - Comparing the sum of order amount in different quarters for the top five salespersons (no need to show year)
  - Finding the sum of order amount for the top five salespersons in 2004 (using **Report Filter** to filter the Year).
- Save the Excel file **lab1A-ans.xlsx**

#### IV. Answer Submission

1. Submit the Excel file **lab1A-ans.xlsx** to the site <http://buelearning.hkbu.edu.hk/>