

Mastering Microsoft Excel for Business Reporting & Data Management

Hours: 16 Hours

Course Overview

This practical Excel training program is designed to help professionals efficiently manage, analyze, and present business data using essential to intermediate Excel functionalities. Participants will learn how to work with formulas, clean and organize data, create reports and dashboards, use Pivot Tables and XLOOKUP, collaborate on shared workbooks, and leverage AI features within Excel to improve productivity and decision-making. The course focuses on real-world business applications such as budgeting, inventory tracking, costing sheets, and reporting automation.

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- Applying themes and styles
- Using Format Painter effectively

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