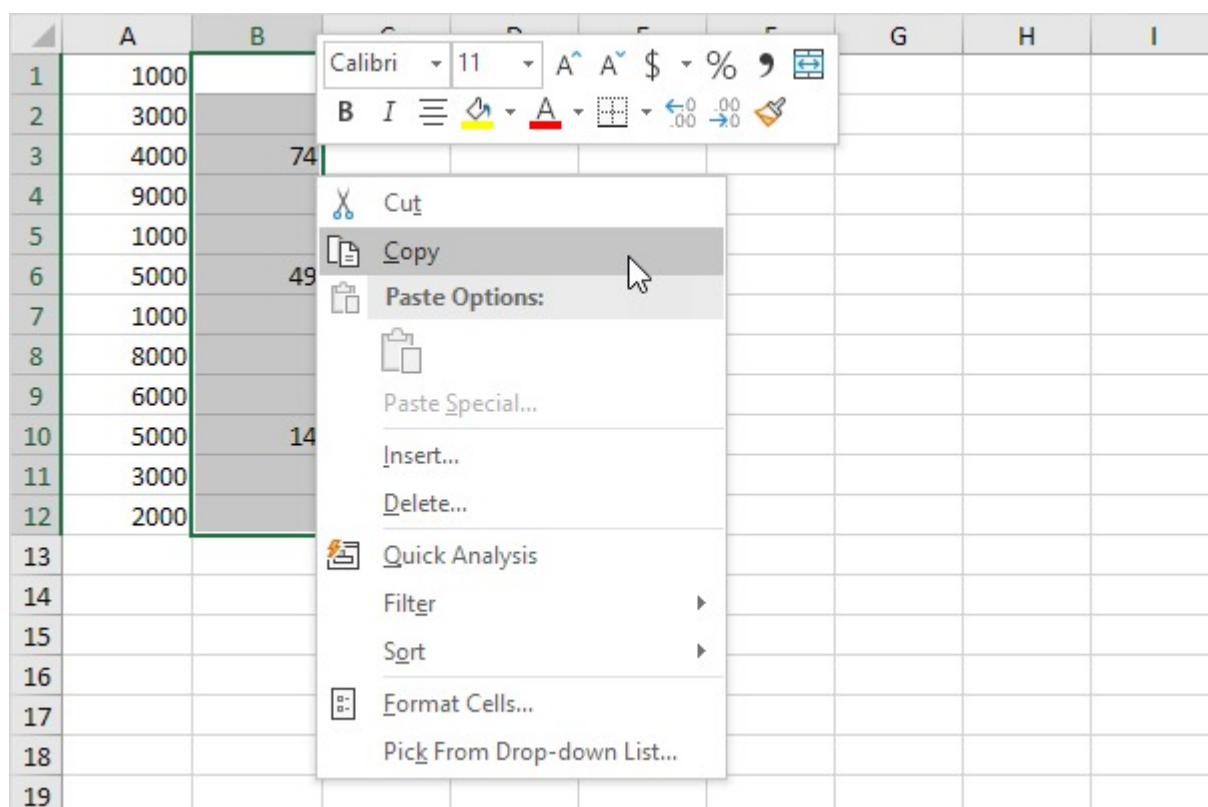


# Skip Blanks in Excel

Use the 'Paste Special Skip Blanks' option and Excel will not overwrite existing values with blanks. To create a formula that skips blank cells, use IF and ISBLANK.

1. Select the range B1:B12.
2. Right click, and then click Copy.



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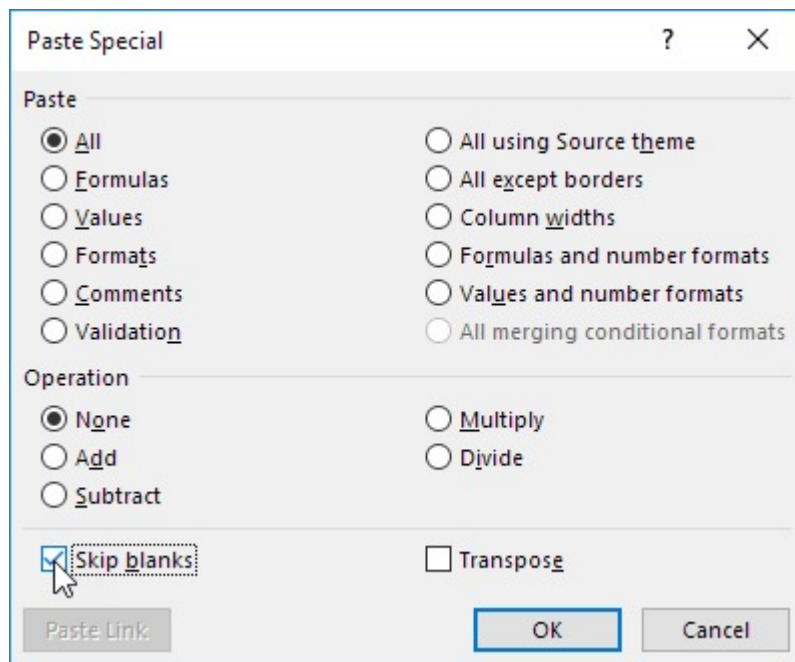
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3. Select cell A1.
4. Right click, and then click Paste Special.
5. Check Skip Blanks.



6. Click OK.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	1000								
2	3000								
3	74	74							
4	9000								
5	1000								
6	49	49							
7	1000								
8	8000								
9	6000								
10	14	14							
11	3000								
12	2000								
13									
14									

## ◆ Formula that Skips Blank Cells

You can use IF and ISBLANK to create a formula that skips blank cells.

1. For example, the formula in cell B1 below adds the value 2 to the value in cell A1.

B1									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100	102							
2	400								
3	200								

4	900								
5									
6	700								
7	500								
8	300								
9									
10	800								
11	700								
12	600								
13									

2. Select cell B1 and drag the fill handle down to cell B12. The fill handle is the little green box at the lower right of a selected cell.

B1									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100	102							
2	400	402							
3	200	202							
4	900	902							
5		2							
6	700	702							
7	500	502							
8	300	302							
9		2							
10	800	802							
11	700	702							
12	600	602							
13									
14									


Conclusion: blanks are not automatically skipped when creating formulas (see cell B5 and cell B9).

3. Select cell B1 and replace the formula `=A1+2` with `=IF(ISBLANK(A1),"",A1+2)`. Next, use the fill handle again to quickly copy this new formula down the column.

B1									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100	102							
2	400	402							
3	200	202							
4	900	902							
5									
6	700	702							
7	500	502							
8	300	302							
9									
10	800	802							


11	700	702						
12	600	602						
13								
14								

Explanation: this formula skips blank cells. ISBLANK returns TRUE for blank cells. In this case, the formula returns an empty string (two double quotes with nothing in between). Otherwise, it returns the formula result.




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