Create or delete a PivotTable or PivotChart report

To analyze numerical data in depth and to answer unanticipated questions about your data, use a PivotTable or PivotChart report.

For more information, demos, and training, refer to the See Also section.

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Create a PivotTable or PivotChart report

To create a PivotTable or PivotChart report, you must connect to a data source and enter the report's location.

1. Select a cell in a range of cells, or put the insertion point inside of a Microsoft Office Excel table.
   Make sure that the range of cells has column headings.
2. Select the type of report to generate by doing one of the following:
   ▪ To create a PivotTable report, on the Insert tab, in the Tables group, click PivotTable, and then click PivotTable.
     Excel displays the Create PivotTable dialog box.
   ▪ To create a PivotTable and PivotChart report, on the Insert tab, in the Tables group, click PivotTable, and then click PivotChart.
     Excel displays the Create PivotTable with PivotChart dialog box.
3. Select a data source by doing one of the following:
Choose the data that you want to analyze

1. Click **Select a table or range**.
2. Type the range of cells or table name reference, such as `=QuarterlyProfits`, in the **Table/Range** box.

If you selected a cell in a range of cells or if the insertion point was in a table before you started the wizard, Excel displays the range of cells or table name reference in the **Table/Range** box.

Alternatively, to select a range of cells or table, click **Collapse Dialog** to temporarily hide the dialog box, select the range on the worksheet, and then press **Expand Dialog**.

**TIP** Consider using a table name reference instead of a range of cells, because rows added to a table are automatically included in the PivotTable report when you refresh the data.

**NOTE** If the range is in another worksheet in the same workbook or another workbook, type the workbook and worksheet name by using the following syntax: `([workbookname]sheetname!range)`.

Use external data

1. Click **Use an external data source**.
2. Click **Choose Connection**.

Excel displays the **Existing Connections** dialog box.

3. In the **Show** drop-down list box at the top of the dialog box, select the category of connections for which you want to choose a connection or select **All Existing Connections** (which is the default).
4. Select a connection from the **Select a Connection** list box, and then click **Open**.

**NOTE** If you choose a connection from the **Connections in this Workbook** category, you will be reusing or sharing an existing connection. If you choose a connection from the **Connection files on the network** or **Connection files on this computer** categories, Excel copies the connection file into the workbook as a new workbook connection, and then uses that file as the new connection for the PivotTable report.

For more information, see **Manage connections to data in a workbook**.

4. Specify a location by doing one of the following:
   - To place the PivotTable report in a new worksheet starting at cell A1, click **New Worksheet**.
   - To place the PivotTable report in an existing worksheet, select **Existing Worksheet**, and then specify the first cell in the range of cells where you want to position the PivotTable report.

Alternatively, click **Collapse Dialog** to temporarily hide the dialog box, select the beginning cell on the
Create a PivotChart report from an existing PivotTable report

1. Click the PivotTable report.
2. On the Insert tab, in the Charts group, click a chart type.

You can use any chart type except an xy (scatter), bubble, or stock chart.

For more information, see Overview of PivotTable and PivotChart reports and Charts.

NOTE A PivotChart report and its associated PivotTable report must always be in the same workbook.

Convert a PivotChart report to a standard chart

1. Find the associated PivotTable report that has the same name as the PivotChart report by doing the following:
   1. Click the PivotChart report.

      Clicking a PivotChart report displays the PivotChart Tools, adding the Design, Layout, Format, and Analyze tab.

   2. To find the associated PivotTable report name, on the Design tab, in the Data group, click Select Data to display the Edit Data Source dialog box, and then note the associated PivotTable name, which is the text that follows the (!) exclamation point, in the Chart data range text box and then
Create a standard chart from some or all data in a PivotTable report

1. Select the data in the PivotTable report that you want to use in your chart. To include field buttons and data in the first row and column of the report, start dragging from the lower-right corner of the data that you select.

   For more information, see Select data in a PivotTable report.

2. On the Home tab, in the Clipboard group, click Copy.

3. Click a blank cell outside of the PivotTable report.

4. On the Home tab, in the Clipboard group, click the arrow next to Paste, and then click Paste Special.

5. Click Values, and then click OK.

6. On the Insert tab, in the Charts group, click a chart type.

Delete a PivotTable or PivotChart report

Delete a PivotTable report

1. Click the PivotTable report.

2. On the Options tab, in the Actions group, click Select, and then click Entire PivotTable.

3. Press DELETE.

   NOTE Deleting the associated PivotTable report for a PivotChart report creates a standard chart that you can no longer change.

Delete a PivotChart report

1. Select the PivotChart report.

2. Press DELETE.

   NOTE Deleting the PivotChart report does not automatically delete the associated PivotTable report.
See Also

- Demo: Analyze product sales with a PivotTable report
- Demo: Explore Adventure Works in Excel by using an OLAP PivotTable report
- Overview of Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)
- Overview of PivotTable and PivotChart reports
- PivotTable I: Get started with PivotTable reports in Excel 2007
- Print a PivotTable report
- Tables II: Use tables to simplify complex page layouts

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