

# MS-Excel (Advance) vs MS-Excel (VBA)

Common doubts & confusion while selecting course between MS-Excel (Advance) and MS-Excel (VBA). Hope below FAQ will help:

## a) Should I do MS-Excel (Advance) or MS-Excel (VBA)?

Knowledge of both would be an advantage. Choose the course which is relevant to your current profile or upcoming profile. Just to brief difference between two:

**MS-Excel (Advance)** is useful for data handling, reporting, MIS, Dashboards, etc. using MS-Excel FUNCTIONS i.e. VLOOKUP, HLOOKUP, IF, SUMIF & etc.

**MS-Excel (VBA)** is development/programming tool is useful for automation task, software development, tools development, etc. Automation task may include – reports, dashboard, MIS, etc. *Basic operational knowledge of MS-Excel tool is must.*

## b) MS-Excel (Advance) knowledge is mandatory for MS-Excel (VBA) course?

**From learning prospective – NO.** Both are different verticals, can be learned independently.

For MS-Excel (VBA), **operational** knowledge of MS-Excel is **must** and if you are having knowledge of MS-Excel functions i.e. part of MS-Excel (Advance), you can apply/use those in VBA coding to make task easy and fast processing.

**For job prospective**, let's take few examples:

- ❖ Mr.X is responsible to create, test and send the reports. Here **“testing & sending”** responsibility lies with Mr.X, hence, he should have the knowledge of MS-Excel apart from VBA i.e. Basic or Advance, where he can check the functions, calculation used & etc.
- ❖ Mr.Y is responsible to automate the report. Here his responsibility is limited to **“development”**, hence, basic operational knowledge which is required along with MS-Excel (VBA) development would be sufficient to deliver the results.
- ❖ Mr.Z has knowledge of MS-Excel (Advance) & MS-Excel (VBA). He has an advantage over both Mr.X & Mr.Y, in terms of:
  - Performing current job efficiently and independently.
  - Higher chances of growth in current job.
  - Higher chances of interview call them Mr.X & Mr.Y.

## c) After learning MS-Excel (Advance), learning MS-Excel (VBA) will be easier?

As we stated both are different verticals. If you have knowledge of MS-Excel (Advance), you can use MS-Excel Functions in coding.

## d) Planning to do both MS-Excel Advance & VBA, which should be done first?

MS-Excel (Advance) is recommended to be done first, not mandatory.

## e) I do not have any programming background; will I be able to do MS-Excel (VBA)?

No one born with programming skills, all have learned the programming skills on the earth itself, then **why you cannot not?**

One should be determined, daily practice (key to success) and must have patience and off-course logic building.

### Note:

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