

Excel Sheet Assignment: Budget Planner

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This assignment will help you practice creating a budget using Excel formulas and formatting.

Scenario: You are planning your monthly budget. You want to track your income and expenses to ensure you don't overspend.

Instructions:

1. **Create a Spreadsheet:** Open a new Excel spreadsheet.
2. **Headers:** In the first row, create column headers for:
 - **Category:** This will list your income and expense categories (e.g., Salary, Rent, Groceries, Entertainment).
 - **Amount:** This will hold the numerical value for each category.
3. **Income:**
 - List your income sources in a few rows under "Category" (e.g., Salary, Part-time Job).
 - Enter the expected amount you will receive for each income source in the "Amount" column.
4. **Expenses:**
 - List your typical expense categories under "Category" (e.g., Rent, Utilities, Groceries, Transportation).
 - Leave some rows blank for additional expenses you might incur.
5. **Formulas:**
 - In the "Amount" column for your total income, use a formula to sum all your individual income amounts. (e.g., use the SUM function)
 - In the "Amount" column for each expense category, enter the estimated amount you plan to spend on that category.
 - Create a formula in a separate cell to calculate your total expenses by summing all the individual expense amounts. (e.g., use the SUM function)
6. **Difference:** Create a formula in another cell to calculate the difference between your total income and total expenses. This will show you if you have a surplus (positive) or deficit (negative) in your budget.
7. **Formatting:**
 - Use bold font for the headers and total labels.
 - Apply currency formatting to the "Amount" column.
 - Use conditional formatting to highlight cells with negative values (expenses exceeding income).
8. **Chart:**
 - Add a pie chart to visualize the breakdown of your income and expenses.

Submission:

- Save your completed spreadsheet as "Budget_YourName.xlsx"
- Submit the spreadsheet to your instructor.

Learning Objectives:

- This assignment will help you practice:
 - Creating and formatting tables in Excel.
 - Using basic formulas (SUM).
 - Applying conditional formatting.
 - Creating charts for data visualization.