Excel 2016 Module 4

Working with Charts









Module Objectives

- Plan a chart
- Create a chart
- Move and resize a chart
- Change the chart design
- Change the chart format
- Format a chart
- Annotate and draw on a chart
- Create a pie chart



- Chart planning guidelines
 - Determine the purpose of the chart
 - Identify the data relationships you want to communicate graphically
 - Determine results you want to see
 - Decide which chart type is most appropriate
 - Identify the worksheet data you want the chart to illustrate
 - Understand the elements of a chart

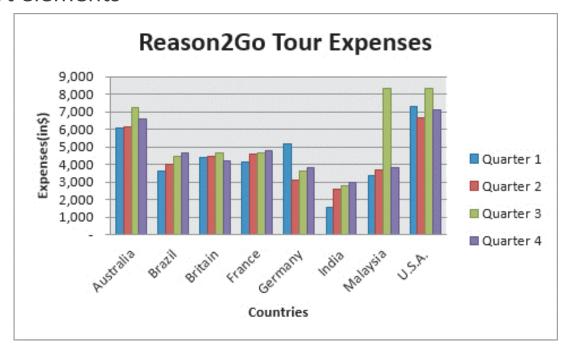


Chart elements

- The horizontal axis (x-axis) is also called the category axis
- The vertical axis (y-axis) is also called the value axis
- The **z-axis** is present in 3-D charts
- Area inside the horizontal and vertical axes is called the plot area
- The scale of measure on the y-axis is identified by tick marks
- A legend makes it easy to identify each data series
- A data point is the value in a cell you select for your chart
- A data marker visually represents each data point in the chart
- A group of related data points is a data series



Chart elements







Common chart types

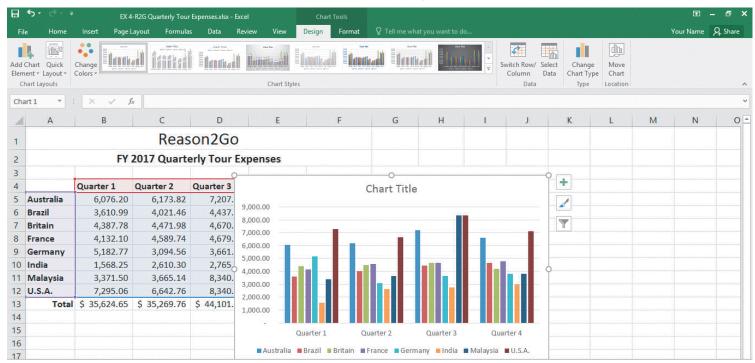
type	button	description
Column	 	Compares data using columns; the Excel default; sometimes referred to as a bar chart in other spreadsheet programs
Line	½ %~	Compares trends over even time intervals; looks similar to an area chart, but does not emphasize total
Pie	1	Compares sizes of pieces as part of a whole; used for a single series of numbers
Bar		Compares data using horizontal bars; sometimes referred to as a horizontal bar chart in other spreadsheet programs
Area	*	Shows how individual volume changes over time in relation to total volume
Scatter	***	Compares trends over uneven time or measurement intervals; used in scientific and engineering disciplines for trend spotting and extrapolation
Combo		Displays two or more types of data using different chart types; illustrates mixed or widely varying types of data



- To create a chart:
 - Select a range of data
 - Use buttons on the Insert tab of the Ribbon to create and modify a chart
- Sizing handles indicate that the chart is selected
- An embedded chart is one that is inserted directly in the current worksheet
- A chart sheet is a sheet in a workbook that contains only a chart, which is linked to the workbook data



Clustered Column chart with different presentation of data







Move and Resize a Chart (Slide 1 of 2)

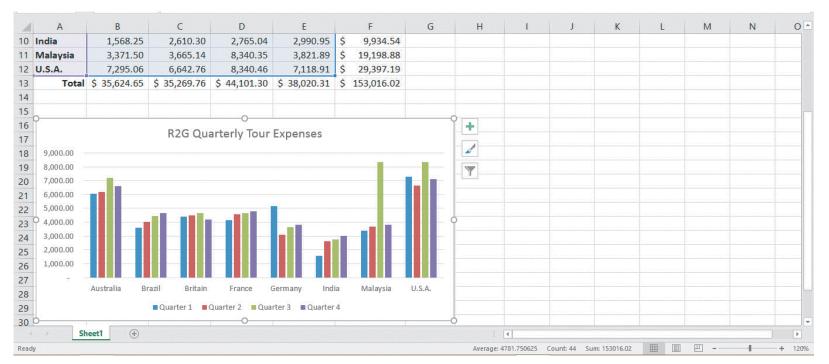
- An **object** is an independent element on a worksheet
 - Moving a chart object does not affect formulas or data
 - Resize a chart by dragging its sizing handles;
 - Move a chart by dragging the chart itself





Move and Resize a Chart (Slide 2 of 2)

Moved and resized chart







Change the Chart Design (Slide 1 of 2)

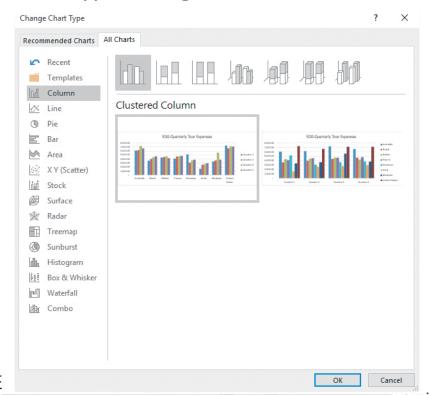
- Changing data values in the worksheet automatically updates the chart
- Chart Tools tabs can be used to make specific changes in a chart
- Using the Chart Tools Design tab, you can:
 - Change the chart type
 - Modify the data range and configuration
 - Change the layout of objects
 - Choose from coordinating color schemes
 - Move the location of the chart





Change the Chart Design (Slide 2 of 2)

Change Chart Type dialog box







Change the Chart Format (Slide 1 of 2)

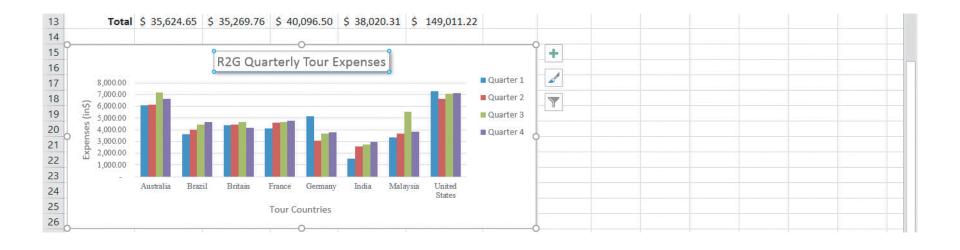
- Chart Elements button makes it easy to add, remove, and modify chart objects
- Using options on this shortcut menu:
 - Add text to a chart
 - Add and modify labels
 - Change the display of axes





Change the Chart Format (Slide 2 of 2)

Enhanced Chart



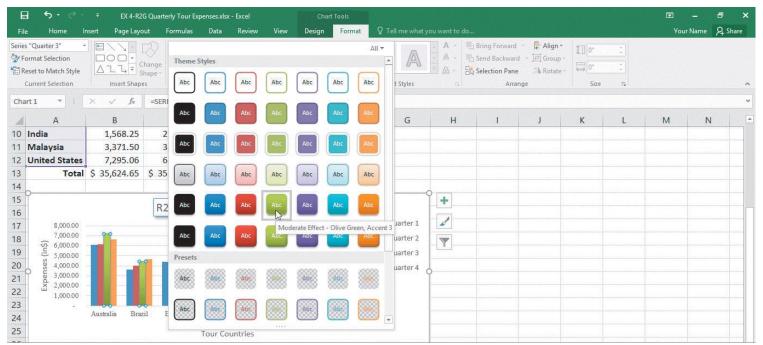


- Chart Tools Format tab can be used to make formatting enhancements
 - Change colors in a specific data series
 - Apply a style to a series using the Shape Styles group





Live Preview of new style applied to data series







Annotate and Draw on a Chart (Slide 1 or 2)

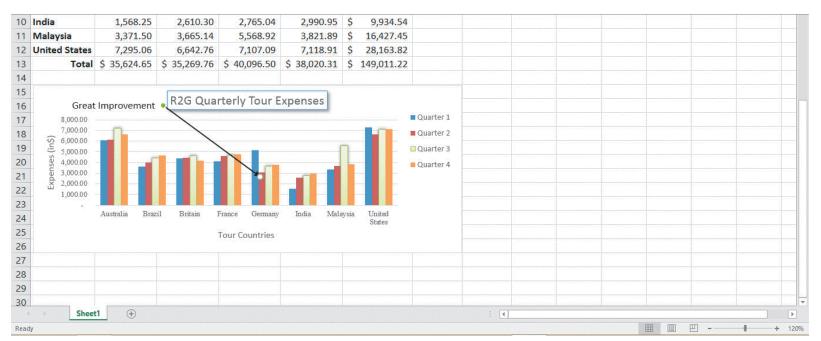
- A text annotation is a label that you add to a chart to further describe data
- You can add shapes such as arrows and boxes to a chart
 - Lines and arrows can be used to point out exact locations you want to emphasize





Annotate and Draw on a Chart (Slide 2 or 2)

Text annotation and arrow shape added to chart





- You can create multiple charts based on the same worksheet data
 - Different chart types can be better at emphasizing different parts of the data
- In a pie chart, emphasize a data point by exploding, or pulling that slice away from the pie chart





Preview of worksheet with charts in Backstage view

