

# DSO 401: Business Information Systems

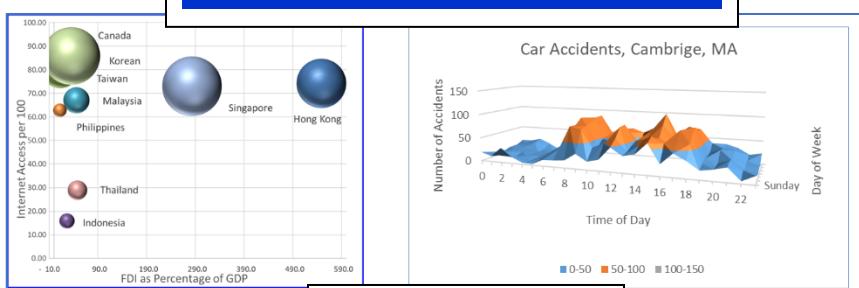
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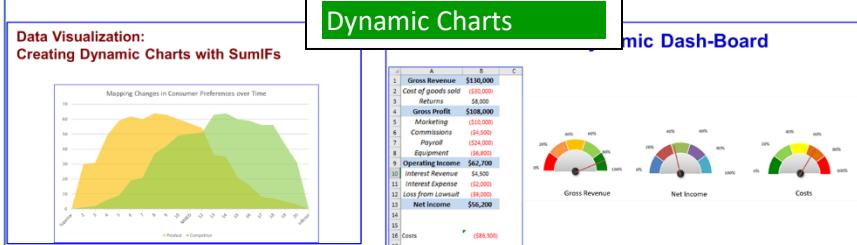
- Provide an applied understanding of how "spreadsheet applications" are used to analyze business information
- Master the use and design of spreadsheets with "Microsoft Excel" for business information analysis in the areas of Finance, Information Systems, Marketing and Operations.
- Understand how to use application software to analyze business cases and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of decision-making processes

## What Can Excel Do?



Data Visualization:  
Creating Dynamic Charts with SUMIFS

## Dynamic Charts



## Custom Functions

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X (General)
Function ConfidenceP(P, N, Alpha)
    MT = WorksheetFunction.Norm_S_Inv(1 - Alpha / 2)
    MG = Sqr((P * (1 - P)) / N)
    ConfidenceP = MT * MG
End Function
```

## Complex Functions

```
(General)
Function SubThe(A)
    If Left(A, 4) = "The " Then
        SubThe = WorksheetFunction.Substitute(A, "The ", "", 1)
    Else
        SubThe = A
    End If
End Function
```

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=IF(E2-F2*XLOOKUP(C2,Reference_Table!$A$2:$A$6,Reference_Table!$D$2:$D$6)>0,(E2-
F2*XLOOKUP(C2,Reference_Table!$A$2:$A$6,Reference_Table!$D$2:$D$6))*XLOOKUP(C2,Referenc
e_Table!$A$2:$A$6,Reference_Table!$E$2:$E$6),0)
```

- Systematically build spreadsheet-based business and other models
- Present data effectively through the use of graphs, pivot tables and other data visualization tools
- Apply various logical, lookup and reference functions to extract appropriate values from datasets
- Effectively apply advanced data analytic tools, including advance filters, scenario managers and the solver to achieve optimal solutions in data analysis
- Utilize macros to effectively increase efficiency in data extraction and analyses
- Create basic custom functions

## TOPICS COVERED

- Workshop #2**  
**Conditional Formatting & Data Visualization**
- Workshop #3**  
**The IF Function: The workhorse of Excel**
- Workshop #4:**  
**Lookup and Reference Functions**
- Workshop #5:**  
**Understanding Array Functions & Syntax**
- Workshop #6**  
**Excel's SUMIFS, Date and Time Functions**
- Workshop #7**  
**Choose, Errors & Pivot Tables (I)**
- Workshop #8**  
**Pivot Tables (II) & Gauge Charts**
- Workshop #9**  
**Sorting, SubTotal, Outline & Advanced Filter**
- Workshop #10**  
**Text Functions & Regression Review**
- Workshop #11**  
**Indirect & Advance Topics (I) Goal Seek Data Tables**
- Workshop #12 & #13**  
**Advanced Topics (II) Macros, Custom Functions & Solver**