




Row Differences in Excel

This example teaches you how to quickly highlight cells whose contents are different from the comparison cell in each row.

1. To select the range A1:C15, click on cell A1 and drag it to cell C15.

15R x 3C				:	  	683
	A	B	C	D	E	
1	683	683	683			
2	522	523	522			
3	705	705	705			
4	723	725	725			
5	134	134	134			
6	855	855	855			
7	591	591	589			
8	847	847	847			
9	ABC	ABC	ABC			
10	518	518	518			
11	664	662	664			
12	197	197	197			
13	432	432	432			
14	DEF	DEF	DEG			
15	303	303	303			
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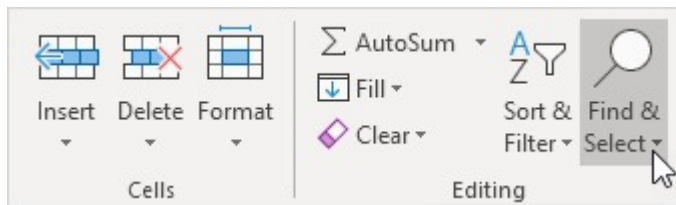
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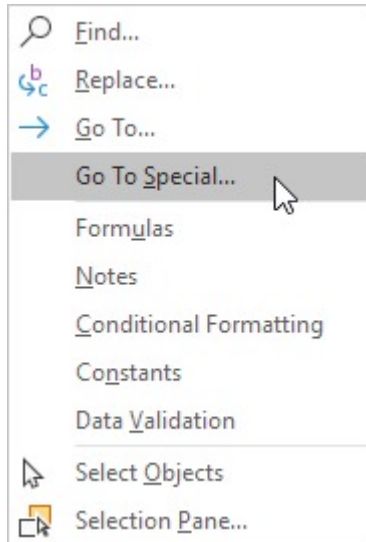
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Note: because we selected the range A1:C15 by clicking on cell A1 first, cell A1 is the active cell (Use ENTER and TAB to change the active cell). As a result, the comparison cells are in column A.

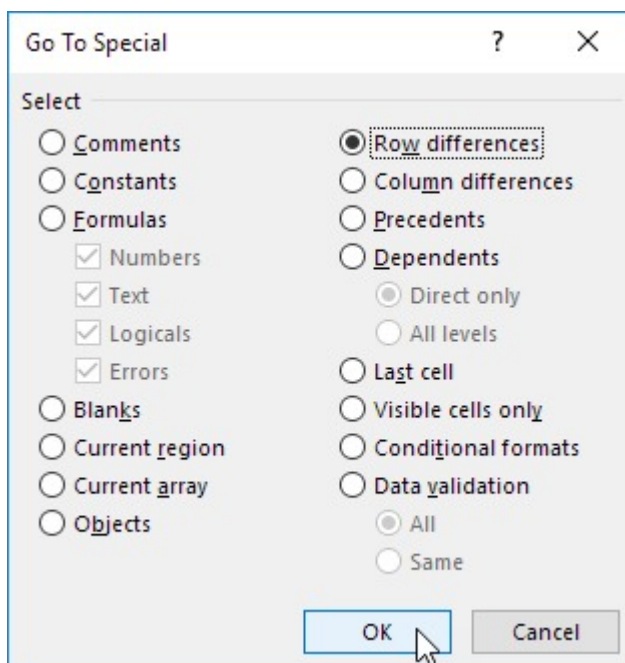
2. On the Home tab, in the Editing group, click Find & Select.



3. Click Go To Special.



4. Select Row differences and click OK.

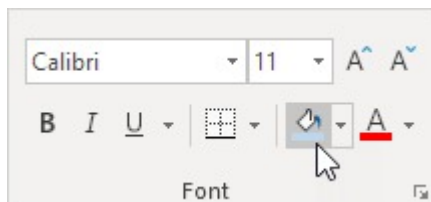


For row 2, Excel selects cell B2 because 523 is not equal to the value in cell A2 (522). For row 4, Excel selects cell B4 and cell C4 because 725 is not equal to the value in cell A4 (723), etc.

B2				✕		✓		fx		523	
	A	B	C	D		E					
1	683	683	683								

2	522	523	522		
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5. On the Home tab, in the Font group, change the background color of the selected cells.



Result:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	683	683	683		
2	522	523	522		
3	705	705	705		
4	723	725	725		
5	134	134	134		
6	855	855	855		
7	591	591	589		
8	847	847	847		
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