

Can I add custom data labels in Google Sheets?

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"Google Sheets is a powerful and versatile spreadsheet software that allows users to create and organize data in a user-friendly manner. One of its useful features is the ability to add custom data labels, providing users with the option to personalize their data and make it more visually appealing. This feature allows users to add their own labels, such as names or descriptions, to their data points, making it easier to identify and understand the information being presented. Overall, the option to add custom data labels in Google Sheets enhances the user experience and allows for a more comprehensive and organized representation of data."

Add Custom Data Labels in Google Sheets

Often you may want to add custom data labels to charts in Google Sheets.

Fortunately this is easy to do using the Add labels feature in Google Sheets.

The following example shows how to use this function in practice.

Example: Add Custom Data Labels in Google Sheets

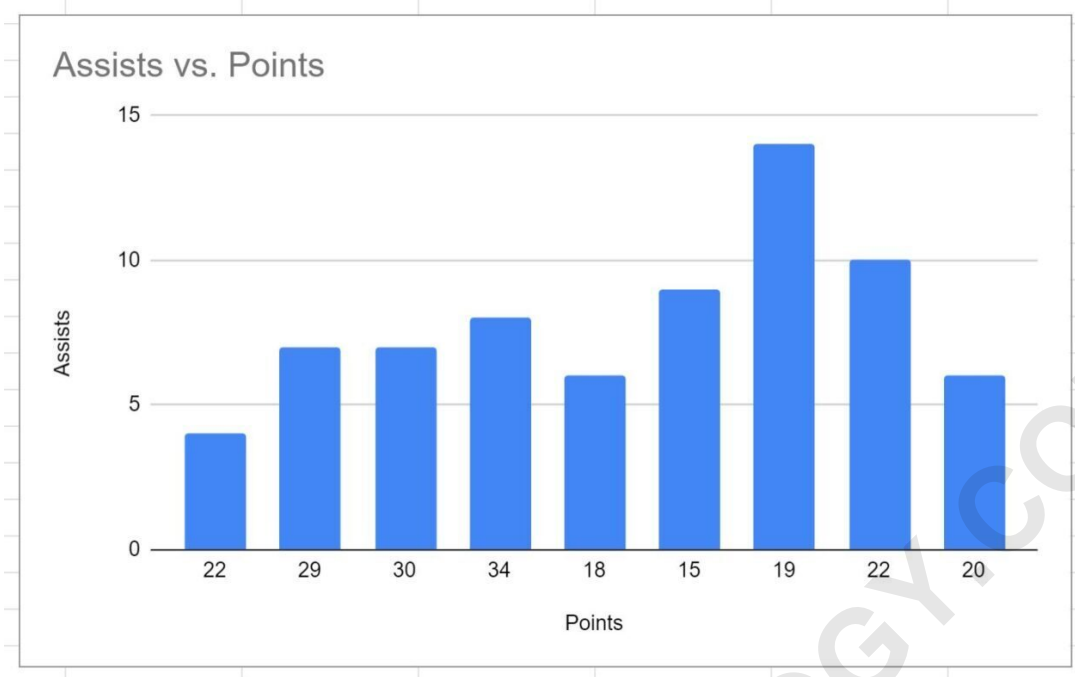
Suppose we have the following dataset that shows the points and assists of basketball players on various teams:

	A	B	C	D
1	Team	Points	Assists	
2	Mavs	22	4	
3	Nets	29	7	
4	Hawks	30	7	
5	Lakers	34	8	
6	Kings	18	6	
7	Thunder	15	9	
8	Magic	19	14	
9	Blazers	22	10	
10	Wizards	20	6	
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Now suppose we would like to create a scatter plot with custom labels.

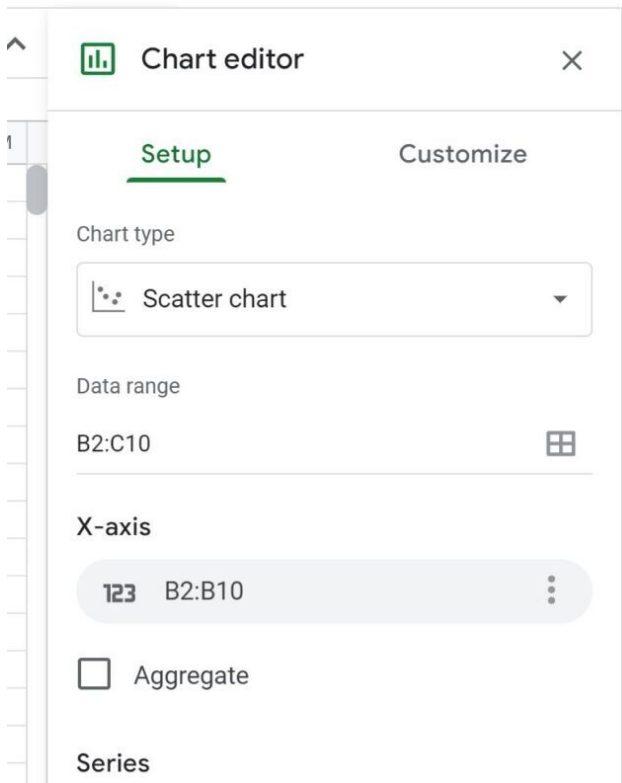
We can highlight the cells in the range B2:C10, then click the Insert tab along the top ribbon, then click Chart

The following bar chart will appear:

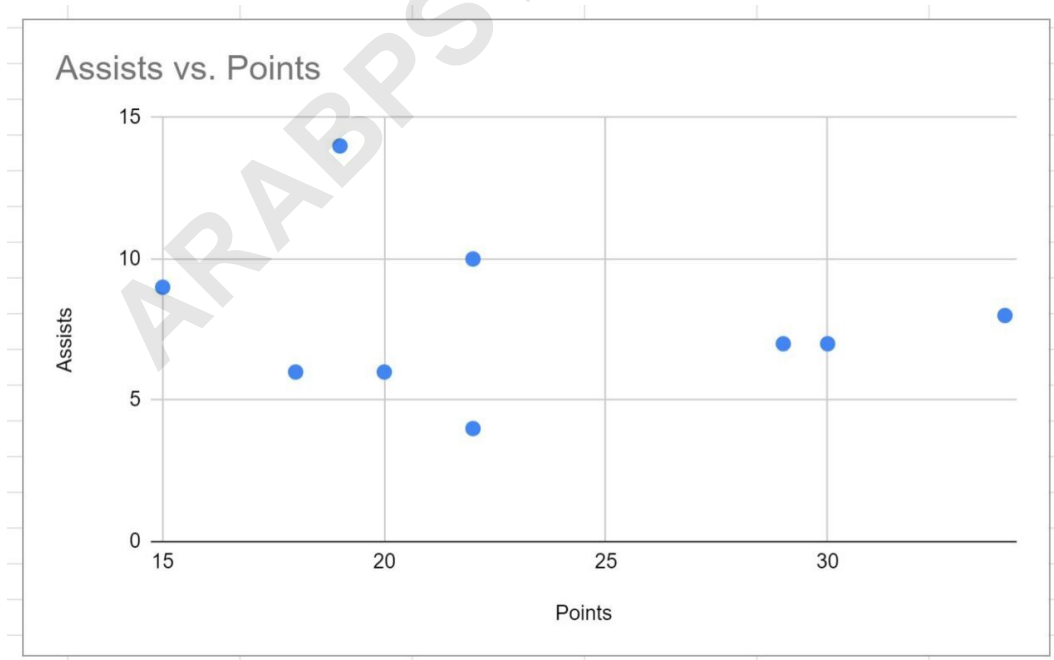


To convert this into a scatter plot, double click anywhere on the chart.

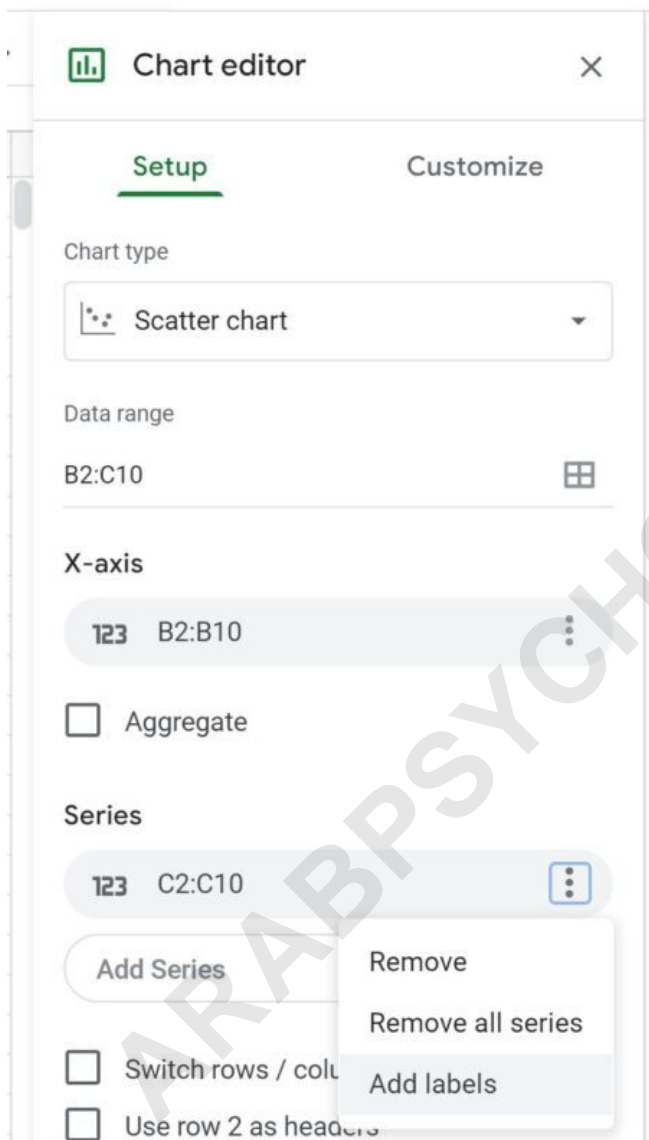
In the Chart editor panel that appears, click the Setup tab, then choose Scatter chart from the dropdown list under Chart type:

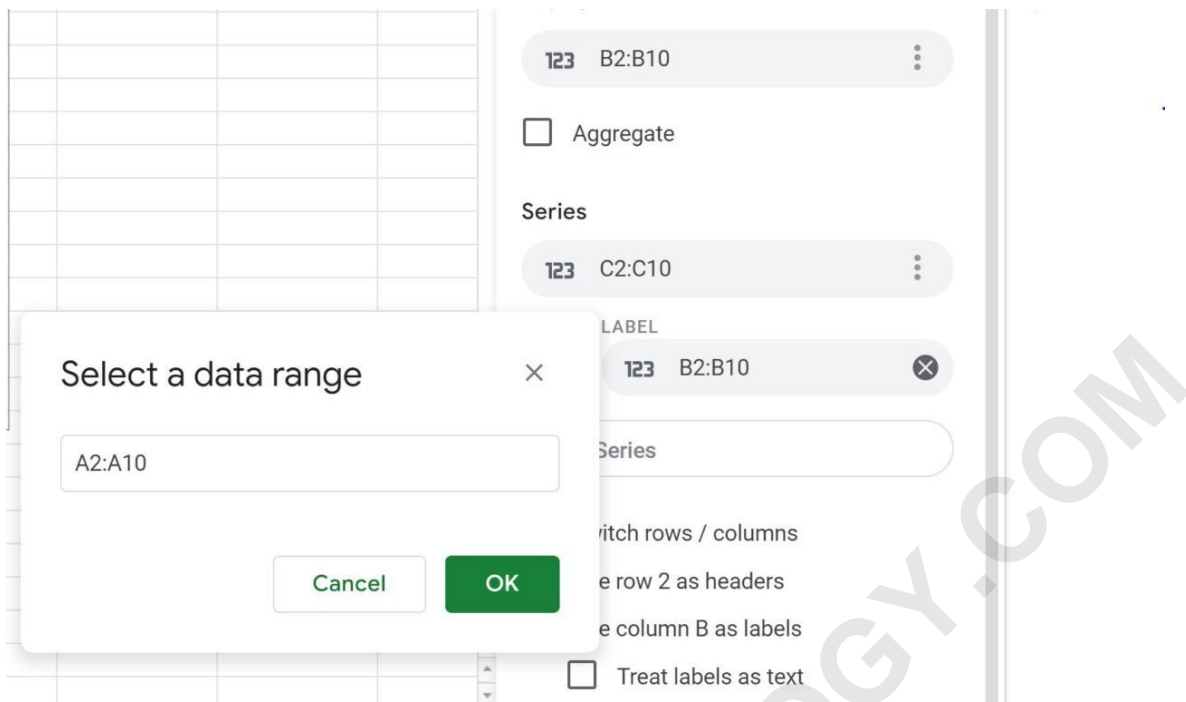


The bar chart will be converted into a scatter plot:

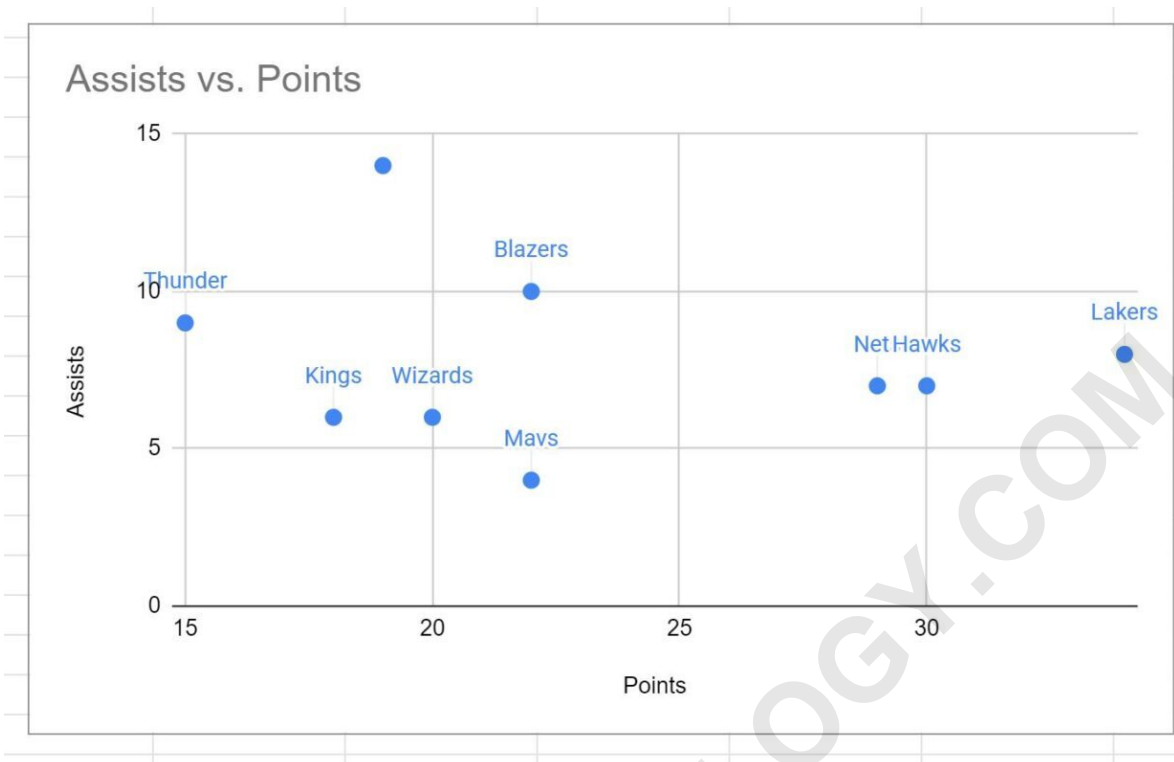


To add custom data labels to each point, click the three vertical dots under Series and then click Add labels from the dropdown menu:





Once you click OK, the team names in the range A2:A10 will be used as data labels for each of the points in the plot:



Note that if you change the values in the range A2:A10, the data labels in the plot will automatically change as well.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Google Sheets: