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Session 1: Create Charts

Types of Charts

Column Chart

- Compares several items in a specific range of values
- Ideal to compare a single category of data between individual sub-items
- There are 2 other types of column charts Clustered column chart and Stacked column chart

Clustered column chart

• Compares multiple categories of data within individual sub-items as well as between sub-items Stacked column chart

• Compares items in a specific range of values • Shows the relationship of the individual sub-items with the whole Line chart

•Shows trends over a period of time

Pie chart

Represents the distribution or proportion of each data item over a total value
Most effective when plotting not more than three categories of data
Bar chart

•Compares several categories of data

• Helps to visualise the distribution of more than three categories of data items Area chart

• Ideal for showing the magnitude of change between two or more data points Combination chart

• Combines two or more chart types into a single chart

•Helps compare two categories of each individual sub-item

XY Scatter plot chart

• Shows correlations between two sets of values chart Bubble chart

• Is a variation of an XY scatter plot

•Shows the correlation between two sets of data

•Adds a third dimension to show the relative impact of a quantitative data item

Different Elements of a Chart

Column chart

- •Title A text box you can place anywhere on the chart.
- Plot Area on the chart that displays the data.
- Data point One piece of data that appears on the chart.
- •Legend Shows what kind of data is represented in the chart.
- •Series Are sets of related data. Often, series correspond to rows of data in the data range.
- Categories are bins into which the data from each series is sorted. Often, categories correspond to columns of data in the data range.

Line chart

Y axis:

- •The Y axis is vertical on most charts except on bar charts.
- •As it displays values, Y axis is also called value axis.
- •On XY and bubble charts, both the X and Y axes are value axes.

X axis:

- •The X axis or category axis is horizontal on most charts, except on bar charts.
- •On most charts, X axis is called category axis because it displays category names.

Steps to Create Charts

The steps to create a line chart are:

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- 1. Select the range.
- 2. In the Insert tab, in the Charts group, click the Line symbol.
- 3. Click Line with Markers.

The steps to change the chart type are:

- 1. Select the chart.
- 2. After selecting the chart, on the Chart Design tab, in the Type group, click Change Chart Type.
- 3. On the left side, click Column.
- 4. Click OK.

The steps to switch row or column in a chart are:

- 1. Select the chart.
- 2. On the Design tab, in the Data group, click Switch Row/Column.

The steps to move the Legend Position are:

- 1. Select the chart.
- 2. Click the + button on the right side of the chart.
- 3. Click the arrow next to Legend.
- 4. Click Right.

The steps to **add Data Labels** are as follows:

- 1. Click the green bar to select Data Labels.
- 2. Click the + button on the right side of the chart.
- 3. Click the checkbox next to Data Labels.

The steps create a Sunburst chart:

- 1. Select the entire data range.
- 2. Click Insert, Hierarchy Chart and then Sunburst.

The steps create a Treemap chart:

- 1. Select the entire data range.
- 2. Click Insert, Hierarchy Chart and then Treemap

The steps to Move Chart to a Separate Sheet:

- 1. Select the chart.
- 2. On the Design tab, in the Location group, click Move Chart. Move Chart dialog box appears.



- 3. Click New sheet, in this example Chart 1.
- 4. Enter a name.
- 5. Click OK.

Alternative Way to Move Chart to New Worksheet:

- 1. Create a chart in the current worksheet.
- 2. Right-click the chart.
- 3. Choose Move Chart in the menu.
- 4. Click New Sheet.
- 5. Click OK.

The steps to move a Chart Back to the Source Data Worksheet:

- 1. Select the chart.
- 2. On the Design tab, in the Location group, click Move Chart.
- 3. Click Object in.

The steps to insert a Chart Sheet:

- 1. Right-click any sheet tab in the workbook.
- 2. Choose Insert in the menu.
- 3. Choose Chart in the window.
- 4. Click OK.
- 5. In the chart sheet, click Select Data in the toolbar.
- 6. Select the range that you need.
- 7. Click OK.



Create Chart from Multiple Worksheets

The steps to create Chart from Multiple Worksheets are:

- 1. Create a chart based on the first sheet.
- Select the data you want to plot in the chart.



- Go to Insert > Charts group.
- Choose the chart type you want to make.
- 2. To add a second data series from another sheet:
- Go to the Design tab.
- Click Select Data.
- Or
- Click Chart Filters button on the right of the graph.
- Select the Select Data link at the bottom.
- Click Add.
- 3. Click the tab of the sheet that contains the other data.
- 4. Click the Collapse Dialog button to the right of the Series name field.
- 5. Select a cell containing the text you want to use for the series name.
- 6. Click the Expand Dialog to return to the initial Edit Series window.
- 7. Click the Collapse Dialog icon to the right of the Series values field.
- 8. Select the cells containing the text you want to use for the series values.
- 9. Click Expand Dialog icon to return the initial Edit Series window.
- 10. Click OK.

Session 2: Modify Charts

Add Data Series to Charts

The steps to add Data Series to Embedded Charts – New Column:



2. On the worksheet, drag the sizing handles to include the new data.

The steps to add Data Series to Embedded Charts - New Row:

- 1. Right-click the chart and choose Select Data from context menu.
- 2. In the Select Data Source dialog, click Add button.
- 3. In Edit Series dialog, specify the Series name and Series values by selecting the data you need from the data range.
- 4. Click OK to close the dialog box.

The steps to add New Data Series to Chart on Separate Sheet:

- 1. In the cells directly next to or below the existing source data for the chart, enter the new data series you want to add.
- 2. Click the worksheet that contains the chart.
- 3. Right-click on the chart.
- 4. Choose Select Data.
- 5. Leaving the Select Data Source dialog box open, click on the worksheet.
- 6. Click Add.
- 7. Click the Expand dialog button next to Series name to select the name on the worksheet.
- 8. Click the Expand dialog button next to Series values to select the range on the worksheet.
- 9. Click and drag to select all the new data series.
- 10. Click OK to close the dialog box and to return to the chart sheet.

Switch Between Rows and Columns in Source Data

The steps to change Data Plotting:

1. Click anywhere in the chart that contains the data series you want to plot on different axes.





2. On the Chart Design tab, in the Data group, click Switch Row/Column.



The steps to add or remove Excel Chart Elements from a chart:

1. On clicking + sign, all the chart elements are shown with checkboxes before them.

- 2. On ticking a checkbox, Excel adds that chart element with default setting on the chart area.
- 3. Hovering over a chart element in the menu, an arrowhead is visible next to that chart element.
- 4. Clicking the Arrowhead, it will show customised options for adding that chart element.
- 5. Choosing from the listed settings or click on more options to customise that chart element.

The steps to add Data Label Elements to the chart:

- 1. Click the plus sign.
- 2. Click Data Labels.

The steps to add the Primary Major Vertical gridline to the chart:

- 1. Click the plus sign.
- 2. Move the cursor on the Gridline option.
- 3. Click the arrowhead sign and check the Primary Major Vertical gridlines.

The steps to remove Chart Title from the chart:

1. Unchecking the Chart Title checkbox will remove the title from the chart.

Add Trendlines to Chart

The steps to add Trendline in Excel:

- 1. Click anywhere in the chart to select it.
- 2. Click the + plus sign.
- 3. Check the Trendline box to insert the default linear trendline.

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- 4. Click the arrow next to the Trendline box and choose one of the suggested types.
- 5. Click the arrow next to Trendline and then click More Options.
- 6. This will open the Format Trendline pane, where you can see all the trendlines.

The steps to insert Multiple Trendlines in the Same Chart:

- 1. Right-click the data points of interest.
- 2. Choose Add Trendline from the context menu.
- 3. This will open the Trendline Options tab of the pane. Desired line type can be choose.

The steps to extend Trendline in Excel:

- 1. Double-click the trendline to open the Format Trendline pane.
- 2. On the Trendline Options tab, type the desired values in the Forward and/or Backward boxes under Forecast.

The steps to draw Different Trendline Types for the Same Data Series:

- 1. Right-click the data series.
- 2. Select Add Trendline in the context menu.
- 3. Choose a different trend line type on the pane.

Or

- A. Click the Chart Elements button.
- B. Click the arrow next to Trendline.
- C. Choose the type you want to add.

The steps to format a Trendline in Excel:

- 1. Right-click the trendline.
- 2. Then, click Format Trendline.
- 3. On the pane, switch to the Fill & Line tab.
- Choose the colour.
- Choose the width.
- Choose the dash type for your trendline.

Session 3: Format Charts

Apply Chart Layouts

The steps to apply Chart Layouts:

- 1. Select the chart you want to format.
- 2. Click the Design tab.

- 3. Click the Quick Layout button.
- 4. Select the layout you want to use.

Chart Layouts

Layout 1

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Legend to the right,
- 3. Horizontal Axis,
- 4. Vertical Axis and
- 5. Major Gridlines.

Layout 2

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Legend at the top,
- 3. Data Labels (outside end)
- 4. Horizontal Axis.

Layout 3

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Legend at the bottom,
- 3. Horizontal Axis,
- 4. Vertical Axis and
- 5. Major Gridlines







Layout 4

- 1. Legend at the bottom,
- Data Labels (outside end),
- 3. Horizontal Axis and
- 4. Vertical Axis.

Layout 5

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Data Table,
- 3. Vertical Axis Title,
- 4. Vertical Axis and
- 5. Major Gridlines

Layout 6

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Vertical Axis Title,
- Data Labels on last category(outside end),
- 4. Horizontal Axis,
- 5. Vertical Axis and
- 6. Major Gridlines.







Layout 7

- 1. Legend to the right,
- 2. Horizontal Axis Title,
- 3. Vertical Axis Title,
- 4. Horizontal Axis
- 5. Vertical Axis
- 6. Major Gridlines and
- 7. Minor Gridlines.





Layout 8

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Horizontal Axis Title,
- 3. Vertical Axis Title,
- 4. Horizontal Axis and
- 5. Vertical Axis.

Layout 9

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Legend to the right,
- 3. Horizontal Axis Title,
- 4. Vertical Axis Title,
- 5. Horizontal Axis,
- 6. Vertical Axis and
- 7. Major Gridlines.

Layout 10

- 1. Chart Title,
- 2. Legend to the right,
- Data Labels on last series,
- 4. Horizontal Axis,
- 5. Vertical Axis and
- 6. Major Gridlines.

Layout 11

- 1. Legend to the right,
- 2. Horizontal Axis,
- 3. Vertical Axis and
- 4. Major Gridlines.









The steps add Data Series to Charts:

- 1. Select the table.
- 2. Go to Insert menu.
- 3. Select a style from 2D charts.
- 4. Select the inserted chart.
- 5. Press Ctrl+1, which is a shortcut to format a chart.
- 6. Select the inserted chart and you will get Design menu in the menu bar.
- 7. Click on the Design menu. It will provide a list of chart styles.

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Chart Styles

Style 1: With Gridlines



Style 5: Light Colours of the Columns



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Style 6: Light Gridlines

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Style 2: Data Labelled in a Vertical Way



Style 3: Shaded Column



Style 4: Grey Shade Background



Style 8: Black Background



Style 9: Smokey Bottom

Style 12: Empty Bars with Black Background



Style 13: Overlapping Bars



Style 10: Empty Bars with Outlines



Style 11: Connected Bars









Elements to be Included in Alt Text

Table, Chart or Graph

- 1. Give an overview of the data
- 2. Give the pattern description
- 3. Mention if there is no pattern
- 4. For a graph, explain what each axis shows and note any potential trends

Image

1. Give information about people, setting, objects or context



- 2. Give a caption along with any figure or reference numbers
- 3. Describe the image in more detail

The steps to add Alt Text to an object in Excel:

- 1. Open the spreadsheet and add an object. Click Insert and then Picture.
- 2. Select the object.
- 3. Right-click the object.
- 4. Select Edit Alt Text from the menu that appears.

Recap:

- A chart helps in visual representation of data.
- A chart consists of several elements.
- Applying predefined layouts or styles to the charts or customise them by manually changing the chart elements according to your preferences.
- Based on the number of worksheet rows and columns, MS Excel plots data in a chart, placing the larger number on the horizontal axis.

- After you switch rows to columns in a chart, the columns of data are plotted on the vertical axis and the rows of data are plotted on the horizontal axis.
- A trendline is also referred to as a line of best fit. It is a straight or curved line in a chart that shows the general pattern or overall direction of the data.
- Built-in chart layouts can quickly adjust the overall layout of a chart with different combinations of titles, labels and chart orientations.
- Alternative text or Alt Text is added to make pictures and graphical content accessible to people with visual impairments.
- Alt Text can be created for shapes, pictures, charts, SmartArt graphics or other objects in an Office document.

