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Excel 2019: Life Beyond The Spreadsheet Part 2

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EXCEL 2019: LIFE BEYOND THE SPREADSHEET
PART 2

This course covers how to manage data lists and features for enhancing and sharing spreadsheets. Topics include: setting up a data list, entering and editing records, importing external data, using Office and Excel add-ins, hyperlinks, sharing worksheets on the web, and more.

LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS AND OBJECTIVES

As a result of studying each assignment, you should be able to meet the objectives listed below each individual assignment.

SUBJECTS

Chapter 1: Getting On The Data List
Chapter 2: Linking, Automating And Sharing Spreadsheets

Study the course materials from pages 1 to 51

Complete the review questions at the end of each chapter

Answer the exam questions 1 to 10

Objectives:

- Recognize how to manage data lists.
- Identify features for enhancing and sharing spreadsheets

EXAM OUTLINE

- **TEST FORMAT:** The final exam for this course consists of 10 multiple-choice questions and is based specifically on the information covered in the course materials.

- **ACCESS FINAL EXAM:** Log in to your account and click Take Exam. A copy of the final exam is provided at the end of these course materials for your convenience, however you must submit your answers online to receive credit for the course.

- **LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION:** This course qualifies for **2** CPE hours.

- **PROCESSING:** You will receive the score for your final exam immediately after it is submitted. A score of 70% or better is required to pass.

- **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:** Will be available in your account to view online or print. If you do not pass an exam, it can be retaken free of charge.

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CHAPTER 1: GETTING ON THE DATA LIST

Chapter Objective
After completing this chapter, you should be able to: • Recognize how to manage data lists.

In This Chapter

- Setting up a data list in Excel

- Entering and editing records in the data list

- Sorting records in the data list

- Filtering records in the data list

- Importing external data into the worksheet

The purpose of all the worksheet tables that I discuss elsewhere in this book has been to perform essential calculations (such as to sum monthly or quarterly sales figures) and then present the information in an understandable form. However, you can create another kind of worksheet table in Excel: a *data list* (less accurately and more colloquially known as a *database table*). The purpose of a data list is not so much to calculate new values but rather to store lots and lots of information in a consistent manner. For example, you can create a data list that contains the names and addresses of all your clients, or you can create a list that contains all the essential facts about your employees.

CREATING DATA LISTS

Creating a new data list in a worksheet is much like creating a worksheet table except that it has only column headings and no row headings. To set up a new data list, follow these steps:

1. **Click the blank cell where you want to start the new data list and then enter the column headings (technically known as *field names* in database parlance) that identify the different kinds of items you need to keep track of (such as First Name, Last Name, Street, City, State, and so on) in the columns to the right.**

   After creating the fields of the data list by entering their headings, you're ready to enter the first row of data.

2. **Make the first entries in the appropriate columns of the row immediately following the one containing the field names.**

   These entries in the first row beneath the one with the field names constitute the first record of the data list.

3. **Click the Format as Table button in the Styles group of the Ribbon's Home tab and then click a thumbnail of one of the table styles in the drop-down gallery.**

   Excel puts a marquee around all the cells in the new data list, including the top row of field names. As soon as you click a table style in the drop-down gallery, the Format As Table dialog box appears listing the address of the cell range enclosed in the marquee in the Where Is the Data for Your Table text box.

4. **Click the My Table Has Headers check box to select it, if necessary.**

5. **Click the OK button to close the Format As Table dialog box.**

Excel formats your new data list in the selected table format and adds filters (drop-down buttons) to each of the field names in the top row (see Figure 11-1).

FIGURE 11-1

Create a new data list by formatting the field names and the first record as a table.
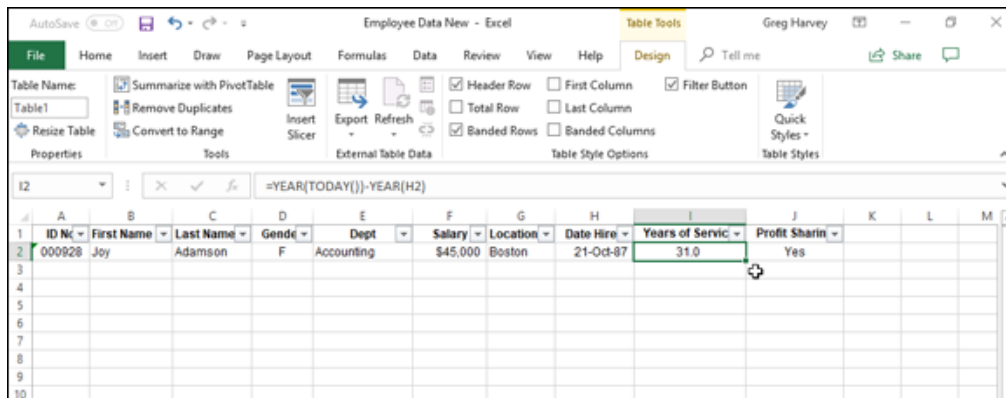
Adding records to data lists

After creating the field names and one record of the data list and formatting them as a table, you're ready to start entering the rest of its data as records in subsequent rows of the list. The most direct way to do this is to press the Tab key when the cell cursor is in the last cell of the first record. Doing this causes Excel to add an extra row to the data list where you can enter the appropriate information for the next record.

CALCULATED FIELD ENTRIES

When you want Excel to calculate the entries for a particular field by formula, you need to enter that formula in the correct field in the first record of the data list. In the sample Employee Data list, for example, the Years of Service field in cell I2 of the first record shown in Figure 11-1 is calculated by the formula =YEAR(TODAY())-YEAR(H2). Cell H2 contains the date of hire that this formula uses to compute the number of years that an employee has worked at the company. Excel then inserts the result of this calculation into the cell as the field entry to which you can then assign the appropriate Number format.

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<tr><td colspan="2" align="center">**Tip**</td></tr>
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<td>When doing data entry directly in a data list table, press the Tab key to proceed to the next field in the new record rather than the → key. That way, when you complete the entry in the last field of the record, you automatically extend the data list, add a new record, and position the cell cursor in the first field of that record. If you press → to complete the entry, Excel simply moves the cell cursor to the next cell outside the data list table.</td>
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Using the Form button

Instead of entering the records of a data list directly in the table, you can use Excel's data form to make the entries. The only problem with using the data form is that the command to display the form in a worksheet with a data list is not part of the Ribbon commands. You can access the data form only by adding its command button to the Quick Access toolbar or a custom Ribbon tab.

To add this command button to the Quick Access toolbar, follow these steps:

1. **Click the Customize Quick Access Toolbar button at the end of the Quick Access toolbar and then click the More Commands item at the bottom of its drop-down menu.**

   Excel opens the Excel Options dialog box with the Quick Access Toolbar tab selected.

   The Form command button you want to add to the Quick Access toolbar is only available when you click the Commands Not in the Ribbon option on the Choose Commands From drop-down list.

2. **Click the Commands Not in the Ribbon option near the top of the Choose Commands From drop-down list.**

3. **Click Form in the Choose Commands From list box and then click the Add button.**

   Excel adds the Form button to the very end of the Quick Access toolbar. If you so desire, you can click the Move Up and Move Down buttons to reposition the Form button on this toolbar.

4. **Click OK to close the Excel Options dialog box and return to the worksheet with the data list.**

Adding records via the data form

The first time you click the custom Form button you added to the Quick Access toolbar, Excel analyzes the row of field names and entries for the first record and creates a data form. This data form lists the field names down the left side of the form with the entries for the first record in the appropriate text boxes next to them. In Figure 11-2, you can see the data form for the new Employee Data database; it looks kind of like a customized dialog box.