



UNIT: 06

Managing Large Workbook

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit the learner will be able to:

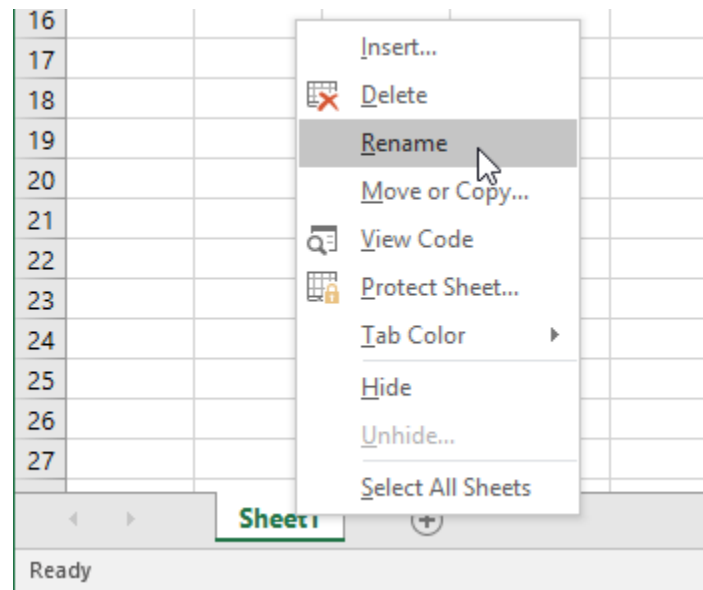
- ✓ **Format worksheet tabs**
- ✓ **Manage worksheets**
- ✓ **Manage the view of worksheets and workbook**

UNIT 06 MANAGING LARGE WORKBOOK

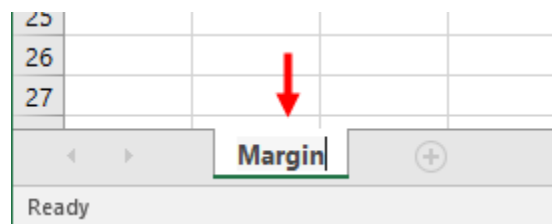
Format Worksheet Tabs

RENAMING WORKSHEET TABS

To rename a worksheet tab, right-click on the tab in question and then click Rename:



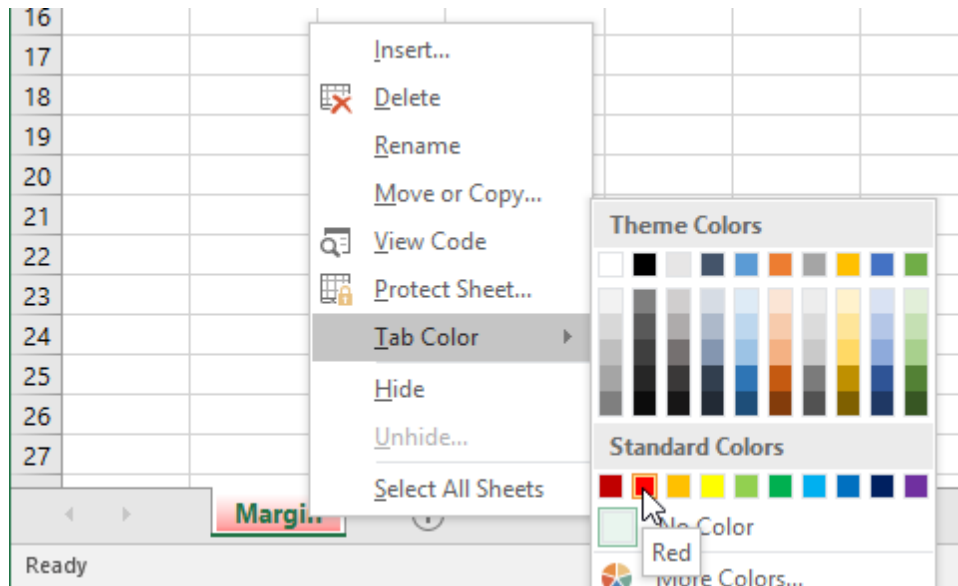
Next, type the name you would like to give this tab and press the Enter key. The new name will be applied:



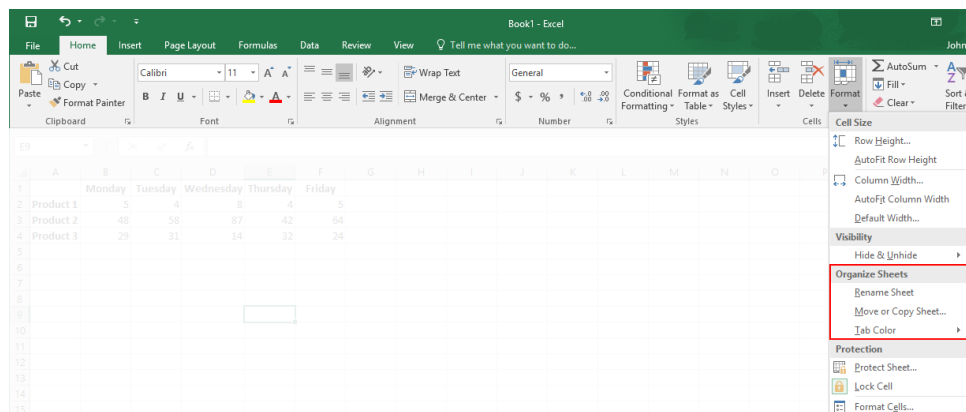
(You can also double-click the tab name to rename a worksheet even faster.)

CHANGING TAB COLOR

To change the color of a worksheet tab to make it even more identifiable, right-click the tab in question and click Tab Color → [Color]:



You can also find both the Tab Color and Rename commands on the Home tab, under the Format drop-down menu:

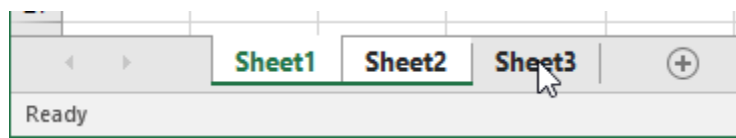


Manage Worksheets

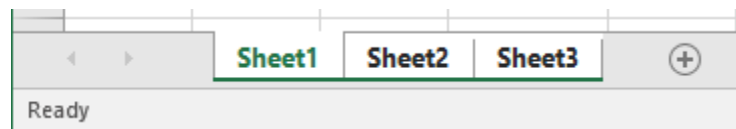
GROUPED WORKSHEETS

Excel includes the ability to group worksheets together so that you can edit two or more at the same time. Formatting that is applied to the group will then automatically be applied to any worksheets contained within it.

To group two or more worksheets together, hold down the Ctrl key on your keyboard and then click on the tabs for each worksheet that you would like to include in the group:



Once you've selected all of the worksheets that you would like to include in the group, release the Ctrl key. You will notice that each worksheet tab that you selected will change from gray to white:



Additionally, the title bar will show the workbook name followed by [Group]:

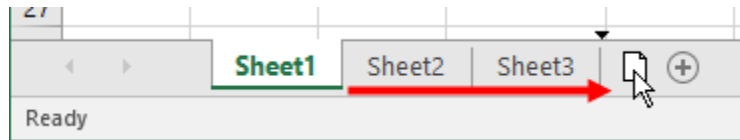
Book1 [Group] - Excel

You can remove worksheets from a group by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking on the tabs for the worksheets that you would like to remove.

REPOSITIONING WORKSHEETS

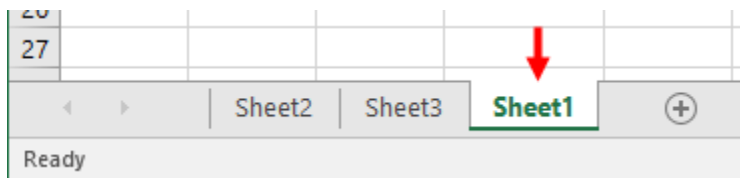
Excel is very flexible in how you can move worksheets around in your workbooks. You can even move worksheets from one workbook to another.

The quickest way to reposition a worksheet within the same workbook is to click and drag on the worksheet tab:

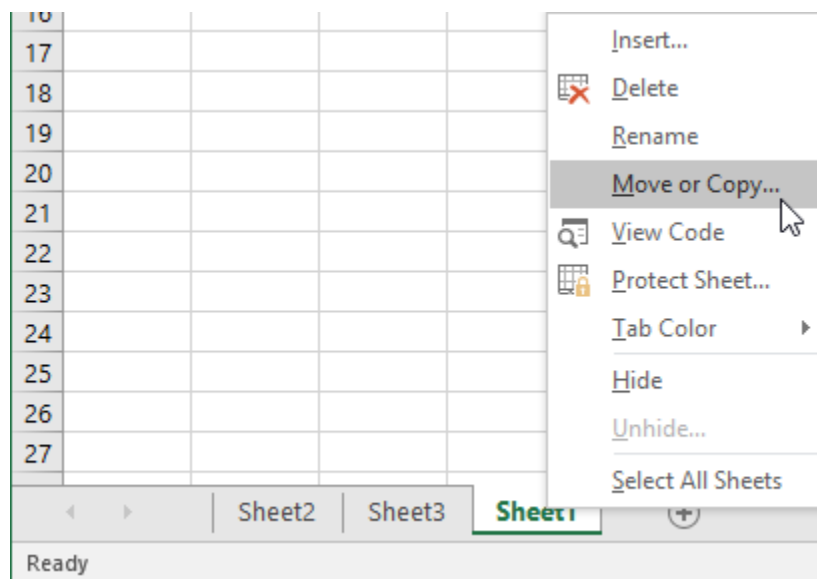


(Notice the small black arrow that indicates positioning.)

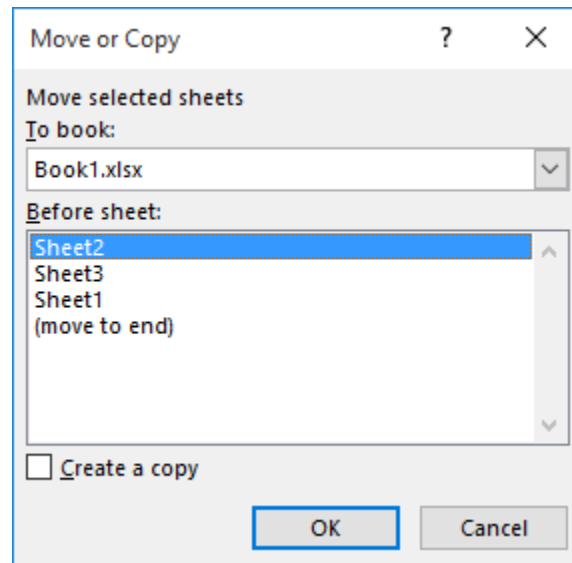
Once your mouse is in position, release your mouse button. The worksheet in question will be repositioned:



If you are moving a worksheet between workbooks, right-click on the tab for the worksheet that you would like to move and click "Move or Copy:"



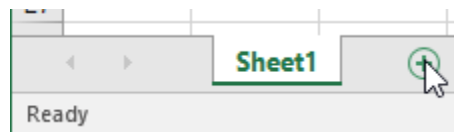
In the Move or Copy dialog, you can choose the workbook that you would like to move this worksheet to using the “To book” menu, as well as the sheet that you would like it to appear before:



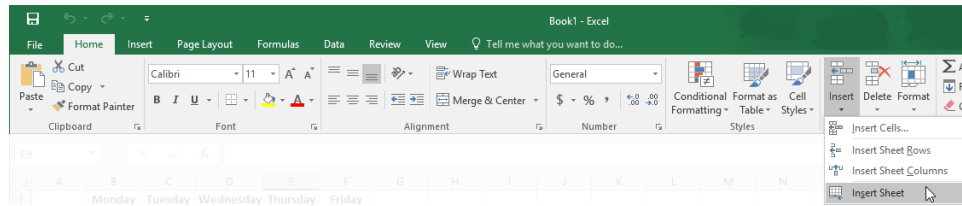
Note that in order to move a worksheet to another workbook, you must have that workbook open.

INSERTING OR DELETING WORKSHEETS

Excel is very flexible in that you can add or remove worksheets from your workbook at any time you see fit. To insert a new worksheet, click the Insert Worksheet button (+) next to the worksheet tabs:

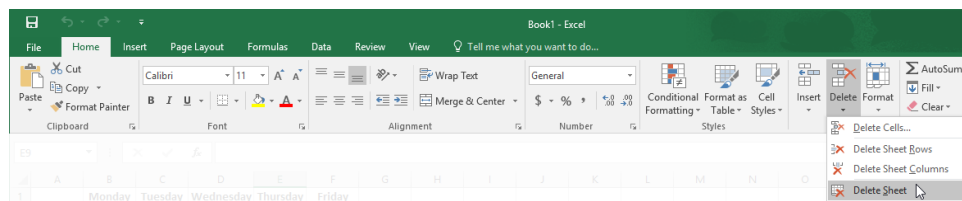


Alternatively, you can also click Home → Insert → Insert Sheet:

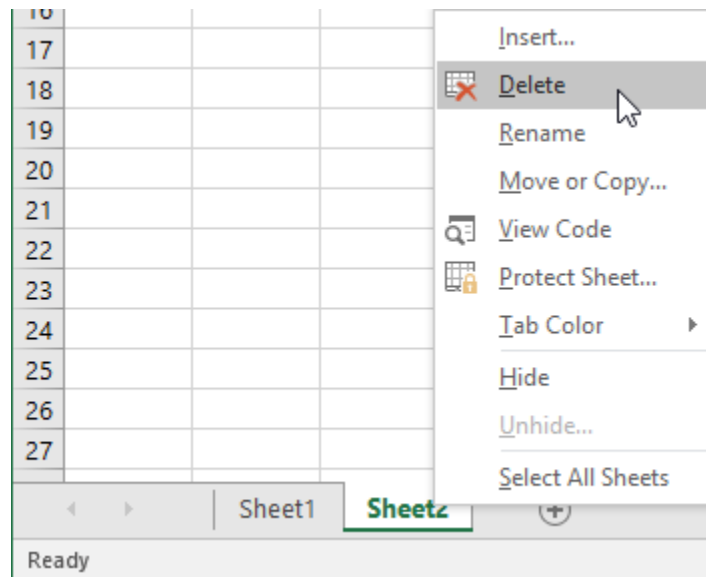


(You can also find this command on the context menu when you right-click an existing worksheet tab.)

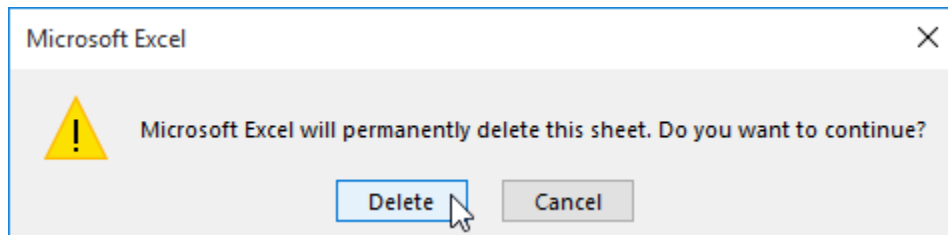
To delete a worksheet, ensure that the worksheet that you would like to delete is open and then click Home → Delete → Delete Sheet:



Alternatively, you can right-click the tab for the worksheet in question and then click Delete:



In either case a warning dialog will appear asking for confirmation to delete the selected worksheet. Click Delete to complete the process:

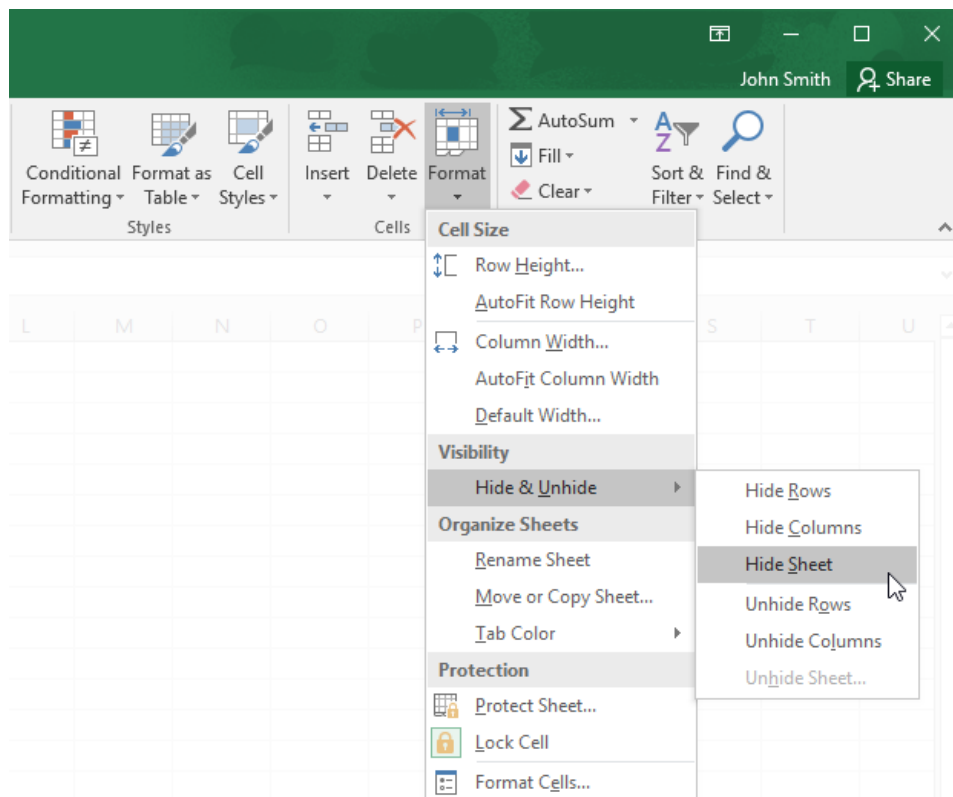


(If the worksheet that you are deleting is blank, no warning dialog box will be displayed and the worksheet will be immediately deleted.)

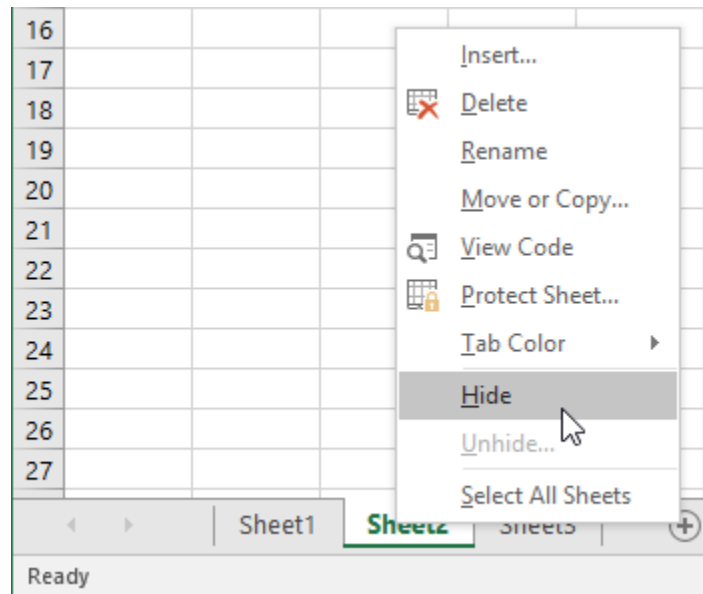
HIDING AND UNHIDING WORKSHEETS

If you are working with a workbook that includes a lot of worksheets, it can quickly become cluttered. To help alleviate this problem and allow you to focus on and quickly access the worksheets that matter, you can choose to hide selected worksheets. Hidden worksheets are not deleted and still operate normally; they are just hidden from view.

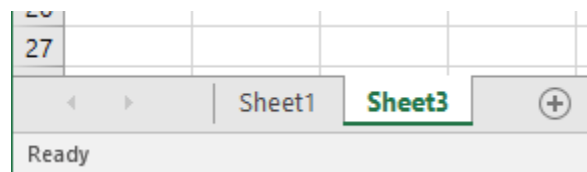
To hide the currently active worksheet, click Home → Format → Hide & Unhide → Hide Sheet:



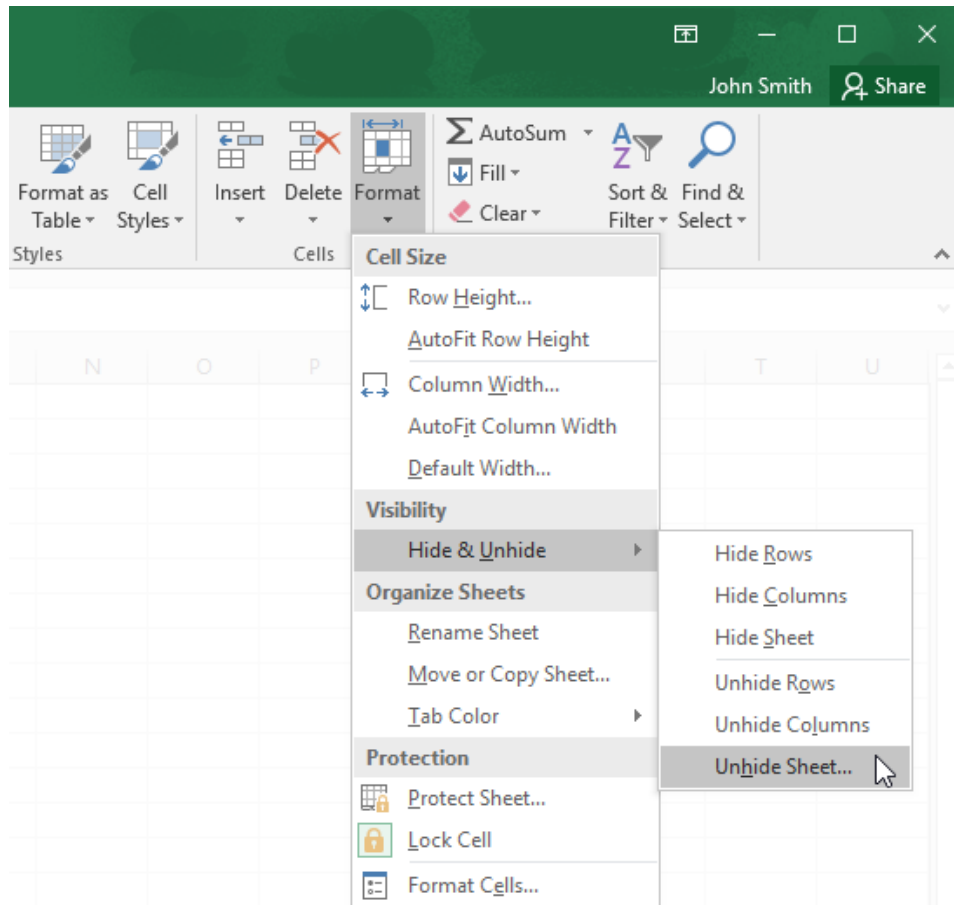
Alternatively, you can right-click on the worksheet tab that you would like to hide and click Hide:



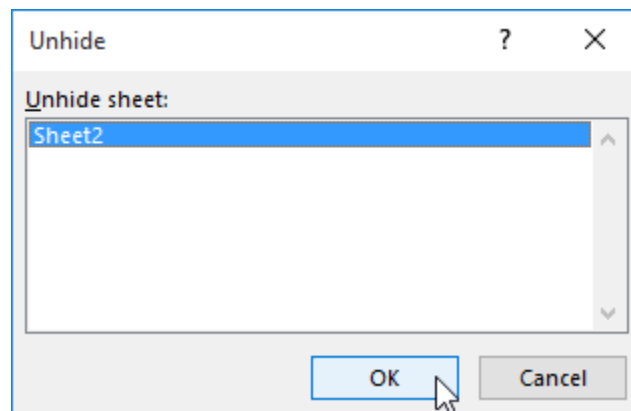
Once a worksheet has been hidden, it will be completely hidden from view and you will no longer be able to select its worksheet tab:



To unhide a worksheet, click Home → Format → Hide & Unhide → Unhide Sheet:



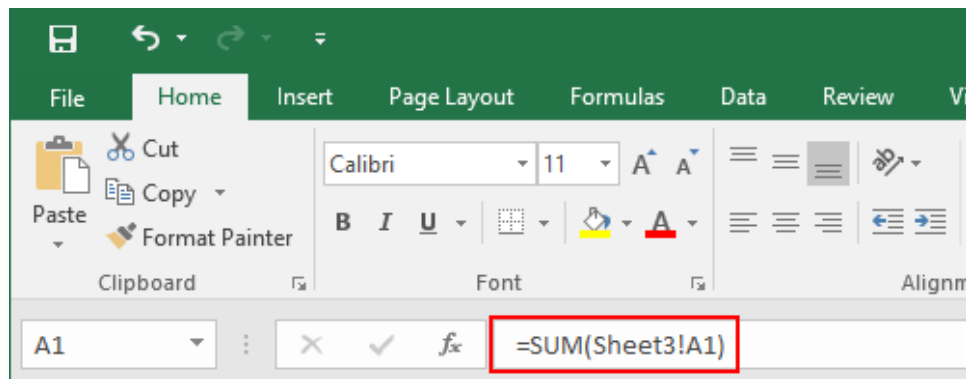
This action will display the Unhide dialog box. This dialog box will list any worksheets that are currently hidden. Click to select the sheet that you would like to unhide and then click OK:



The previously hidden sheet will now be visible and its tab will be displayed in its previous position.

WORKSHEET REFERENCES IN FORMULAS

When constructing a formula, you can refer to any cell or cell range within any worksheet in the current workbook. Such worksheet references declare the worksheet name followed by an exclamation mark (!), followed by the regular cell reference. For example, here, you can see that this formula references cell A1 on Sheet3:



Manage the View of Worksheets and Workbooks

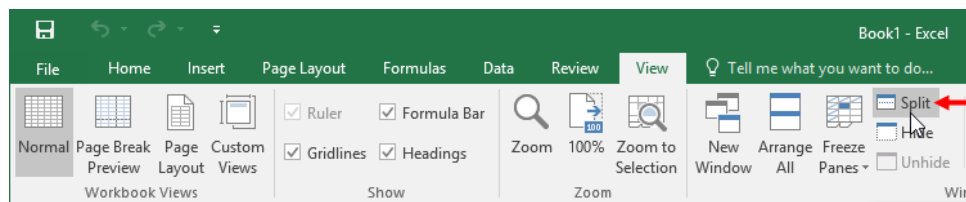
THE SPLIT COMMAND

The Split command allows you to view four different areas of a worksheet at the same time. It is similar to the Freeze command (which will be discussed in a moment), except that you have the option to scroll through the parts of the window that are frozen.

Before adding a split, click the location in your data where you want the split to be added. For example, here is some data with a selected cell:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	Product 1	5	4	8	4	5
3	Product 2	48	58	87	42	64
4	Product 3	29	31	14	32	24
5						

Next, click View → Split. This command acts like a toggle; click to activate/deactivate the split.



After clicking Split, you will see borders appear around the selected cell, dividing the worksheet into four parts:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	Product 1	5	4	8	4	5
3	Product 2	48	58	87	42	64
4	Product 3	29		14	32	24
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The table is split into four quadrants by a vertical line between columns C and D, and a horizontal line between rows 2 and 3. Red circles with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are placed at the corners of the split area: 1 at the top center (between C and D), 2 at the bottom center (between C and D), 3 at the left center (between A and B), and 4 at the right center (between E and F).

Each split operates as follows:

- The **top left/top right sides (1)** share the same vertical scroll bar.
- The **bottom left/bottom right sides (2)** share the same vertical scroll bar.
- The **top left/bottom left sides (3)** share the same horizontal scroll bar.
- The **top right/bottom right sides (4)** share the same horizontal scroll bar.

To remove the split, click the Split command again. To move the split, click and drag the center of the divider wherever you like:

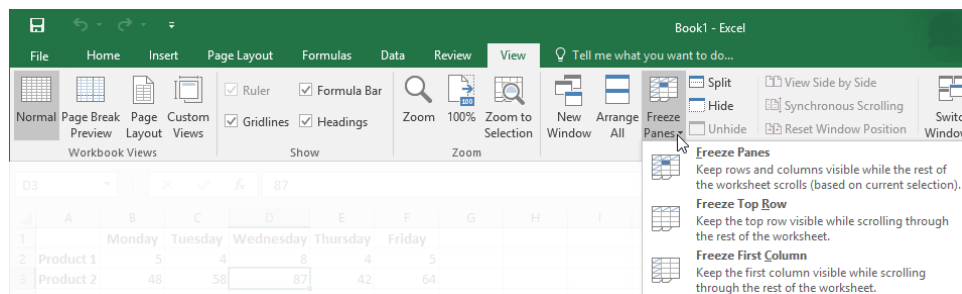
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The table is shown without the split. A red arrow points to the center of the vertical divider between columns D and E, with a mouse cursor icon over it, indicating that the split can be moved.

THE FREEZE PANES OPTIONS

It is sometimes convenient to be able to keep an eye on one part of a spreadsheet while simultaneously viewing other parts of the same spreadsheet. You can do this using the Freeze feature.

To use Freeze, open a workbook window and click View → Freeze Panes:



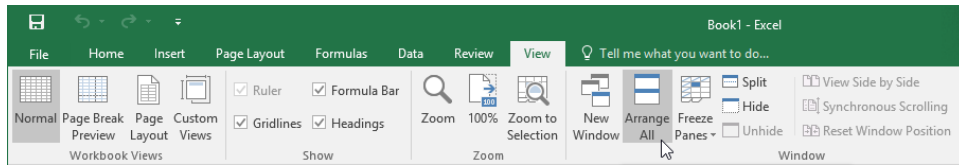
A menu of the following options will be displayed:

Freeze Panes	If you select cells before clicking this option, everything to the left of and above the selection will remain frozen.
Freeze Top Row	Many top rows in a worksheet contain column headings. Use this option to keep column headings visible while scrolling vertically through the data.
Freeze First Column	This will freeze the first column. Use this option to keep row headings visible while scrolling horizontally through the data.

When you are finished using the Freeze Panes command, click Freeze Panes → Unfreeze Panes.

THE ARRANGE ALL COMMAND

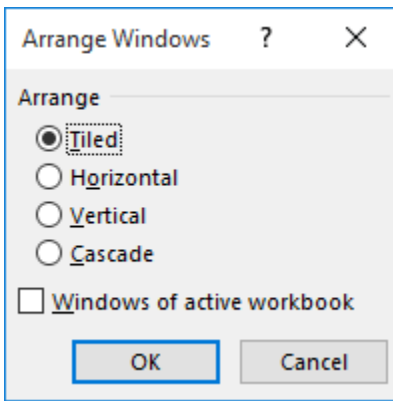
If you want to compare two or more workbooks at the same time, click View → Arrange All:



This action will open the Arrange Windows dialog box. Using the controls in this dialog box, you can arrange all of the open windows in various ways.

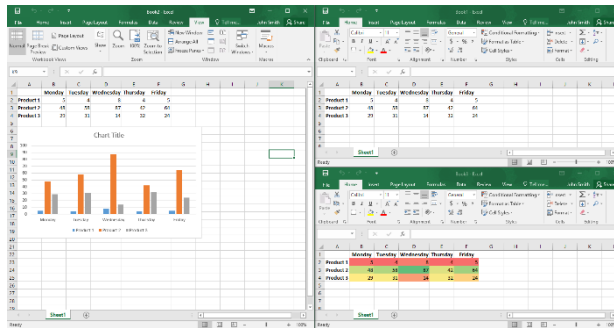
THE ARRANGE WINDOWS DIALOG BOX

The Arrange Windows dialog box will open when you click View → Arrange All. This dialog box controls how workbook windows will be arranged within the Excel window:

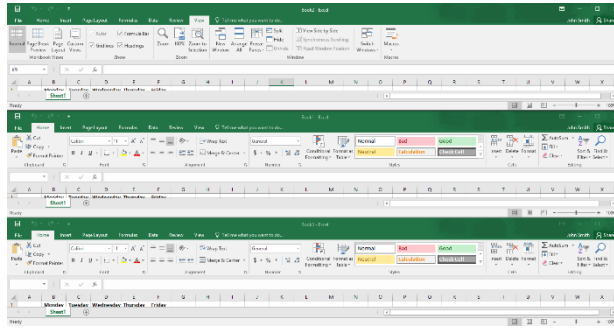


Suppose that you had three open workbooks. Here is a sample of what each one of the arrangements would look like:

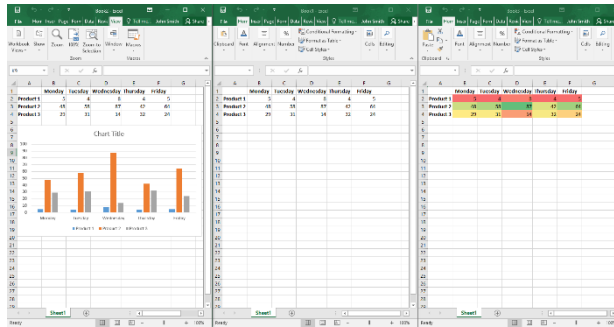
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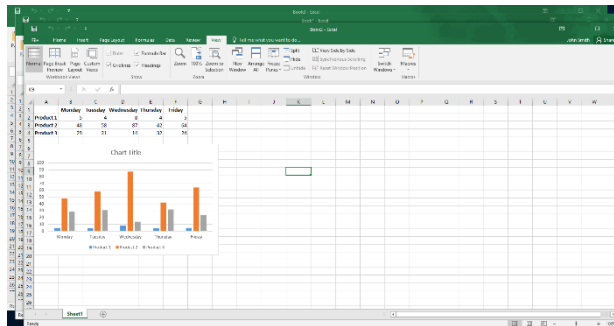
Horizontal



Vertical

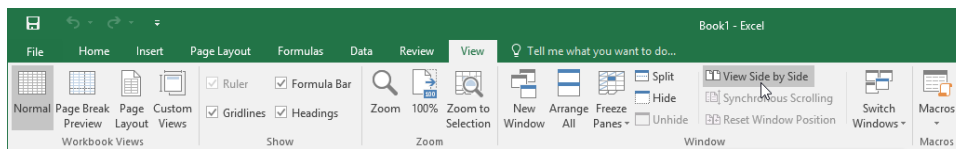


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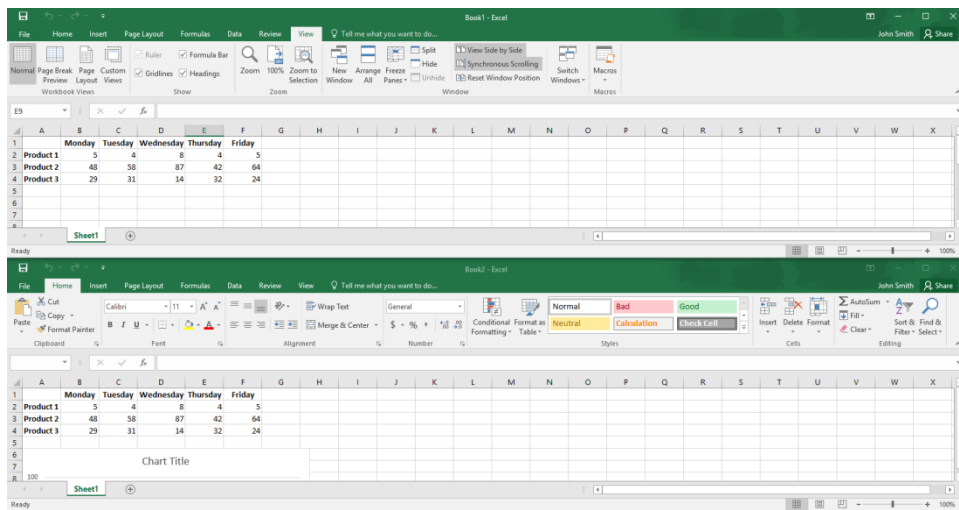


THE VIEW SIDE BY SIDE COMMAND

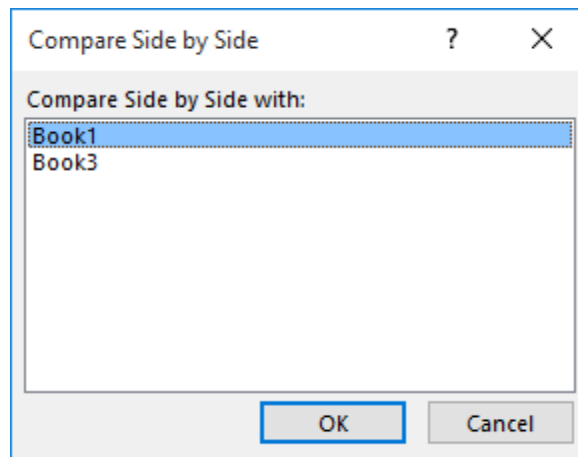
A quick way to compare two workbooks is to use the Side by Side command. First, open both files. Then, in one of the workbooks, click View → View Side by Side:



The current workbook and the other open workbook will then be shown together:

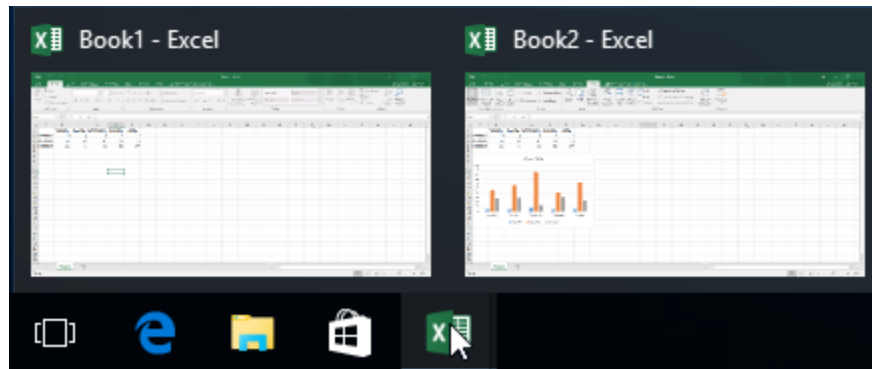


If you have more than two workbooks open at the time that you click the View Side by Side command, a dialog box will open instead that asks you to choose the specific workbook that you would like to compare the current workbook with:

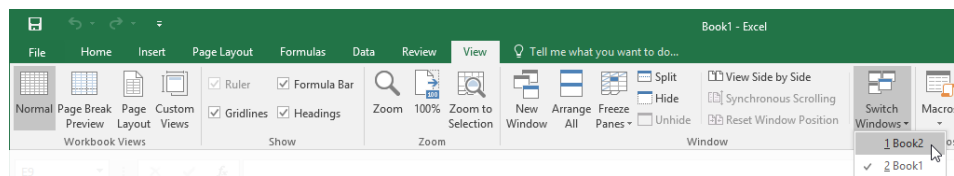


THE SWITCH WINDOWS COMMAND

If you have multiple workbooks open at the same time, they are all accessible from the same Excel window. One method is to use the icons on the Windows taskbar to switch between the different files:

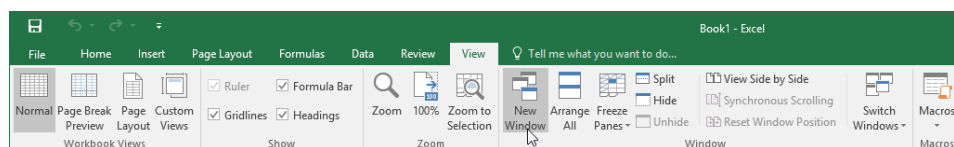


You can also click View → Switch Windows. Whichever file name has a checkmark beside it is the one that is currently visible. Click an unchecked name to view that file:



THE NEW WINDOW COMMAND

To view the current worksheet in another active workbook window, click View → New Window:



Once the worksheet is open in a new window, you can then use the View → View Side by Side command to compare and work with two worksheets at the same time.