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HEK and Jon,

Thank you for your replies. Let me apologize for my poor response time. If I may, I will address each of your responses in this single reply.

HEK: additional information is as follows:

Due to complexity (non normalized – out of my control) the data that needs to be charted is top complaints over months. The best that I can explain what the chart displays is a single category axis (Months), Series A (Months) Series B (Root Cause with the total # of complaints) I guess its a series and a sub-series if that makes sense. Each time the graph is updated with new monthly data the Root Cause data points have different (default) colors. I would like to see the same color for each like Root Cause across each month. The audience wants to see this in a bar graph. So if the Root Cause = defective equipment I would like this bar to be yellow regardless of the month. I hope this made sense. Again one problem lies in how the data is prepared to get it into a graphed format. I have two columns: column 1 contains the Months as well as the root causes. The second column contains the total count of each root cause. The two columns are comprised of data coming from individual pivot tables for each month. Convolutd I know, but this is what I have to work with (for now untill I can change some things)

Jon:

The use of the 3d chart was what they liked. A bar char was the best representation for the data (in my opinion) 2d/3d I don't think will matter 3d just looks nicer. I have been going to your site prior to me posting this question. It has been a great resource for me. As far as the conditional formatting goes. You provide ways to format based on the actual data point. I'm looking for some way to set the format based on the data label.

Again, thanks to the both of you.

"Jon Peltier" wrote:

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Two comments:

1. Generally it's better to use 2D charts, as 3D charting effects can distort what you're trying to show. (Unless of course that's your intention.)

2. For conditional charting, check out this page:

<http://peltiertech.com/Excel/Charts/ConditionalChart1.html>

– Jon

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"David" <David@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I've been searching this board to find an answer and all the post (so far) are helpful but they don't quite get me to where I need to be. That said...

I have a 3d plain Jane bargraph. The data is linked to cells, and I physically change the graph at the beginning of every month(add to the data series). When I add the new data the series points may change but the individual bars do change color. Long story longer...How can I keep the series the same format (keep "defective equipment" for Feb – June blue) through out the graph no matter what changes are made. I would assume this would be done through conditional formatting. But how can this be applied to the data label "defective equipment"