

SOFTWARE SKILLS

INTRODUCTION TO THE NETWORK



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WELCOME TO SOFTWARE SKILLS

By joining this network you're aware that software could be working better for you in your day-to-day role, but perhaps you aren't sure how to kick start your learning journey?

Software Skills is a network of likeminded NHS Finance staff that exists to help its members see what's possible when using widely accessible software to its full potential.

For each software there are video walkthroughs to allow you to get to grips with the basics. You can complete homework to build confidence and after that that it's up to you to continue your learning journey in the wild!

Luckily there are many others like you trying to learn in this way and as well as the useful library of resources and learning materials in the network. You can also ask your fellow members for advice to help you continue your learning journey.



A WELCOME VIDEO FROM THE NETWORK'S CHAIR

WHAT IS THE NETWORK?

Software Skills is built as an MS Team and is accessible via the [One NHS Finance Virtual Finance Network](#).

As well as a **General** channel for network updates and non software specific chat the network has other channels each of which are dedicated to each software.

When **Software Skills** launched, Excel, SQL, Power BI and Power Automate were requested and our **Software Educators** volunteered to kick off the learning for others.

As we find more educators new software will be added and the network and its content will grow with more software channels added to the Team for you to choose from (e.g. Sharepoint Lists, Python, R etc.)

Every software channel has a set of resources stored in the **Files** tab, this will always:

The Possible consists of a downloadable slide deck and a presentation video which will serve as a showcase of what the software could do for you.

The Basics consists of a downloadable slide deck and walkthrough video which will serve as a tutorial in how use that software in more useful ways.

To start your learning journey you should watch **the possible** followed by **the basics**, sections of this may be worth re-watching when completing your assigned homework.

For those already skilled in software, much of their learning journey will have involved trial and error problem solving and in many cases simply questioning Google can solve the problem at hand. Remember, before you ask the Software Skills feed make sure you have already tried to ask Google!

WHAT IS MY LEARNING JOURNEY?

When you join the network, all new members will be expected to watch the *possible* and *basics* session for a software that peaks your interest. By watching both of these your learning journey will already have begun and you will be *Software Aware*.



I'M SOFTWARE AWARE LEVEL 1

Members will need to complete a homework assignment which can be found in the *Files* tab of the software channel. The assignment will require either self-assessment or will need to be submitted to the *Software Educators* for review. A pass will entitle a member to become *Software Inspired*.



I'M SOFTWARE INSPIRED LEVEL 2

To become *Software Skilled* members will need to evidence implementation of software/s at their organisation. This must then be submitted to the Forum's Innovation Programme and pass peer review. Members are likely to have done a significant amount of applied learning to reach this stage.



I'M SOFTWARE SKILLED LEVEL 3

To become a *Software Educator* members will need to be peer reviewed *Innovators*. They will have delivered software training to colleagues in their organisation and are recognised by existing *Educators* for contributing significant content to the networks feeds.



I'M A SOFTWARE EDUCATOR LEVEL 4

I'M SOFTWARE **AWARE**

LEVEL 1



I'M SOFTWARE **SKILLED**

LEVEL 3



I'M SOFTWARE **INSPIRED**

LEVEL 2



I'M A SOFTWARE **EDUCATOR**

LEVEL 4



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