

# Excel

## Quick Start Guide

New to Excel? Use this guide to learn the basics.

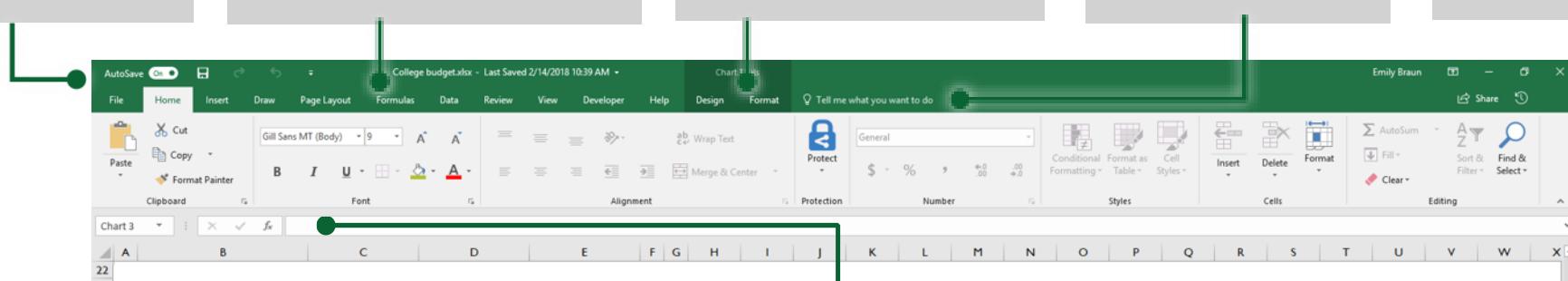
**Quick Access Toolbar**  
Keep favorite commands permanently visible.

**Explore the ribbon**  
See what Excel can do by selecting the ribbon tabs and exploring available tools.

**Discover contextual commands**  
Select tables, charts, or other objects in a workbook to reveal additional tabs.

**Find whatever you need**  
Look up Excel commands, get Help, or search the Web.

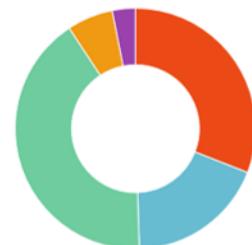
**Share your work with others**  
Invite other people to view and edit cloud-based workbooks.



### Monthly College Budget

march income:  
**\$2,425**

- financial aid
- wages (after-tax)
- family help
- from savings
- other



march expenses:  
**\$2,233**

- room & board
- tuition & fees
- books & supplies
- transportation
- discretionary
- other expenses

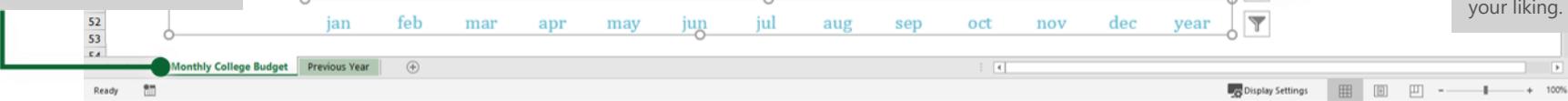


march cash flow:  
**\$192**



### Switch or create sheets

Select the + next to the sheet tabs to switch between workbook sheets or to create new ones.

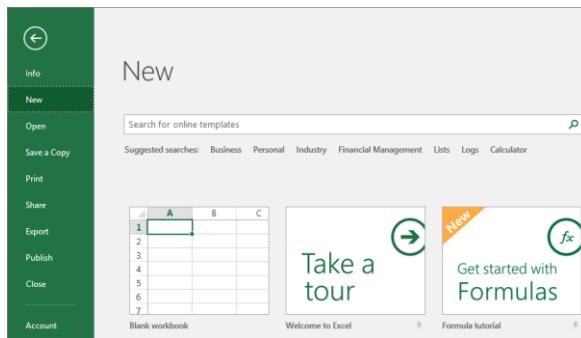


**Change your view**  
Select the status bar buttons to switch between view options, or use the zoom slider to magnify the sheet display to your liking.

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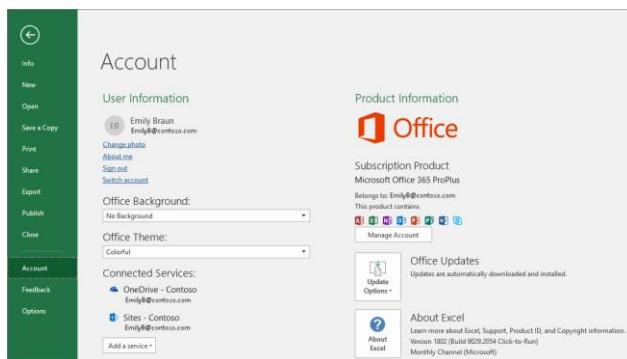
## Create something

Select **File > New**, and then select or search for the template you want. Begin with a **Blank workbook** to get right to work. Or save yourself time by selecting and then customizing a template that resembles what you need.



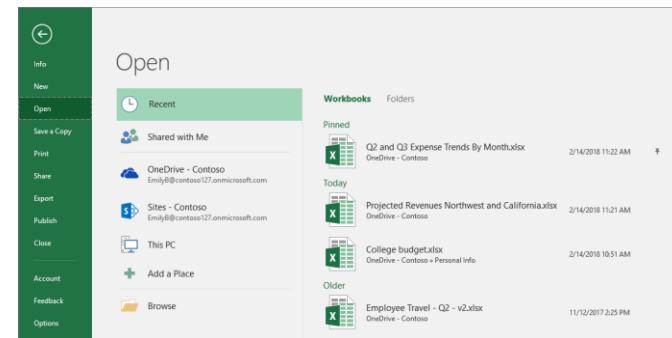
## Stay connected

Need to work on the go and across different devices? Select **File > Account** to sign in and access your recently used files anywhere, on any device, through seamless integration between Office, OneDrive, OneDrive for Business, and SharePoint.



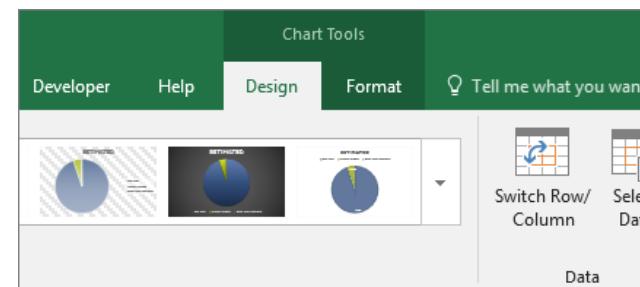
## Find recent files

Whether you only work with files stored on your PC's local hard drive or you roam across various cloud services, selecting **File > Open** takes you to your recently used workbooks and any files that you may have pinned to your list.



## Discover contextual tools

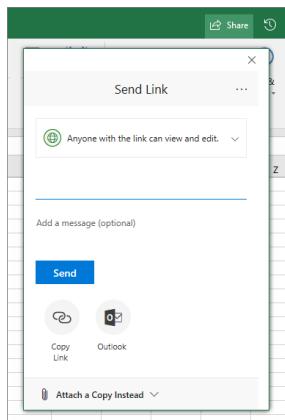
Select relevant objects in your workbook to make contextual commands available. For example, selecting a chart element displays the **Chart Tools** tab with options for the **Design** and **Format** of a selected chart.



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## Share your work with others

To invite others to view or edit your workbooks in the cloud, select the **Share** button in the top right corner of the app window. In the Share pane that opens, you can copy a sharing link or send invitations to the people you select.



## Manage data with Excel tables

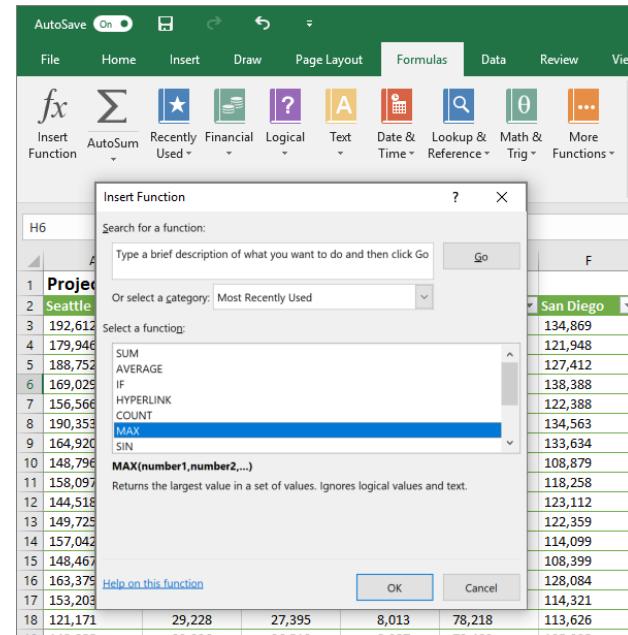
You can choose to format any range of cells in your current workbook as an Excel table. Excel tables let you analyze and easily manage a group of related data independently from the other rows and columns in your workbook.

### Home Inventory

Item	Area	Model	ID Number	Purchased	Price	Value
1	Living Room	Manufacturer 1	33XCBH3	5/2/2015	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2	Home Office	Manufacturer 2	55-678B	11/6/2014	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
3	Living Room	Manufacturer 3	7865SS-J3	3/15/2012	\$560.00	\$550.00
4	Dining Room	Manufacturer 4	768087	6/1/2015	\$240.00	\$200.00
5	Family Room	Manufacturer 5	80-JBNR	8/19/2015	\$300.00	\$290.00
TOTALS	INVENTORY ITEMS: 5			\$4,600.00	\$4,040.00	

## Insert functions

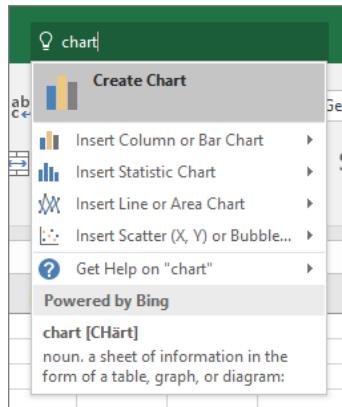
On the Formulas tab, select **Insert Function** to search for and insert functions, look up the correct syntax, and even get in-depth Help about how your selected functions work.



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## Find whatever you need

Type a keyword or phrase into the **Tell me what you want to do** search box on the ribbon to quickly find the Excel features and commands you're looking for, to discover **Help** content, or to get more information online.



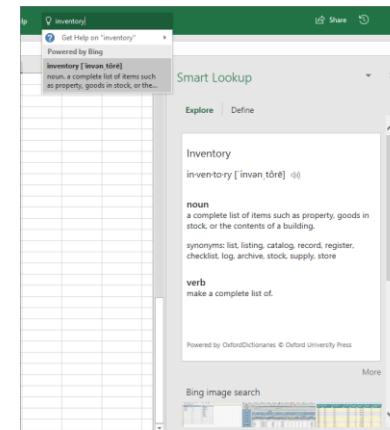
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## Look up relevant information

With **Smart Lookup**, Excel searches the Internet for relevant information to define words, phrases, and concepts. Search results shown on the task pane can provide useful context for the data and information in your workbooks.



## Next steps with Excel

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