

Basic of Exploring Data in Excel - Tables, Key Functions, and Pivot Tables

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Basics of Exploring Data in Excel

Data, Tables, Functions, Pivot Tables

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Agenda

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"In a world of more data, the companies with more dataliterate people are the ones that are going to win." — Miro Kazakoff, senior lecturer, MIT Sloan (Link)



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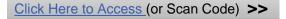
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How much time do you spend using Excel each day?

- 1. Less than 1 hour
- 2. 2-3 hours
- 3. 3-5 hours
- 4. Seems like all day!

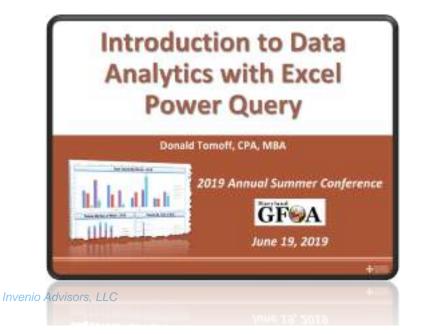
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WERE YOU THERE?

Before We Dive In...Recommended Excel Skills?





- 1. PowerQuery
- 2. PowerPivot (includes Pivot Tables)

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- 3. Dynamic Arrays (365)
- 4. Data Visualization
- 5. Formatted Tables
- 6. Functions (20 key items)
- 7. Data Validation
- 8. PowerBI (separate tool)



Consider Baking a Pie...

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My approach has been to teach people what they need to know in order to be able to function.

In the latest book I describe baking a pie. Even a very basic pie is going to require some basic, intermediate and advanced skill. You're not going to have a pie if all you can do is measure ingredients.

Some pies are more complex than others, but there still is no such thing as baking a pie with only beginner level skill. A person has to step up and perform.

Similarly, when it comes to something like splitting columns, I think it's irresponsible not to mention Power Query. Why?

Spillting columns and repeatedly splitting columns is a common need. It'd be a genuine move to show someone Text-to-Columns and say. "In a year, if you're ready, I'll show you Power Query, TEXTBEFORE, TEXTAFTER, and Flash Fill."

Jazz musicians do that kind of mess to up and coming musicians. "If you can't play Satin Doll in all 12 keys, you're forbidden from playing any jazz that was published after 1970."





Why Analytics? Why Now?



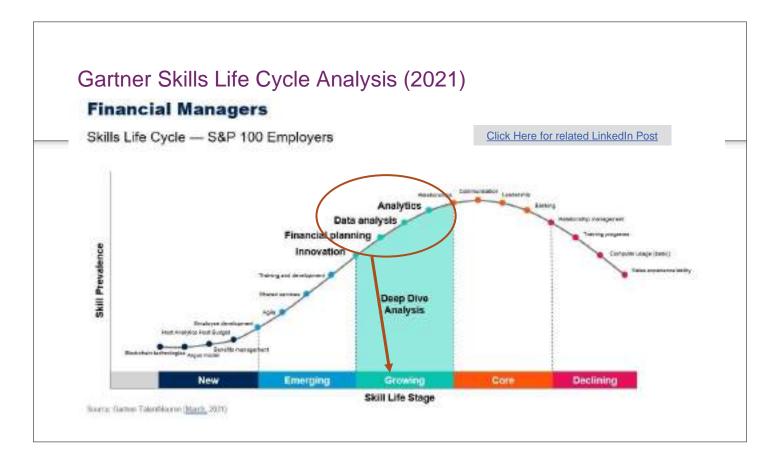
So, Why Data Analytics?



"By now it has become clear that all businesses should embrace data to make their organization as efficient and profitable as possible. Old and tiresome puns like 'data is the new oil' may have been used to death but they have in no way whatsoever lost their meaning. This is because data is indeed one of the most important commodities to any business."

- <u>FintechTimes - Promoting Digital Growth Through a Hands-on Approach to Data & Analytics</u>







Data Analytics - Basic Terminology

- Data Structure "Proper" Dataset (Fields & Records VS Columns & Rows)
- 2. Transaction (**Fact**) tables (e.g., sales data) vs Lookup (**Dimension**) tables (e.g., customer table)
- 3. ETLR Extract, Transform, Load and Report
- 4. EDA exploratory data analysis
- 5. Relational Databases Data Joins between tables "connect" data
- **6. Queries** (PowerQuery, M-Code)
- 7. Modeling (PowerPivot, DAX, Data Model)

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Consider...Typical Participant Poll Responses

- 1. Do you work with data? 100%
- Aware of Excel Tables and Pivot Tables? 70%
- 3. Can explain the purpose of each and why they are important? 50%
- 4. Use Tables and Pivot Tables on a regular basis? 20%

= OPPORTUNITY!





Data Structure and Excel Tables

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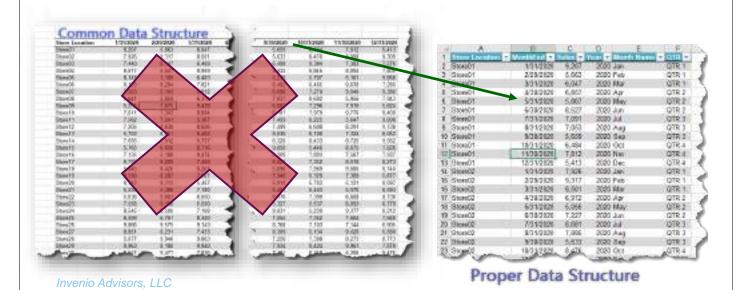
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Data Basics - Data Structure

- 1. Excel Tables (Data Structure)
- 2. LOOKUP Functions VLOOKUP, HLOOKUP, XLOOKUP (Data Structure)
- 3. Date "dimensions" to shape data (Data Structure)
- 4. Pivot Tables (Data Analysis)



Store Sales Data – Structure Example



Tables - Demo (see Handouts)





Key Benefits / Features of Excel Data Tables

- 1. Automatic data filters and sort options
- 2. Formulas "Structured" references vs cell references
- 3. Auto-fill formulas
- 4. No need to freeze headers to keep column references
- 5. Dynamic range (updates as new records are added)
- 6. Auto expansion of table as data is added (rows & columns)
- 7. Auto summing and calculations on table totals

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Excel Tables (Data Structure)

- 1. Foundation of data structure for analysis purposes
- Benefits of Excel Tables:
 - "Excel Tables: Overlooked, Yet Awesome"
 - "Want to become a Data God? Learn Excel Data Tables"



Data Structure Discussion - Examples

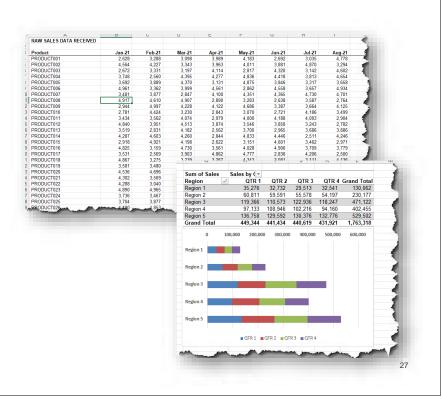
- 1. Sales dataset
- 2. Payroll Budget dataset
- 3. Date / Time Timeclock dataset

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Sample Sales Dataset (Basic)

- 1. Structure issues?
- 2. What might I want to know?
 - This question drives transformation process
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Budget Payroll Dataset (Intermediate)

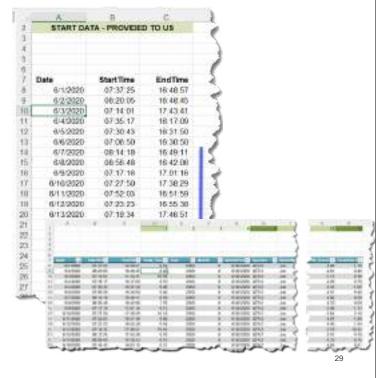
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Date / Time Timeclock Dataset (Intermediate +) – 1

- Employee time clock data for analysis
- Dimension fields need to be added for flexibility!
- 3. What's the optimal way to approach this?

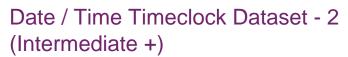




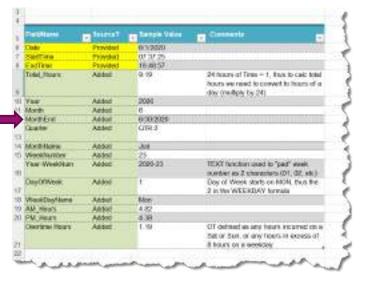
Excel Date & Time Basics

EXCEL - KEY DATE & TIME CONCEPTS							
Formatted Date	Format	Formula	Underlying value	Shortcut			
6/6/2022	Date	=TODAY()		CTRL + ; (semi-colon)			
6/6/2022 15:46	Date / Time	=NOW()	44718.66	CTRL + ; (semi-colon), then SPACE & "CTRL + SHIFT + ;"			
3:17 PM	Time		0.64	CTRL + SHIFT + ; (semi-colon)			
	Using formulas will cause results to be dynamic, otherwise they are static						
	Underlying value of just time is decimal value of PORTION of 24 hours						

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Tables – My Fav Keyboard Shortcuts

- 1. Create Table CTRL + T (CTRL + L also works)
- 2. Select Table Area CTRL + A (& "CTRL + A" twice!)
- 3. Activate Filter Dropdown Menu ALT + ▼
- 4. Insert / Delete Row or Column CTRL + "+" / CTRL + "-"
 - ROW? Select cell in Table (Insert Row above)
 - COLUMN? Select minimum two cells in Table (Insert COL to Left)

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Key Excel Functions Review

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Data Transformation – Shaping For Analysis



"How To" Review items - Workbook Link

 This workbook covers various Excel functions and capabilities that are considered essential knowledge to understand related to working with data in Excel.



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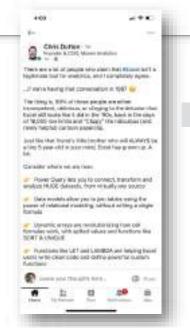
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Excel 365? Does It Really Matter?

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- Power Query lets you to connect, transform and analyze HUGE datasets, from virtually any source
- Data models (Power Pivot) allow you to join tables using the power of relational modeling, without writing a single formula
- Dynamic arrays are revolutionizing how cell formulas work, with spilled values and functions like SORT, UNIQUE & FILTER
- Functions like LET and LAMBDA are helping Excel users write clean code and define powerful custom functions
- New (custom) data types add layers of rich, real-time info to spreadsheet values, from stocks and geography to chemistry and food



Excel - Open Letter to C-Suite...



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"My recommendation is to make sure that a "skills update" training course covers Tables, Power Query,

Dynamic Array formulas and at least an overview of Power Pivot, otherwise look for another training provider. Then for those people who have the "data gene" give them dedicated Power Query, Power Pivot and even Power BI training. They'll love it and your organization will benefit from having these internal data champions in the team."



"Modern" Excel...

- 1. Power Tools (Power Query & Power Pivot)
- 2. Dynamic Array Formulas (Blog post here!)
 - o UNIQUE, SORT, FILTER, etc
- 3. XLOOKUP replaces VLOOKUP
- 4. Artificial Intelligence (Recommended Pivot Tables, Recommended Charts, Analyze Data (Ideas)
- 5. New "Data Types" Ribbon & Custom Data Types
- LAMBDA Functions (<u>Blog post here</u>) in Beta currently, but this is game changing!
- 7. <u>LET</u> Function
- 8. PowerPivot Pivot Tables!



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Pivot Tables / Pivot Charts



Pivot Tables Introduction





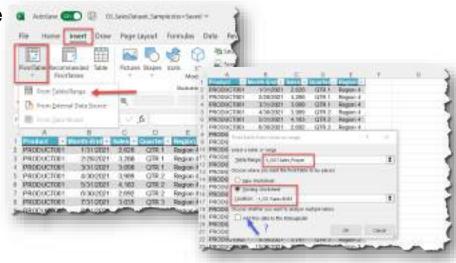
Pivot Tables Topics

- 1. Inserting a pivot table (and the "ALT, N, V shortcut)
- 2. Field list review and layout
- 3. Recommended PivotTable
- 4. Pivot Table context menus and options
- 5. "Right-click" menu options
 - Value Field Settings
 - o Pivot Table Options
- 6. Change Default Layout Settings (365)
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Inserting a Pivot Table - 1

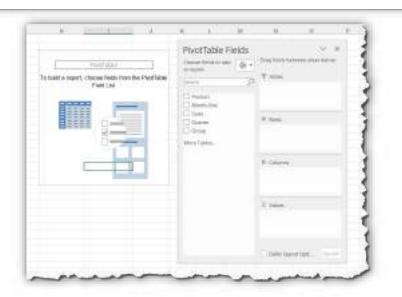
- Insert >> PivotTable
 >> From
 Table/Range
- Identify where you want the PivotTable placed



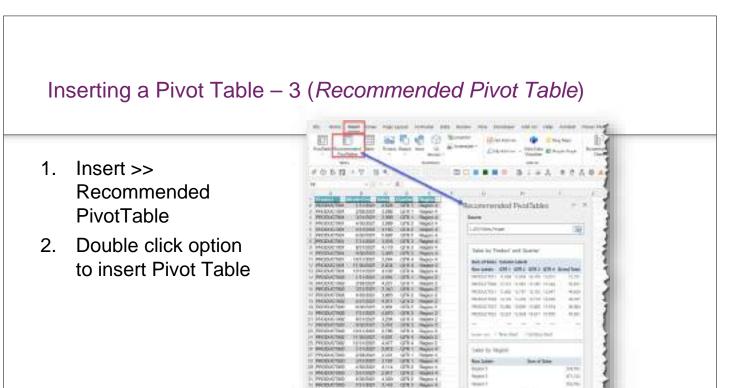
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Inserting a Pivot Table - 2

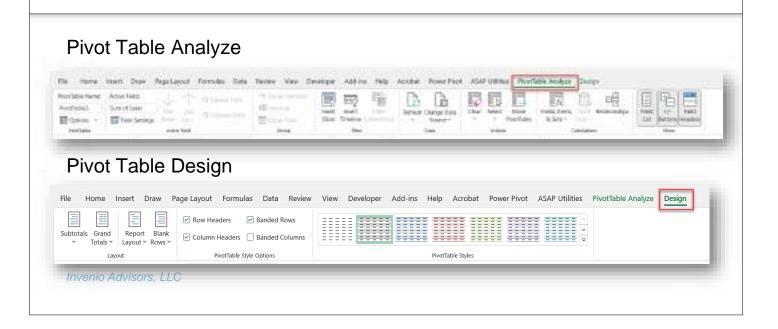
- Placeholder appears along with "Field List"
- 4. Fields
 - Filters
 - Rows
 - Columns
 - Values







Pivot Tables Context Menus (appear when PT selected)

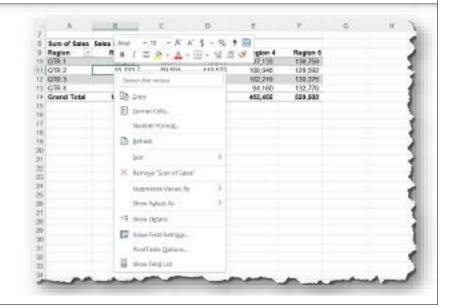




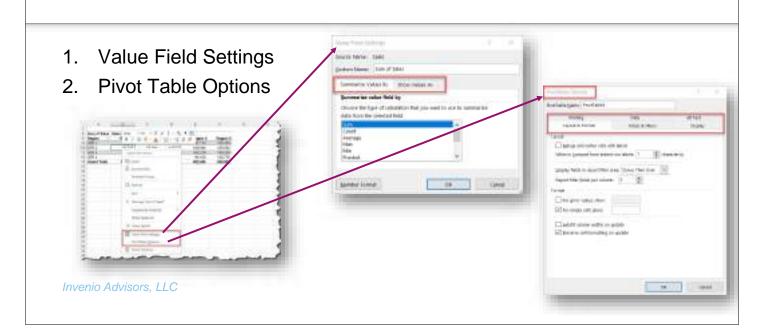
Right-click Menu Options - 1

- From within pivot table, Right-click mouse button opens shortcut menu options
- Learn these options
 you will spend a
 lot of time here!

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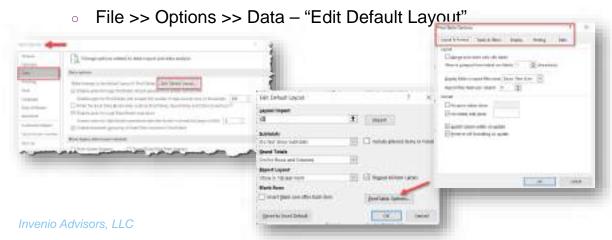
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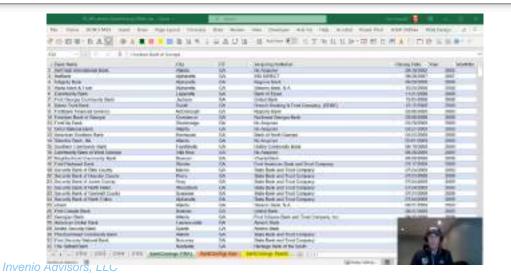


Pivot Table Default Settings (365 only) - 1

Default settings options configuration

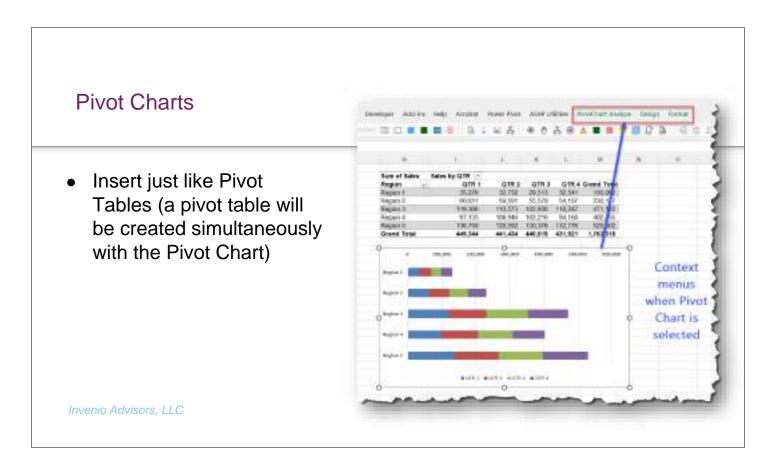


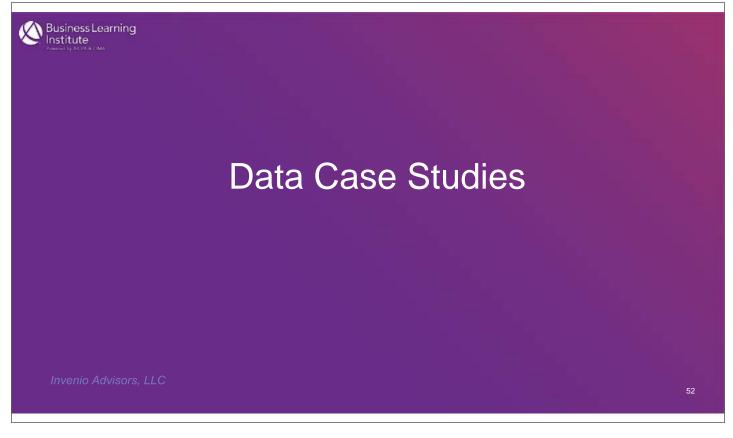
Default Settings – Here's How 😜



YouTube Video Link



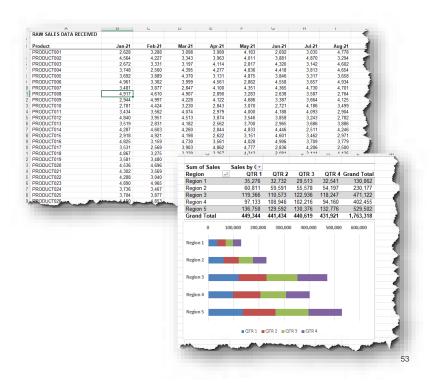






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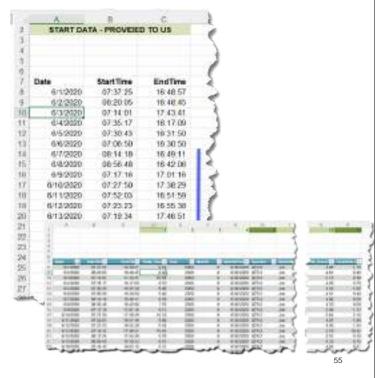
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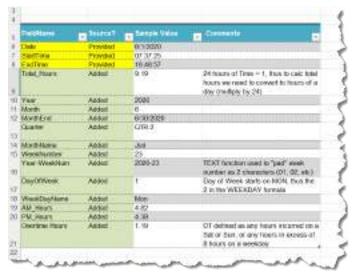
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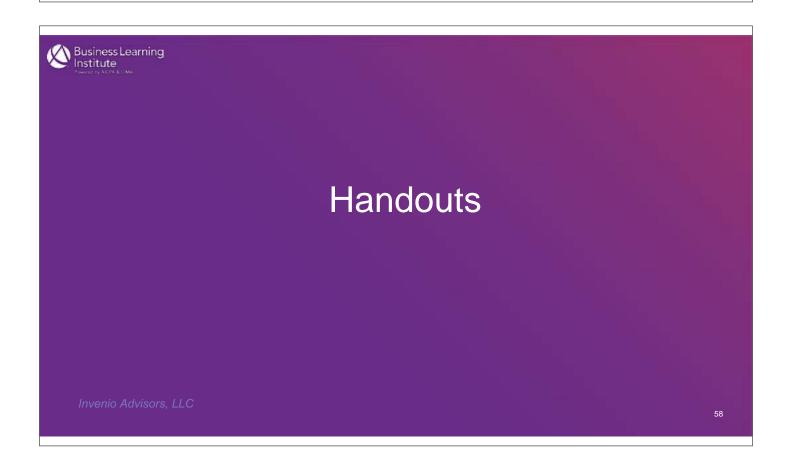
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Date / Time Timeclock Dataset - 3 (Intermediate +)

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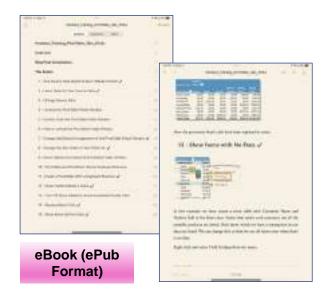


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Pivot Tables – Tips, Tricks & Techniques





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