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This guide is not for rank Excel amateurs. It's for intermediate to advanced Excel users who want to learn VBA programming (or whose bosses want them to learn VBA programming). You need to know your way around Excel before you start creating customized short cuts or systems for speeding through Excel functions. If you're an intermediate or advanced Excel user, *Excel VBA For Dummies* helps you take your skills (and your spreadsheets) to the next level. It includes:

- An introduction to the VBA language
- A hands-on, guided, step-by-step walk through developing a useful VBA macro, including recording, testing, and changing it, and testing it
- The essential foundation, including the Visual Basic Editor (VBE) and its components, modules, Excel object model, subroutines and functions, and the Excel macro recorder
- The essential VBA language elements, including comments, variables and constants, and labels
- Working with Range objects and discovering useful Range objective properties and methods
- Using VBA and worksheet functions, including a list and examples
- Programming constructions, including the GoTo statement, the If-Then structure, Select Case, For-Next loop, Do-While loop, and Do-Until loop
- Automatic procedures and Workbook events, including a table and event-handler procedures
- Error-handling and bug extermination techniques, and using the Excel debugging tools
- Creating custom dialog boxes, also known as UserForms, with a table of the toolbox controls and their capabilities, how-to for the dialog box controls, and UserForm techniques and tricks
- Customizing the Excel toolbars

- Using VBA code to modify the Excel menu system
- Creating worksheet functions and working with various types of arguments
- Creating Excel add-ins such as new worksheet functions you can use in formulas or new commands or utilities

Author John Walkenbach is a leading authority on spreadsheet software and the author of more than 40 spreadsheet books including *Excel 2003 Bible* and *Excel 2003 Power Programming with VBA*. While this guide includes tons of examples and screenshots, Walkenbach knows there's no substitute for hands-on learning. The book is complete with:

- A dedicated companion Web site that includes bonus chapters plus all sample programs to save you a lot of typing and let you play around and experiment with various changes
- Information to help you make the most of Excel's built-in Help system so you can find out other stuff you may need to know

What are you waiting for? Sure, learning to do VBA programming takes a little effort, but it's a Very Big Accomplishment.

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From the Back Cover

Create new functions, automate tasks, and design add-ins

Become an Excel programmer with VBA, and discover what you can make Excel do

If you want to Excel at spreadsheet creation, VBA is your ticket to greatness. And you're in luck, because "Mr. Spreadsheet" is about to walk you through VBA programming, showing you how to create custom spreadsheets, write macros that make Excel do cool tricks, and more. Open this book and you're on your way!

The Dummies Way

- Explanations in plain English
- "Get in, get out" information
- Icons and other navigational aids
- Tear-out cheat sheet
- Top ten lists
- A dash of humor and fun

Discover how to:

- Understand and use VBA
- Automate Excel with macros
- Find what you need in Excel's Help system
- Design custom dialog boxes, toolbars, and menus
- Develop user-oriented applications
- Create custom commands

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