

Data Manipulation in Excel

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> Dataset

The main dataset contains details for the ten most populous countries.

| | A | B | C | D |
|----|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Country | Country code | Internet TLD | Phone prefix code |
| 2 | China | CHN | .cn | 599 |
| 3 | India | IND | .in | 91 |
| 4 | United States | USA | .us | 1 |
| 5 | Indonesia | IDN | .idn | 62 |
| 6 | Pakistan | PAK | .pk | 92 |
| 7 | Brazil | BRA | .br | 55 |
| 8 | Nigeria | NGA | .ng | 234 |
| 9 | Bangladesh | BGD | .bd | 880 |
| 10 | Russia | RUS | .ru | 7 |
| 11 | Mexico | MEX | .mx | 52 |

> Wildcards

Many data manipulation functions let you match any text character using wildcards.

| | A | B |
|----|----------------------------|---|
| ? | Match 1 character | "gr?y" matches "grey" and "gray" |
| * | Match 0 or more characters | "sp*y" matches "spy", "spry", and "springy" |
| ~ | Escape wildcard character | "~?~*~" matches "?*~" |
| <> | Match not blank | "<" matches "anything" |

Database calculation functions and conditional calculation functions allow numeric criteria wildcards.

| | A | B |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| > | Match values greater than | `>10` matches values greater than 10 |
| ≤ | Matches values less than or equal to | ≤10 matches values less than or equal to 10 |
| = | Match values equal to | =10 matches values equal to 10 |
| <> | Match values not equal to | <>10 matches values not equal to 10 |

> Data Transformation

Subset Arrays for a Single Row with XLOOKUP

Get the rows of a return array where the keys match a value with `XLOOKUP()`
=XLOOKUP("Nigeria", A2:A11, B2:D11)

Where the lookup value does not match a key, provide a default value with `XLOOKUP(if_not_found)`
=XLOOKUP("United Kingdom", A2:A11, B2:D11, "Country not found")

Where the lookup value does not match a key, return the next largest value with `XLOOKUP(match_mode=1)`
=XLOOKUP("United Kingdom", A2:A11, B2:D11, #N/A, 1)

Left joins with XLOOKUP()

| | F | G | H | I | J |
|---|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Landmark | Address | City | State | Country |
| 2 | Taj Mahal | Dharmapuri | Agra | Uttar Pradesh | India |
| 3 | Empire State | 350 5th Avenue | New York | New York | United States |
| 4 | Winter Palace | 32 Palace Embankment | St Petersburg | Northwestern District | Russia |
| 5 | Al Hambra | C. Real de la Alhambra | Granada | Andalusia | Spain |

Left join two datasets with `XLOOKUP()` — Copy formula down the J column to complete the join
=XLOOKUP(J2, \$A\$2:\$A\$11, \$B\$2:D\$11)

Subset Arrays for Multiple Rows with FILTER

Filter an array for values that match a value with `FILTER()` — Same as =XLOOKUP("Nigeria", A2:A11, B2:D11)
=FILTER(B2:D11, A2:A11="Nigeria")

Where the lookup value does not match a key, provide a default value with `FILTER(if_empty)` — Same as =XLOOKUP("United Kingdom", A2:A11, B2:D11, "Country not found")
=FILTER(B2:D11, A2:A11="United Kingdom", "Country not found")

`FILTER` can also return multiple rows
=FILTER(A2:D11, D2:D11<10)

Combine criteria using logical AND with `FILTER(include1 * include2)` — For text data < means "preceding alphabetically"
=FILTER(A2:D11, (A2:A11 < "N") * (D2:D11 > 100))

Combine criteria using logical OR with `FILTER(include1 + include2)`
=FILTER(A2:D11, (C2:C11 = ".in") + (C2:C11 = ".id"))

Find Positions in Lists with XMATCH()

Get the position in a list of the first exact match of a value with `XMATCH()`
=XMATCH("Brazil", A2:A11)

Get the position in a list of the first match that starts with a value with `XMATCH(match_mode=1)`
=XMATCH("I", A2:A11, 1)

Get the position in a list of the first match using wildcards with `XMATCH(match_mode=2)`
=XMATCH("Me?ico", A2:A11, 2)

For data sorted in ascending order, use faster binary search for same task `XMATCH(search_mode=2)`
=XMATCH("China", SORT(A2:A11), , 2)

Get Values by Position with INDEX

Get the value by row and column number within an array with `INDEX()` — Row and column numbers start from 1
=INDEX(A2:D11, 5, 3)

Get the value that matches a condition with `XMATCH()` and `INDEX()` combined
=INDEX(A2:D11, XMATCH("Brazil", A2:A11), XMATCH("Country code", A1:D11))

Sort Arrays with SORT and SORTBY

Sort an array in ascending order of values in a column with `SORT()`
=SORT(A2:D11, 3)

Sort an array in descending order of values in a column with `SORT(sort_order=-1)`
=SORT(A2:D11, 3, -1)

Sort an array by values of another array with `SORTBY()`
=SORTBY(A2:D11, C2:C11)

Sort an array by multiple arrays (for example breaking ties with values from second column)
=SORTBY(A2:D11, A2:A11, 1, B2:B11, -1)

Randomize row order with `SORTBY()` + `RANDARRAY()`
=SORTBY(A2:D11, RANDARRAY(COUNTA(A2:A11)))

> Work with Text Data

Clean text with TRIM() and CLEAN()

Trim all white space except single spaces between words with `TRIM()`
=TRIM(" Only single spaces between words remain ")

Remove non-printable characters with `CLEAN()` — CHAR(7) is an alarm bell sound
=CLEAN("aLarm" & CHAR(7))

Find Substrings with FIND()

Find the position of the first instance of a character sequence with `FIND()`
=FIND("ia", A2:A11)

Join & Split Text with TEXTJOIN() and TEXTSPLIT()

Collapse an array of text to a single cell with `TEXTJOIN()`
=TEXTJOIN(";", TRUE, A2:A11)

Split a cell by a delimiter with `TEXTSPLIT()`
=TEXTSPLIT(A4, " ")

Split text on multiple delimiters with `TEXTSPLIT(delimiter={array})`
=TEXTSPLIT(A4, {"a", "e"})

Replace text with REPLACE() and SUBSTITUTE()

=REPLACE(B2:B11, 2, 1, "X") Replace a substring by position with `REPLACE()`

=SUBSTITUTE(B2:B11, "N", "X") Replace specific characters with `SUBSTITUTE()`

> Work with Cell Positions & References

=CHOOSE(RANDBETWEEN(1, 4), A2:A11, B2:B11, C2:C11, D2:D11) Choose a return value from the input with `CHOOSE()`

=INDIRECT(F1) Get the value in a reference to a cell with `INDIRECT()` — Suppose cell F1 contains the text value "A1"

=OFFSET(A2, 0, 3) Get the value in a cell by position relative to another cell with `OFFSET()`

=ROWS(A2:A11) Get the number of rows in an array with `ROWS()`

=COLUMNS(A2:D2) Get the number of columns in an array with `COLUMNS()`

=ROW(A2:A11) Get the number of row number of cells with `ROW()`

=COLUMN(A2:D2) Get the number of column number of cells with `COLUMN()`

> Calculate with Database-like Filters

Assume an additional dataset in the worksheet containing filter conditions. Perform calculations using database-like filter conditions with `D*()`

Find the maximum of elements matching filters
=DMAX(A1:D11, "Phone prefix code", A10:D15)

COUNT of elements matching filters
=DCOUNT(A1:D11, "Phone prefix code", A10:D15)

SUM of elements matching filters
=DSUM(A1:D11, "Phone prefix code", A10:D15)

AVERAGE of elements matching filters
=DAVERAGE(A1:E11, "GDP", A10:E15)

STDEV of elements matching filters
=DSTDEV(A1:E11, "GDP", A10:E15)

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