Creating and Modifying Pivot Tables and Charts

A PivotTable Report (commonly called a pivot table) is a specialized report in Microsoft Excel that summarizes and analyzes data from an outside source like a spreadsheet or similar table. That is, a pivot table is a tool for taking a large and complete amount of data and formatting it in a table that makes that same information easier to understand and assimilate. You generally will create a pivot table when you want to do one of the following:

- extract a smaller amount of data from a larger set of data
- sum up a large amount of data and compare one section of the original data with another or
- organize sub-categories of data within larger categories.

It is important to organize an Excel spreadsheet properly, but especially so when you may want to create a pivot table from it. When creating a spreadsheet, remember the following advice:

- Label your data well. For example, the first row of an Excel spreadsheet should have clear, descriptive column labels.
- Verify that each spreadsheet column contains only one set of data. For example, a column labeled Fname should contain only the first names of salespersons or vendors or customers, etc, and a column labeled Total should sum up the same type of data from cell to cell.
- Keep your spreadsheet free of automatic subtotals. Pivot tables will calculate subtotals and totals for you.

A PivotChart Report (commonly called a pivot chart) represents in graphical form the data from a pivot table. You can modify the layout and data from a pivot chart just as you can those of a pivot table. Finally, you can use the GETPIVOTDATA function in a worksheet to create a formula that will produce, under many conditions, a consistent answer even if you later rearrange the pivot table.

Lesson Goal:

Understand how to plan a pivot table. Create an Excel pivot table, change its summary function, and analyze three-dimensional data. Update a report and then modify its structure and format. Finally, create a PivotChart Report and use the GETPIVOTDATA function.
A PivotTable Report (commonly called a pivot table) is an interactive, cross-tabulated report in Excel that summarizes and analyzes data from an outside source such as an Excel spreadsheet or similar table. Using a pivot table, you can summarize selected data from a worksheet, list and display it in a table format, and organize the data in meaningful ways. Before you create a pivot table, however, you should plan it out so that the process of creating the table goes more smoothly.

Planning a PivotTable Report involves several steps:

1. **Review the information in your source spreadsheet or other table.** Before summarizing an Excel spreadsheet or similar set of data in a pivot table, be sure to understand the range of information that the pivot table will cover. Also understand what fields of information will appear in the pivot table. A **field** is a particular type of data about a person, place, or object. For example, when creating fields related to personal friends, you might want to indicate their names, addresses, phone numbers, and related information. However, when creating fields for a company’s employees, you instead may need to list their job occupations, work location, annual salaries, etc. Figure A-1 displays a list of student interns, their college enrollment dates, their academic class, and so on.

2. **Determine the objective of your pivot table and identify the names of the fields that related to that objective.** The objective of the pivot table is to identify student interns, their work locations, and their current job performance ratings. To create such a pivot table, you should include the students’ last names, the locations of their internship, and their job scores.

3. **Identify which fields you want to summarize in the pivot table and which summary function you want to use.** The summary function is an automatic subtotal or other calculation used in pivot tables and pivot charts. To gauge the typical grade that instructors give to the current group of interns, you would select the **Job Score** field and use the **MODE** function to determine the most frequently appearing grade.

4. **Determine how to organize your data.** You must organize your pivot table properly to present the desired information in the desired way. To best display the most frequently occurring job score for the data that you want to include, define the **Internship** as a column field, the **Fname** (first names) as the row field, and the **Job Score** as the data summary field. Figure A-2 displays the empty pivot table and indicates the location of the column field area, the row field area, and the data summary area.

5. **Decide which worksheet should display the pivot table.** You can place the newly created pivot table on the same sheet as your worksheet data or on a new worksheet. To keep your raw worksheet data separate from the interpretive pivot table, you should put your pivot table on a separate worksheet. Figure A-3 displays the completed pivot table on a new worksheet with a new name, along with an added table title and the MODE displayed in cell F22.
Open pivotExprac.xls. Save it as my_pivotExprac.xls. Review the data on the Interns worksheet. Using the five planning guidelines in this Skill, summarize what could be the purpose of a pivot table based on the worksheet, which fields you could place in a pivot table, how you would arrange such a table, and whether you would place it on the current worksheet or a new one.
After you plan a pivot table, you then can create it from an Excel worksheet or similar table. To create a pivot table, you use the PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard. A **wizard** is a series of interrelated dialog boxes that ask you for data and usually offer options on how to format your data. Using a wizard breaks down a complex task into more manageable steps, thereby helping you to enter correct data and then properly format it so that viewers can easily understand it.

Create a pivot table.

1. Open student file `pivot_exhowto2.xls` and save it as `Pivot_Table_One.xls`. This worksheet contains data about student interns, their enrollment dates as students, their current academic class (freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior), their intern level and their job performance rating—or job score.

2. Click cell A1 if necessary, click the **Data** menu, and then click the **PivotTable and PivotChart Report** command. This action opens the first of three dialog boxes in the **PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard** (Figure A-4). In this dialog box, you specify the location of the data to be converted into a pivot table and whether you want to create a pivot table or a pivot chart from that data.

3. In the section entitled, **Where is the data that you want to analyze?**, verify that the **Microsoft Office Excel list or database** option button is selected. In the section entitled **What kind of report do you want to create?**, verify that the **PivotTable** option button is selected.

4. Click the **Next** button to move to **Step 2 of 3** in the wizard (Figure A-5). In the **Where is the data that you want to use?** text box, the cell range for the entire worksheet selected in **Step 2** appears by default. You can accept this default cell range or specify a smaller range of cells. Since you want to create a pivot table that shows data for all student interns, leave the default data in the text box.

5. Click **Next** to move to **Step 3 of 3** of the wizard (Figure A-6). In this dialog box, you select whether to place the pivot table on the same worksheet from which you obtained your data for the upcoming pivot table or on a new worksheet within the same Excel workbook. Accept the default option button, **New worksheet**.
In this section, choose the source of the data for the upcoming pivot table.

In this section, choose whether to create a pivot table or a pivot chart.

Cell range indicates data on which upcoming pivot table will be based.

Animated border indicates source of data for Step 2 of wizard; cells within border match cell range in text box.

Choose whether to display pivot table on new worksheet or on existing worksheet.
Creating a Pivot Table (cont’d)

6. Click the Finish button to place the pivot table on a new worksheet and to close the third dialog box. A blank pivot table appears on a new worksheet and a PivotTable Field List appears to the right of the blank table. The PivotTable toolbar also should appear (Figure A-7). The field list contains the field names from the worksheet cell range designated in Step 4.

7. To create the pivot table, drag fields from the field list onto the blank pivot table. In this case, drag the Lname field from the field list to the area labeled Drop Row Fields Here. Drag the Internship field to the area labeled Drop Column Fields Here. Drag the Job Score field to the area labeled Drop Data Items Here.

8. Double-click the right edge of the gray header for each column in the pivot table to autofit the width of the column to the text or data within the columns. If needed, drag the field list to the right of the completed pivot table so you can view the entire, completed table (Figure A-8).

9. Resave the workbook.

extra

The SUM function is the default function for calculating fields that you drag from the field list to the pivot table. In this pivot table, therefore, Excel uses the SUM function to calculate the totals of the scores that relate to each Internship location (Action Films, Charles Point, Design Boutique, etc.) Naturally, totals in this pivot table will vary according to how many students work at each internship and what their individual scores are. However, the totals are meaningless for the internship program since the quality of such a program would not depend upon the number of students at a given internship during a given semester, and since college students almost always receive individually based internship grades. Therefore, in a future Skill you will delete the totals row and create a meaningful calculation for individual student grades.
Open the `my_pivot_exprac.xls` file, which you created in the previous Practice. Using all data on the Interns worksheet, work through the PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard to create a blank pivot table. Name the pivot table tab InternsTable. Drag the Class field to the Column Fields area, drag the Lname field to the Row Fields area, and drag the Hourly Wage field to the Data Items area. Autofit the columns to their data and resave the file as `my_pivot_exprac2.xls`. 

**Practice**
skill 3

Modifying the Summary Function of a Pivot Table

overview

A summary function is an automatic subtotal or other calculation and is used in pivot tables and pivot charts. The phrase “other calculation” indicates that a summary function can be other than just the SUM function, which totals the data in a cell range. For example, a summary function can be the COUNT function, which calculates the number of values in a cell range. Since the SUM function in the previous Skill supplied a meaningless statistic for individual student interns, you will replace it in this Skill with the AVERAGE function so that pivot table users can see how well students in general are doing in their internships.

how to

Modify the summary function of a pivot table to calculate the average student job score rather than the total score per internship location and rename the pivot table worksheet tab.

1. If needed, open Pivot_Table_One.xls, created in Skill 2. On the PivotTable toolbar, click the Hide Field List button to conceal the field list so that you can work more easily with the pivot table. (Note: To conceal the field list, you also can click the Close button at the right end of the field list Title bar.)

2. In cell A21, type Job Score Averages and press [Enter]. If needed, double-click the right edge of the gray column A header to autofit the column width to the new row label.

3. Click any cell in the pivot table. Click the Field Settings button on the PivotTable toolbar to display the PivotTable Field dialog box. The Name text box displays the current default function of the pivot table (SUM) and the field (Job Score) that the function is using to calculate a result. The Summarize by list box displays other functions you can use, with the default function (SUM) selected at the top of the list box.

4. In the Summarize by list box, click Average (Figure A-9). Click the OK button to calculate the average (rather than total) of the job scores and to close the PivotTable Field dialog box.

5. Right-click the Sheet4 worksheet tab (i.e., for the worksheet with the modified pivot table). Click the Rename command to select the tab name. Type PivotTable and press [Enter] to confirm the new name (Figure A-10). Resave the workbook.

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Table A-1  PivotTable toolbar buttons

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<td>PivotTable</td>
<td>Displays menu of pivot table commands</td>
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<td>Format Report</td>
<td>Displays palette of formatting options for pivot table</td>
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<td>![](Chart Wizard)</td>
<td>Chart Wizard</td>
<td>Automatically creates chart from active pivot table</td>
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<td>![](Hide Detail)</td>
<td>Hide Detail</td>
<td>Conceals specific data in table groupings</td>
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<td>![](Show Detail)</td>
<td>Show Detail</td>
<td>Displays detailed data in table groupings</td>
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<td>Refresh Data</td>
<td>Reloads list changes in a table</td>
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<td>![](Include Hidden Items in Totals)</td>
<td>Include Hidden Items in Totals</td>
<td>Ensures that pivot table will calculate concealed data</td>
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<td>![](Always Display Items)</td>
<td>Always Display Items</td>
<td>Makes pivot table show all data at all times</td>
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<td>![](Field Settings)</td>
<td>Field Settings</td>
<td>Displays PivotTable Field dialog box</td>
</tr>
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<td>Show/Hide Field List</td>
<td>Displays/conceals the PivotTable Field List</td>
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Open the my_pivot_exprac2.xls file, created in the previous Practice. On the pivot table, modify the summary function of the Hourly Wage field, using the Average function instead of the Sum function. Apply the Currency Style to the cell range B2:F22 and then change the text Grand Total to Average of Hourly Wage. Autofit all columns to the newly formatted labels and data. Save the file as my_pivot_exprac3.xls.
Creating a Three-Dimensional Pivot Table

Overview

A basic pivot table has two dimensions to it: height, created by the number of rows, and width, created by the number of columns. However, a pivot table has three dimensions if you add a page field to it, creating a kind of layered table. A page field enables you to filter a whole pivot table to display data for all items or for just one item in the pivot table. Using a page field enables you to filter your data field by field. (Filtering involves specifying criteria by which you will select a smaller set of data from a larger set.)

How to

Convert your pivot table to a three dimensions by adding a page field.

1. If needed, open the file Pivot_Table_One.xls.

2. Drag the Internship button in cell B3 to the area labeled Drop Page Fields Here (in row 1 above the pivot table). The pivot table re-forms with the Internship button in cell A1, the word (All) and an Internship list arrow in cell B1, a list of all students in the cell range A5:A20, a list of their corresponding job scores in cell range B5:B20, and the average job score for all students in cell B21 (Figure A-11).

3. Click the Internship list arrow, click Action Films (Figure A-12), and then click the OK button. The pivot table displays the individual job scores for the students named Lauterbach, Nassam, Smithers, and Williams and the average job score for those four students (Figure A-13).

5. Click the Internship list arrow again, click Stanley Furniture, and then click the OK button again. The pivot table now displays the individual job scores for Goldberg, Johnson, Kenyon, and Rodriguez and the average job score for those students (Figure A-14).

6. Save the workbook.

Extra

Problems can arise when converting a two-dimensional pivot table to a three-dimensional format. For example, if you cannot drag a field to a new location, it may be locked. To unlock it, double-click the field to display the PivotTable Field dialog box, click the Advanced button, and then clear the check mark from the Disable pivoting of this field check box.

You also cannot drag a field to a new location if the worksheet that serves as the data source for the pivot table is protected. To solve this problem, click the Tools menu, point to the Protection command, and then click the Protect Sheet subcommand to display the Protect Sheet dialog box. Clear the check mark from the Protect worksheet and contents of locked cells check box, and then click the OK button.

Finally, if the list arrow for a field does not work, activate the Always Display Items button on the PivotTable toolbar. If you do not want to use this tool, then drag a field to the data area so that list arrows will work for all fields in the pivot table report.
Open the my_pivot_exprac3.xls file, completed in the previous Practice. Drag the Class field to the Page Fields area of the pivot table. In the Class drop-down list, display the data for just the senior-level interns (labeled Sen). Resave the file as my_pivot_exprac4.xls.
Pivot tables look very similar to standard Excel worksheets. However, the data and calculations in a pivot table are just read-only values. In other words, you can only view the data and cannot insert and/or delete rows to modify the pivot table. Therefore, to change the data in a pivot table, you must change the data directly in the source list and then refresh the table. The source list is the list used to create the table. And to refresh data means to update the pivot table to reflect the changed data in the source list.

Add information to your source list and then refresh the pivot table to reflect the new data.

1. Open the Pivot_Table_One.xls file, if needed. Imitate Step 3 or 4 in the previous Skill, if needed, to display All interns in the pivot table. Then click the Sheet1 worksheet tab to display the sheet that contains the names, enrollments dates, academic classes, and related data for the student interns.

2. Right-click the gray header for row 17, containing the data for Kaneesha Williams, to display a shortcut menu. Click the Insert command to add a blank row between row 16 and the new row 18, which now contains the data for Ms. Williams.

3. Enter data for a new student, George Witherspoon, following the data listed below:

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<td>Jun</td>
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<tr>
<td>Internship</td>
<td>Design Boutique</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intern Level</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Job Score</td>
<td>8</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Be sure to press [Tab] to move from one cell to the next, and then press [Enter] when finished with the last cell. Verify that the worksheet looks like Figure A-16.

4. Click the PivotTable worksheet tab to return to the pivot table. Verify that a cell within the pivot table is selected.

5. On the PivotTable toolbar, click the Refresh Data button to update the pivot table with the new source list data. Notice that Witherspoon now appears in the pivot table with the corresponding job score of 8. The average student score now equals 8.058823529 (Figure A-17).

6. Save the workbook.

After you click the Refresh Data button, the Undo button on the Standard toolbar turns grayish, indicating that you cannot undo the update. To have the pivot table display only the data in the table before you refreshed it, you must return the worksheet to its previous state and then update the pivot table. To do this, click the Sheet1 worksheet tab. Right-click row 17, containing the data for George Witherspoon, and click the Delete command on the shortcut menu. Then click the PivotTable worksheet tab, click the Refresh Data button once again, and then resave the workbook.

Sometimes, changing worksheet data, refreshing a pivot table, re-changing the data, re-refreshing the table, etc., can result in very confused worksheets. In cases like this, simply save a duplicate copy of your workbook (suggested name, Pivot_Table_One_dupe.xls) and make your desired changes there. Once you verify that the duplicate workbook has exactly the right information, resave it as Pivot_Table_One.xls and delete the duplicate file.
Open the my_pivot_exprac4.xls file, created in the previous Practice. On the Interns worksheet, add data for a new student named Everett Redeagle as follows: Enrollment Date = 8/26/2004, Class = Soph, and Wage = 6.75. Format the new line of data to match that of the rest of the worksheet. Sort the worksheet by last name and then first name. On the pivot table, redisplay the data for All interns. Refresh the pivot table to reflect the new worksheet data. Sort the pivot table by last name. Resave the workbook as my_pivot_exprac5.xls.
In the previous Skill, you learned that you can change pivot table data only by refreshing it after you have changed the data in its source list. However, you can modify the format of a pivot table at any time. For example, you can indent or unindent a label, reformat the numbers in the data area, change character and cell formatting, and even return a pivot report to its default format. You also can use the **Format > AutoFormat** command sequence to apply one of 21 preset formats to a pivot table. There are ten **Report** formats, ten **Table** formats, and one **Classic** format.

### how to

Add an additional field to the pivot table and reformat some of its elements.

1. Open the **Pivot_Table_One.xls** file, if needed, and verify that a cell within the pivot table is selected. Be sure that the Internship field is set to **All**.

2. On the **PivotTable** toolbar, click the **PivotTable** button and then click the **Pivot Table Wizard** command to display the **Step 3 of 3** dialog box (Figure A-18).

3. Click the **Layout** button to open the **PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard - Layout** screen of the wizard.

4. Drag the **Fname** button from the right side of the dialog box on top of the **Lname** button near the upper left of the pivot table diagram so that the Fname button sits atop the Lname button. (Figure A-19).

5. Click the **OK** button to confirm adding the students’ first names to the pivot table and to close the dialog box. In the **Step 3 of 3** dialog box of the wizard, click the **Finish** button to apply the structural change to the pivot table and to close that dialog box (Figure A-20).

6. Hold down the **[Ctrl]** key and click the gray row headers for the **Adam Total**, **Carole Total**, **Geena Total**, etc., until you have selected all Total rows for all student interns.

### Table A-2  Functions of additional buttons in dialog boxes on page EX A.15

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<td>Closes dialog box without activating choices made in box</td>
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<td>Options...</td>
<td>Options</td>
<td>Opens PivotTable Options dialog box, which offers Format options and Data options</td>
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</table>
Figure A-18 PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard - Step 3 of 3

Figure A-19 Placing Fname field above Lname field

Figure A-20 Restructured pivot table

First names of students

First three total rows
skill 6

Modifying the Structure and Format of a Pivot Table (cont’d)

how to

7. Release the [Ctrl] key. Without deselecting any rows, right-click the gray header of a selected row to display a shortcut menu and then click the Hide command. This action will conceal all of the student total rows, making it easier to see all of the restructured pivot table at one glance. (Figure A-21).

8. In cell A1, click the Internship field and then click the Bold button on the Formatting toolbar to bold the field text. With the cell pointer still in cell A1, double-click the Format Painter button and click in the relevant cell to bold the Average of Job Score, Fname, Lname, and Total fields. Click the Format Painter button again to cancel it (Figure A-22).

9. Click cell C39, which contains the average job score for all students. Click the Decrease Decimal button seven (7) times to format the job score with only two decimal places.

10. Click cell E39 so that you can see the actual border lines of the table.

11. Save the workbook.

extra

To format the labels that identify data, you can use the Italic, Underline, Align Left, and similar buttons on the Formatting toolbar. You also can select a cell or cell range, click the Format menu, and then click the Cells command to open the Format Cells dialog box that you use with regular worksheets. To format numerical data, you can use the Currency Style, Percent Style, Comma Style, and similar buttons on the Formatting toolbar or use the Format Cells dialog box. You can open the Format Cells dialog box by right-clicking a cell in the pivot table to display a shortcut menu and then clicking the Format Cells command. Finally, you can right-click a cell containing numerical data to display the shortcut menu, click the Field Settings command to open the PivotTable Field dialog box, and then click the Number button in that dialog box to display just the Number tab of the Format Cells dialog box. (Of course, if a cell with numerical data is active, you also can access the PivotTable Field dialog box just by clicking the Field Settings button on the PivotTable toolbar.)
Open the my_pivot_exprac5.xls file. On the pivot table, drag the Fname field from the PivotTable Field List to the left of the Lname field. Change the following labels in the pivot table to the Arial Black font: Class, Average of Wage, Fname, and Lname. Boldface the last row of the pivot table, which contains the Average of Hourly Wage label and data. If needed, autofit all column widths to the newly formatted labels. Save the file as my_pivot_exprac6.xls.
Creating and Modifying a PivotChart Report

A PivotChart Report (commonly called a pivot chart) is a graphical representation of the data in a corresponding pivot table. Pivot charts have special elements that pivot tables do not have. For example, pivot charts contain a data series, data markers, and—in column, bar, line, and similar charts—an X and a Y axis. (Consult the Extra section for an explanation of these terms.) As with pivot tables, you can modify the structure and format of pivot charts to make them more readable and attractive.

overview

Create a pivot chart from an open pivot table.

1. Open the Pivot_Table_One.xls file, if needed. Verify that it displays the first names, last names, and job scores of all student interns, including the recently added student, George Witherspoon.

2. Click cell A3, type the new field name, Job Scores, and then press [Enter].

3. Click the Lname field in cell B4 and drag it to the left of the Fname field in cell A4. This action will reverse the order of the Fname and Lname fields in the columns and sort the student names in ascending, alphabetic order by last name rather than first name (Figure A-23).

4. Verify that any cell in the pivot table is selected. On the PivotTable toolbar or the Standard toolbar, click the Chart Wizard button . A pivot chart based on the current pivot table appears on a new worksheet tab entitled Chart1. Verify that the chart shows job scores for all of the student interns (Figure A-24).

5. At the top left corner of the pivot chart, click the list arrow next to the word All, click Charles Point, and then click the OK button . Columns representing the job scores for just the students Brown, Onyeka, Sanders, Tedesco, and White display in the chart (Figure A-25).

6. Right-click any blue column in the chart to display a shortcut menu and then click the Chart Type command to display the Chart Type dialog box.
Figure A-23 Pivot table sorted by last name

Figure A-24 Pivot chart with all intern scores

Figure A-25 Pivot chart with five intern scores

Pivot chart appears on new worksheet tab

Click list arrow to display list from which to select desired subset of students

Chart toolbar

Name of selected subset of student interns appears in Internship field

Default chart type has two-dimensional appearance in both columns and background
Creating and Modifying a PivotChart Report (cont’d)

7. In the Chart sub-type section, click the first chart in the second row. Below the chart images will be the name of the selected chart sub-type—namely, Clustered column with a 3-D visual effect (Figure A-26).

8. Click the OK button to change the chart type and to close the dialog box. The blue chart columns now look three-dimensional, and the gray background is slightly angled to match the three-dimensional appearance of the columns (Figure A-27).

9. Save the workbook.

extra

When you create a pivot chart from a pivot table, the row fields of the table become category fields in the chart. The column fields of the table become series fields in the chart. Finally, the page fields of the table become page fields in the chart.

In a standard Excel chart or a pivot chart, a data series is the set of data points that are plotted in a chart. For example, in a column chart, the data series is the group of columns. In a pie chart, the data series is the group of slices. A data marker is one data point in the data series. A column, bar, slice, or similar chart element is a data marker. The X axis in a column, bar, stock, or similar chart is the horizontal plane of the chart. The X axis usually displays names of products, customers, stocks, or similar labels in a chart. The Y axis is the vertical plane of the chart. Items on the Y axis usually indicate quantities, dollar amounts, percentages, or similar numerical data.

To modify a chart more than you did in the Skill steps, right-click the specific area of the chart that you want to change, and then click the shortcut command that relates to what you want to do. For example, if you right-click the gray wall of a column chart and then click Format Walls, you can change the border, color, and fill effects of the walls in the Format Walls dialog box.
Open the my_pivot_exprac6.xls file, created in the previous Practice. In the pivot table, verify that hourly wage data appears for all students. Select any cell in the pivot table and click the Chart button to create a pivot chart. Name the pivot chart tab as InternsChart. Change the chart to the Clustered bar with a 3-D visual effect type. At the left edge of the chart, right-click and remove the Fname field. Change the chart title (not the tab) to Intern Salaries, formatted as 14-point, Arial Black font. Save the file as my_pivot_exprac7.xls.
Sometimes, you may want to display information from a pivot table in a worksheet and use that information over and over. Unfortunately, since you can rearrange the data in a pivot table, your worksheet cannot use a standard cell reference to refer to a cell in the table, expecting that table cell to remain constant. However, if your worksheet uses the GETPIVOTDATA function to retrieve data from a pivot table, then the worksheet data will remain reliable even after you rearrange the table.

Overview

Use the GETPIVOTDATA function in a worksheet to retrieve information from a pivot table.

1. Open the Pivot_Table_one.xls file. On the PivotTable tab, verify that the pivot table looks like Figure A-28. Then click the Sheet1 tab so that the worksheet displays.

2. Click cell F20 and type Job Score Average and press [Enter]. If desired, center the text in the cell. If needed, double-click the right edge of the gray column F header to autofit the column width to the new text.

3. Click cell G20. On the Formula toolbar, click the Insert Function button to display the Insert Function dialog box.

4. In the Or select a category list box, click the down arrow and then click Lookup & Reference. In the Select a function list box, click GETPIVOTDATA (Figure A-29). Click the OK button to open the Function Arguments dialog box.

5. Click the Data_field text box. In this box, you should enter, in quotation marks, the name of the field for which you want to get data. Since you want the worksheet to display Job Score Averages (see Step 2), type “Job Scores” (including the quotation marks) since that is the field name in the pivot table representing the data that you want to average (Figure A-30).

6. Click the Pivot_table text box. In this box, you should enter the cell or cell range from which you want to obtain the data that relates to the field name in the Data_field text box. Since you want data from the Job Score field, click the Collapse Dialog button at the right end of the text box. This action will collapse the Function Arguments dialog box, making it easier to see your worksheet.
First, click Lookup & Reference

Then, click GETPIVOTDATA

Type “Job Scores” (including the quotation marks)

Describes selected text box in upper area of dialog box

Extracts data stored in a PivotTable.

Data_field: is the name of the data field to extract data from.
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how to

7. Click the PivotTable worksheet tab and then click and drag to select the cell range B5:B21. The text PivotTable!B5:B21 will appear in the collapsed Function Arguments dialog box (Figure A-31). Click the Expand Dialog button at the right end of the dialog box to expand it to its original size.

8. Click the OK button to confirm the entered data and to close the dialog box.

9. The job score average should display with two decimal points. If it does not, click cell G20, click the Format menu, and then click Cells to display the Format Cells dialog box. On the Number tab, set the options that appear in Figure A-32.

10. Click the OK button to close the dialog box and to format cell G20 with two decimal places (Figure A-33). The number in cell G20 represents the average job score of all students on both the worksheet and the pivot table.

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In Step 8, if you receive a #REF! error message in cell G20 of the worksheet, then your formula contains a wrong cell reference. To solve this problem, first verify that your formula in the Formula bar identifies the proper data field and pivot table data, as shown in Figure A-33. If your formula is correct, right-click the pivot table and click PivotTable Wizard to go to Step 3 or the wizard. Click the Options button to open the PivotTable Options dialog box, activate the Grand totals for columns check box, and then click OK. This action should enable the formula to retrieve the needed data. If you receive the figure 137 in cell G20, then you have totalled rather than averaged the job scores. To solve this problem, right-click Job Scores in cell A3 of the pivot table, click Field Settings to display the PivotTable Field dialog box, click Average in the Summarize by list, and then click OK to confirm the change and to close the dialog box.

You can rearrange the pivot table and still produce the same result in cell G20 of the worksheet as long as you do the following in the pivot table: keep the Job Scores field name, keep that field on the table, and display Internships for All students. Since neither the Internship field nor the Lname field appears in the GETPIVOTDATA formula, you can change those names with impunity. However, if you change the Job Scores field name, remove the field from the pivot table, or display only one of the four internship locations (which then displays only some student names), you will lose the correct average for all students.

As the previous two paragraphs suggest, a seemingly endless number of problems can arise when creating pivot tables or pivot charts. Rather than try to discuss all problems here, we recommend that you review the Help topics Troubleshoot PivotTable reports and Troubleshoot PivotChart reports. You also can visit the Microsoft Web site and watch a three-part interactive tutorial on pivot tables, complete with end-of-lesson questions and practice exercises. Start with Part I of the tutorial at the following URL:

Open the **my_pivot_exprac7.xls** file. In cell **D21** of the **Interns** worksheet, type, center, and bold the text **Average Wage**. Autofit column **D** to the newly formatted text. In cell **E21** of the same worksheet, type the following formula:

```
=GETPIVOTDATA("average of hourly wage",InternsTable!B22)
```

Press [Enter]. Format cell **E21** with the **Currency Style**. Save the file as **my_pivot_exprac8.xls** and then close it. Exit Excel.
shortcuts

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A. Identify Key Features

Name the items indicated by callouts in Figure A-34.

**Figure A-34 Pivot table elements**

B. Select the Best Answer

10. A specialized report in Excel that summarizes data from a spreadsheet  
    a. SUM
11. A graphical representation of the data in a pivot table  
    b. Summary function
12. A series of interrelated dialog boxes that ask for data and offer options  
    c. Field Settings
13. The default function for calculating fields in a pivot table  
    d. Data series
14. An automatic subtotal or other calculation in a pivot table or pivot chart  
    e. Wizard
15. The button that displays the PivotTable Field dialog box  
    f. Refresh
16. Enables you to filter a pivot table to display data for one or all items  
    g. Pivot chart
17. To update a pivot table to reflect changed data in its source list  
    h. Page field
18. The set of data points that are plotted in a chart  
    i. Pivot table
C. Complete the Statement

19. You generally create pivot tables to:
   a. Extract a smaller amount of data from a larger set.
   b. Sum up a large amount of data to compare one set of data with another.
   c. Organize sub-categories of data within larger categories.
   d. All of the above

20. A PivotChart report is commonly called a:
   a. Pivot table.
   b. Table chart.
   c. Chart table.
   d. None of the above

21. A wizard is a
   a. Series of interrelated dialog boxes.
   b. Set of option buttons.
   c. Set of check boxes.
   d. None of the above

22. Which one of the following is the default function for calculating fields that you drag from a field list to a pivot table?
   a. AVERAGE
   b. SUM
   c. FIELDS
   d. COUNT

23. Filtering involves specifying criteria by which you
   a. Change the height and width of a pivot table.
   b. Protect a worksheet so you cannot drag a field to a new location.

24. A source list is
   a. A worksheet or similar table used to create a pivot table or a pivot chart.
   b. The pivot table or pivot chart created from a worksheet.
   c. The same as a destination list.
   d. None of the above

25. To access the Pivot Table Wizard, you can click the
   a. PivotTable button on the PivotTable toolbar.
   b. PivotChart button on the PivotChart toolbar.
   c. Help button on the Layout screen.
   d. None of the above

26. The Bold, Currency Style, and Decrease Decimal buttons appear on the
   a. Standard toolbar.
   b. Formatting toolbar.
   c. PivotTable toolbar.
   d. All of the above

27. The GETPIVOTDATA function is used to
   a. Create a pivot table from a worksheet.
   b. Create a pivot chart from a worksheet.
   c. Retrieve data from a pivot table.
   d. None of the above
Build Your Skills

1. Create a pivot table from a pre-existing worksheet:
   a. Open the student file `pivot_exbuild.xls` and save it as `Faculty.xls`. Click cell A1, click the Data menu, and then click PivotTable and PivotChart Report to open the PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard.
   b. In the Where is the data that you want to analyze? section, verify that the Microsoft Office Excel list or data option button is selected. In the What kind of report do you want to create? section, verify that the PivotTable option button is selected. Click Next to move to Step 2 of the wizard.
   c. Accept the selection in the Where is the data that you want to use? text box and then click Next to move to Step 3 of the wizard. Accept the default option, New worksheet. Click Finish to display a blank pivot table on a new worksheet and the PivotTable Field List.
   d. Drag the Position field from the field list to the Column Fields area on the blank table. Drag the Lname field from the field list to the Row Fields area. Drag the Annual Salary field from the field list to the Data Items area.
   e. Verify that the following totals appear in the completed pivot table: Assistant Professor - 325000; Associate Professor - 320000; Instructor - 148000; Professor - 415000; Grand Total - 1208000.
   f. Rename the worksheet tab for the pivot table as FacultyTable. Resave the workbook.

2. Add a summary function to the pivot table:
   a. Click cell E25, type No. of Faculty, and press [Tab].
   b. In cell F25, type =COUNT(. Select cell range F5:F23, which contains the annual salaries of all faculty members. Press [Enter]. Verify that the total count of faculty equals 19.
   c. Resave the workbook.

3. Create a three-dimensional pivot table:
   a. If needed, click a cell in the pivot table. Drag the Division field from the fields list to the Page Fields area at the very top of the pivot table.
   b. Click the drop-down list arrow for the Division field, click Humanities, and then click OK to display just the salaries for the Humanities faculty. Verify that the Grand Total of salaries equals 355000.
   c. Imitate Step 3b to display the salaries for just the Natural Sciences, Professional Studies, and Social Sciences. Verify the following Grand Totals: Natural Sciences - 227000; Professional Studies - 335000; Social Sciences - 291000.
   d. Return the pivot table to displaying the salaries for All faculty and resave the workbook.

4. Modify the worksheet source list and then refresh the pivot table:
   a. Click the Faculty worksheet tab.
   b. Add the following information, in the proper cells, for a new faculty member, Evita Cervantes. Division - Humanities; Department - Languages; Position - Assistant Professor; Annual Salary - 55000; Course Load - 4.
   c. Format the additional line with All Borders, use the Sort command on the Data menu to re-sort the worksheet by Lname, Fname, and then Position. Verify that Cervantes’ name and data appear at the top of the worksheet.
   d. Click the FacultyTable worksheet tab and then click any cell of the pivot table. Click the Refresh button on the PivotTable toolbar to update the table. Resave the workbook.
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5. Modify the layout of the pivot table:
   a. Click a cell in the Lname column of the pivot table. Click the Data menu, point to Sort, and then click OK to arrange the faculty members’ data by last name.
   
   b. Click cell E25 in the pivot table, and then bold and center the text, No. of Faculty. Select the cell range E25:F25 and then use the Borders button on the Formatting toolbar to add All Borders to the two cells.
   
   c. Click cell B1 and drag backward into cell A1. Bold both the Division field and the word All. Double-click the Format Painter, use it to bold the Sum of Annual Salary field in cell A3, the Position field in cell B3, and all of the text in row 4 (not the row itself). Turn off the Format Painter button.

6. Create and modify a pivot chart from the pivot table:
   a. Use the Division field drop-down list to display the data for just the Humanities faculty in the pivot table. Click the Chart button to create a pivot chart for the Humanities faculty. If needed, use the Zoom box on the Standard toolbar to set the Zoom percentage to Selection so you can see the entire chart. Rename the new pivot chart worksheet tab as FacultyChart.
   
   b. Right-click the white area of the chart and click Chart type. In the Chart type pane, click Bar. In the Chart subtype pane, click the Clustered bar with a 3-D visual effect chart (the first item in the second row). Click OK to create the pivot chart and to close the dialog box.
   
   c. If needed, close the PivotTable Field List. Right-click the white area of the chart and click Chart Options. On the Titles tab, enter the chart title Annual Faculty Salaries - Humanities Division and then close the dialog box. On the pivot chart, select the new title text and change its size to 14 point. Resave the file.

7. Use the GETPIVOTDATA function to place data from a pivot table on the worksheet.
   a. Click the FacultyTable worksheet tab. In the Division field drop-down list, click All and then click the OK button to display all of the data on the pivot table.
   
   b. Click the Faculty worksheet tab. In cell E23, type Sum of Annual Salaries. Select cell F23 and click the Insert Function button on the Formula bar. In the Insert Function dialog box, click the Lookup & Reference category from the Or select a category drop-down list. In the Select a function list box, click GETPIVOTDATA.
   
   c. Click OK to open the Function Arguments dialog box. In the Data field text box, type “Sum of Annual Salary” (including the quotation marks).
   
   d. With the Pivot_table text box selected, collapse the dialog box and click the FacultyTable worksheet tab. Select the cell range F5:F23 in the pivot table, expand the dialog box, and then click OK to close the dialog box. The total salaries of all faculty, 1198000, will appear in cell F23 of the worksheet.
   
   e. Type your name in cell A23. Type the due date of this exercise in cell B23. Resave and print all three sheets of the workbook.
Problem Solving Exercises

1. You run the sales division of Peak City Computers (PCC), which makes, installs, and maintains computer equipment and software. To track your sales personnel in the Northeast, you created a worksheet with their names, job titles, etc. The company president of PCC wants you to reorganize the worksheet by new criteria. Instead of redesigning the worksheet, create three pivot tables that organize the data in differing ways and then create a pivot chart.

   a. Open the student file pivot_exproblem-1.xls and save it as PeakStaff.xls.
   b. Create a pivot table listing employees by the types of jobs they have. To do so, place the employee’s last name field in the row fields area, place the job title in the column fields area, and then again in the data items area. Name the pivot table tab as StaffTable.
   c. Create a second pivot table on a new sheet. Display employees by last name in the row fields area, city in the column fields area, and job title in the data fields area. Name this pivot table tab as StaffTable2.
   d. In cell A27 of StaffTable2, type, center, bold, and autofit the text Total Boston Staff. In cell B27 use the COUNT function to create a formula that returns the total number of Boston sales managers and representatives together.
   e. Create a third pivot table on a new sheet. Drag the City field to the Row Fields area and drag the Lname field to the Data Items area. Name this pivot table tab as StaffTable3.
   f. Based on StaffTable3, create a pivot chart that shows the number of employees in each city. Rename the chart tab as StaffChart.
   g. Convert the chart to a Pie with a 3-D visual effect. Right-click the entire pie, click Format Data Series, add the Value to the Data Labels tab, and then click OK to apply the value to each pie slice.
   h. Add your name to the bottom of both the worksheet and the pivot table, resave the workbook, and then print it for your instructor.

2. At PCC, you must report to the president periodically and review sales data. You have just prepared the 2005 year-end sales report for five cities where your company does business. Create a pivot table from the worksheet, modify the pivot table to reflect a change in the worksheet, create a pivot chart, and then use the GETPIVOTDATA function.

   a. Open the student file pivot_exproblem-2.xls. Save it as PeakSales.xls. Create a pivot table displaying data for the City field and Totals field. Rename the pivot table tab as SalesTable. Resave the workbook.
   b. Click the 2005_Sales tab, add the following data to the worksheet:
      City:                        Charleston
      First Quarter:             125000
      Second Quarter:            185000
      Third Quarter:             225000
      Fourth Quarter:            295000
   c. Refresh the pivot table, then sort it alphabetically by city name. Resave the workbook.
   d. Right-click any cell in the pivot table and click PivotTable Wizard to display Step 3 of 3 of the PivotTable and PivotChart Wizard. Open the PivotTable Options dialog box. Deselect the Grand totals for columns check box. Click OK to close the dialog box and then click Finish to close the wizard. Resave the workbook.
   e. Create a pivot chart from the pivot table and name the chart tab SalesChart. At the bottom of the chart, click the City list arrow, remove the check mark from the Totals check box, and then click OK to delete the Totals column from the chart. Resave the workbook.
   f. Change the chart to a Clustered column with 3-D visual effect chart type. Change the chart title (not the chart tab) to Total Peak City Sales - 2005. Change the font to Arial Black. Change the font size to 14 point.
   g. On the SalesTable page, restore the Grand Total row using the Grand totals for columns check box in the PivotTable Options dialog box. Resave the workbook. Modify the pivot table to display Totals for only New York and Newark.
   h. In cell E11 of the worksheet, type, center, and bold the text New York/Newark. Autofit the column to the text. Add All Borders around cells E11 and F11.
   i. In cell F11, use the GETPIVOTDATA function to display the total sales for New York and Newark. Resave the workbook. Follow your instructor’s directions as to which versions of the worksheet, pivot table, and pivot chart to print.