How do I Check if Cell is Empty in Google Sheets?

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To check if a cell is empty in Google Sheets, you can use the IF function to return a custom value if the cell is empty. The IF function takes three arguments: a logical test, the value if the logical test is true, and the value if the logical test is false. To check if a cell is empty, the logical test is simply "=ISBLANK(cell)". If the cell is empty, the function will return the value you specify for "true"; if the cell is not empty, the function will return the value you specify for "false". You can then use this custom value in other formulas or functions.

You can use the following formulas to check if cells are empty in Google Sheets:

Method 1: Check if One Cell is Empty

=IF(ISBLANK(A1),"Empty","Not Empty")

If cell **A1** is empty, this formula returns "Empty" and if it's not then the formula returns "Not Empty."

Method 2: Check if Multiple Cells are Empty

=IF(AND(ISBLANK(A1), ISBLANK(B1)),"Empty","Not Empty")

If cells **A1** and **B1** are both empty, this formula returns "Empty." Otherwise, it returns "Not Empty."

The following examples show how to use each method in Google Sheets.

Example 1: Check if One Cell is Empty

Suppose we have the following dataset in Google Sheets that shows the number of points scored by various basketball players:

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	A	B	C	D
1	**Points**			
2	14			
3	19			
4	22			
5				
6	5			
7	10			
8				
9	12			
10	14			
11				
12	12			
13	19			
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We'll use the following formula to check if each cell in column A is empty:

=IF(ISBLANK(A2),"Empty","Not Empty")

We'll type this formula into cell **B2** and then copy and paste it down to every remaining cell in column B:

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B2 fx =IF(ISBLANK(A2),"Empty","Not Empty")

	A	B	C	D
1	**Points**	**Empty?**		
2	14	Not Empty		
3	19	Not Empty		
4	22	Not Empty		
5		Empty		
6	5	Not Empty		
7	10	Not Empty		
8		Empty		
9	12	Not Empty		
10	14	Not Empty		
11		Empty		
12	12	Not Empty		
13	19	Not Empty		
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The values in column B tell us whether each corresponding value in column A is empty or not.

Example 2: Check if Multiple Cells are Empty

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	A	B	C	D
1	**Player**	**Points**		
2	A	14		
3	B	19		
4	C	22		
5				
6	E	5		
7	F	10		
8	G			
9		12		
10	I	14		
11				
12	K	12		
13		19		
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We'll use the following formula to check if the cell in both column A and column B are empty:

=IF(AND(ISBLANK(A2), ISBLANK(B2)),"Empty","Not Empty")

We'll type this formula into cell **C2** and then copy and paste it down to every remaining cell in column C:

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C2 fx =IF(AND(ISBLANK(A2), ISBLANK(B2)),"Empty","Not Empty")

	A	B	C	D	E
1	**Player**	**Points**	**Both Empty?**		
2	A	14	Not Empty		
3	B	19	Not Empty		
4	C	22	Not Empty		
5			Empty		
6	E	5	Not Empty		
7	F	10	Not Empty		
8	G		Not Empty		
9		12	Not Empty		
10	I	14	Not Empty		
11			Empty		
12	K	12	Not Empty		
13		19	Not Empty		
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The values in column C tell us whether or not both corresponding values in column A and column B are empty.

Note: You can find the complete documentation for the **ISBLANK** function in Google Sheets .

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