

If Cell is Blank in Excel

Use the IF function and an empty string in Excel to check if a cell is blank. Use IF and ISBLANK to produce the exact same result.

◆ If Blank

Remember, the [IF function](#) in Excel checks whether a condition is met, and returns one value if true and another value if false.

1. The IF function below returns Yes if the input value is equal to an empty string (two double quotes with nothing in between), else it returns No.

B2		=IF(A2="", "Yes", "No")							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Input	Formula							
2		Yes							
3	82	No							
4	text	No							
5	61	No							
6		Yes							
7	34	No							
8	75	No							
9									

Note: if the input cell contains a space, it looks blank. However, if this is the case, the input value is not equal to an empty string and the IF function above will return No.

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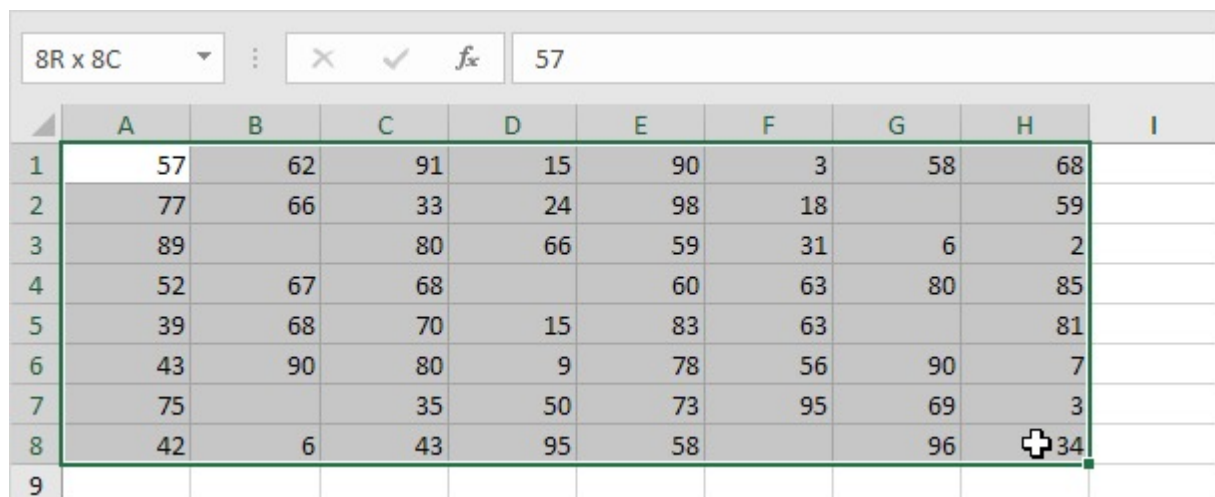
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◆ Highlight Blank Cells

You can use conditional formatting in Excel to highlight cells that are blank.

1. For example, select the range A1:H8.



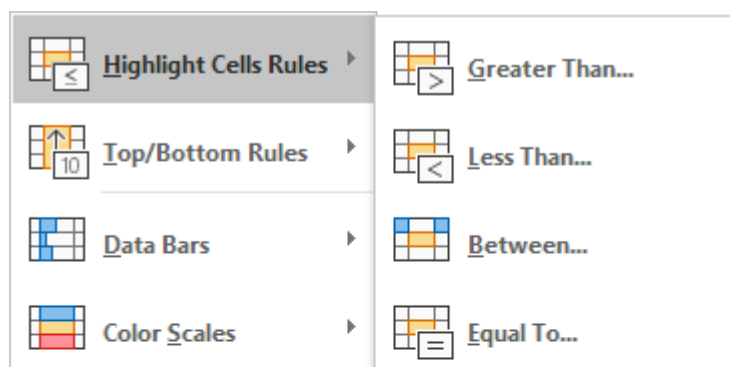
The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with a range of cells selected. The formula bar at the top displays '57'. The selected range is A1:H8, which is highlighted with a green border. The data in the selected cells is as follows:

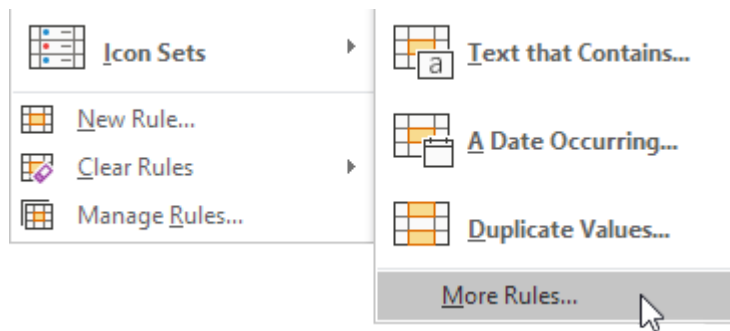
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	57	62	91	15	90	3	58	68
2	77	66	33	24	98	18		59
3	89		80	66	59	31	6	2
4	52	67	68		60	63	80	85
5	39	68	70	15	83	63		81
6	43	90	80	9	78	56	90	7
7	75		35	50	73	95	69	3
8	42	6	43	95	58		96	34

2. On the Home tab, in the Styles group, click Conditional Formatting.

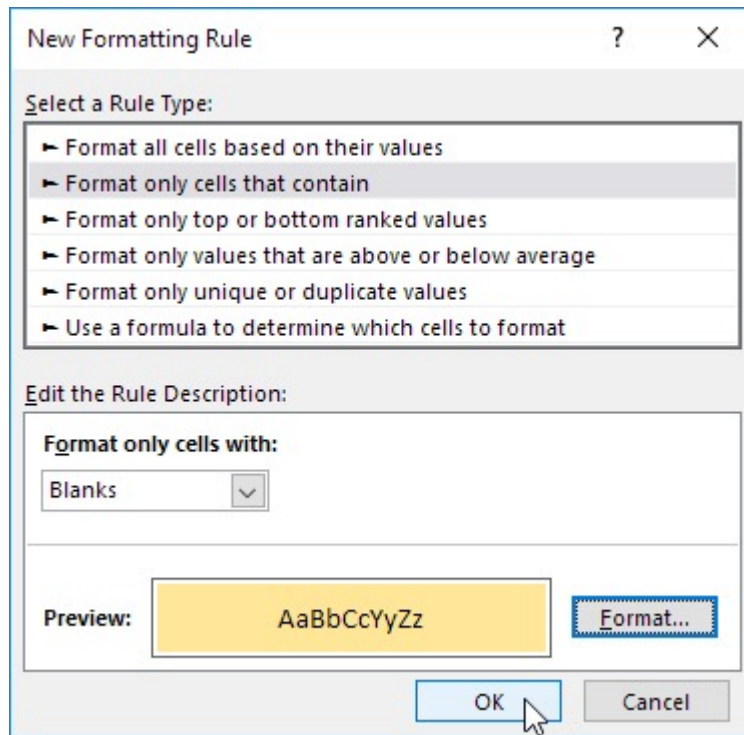


3. Click Highlight Cells Rules, More Rules.





4. Select Blanks from the drop-down list, select a formatting style and click OK.



Result:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	57	62	91	15	90	3	58	68	
2	77	66	33	24	98	18		59	
3	89		80	66	59	31	6	2	
4	52	67	68		60	63	80	85	
5	39	68	70	15	83	63		81	
6	43	90	80	9	78	56	90	7	
7	75		35	50	73	95	69	3	
8	42	6	43	95	58		96	34	
9									

Note: visit our page about [conditional formatting](#) to learn much more about this cool Excel feature.

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