# North Loop Consulting Fetch – Excel Tips

## Splitting a Column

To split a column using a delimiter in Excel, you can use the **Text to Columns** feature. Here are the steps:

- 1. **Select the column** you want to split.
- 2. Go to the **Data** tab on the Excel ribbon.
- 3. In the **Data Tools** group, click on **Text to Columns**.
- 4. The Convert Text to Columns Wizard will open:
  - o Step 1: Choose Delimited and click Next.
- 5. **Step 2**: In the **Delimiters** section, check the box for the delimiter you are using (e.g., **Comma**, **Tab**, **Semicolon**, or **Other** where you can specify a custom delimiter).
  - o You can preview how your data will be split in the **Data preview** section.
  - o Click **Next** when you're satisfied.
- 6. **Step 3**: Choose the destination where you want to place the split data (by default, it will overwrite the original column, but you can select another location).
- 7. Click **Finish** to complete the process.

Your data will be split into separate columns based on the delimiter you specified.

## Combining a Date Column and a Time Column

To combine a cell containing a date and a cell containing a time in Excel, follow these steps:

#### Method 1: Using a Formula

- 1. Select an empty cell where you want to display the combined date and time.
- 2. Use the following formula:

#### =A1 + B1

- Replace A1 with the reference to the cell containing the date.
- o Replace B1 with the reference to the cell containing the time.
- 3. **Press Enter.** The result will show both the date and time combined.
- 4. Format the result:
  - o Right-click the cell where the result is.
  - Choose Format Cells.

- Go to the **Number** tab, select **Custom**, and type one of the following formats depending on how you want it to appear:
  - m/d/yyyy h:mm AM/PM (for 12-hour format)
  - m/d/yyyy h:mm (for 24-hour format)
- Click OK.

### Method 2: Using TEXT Function (if you want a specific format)

If you want to combine the date and time into a single string with specific formatting, you can use the TEXT function:

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=TEXT(A1,"m/d/yyyy") & " " & TEXT(B1,"h:mm AM/PM")
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This will display the date and time as a text string in your desired format.

After combining, the values will appear as date and time together in a single cell.