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You'll learn how to...

Handle the basics:

- Input data into a table.
- Choose the best chart type for your data.
- Add, modify, and position shapes, such as arrows, comments, and text boxes.
- Import/export from Excel, text, CSV, and older versions of Numbers.
- Set up page numbers and other header/footer information for printing.

See what you want to see:

- Know what to expect when you sort by column.
- Hide and show columns.
- Merge and unmerge cells.
- Create rules that filter data to display only specific rows.

- Set up and view interactive charts.

Make formulas:

- Work fluidly in the formula editor to create formulas.
- Make formulas from the tear-off tokens on the Quick Calc bar.
- Nimbly use various types of cell references in formulas.
- Understand how to use IF, TRUE, and FALSE in formulas.
- Take charge of logical operators (AND, OR, NOT) in formulas.
- Concatenate and break apart text.
- Strip extra spaces out of data.
- Find medians, modes, ranks, percentiles, and more.

Create clever formulas that can:

- Calculate a sales discount based on whether a total is over or under a certain amount.
- Sort seemingly unsortable data, such as items described as Poor, Good, or Excellent.
- Take a column of cells, with each cell containing a full name, and move all the last names into a different column.

Apply formatting:

- Add and remove grid lines and cell borders.
- Work with a cell's background fill.
- Format a chart so it looks fabulous.
- Set up conditional highlighting that appears only when data meets certain criteria.
- Ensure accurate data entry with cell formats like sliders, menus, and checkboxes.
- Use and create templates.
- Format faster with character, paragraph, list, shape, and table styles.



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