

How can I rotate slices of a pie chart in Excel?

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To rotate slices of a pie chart in Excel, first select the pie chart and then click on a specific slice that you want to rotate. Next, click on the "Format" tab and go to "Format Selection" in the "Current Selection" group. Under "Series Options," adjust the "Angle of first slice" to rotate the selected slice. Repeat the process for any other slices you want to rotate. This allows for customization and a better visual representation of the data in the pie chart.

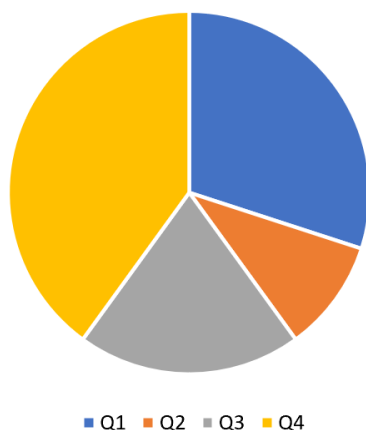
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A pie chart is a type of chart that is shaped like a circle and uses "slices" to represent proportions of a whole.

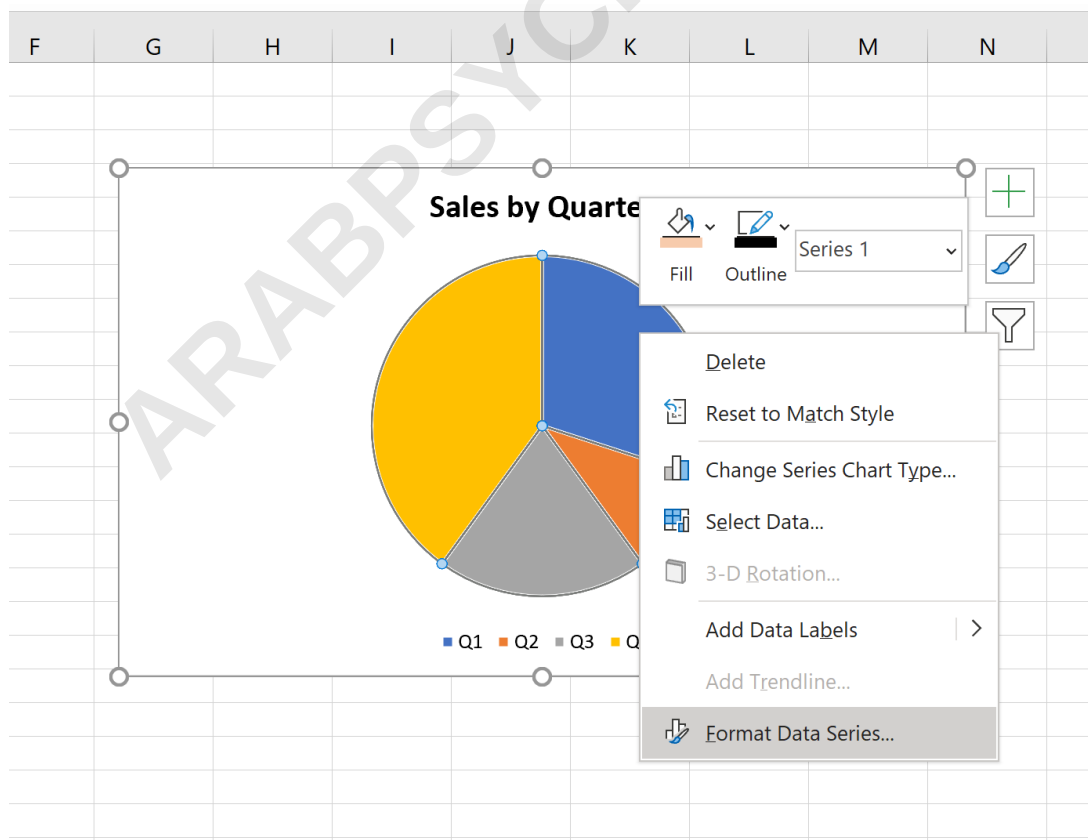
Fortunately it's easy to create a pie chart in Excel, but occasionally you may want to rotate the individual slices of the chart in a certain direction. This tutorial explains how to do so.

Example: Rotate the Slices of a Pie Chart

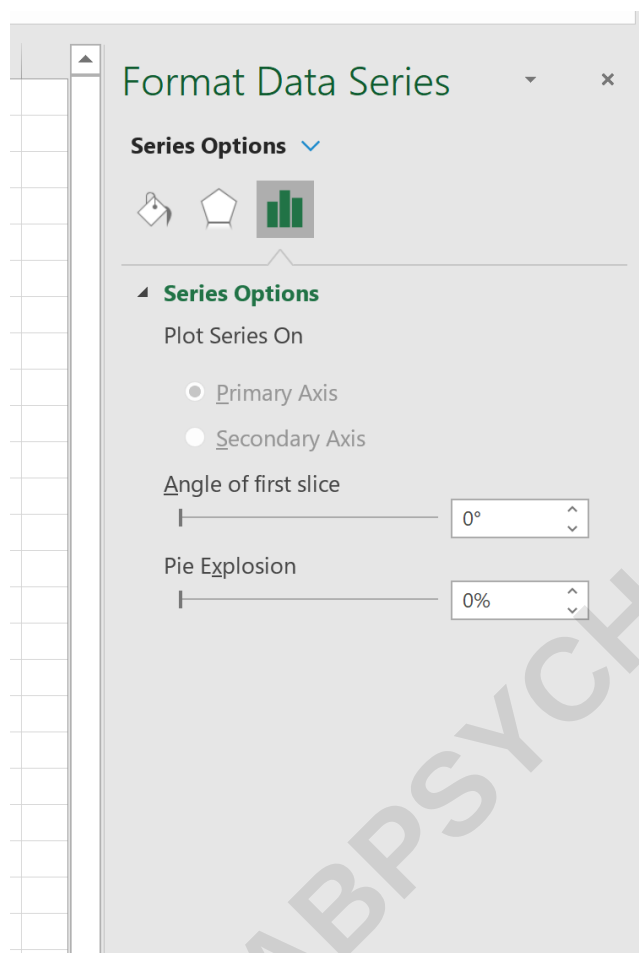
Suppose we have the following pie chart in Excel that shows the total sales by quarter for a particular company:

Sales by Quarter

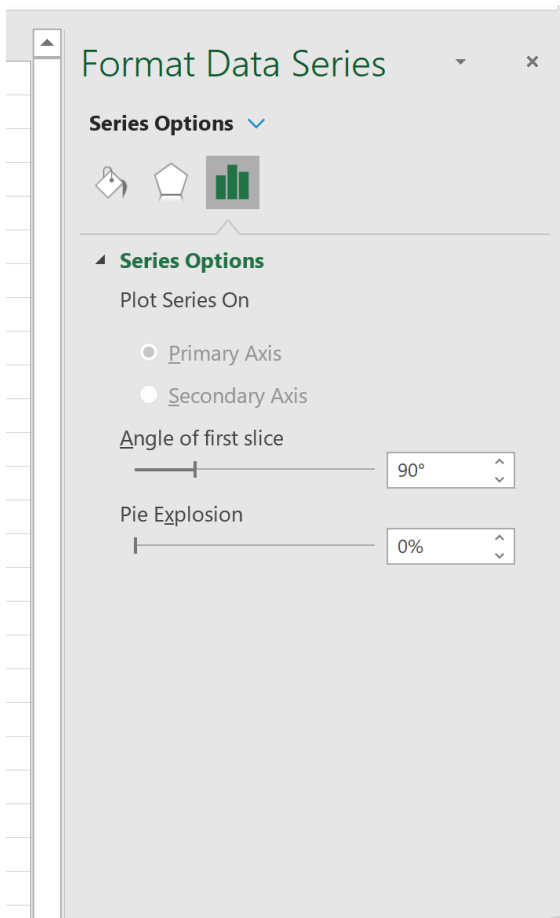
To rotate the slices in the chart, simply right click anywhere on the pie chart and then click **Format Data Series...**



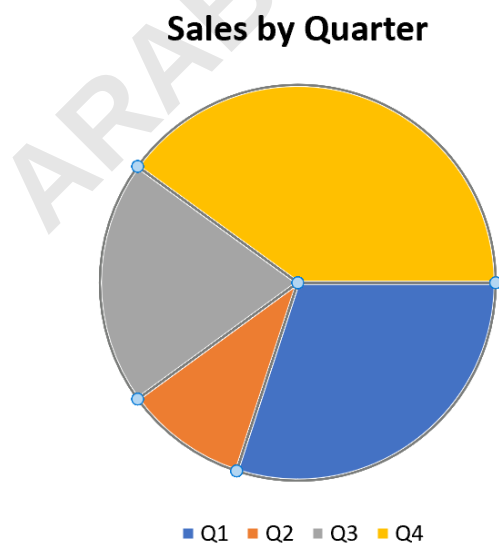
A new window will pop up on the right side of the screen with a slider bar that allows you to choose the Angle of first slice. By default, this is set to 0°.



You can choose any angle to rotate the slices in the pie chart in a clockwise rotation. For example, we could rotate each of the slices 90° clockwise:



This results in the following:



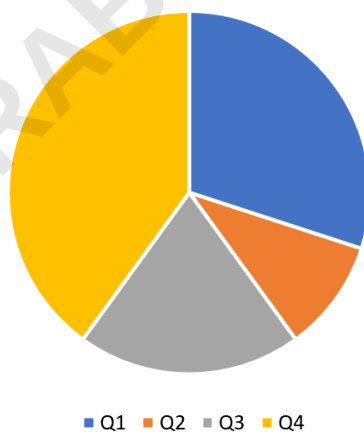
Or we could rotate each of the slices 180° clockwise:

Sales by Quarter



And if we choose a full 360° then each of the slices in the chart will end up in the exact same positions they started in:

Sales by Quarter



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