

How can I convert a column in Excel into a comma separated list?

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Converting a column in Excel into a comma separated list is a simple and efficient way to organize data for easier analysis and sharing. To do this, first select the column you want to convert. Then, click on the "Data" tab and select "Text to Columns" from the toolbar. In the pop-up window, choose the "Delimited" option and select the comma as the delimiter. Finally, click "Finish" to convert the column into a comma separated list. This will allow you to easily copy and paste the data into other programs or documents, making it more accessible and user-friendly.

Excel: Convert Column into Comma Separated List

You can use the following formula in Excel to convert a column of values into a comma separated list:

=TEXTJOIN(", ", TRUE, A2:A11)

This particular formula converts the values in the range **A2:A11** into a comma separated list.

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

Example: How to Convert Column into Comma Separated List in Excel

Suppose we have the following column of basketball team names in Excel:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Teams					
2	Mavs					
3	Spurs					
4	Rockets					
5	Kings					
6	Warriors					
7	Nets					
8	Lakers					
9	Thunder					
10	Blazers					
11	Jazz					
12						
13						
14						
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Suppose we would like to convert this column of values into a comma separated list.

We can type the following formula into cell C2 to do so:

=TEXTJOIN(" ", TRUE, A2:A11)

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

C2			=TEXTJOIN(", ", TRUE, A2:A11)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Teams		Comma Separated List						
2	Mavs		Mavs, Spurs, Rockets, Kings, Warriors, Nets, Lakers, Thunder, Blazers, Jazz						
3	Spurs								
4	Rockets								
5	Kings								
6	Warriors								
7	Nets								
8	Lakers								
9	Thunder								
10	Blazers								
11	Jazz								
12									
13									
14									
15									
16									

Notice that all of the values from column A have now been converted into a comma separated list.

How This Formula Works

Recall the formula that we used to convert the column of values into a comma separated list:

=TEXTJOIN(", ", TRUE, A2:A11)

This formula uses the TEXTJOIN function, which uses the following basic syntax:

where:

delimiter: The delimiter to use when combining text
ignore_empty: Whether or not to ignore empty cells
text1, text2, text3, ...: The text values to be combined

We used this particular function to combine each team value in the range A2:A11 by using a comma as a delimiter and by using the argument TRUE to ignore any empty cells in the range.

Note: You can find the complete documentation for the TEXTJOIN function in Excel .

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