

# Python in Excel: Licensing and Availability

Python in Excel is included with the Microsoft 365 subscription your organization already pays for. The paid add-on buys calculation speed and control over when Python recalculates, rather than access to the feature.

## WHO HAS ACCESS

### AVAILABLE

- Microsoft 365 Business and Enterprise (E3, E5 and similar), on Windows and Excel for the web
- Excel for Mac, Current Channel, version 16.96 or later
- Microsoft 365 Family and Personal, in preview
- Education subscriptions, through the Microsoft 365 Insider Program

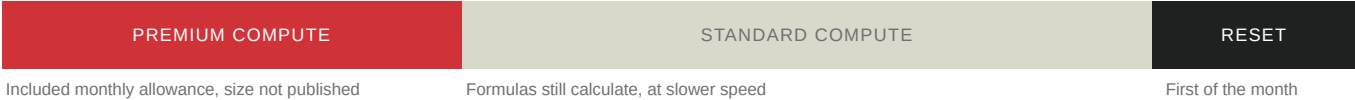
### NOT SUPPORTED

- Perpetual licenses: Excel 2021, Excel 2024, Office LTSC
- Excel for the web on a free Microsoft account
- Device-based licenses and shared computer activation
- iPad, iPhone and Android. Workbooks open; Python cells error on recalculation
- Offline work. Code runs in the Microsoft Cloud, and connected experiences must be enabled

## WHAT IS INCLUDED AND WHAT THE ADD-ON ADDS

| FEATURE                                                        | INCLUDED WITH MICROSOFT 365                | PYTHON IN EXCEL ADD-ON                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Write Python formulas in the grid                              | Yes                                        | Yes                                               |
| Anaconda libraries (pandas, Matplotlib, seaborn, scikit-learn) | Yes                                        | Yes                                               |
| Visualizations, sharing, refresh by colleagues                 | Yes                                        | Yes                                               |
| Calculation speed                                              | Standard, plus a monthly premium allowance | <b>Premium, no monthly cap</b>                    |
| Calculation modes                                              | Automatic only                             | <b>Manual, partial, automatic</b>                 |
| Price                                                          | \$0 extra                                  | <b>\$24 / user / month or \$240 / user / year</b> |

**The compute model works like a mobile phone plan.** Your subscription includes a monthly allowance of premium compute. Once you use it, formulas keep calculating at standard speed rather than stopping, and the allowance resets at the start of the next month. The add-on removes the cap. Excel provides no usage meter, only three banner messages: you are using premium compute, you are close to the limit, and the limit is exceeded.



## PUBLISHED LIMITS

100 MB

### Data per calculation

Larger inputs return #CALC!. Reference a smaller range or aggregate first.

24–72 hrs

### License propagation

For an assigned license to take effect. Force it with File > Account > Update License.

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### Premium compute allowance

Microsoft publishes no figure, unit or in-app meter. Plan around the banner messages.

**Purchasing:** Microsoft 365 admin center, or self-service purchase through in-app prompts. The tenant must be Business or Enterprise with desktop app access. Office 365 Education, GCC High and DoD are not supported; standard GCC is.

**Sources:** Microsoft Support, "Python in Excel availability," "Python in Excel add-on licensing FAQ," "Troubleshoot Python in Excel errors." Verified August 2026.

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