

How can I use Google Sheets Query to insert blank columns in the output?

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Google Sheets Query is a powerful tool that allows users to manipulate and analyze data in their spreadsheets. One useful function of Query is the ability to insert blank columns in the output. This can be done by using the "SELECT" statement and specifying the desired number of blank columns to be inserted. This feature can be particularly helpful when organizing and formatting data in a specific way for better analysis or presentation. By utilizing this function, users can easily customize their output to suit their needs and improve their overall data management experience.

Google Sheets Query: Insert Blank Columns in Output

You can use the following syntax in a Google Sheets query to insert a blank column in the output of the query:

```
=QUERY(A1:C12, "SELECT A, '', B LABEL ' ' ")
```

This particular query will select column A from the range A1:C12, then insert a blank column, then select column B from the range A1:C12.

Note: The LABEL clause tells the query to use an empty header for the new blank column.

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

Example: Insert Blank Column in Google Sheets Query

Suppose we have the following dataset that contains

information about various basketball players:

	A	B	C	D
1	Team	Points	Assists	
2	Mavericks	22	4	
3	Hawks	24	10	
4	Kings	30	12	
5	Hawks	18	8	
6	Lakers	14	8	
7	Lakers	15	7	
8	Spurs	22	12	
9	Hawks	20	7	
10	Warriors	15	5	
11	Spurs	17	10	
12	Cavs	24	11	
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We can use the following formula to select column A from the range A1:C12, then insert an empty column, then select column B from the range A1:C12.

```
=QUERY(A1:C12, "SELECT A, ' ', B LABEL ' ' '")
```

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

use the following syntax:

=QUERY(A1:C12, "SELECT A, ' ', ' ', B LABEL ' ', ' '")

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

	A	B	C	D	E	F
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7	Lakers	15	7			
8	Spurs	22	12			
9	Hawks	20	7			
10	Warriors	15	5			
11	Spurs	17	10			
12	Cavs	24	11			
13						
14						
15	Team			Points		
16	Mavericks			22		
17	Hawks			24		
18	Kings			30		
19	Hawks			18		
20	Lakers			14		
21	Lakers			15		
22	Spurs			22		
23	Hawks			20		
24	Warriors			15		
25	Spurs			17		
26	Cavs			24		
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Also note that we had to use the LABEL clause to specify two empty labels for the two new blank columns.

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