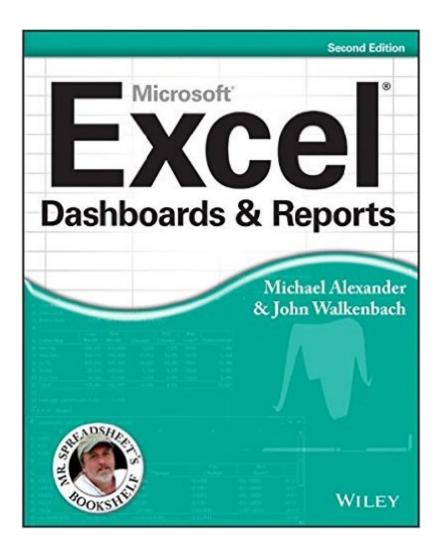
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# **Excel Dashboards And Reports**





## Synopsis

Learn to use Excel dashboards and reports to better conceptualize data Updated for all the latest features and capabilities of Excel 2013, this go-to resource provides you with in-depth coverage of the individual functions and tools that can be used to create compelling Excel reports. Veteran author Michael Alexander walks you through the most effective ways to present and report data. Featuring a comprehensive review of a wide array of technical and analytical concepts, this essential guide helps you go from reporting data with simple tables full of dull numbers to presenting key information through the use of high-impact, meaningful reports and dashboards that will wow management both visually and substantively. Details how to analyze large amounts of data and report the results in a way that is both visually attractive and effective Describes how to use different perspectives to achieve better visibility into data, as well as how to slice data into various views on the fly Shows how to automate redundant reporting and analysis processes Walks you through creating impressive dashboards, eye-catching visualizations, and real-world What-If analyses Excel Dashboards and Reports, Second Edition is part technical manual, part analytical guidebook, and exactly what you need to become your organization's dashboard dynamo!

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It is a good book but is too basic. The title is about dashboard and reports. However, it does not talk a lot about how to design a better chart, for example, for a dashboard. Instead, it talks about some general knowledge which is good for beginners. I've used Excel since around 1990, when it was in Version 3. Also, I currently teach Excel on a college level. Despite my background, I learned many wonderful techniques, thanks to this book!

What I like about this book is it gives spefific examples of what reports and tools can be used for. If you know excel it helps you get more out of it, because lets face of, none of use excel to its fullest potetional.

This was a really good book. I recently reentered the business analysis field and knew that dashboards/reports would be a major part of my daily routine. Reading this book prior to my first day on the job was a HUGE help. It covers everything one needs to know about charts, pivot tables, data modeling as well as dashboard design. It is ripe with examples and and application.

This book is easy enough to understand for those who have basic knowledge of excel. This book is a must have for anyone interested in improving their BI.

I'm going to review this now and hopefully remember to come back in another month or so after I've read the entire thing and look at some of the problems. I'm about 100 pages in right now and am giving it a 4 star review. It's a very nice book, well written, follows Tufte's paradigm of less is more. Almost looks like a copy of what I'd imagine Dashboarding for Dummies in Excel would look. 100 pages in, I'd say that this book is probably more for a beginner to a novice with some Excel experience. With that said, it's packed with many awesome charting examples that would make great references for anyone not that familiar with Excel or Dashboarding. You can use the examples to quickly create nice charts and graphs. I should state that I have a BBA and a CIS major, took Office and Advanced Excel in Business College, graduated 10 years ago. I haven't used Excel on a regular basis and never considered myself an expert in charting. I am a data programmer, work with databases and support Enterprise software. I've read much material on dashboarding over the last month. I have a high profile dashboarding project that I've undertaken at work. This book has given me some good insight into dashboarding paradigms, some good examples of clean graphs/charts so far. It's also given me a good understanding of the data underneath the chart. How to get the data setup for dashboarding. Setting up areas in the spreadsheet that are dynamic table areas which rely on more raw data placed in the spreadsheet. Connecting the dynamic areas to a particular graph on the dashboard. Ultimately I will use a product that will initially have Excel as it's foundation but will migrate into a relationship database over the next couple years. After consuming

the contents of this book, will make the best effort to return and give some overall feedback of the book. For the price, it makes a great reference book and I don't regret buying the book.

If you know a bit about Excel then this book is very accessible and an easy read. I enjoyed going through it in a week. The only weak spot is that the workbook examples are not downloadable under the in the book indicated address; one has to search a bit the publishers pages to find them. Not too difficult, but be aware.

Knowing how to create charts and how to create charts USEFULLY are different skills. Alexander helps the reader use Excel skills to produce truly useful dashboards. Highly recommend for those looking to learn data presentation.

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