

Using Spreadsheets with the Internet

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- *Create and edit hyperlinks in worksheets.*
- *Save worksheets and workbooks as Web pages.*
- *Send workbooks via e-mail.*
- *Add comments to workbook cells.*
- *View and edit comments.*

With Microsoft Excel, it's easy to share your data with others using the Internet. You can send Excel workbooks via e-mail. You can also save Excel files as Web pages to be viewed in a Web browser, even by people who don't have Excel. And you can enhance your worksheet using hyperlinks to refer to related files or Web pages. Finally, you and your colleagues can also enhance workbook data by adding comments that offer insight into why sales were so good on a particular day or whether a product might be discontinued.

In this lesson, you learn how to use Excel with the Internet. You insert and modify hyperlinks in a worksheet, save a workbook as a Web page, and send a workbook via e-mail. In this lesson, you'll also learn how to manage comments to workbook cells.

At Adventure Works, the human resources department is gathering information to post on the company intranet. The administrative assistant is compiling a list of useful online resources and creating a table of the company's holiday schedule in Excel.

To complete the procedures in this lesson, you will need to use the file *Intranet.xls* in the Lesson09 folder in the Spreadsheet Fundamentals Practice folder located on your hard disk.

Creating and Editing Hyperlinks

A **hyperlink** is an image or a sequence of characters that opens another file or Web page when you click it. The target file or Web page can be on the World Wide Web, on an intranet, or on your own computer. The text of a hyperlink typically appears underlined and in a different color than the text around it.

Excel makes it easy for you to embed hyperlinks in worksheet cells. Each hyperlink appears as blue underlined text in the cell. If you point to a hyperlink, a ScreenTip describing the link or giving the location of the file appears.

Many of the staff members at Adventure Works use Microsoft Office in their everyday work, so the administrative assistant wants to add a link to the Microsoft Office Web site to her list of online resources.

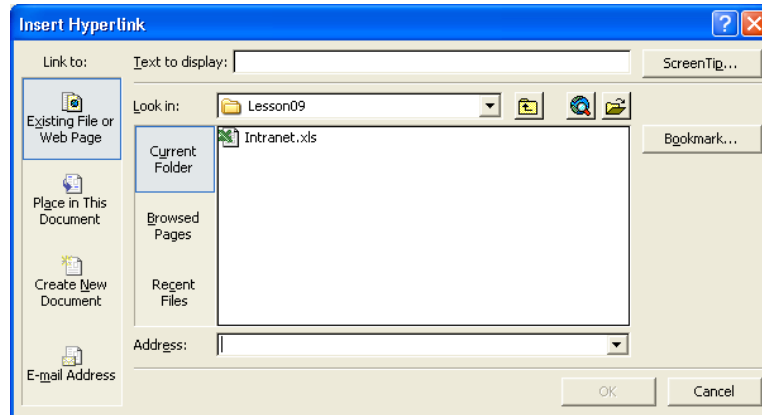
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You must have access to the Internet in order to complete this exercise. If you need to establish this connection manually, you should do so before beginning the exercise.

In this exercise, you create a hyperlink in a worksheet, edit the hyperlink, and test and remove the hyperlink.

- 1 Open the Intranet workbook from the Lesson09 folder in the Spreadsheet Fundamentals Practice folder.
- 2 Click cell A4.
- 3 On the Standard toolbar, click the Insert Hyperlink button. The Insert Hyperlink dialog box appears.

To insert a hyperlink without using the toolbar button, click the cell you want to contain the link, and press Ctrl+K on your keyboard.



Because you are typing an Internet address, *http://* is automatically added to the address for you.

You can also edit hyperlink text directly using the Formula bar. Select the cell containing the hyperlink using one of the following methods: (1) click an adjacent cell and use the arrow keys to select the cell, (2) click on the cell and hold the mouse button down until the cell is selected, or (3) hold down the Ctrl key while you click on the cell. Then click in the Formula bar to edit the hyperlink text.

You might not have to type the backslash in the URL. If there is already a backslash after *www.microsoft.com*, you do not need to type a second backslash.

This dialog box allows you to type the text you want to appear when the mouse pointer is hovered over the hyperlink.

- 4 In the Text to display box, type **Microsoft**.
- 5 In the Address box, type **www.microsoft.com**, and click OK. The hyperlink appears in cell A4.

	A	B
1	Online Resources	
2		
3	Adventure Works	
4	Microsoft	
5		

- 6 Point to the cell with the hyperlink. The default ScreenTip appears which lists the full address of the hyperlink and provides instructions for following the hyperlink or selecting the cell.
- 7 Click the hyperlink. Your Web browser opens and connects to the Microsoft Web site.
- 8 On the taskbar, click the Excel button to return to your workbook. Right-click cell A4 and click Edit Hyperlink.
- 9 In the Text to display box, click to the right of the word *Microsoft*, press the spacebar, and then type **Office**.
- 10 In the Address box, click to the right of *www.microsoft.com*, and type **/office**.
- 11 Click the ScreenTip button. The Set Hyperlink ScreenTip dialog box appears.
- 12 Click in the ScreenTip text box, type **Microsoft Office Home Page**, and then click OK. The Set Hyperlink ScreenTip dialog box closes. When you point to the hyperlink, a ScreenTip with the words *Microsoft Office Home Page* will appear.
- 13 In the Edit Hyperlink dialog box, click OK. The updated hyperlink appears in cell A4.
- 14 Point to the hyperlink. The edited ScreenTip appears.
- 15 Click the hyperlink. Your Web browser opens and connects to the Microsoft Office site.

- 16 Close both instances of your browser, and return to the worksheet.
- 17 Right-click the hyperlink and click Remove Hyperlink.
The text remains in cell A4, but the hyperlink is removed.
- 18 Save the workbook.
Keep this file open for the next exercise.

Using Web Page Preview

Before you save a worksheet or workbook as a Web page, you can use Web Page Preview to view the page as it will appear when it is viewed in a browser. To preview a worksheet as a Web page, on the File menu, click Web Page Preview. The worksheet opens as a Web page in your default browser.

Saving Worksheets and Workbooks as Web Pages

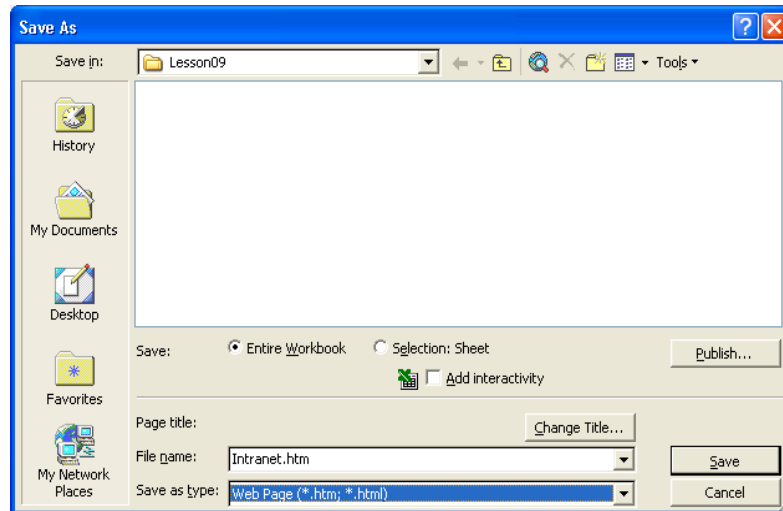
Before you save a worksheet as a Web page, make sure to save the file to a disk.

By saving a worksheet or workbook as a Web page, you can quickly create a file that can be viewed in a Web browser without using Excel. When you save a file as a Web page, Excel uses **Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)** to format the data for display in a Web browser.

At Adventure Works, the administrative assistant is ready to create Web pages from the links and holidays worksheets she created.

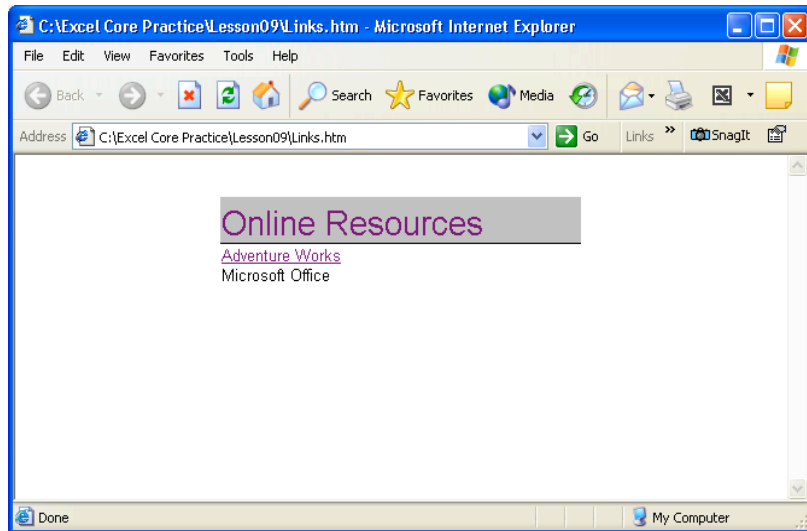
In this exercise, you save a worksheet and a workbook as a Web page.

- 1 On the File menu, click Save As.
The Save As dialog box appears.
- 2 Click the Save as type down arrow, and click Web Page.
The Save As dialog box changes to offer options specific to saving in Web page format.

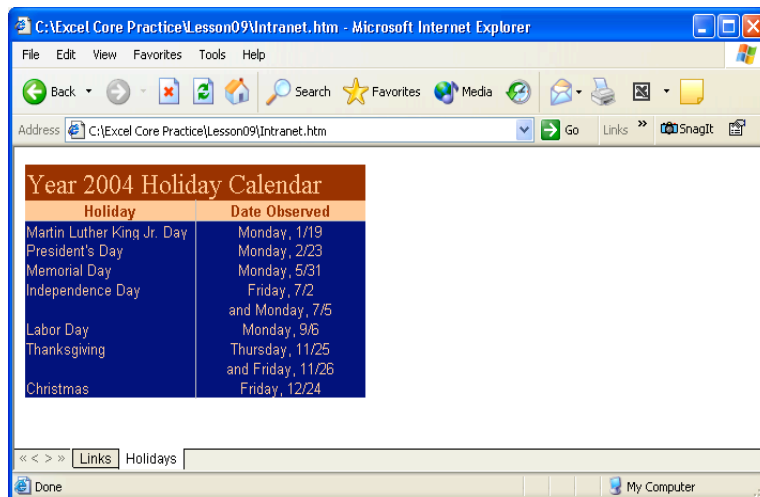


- 3 Click the Selection: Sheet option.
- 4 In the File name box, select the current text, type **Links.htm**, and then click Save.
Excel saves the worksheet as a file in HTML format.
- 5 On the File menu, click Save As.
The Save As dialog box appears.
- 6 Click the Save as type down arrow, and click Web Page.
- 7 Click the Entire Workbook option, if necessary, and click Save.
Excel saves the entire workbook (with the name *Intranet*) as a file in HTML format. A folder is also created with the same name as the file. This folder contains any associated files that are needed to produce the Web page.
- 8 Close the workbook.
- 9 Open Windows Explorer, navigate to the Lesson09 folder in the Spreadsheet Fundamentals Practice folder, and then double-click the file Links.htm to open it.
The Links worksheet appears in your Web browser, as shown in the illustration on the following page.

If you open the Links.htm file in Excel, it will not start your Web browser. It will simply appear in an Excel worksheet.



- 10 From Windows Explorer, open the file Intranet.htm. The Intranet workbook appears in your Web browser, with the Links worksheet in front.
- 11 At the bottom of the page, click the Holidays link. The Holidays worksheet appears.



- 12 Close both Web browser windows.

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By default, others will be able to view, but not edit, the worksheets you save as Web pages. To allow others to edit these worksheets, use the Add Interactivity option in the Save As dialog box.

Sending Workbooks via E-mail

With Excel, you have two options for sending a workbook via e-mail. You can send a worksheet or workbook in the body of an e-mail message without leaving Excel, or you can send an Excel file as an attachment to an e-mail message.

At Adventure Works, the administrative assistant wants to send the contents of the Intranet workbook to the human resources manager for approval before posting them to the intranet.

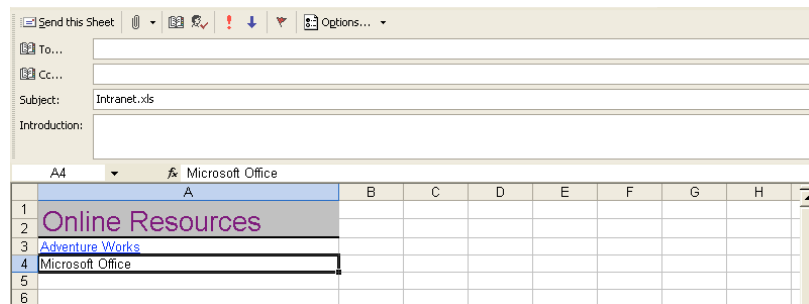
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You must have access to the Internet in order to complete this exercise. If you need to establish this connection manually, you should do so before beginning the exercise.

In this exercise, you mail the worksheet to yourself and then open the file from your e-mail program.

- 1 Open the Intranet workbook.
- 2 On the File menu, point to Send To, and click Mail Recipient. If the Office Assistant appears, asking if you want to send the workbook as an attachment or as the message body, click the Send the current sheet as the message body option.

The e-mail header form appears.



- 3 In the To box, type your e-mail address, and click the Send this Sheet button.
Excel sends the message and closes the e-mail header.
- 4 Start your e-mail program, and check for new messages.

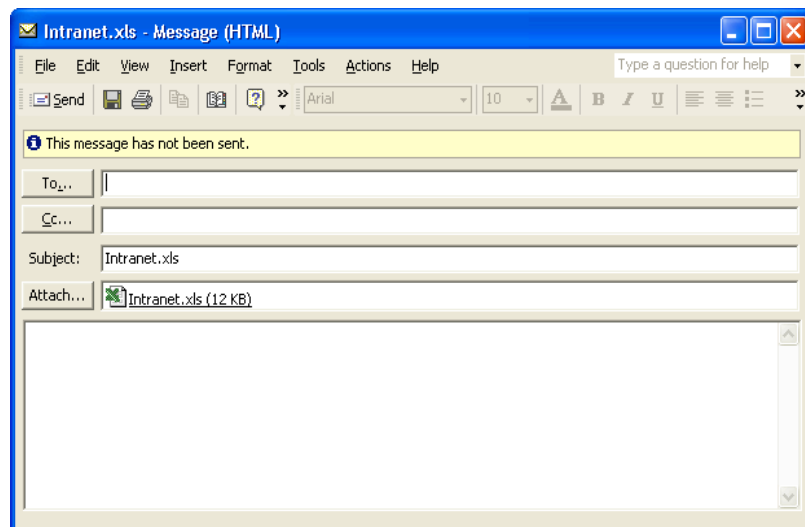
You can also click the E-Mail button on the Standard toolbar, which will give you the option of sending the workbook as an attachment or sending the workbook as the message body.

If your e-mail program is set up to store messages to send later, Excel displays a message box to remind you.

- 5 Open the message you sent.
The Excel worksheet appears in the body of your message.



- 6 Close the message, and return to the worksheet.
- 7 On the File menu, point to Send To, and click Mail Recipient (As Attachment).
An e-mail message form appears, with the Excel file included as an attachment to the message.



- 8 In the To box, type your e-mail address, and click Send.
- 9 Close the workbook.
- 10 Switch to your e-mail program, and check for new messages.
- 11 Open the message you sent, and double-click the attachment.
The workbook opens in Excel.
- 12 Close the e-mail message but leave the workbook open for the next exercise.

Managing Comments

Excel makes it easy for you and your colleagues to add comments to workbook cells, thus adding insights that go beyond the cell data. For example, if rental equipment sales were exceptionally high for a particular day, the manager on duty could add a comment to the cell in which she records the sales for that day, noting that two exceptionally large groups visiting the resort accounted for the disparity.

When you add a comment to a cell, a flag appears in the upper-right corner of the cell. When the mouse pointer hovers over a cell with a comment, the comment appears in a box next to the cell, along with the name of the user logged on to the computer at the time of the comment.

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The name attributed to a comment may not be the same as the person who actually created it. Enforcing access controls, such as requiring users to enter account names and passwords when they access a computer, can help track who made a comment or change.

The tools to insert, edit, delete, or move between existing comments as well as to show or hide them are all available on the Reviewing toolbar. To open the Reviewing toolbar, point to Toolbars on the View menu and click Reviewing or right-click in the toolbar area and click on Reviewing in the pop-up list.

You can add a comment to a cell by clicking the cell and clicking Comment on the Insert menu. When you do, the comment flag appears in the cell and a comment box appears next to the cell. You can type the comment in the box and, when you're done, click another cell to close the box for editing. When you move the mouse pointer over the cell with the comment, the comment will appear next to the cell.

If you want the comment to be shown the entire time the workbook is open, right-click the cell with the comment and then click Show Comment from the shortcut menu that appears. You can hide the comment by clicking Hide Comment from the same menu, delete the comment by clicking Delete Comment, or open the comment for editing by clicking Edit Comment.

When someone other than the original user edits a comment, that person's input is marked with the new user's name and is added to the original comment.

In this exercise, you add a comment to a cell. You then review and delete the comment.

- 1 In the Intranet workbook, switch to the Holidays worksheet and click cell B6.
- 2 On the Insert menu, click Comment.
A comment field appears.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Year 2004 Holiday Calendar				
2	Holiday	Date Observed			
3	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, 1/19			
4	President's Day	Monday, 2/23			
5	Memorial Day	Monday, 5/31			
6	Independence Day	Friday, 7/2			
7		and Monday, 7/5			
8	Labor Day	Monday, 9/6			
9	Thanksgiving	Thursday, 11/25			
10		and Friday, 11/26			
11	Christmas	Friday, 12/24			
12					

- 3 In the comment field, type **This date was added to provide a long weekend.** and then click cell B7.
A red comment flag appears in the upper-right corner of cell B6.
- 4 Move the mouse pointer over cell B6.
The comment in cell B6 appears.
- 5 Right-click cell B6, and then, from the shortcut menu that appears, click Edit Comment.
The cursor is placed at the end of the existing comment.
- 6 Double-click the word **was** in the comment to select it and then type **and the following Monday were.**
The existing comment is edited to include the new phrase.
- 7 Right-click cell B6 and then, from the shortcut menu that appears, click Delete Comment.
The comment is deleted from cell B6.

Lesson Wrap-Up

In this lesson, you learned how to create and edit hyperlinks in a worksheet, save worksheets and workbooks as Web pages, and send workbook information using e-mail. You also learned how to add and edit comments to cells within a worksheet.

If you are continuing to other lessons:

- Save and close all open workbooks.

If you are not continuing to other lessons:

- 1 Save and close all open workbooks.
- 2 Click the Close button in the top-right corner of the Excel window.

Quick Quiz

- 1 What are two ways to insert a hyperlink in a selected worksheet cell?
- 2 How can you send a workbook via e-mail?
- 3 How can you save a workbook or worksheet as a Web page?
- 4 How can you edit the text of a hyperlink without using the shortcut menu?
- 5 How can you edit a hyperlink in a worksheet cell?

Putting It All Together

Exercise 1: Open the Intranet workbook. On the Links worksheet, create a hyperlink to a file on your hard disk. Edit the text of the hyperlink, and add a descriptive ScreenTip. Preview the workbook as a Web page, and save the Links worksheet as a Web page. Close the workbook, and open the Links Web page in your Web browser.

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In order to complete the Putting It All Together Exercise 2, you must have access to the Internet. If you need to establish this connection manually, you should do so before beginning the exercise.

Exercise 2: Open the Intranet workbook, and remove the hyperlink you added to the Links worksheet. Send the workbook to one of your class partners in the body of an e-mail message.

Exercise 3: Open the Reviewing toolbar. Use the Insert Comment button to insert a new comment into cell B11. Type **Should we add another day here to provide a long weekend?**. Click in cell B6 and insert a comment. Type **I'd rather not have this day off and get off another day at Christmas time.** Use the Reviewing toolbar and move to the next comment.

Exercise 4: In this lesson we created a hyperlink to a Web site. Is it possible to create a hyperlink to another spot within the worksheet or to another worksheet on your hard drive? Explore the Insert Hyperlink dialog box or use Excel's Help files to find the answer to this question.

Exercise 5: If you have visited a Web site recently, is there a quick way to establish a hyperlink to this page without having to type in all of the text to get to the specific page to which you want to link? Explore the Insert Hyperlink dialog box or use Excel's Help files to find the answer to this question.