

How can I highlight the highest value in Google Sheets?

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To highlight the highest value in Google Sheets, you can use the conditional formatting feature. This allows you to set a specific cell or range of cells to change color based on certain criteria, such as the highest value in a given range. To do this, first, select the cell or cells you want to highlight. Then, go to the Format menu and select "Conditional formatting." In the pop-up window, choose "Greater than" from the dropdown menu and enter the formula "`=MAX(range)`" in the field next to it, where "range" is the range of cells you want to check for the highest value. Finally, choose the desired formatting style, such as a different font color or cell fill color, and click "Done." The highest value in the selected range will now be highlighted according to your chosen formatting.

Highlight Highest Value in Google Sheets

You can use the custom formula function in Google Sheets to highlight the highest value in a range.

The following example shows how to use the custom formula function in practice.

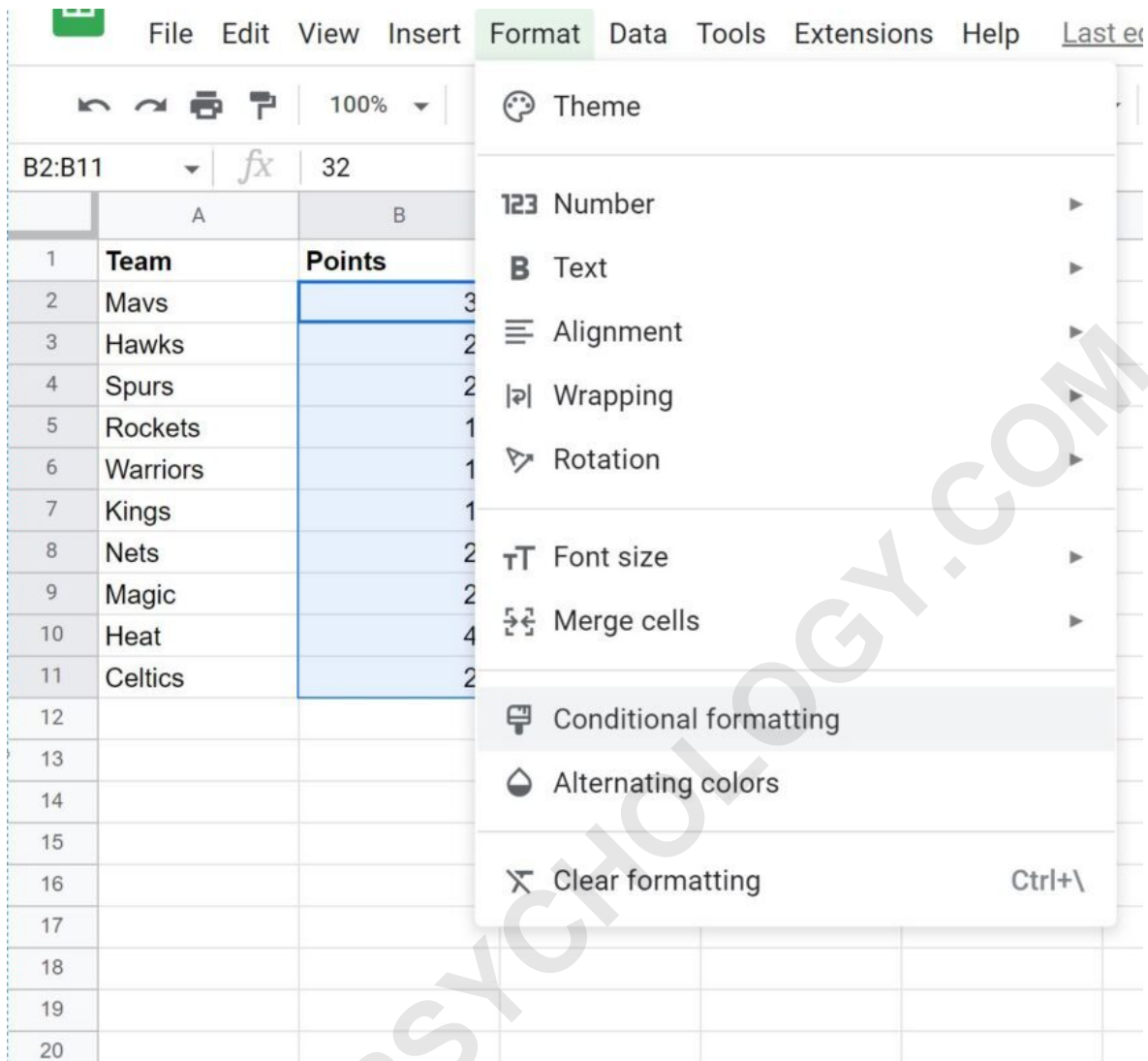
Example: Highlight Highest Value in Google Sheets

Suppose we have the following dataset in Google Sheets:

	A	B	C	D
1	Team	Points		
2	Mavs	23		
3	Mavs	15		
4	Spurs	18		
5	Mavs	22		
6	Rockets	30		
7	Spurs	31		
8	Rockets	19		
9	Mavs	11		
10	Mavs	14		
11	Spurs	13		
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Suppose we'd like to highlight the highest value in the Points column.

To do so, we can highlight the cells in the range B2:B11, then click the Format tab, then click Conditional formatting:

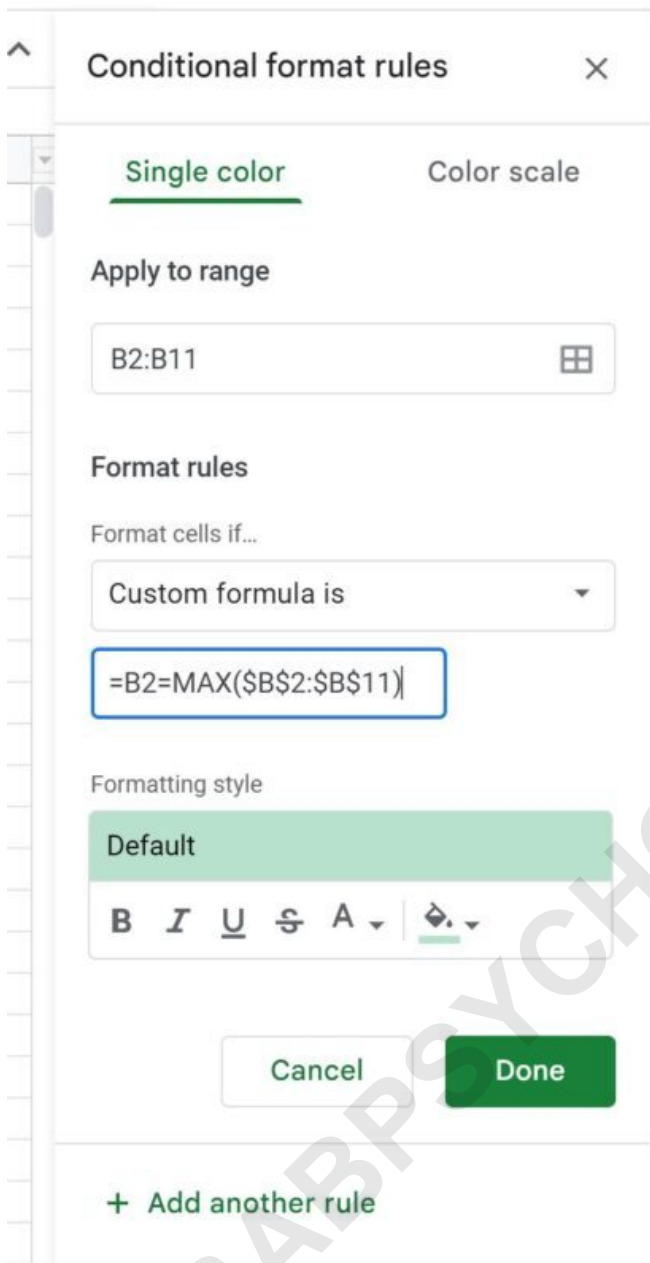


The screenshot shows a Google Sheets spreadsheet with a table of team points. The 'Format' menu is open, and the 'Conditional formatting' option is highlighted. The table data is as follows:

	A	B
1	Team	Points
2	Mavs	3
3	Hawks	2
4	Spurs	2
5	Rockets	1
6	Warriors	1
7	Kings	1
8	Nets	2
9	Magic	2
10	Heat	4
11	Celtics	2
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In the Conditional format rules panel that appears on the right side of the screen, click the Format cells if dropdown, then choose Custom formula is, then type in the following formula:

=B2=MAX(\$B\$2:\$B\$11)



Once you click Done, the cell with the highest value in the Points column will be highlighted:

	A	B	C	D
1	Team	Points		
2	Mavs	32		
3	Hawks	29		
4	Spurs	24		
5	Rockets	19		
6	Warriors	15		
7	Kings	14		
8	Nets	22		
9	Magic	25		
10	Heat	40		
11	Celtics	23		
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By default, Google Sheets uses a light green background as the conditional formatting style.

However, you change the conditional formatting to appear however you'd like by changing the default settings in the Formatting style box.

Note: If there are multiple cells in a range that share the highest value, each of these cells will be highlighted.