Computer Skills Placement Objectives Spreadsheets

Using the application

First Steps with Spreadsheets

Open (and close) a spreadsheet application

Open one, several (workbooks) spreadsheets.

Create a new spreadsheet (default template).

Save a spreadsheet to a location on a drive

Save a spreadsheet under another name.

Save a spreadsheet in another file type such as: text file, HTML, template, software specific file extension, version number.

Switch between worksheets, open (workbooks) spreadsheets

Use available Help functions.

Close a (workbook) spreadsheet.

Adjust Settings

Use magnification/zoom tools

Display, hide built-in toolbars.

Freeze row and/or column titles

Modify basic options/preferences in the application: user name, default directory/folder to open, save spreadsheet.

Cells

Insert Data

Enter a number, a date, text in a cell.

Select Cells

Select a cell, range of adjacent cells, range of non-adjacent cells, entire worksheet.

Select a row, a range of adjacent rows, range of non-adjacent rows.

Select a column a range of adjacent columns, range non-adjacent columns

Rows and Columns

Insert rows, columns in a worksheet

Delete rows, columns in a worksheet.

Modify column widths, row heights

Edit Data

Insert additional cell content, replace existing cell content.

Use the undo, redo command

Duplicate, Move, Delete

Duplicate the content of a cell, cell range within a worksheet, between worksheets, between open spreadsheets.

Use the AutoFill tool/copy handle to copy or increment data entries.

Move the contents of a cell, cell range within a worksheet, between worksheets, between open spreadsheets .

Delete cell contents.

Search and Replace

Use the search command for specific content in a worksheet

Use the replace command for specific content in a worksheet

Sort Data

Sort a cell range by one criterion in ascending, descending numeric order, ascending, descending alphabetic order.

Worksheets

Handling Worksheets

Insert a new worksheet

Rename a worksheet

Delete a worksheet

Duplicate a worksheet within a spreadsheet, between open (workbooks) spreadsheets Move a worksheet within a (workbook) spreadsheet, between open (workbook) spreadsheets

Formulas and Functions

Arithmetic and Logical Formulas

Generate formulas using cell references and arithmetic operators (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

Recognize and understand standard error values associated with using formulas.

Cell Referencing

Understand and use relative, mixed, absolute cell referencing in formulas

Working with Functions

Generate formulas using sum, average, minimum, maximum, count functions

Generate formulas using the logical function IF (yielding one of two specific values)

Formatting

Numbers/Dates

Format cells to display numbers to a specific number of decimal places, to display numbers with, without commas to indicate thousands.

Format cells to display a date styles

Format cells to display a currency symbols.

Format cells to display numbers as a percentages

Contents

Change cell content appearance: font sizes and font types

Apply formatting to cell contents such as: bold, italic, underline, double underline

Apply different colors to cell content, cell background

Copy the formatting from a cell, cell range to another cell, cell range.

Apply text wrapping to contents within a cell

Alignment, Border Effects

Align contents in a cell, cell range; left, centre, right, top, bottom.

Centre a title over a cell range

Adjust cell content orientation

Add border effects to a cell, cell range.

Charts/Graphs

Using Charts/Graphs

Create different types of charts/graphs from spreadsheet data: column chart, bar chart, line chart, pie chart.

Add a title, label to a chart/graph. Remove a title, label from the chart/graph.

Change the background color in a chart/graph.

Change the column, bar, line, pie slice colors in the chart/graph.

Change the chart/graph type

Duplicate, move charts/graphs within a worksheet, between open (workbooks) spreadsheets

Resize, delete charts/graphs.

Prepare Outputs

Worksheet Setup

Change page margins: top, bottom, left, right.

Change page orientation: portrait, landscape. Change paper size.

Adjust page setup to fit worksheet contents on one page, on a specific number of pages. Add, modify text in Headers, Footers in a worksheet

Insert fields: Page numbering information, date, time, file name, worksheet name into Headers, Footers.

Preparation

Understand the importance of checking spreadsheet calculations and text before distribution.

Preview a worksheet

Turn on, off display of gridlines, display of row and column headings for printing purposes

Apply automatic title row(s) viewing on every page of a printed worksheet.

Printing

Print a cell range from a worksheet, an entire worksheet, number of copies of a worksheet, the entire spreadsheet, a selected chart.