# Introduction to Computer CC111

**Computer Applications** 

### **Overview**

A look at the most widely used types of application software

# The Basics of Application Software

### **Common Software Commands**

- Editing a Document
  - Changing the content of the document, such as inserting or deleting words
  - Insertion point
    - Indicates the current location in a document, which is where the changes will be made
  - Typing text inserts the text at the insertion point location
  - Delete and Backspace keys delete text
  - Text and objects can typically be selected and moved, copied, deleted, or formatted

# The Basics of Application Software

### **Common Software Commands**

- Formatting a Document
  - Changes the appearance of the document
    - Changes font face, font size, and/or font color
    - Changes line spacing or margins
    - Adds page numbers and/or borders

This is 10-point Arial.

This is 12-point Times New Roman.

This is 16-point Lucida Handwriting.
This is 20-point Calibri.

This 16-point Calibri text is bold and italic.

This 16-point Calibri text is red and underlined.

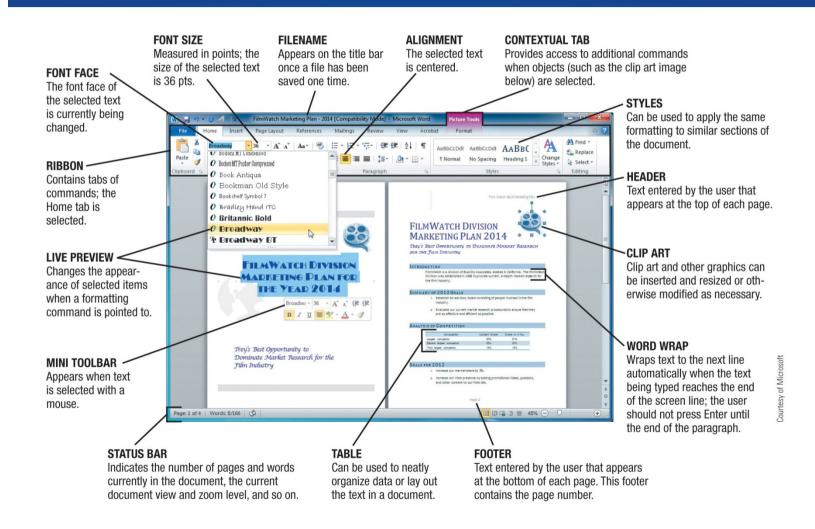
# The Basics of Application Software

### **Common Software Commands**

- Getting Help
  - Online help (via manufacturer's Web site and independent sites)
  - Offline help (periodicals, books, tutorial videos, classes)

- What Is Word Processing?
  - Using a computer and word processing software to create, edit, save, and print written documents such as letters, contracts, and manuscripts
  - Common Word Processing Software Programs
    - Microsoft Word
    - Corel WordPerfect
    - Apple Pages

- Creating a Word Processing Document
  - Word wrap
    - Automatically returns the insertion point to the next line when the end of the screen line is reached
  - Character formatting (font face, size, style, or color)
  - Paragraph formatting (line spacing, indentation, tabs, alignment, and styles)
  - Page formatting (margins, paper size, orientation, headers, footers, etc.)
  - Document formatting (headers, footers, footnotes, end notes, table of contents, index, background, theme)



- Tables, Graphics, and Templates
  - Tables
    - Allow content to be organized in a table consisting of rows and columns
  - Graphics or Drawing Features
    - Allow images to be inserted into a document (clip art, photographs, drawn images, etc.) and then modified

- Word Processing and the Web
  - Most word processing programs today include Webrelated features allowing you to:
    - Send a document as an e-mail message
    - Include Web page hyperlinks in documents
    - Create or modify Web pages
    - Create and publish blogs
    - Collaborate with others online

# **Spreadsheet Concepts**

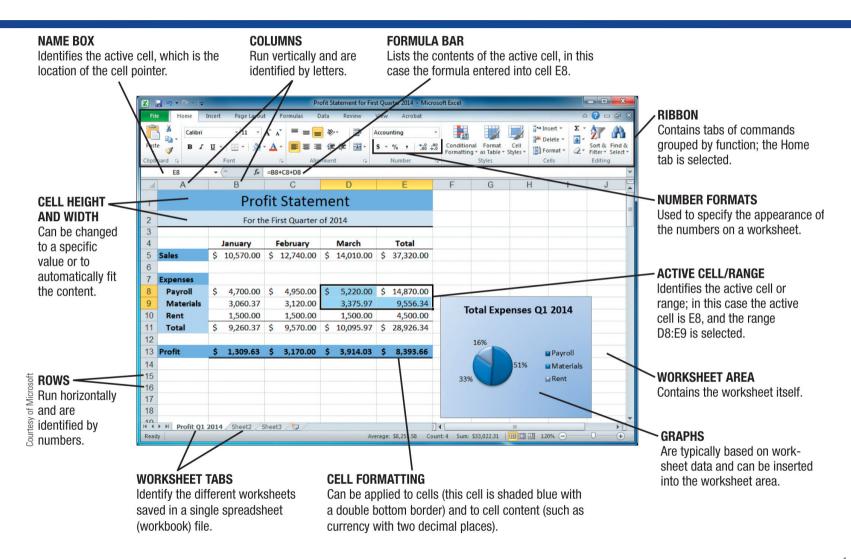
- What is a Spreadsheet?
  - Documents containing a group of numbers and other data organized into rows and columns
  - Spreadsheet software is used to create electronic spreadsheets
    - Formulas
    - Data analysis tools
    - Charts and graphs
  - Most widely used spreadsheet programs:
    - Microsoft Excel
    - Corel Quattro Pro
    - Apple Numbers

- Creating a Spreadsheet
  - Worksheet
    - A single spreadsheet
  - Workbook
    - A collection of worksheets saved in a single file
  - Worksheets are divided into rows and columns
  - Cell
    - The intersection of a row and a column
    - Each cell is identified by a cell address A1
    - Cell pointer marks current cell
  - Groups of cells are called ranges or blocks and can be selected with mouse or keyboard
  - Data is entered into current cell

- Entering Data into a Spreadsheet Cell
  - Labels
    - Text-based entry in a worksheet cell that identifies data on the worksheet
  - Constant Values
    - Numerical entry in a worksheet cell
  - Formulas

Perform mathematical operations on the content of other cells

- Usually reference the cell address, not the current data in a cell
- Use mathematical operators
- Begin with an = sign



### Functions

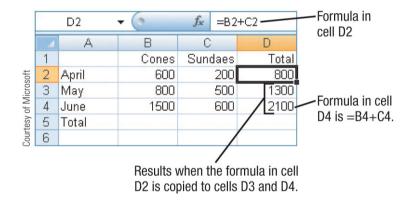
- Named, pre-programmed formulas
- In formulas and functions, use cell addresses of the numbers to be included in the calculations

EXAMPLES OF FUNCTIONS	
=SUM(range)	Calculates the sum of all values in a range.
=MAX(range)	Finds the highest value in a range.
=MIN(range)	Finds the lowest value in a range.
=AVERAGE(range)	Calculates the average of values in a range.
=PMT(rate, number of payments, loan amount)	Calculates the periodic payment for a loan.
=IF(conditional expression, value if true, value if false)	Supplies the values to be displayed if the conditional expression is true or if it is false.
=NOW()	Inserts the current date and time.

- Absolute vs. Relative Cell Referencing
  - Relative cell references
    - Cell addresses are adjusted as the formula is copied
  - Absolute Cell References
    - Cell addresses are not adjusted as the formula is copied
    - Necessary when the formulas should always use the value in a particular cell, regardless of the cell in which the formula is placed
    - Use \$ to make cell references absolute: \$B\$6

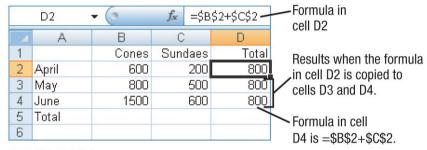
#### **COPYING WITH RELATIVE CELL REFERENCES**

In most formulas, cell addresses are relative and will be adjusted as the formula is copied.

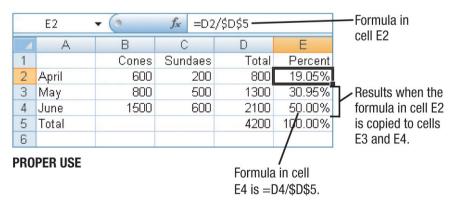


#### **COPYING WITH ABSOLUTE CELL REFERENCES**

A dollar sign (\$) marks a cell reference as absolute; it will be copied exactly as it appears in the source cell.



#### **IMPROPER USE**



- Charts and What-If Analysis
  - Can create charts from the data in the spreadsheet (don't have to reenter it)
  - Charts change accordingly if the data in the spreadsheet changes
  - When cell contents are changed, formulas are automatically recalculated
  - Tools frequently used to help make business decisions

- Spreadsheets and the Web
  - Most spreadsheet programs have built-in Web capabilities enabling the user to:
    - Save the current worksheet as a Web page
    - Insert hyperlinks inserted into worksheet cells
    - Select and copy ranges of cells to a Web publishing or word processing program to insert spreadsheet data into a Web page as a table
    - Send document as an e-mail message collaborate online

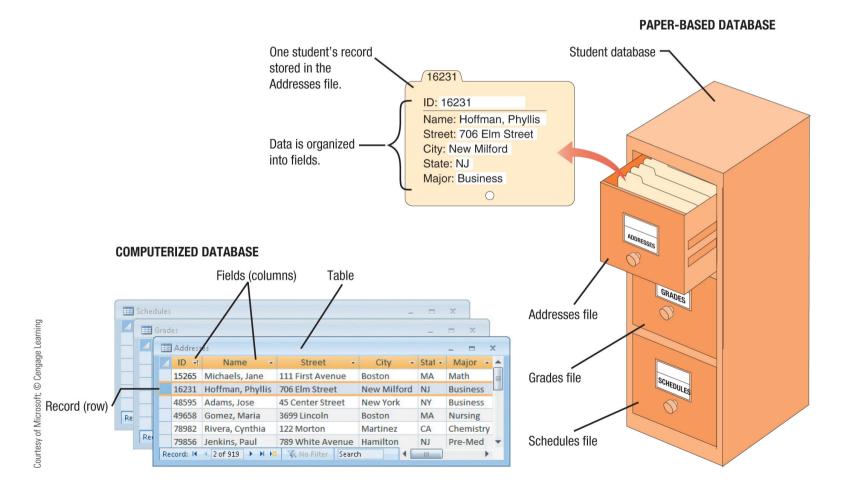
### **Database Concepts**

- What Is a Database?
  - A collection of related data that is stored in a manner enabling information to be retrieved as needed
  - Database Management System (DBMS)
    - Software that allows the creation and manipulation of an electronic database
  - Most widely used relational database programs
    - Microsoft Access
    - Oracle Database
    - IBM DB2

### Database Concepts cont...

- Most PC-based databases are relational databases and organized into fields (columns), records (rows), and tables
  - Field (column)
    - A single type of data to be stored in a database
  - Record (row)
    - A collection of related fields
  - Table
    - A collection of related records
  - Database file
    - Collection of related tables

### Database Concepts cont...

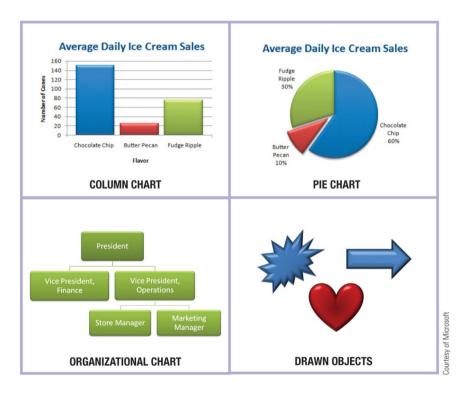


# Presentation Graphics Concepts

- What Is a Presentation Graphic?
  - An image designed to visually enhance a presentation

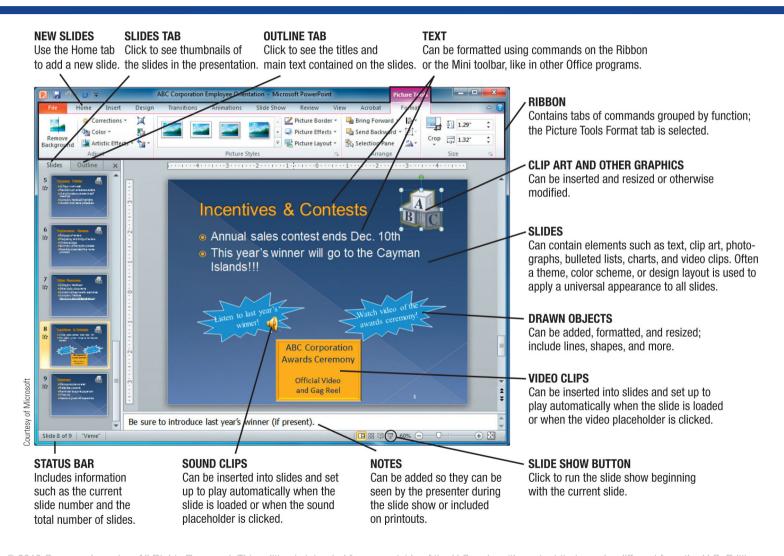
Can be used in electronic slide shows, as well as in printed

reports



- Slide
  - A one-page presentation graphic that can be displayed in a group with others to form an electronic slide show
- Electronic Slide Show
  - A group of electronic slides that are displayed one after the other on a computer monitor or other display device
- Presentation Graphics Software
  - Used to create presentation graphics
- Most common presentation graphics programs are
  - Microsoft PowerPoint
  - Corel Presentations
  - Apple Keynote

- Creating a Presentation
  - Templates and preformatted slide layouts can often be used
  - Slides can contain a variety of elements
    - Text
    - Images
    - Charts
    - Audio clips
    - Video clips



- Slides can be formatted as needed
- Multimedia and animation can be added to slides
  - Animation
  - Transitions
- Overall appearance of the slide show can be changed by applying a theme
  - A combination of colors, fonts, and effects
  - Can be applied to entire presentation or individual slides

- Presentation Graphics and the Web
  - Presentation graphics programs can be used to generate
     Web pages or Web page content
  - Slides can include hyperlinks
  - Users can usually control Web-based presentations accessed via a Web browser

# **Graphics and Multimedia Concepts**

### Graphics

- Graphical images, such as digital photographs, clip art, scanned drawings, and original images created using a software program
- Multimedia
  - Technically refers to any application that contains more than one type of media
  - Often used to refer to audio or video content
- Large variety of graphics and multimedia software used to:
  - Create or modify graphics
  - Edit digital audio or video
  - Play multimedia files
  - Burn CDs and DVDs

- Graphics Software (Digital Imaging Software)
  - Used to create or modify images
  - Drawing Programs (Illustration programs)
    - Typically create images using mathematical formulas vector graphics (Adobe Illustrator, CorelDRAW)
  - Image Editing or Photo Editing Programs
    - Designed for touching up or modifying images
      - Correcting brightness/contrast
      - Cropping/eliminating red eye

- Audio Capture and Editing Software
  - Used to create and edit audio files (narrations, podcasts, etc.)
    - Sound recorder software captures sound from a microphone
    - Ripping software captures sound from a CD

Edits and applies special effects



- Video Editing and DVD Authoring Software
  - Video Editing Software
    - Modifies existing videos
    - Prepares video clips for presentations or Web sites
  - DVD Authoring Software
    - Organizes content to be transferred to DVD
      - Importing videos, creating menus, burning onto a DVD
  - DVD Burning Software
    - Records data on recordable or rewritable DVDs

### Media Players

- Programs designed to play audio and video files
  - Music CDs, downloaded music, online audio
  - Downloaded and online video
  - Important to adhere to copyright laws