

# How can I combine columns in Google Sheets?

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Combining columns in Google Sheets is a simple and efficient way to merge data from multiple columns into one, making it easier to manage and analyze information. This can be achieved by using the "CONCATENATE" function, which allows users to merge the contents of two or more cells or columns into a single cell. Alternatively, the "Merge" option can be used to physically combine the columns by merging their cells together. This can be particularly useful for creating labels, headers, or creating a new column with the combined data. Overall, combining columns in Google Sheets provides a convenient way to organize and manipulate data, improving the overall efficiency and accuracy of data management.

## Combine Columns in Google Sheets (With Examples)

You can use one of the following methods to combine multiple columns into one column in Google Sheets:

### Method 1: Combine Columns with & Operator

**=A1&B1**

### Method 2: Combine Columns with & Operator and Separator in Between

**=A1&"-"&B1**

**=A1&" "&B1**

**=A1&"\_"&B1**

The following examples show how to use each method in practice.

## Method 1: Combine Columns with & Operator

Suppose we have the following dataset in Google Sheets:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>Team</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Assists</b>	
2	Hornets	East	78	14	
3	Hawks	East	89	19	
4	Spurs	West	79	22	
5	Mavericks	West	93	24	
6	Rockets	West	94	18	
7	Nets	East	86	15	
8	Suns	West	89	29	
9	Warriors	West	94	23	
10	Magic	East	99	12	
11	Heat	East	103	16	
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We can use the following formula to combine the values in column A and column B into a new column:

**=A2&B2**

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:

F2    fx    =A2&B2

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Team</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Assists</b>		<b>Team Conference</b>
2	Hornets	East	78	14		HornetsEast
3	Hawks	East	89	19		HawksEast
4	Spurs	West	79	22		SpursWest
5	Mavericks	West	93	24		MavericksWest
6	Rockets	West	94	18		RocketsWest
7	Nets	East	86	15		NetsEast
8	Suns	West	89	29		SunsWest
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10	Magic	East	99	12		MagicEast
11	Heat	East	103	16		HeatEast
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**Note that we can use this same formula to combine as many columns as we'd like.**

**For example, the following formula can be used to combine the values in the Team, Conference, and Points columns:**

F2    *fx*    =A2&B2&C2

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Team</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Assists</b>		<b>Team Conference Points</b>
2	Hornets	East	78	14		HornetsEast78
3	Hawks	East	89	19		HawksEast89
4	Spurs	West	79	22		SpursWest79
5	Mavericks	West	93	24		MavericksWest93
6	Rockets	West	94	18		RocketsWest94
7	Nets	East	86	15		NetsEast86
8	Suns	West	89	29		SunsWest89
9	Warriors	West	94	23		WarriorsWest94
10	Magic	East	99	12		MagicEast99
11	Heat	East	103	16		HeatEast103
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## Method 2: Combine Columns with & Operator and Separator

**=A2&" "&B2**

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:

F2    fx    =A2&" "&B2

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Team</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Assists</b>		<b>Team Conference</b>
2	Hornets	East	78	14		Hornets East
3	Hawks	East	89	19		Hawks East
4	Spurs	West	79	22		Spurs West
5	Mavericks	West	93	24		Mavericks West
6	Rockets	West	94	18		Rockets West
7	Nets	East	86	15		Nets East
8	Suns	West	89	29		Suns West
9	Warriors	West	94	23		Warriors West
10	Magic	East	99	12		Magic East
11	Heat	East	103	16		Heat East
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**Note that we can use any separator that we'd like. For example, we could use a dash to separate the values as well:**

F2    fx    =A2&"-"&B2

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Team</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Assists</b>		<b>Team-Conference</b>
2	Hornets	East	78	14		Hornets-East
3	Hawks	East	89	19		Hawks-East
4	Spurs	West	79	22		Spurs-West
5	Mavericks	West	93	24		Mavericks-West
6	Rockets	West	94	18		Rockets-West
7	Nets	East	86	15		Nets-East
8	Suns	West	89	29		Suns-West
9	Warriors	West	94	23		Warriors-West
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