

Working with Charts

CASE

At the upcoming annual meeting, Grace Wong wants to emphasize spending patterns at Quest Specialty Travel. She asks you to create a chart showing the trends in company expenses over the past four quarters.

Unit Objectives

After completing this unit, you will be able to:

- Plan a chart
- Create a chart
- Move and resize a chart
- Change the chart design
- Change the chart format
- Format a chart
- Annotate and draw on a chart
- Create a pie chart

Files You Will Need

EX D-1.xlsx	EX D-4.xlsx
EX D-2.xlsx	EX D-5.xlsx
EX D-3.xlsx	EX D-6.xlsx

Plan a Chart

Learning Outcomes

- Prepare to create a chart
- Identify chart elements
- Explore common chart types

DETAILS

Before creating a chart, you need to plan the information you want your chart to show and how you want it to look. Planning ahead helps you decide what type of chart to create and how to organize the data. Understanding the parts of a chart makes it easier to format and to change specific elements so that the chart best illustrates your data. **CASE** In preparation for creating the chart for Grace's presentation, you identify your goals for the chart and plan its layout.

Use the following guidelines to plan the chart:

- **Determine the purpose of the chart, and identify the data relationships you want to communicate graphically**

You want to create a chart that shows quarterly tour expenses for each country where Quest Specialty Travel provides tours. This worksheet data is shown in **FIGURE D-1**. You also want the chart to illustrate whether the quarterly expenses for each country increased or decreased from quarter to quarter.

- **Determine the results you want to see, and decide which chart type is most appropriate**

Different chart types display data in distinctive ways. For example, a pie chart compares parts to the whole, so it's useful for showing what proportion of a budget amount was spent on tours in one country relative to what was spent on tours in other countries. A line chart, in contrast, is best for showing trends over time. To choose the best chart type for your data, you should first decide how you want your data displayed and interpreted. **TABLE D-1** describes several different types of charts you can create in Excel and their corresponding buttons on the INSERT tab on the Ribbon. Because you want to compare QST tour expenses in multiple countries over a period of four quarters, you decide to use a column chart.

- **Identify the worksheet data you want the chart to illustrate**

Sometimes you use all the data in a worksheet to create a chart, while at other times you may need to select a range within the sheet. The worksheet from which you are creating your chart contains expense data for each of the past four quarters and the totals for the past year. You will need to use all the quarterly data contained in the worksheet except the quarterly totals.

- **Understand the elements of a chart**

The chart shown in **FIGURE D-2** contains basic elements of a chart. In the figure, QST tour countries are on the horizontal axis (also called the **x-axis**) and expense dollar amounts are on the vertical axis (also called the **y-axis**). The horizontal axis is also called the **category axis** because it often contains the names of data groups, such as locations, months, or years. The vertical axis is also called the **value axis** because it often contains numerical values that help you interpret the size of chart elements. (3-D charts also contain a **z-axis**, for comparing data across both categories and values.) The area inside the horizontal and vertical axes is the **plot area**. The **tick marks**, on the vertical axis, and **gridlines** (extending across the plot area) create a scale of measure for each value. Each value in a cell you select for your chart is a **data point**. In any chart, a **data marker** visually represents each data point, which in this case is a column. A collection of related data points is a **data series**. In this chart, there are four data series (Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3, and Quarter 4). Each is made up of column data markers of a different color, so a **legend** is included to make it easy to identify them.

FIGURE D-1: Worksheet containing expense data

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Australia	5,976.20	6,073.82	7,107.66	6,524.19	\$ 25,681.87
Britain	3,510.99	3,921.46	4,337.40	4,558.11	\$ 16,327.96
Canada	4,287.76	4,371.98	4,570.21	4,100.06	\$ 17,330.01
France	4,032.10	4,489.74	4,579.06	4,653.92	\$ 17,754.82
Germany	5,082.77	2,994.56	3,561.12	3,712.50	\$ 15,350.95
India	1,488.25	2,510.30	2,665.04	2,890.95	\$ 9,534.54
Japan	3,271.50	3,556.14	8,240.35	3,721.69	\$ 18,789.68
U.S.A.	7,195.06	6,542.76	8,240.36	7,018.91	\$ 28,997.09
Total	\$ 34,824.63	\$ 34,460.76	\$ 43,301.20	\$ 37,180.33	\$ 149,766.92

FIGURE D-2: Chart elements

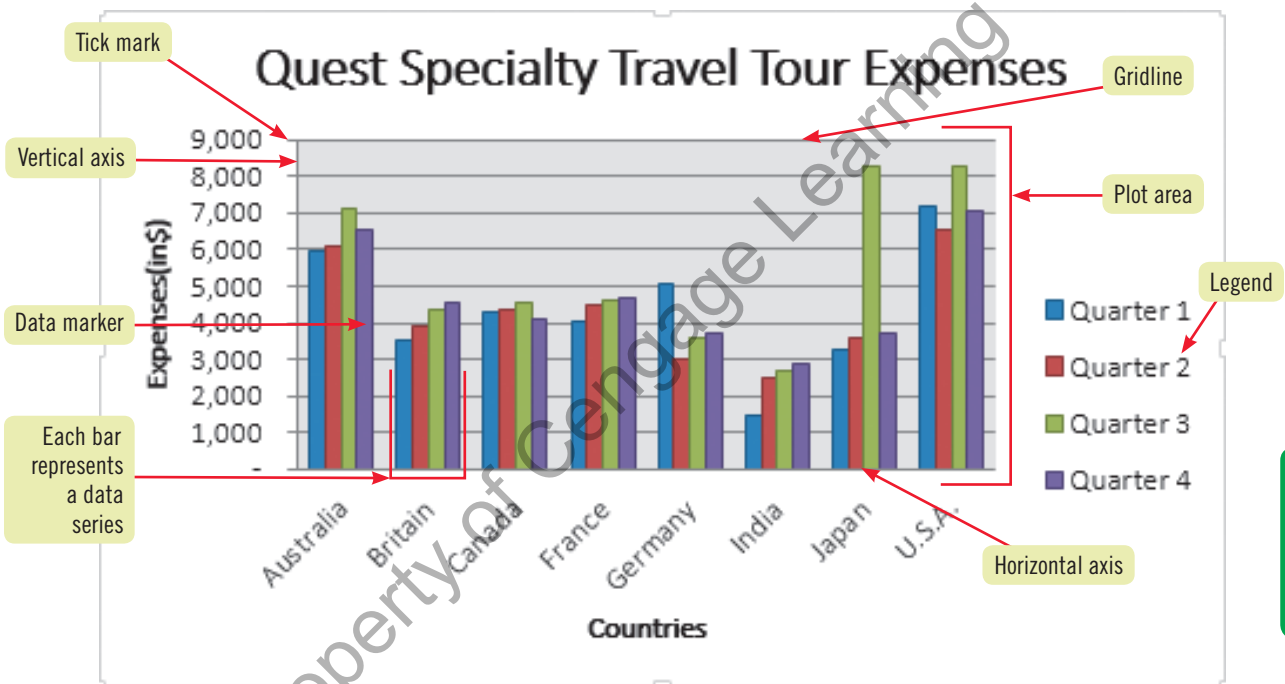


TABLE D-1: Common chart types

type	button	description
Column		Compares data using columns; the Excel default; sometimes referred to as a bar chart in other spreadsheet programs
Line		Compares trends over even time intervals; looks similar to an area chart, but does not emphasize total
Pie		Compares sizes of pieces as part of a whole; used for a single series of numbers
Bar		Compares data using horizontal bars; sometimes referred to as a horizontal bar chart in other spreadsheet programs
Area		Shows how individual volume changes over time in relation to total volume
Scatter		Compares trends over uneven time or measurement intervals; used in scientific and engineering disciplines for trend spotting and extrapolation

Create a Chart

Learning Outcomes

- Create a chart
- Switch a chart's columns/rows
- Add a chart title

STEPS

QUICK TIP

When charting data for a particular time period, make sure all series are for the same time period.

QUICK TIP

To base a chart on data in nonadjacent ranges, press and hold [Ctrl] while selecting each range, then use the INSERT tab to create the chart.

QUICK TIP

You can also triple-click to select the chart title text.

To create a chart in Excel, you first select the range in a worksheet containing the data you want to chart. Once you've selected a range, you can use buttons on the INSERT tab on the Ribbon to create a chart based on the data in the range. **CASE** *Using the worksheet containing the quarterly expense data, you create a chart that shows how the expenses in each country varied across the quarters.*




1. Start Excel, open the file **EX D-1.xlsx** from the location where you store your Data Files, then save it as **EX D-Quarterly Tour Expenses**

You want the chart to include the quarterly tour expenses values, as well as quarter and country labels. You don't include the Total column and row because the figures in these cells would skew the chart.

2. Select the range **A4:E12**, then click the **Quick Analysis tool**  in the lower-right corner of the range

The Quick Analysis tool contains a tab that lets you quickly insert commonly used charts. The CHARTS tab includes buttons for each major chart type, plus a More Charts button for additional chart types, such as stock charts for charting stock market data.

3. Click the **CHARTS** tab, verify that the **Clustered Column** is selected, as shown in **FIGURE D-3**, then click **Clustered Column**

The chart is inserted in the center of the worksheet, and two contextual CHART TOOLS tabs appear on the Ribbon: DESIGN, and FORMAT. On the DESIGN tab, which is currently in front, you can quickly change the chart type, chart layout, and chart style, and you can swap how the columns and rows of data in the worksheet are represented in the chart. When seen in the Normal view, three tools display to the right of the chart: these enable you to add, remove, or change chart elements , set a style and color scheme , and filter the results shown in a chart . Currently, the countries are charted along the horizontal x-axis, with the quarterly expense dollar amounts charted along the y-axis. This lets you easily compare the quarterly expenses for each country.

4. Click the **Switch Row/Column** button in the Data group on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab. The quarters are now charted along the x-axis. The expense amounts per country are charted along the y-axis, as indicated by the updated legend. See **FIGURE D-4**.

5. Click the **Undo** button  on the Quick Access toolbar

The chart returns to its original design.

6. Click the **Chart Title** placeholder to show the text box, click anywhere in the **Chart Title text box**, press [Ctrl][A] to select the text, type **Quarterly Tour Expenses**, then click anywhere in the chart to deselect the title

Adding a title helps identify the chart. The border around the chart and the chart's **sizing handles**, the small series of dots at the corners and sides of the chart's border, indicate that the chart is selected. See **FIGURE D-5**. Your chart might be in a different location on the worksheet and may look slightly different; you will move and resize it in the next lesson. Any time a chart is selected, as it is now, a blue border surrounds the worksheet data range on which the chart is based, a purple border surrounds the cells containing the category axis labels, and a red border surrounds the cells containing the data series labels. This chart is known as an **embedded chart** because it is inserted directly in the current worksheet and doesn't exist in a separate file. Embedding a chart in the current sheet is the default selection when creating a chart, but you can also embed a chart on a different sheet in the workbook, or on a newly created chart sheet. A **chart sheet** is a sheet in a workbook that contains only a chart that is linked to the workbook data.

7. Save your work

FIGURE D-3: CHARTS tab in Quick Analysis tool

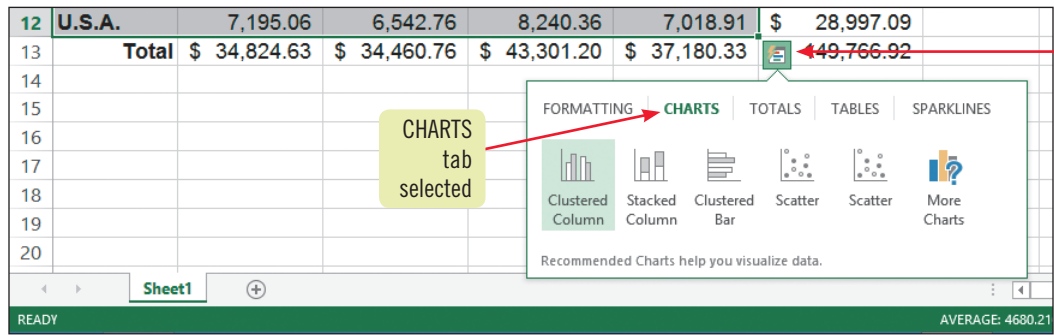


FIGURE D-4: Clustered Column chart with different presentation of data

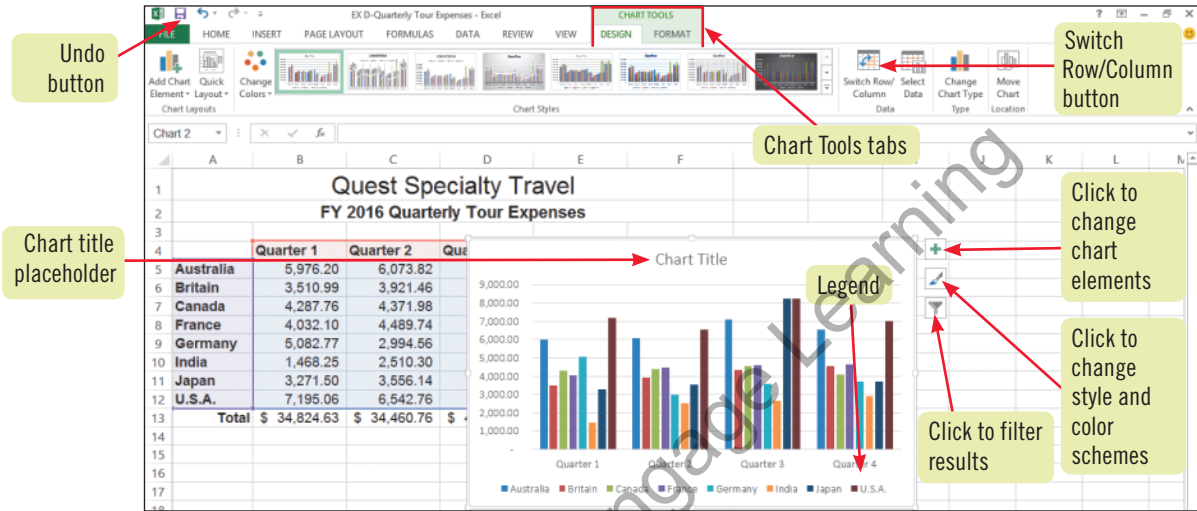
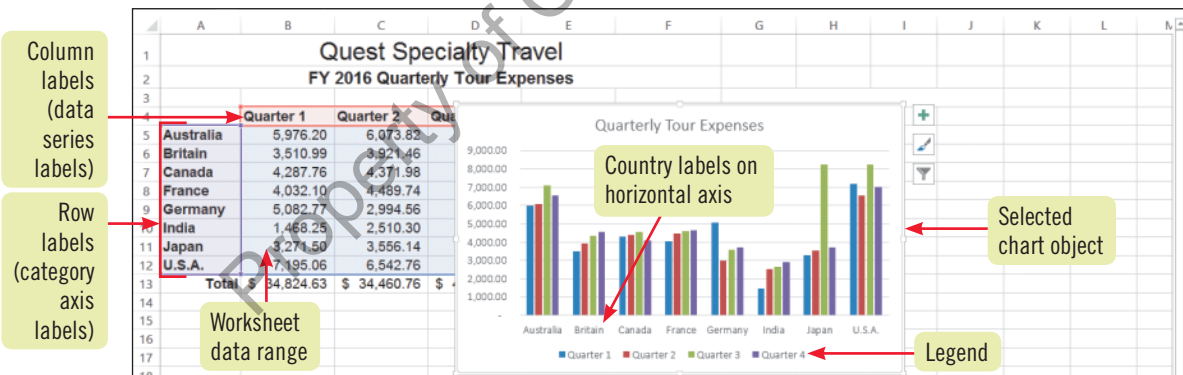


FIGURE D-5: Chart with rows and columns restored and title added



Creating sparklines

You can quickly create a miniature chart called a **sparkline** that serves as a visual indicator of data trends. You can create a sparkline by selecting a range of data, clicking the Quick Analysis tool, clicking the SPARKLINES tab, then clicking the type of sparkline you want. (The sparkline appears in the cell immediately adjacent to the selected range.) You can also select a range, click the INSERT tab, then click the Line, Column, or Win/Loss button in the Sparklines group. In the Create Sparklines dialog box that opens, enter the cell in which you want the sparkline to appear, then click OK.

FIGURE D-6 shows a sparkline created in a cell. Any changes to data in the range are reflected in the sparkline. To delete a selected sparkline from a cell, click the Clear button in the Group group on the SPARKLINE TOOLS DESIGN tab.

FIGURE D-6: Sparkline in a cell



Move and Resize a Chart

Learning Outcomes

- Reposition a chart
- Resize a chart
- Modify a legend
- Modify chart data

A chart is an **object**, or an independent element on a worksheet, and is not located in a specific cell or range. You can select an object by clicking it; sizing handles around the object indicate it is selected. (When a chart is selected in Excel, the Name box, which normally tells you the address of the active cell, tells you the chart number.) You can move a selected chart anywhere on a worksheet without affecting formulas or data in the worksheet. Any data changed in the worksheet is automatically updated in the chart. You can even move a chart to a different sheet in the workbook and it will still reflect the original data. You can resize a chart to improve its appearance by dragging its sizing handles. You can reposition chart objects (such as a title or legend) to predefined locations using commands using the Chart Elements button or the Add Chart Element button on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab, or you can freely move any chart object by dragging it or by cutting and pasting it to a new location. When you point to a chart object, the name of the object appears as a ScreenTip. **CASE** ▶ You want to resize the chart, position it below the worksheet data, and move the legend.

STEPS

QUICK TIP

To delete a selected chart, press [Delete].

TROUBLE

If you do not drag a blank area on the chart, you might inadvertently move a chart element instead of the whole chart; if this happens, undo the action and try again.



QUICK TIP


To resize a selected chart to an exact specification, click the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab, then enter the desired height and width in the Size group.



QUICK TIP


You can move a legend to the right, top, left, or bottom of a chart by clicking Legend in the Add Chart Element button in the Chart Layouts group on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab, then clicking a location option.

- 1. Make sure the chart is still selected, then position the pointer over the chart**

The pointer shape  indicates that you can move the chart. For a table of commonly used object pointers, refer to **TABLE D-2**.
- 2. Position  on a blank area near the upper-left edge of the chart, press and hold the left mouse button, drag the chart until its upper-left corner is at the upper-left corner of cell A16, then release the mouse button**

As you drag the chart, you can see the chart being dragged. When you release the mouse button, the chart appears in the new location.
- 3. Scroll down so you can see the whole chart, position the pointer on the right-middle sizing handle until it changes to , then drag the right border of the chart to the right edge of column G**

The chart is widened. See **FIGURE D-7**.
- 4. Position the pointer over the upper-middle sizing handle until it changes to , then drag the top border of the chart to the top edge of row 15**
- 5. Position the pointer over the lower-middle sizing handle until it changes to , then drag the bottom border of the chart to the bottom border of row 26**

You can move any object on a chart. You want to align the top of the legend with the top of the plot area.
- 6. Click the Quick Layout button in the Chart Layouts group of the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab, click Layout 1 (in the upper-left corner of the palette), click the legend to select it, press and hold [Shift], drag the legend up using  so the dotted outline is approximately 1/4" above the top of the plot area, then release [Shift]**

When you click the legend, sizing handles appear around it and "Legend" appears as a ScreenTip when the pointer hovers over the object. As you drag, a dotted outline of the legend border appears. Pressing and holding the [Shift] key holds the horizontal position of the legend as you move it vertically. Although the sizing handles on objects within a chart look different from the sizing handles that surround a chart, they function the same way.
- 7. Click cell A12, type United States, click the Enter button on the formula bar, use AutoFit to resize column A, then save your work**

The axis label changes to reflect the updated cell contents, as shown in **FIGURE D-8**. Changing any data in the worksheet modifies corresponding text or values in the chart. Because the chart is no longer selected, the CHART TOOLS tabs no longer appear on the Ribbon.

FIGURE D-7: Moved and resized chart

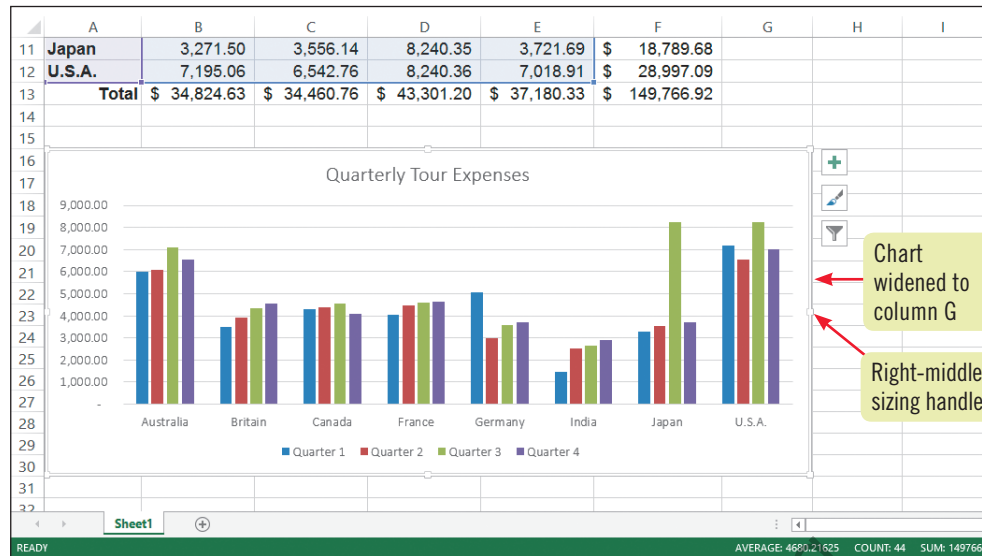


FIGURE D-8: Worksheet with modified legend and label

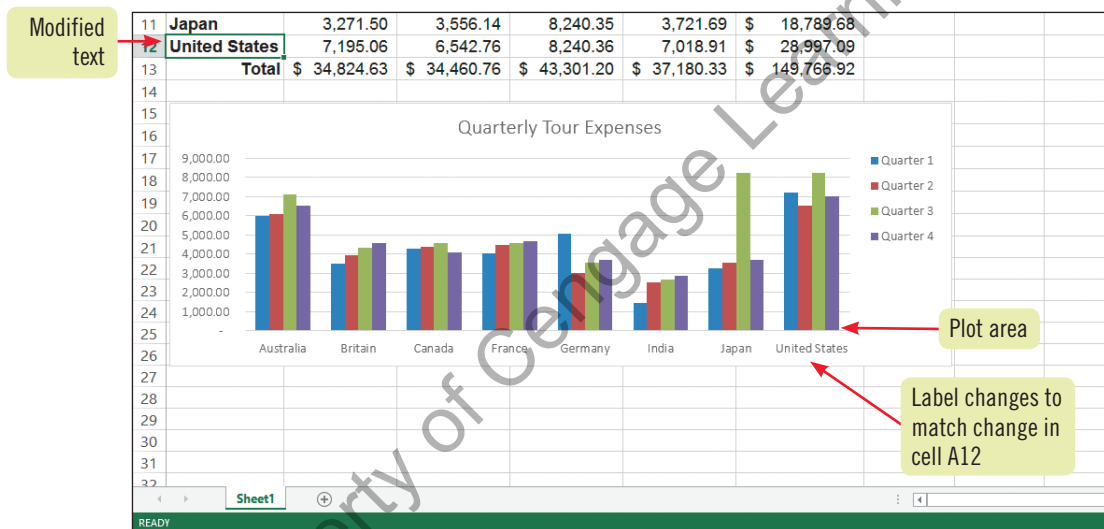


TABLE D-2: Common object pointers

name	pointer	use	name	pointer	use
Diagonal resizing	or	Change chart shape from corners	I-beam		Edit object text
Draw		Draw an object	Move		Move object
Horizontal resizing		Change object width	Vertical resizing		Change object height

Moving an embedded chart to a sheet

Suppose you have created an embedded chart that you decide would look better on a chart sheet or in a different worksheet. You can make this change without recreating the entire chart. To do so, first select the chart, click the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab, then click the Move Chart button in the Location group. The Move Chart

dialog box opens. To move the chart to its own chart sheet, click the New sheet option button, type a name for the new sheet if desired, then click OK. If the chart is already on its own sheet, click the Object in option button, select the worksheet to where you want to move it, then click OK.

Change the Chart Design


Learning Outcomes



- Change the chart design
- Change the chart type
- Apply a chart style

STEPS

Once you've created a chart, you can change the chart type, modify the data range and column/row configuration, apply a different chart style, and change the layout of objects in the chart. The layouts in the Chart Layouts group on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab offer arrangements of objects in your chart, such as its legend, title, or gridlines; choosing one of these layouts is an alternative to manually changing how objects are arranged in a chart. **CASE** *You discovered the data for Japan and the United States in Quarter 3 is incorrect. After the correction, you want to see how the data looks using different chart layouts and types.*

QUICK TIP

You can see more layout choices by clicking the More button  in the Chart Styles group.

1. Click cell D11, type 4568.92, press [Enter], type 6107.09, then press [Enter]
In the chart, the Quarter 3 data markers for Japan and the United States reflect the adjusted expense figures. See **FIGURE D-9**.
2. Select the chart by clicking a blank area within the chart border, click the **CHART TOOLS DESIGN** tab on the Ribbon, click the **Quick Layout** button in the Chart Layouts group, then click **Layout 3**
The legend moves to the bottom of the chart. You prefer the original layout.
3. Click the **Undo** button  on the Quick Access toolbar, then click the **Change Chart Type** button in the Type group
The Change Chart Type dialog box opens, as shown in **FIGURE D-10**. The left pane of the dialog box lists the available categories, and the right pane shows the individual chart types. A pale green border surrounds the currently selected chart type.
4. Click **Bar** in the left pane of the Change Chart Type dialog box, confirm that the first **Clustered Bar** chart type is selected in the right pane, then click **OK**
The column chart changes to a clustered bar chart. See **FIGURE D-11**. You look at the bar chart, then decide to see how the data looks in a three-dimensional column chart.
5. Click the **Change Chart Type** button in the Type group, click **Column** in the left pane of the Change Chart Type dialog box, click **3-D Clustered Column** (fourth from the left in the top row) in the right pane, verify that the left-most 3-D chart is selected, then click **OK**
A three-dimensional column chart appears. You notice that the three-dimensional column format gives you a sense of volume, but it is more crowded than the two-dimensional column format.
6. Click the **Change Chart Type** button in the Type group, click **Clustered Column** (first from the left in the top row) in the right pane of the Change Chart Type dialog box, then click **OK**
7. Click the **Style 3** chart style in the Chart Styles group
The columns change to lighter shades of color. You prefer the previous chart style's color scheme.
8. Click  on the Quick Access toolbar, then save your work

QUICK TIP

If you plan to print a chart on a black-and-white printer, you may wish to apply a black-and-white chart style to your chart so you can see how the output will look as you work.

Creating a combination chart

A **combination chart** is two charts in one; a column chart with a line chart, for example. This type of chart is helpful when charting dissimilar but related data. For example, you can create a combination chart based on home price and home size data, showing home prices in a column chart, and related home sizes in a line chart. Here a **secondary axis** (such as a vertical axis on the right side of the chart) would supply the scale for the home sizes. To create a combination chart, select all the data you want to plot, click Recommended Charts in the Charts group in the

INSERT tab, click the All Charts tab, select Combo, supply the series information that conforms to the chart you want to create, then click OK. To change an existing chart to a combination chart, select the chart, then click Change Chart Type in the Type group on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab. Click Combo in the Change Chart Type dialog box, select the Secondary Axis box for each data series you want to plot, change the chart type to Line, then click OK.

FIGURE D-9: Worksheet with modified data

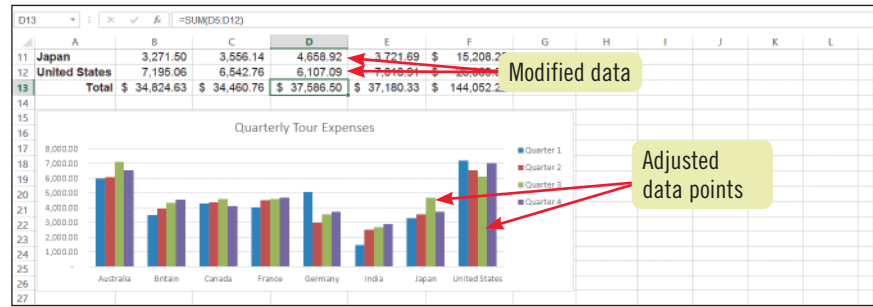


FIGURE D-10: Change Chart Type dialog box

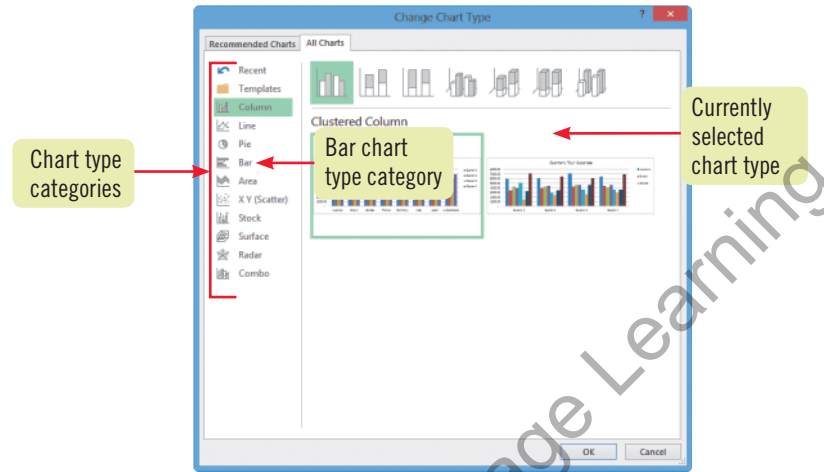
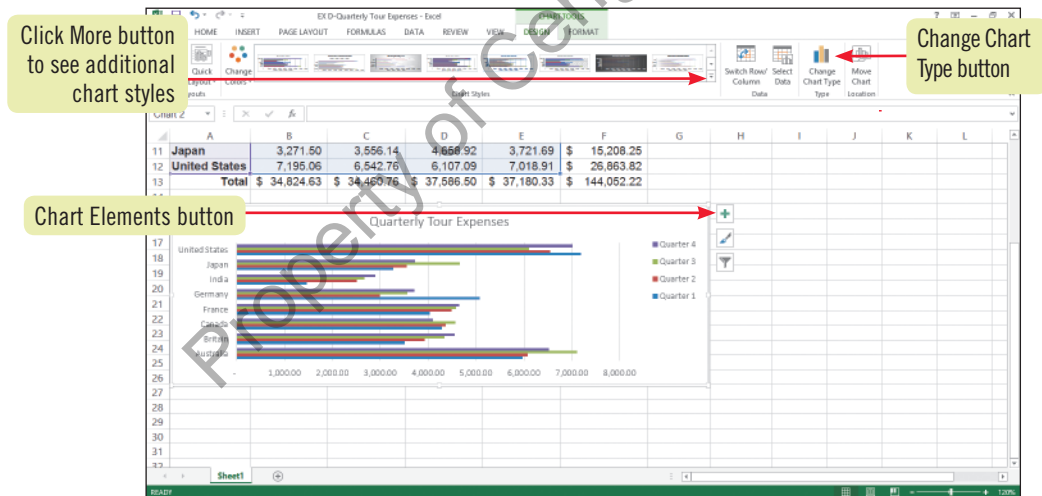


FIGURE D-11: Column chart changed to bar chart



Working with a 3-D chart

Excel includes two kinds of 3-D chart types. In a true 3-D chart, a third axis, called the **z-axis**, lets you compare data points across both categories and values. The z-axis runs along the depth of the chart, so it appears to advance from the back of the chart. To create a true 3-D chart, look for chart types that begin with "3-D," such as 3-D Column. In a 3-D chart, data series can sometimes obscure other columns or bars in the same chart, but you can rotate the

chart to obtain a better view. Right-click the chart, then click 3-D Rotation. The Format Chart Area pane opens with the 3-D Rotation category active. The 3-D Rotation options let you change the orientation and perspective of the chart area, plot area, walls, and floor. The 3-D Format category lets you apply three-dimensional effects to selected chart objects. (Not all 3-D Rotation and 3-D Format options are available on all charts.)

Change the Chart Format

Learning Outcomes


- Change the gridlines display
- Add axis titles
- Change the border color
- Add a shadow to an object

STEPS

While the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab contains preconfigured chart layouts you can apply to a chart, the Chart Elements button makes it easy to add, remove, and modify individual chart objects such as a chart title or legend. Using options on this shortcut menu (or using the Add Chart Element button on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab), you can also add text to a chart, add and modify labels, change the display of axes, modify the fill behind the plot area, create titles for the horizontal and vertical axes, and eliminate or change the look of gridlines. You can format the text in a chart object using the HOME tab or the Mini toolbar, just as you would the text in a worksheet. **CASE** You want to change the layout of the chart by creating titles for the horizontal and vertical axes. To improve the chart's appearance, you'll add a drop shadow to the chart title.

1. With the chart still selected, click the **Add Chart Element** button in the Chart Layouts group on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab, point to **Gridlines**, then click **Primary Major Horizontal** to deselect it

The gridlines that extend from the value axis tick marks across the chart's plot area are removed from the chart, as shown in **FIGURE D-12**.

2. Click the **Chart Elements** button  in the upper-right corner *outside* the chart border, click the **Gridlines** arrow, click **Primary Major Horizontal**, click **Primary Minor Horizontal**, then click  to close the Chart Elements fly-out menu

Both major and minor gridlines now appear in the chart. **Major gridlines** represent the values at the value axis tick marks, and **minor gridlines** represent the values between the tick marks.

3. Click , click the **Axis Titles** checkbox to select all the axis titles options, triple-click the **vertical axis title** on the chart, then type **Expenses (in \$)**


Descriptive text on the category axis helps readers understand the chart.


4. Triple-click the **horizontal axis title** on the chart, then type **Tour Countries**

The text "Tour Countries" appears on the horizontal axis, as shown in **FIGURE D-13**.

5. Right-click the **horizontal axis labels** ("Australia", "Britain", etc.), click **Font** on the shortcut menu, click the **Latin text font list arrow** in the Font dialog box, click **Times New Roman**, click the **Size down arrow**, click until **8** is displayed, then click **OK**

The font of the horizontal axis labels changes to Times New Roman, and the font size decreases, making more of the plot area visible.

6. With the horizontal axis labels still selected, click the **HOME** tab, click the **Format Painter** button  in the Clipboard group, then click the area within the **vertical axis labels**

7. Right-click the **Chart Title** ("Quarterly Tour Expenses"), click **Format Chart Title** on the shortcut menu, click the **BORDER** arrow  in the Format Chart Title pane to display the options if necessary, then click the **Solid line option button** in the Format Chart Title pane

A solid border will appear around the chart title with the default blue color.


8. Click the **Effects** button  in the Format Chart Title pane, click **Shadow**, click the **Presets list arrow**, click **Offset Diagonal Bottom Right** in the Outer group (first row, first from the left), click the **Format Chart Title pane Close button** , then save your work

A blue border with a drop shadow surrounds the title. Compare your work to **FIGURE D-14**.

QUICK TIP

You can move any title to a new position by clicking one of its edges, then dragging it.

QUICK TIP

You can also edit text in a chart or axis title by positioning the pointer over the selected title until it changes to , clicking the title, then editing the text.

QUICK TIP

You can also apply a border to a selected chart object by clicking the Shape Outline list arrow on the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab, and then selecting from the available options.

QUICK TIP

You can also apply a shadow to a selected chart object by clicking the Shadow arrow, then clicking a shadow effect.

FIGURE D-12: Gridlines removed from chart

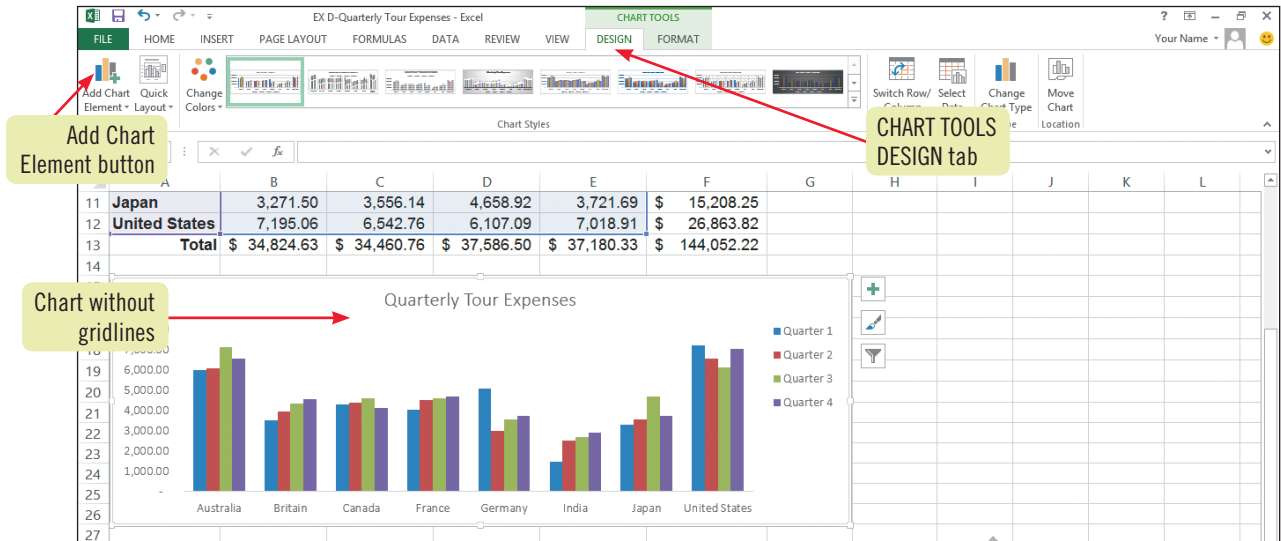


FIGURE D-13: Axis titles added to chart

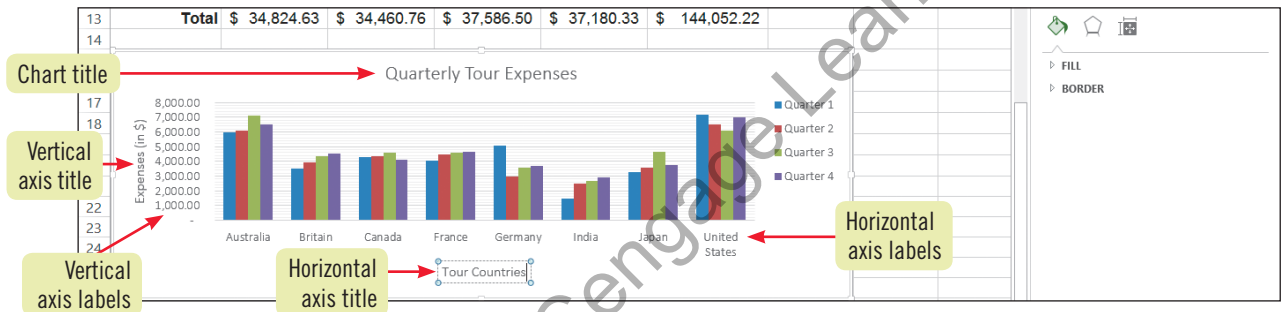


FIGURE D-14: Enhanced chart



Adding data labels to a chart

There are times when your audience might benefit by seeing data labels on a chart. These labels appear next to the data markers in the chart and can indicate the series name, category name, and/or the value of one or more data points. Once your chart is selected, you can add this information to your chart by clicking

the Chart Elements button in the upper-right corner outside the selected chart, clicking the Data Labels arrow, and then clicking a display option for the data labels. Once you have added the data labels, you can format them or delete individual data labels. To delete a data label, select it and then press [Delete].

Format a Chart

Learning Outcomes

- Change the fill of a data series
- Use Live Preview to see a new data series color
- Apply a style to a data series

Formatting a chart can make it easier to read and understand. Many formatting enhancements can be made using the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab. You can change the fill color for a specific data series, or you can apply a shape style to a title or a data series using the Shape Styles group. Shape styles make it possible to apply multiple formats, such as an outline, fill color, and text color, all with a single click. You can also apply different fill colors, outlines, and effects to chart objects using arrows and buttons in the Shape Styles group. **CASE** *You want to use a different color for one data series in the chart and apply a shape style to another to enhance the look of the chart.*

STEPS

1. With the chart selected, click the **CHART TOOLS FORMAT** tab on the Ribbon, then click any column in the **Quarter 4 data series**

The CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab opens, and handles appear on each column in the Quarter 4 data series, indicating that the entire series is selected.

2. Click the **Shape Fill list arrow** in the Shape Styles group on the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab

3. Click **Orange, Accent 6** (first row, 10th from the left) as shown in **FIGURE D-15**

All the columns for the series become orange, and the legend changes to match the new color. You can also change the color of selected objects by applying a shape style.

4. Click any column in the **Quarter 3 data series**

Handles appear on each column in the Quarter 3 data series.

5. Click the **More button**  on the Shape Styles gallery, then *hover the pointer* over the **Moderate Effect – Olive Green, Accent 3** shape style (fifth row, fourth from the left) in the gallery, as shown in **FIGURE D-16**

Live Preview shows the data series in the chart with the shape style applied.

6. Click the **Subtle Effect – Olive Green, Accent 3** shape style (fourth row, fourth from the left) in the gallery

The style for the data series changes, as shown in **FIGURE D-17**.


7. Save your work

QUICK TIP

To apply a WordArt style to a text object (such as the chart title), select the object, then click a style in the WordArt Styles group on the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab.

Previewing a chart

To print or preview just a chart, select the chart (or make the chart sheet active), click the FILE tab, then click Print on the navigation bar.

To reposition a chart by changing the page's margins, click the Show Margins button  in the lower-right corner of the Print tab to

display the margins in the preview. You can drag the margin lines to the exact settings you want; as the margins change, the size and placement of the chart on the page changes too.

FIGURE D-15: New shape fill applied to data series

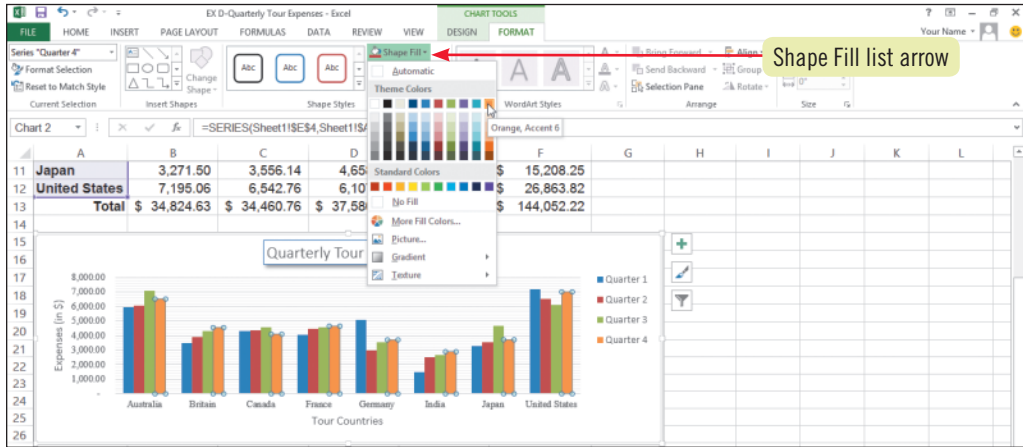


FIGURE D-16: Live Preview of new style applied to data series

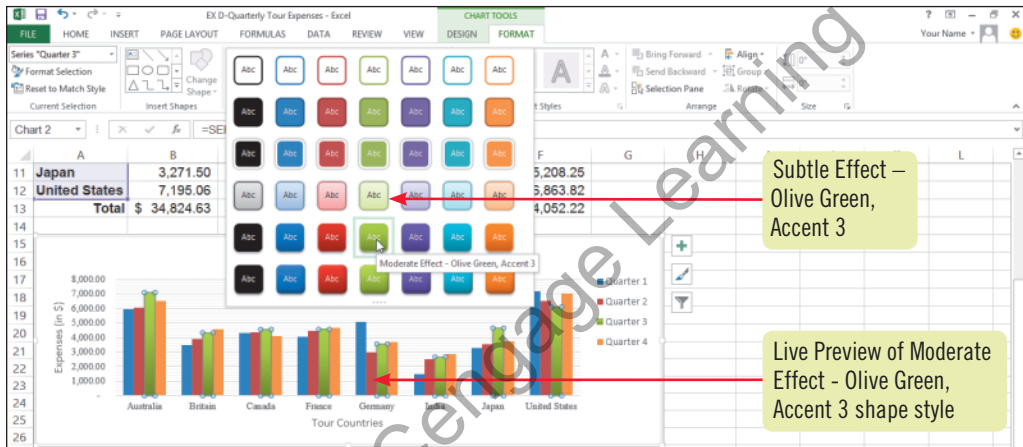
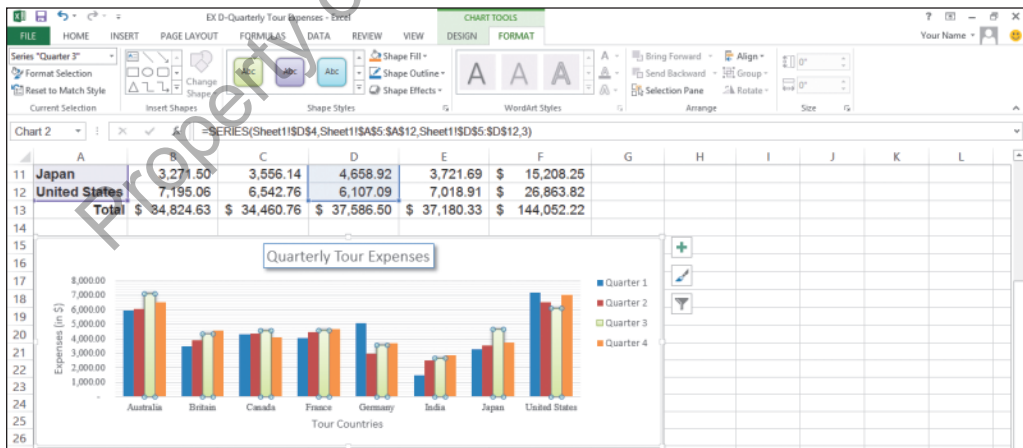


FIGURE D-17: Style of data series changed



Changing alignment and angle in axis labels and titles


The buttons on the CHART TOOLS DESIGN tab provide a few options for positioning axis labels and titles, but you can customize their position and rotation to exact specifications using the Format Axis pane or Format Axis Title pane. With a chart selected, right-click the axis text you want to modify, then click Format Axis or Format

Axis Title on the shortcut menu. In the pane that is displayed, click the Size & Properties button, then select the appropriate Text layout option. You can also create a custom angle by clicking the Custom angle up and down arrows. When you have made the desired changes, close the pane.

Annotate and Draw on a Chart


Learning Outcomes

- Type text in a text box
- Draw an arrow on a chart
- Modify a drawn object

You can use text annotations and graphics to point out critical information in a chart. **Text annotations** are labels that further describe your data. You can also draw lines and arrows that point to the exact locations you want to emphasize. Shapes such as arrows and boxes can be added from the Illustrations group on the INSERT tab or from the Insert Shapes group on the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab on the Ribbon. The INSERT group is also used to insert pictures into worksheets and charts. **CASE**  You want to call attention to the Germany tour expense decrease, so you decide to add a text annotation and an arrow to this information in the chart.

STEPS

1. Make sure the chart is selected with the **CHART TOOLS FORMAT** tab selected, click the **Text Box** button  in the Insert Shapes group, then move the pointer over the worksheet


The pointer changes to , indicating that you will insert a text box where you next click.

2. Click to the **right of the chart** (anywhere *outside* the chart boundary)

A text box is added to the worksheet, and the DRAWING TOOLS FORMAT tab appears on the Ribbon so that you can format the new object. First you need to type the text.



3. Type **Great Improvement**


The text appears in a selected text box on the worksheet, and the chart is no longer selected, as shown in **FIGURE D-18**. Your text box may be in a different location; this is not important, because you'll move the annotation in the next step.

4. Point to an edge of the text box so that the pointer changes to , drag the **text box** into the chart to the left of the chart title, as shown in **FIGURE D-19**, then release the mouse button

The text box is a text annotation for the chart. You also want to add a simple arrow shape in the chart.

5. Click the **chart** to select it, click the **CHART TOOLS FORMAT** tab, click the **Arrow** button  in the Insert Shapes group, then move the pointer over the text box on the chart

The pointer changes to , and the status bar displays "Click and drag to insert an AutoShape." When  is over the text box, black handles appear around the text in the text box. A black handle can act as an anchor for the arrow.

6. Position  on the **black handle** to the right of the "t" in the word "improvement" (in the text box), press and hold the **left mouse button**, drag the **line** to the **Quarter 2 column** for the Germany category in the chart, then release the mouse button

An arrow points to the Quarter 2 expense for Germany, and the DRAWING TOOLS FORMAT tab displays options for working with the new arrow object. You can resize, format, or delete it just like any other object in a chart.

7. Click the **Shape Outline list arrow** in the Shape Styles group, click the **Automatic color**, click the **Shape Outline list arrow** again, point to **Weight**, then click **1½ pt**

Compare your finished chart to **FIGURE D-20**.

8. Save your work

QUICK TIP

You can also insert a text box by clicking the Text Box button in the Text group in the INSERT tab, then clicking in the worksheet.

QUICK TIP

To annotate a chart using a callout, click the Shapes button in the Illustrations group on the INSERT tab or the More button on the Insert Shapes group on the CHART TOOLS FORMAT tab, then click a shape in the Callouts category of the Shapes gallery.

FIGURE D-18: Text box added

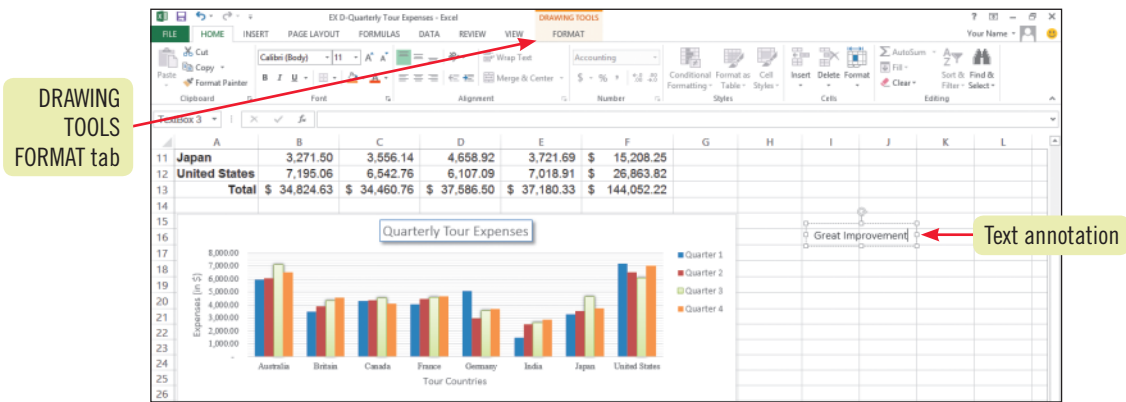


FIGURE D-19: Text annotation on the chart

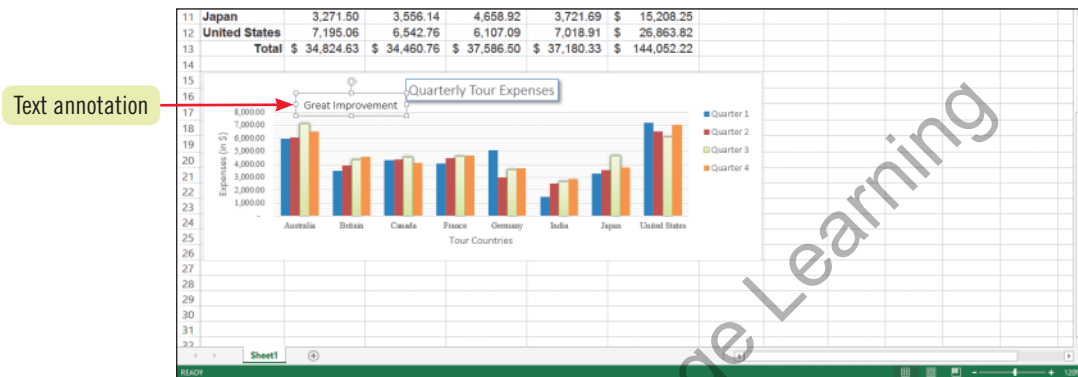
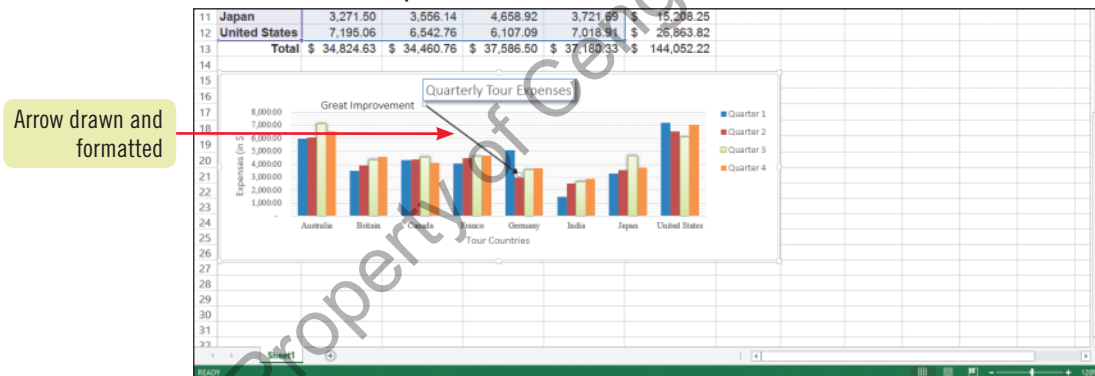


FIGURE D-20: Arrow shape added to chart

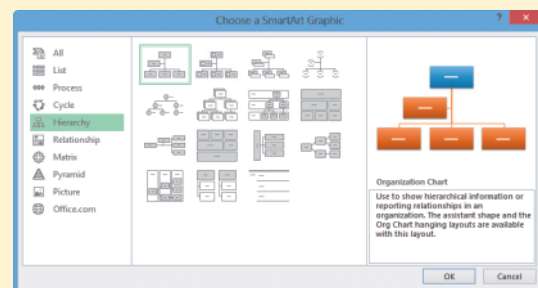


Adding SmartArt graphics

In addition to charts, annotations, and drawn objects, you can create a variety of diagrams using SmartArt graphics. **SmartArt graphics** are available in List, Process, Cycle, Hierarchy, Relationship, Matrix, and Pyramid categories. To insert SmartArt, click the Insert a SmartArt Graphic button in the Illustrations group on the INSERT tab to open the Choose a SmartArt Graphic dialog box. Click a SmartArt category in the left pane, then click the layout for the graphic in the right pane. The right pane shows a sample of the selected SmartArt layout, as shown in **FIGURE D-21**. The SmartArt graphic appears in the worksheet as an embedded object with sizing handles. Click the Text Pane button on the SmartArt Tools Design tab to open a text pane next to the graphic; you can

enter text into the graphic using the text pane or by typing directly in the shapes in the diagram.

FIGURE D-21: Choose a SmartArt Graphic dialog box



Create a Pie Chart

Learning Outcomes

- Create a pie chart
- Explode a pie chart slice

You can create multiple charts based on the same worksheet data. While a column chart may illustrate certain important aspects of your worksheet data, you may find you want to create an additional chart to emphasize a different point. Depending on the type of chart you create, you have additional options for calling attention to trends and patterns. For example, if you create a pie chart, you can emphasize one data point by **exploding**, or pulling that slice away from, the pie chart. When you're ready to print a chart, you can preview it just as you do a worksheet to check the output before committing it to paper. You can print a chart by itself or as part of the worksheet. **CASE** *At an upcoming meeting, Grace plans to discuss the total tour expenses and which countries need improvement. You want to create a pie chart she can use to illustrate total expenses. Finally, you want to fit the worksheet and the charts onto one worksheet page.*

STEPS

1. Select the range **A5:A12**, press and hold **[Ctrl]**, select the range **F5:F12**, click the **INSERT** tab, click the **Insert Pie or Doughnut Chart** button in the Charts group, then click **3-D Pie** in the chart gallery

The new chart appears in the center of the worksheet. You can move the chart and quickly format it using a chart layout.

2. Drag the **chart** so its upper-left corner is at the upper-left corner of cell **G1**, click the **Quick Layout** button in the Chart Layouts group of the **CHART TOOLS DESIGN** tab, then click **Layout 2**

The chart is repositioned on the page, and its layout changes so that a chart title is added, the percentages display on each slice, and the legend appears just below the chart title.

3. Select the **Chart Title** text, then type **Total Expenses, by Country**

4. Click the slice for the **India** data point, click it again so it is the only slice selected, right-click it, then click **Format Data Point**

The Format Data Point pane opens, as shown in **FIGURE D-22**. You can use the Point Explosion slider to control the distance a pie slice moves away from the pie, or you can type a value in the Point Explosion text box.

5. Double-click **0** in the **Point Explosion** text box, type **40**, then click the **Close** button

Compare your chart to **FIGURE D-23**. You decide to preview the chart and data before you print.

6. Click cell **A1**, switch to **Page Layout** view, type your name in the left header text box, then click cell **A1**

You decide the chart and data would fit better on the page if they were printed in landscape orientation.

7. Click the **PAGE LAYOUT** tab, click the **Orientation** button in the Page Setup group, then click **Landscape**

8. Click the **FILE** tab, click **Print** on the navigation bar, click the **No Scaling** setting in the Settings section on the Print tab, then click **Fit Sheet on One Page**

The data and chart are positioned horizontally on a single page, as shown in **FIGURE D-24**. The printer you have selected may affect the appearance of your preview screen.

9. Save and close the workbook, submit your work to your instructor as directed, then exit Excel

TROUBLE

If the Format Data Series command appears on the shortcut menu instead of Format Data Point, double-click the slice you want to explode to make sure it is selected by itself, then right-click it again.

FIGURE D-22: Format Data Point pane

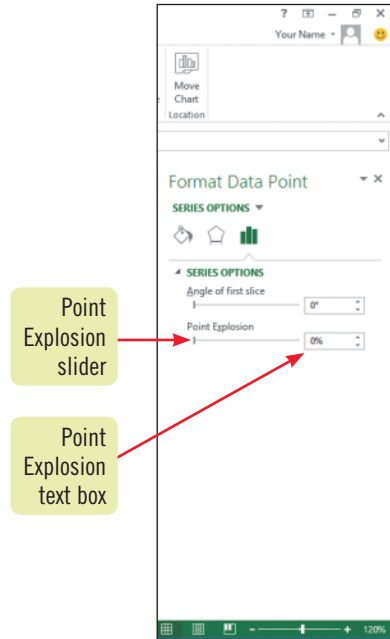


FIGURE D-23: Exploded pie slice

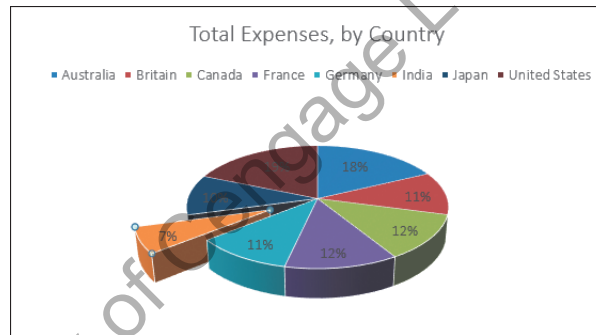


FIGURE D-24: Preview of worksheet with charts in Backstage view

