

Excel: Show Row Labels on Same Line in Pivot Table

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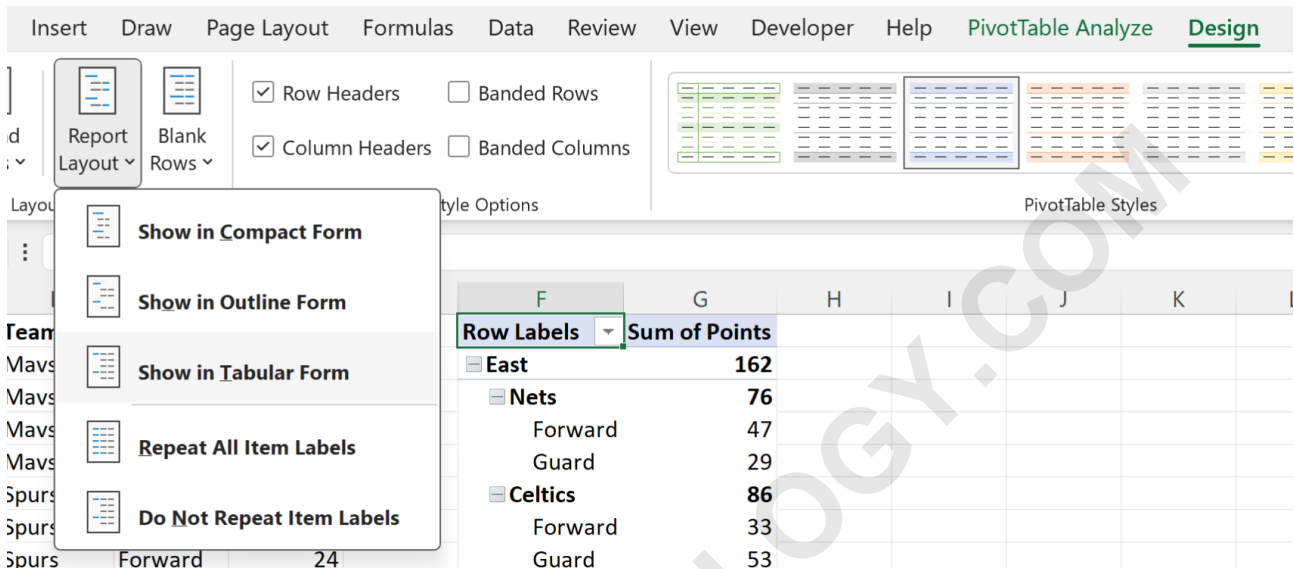
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By default, Excel does not display row labels on the same line in a pivot table.

To force Excel to display row labels on the same line in a pivot table, you can use the **Report Layout** function with the option titled **Show in Tabular Form**.



The screenshot shows the Excel PivotTable Design tab. The 'Report Layout' dropdown menu is open, showing five options: 'Show in Compact Form', 'Show in Outline Form', 'Show in Tabular Form' (which is selected), 'Repeat All Item Labels', and 'Do Not Repeat Item Labels'. The background shows a PivotTable with the following data:

Row Labels	Sum of Points
East	162
Nets	76
Forward	47
Guard	29
Celtics	86
Forward	33
Guard	53

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

Example: Show Row Labels on Same Line in Pivot Table in Excel

Suppose we have the following dataset in Excel that contains information about various basketball players:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Conference	Team	Position	Points		
2	West	Mavs	Guard	22		
3	West	Mavs	Guard	15		
4	West	Mavs	Forward	19		
5	West	Mavs	Forward	30		
6	West	Spurs	Guard	36		
7	West	Spurs	Guard	29		
8	West	Spurs	Forward	24		
9	West	Spurs	Forward	18		
10	East	Celtics	Guard	29		
11	East	Celtics	Guard	24		
12	East	Celtics	Forward	20		
13	East	Celtics	Forward	13		
14	East	Nets	Guard	18		
15	East	Nets	Guard	11		
16	East	Nets	Forward	12		
17	East	Nets	Forward	35		
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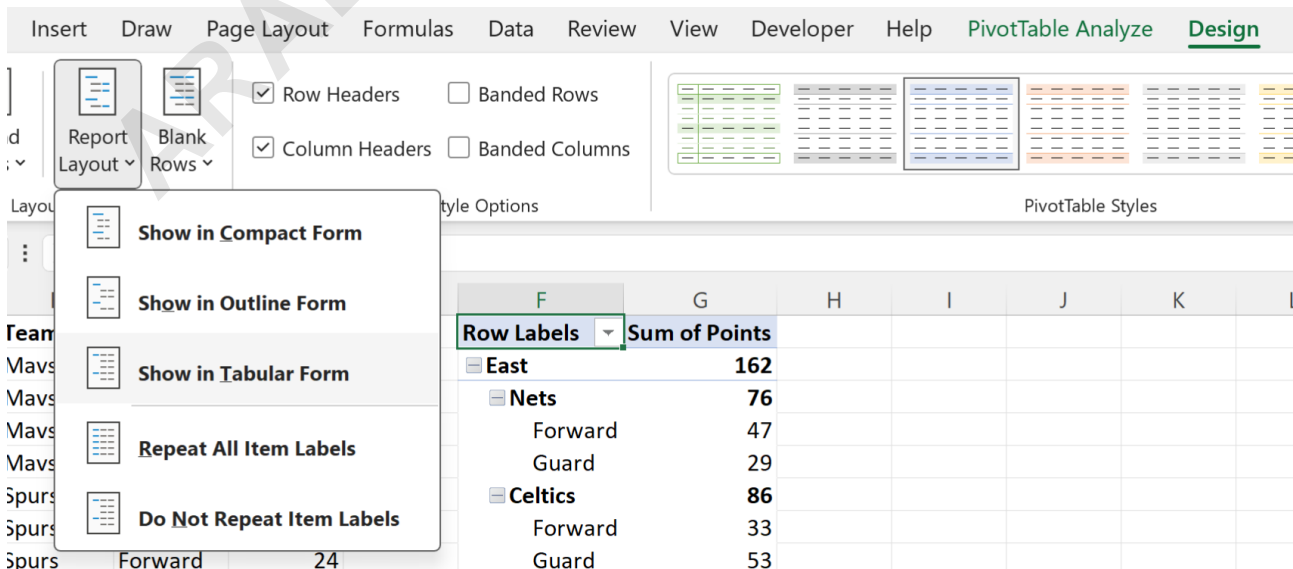
Now suppose we create a pivot table to summarize the sum of points scored by players in each conference, team and position:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Conference	Team	Position	Points		Row Labels	Sum of Points		
2	West	Mavs	Guard	22		East	162		
3	West	Mavs	Guard	15		Nets	76		
4	West	Mavs	Forward	19		Forward	47		
5	West	Mavs	Forward	30		Guard	29		
6	West	Spurs	Guard	36		Celtics	86		
7	West	Spurs	Guard	29		Forward	33		
8	West	Spurs	Forward	24		Guard	53		
9	West	Spurs	Forward	18		West	193		
10	East	Celtics	Guard	29		Mavs	86		
11	East	Celtics	Guard	24		Forward	49		
12	East	Celtics	Forward	20		Guard	37		
13	East	Celtics	Forward	13		Spurs	107		
14	East	Nets	Guard	18		Forward	42		
15	East	Nets	Guard	11		Guard	65		
16	East	Nets	Forward	12		Grand Total	355		
17	East	Nets	Forward	35					
18									
19									
20									

By default, the row labels for the conference, team and positions are not all one the same line.

In order to place each of these row labels on the same line, you must first click on any cell in the pivot table to make the table active.

Then click the **Design** tab along the top ribbon, then click the **Report Layout** icon in the **Layout** group, then click **Show in Tabular Form** from the dropdown menu:



The row labels for the conference, team and positions will now be displayed on the same line:

	F	G	H	I	J
	Conference ▼	Team ▼	Position ▼	Sum of Points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> East	<input type="checkbox"/> Nets	Forward	47	
			Guard	29	
		Nets Total		76	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Celtics	Forward	33	
			Guard	53	
		Celtics Total		86	
	East Total			162	
	<input type="checkbox"/> West	<input type="checkbox"/> Mavs	Forward	49	
			Guard	37	
		Mavs Total		86	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Spurs	Forward	42	
			Guard	65	
		Spurs Total		107	
	West Total			193	
	Grand Total			355	

Depending on how many row labels you have in your pivot table, it may be beneficial to use this tabular form to make it easier to interpret and understand the values in the table.