Microsoft Excel 2013



Excel Sorting, Filtering & Advanced Filtering of Data



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UNDERSTANDING LISTS

Microsoft Excel is quite often used to create *lists* – such as lists of customer contacts, lists of items in an inventory, lists of employees, lists of upcoming events, and the like. To cater for these

kinds of lists, Microsoft Excel allows you to perform *sort* operations so that all of the data in the list can be rearranged in a more desirable and logical fashion.

Lists – The Key to Understanding Sorting

To understand how Microsoft Excel performs a sorting operation you first need to grasp the concept of a *list* in Microsoft Excel.

When you make a cell active Excel analyses all of the adjacent cells – up, down, left and right. It considers all of the cells around the active cell to be part of a list range as long as the cells contain data.

So, in Excel, a list is automatically defined as the area around the active cell that contains data. The boundary of the list range is defined when an empty cell is encountered. In the example below, the active cell is **C4**. Excel therefore deems the list to be the one bounded by empty cells – in other words, the list is made up of all of the non-empty cells.

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1	Alpheius Le	eader Listi	ng						
2	Staff Listing								
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4	No	First Name	Last Name	Position	Office	E-Mail	Telephone		Age
5	NZ000001	Peter	Reynolds	Enterprise Leader	Auckland	preynolds@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0219		114.1
6	NZ000002	Mary	Campbell	Effective People Leader	Auckland	mcampbell@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0202		114.1
7	NZ000003	Helen	Kai	Monies Leader	Auckland	hkai@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0203		114.1
8	NZ000004	Norris	Maunga	Forward Thinking Leader	Auckland	nmaunga@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0204		114.1
9	NZ000005	Vivian	Smith	Enterprise Opportunities Leader	Auckland	vsmith@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0205		114.1
10	NZ000006	Grace	Goodson	Communications Service Leader	Auckland	ggoodson@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0206		114.1
11	NZ000007	Kate	Rualowy	Insurance Service Leader	Auckland	krualowy@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0207		114.1
12	NZ000008	Brian	Houson	Banking and Finance Service Leader	Auckland	bhouson@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0208		114.1
13	NZ000009	Tara	Kinelly	Legal Service Leader	Auckland	tkinelly@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0209		114.1
14	NZ0000010	Nora	Mita	Building Services Service Leader	Auckland	nmita@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0210		114.1
15	NZ0000011	Kris	Tamahori	Careers and Education Service Leader	Auckland	ktamahori@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0211		114.1
16	NZ0000012	Kelly	Jones	Health Services Service Leader	Auckland	kjones@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0212		114.1
17	NZ000013	Arthur	Maohori	Communications Product Leader	Auckland	amaohori@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0213		114.1
18	NZ0000014	Marama	Takarami	Electronics Product Leader	Auckland	mtakarami@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0214		114.1
19	NZ000015	Samuel	Jenkins	Computer Products Product Leader	Auckland	sjenkins@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0215		114.1
20	NZ000016	Hine	Boramori	Vehicles Product Leader	Auckland	hboramori@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0216		114.1
21	NZ000017	Bob	Smith	Life Style Product Leader	Auckland	bsmith@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0217		114.1
22	NZ000018	Whetu	Ramabundi	Tools Product Leader	Auckland	wramabundi@alpheiusge.com.n	64 9 344 0218		114.1
23	IR0000001	Paula	Cleary	Enterprise Leader	Dublin	pcleary@alpheiusge.ie	353 1 873 6558		114.1
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The list extends to the left as far as column *A*, and to the right as far as column *G*. It doesn't go up any more rows because *C3* is an empty cell. It goes down as far as row *23*, the last non-empty cell in the column. So the list range is automatically defined as *A4* to *G23*.

You can make any cell in this list the active cell and the list range will be the same. You don't have to select or highlight the range.

Sorting a List

Once a list is available to Excel, the data in it can be **sorted**. The data is usually sorted down a **column**, known in database jargon as a **field**. Data is sorted alpha-numerically, meaning that alphabetical characters are sorted first, and then numbers. If there are only alphabetical characters in it then the list will be sorted alphabetically from left to right. If there are only numbers the list will be sorted numerically. If there is mixed data the list will be sorted by alphabetical characters and then by numbers.

Lists can be sorted in *ascending* order (from lowest to highest) and in *descending* order (from highest to lowest).

PERFORMING AN ALPHABETICAL SORT

The most common use for sorting is to rearrange the data in a *list* in a specific order. A list is simply a grouping of data without any empty columns or rows. In a *list*, a *single column* can be sorted by placing the cell pointer anywhere in the column that you wish to sort and choosing the **Sort & Filter** command in the **Editing** group.



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7	NZ000003	Helen	Kai	Monies Leader	Auckland	hkai@alpheiusg
8	NZ000004	Norris	Maunga	Forward Thinking Leader	Auckland	nmaunga@alph
9	NZ000005	Vivian	Smith	Enterprise Opportunities Leader	Auckland	vsmith@alpheii
10	NZ000006	Grace	Goodson	Communications Service Leader	Auckland	ggoodson@alph
11	NZ000007	Kate	Rualowy	Insurance Service Leader	Auckland	krualowy@alph
12	NZ000008	Brian	Houson	Banking and Finance Service Leader	Auckland	bhouson@alphe
13	NZ000009	Tara	Kinelly	Legal Service Leader	Auckland	tkinelly@alphei
14	NZ000010	Nora	Mita	Building Services Service Leader	Auckland	nmita@alpheiu
15	NZ0000011	Kris	Tamahori	Careers and Education Service Leader	Auckland	ktamahori@alpl
16	NZ000012	Kelly	Jones	Health Services Service Leader	Auckland	kjones@alpheiu
17	NZ000013	Arthur	Maohori	Communications Product Leader	Auckland	amaohori@alph
18	NZ000014	Marama	Takarami	Electronics Product Leader	Auckland	mtakarami@alp

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1	Alpheius Le	ader Listi	ng			
2	Staff Listing					
3						
4	No	First Name	Last Name	Position	Office	E-Mail
5	AU000016	Nellie	Adams	Vehicles Product Leader	Melbourn	nadams@alphe
5	FR000009	Nerida	Arameus	Legal Service Leader	Paris	narameus@alp
7	US000009	Alfred	Beadel	Legal Service Leader	New York	abeadel@alph
В	AU000008	Amanda	Bennet	Banking and Finance Service Leader	Melbourne	abennet@alph
9	NZ0000016	Hine	Boramori	Vehicles Product Leader	Auckland	hboramori@alp
0	FR000010	Victor	Brounson	Building Services Service Leader	Paris	vbrounson@al
1	AU000014	Victor	Brown	Electronics Product Leader	Melbourne	vbrown@alphe
2	IR0000015	Michelle	Cahalan	Computer Products Product Leader	Dublin	mcahalan@alp
3	IR0000017	Nora	Caissie	Life Style Product Leader	Dublin	ncaissie@alpe
4	NZ000002	Mary	Campbell	Effective People Leader	Auckland	mcampbell@a
5	FR000008	Katerina	Castalova	Banking and Finance Service Leader	Paris	kcastalova@alp
6	FR000013	Hugo	Castille	Communications Product Leader	Paris	hcastille@alph
7	US000004	August	Charles	Forward Thinking Leader	New York	acharles@alph
8	AU000012	Vivienne	Clark	Health Services Service Leader	Melbourn	vclark@alpheiu

For Your Reference...

To alphabetically sort data in a list:

- Click in the column to sort, then click on the HOME tab
- Click on Sort & Filter in the Editing group and select either Sort A to Z to sort in ascending order, or Sort Z to A to sort in descending order

Handy to Know...

- When you choose to sort, Excel searches in all directions from the active cell. The end of the list is deemed to be the first blank cell encountered in all directions: up, down, left and right.
- Excel assumes that the first row of the *list* contains the column heading or *field*.

PERFORMING A NUMERICAL SORT

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Microsoft Excel allows you to sort all kinds of data - alphabetic, numeric, dates and mixed. When you place the cell pointer in a cell, Excel determines the data type in that cell and amends the sort commands accordingly. For example, when sorting alphabetical data, the command will be Sort A to Z, but for numeric data it changes to Sort Smallest to Largest.

Try This Yourself:

- Continue using the
- File previous file with this
- Same exercise, or open the file E1327
- Sorting_2.xlsx...
- Click in cell A4 which represents the start of the employee No column
- On the HOME tab, 2 click on Sort & Filter in the *Editing* group and select Sort A to Z to sort the data in ascending order

Notice how the list is sorted first by letters, then numbers...

- Click in cell 15 which is 3 the start of the Age column - these cells store numbers
- Click on Sort & Filter 4 in the *Editing* group again and select Sort **Smallest to Largest** to sort the data from youngest to oldest
- Repeat the above 5 steps and sort the list by **Telephone**, by Salary Level and by Service

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1	Alpheius Le	eader Listi	ing			
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5	AU000001	Julianne	Kerr	Enterprise Leader	Melbourn	jkerr@alpheius
6	AU000002	Harry	Jones	Effective People Leader	Melbourn	hjones@alphei
7	AU000003	Angel	Harrington	Monies Leader	Melbourn	aharrignton@al
8	AU000004	Peter	Dawson	Forward Thinking Leader	Melbourn	pdawson@alph
9	AU000005	Mark	Jones	Enterprise Opportunities Leader	Melbourn	mjones@alphe
10	AU000006	Maureen	Grayson	Communications Service Leader	Melbourne	mgrayson@alpl
11	AU000007	Augustine	Millson	Insurance Service Leader	Melbourne	amillson@alph
12	AU000008	Amanda	Bennet	Banking and Finance Service Leader	Melbourne	abennet@alphe
13	AU000009	George	Samuelson	Legal Service Leader	Melbourne	gsamuelson@a
14	AU000010	Neville	Smith	Building Services Service Leader	Melbourn	nsmith@alphei
15	AU000011	Petra	Henricks	Careers and Education Service Leader	Melbourn	phenricks@alpl
16	AU000012	Vivienne	Clark	Health Services Service Leader	Melbourn	vclark@alpheiu
17	AU000013	Jerry	Hancock	Communications Product Leader	Melbourn	jhancock@alph
18	AU000014	Victor	Brown	Electronics Product Leader	Melbourne	vbrown@alphe

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alova@alpheiusge.fr	33 1 35 66 02 63	12/11/1980	33.2	6	24/04/2000	13.8
usse@alpheiusge.fr	33 1 35 66 02 67	5/06/1980	33.7	6	24/04/2000	13.8
es@alpheiusge.ie	353 1 873 6569	3/04/1980	33.8	6	9/08/1999	14.5
arami@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0214	19/12/1979	34.1	5	22/05/2000	13.7
son@alpheiusge.com.au	61 3 9844 0008	26/12/1978	35.1	6	6/09/1999	14.4
ricks@alpheiusge.com.au	61 3 9844 0012	14/07/1978	35.6	6	6/09/1999	14.4
es@alpheiusge.com.nz	64 9 344 0212	24/05/1978	35.7	6	22/05/2000	13.7
mbe@alpheiusge.fr	33 1 35 66 02 62	16/05/1978	35.7	6	24/04/2000	13.8
iams@alpheiusge.com	1 718 387 5215	23/04/1978	35.8	4	29/11/1999	14.2
wn@alpheiusge.com.au	61 3 9844 0015	13/04/1978	35.8	5	6/09/1999	14.4
wd@alpheiusge.ie	353 1 873 6559	12/03/1978	35.9	4	12/07/1999	14.6
very@alpheiusge.ie	353 1 873 6568	2/03/1978	35.9	6	9/08/1999	14.5
ers@alpheiusge.com	1 718 387 5222	28/02/1978	35.9	6	10/01/2000	14.1

For Your Reference...

To sort a list numerically:

- 1. Click in the column to sort
- 2. On the HOME tab, click on Sort & Filter in the *Editing* group and select either Sort Smallest to Largest to sort in ascending order or Sort Largest to Smallest to sort in descending order

Handy to Know...

If a numeric column contains a formula which displays a calculated value, the sort operation will be performed on the calculated value rather than the formula.

SORTING ON MORE THAN ONE COLUMN

Excel allows you to select multiple columns to sort by, thereby enabling you to analyse data according to different categories. Each column is sorted in order one at a time. The listing is sorted by the first column, then by the second column, and so on. For example, a staff listing can be sorted first by **Position**, then by **Last Name** so that each position contains an alphabetical sub-listing.

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	Position then by Last	9 IR00	80000	Eireann	McCafferty	Banking and Finance Service Leader	Dublin	emccafferty@al
	Name		00010	Victor	Brounson	Building Services Service Leader	Paris	vbrounson@alp
			00010	Paddy	Deegan	Building Services Service Leader	Dublin	pdeegan@alphe
			000010	Nora Marianne	Mita Morris	Building Services Service Leader	Auckland New York	nmita@alpheiu
			00010	Neville	Smith	Building Services Service Leader Building Services Service Leader		mmorris@alphe nsmith@alphei
			00010	Kira	Convery	Careers and Education Service Leader		kconvery@alph
			00011	Petra	Henricks	Careers and Education Service Leade		
			00011	Xanthea	Maurice	Careers and Education Service Leade		xmaurice@alph
		18 NZO	000011	Kris	Tamahori	Careers and Education Service Leade	r Auckland	ktamahori@alpl
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For Your Reference...

To sort on more than one column:

- 1. Click on the *HOME* tab, then click on *Sort & Filter* in the *Editing* group
- 2. Select Custom Sort
- 3. Specify the columns to sort the list on

Handy to Know...

 Be careful when sorting large lists that go beyond the boundaries of the screen. You should ensure that there are no blank rows or columns that can result in you omitting some of the data.

UNDERSTANDING FILTERING

Filtering refers to comparing a list of records against specific criteria and then hiding the records that don't match the criteria. It can be used simply to help find a record, or to create a

subset of data that you can then edit, format, copy, move, chart or otherwise manipulate without affecting the other records. Here's a brief example of how simple filtering works.

An Example of Filtering

Here is a list of 65 records in a table. The field names appear at the top and are *No*, *First Name*, *Last Name* and so on. After filtering using the criterion of Type = Gold, the list is reduced to the 16 records that have the word *Gold* in the *Type* column and the other records are hidden. Notice the row numbers on the left – these confirm that some of the rows are not visible

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8	5		Peter		Harrison		11/02/1988	26.0	Traral	gon	The	eatre	850.00				
9	6		Harold		Lowe		20/02/1988	26.0	Sunsh	ine	The	eatre	850.00				
10	7		Oscar		Renn		24/02/1988	26.0	Moon	ee Ponds	Silv	ver	750.00				
11	8		Melinda		Wrill		27/02/1988	25.9	Bentl	eigh	Go	ld	1,125.50				
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13	10		Mary		Lewis		13/03/1988	25.9	Christ	mas Hills	Go	ld	1,125.50				
14	11		Katherine		Smith		17/04/1989	24.8	Endea	avour Heights	s Jur	nior	55.00				
15	12		June		Gregson		20/04/1989	24.8	Heide	lberg Height	s The	eatre	850.00		_		
16	13		Auguste		Smythe		26/04/1989	24.8	Ivanh	oe	Jur	nior	55.00		_		
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				28	25		George	Smith		9/09/1991	22.4	4 Mi	Idura		Gold	1,125.50	
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				32	29		Greg	Tantra		3/11/1992	21.3	3 Ec	huca		Gold	1,125.50	
				41	38		Quentin	Charle	s	26/02/1995	18.9	9 Fe	rntree Gully		Gold	1,125.50	
				43	40		Stephen	Adam	5	10/03/1995	18.9	9 Pri	nces Park		Gold	1,125.50	
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APPLYING AND USING A FILTER

The Filter command applies (or removes) drop arrows to the right of the column labels in the list. When you click on a Filter arrow, it displays a list of the unique items in the column, including

blanks and non-blanks. By selecting an item from a list for a specific column, you can instantly hide all rows that don't contain the selected value, and display only those that do.

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		27	24	Jennifer	Jones	31/08/1			Gold	1,125.50	
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To *turn* the *filter on* or *off*:

1. Click in the data, click on the DATA tab, then click on Filter in the Sort & Filter group

To apply a simple filter.

1. Click on a filter arrow, click on (Select All), then click on an option and click on [OK]

iandy to Know...

If the column that you want to filter includes blank cells, you will also have the option (Blanks) to choose from. This can be used to help you locate missing data.

CLEARING A FILTER

Once a filter has been applied, a subset of data is shown in the list. Before you can apply an alternative filter, the first one must be cleared so that all of the records become available again. Filters can be cleared either by clicking on **(Select All)** in the filter options list or by selecting **Clear Filter From** *"fieldname"* from the menu. You can also remove the filter arrows altogether.



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3	No	First Name	Last Name	Joined	Years	Suburb	Туре	Annual Fee	
4	1	Roger	Wilson	12/01/1988	26.1	Brighton	Gold	1,125.50	
5	2	Mary	Driscoll	23/02/1998	16.0	South M	Theatre	850.00	
6	3	Kate	Fu	2/02/1988	26.0	Bentleig	Silver	750.00	
7	4	Julie	Gregory	5/02/1988	26.0	Ascot Va	Junior	55.00	
8	5	Peter	Harrison	11/02/1988	26.0	Traralgo	Theatre	850.00	
9	6	Harold	Lowe	20/02/1988	26.0	Sunshin	Theatre	850.00	
10	7	Oscar	Renn	24/02/1988	26.0	Moonee	Silver	750.00	
11	8	Melinda	Wrill	27/02/1988	25.9	Bentleig	Gold	1,125.50	

For Your Reference...

To *clear* the *filter*:

- 1. Click on the filter arrow
- 2. Select Clear Filter From "fieldname"

To *remove* the *filter arrows*:

 Click on the DATA tab, then click on Filter in the Sort & Filter group

Handy to Know...

 You can remove the filter altogether in one step by clicking on *Filter*. Use the Clear Filter From command when you want to perform subsequent filters.

CREATING COMPOUND FILTERS

The *Filter* tool allows you to select a filter on one column or field at a time. When the filter is applied, the records that match that filter will be displayed. As you create successive filters on

other fields, the filters are applied to only the records that are currently on display. In other words, the filters build up on each other, or *compound*, refining the list as required.



For Your Reference...

To create a compound filter.

- 1. Apply the first filter to the list to display a subset of the records
- 2. Apply a second filter to the list to show a subset of the subset of records

Handy to Know...

• When you print a filtered list, Excel will print the list as shown in the worksheet, with all of the unwanted records hidden.

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MULTIPLE VALUE FILTERS

You may want to list records by creating two criteria for one field so that you can select records with one of two possible values. For example, you may want to see all the records for two particular suburbs, or two membership types. The filter options list all of the unique values found in that field in the list, so you can click on any of the values that you want to display.

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6	3	Kate	Fu	2/02/1988	26.0	Bentleig	Silver	750.00	
7	4	Julie	Gregory	5/02/1988	26.0	Ascot Va	Junior	55.00	
11	8	Melinda	Wrill	27/02/1988	25.9	Bentleig	Gold	1,125.50	
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For Your Reference...

To filter on multiple values:

- 1. Click on the filter arrow for the required field
- 2. Click on (Select All)
- 3. Click on the checkboxes for each of the values that you want to filter by
- 4. Click on [OK]

Handy to Know...

- Using multiple values in criteria is the same as saying, for example, if Suburb = Ascot Vale **OR** Suburb = Bentleigh.
- If the field is a date field, you can filter on specific years, specific months or even specific dates. These are all provided for easy access in the filter menu.

CREATING CUSTOM FILTERS

The *Filter* feature enables you to create individual conditions for multiple fields using the drop-down lists. To set more than one condition per field you can use the *Custom Filter* option. This is ideal if you want to select records with one of several possible values, or where you want a record that falls within a range of values rather than matching an exact value.



USING WILDCARDS

If you need to filter for specific values in a list, you can select them individually from the filter menu or use *wildcards* to create a more powerful filter. Wildcards are characters that can be substituted for any character (?) or series of characters (*). For example, **B*****N** would find all words starting with B and ending with N, while **B**?**N** would find the same, but look for three letters.



For Your Reference...

To use wildcards in custom criteria:

- 1. Click on a filter arrow, then point to *Text Filters*
- 2. Select Custom Filter
- 3. Enter a criteria with either an * or a ? depending on what you are searching for

Handy to Know...

 You can filter for the question mark or asterisk character as the actual character itself, and not the wildcard character, by preceding the character with the *tilde* ~. For example, if you use the criteria Year~?, Excel will search for the character string Year?.

UNDERSTANDING ADVANCED FILTERING

To work with *Advanced Filters* in Excel, you need to understand a few of the concepts that are used. A list in Excel is a series of rows of information. Each row is effectively one unit of

information. This structure is very similar to a simple database and therefore Excel uses similar terminology to describe the parts of the list. The following illustrates a list and its parts.

Fields, Field Names and Records

A *field* is a *column* in the list of data. In the example below, the column of data for the *Last Name* is an example of a field.

The *field name* is the *heading* at the top of the column. The field names within one list must be unique. In the example below, the text *Annual Fee* is an example of a field name.

A **record** is a **row** of data in the list. Each record is one item of data in the list. In the example below, the row of information for **Fred Jackson** is one record. Note that advanced filters do not work correctly if there are blank rows in the list.

		Field					Field Name
No	First Name	Last Name	Joined	Years	Suburb	Туре	Annual Fee
1	Roger	Wilson	12/01/1998	16.0	Brighton	Gold	1,125.50
2	Mary	Driscoll	23/02/1998	15.9	South Melbourne	Theatre	850.00
3	Kate	Fu	2/02/1998	15.9	Bentleigh	Silver	750.00
4	Julie	Gregory	5/02/1998	15.9	Ascot Vale	Junior	55.00
5	Peter	Harrison	11/02/1998	15.9	Traralgon	Theatre	850.00
6	Harold	Lowe	20/02/1998	15.9	Sunshine	Theatre	850.00
7	Oscar	Renn	24/02/1998	15.9	Moonee Ponds	Silver	750.00
8	Melinda	Wrill	27/02/1998	15.9	Bentleigh	Gold	1,125.50
9	Fred	Jackson	4/03/1998	15.9	Brighton	Life	55.00
10	Mary	Lewis	13/03/1998	15.8	Christmas Hills	Gold	1,125.50
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Criteria, Criteria Range, AND and OR

Record

Criteria are tests against the data in specific fields, for instance *Gold*. When *Gold* is tested against the field *Type*, the filter would display only the people with *Gold* memberships. All other records are filtered out (hidden).

The *criteria range* is the area where you specify the criteria. The first row contains the field names that mirror those in the list. The second and subsequent rows are used to type the criteria or examples of what you are looking for in the list.

If you want the conditions between fields joined with an *AND*, you write the conditions on the same row. If you want them joined with an *OR*, you write the conditions on separate rows. In the next example, our criteria specifies greater than *15* years membership *AND Gold* membership.

			Criterion	С	riterion Range		
Membership Renewals				Years >=15	Type Gold		
No	First Name	Last Name	Joined	Years	Suburb	Туре	Annual Fee
1	Roger	Wilson	12/01/1988	26.0	Brighton	Gold	1,125.50
8	Melinda	Wrill	27/02/1988	25.9	Bentleigh	Gold	1,125.50
10	Mary	Lewis	13/03/1988	25.9	Christmas Hills	Gold	1,125.50
14	Harry	Jones	5/05/1989	24.7	Denis	Gold	1,125.50
19	Louise	Vincenzo	3/07/1990	23.6	Watsonia	Gold	1,125.50

USING AN ADVANCED FILTER

To use an *Advanced Filter*, you need to create a criteria area, enter your criteria, specify the list to be filtered and then run the filter. The *Advanced Filter* tool has one distinct advantage over other

filtering techniques (such as AutoFilter), you type your criteria directly into the worksheet. The criteria are always visible in the worksheet above the records that you have filtered.



EXTRACTING RECORDS WITH ADVANCED FILTER

The *Advanced Filter* can be used to filter a list in place (hiding unwanted records) or to extract required records and paste them in another location. By creating a subset of the list, you can

further analyse the data without risking accidental modifications of the original list. You must specify the fields that you want and the location where the records are to be copied.



For Your Reference...

To extract records using the Advanced Filter.

- 1. Create the criteria and extract ranges
- Click on the DATA tab, then click on Advanced in the Sort & Filter group
- 3. Click on Copy to another location
- 4. Type the *Criteria range* and *Copy to* range, then click on **[OK]**

Handy to Know...

 You can use the extract feature of the Advanced Filter to create a list of unique codes that are used in a list. For example, to create a list of Type codes, extract the Type field with no criteria and select the checkbox Unique records only in the Advanced Filter dialog box.

USING FORMULAS IN CRITERIA

By making slight adjustments to the criteria range and using a formula for the criteria, you can create more sophisticated filters. The first row of the criteria range must contain a label that is not the same as a field heading. The criteria example in the second row must be expressed as a *formula*. The formula often makes a comparison using the first record as a model for all others.



For Your Reference...

To use formulas in criteria:

- 1. Type a *criteria heading* that does not match a field name
- 2. Create a formula (starting with =) below the heading that performs a comparison with the value of a field in the first record

Handy to Know...

When you perform the *copy* operation during filtering, Excel names the header row of the copied records as *Extract*. It names the cells containing the criteria range as *Criteria*. You can use these names to navigate quickly to the extract or criteria ranges of the worksheet via the *Name* box.