**Microsoft Excel 2013: Compare two Lists in Excel and Highlight Matches**

Comparison of lists of data is something that we do all the time. This tutorial gives details that you can apply immediately to compare lists using Excel 2013 to find Duplicate or Unique data.

Of course, you need at least two lists of data. Just to make it simpler and easier to read, let's name the two lists as 1st and 2nd Lists of Customers as shown below.

1st List of Customers	2nd List of Customers
Amanda	Andersen
Beth	Amanda
Charley	Charley
Dhaun	Deeraj
Elizabeth	Sony
Floyd	Thomas
Ganesh	Valerie
Ivory	Zach
Jackson	

Select both columns of data that you want to compare. On the **Home** tab, in the **Styles** grouping, under the **Conditional Formatting** drop down choose **Highlight Cells Rules**, then **Duplicate Values**.
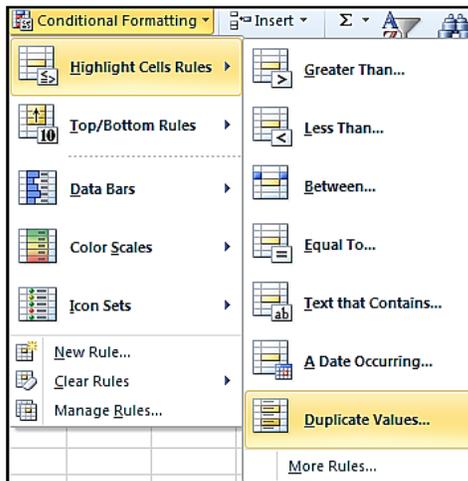
On the **Duplicate Values** dialog box select the colors you want and click **OK**. Notice Unique is also a choice.
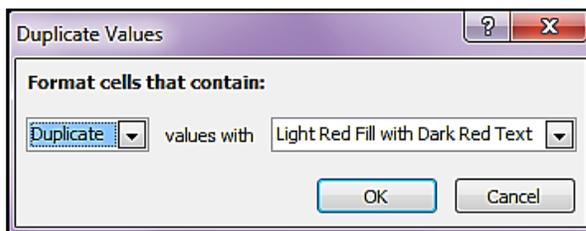
Even before you click **OK** take notice it is already showing you the duplicates!

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Duplicate Values

Format cells that contain:

Duplicate ▾ values with Light Red Fill with Dark Red Text ▾

OK   Cancel

Once you click **OK,** then click into an empty cell anywhere on your sheet, then you will see the duplicates highlighted as shown below.

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To remove the rule, click on **Conditional Formatting**, **Clear Rules**, **Clear Rules from Entire Sheet**.

Conditional Formatting ▾

Highlight Cells Rules ▶

Top/Bottom Rules ▶

Data Bars ▶

Color Scales ▶

Icon Sets ▶

New Rule...

Clear Rules ▶   Clear Rules from Selected Cells

Manage Rules...   Clear Rules from Entire Sheet