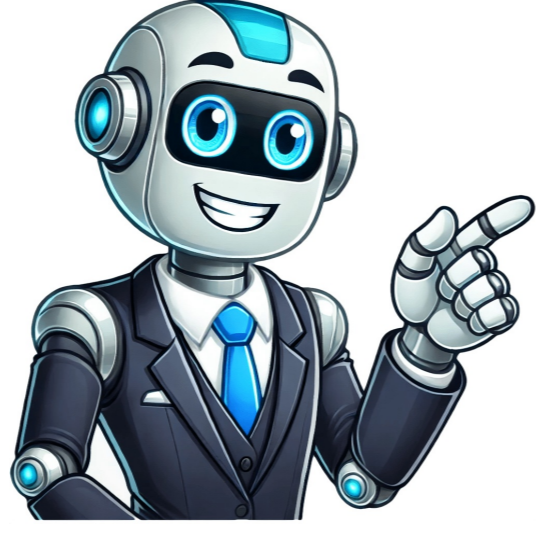


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You can download the Excel spreadsheet I've used when making this tutorial. [Excel barcode spreadsheet Download](#) If you want to create a barcode in Excel that any barcode scanner can recognize, follow the steps described below. **Step 1:** Download and install the barcode font Libre Barcode 39. If you prefer a two-row barcode, you can use Libre Barcode 39 Text (this also includes the text under the barcode). If you haven't installed fonts before, read this tutorial from Microsoft. **Note:** Other barcode fonts are available online, but I prefer to use Google Fonts. Feel free to do your research and choose the one that best fits your project. **Step 2:** Launch Excel and create a blank spreadsheet. **Step 3:** Create two columns named Code and Barcode. The Code column will store the alphanumeric data, which is used to generate the barcode. The Barcode column will contain the actual barcodes. **Step 4:** Format the cells in the Code column as Text. To convert cell format to Text, select the Code column, right-click on it, and select Format Cells. From the Format Cells dialog box, select the Text format, and click OK. **Note:** This step is needed to prevent Excel from removing leading zeros from your codes. **Step 5:** Enter the formula `=""&B3&""` in the first empty cell from the Barcode column. Copy the formula downwards to as many cells as needed. The asterisk (*) symbol indicates the beginning and the end of the sequence. **Note:** If your data is stored in other columns, adjust the formula accordingly. **Step 6:** Select the cells from your Barcode column (except for the header row) and change the font to Libre Barcode 39. Navigate to the Home tab with the cells selected and choose Libre Barcode 39 from the Font menu. Also, increase the font size to match your needs. I have used a font size of 26. **Step 7:** Enter alphanumeric data into the Code column to generate the barcodes. You can use the RANDBETWEEN function to generate random numbers. The RANDBETWEEN function uses two arguments (bottom, top) to generate a random number. Using the bottom and top arguments, you can control the range of potential random numbers. Using the same process described in the previous section, you can also create a barcode that is randomly generated. I have created a random barcode generator using the following formula: `=""&RANDBETWEEN(B3,C3)&""` where: cell B3 is the bottom limit for the barcode generator, cell C3 is the top limit for the barcode generator. I have included the Excel spreadsheet I've used to create random barcodes. [Download it and use it as you please.](#) Just make sure to install the barcode font or change it to the one you have installed. [Excel random barcode generator Download](#) If you don't want to create barcodes manually, you can use an Excel add-in. I have included a list with some of the most popular add-ins to create barcodes: TBarCode OfficeConnectCodeIDAutomationActiveBarcodeOnBarcode After reading this tutorial, I hope that you are better equipped to create barcodes in Excel. If you struggle to replicate the process shown in this article, drop me a comment below, and I'll help you out as soon as possible. This tutorial demonstrates how to create barcodes in Excel and Google Sheets. Barcode Font In Excel, you can format cells as barcodes which can be very useful, especially in inventory management. For example, you can create a product catalog with all barcodes, print product UPC codes, or track items easily. To use barcodes in Excel, you need a barcode font installed. Code 39 is the most frequently used font. To download it, follow these steps: You can download Code 39 from several sources. Try this one. After opening this link, choose Code 39 on the page and click the Download button. The font is downloaded as a ZIP folder to your Downloads. Unzip it to get the TTF (true to font) file. Then, double-click the TTF file. You can see a preview of the font. To install the barcode font, in the Font Preview window, click Install. As a result, the barcode font is installed on your computer. To see it listed in your fonts, you may need to reopen Excel. **Create Barcodes** Once you have a barcode font installed, you are ready to create barcodes from a list of numbers. For example, see the list below in Column A. Let's create barcodes from those numbers in Column B. First, be sure that all values from Column A are formatted as text, in order to avoid numbers being condensed. To format values from Column A, select those cells and in the Ribbon, go to Home > Number. Choose Text from the drop down. (If you skip this step, Excel omits leading zeros, or shortens large numbers.) Now, copy the values from Column A to Column B. To do that, in cell B2 enter `=A2` and then, drag the formula down to the last populated cell in the column (B6). Then, select all cells with values in Column B (B2:B6) and in the Ribbon, go to Home > Font. Choose Code 39 from the drop down. Now all values in Column B are formatted as barcodes. Make barcodes more visible by increasing the font size. You may already have the values you need for your barcodes. If not, consider using the RAND Function or Rnd in VBA to generate random numbers. Or, start with a string of numbers at the desired length and generate all permutations. **Barcodes in Google Sheets** In Google Sheets, you can create barcodes exactly the same way. Once you install the font, it's also available in Google Sheets under the name Libre Barcode 39. [Watch Video - Create Barcode in Excel Steps](#): Download the IDAHC39M font and install it. Restart MS Excel. Select cell B5 and enter any number for your barcode. Go to the Home tab and the Number option. Set the format to Text. Enter the following formula in cell C5: You should get the results as shown below. Navigate to the Home tab and click on the Font Find the font IDAHC39M and select it. You should get your desired barcode. Drag the Fill handle to copy the format to other cells. [Read More: How to Convert Numbers to Barcode in Excel Method 2 - Create Barcode in Excel for Random Number Steps](#): Select cell B5 and enter the following formula: You can set any numbers for the range. Press Enter to get a random number within the set range. Enter the following formula in cell C5: Set the font to IDAHC39M and hit Enter. You will get a random barcode. Click and drag the Fill Handle for both cells. [Read More: How to Generate 2D Barcode in Excel Method 3 - Insert Barcode Using Excel TBarCode Add-In Steps](#): Download the latest version of the TBarCode Add-In. Install the Add-in. Restart your computer and open Excel, and you should see the Add-ins tab activated. Go to the Add-ins tab and click the TBarCode Panel. Set a barcode type and enter your number in the Data field. Set the Size to 'Fixed Module Width'. Hit the 'Insert Barcode' button. You will get the barcode in your set format. [Read More: How to Create Barcode Without Font in Excel Download Practice Workbook](#)