

Excel FUNCTIONS & TIPS

Excel How To Find Cells That Contain Specific Text

<https://youtu.be/M7wi5e1wQWg?si=QQP68FcWW4Iaxro1>

- Insert new column to right of column you're searching within.
- Formula for the new column: =SEARCH("i138006243",B9) – [B9 is the cell to left that is being searched]
- Want to add an "iserror" function around the SEARCH above to provide a value in the new column that makes sense (rather than just a #VALUE! or numerical value that reflects where the search string is found in the source cell.
- Iserror function looks like: =iserror(SEARCH("i138006243",B9))
- The iserror function results in TRUE or FALSE. TRUE/FALSE are (logically, it seems) reversed, so need to add NOT function.
- Wrap NOT function around the iserror & search functions:
=NOT(iserror(SEARCH("i138006243",B9)))
- Result is TRUE or FALSE in the new column that indicates which cells contain the desired value (marked as TRUE) and which cells don't contain the desired value (marked as FALSE)
- Can filter to see just the TRUE values
- Or, can use Conditional formatting to highlight cells that meet the search query