GMetrix Excel Lesson 4

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# Session 4

## SUM, MIN, and MAX COUNT, COUNTA and AVERAGE

SUM, MIN, and MAX are a three of the most basic Excel functions. SUM totals a range of cells, MIN finds the lowest value in a range of cells, and MAX finds the highest value in a range of cells.

Purpose:

After completing this project, you will know how to use the SUM, MIN, and MAX functions in an Excel workbook. You will also know how to use the AutoFill feature to duplicate a function across columns.

Steps for Completion:

1. Open the **411-Grilled Cheese Sales** workbook.
2. Click cell B7.
3. On the Home tab, click the AutoSum button. Notice that the range B4 through B6 is the selected range to sum.
4. Press the Enter key.
5. Click cell B7. Use the AutoFill feature to fill the totals across the twelve months of data (through column M).
6. Click cell P4.
7. Click the drop-down arrow on the AutoSum button and click Max.
8. Adjust the range of cells being analyzed from B4 through O4 to B4 through M4. The function should look like this: **=MAX(B4:M4)**
9. Press the Enter key. Click cell Q4.
10. To manually enter the MIN function, type **=MIN(B4:M4)** and press the Enter key. Also add the Average function, type =average(b4:m4)
11. Save the file as **411a-Grilled Cheese Sales**.

## The IF Function

The IF function is a conditional formula used to test data against given criteria and then display data based on whether the test returns true or false. For example, an IF function can display one message if a certain condition is true and a different message if the condition is false.

Purpose:

After completing this project, you will know how to use the IF function to display messages based on whether a cell meets a specified condition.

Steps for Completion:

1. Open the **421-Fuel Expenses** workbook. Click cell D4.
2. On the Formulas tab on the ribbon, click the Logical button drop-down arrow and then click If. The Function Arguments dialog box will appear.
3. Click the Logical test field and type: **C4 > 30** to check to see if the amount in C4 is over 30.
4. Click in the Value\_if\_true field and type: **“Over”**
5. Click in the Value\_if\_false field and type a pair of blank quotes.
6. Click the OK button. Cell D4 should be blank.
7. AutoFill cell D4 down through cell D25. All of the cells with amounts over 30 should have the word Over in the respective adjacent cells. Save the file as **421a-Fuel Expenses**.

## SUMIF, AVERAGEIF, and COUNTIF

Earlier in this course, you learned the basic SUM, AVERAGE, and COUNT functions. In the previous project, you practiced the IF function. Calculations can be combined with the IF function to create conditional sum, average, and count results. For example, you can sum up a range of data but only for those numbers which match criteria you define. The same is true for averages and counts.

Purpose:

After completing this project, you will know how to create conditional sums, averages, and counts for data in an Excel workbook.

Steps for Completion:

1. Open the **421A-Fuel Expenses workbook** Click cell G4.
2. On the Formulas tab, click the Math & Trig button drop-down arrow and then click SUMIF. The function arguments dialog box will appear.
3. With the cursor in the Range field, click and drag to select cells A4 through A25.
4. Click in the Criteria field and type: **E** to only include numbers from region E.
5. Click in the Sum\_range field.
6. Click and drag to select cells C4 through C25. Your Function Arguments dialog box should look like the example below:
7. Click the OK button.
8. Click cell G5. To start an AVERAGEIF function, click the More Functions drop-down arrow on the Formulas tab, then Statistical, and then click AVERAGEIF.
9. In the Function Arguments dialog box, set the range to include cells B4 through B25 (the truck types).Set the Criteria to: **General**
10. Set the Average\_Range to cells C4 through C25. Click the OK button.
11. Click cell G6. To start a COUNTIF function, click the More Functions drop-down arrow on the Formulas tab, then Statistical, and then click COUNTIF. In the Function Arguments dialog box, set the range to cells B4 through B25 and the Criteria to: **Gourmet** Click the OK button.
12. Save the file as **422a-Fuel Expenses**.

## LEFT, MID, and RIGHT

LEFT, MID, and RIGHT are basic text functions in Excel. The LEFT function extracts the left-most characters from text, the MID function extracts the middle characters from text, and the RIGHT function extracts the right-most characters from text.

Purpose:

After completing this project, you will know how to use each formula in an Excel workbook.

Steps for Completion:

1. Open the 431-Truck Names. If necessary, click the Trucks worksheet tab.
2. Click cell C2. To extract the three left-most characters from the truck in cell A2, click the dropdown arrow on the Text button on the Formulas tab and then click LEFT. The Function Arguments dialog box will appear.
3. With the cursor in the Text field, click cell A2 to make the first truck the reference point for the function.
4. Click in the Num\_chars field and type **3** to specify the want for the three left-most characters from the text.
5. Click the OK button. Cell C2 should have the letters GEN in the cell. AutoFill cell C2 down to C21 to fill in the rest of the type codes. Click cell D2.
6. To get the year of the truck (the two right-most characters), click the drop-down arrow on the Text button on the Formulas tab and then click RIGHT. The Function Arguments dialog box will appear.
7. Set the Text field to cell **A2** and the Num\_Chars field to **2**  Click the OK button.
8. AutoFill cell D2 down to D21 to fill in the rest of the two-digit years.Click cell E2.
9. Using the Text button on the Formulas tab, display the Function Arguments dialog box for the MID function.
10. Set the Text field to cell **A2**, the Start\_num to **4**, and the Num\_Chars to **2** to get the fourth and fifth characters of the text. Click the OK button. The number 14 should be in cell E2.
11. AutoFill cell E2 down to E21 to fill in the rest of the truck numbers.
12. Save the file as **431a-Truck Names**.

## UPPER, LOWER, and PROPER

UPPER, LOWER, and PROPER are functions used to provide consistency in the capitalization of text, through making text all uppercase, all lowercase, or set to have the first letter capitalized for text, respectively.

Purpose:

After completing this project, you will know how to use all three functions to format text in an Excel workbook.

Steps for Completion:

1. Open the **432-Truck Names** workbook If necessary, navigate to the Supervisors worksheet. Click cell F2.
2. On the Formulas tab, click the Text drop-down arrow and click LOWER to initiate the LOWER function.
3. Click in the Text field and type: **A2** to reference the region text.
4. Click the OK button.
5. AutoFill cell A2 down to A7 to fix the casing on the remaining regions. Click cell G2.
6. Use the Text drop-down arrow on the Formulas tab to locate and launch the PROPER function.
7. Click in the Text field and type: **B2** to reference the first name text.
8. AutoFill cell B2 to C2 to apply the proper function to the last name in cell C2.
9. AutoFill the remaining first and last name columns. Click cell I2.
10. Use the Text drop-down arrow on the Formulas tab to locate and launch the UPPER function.
11. Click in the Text field and type: **D2** to reference the truck text. AutoFill the remaining trucks.
12. Save the file as **432a-Truck Names**.

## CONCATENATE and FLASHFILL

CONCAT is a text function which combines two or more sets of text into a single cell. These sets of text include any punctuation and spacing in between items of text. For example, one may want to concatenate a last name, a comma, a space, and a first name into a cell. For this, the last name and first names are most likely in separate cells.

Purpose:

After completing this project, you will know how to use the CONCAT function to concatenate two cells of text into a single cell, with punctuation and spacing included.

Steps for Completion:

1. Open the **433-Truck Names** workbook. In cell D2 of the Customers worksheet, use the Text button drop-down arrow on the Formulas tab to initiate a CONCAT function.
2. Click in the Text1 field. Select cell A2 (the first customer last name).
3. Click in the Text2 field and type: **“, “** (include a space after the comma) Click in the Text3 field.
4. Select cell B2 (the first customer first name). Click the OK button.
5. AutoFill cell D2 down to cell D16 to concatenate the remaining names on the worksheet. Adjust the width of column D so that all of the names fit in the column.
6. Save the file as **433a-Truck Names**.