

# Microsoft Excel: Advance Features in Excel

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## Conditional Formatting

Conditional formatting is a feature in Microsoft Excel that allows you to highlight cells based on specific conditions. You can use it to make patterns and trends in your data more apparent. For example, you can use conditional formatting to highlight cells that contain values which meet a certain condition, such as cells that contain a value greater than 100.

- [Video: Use conditional formatting to highlight information](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)

### See also:

- [Use conditional formatting to highlight information - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Download: Conditional formatting examples in Excel](#)
- [Video: Use conditional formatting - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Conditional Formatting - Excel Easy](#)

## Data Validation {#data-validation}

Data validation is a feature in Microsoft Excel that allows you to restrict the type of data or the values that users enter into a cell. You can use data validation to create a dropdown list, restrict the length of the text, or limit the cell to accept only whole numbers or decimal numbers, among other things.

- [Video: Apply data validation to cells - Microsoft Excel](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)

### See also:

- [Video: Unique Drop Down Lists that Automatically Update with New Values](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)
- [Apply data validation to cells - Microsoft Support](#)
- [More on data validation - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Excel Data Validation Guide - EXCELJET](#)

## PivotTable

- PivotTable is a powerful feature in Microsoft Excel that allows you to summarize, analyze, and present data in a meaningful way.

- It enables you to extract insights from large datasets by creating a summary table that aggregates, groups, and filters data based on your requirements.
- [Video: Create a PivotTable in excel](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)

**See also:**

- [Create a PivotTable to analyze worksheet data - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Overview of PivotTables and PivotCharts - Microsoft Support](#)

## Repeat specific rows or columns on every printed page

Repeating rows or columns on every printed page, also known as setting print titles, can be helpful when you have a large worksheet that spans multiple pages. This ensures that your headers or labels are always visible on each page, making it easier to read and understand your data.

- [Video: Repeat specific rows or columns on every printed page](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)

**See also:**

- [Repeat specific rows or columns on every printed page - Microsoft Support](#)

## Set or clear a print area on a worksheet

A print area is one or more ranges of cells that you designate to print when you don't want to print the entire worksheet. When you print a worksheet after defining a print area, only the print area is printed. You can add cells to expand the print area as needed, and you can clear the print area to print the entire worksheet. [^1]

- [Video: Set or clear a print area on a worksheet](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)

**See also:**

- [Set or clear a print area on a worksheet - Microsoft Support](#)

## Sort & Filter

Sorting in Excel is a process of arranging data in a specific order, either ascending or descending. It allows you to organize and analyze your data more effectively.

There are two main types of sorting in Excel:

**Sort by column:** This involves arranging data based on the values in a particular column. For instance, you can sort a list of names alphabetically or sort a list of numbers from smallest to largest.

**Sort by multiple columns:** This involves sorting data based on the values in multiple columns. For example, you can sort a list of customer records by country and then by city within each country.

Filtering allows you to display only the rows of data that meet certain criteria. For example, you could filter a table of student data to show only the students who have a grade of A.

## Types of Filters in Excel

**Filter by value:** This is the most common type of filter, where you select specific values or ranges of values to display.

**Filter by format:** This filter allows you to show rows based on cell formatting, such as font color, cell color, or borders.

**Filter by custom criteria:** This filter provides more flexibility, enabling you to define complex criteria using logical operators (AND, OR, NOT) and comparisons (equal to, greater than, less than).

- [Video: Sort and Filter data in a range - Microsoft Excel](#)
  - [Download a sample data workbook](#)

### See also:

- [Video: Sort data in a range or table - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Sort data in a range or table - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Filter data in a range or table - Microsoft Support](#)

## Additional Topics

### Table

An Excel table is a structured collection of data that is organized in rows and columns. It is a powerful tool that can be used to organize, analyze, and manage data. Tables are easy to create and use, and they offer a variety of features that make them ideal for working with large datasets. [^2]

### Benefits of using Excel tables:

- **Structured data:** Tables make it easy to organize and manage data in a structured way. This makes it easy to find and analyze the data you need.
- **Automatic formatting:** Tables automatically apply formatting to your data, making it easy to read and understand.
- **Data integrity:** Tables automatically protect your data from errors, such as accidental deletions or changes.
- **Data analysis:** Tables include a variety of features that make it easy to analyze your data, such as filters, sorting, and totals.
- **Visualizations:** Tables can be easily converted into charts and other visualizations, which can help you to understand your data more clearly.

[Video: How to Make Tables in Excel: Easy Step-by-Step Guide](#)

### Use slicers to filter data:

A slicer in Excel is a powerful tool that allows you to filter data in a table or pivot table with ease. It provides a visual and interactive way to explore your data and focus on specific segments.

- [Video: Use slicers to filter data](#)

### See also:

- [Overview of Excel tables - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Create and format tables - Excel Help & Training](#)
- [Total the data in an Excel table - Excel Help & Training](#)
- [Use calculated columns in an Excel table - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Use slicers to filter data - Excel Help & Training](#)

True/False (Mark T for True and F for False)

Multiple Choice (Select the best answer)

Exercises

Review Questions

References and Bibliography

- [^1]: [Set or clear a print area on a worksheet - Microsoft Support](#)
- [^2]: [Overview of Excel tables - Microsoft Support](#)