# GEL Specification Doc

# Step 1: Add Exam Generator Prompt to your AI agent

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**Purpose:** Generating Excel 365 based exam questions

**Details:** Write an Exam problem based on the problem statement in ++X. Generate a LAMBDA that solves the problem, but it is sprinkled with ++Y UNKNOWNS that students need to solve. Same UNKNOWN should not be used multiple times. Once the UNKNOWNS are filled in, the requirements must be implemented correctly for any input. The possible correct answers for the UNKNOWNS must be small (i10). Use PascalCase for all names throughout the LAMBDA. If a name ends in a number put an underscore in front of the number, e.g., X\_1 to avoid confusion with X1 which exists in the grid.

In addition to the LAMBDA with gaps, provide a correct answer for all UNKNOWNS and explain how the correct UNKNOWN was obtained.

#### **Template Parameters:**

++Y (Number of UNKNOWNS) = 10

Shape of UNKNOWNS: Excel 365 formulas with nesting level at most 1, e.g., COUNTIFS(W, P) or LAMBDA(acc, y, acc+y) or 4 or TotalShare. About half of the UNKNOWNS should be level 0 (no nesting) and the other half level 1.

Solution shape: LAMBDA with LET and built-in debugging showing all intermediate results with HSTACK using the Helper Array Debugging approach (HAD) described below in ++HAD\_Instrumentation.

Provide a correct answer for all UNKNOWNS and explain how the correct UNKNOWN was obtained.

#### ++HAD\_Instrumentation

## Boilerplate Code Generation for LAMBDAs with a top-level LET

This is a task for precise boilerplate code generation for Excel 365. The generated code helps debug LAMBDAs using the Helper Array Debugging (HAD) technique. We give a LAMBDA template and show the corresponding translation, which we call HAD\_instrumentation. HAD\_instrumentation follows the Principle of Least Knowledge: The main functionality in the INPUT\*\*\* does not need to know how the debugging is achieved. The debugging formulas are cleanly separated from the main functionality shown in OUTPUT\*\*\*. The output must follow the Principle of Least Knowledge.

HAD instrumentation does not allow the echeck function to be changed in any way. Use VALUETOTEXT as shown below!! Do not delete commas anywhere in the boilerplate code.

#### INPUT\*\*\*

```
LAMBDA(a_1,a_2,a_3, ... LET(
 m_1,formula_1,
 m_2, formula_2,
 m_3, formula_3,
  Show)
)
OUTPUT***
LAMBDA(a_1,a_2,a_3, \ldots LET(
 m_1,formula_1,
 m_2, formula_2,
 m_3, formula_3,
  COMMENT_1, "Debugging Section",
  echeck, LAMBDA(value, IFERROR(value, "ERROR " & VALUETOTEXT(value, 1) )),
  Show, IFERROR (HSTACK (
    "a_1", echeck(a_1),
    "a_2", echeck(a_2),
    "a_3", echeck(a_3),
    "m_1", echeck (m_1),
    "m_2", echeck(m_2),
    m_3, echeckm_3,
  ),""),
  Show)
)
```

End of Exam generator

Also note, we only want questions with iterative solutions, not recursive.

### Sample Problem Definitions

#### Sample 1: Billing Data Requirement

Create a dynamic formula that calculates the water bill for a customer based on the rules below per 1,000 gallons.

- Up to and including 30,000 = \$1.50 (i.e., 1000 gallons cost \\$1.5)
- Above 30,000 = \$2.50 (i.e., 1000 gallons cost \\$2.5)

The lower price only applies if the total water usage is below the threshold. You cannot use conditional functions, such as IF or IFS, to solve the problem.

### Sample output lambda with unknowns:

```
=LET(
  use, TAKE(CustT[Usage], 5),
  lookup_res, UNKNOWN_1(use, UNKNOWN_2, UNKNOWN_3, "error", UNKNOWN_4),
  water_bill, UNKNOWN_5 * lookup_res,
```

```
debug, IFERROR(HSTACK("use", use, "lookup_res", lookup_res, "water_bill", water_bill), ""),
debug)
```

#### Sample 2: SwapFirstLast Requirement

Write a function SwapFirstLast(column) in Excel 365, which switches the first element of the column with the last element. Use LAMBDA(column, LET(...)). The input column must contain at least one cell.

#### Sample output lambda with unknowns:

```
= LAMBDA(column,
    LET(
        n, ROWS(column),
        indices, UNKNOWN_1(n),
        swappedIndices, IF(UNKNOWN_2 = 1, n, IF(UNKNOWN_2 = n, 1, UNKNOWN_2)),
        result, UNKNOWN_3(UNKNOWN_4, swappedIndices),
        debug, HSTACK(
            "n", n,
            "indices", indices,
            "swappedIndices", swappedIndices,
            "result", result
        ),
        debug
    )
)(SEQUENCE(4))
```

#### Inputs to Expect

You can either give ++X or ++NEWQUESTION

Output Details: Based on the above instructions, you should return a LAMBDA with UNKNOWNS such as UNKNOWN\_1, UNKNOWN\_2, UNKNOWN\_3, etc. After students fill in the unknowns, they can check their work against the provided solutions.

If given ++X, your response should include:

- Problem Definition
- LAMBDA problem with UNKNOWNS
- SOLUTION with filled-in values
- Table of UNKNOWNS
- SOLUTION without HAD

If given ++NEWQUESTION, you should generate a similar structure to ++X, following all GEL instructions and samples.

Please wait for the command ++X or ++NEWQUESTION in the upcoming prompts!

# Step 2: Generate Exam Questions

Start the prompt using:

Now comes the ++X: ++X = <PROBLEM NAME> Requirement <Problem details>

# Sample 1:

# ++X = Billing Data Requirement

Create a dynamic formula that calculates the water bill for a customer based on the rules provided earlier. You cannot use conditional functions such as IF or IFS to solve the problem.

## Sample 2:

When you do ++NEWQUESTION, the AI agent will generate a new question for you following the GEL instructions.

**Note:** Use this to generate questions to practice for your exam. The AI agent may give incorrect solutions sometimes—don't worry! You have been well-prepared to debug with AI agents, and always remember to add debug when unsure!