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In excel, how can I choose a drop-down based on a dynamically changing list?

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Certainly! To create a dynamic dependent drop-down list in Excel, you can use the new dynamic array functions available in Excel 365 and Excel 2021. Here's how:

1. Get items for the main drop-down list:

- Suppose you have a list of fruit names in column A. Use the **UNIQUE** function to extract unique fruit names from column A. For example:

`=UNIQUE(A3:A15)`

- This formula goes into cell G3, and the results will spill into subsequent cells automatically.

2. Create the main drop-down:

- Select a cell where you want the primary drop-down to appear (e.g., D3).
- Go to the **Data** tab, click **Data Validation** in the **Data Tools** group.
- In the **Data Validation** dialog box:
 - Under **Allow**, select **List**.
 - In the **Source** box, enter the reference to the spill range output by the **UNIQUE** formula.

Now, when you select a fruit from the main drop-down, the dependent drop-down will show relevant exporters based on your selection. Remember that this dynamic array approach works only in Excel 365 and Excel 2021. For older versions, you'll need to follow a different method. Let me know if you need further assistance! 😊

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How can I format text across multiple lines in one cell?

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Certainly! You can format text across multiple lines in a single cell in Excel using the following methods:

1. Insert Line Breaks:

- Select the cell where you want to create multiple lines (e.g., Cell B5).
- In the formula bar, type your text and press **Alt + Enter** to add a line break within the same cell.
- Adjust the cell height by double-clicking the bottom bar of the corresponding row number to ensure both lines are visible.

2. Wrap Text:

- Select the cell (e.g., Cell B6).
- Go to the **Home** tab and click **Wrap Text** in the **Alignment** group.
- This will display the content on two lines within the cell.

3. Create a Line Break After a Specific Character:

- Insert a comma (",") after the first part of your text (e.g., "John, Class 5").
- Press **Ctrl + H** to open the **Find and Replace** window.
- In the **Find what** box, enter a comma (",").
- In the **Replace with** box, press **Ctrl + J** to represent a line break.
- Click **Replace All** and adjust the row height as needed.

4. Merge & Center (for two lines only):

- Type your text in two adjacent cells (e.g., A1 and B1).
- Select both cells, right-click, and choose **Format Cells**.
- In the **Alignment** tab, select **Merge cells** and **Center across selection**.
- This will create two lines within a single cell.

Feel free to choose the method that best suits your needs! 😊