

## RE: Conditional colors for bars in a chart???

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Hmmmm.... well, that wasn't Greek, I'll give you that :)

Let me tell you what I've managed to do so far.

I can make a nice plain graph.

Down the left side it has 100 at the top and drops by 10 down to 10.

Across the bottom it has each units name (3A, 4A, 4E, 5E, etc – there's 11 of them)

Nice Graph :)

But what I want to do is change the color of the bars so that if it is at 100 it's green

If between 80 and 100 it's yellow

If below 80 it's red.

I discovered if I did "show legend" then right click inside the graph and click on "source Data" and change the Data Range to Columns instead of Rows, I can change the legend key for each one to whatever color I want.

UNFORTUNATELY, when I do this it wipes out my unit names on the bottom and I can't get them back unless I change my Data Series back from columns to rows.

.. . then I lose my colors.

Jeepers, I'm confused with this thing. :(

Granted, what I'm trying to do is manual – ie: I would have to change the colors manually each month but that's ok. But I can't seem to have my cake and eat it too. I can have colors and no labels, or labels and no colors....

<sigh>

Meenie

"Wigi" wrote:

OK. Message understood ;-)

Here are the basics. Go to my website, <http://www.wimgielis.be>, then choose Excel in the left navigation, then choose Voorbeeldbestanden, then choose Kleurenstaafdiagram (it's under "Excel grafieken")

Download the example file on that page.

1 final thing: "afkapgrens" means "cut-off value": below that, it colours red, above: green.

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Wigi

<http://www.wimgielis.be> = Excel/VBA, soccer and music

"Meenie" wrote:

Thank you, Wigi, but I'm afraid that was completely Greek to me :)  
<sigh>

"Wigi" wrote:

Hi

here's some material to do it:

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

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Wigi

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"Meenie" wrote:

HI :)

I'm new to making charts and don't know if this is possible. Here's what I'm doing. I am tracking compliance between units in a hospital for patient falls.

Then I am charting each question to show the comparison percentages.

It's a simple bar chart that shows each unit and what its percentage is.

I have the numbers for each unit with conditional formatting so if their total is 100 %, the background color is green, between 80 and 90 it's Yellow, and below 80 it's Red.

I'd like the bars to correspond. Is that possible. I found how to make them different colors, but I can't control the colors.

Is it doable?

Keep in mind, I'm new to charts and don't understand all the jargon.

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Thanks! :)

Meenie