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Using Pivot Tables

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<i>Windows or Linux</i>	<i>macOS equivalent</i>	<i>Effect</i>
Tools > Options menu selection	LibreOffice > Preferences	Access setup options
Right-click	<i>Control</i> +click and/or right-click depending on computer setup	Open a context menu
<i>Ctrl</i> (Control)	⌘ (Command)	Used with other keys
<i>F11</i>	⌘+T	Open the Styles deck in the Sidebar

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Introduction

Many requests for spreadsheet support are the result of using complicated formulas and solutions to solve simple day-to-day problems. For more efficient and effective solutions, use the pivot table, a tool for combining, comparing, analyzing, and summarizing large amounts of data easily. Using pivot tables, you can view different summaries of the source data, display the details of areas of interest, and create reports, whether you are a beginner, an intermediate, or an advanced user. Besides, you can create a pivot chart to view a graphical representation of the data in a pivot table.

Database preconditions

To work with a pivot table, you need a list of raw data, similar to a database table, consisting of rows (data sets) and columns (data fields). The field names are in the first row above the list.

The data source could be an external file or database. For the simplest case, where data is contained in a Calc spreadsheet, Calc offers sorting functions that do not require the pivot table.

For processing data in lists, Calc needs to know where in the spreadsheet the list is. The list can be anywhere in the sheet, in any position. A spreadsheet can contain several unrelated lists.

Calc recognizes your lists automatically. It uses the following logic: Starting from the cell you have selected (which must be within the list), Calc checks the surrounding cells in all four directions (left, right, above, below). The border is recognized if the program discovers an empty row or column, or if it hits the left or upper border of the spreadsheet. This means that the described functions can only work correctly if there are no empty rows or columns in the list. Avoid empty lines (for example for formatting). You can format the list by using cell formats.

Tip

To make sure that Calc automatically recognizes a list correctly, check that there are no empty rows or empty columns within the list.

If you select more than one cell before creating a pivot table, then Calc's automatic list recognition logic is not applied. Instead, Calc assumes that the pivot table is to be created using exactly the cells that you selected.

Tip

Always select only one cell before initiating creation of a pivot table. This allows Calc to automatically determine the full scope of your data list.

A relatively common source of errors is to inadvertently declare a list by mistake and then to sort that list. If you select multiple cells—for example, a whole column—then the sorting mixes up the data that should be together in one row.

In addition to these formal aspects, the logical structure of the list is also very important.

Note

Calc lists must have the *normal form*; that is, they must have a simple linear structure.

When entering the data, do not add outlines, groups, or summaries. Here are some mistakes commonly made by inexperienced spreadsheet users:

- You made several unnecessary sheets; for example, a sheet for each group of articles. In this case, analyses are only possible within each group.

- In a sales list, instead of only one column for the amount, you made a column for the amounts for each employee. In this case, the system will have difficulty grouping data from the various columns together. Thus, an analysis with the pivot table would no longer be possible. All data must be entered into the same column for the pivot table to be able to analyze it.
- You entered the amounts in chronological order. At the end of each month, you made a sum total. In this case, sorting the list for different criteria is not possible because the pivot table will treat the sum totals the same as any other value. Getting monthly results is one of the very fast and easy features of the pivot table.

Data sources

The possible data sources for the pivot table are a Calc spreadsheet or an external data source that is registered in LibreOffice.

Calc spreadsheet

Analyzing a list in a Calc spreadsheet is the simplest and most often used case. Lists might be updated regularly or the data might be imported from a different application.

The list data might be entered directly into the spreadsheet or copied from another file or application. You can also use a Web Page Query input filter to insert data from an HTML file, a CSV file, a Calc spreadsheet, or a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. See Chapter 10, Linking Data, for more information.

The behavior of Calc while inserting data from a different application depends on the format of the data. If the data is in a common spreadsheet format, it is copied directly into Calc. However, if the data is in plain text format, the Text Import dialog appears after you select the file containing the data; see Chapter 1, Introduction, for more information about this dialog.

Registered data source

A registered data source is a connection to data held in a database outside of LibreOffice. When using a registered data source, the data to be analyzed will not be saved in the spreadsheet; Calc will always use the data from the original source. Calc can use many different data sources in addition to databases that are created and maintained with LibreOffice Base. For more information, see Chapter 10, Linking Data.

Using shortcuts

If you use pivot tables often in Calc, you might find the frequent use of the built-in menu paths inconvenient.

In some cases built-in keyboard shortcuts are already defined; see Appendix A, Keyboard Shortcuts. An example is the *F12* function key, which groups a selected data range. In some other cases, the built-in toolbars already provide relevant icons. An example is the **Insert or Edit Pivot Table** icon on the Standard toolbar.

In addition to using the built-in keyboard shortcuts and toolbar icons, you can also define your own. See Chapter 14, Setting up and Customizing, for instructions.

Creating a pivot table

If you want Calc to automatically determine the full extent of the raw data list, then select a single cell within this list. If you want to explicitly define the extent of the raw data list, then select all relevant cells.

With the cell (or cells) selected, create the pivot table by selecting **Insert > Pivot Table** on the Menu bar, selecting **Data > Pivot Table > Insert or Edit** on the Menu bar, or click the **Insert or Edit Pivot Table** icon on the Standard toolbar.

Calc displays the Select Source dialog (Figure 1), where you can choose between using the selected data cells, a range of cells that has already been named, or a data source that has already been registered with LibreOffice.

✓ Note

See Chapter 13, Calc as a Database, for more information about named ranges. See Chapter 10, Linking Data, for more information about linking to registered data sources.

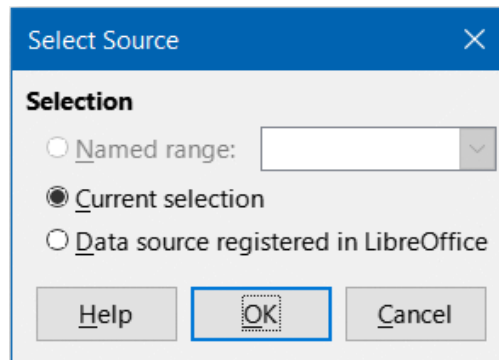


Figure 1: Select Source dialog

Click **OK** on the Select Source dialog to display the Pivot Table Layout dialog, which is described in the next section.

The Pivot Table Layout dialog

The function of the pivot table is managed in two places: first, in the Pivot Table Layout dialog; and second, through manipulations of the result in the spreadsheet. This section describes the Pivot Table Layout dialog in detail.

i Tip

To access the Pivot Table Layout dialog again after initial creation of a pivot table, left-click in any cell of the pivot table. Then select **Insert > Pivot Table** on the Menu bar, or select **Data > Pivot Table > Insert or Edit** on the Menu bar, or click the **Insert or Edit Pivot Table** icon on the Standard toolbar, or right-click in any cell of the pivot table and select the **Properties** option in the context menu.

Basic layout

In the Pivot Table Layout dialog (Figure 2) there are four areas that show the layout of the resulting pivot table:

- *Filters*
- *Column Fields*
- *Row Fields*
- *Data Fields*

Besides these four areas is another area labeled *Available Fields* containing the names of the fields in the source data list. To choose a layout, drag and drop the fields from the *Available Fields* area to the other four areas.

The *Data Fields* area must contain at least one field. Advanced users can use more than one field here. For the fields in the *Data Fields* area, an aggregate function is used. For example, if you move the **Sales Value** field into the *Data Fields* area, it initially appears there as **Sum – Sales Value**.

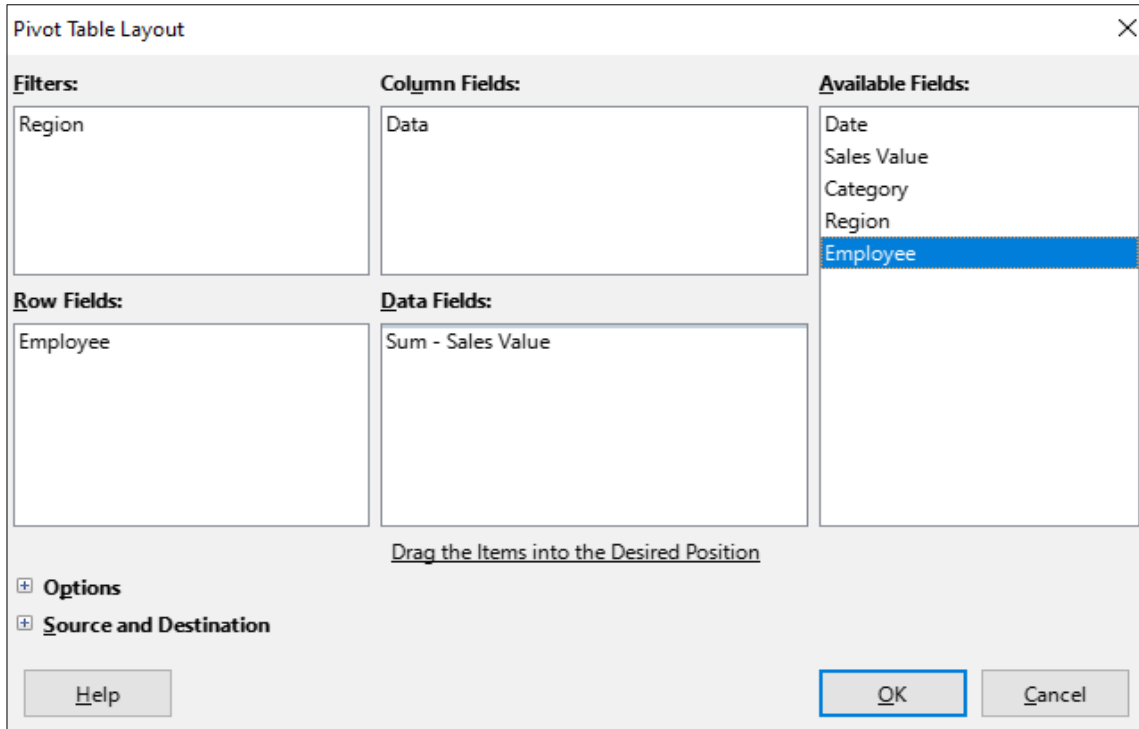


Figure 2: Pivot Table Layout dialog

Row and column fields indicate from which groups the result will be sorted. Often more than one field is used at a time to get partial sums for rows or columns. The order of the fields gives the order of the sums from overall to specific.

For example, if you drag **Region** and **Employee** into the *Row Fields* area, the sum will be divided into the regions. Within the regions will be the listing for the different employees (Figure 3).

Fields that are placed into the *Filters* area appear at the top of the resulting pivot table as a drop-down list. The summary in the result takes into account only that part of the base data that you have selected. For example, if you include **Employee** in the *Filters* area, you can filter the result shown for each employee.

To move a field from an area, just drag it to a new area. To remove a field from the *Filters*, *Column Fields*, *Row Fields*, or *Data Fields* areas, drag it to the *Available Fields* area.

Tip

To rapidly move a selected field from one area of the Pivot Table Layout dialog to another, press the *Alt+letter* on the keyboard that corresponds to the underlined letter in the target area's label.

Sum - Sales	Value	Category
Region	Employee	Golf
East	Brigitte	\$5,822
	Fritz	\$15,172
	Hans	\$5,316
	Kurt	\$9,707
	Ute	\$5,954
North	Brigitte	\$3,814
	Fritz	\$3,443
	Hans	\$3,049
	Kurt	\$2,214
	Ute	\$6,221
South	Brigitte	\$5,151
	Fritz	\$23,290
	Hans	\$4,196
	Kurt	\$11,681

Column Fields:
Category
Data

Row Fields:
Region
Employee

Data Fields:
Sum - Sales Value

Figure 3: Field order for analysis and resulting layout of pivot table

✓ Note

By default, Calc inserts a *Data* field into the *Column Fields* area. The *Data* field can be moved between the *Column Fields* and *Row Fields* areas as required. Depending on its position within the list of fields in its area, the *Data* field may lead to a button labeled **Data** appearing in the results of the pivot table, affecting the layout of the results. If you do not wish to use this facility, simply place the *Data* field at the bottom of the list of fields in its area.

More options

To expand the Pivot Table Layout dialog and show more options, click the expansion symbol (plus or triangle sign) adjacent to the *Options* and *Source and Destination* labels (Figure 4).

Ignore empty rows

If the source data is not in the recommended form, this option tells the pivot table to ignore empty rows.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ignore empty rows		<input type="checkbox"/> Identify categories	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total columns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total rows	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add filter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enable drill to details	
<input type="checkbox"/> Source and Destination			
Source			
<input type="radio"/> Named range			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Selection			
<input type="text" value="\$'Sales List'.\$A\$1:\$E\$157"/>			
Destination			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> New sheet			
<input type="radio"/> Named range			
<input type="radio"/> Selection			

Figure 4: Expanded area of the Pivot Table Layout dialog

Identify categories

With this option selected, if the source data has missing entries in a list and does not meet the recommended data structure (as in Figure 5 for example), the pivot table adds it to the listed category above it. If this option is not chosen, then the pivot table inserts (empty).

	A	B	C
1	Produce	Region	Quantity
2	Apples	Italy	6.2 t
3		Lake Constance	19.2 t
4		California	3.6 t
5	Pears	Italy	7.0 t
6		Lake Constance	22.0 t
7			

Figure 5: Example of data with missing entries (blank/empty values) in Column A

The option **Identify categories** ensures that in this example rows 3 and 4 are included for Apples and that row 6 is included for Pears (Figure 6).

Sum - Quantity	Region			
Produce	California	Italy	Lake Constance	Total Result
Apples	3.6 t	6.2 t	19.2 t	29.0 t
Pears		7.0 t	22.0 t	29.0 t
Total Result	3.6 t	13.2 t	41.2 t	58.0 t

Figure 6: Pivot table result with **Identify categories** selected

Without category recognition, the pivot table shows an (empty) category (Figure 7).

Sum - Quantity	Region			
Produce	California	Italy	Lake Constance	Total Result
Apples		6.2 t		6.2 t
Pears		7.0 t		7.0 t
(empty)	3.6 t		41.2 t	44.8 t
Total Result	3.6 t	13.2 t	41.2 t	58.0 t

Figure 7: Pivot table result without **Identify categories** selected

Logically, the behavior with category recognition is better. A list showing missing entries is also less useful because you cannot use functions such as sorting or filtering.

Total columns, Total rows

With these options, you can decide if the pivot table shows an extra row with the sums of each column, or if it adds on the very right a column with the sums of each row. In some cases, an added total sum is meaningless, for example, if the entries are accumulated or the result of comparisons.

Add filter

Use this option to add or hide the cell labeled **Filter** above the pivot table results. This conveniently provides additional filtering options within the pivot table. For more information, see “Filtering” on page 27.

✓ Note

The filtering provided through the **Add filter** option is independent of the filtering provided by including fields in the *Filters* area of the Pivot Table Layout dialog.

Enable drill to details

With this option enabled, if you double-click on a single data cell in the pivot table result, including a cell produced from **Total columns** or **Total rows**, a new sheet opens giving a detailed listing of the individual entry. If you double-click on a cell in either a row or column field area, the Show Detail dialog opens (Figure 39). If this function is disabled, the double-click will keep its usual edit function within a spreadsheet. For more information, see “Drilling (showing details)” on page 26.

Source

The **Selection** field in this area shows the sheet name and the range of cells containing the raw data for the pivot table. If the source spreadsheet contains any named ranges, these can be selected through the **Named range** option.

Destination

The controls in this area define where the result will be shown.

Selecting **New sheet** adds a new sheet to the spreadsheet file and places the results there. The new sheet is named using the format **Pivot Table_sheetname_X**; where X is the number of the table created, 1 for first, 2 for the second, and so on. For a sheet named Sales List, the new sheet for the first pivot table produced would be named **Pivot Table_Sales List_1**. Each new sheet is inserted next to the source sheet.

If the target spreadsheet contains any named ranges, these can be selected with the **Named range** option.

The **Selection** field in this area shows the sheet name and the range of cells for the pivot table’s results.



Tip

To display the pivot table on the same sheet as the raw data, check the **Selection** option in the *Destination* area, click the **Shrink** button to the right of the *Selection* field, click at an appropriate cell in an empty area of the sheet, click the **Expand** button, and click **OK** on the Pivot Table Layout dialog.

More settings for the fields: Field options

The options discussed in the previous section are valid for the pivot table in general. You can also change settings for any field that is currently included in the pivot table layout. Change a field’s settings by double-clicking that field within the *Filters*, *Column Fields*, *Row Fields*, or *Data Fields* areas of the Pivot Table Layout dialog. Double-clicking a field within the *Available Fields* area has no effect. The options available for fields in the *Data Fields* area differ from those for fields in the other three areas.

Options for data fields

Double-click a field in the *Data Fields* area of the Pivot Table Layout dialog to access the Data Field dialog shown in Figure 8.

In the Data Field dialog, you can select the function to be used to accumulate the values from the data source. While you often use the Sum function, other functions (like standard deviation or a counting function) are also available. For example, the counting function can be useful for non-numerical data fields.

Select the **Show items without data** option to include empty columns and rows in the results table.

Click the expansion symbol (plus sign or triangle) to expand the *Displayed value* section of the dialog.

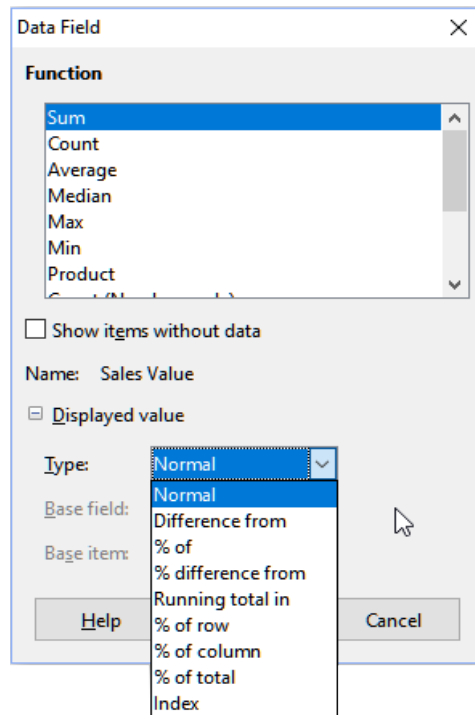


Figure 8: Expanded dialog for a data field

In the *Displayed value* section, you can choose other possibilities for analysis using the aggregate function. Depending on the setting for *Type*, you may have to choose definitions for the *Base field* and *Base item*.

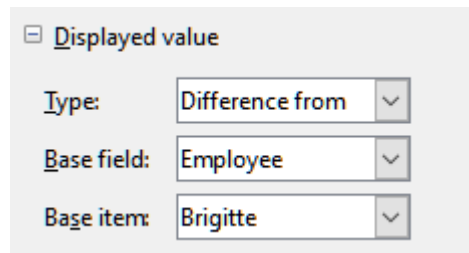


Figure 9: Example choices for Base field and Base item

Table 1 lists the possible types of displayed value and associated base field and base item, together with notes on usage.

Table 1: Description of Displayed value options on the Data Field dialog

Type	Base field	Base item	Analysis
Normal	—	—	Simple use of the chosen aggregate function (for example, Sum).
Difference from	Selection of a field from the data source of the pivot table (for example, Employee).	Selection of an element from the selected base field (for example, Brigitte)	The result is the difference between the result of the base field and the base item (for example, sales volume of the other employees against the sales volume of Brigitte; see Figure 10). If previous item or next item is specified as the <i>Base item</i> , the reference value is the result for the next visible member of the base field, in the base field's sort order.

Type	Base field	Base item	Analysis
% of	Selection of a field from the data source of the pivot table (for example, Employee)	Selection of an element from the selected base field (for example, Brigitte)	The result is a percentage ratio of the value of the base field to the base item (for example, sales result of the other employees relative to the sales result of Brigitte; see Figure 11). If previous item or next item is specified as the <i>Base item</i> , the reference value is the result for the next visible member of the base field, in the base field's sort order.
% difference from	Selection of a field from the data source of the pivot table (for example, Employee)	Selection of an element from the selected base field (for example, Brigitte)	From each result, its reference value is subtracted, and the difference is divided by the reference value (for example, sales of the other employees as a relative difference from the sales of Brigitte; see Figure 12). If previous item or next item is specified as the <i>Base item</i> , the reference value is the result for the next visible member of the base field, in the base field's sort order.
Running total in	Selection of a field from the data source of the pivot table (for example, Date)	—	Each result is added to the sum of the results for preceding items in the base field, in the base field's sort order, and the total sum is shown. Results are always summed, even if a different summary function was used to get each result.
% of row	—	—	The result is a percentage of the value of the whole row (for example, the row sum).
% of column	—	—	The result is a percentage of the total column value (for example, the column sum).
% of total	—	—	The result is a percentage of the overall result (for example, the total sum).
Index	—	—	(Default result x total result) / (row total x column total)

Sum - Sales Value	Data				
Category	▼ Brigitte	Fritz	Hans	Kurt	Ute
Golf	\$26,961	\$46,839	\$17,941	\$28,346	\$36,127
Sailing	\$24,422	\$19,976	\$14,060	\$20,814	\$30,580
Tennis	\$17,721	\$38,638	\$30,467	\$27,675	\$28,198
Total Result	\$69,104	\$105,453	\$62,468	\$76,835	\$94,905

Sum - Sales Value	Data				
Category	▼ Brigitte	Fritz	Hans	Kurt	Ute
Golf		\$19,878	-\$9,020	\$1,385	\$9,166
Sailing		-\$4,446	-\$10,362	-\$3,608	\$6,158
Tennis		\$20,917	\$12,746	\$9,954	\$10,477
Total Result		\$36,349	-\$6,636	\$7,731	\$25,801

Figure 10: Original pivot table (top) and a **Difference from** example (bottom)

Sum - Sales Value	Data				
Category	▼ Brigitte	Fritz	Hans	Kurt	Ute
Golf	100.00%	173.73%	66.54%	105.14%	134.00%
Sailing	100.00%	81.80%	57.57%	85.23%	125.21%
Tennis	100.00%	218.04%	171.93%	156.17%	159.12%
Total Result	100.00%	152.60%	90.40%	111.19%	137.34%

Figure 11: Example of a **% of** analysis

Sum - Sales Value	Data				
Category	▼ Brigitte	Fritz	Hans	Kurt	Ute
Golf		73.73%	-33.46%	5.14%	34.00%
Sailing		-18.20%	-42.43%	-14.77%	25.21%
Tennis		118.04%	71.93%	56.17%	59.12%
Total Result		52.60%	-9.60%	11.19%	37.34%

Figure 12: Example of **% difference from** analysis

Options for row and column fields

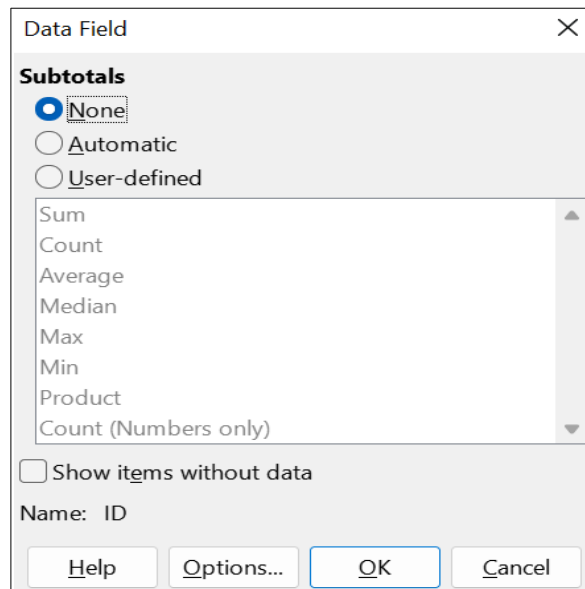


Figure 13: Data Field dialog for a row or column field

Double-click a field in the *Row* or *Column Fields* areas of the Pivot Table Layout dialog to access the Data Field dialog shown in Figure 13.

In the Data Field dialog for a row or column field, you can choose to show subtotals for each category. Subtotals are deactivated by default. Subtotals are useful only if the values in one row or column field can be divided into subtotals for another (sub)field.

Some examples are shown in Figures 14, 15, and 16.

Sum - Sales Value	Category			
Region	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
East	\$41,971	\$22,484	\$35,966	\$100,421
North	\$18,741	\$22,468	\$34,533	\$75,742
South	\$56,257	\$44,801	\$34,258	\$135,316
West	\$39,245	\$20,099	\$37,942	\$97,286
Total Result	\$156,214	\$109,852	\$142,699	\$408,765

Figure 14: No subdivision with only one row or column field

Sum - Sales Value	Category				
Region	Employee	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
East	Brigitte	\$5,822	\$2,135	\$4,872	\$12,829
	Fritz	\$15,172	\$5,730	\$12,455	\$33,357
	Hans	\$5,316	\$909	\$12,220	\$18,445
	Kurt	\$9,707	\$6,475	\$2,417	\$18,599
	Ute	\$5,954	\$7,235	\$4,002	\$17,191
North	Brigitte	\$3,814	\$10,151	\$3,985	\$17,950
	Fritz	\$3,443	\$2,698	\$9,115	\$15,256
	Hans	\$3,049	\$3,008	\$5,361	\$11,418
	Kurt	\$2,214	\$3,485	\$10,499	\$16,198
	Ute	\$6,221	\$3,126	\$5,573	\$14,920
South	Brigitte	\$5,151	\$4,432		\$9,583
	Fritz	\$23,290	\$4,806	\$15,641	\$43,737
	Hans	\$4,196	\$9,263	\$3,858	\$17,317
	Kurt	\$11,681	\$7,270	\$14,759	\$33,710
	Ute	\$11,939	\$19,030		\$30,969
West	Brigitte	\$12,174	\$7,704	\$8,864	\$28,742
	Fritz	\$4,934	\$6,742	\$1,427	\$13,103
	Hans	\$5,380	\$880	\$9,028	\$15,288
	Kurt	\$4,744	\$3,584		\$8,328
	Ute	\$12,013	\$1,189	\$18,623	\$31,825
Total Result		\$156,214	\$109,852	\$142,699	\$408,765

Figure 15: Division of the regions for employees (two row fields) without subtotals

Sum - Sales Value		Category			
Region	Employee	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
East	Brigitte	\$5,822	\$2,135	\$4,872	\$12,829
	Fritz	\$15,172	\$5,730	\$12,455	\$33,357
	Hans	\$5,316	\$909	\$12,220	\$18,445
	Kurt	\$9,707	\$6,475	\$2,417	\$18,599
	Ute	\$5,954	\$7,235	\$4,002	\$17,191
East Sum - Sales Value		\$41,971	\$22,484	\$35,966	\$100,421
North	Brigitte	\$3,814	\$10,151	\$3,985	\$17,950
	Fritz	\$3,443	\$2,698	\$9,115	\$15,256
	Hans	\$3,049	\$3,008	\$5,361	\$11,418
	Kurt	\$2,214	\$3,485	\$10,499	\$16,198
	Ute	\$6,221	\$3,126	\$5,573	\$14,920
North Sum - Sales Value		\$18,741	\$22,468	\$34,533	\$75,742
South	Brigitte	\$5,151	\$4,432		\$9,583
	Fritz	\$23,290	\$4,806	\$15,641	\$43,737
	Hans	\$4,196	\$9,263	\$3,858	\$17,317
	Kurt	\$11,681	\$7,270	\$14,759	\$33,710
	Ute	\$11,939	\$19,030		\$30,969
South Sum - Sales Value		\$56,257	\$44,801	\$34,258	\$135,316
West	Brigitte	\$12,174	\$7,704	\$8,864	\$28,742
	Fritz	\$4,934	\$6,742	\$1,427	\$13,103
	Hans	\$5,380	\$880	\$9,028	\$15,288
	Kurt	\$4,744	\$3,584		\$8,328
	Ute	\$12,013	\$1,189	\$18,623	\$31,825
West Sum - Sales Value		\$39,245	\$20,099	\$37,942	\$97,286
Total Result		\$156,214	\$109,852	\$142,699	\$408,765

Figure 16: Division of the regions for employees with subtotals (by region)

To calculate subtotals that can also be used for the data fields (see above), select the **Automatic** option in the *Subtotals* section of the Data Field dialog.

You can choose the type of subtotal to use by selecting **User-defined** and then clicking the type of subtotal you want to calculate from the list. Functions in this list are only available when **User-defined** is selected.

Normally, the pivot table does not show a row or column for categories that have no entries in the underlying database. By choosing the **Show items without data** option, you can force these to be displayed.

For illustration purposes, the data was manipulated in such a way that the employee Brigitte has no sales values for the Golf category.

Employee	Brigitte		
Sum - Sales Value	Category		
Region	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
East	\$2,135	\$4,872	\$7,007
North	\$10,151	\$3,985	\$14,136
South	\$4,432		\$4,432
West	\$7,704	\$8,864	\$16,568
Total Result	\$24,422	\$17,721	\$42,143

Figure 17: Default setting

Employee	Brigitte			
Sum - Sales Value	Category			
Region	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
East		\$2,135	\$4,872	\$7,007
North		\$10,151	\$3,985	\$14,136
South		\$4,432		\$4,432
West		\$7,704	\$8,864	\$16,568
Total Result		\$24,422	\$17,721	\$42,143

Figure 18: Setting **Show items without data**

Click the **Options** button on the Data Field dialog to access the Data Field Options dialog (Figure 19). Use this dialog to specify additional options for fields in the *Column* and *Row Fields* areas of the Pivot Table Layout dialog.

Figure 19: Data Field Options dialog

The following options are provided:

- **Sort by.** Select the data field that you want to sort columns or rows by. **Ascending** sorts the values from the lowest value to the highest value. If the selected field is the field for which the dialog was opened, the items are sorted by name. If a data field was selected, the items are sorted by the resultant value of the selected data field. Similarly **Descending** sorts the values descending from the highest value to the lowest value. **Manual** sorts values alphabetically.

- **Display Options.** You can specify the display options for all row fields except for the last, innermost row field. Select from the *Layout* drop-down list to select the layout mode for the field in the list box. Select the **Empty line after each item** option to add an empty row after the data for each item in the pivot table. Select or deselect the **Repeat item labels** option as required.
- **Show Automatically.** This feature displays the top or bottom *nn* items when you sort by a specified field. Click the **Show** option to turn on the automatic show feature and enter the maximum number of items that you want to show automatically. The *From* drop-down list selects the top or bottom items in the specified sort order. The *Using field* drop-down list selects the data field by which to sort the data.
- **Hide Items.** Use these options to select the items to hide from the calculations.
- **Hierarchy.** Select the hierarchy to use, when the field has multiple hierarchies. The pivot table must be based on external source data that contains data hierarchies. For the majority of users, Calc does not provide multiple hierarchies for a single field and so this option is normally grayed. If you use a pivot table data source extension, that extension could define multiple hierarchies for some fields and then the option could become available. See the documentation supplied with that extension for more details.

Options for filter fields

The Data Field dialog for fields in the *Filters* area is the same as for fields in the *Row* and *Column Fields* areas, even though it appears to be useless to have the same settings as described for the row and column fields. With the flexibility of the pivot table, you can switch the different fields between filters, columns, or rows. The fields keep the settings that you gave them. The filter field has the same properties as a row or column field. These settings only take effect when you use the field not as a filter field but as a row or column field.

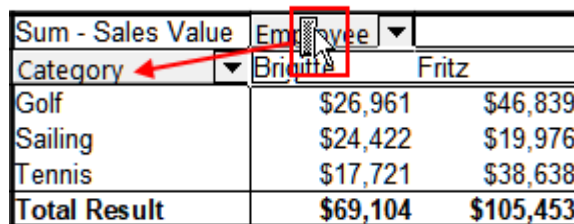
Working with the results of the pivot table

The Pivot Table Layout dialog is very flexible and a pivot table can be totally restructured with only a few mouse clicks.

Changing the layout

The layout of the pivot table can be changed quickly and easily by using drag-and-drop. With the Pivot Table Layout dialog open, fields can be dragged around from *Row Fields*, *Column Fields*, *Filters*, and *Data Fields* areas to any position you want to put them, and then dropped. Unused fields can also be added, and fields removed in error can be replaced by dragging and dropping them into the positions required.

Some manipulation can also be carried out in the results view of the pivot table. Within the results of the pivot table, drag one of the filters, column, or row fields to a different position. The mouse pointer will change shape from its starting shape (horizontal or vertical block on the arrow head) to the opposite if moving to a different field, such as from row to column, where it can be dropped.



Sum - Sales Value	Employee	
Category	Briette	Fritz
Golf	\$26,961	\$46,839
Sailing	\$24,422	\$19,976
Tennis	\$17,721	\$38,638
Total Result	\$69,104	\$105,453

Figure 20: Drag a column field - note the pointer shape

Employee ▼	Category ▼	Sum - Sales Value
Brigitte	Golf	\$26,961
	Sailing	\$24,422
	Tennis	\$17,721
Fritz	Golf	\$46,839
	Sailing	\$19,976
	Tennis	\$38,638
Hans	Golf	\$17,941
	Sailing	\$14,060
	Tennis	\$30,467
Kurt	Golf	\$28,346
	Sailing	\$20,814
	Tennis	\$27,675
Ute	Golf	\$36,127
	Sailing	\$30,580
	Tennis	\$28,198
Total Result		\$408,765

Figure 21: Result of dragging column field (see Figure 20)

Sum - Sales Value	Employee ▼	
Category ▼	Brigitte	Fritz
Golf	\$26,961	\$46,839
Sailing	\$24,422	\$19,976
Tennis	\$17,721	\$38,638
Total Result	\$69,104	\$105,453

Figure 22: Drag a row field - note the pointer shape

You can remove a column, row, or filter field from the pivot table by clicking on it and dragging it out of the table. The mouse pointer changes to that shown in Figure 23. A field removed cannot be recovered, without returning to the Pivot Table Layout dialog to replace it.

Sum - Sales Value	Employee ▼	
Category ▼	Brigitte	Fritz
Golf	\$26,961	\$46,839
Sailing	\$24,422	\$19,976
Tennis	\$17,721	\$38,638
Total Result	\$69,104	\$105,453

Figure 23: Field dragged out of the pivot table

Grouping rows or columns of a pivot table

For many analyses or summaries, the categories have to be grouped. You can merge the results in classes. You can only carry out grouping on an ungrouped pivot table.

After selecting the correct cell area, select **Data > Group and Outline > Group** on the Menu bar, or press **F12** on the keyboard. The type of values to be grouped is what mainly determines how the grouping function works. You need to distinguish between scalar values, or other values, such as text, that you want grouped.

Note

Before you can group, you have to produce a pivot table with ungrouped data. The time needed for creating a pivot table depends mostly on the number of columns and rows and not on the size of the basic data. Through grouping, you can produce the pivot table with a small number of rows and columns. The pivot table can contain a lot of categories, depending on your data source.

To remove grouping again, click inside the group, then choose **Data > Group and Outline > Ungroup**, or press *Ctrl+F12*.

Grouping of categories with scalar values

For grouping scalar values, select a single cell in the row or column of the category to be grouped. Choose **Data > Group and Outline > Group** on the Menu bar or press *F12* on the keyboard; Calc displays the Grouping dialog shown in Figure 24.

You can define in which value range (*Start / End*) the grouping should take place. The default setting is the whole range, from the smallest to the largest value. In the field *Group by*, you can enter the class size, also known as the interval size.

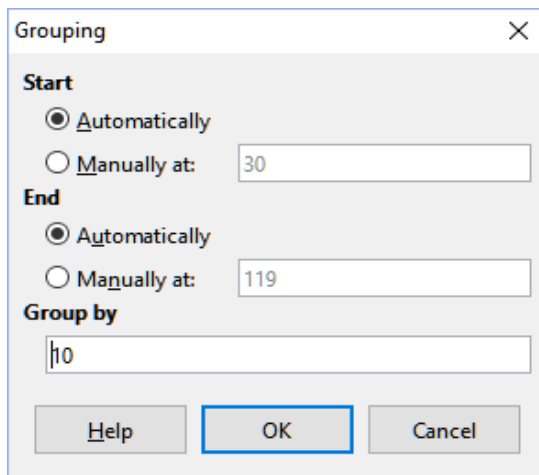


Figure 24: Grouping dialog with scalar categories

Figure 25 shows part of a pivot table created from a list containing speed measurements as a function of time. This pivot table shows the count of km/h speed measurements in the raw data.

km/h	Count - time
30	2
31	1
32	5
33	4
34	5
35	2
36	2
37	1
38	6
39	1
40	1
41	4
42	2
43	3

Figure 25: Pivot table without grouping

km/h	Count - time
30-39	29
40-49	22
50-59	23
60-69	23
70-79	18
80-89	23
90-99	18
100-109	27
110-119	35
Total Result	218

Figure 26: Pivot table with grouping

The pivot table in Figure 26 is based on the same raw data. However in this case the speed measurements are grouped into intervals of 10 km/h.

Grouping of categories with date / time values

For grouping date / time values, select a single cell in the row or column of the category to be grouped. Choose **Data > Group and Outline > Group** on the Menu bar or press *F12* on the keyboard; Calc displays the Grouping dialog shown in Figure 27.

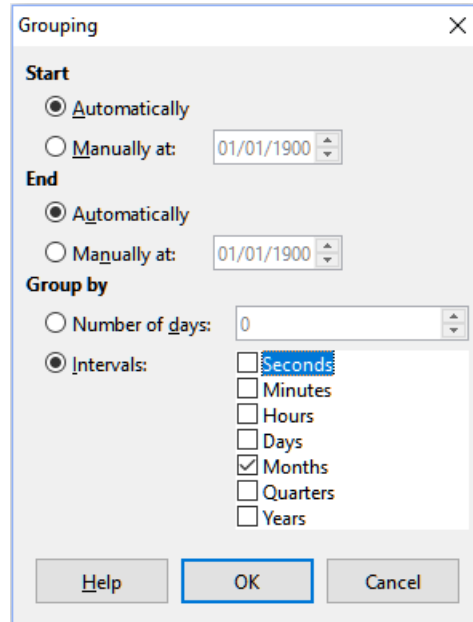


Figure 27: Grouping dialog for date/time categories

You can define in which value range (*Start / End*) the grouping should take place. The default setting is the whole range, from the smallest to the largest value. In the field *Group by*, you can enter the class size, also known as the interval size. In this case, you can select one of the predefined time intervals (**Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Months, Quarters, or Years**) as an alternative to explicitly specifying a time interval in days.

Figure 28 shows a pivot table configured to show the daily sales in the North region.

Figure 29 shows the same data but configured to show the monthly sales in the North region.

Sum - Sales Value	Region	
Date	North	Total Result
01/02/08	\$410	\$410
01/15/08	\$1,858	\$1,858
01/17/08	\$4,842	\$4,842
01/25/08	\$4,263	\$4,263
01/27/08	\$2,095	\$2,095
01/30/08	\$1,260	\$1,260
02/02/08	\$734	\$734
02/06/08	\$3,443	\$3,443
02/13/08	\$204	\$204
03/03/08	\$3,985	\$3,985
03/06/08	\$1,379	\$1,379
03/18/08	\$3,814	\$3,814
03/20/08	\$918	\$918
04/02/08	\$1,355	\$1,355
04/03/08	\$576	\$576
04/06/08	\$3,705	\$3,705
04/07/08	\$3,126	\$3,126
04/13/08	\$498	\$498
04/19/08	\$4,101	\$4,101
04/22/08	\$4,276	\$4,276
04/24/08	\$3,008	\$3,008
04/25/08	\$2,564	\$2,564
05/15/08	\$520	\$520
05/30/08	\$2,214	\$2,214
06/10/08	\$4,839	\$4,839
06/15/08	\$3,404	\$3,404
06/20/08	\$3,617	\$3,617
06/22/08	\$2,987	\$2,987
06/28/08	\$3,049	\$3,049
06/29/08	\$2,698	\$2,698
Total Result	\$75,742	\$75,742

Figure 28: Pivot table without grouping

Sum - Sales	Region	
Date	North	Total Result
Jan	\$14,728	\$14,728
Feb	\$4,381	\$4,381
Mar	\$10,096	\$10,096
Apr	\$23,209	\$23,209
May	\$2,734	\$2,734
Jun	\$20,594	\$20,594
Total Result	\$75,742	\$75,742

Figure 29: Pivot table with grouping

Grouping without automatic creation of intervals

It is not possible to create intervals for some categories (for example, those containing text fields). However, for such fields, it is possible to define which values are put together in one group.

For grouping of these categories, select in the results of the pivot table all the individual field values that you want to put together in the group. With more than one cell selected, choose **Data > Group and Outline > Group** on the Menu bar, or press **F12** on the keyboard, to group the selected cells.

i Tip

You can select several non-contiguous cells by pressing and holding the *Control* key while clicking with the mouse.

Given the input data shown in Figure 30, create a pivot table with Department in the *Row Fields* area and Sum – Sick days in the *Data Fields* area. The result should be as shown in Figure 31.

Last name	First name	Department	Sick days
Meier	Hans	Sales	7
Muller	Karin	Accounting	7
Schuster	Josef	Purchasing	3
Huber	Ema	Purchasing	3
Aigner	Hermann	Production	7
Schulze	Josef	Production	7
Schroder	Gerhard	Production	4
Forster	Inge	Assembly	4
Meier	Gunter	Assembly	1
Gabriel	Juri	Warehouse	0
Schumacher	Helmut	Warehouse	5

Figure 30: Database with text categories

Department	Sum - Sick days
Accounting	7
Assembly	5
Production	18
Purchasing	6
Sales	7
Warehouse	5
Total Result	48

Figure 31: Pivot table with text categories

In the results of the pivot table select Accounting, Purchasing, and Sales in the Department column. Select **Data > Group and Outline > Group** on the Menu bar or press *F12* on the keyboard. The pivot table result updates to reflect the new group, as shown in Figure 32.

Department2	Department	Sum - Sick days
Assembly	Assembly	5
Group1	Accounting	7
	Purchasing	6
	Sales	7
Production	Production	18
Warehouse	Warehouse	5
Total Result		48

Figure 32: Summary of single categories in one group

In the updated pivot table result, select Assembly, Production, and Warehouse in the Department column. Select **Data > Group and Outline > Group** on the Menu bar or press *F12* on the keyboard. The pivot table updates again to reflect the new group, as shown in Figure 33.

You can change the default names for the groups and the newly created group field by editing the name in the input field (for example changing Group2 to Technical). The pivot table will remember these settings, even if you change the layout later on.

Department2 ▼	Department ▼	Sum - Sick days
Group1	Accounting	7
	Purchasing	6
	Sales	7
Group2	Assembly	5
	Production	18
	Warehouse	5
Total Result		48

Figure 33: Grouping finished

To add partial sums for the groups, right-click the results of the pivot table and select the **Properties** option. Double-click the **Department2** entry in the *Row Fields* area and select the **Automatic** option on the Data Field dialog (Figure 13). Click the two **OK** buttons and the pivot table is updated to include the partial sums for the groups, as shown in Figure 34.

Department2 ▼	Department ▼	Sum - Sick days
Group1	Accounting	7
	Purchasing	6
	Sales	7
Group1 Result		20
Technical	Assembly	5
	Production	18
	Warehouse	5
Technical Result		28
Total Result		48

Figure 34: Renamed group and partial results

If it is not enabled already, select the **Enable drill to details** option on the Pivot Table Layout dialog. Double-click the Group 1 and Technical entries in the Department2 column to collapse/expand the group entries (for example, Figure 35 shows both groups collapsed).

Department2 ▼	Sum - Sick days
Group1	20
Technical	28
Total Result	48

Figure 35: Reduced to the new groups

✓ Note

A well-structured database makes manual sorting within the pivot table obsolete. In the example shown, you could add another column with the name Department, that has the correct entry for each person based on whether the employee's department belongs to the group Office or Technical. The mapping for this (1:n relationship) can be done easily with the VLOOKUP() function.

Sorting the result

The results of a pivot table are by default sorted so that categories in columns and rows are presented in ascending order. There are three ways to change the sorting order:

- Select a sort order in the drop-down menu on a column's heading.
- Sort manually by using drag and drop.
- Select a sort order through the Data Field Options dialog for the appropriate row or column field (Figure 19).

Select sort order from drop-down menus on each column heading

The simplest way to sort entries is to click the arrow on the right side of the column heading for a row or column field, and select one of the three sorting options (Figure 36):

- Sort Ascending
- Sort Descending
- Custom Sort

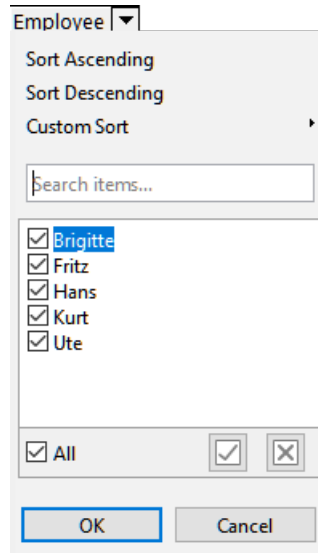


Figure 36: Column sorting and filtering dialog

Selecting the **Custom Sort** option sorts according to one of the predefined custom sorts defined in **Tools > Options > LibreOffice Calc > Sort Lists**. See Chapter 2, Entering, Editing, and Formatting Data for more information about creating and using sort lists.

This dialog also provides facilities for simple filtering of the data in the pivot table. Check the required individual boxes to select the data displayed in the results of the pivot table. Options are provided to show all, show only the current item, or hide only the current item. Click **OK** to activate the selected filtering. Once filtering has been carried out, the color of the arrow changes to white on a blue background, and a small white square is added to the bottom right of the arrow button (Figure 37).

Sum - Sales Value	Employee	Category	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result	
East	Brigitte	Golf	\$5,822	\$2,135	\$4,872	\$12,829
North	Brigitte		\$3,814	\$10,151	\$3,985	\$17,950
South	Brigitte		\$5,151	\$4,432		\$9,583
West	Brigitte		\$12,174	\$7,704	\$8,864	\$28,742
Total Result			\$26,961	\$24,422	\$17,721	\$69,104

Figure 37: Arrow color change and indicator square on column heading

Sort manually by using drag and drop

You can change the order within the categories by moving the cells with the category values in the results of the pivot table. The dragged cell is inserted before the cell on which you drop it.

Be aware that in Calc, a cell must be selected, it is not enough that the cursor is in the cell. The background of a selected cell is marked with a different color. To mark a single cell do one of the following:

- Click, then *Shift*+click the cell.

- Press the mouse button, drag a range across two cells, do not release the mouse button, and then drag back to the first cell. Release the mouse button. You can now move the individual cell by drag and drop.

To select several cells, mark one cell with no extra key pressed, then press the *Shift* or *Ctrl* key while clicking in other cells.

Sort automatically

To sort automatically, right-click within the pivot table and choose **Properties**. This will open the Pivot Table Layout dialog (Figure 2). Double-click the row or column field you want to sort. In the Data Field dialog which opens (Figure 13), click **Options** to display the Data Field Options dialog (Figure 19).

For *Sort by*, choose either **Ascending**, **Descending**, or **Manual**. If the selected field is the field for which the dialog was opened, the items are sorted by name. If a data field was selected, the items are sorted by the resultant value of the selected data field. **Ascending** sorts the values from the lowest value to the highest value. Similarly **Descending** sorts the values descending from the highest value to the lowest value. **Manual** sorts values alphabetically.

Drilling (showing details)

Use drilling to show the related detailed data for a single, compressed value in the pivot table result. This facility is available only if you selected the **Enable drill to details** option on the Pivot Table Layout dialog.

To activate a drill, double-click on the cell or choose **Data > Group and Outline > Show Details**. There are two possibilities:

- The active cell is a row or column field. In this case, drill means an additional breakdown into the categories of another field. For example, double-click on the cell with the value Golf. In this instance, the values that are aggregated within Golf can be subdivided using another field.

Sum - Sales Value	Region				
Category	East	North	South	West	Total Result
Golf	\$41,971	\$18,741	\$56,257	\$39,245	\$156,214
Sailing	\$22,484	\$22,468	\$44,801	\$20,099	\$109,852
Tennis	\$35,966	\$34,533	\$34,258	\$37,942	\$142,699
Total Result	\$100,421	\$75,742	\$135,316	\$97,286	\$408,765

Figure 38: Before the drill down for Golf

The Show Detail dialog appears allowing you to select the field to use for further subdivision. In this example, **Employee**.

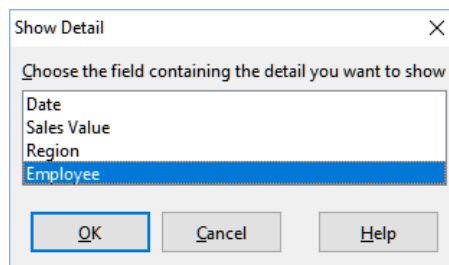


Figure 39: Selecting the field for the subdivision

Sum - Sales Value		Region				
Category	Employ	East	North	South	West	Total Result
Golf	Brigitte	\$5,822	\$3,814	\$5,151	\$12,174	\$26,961
	Fritz	\$15,172	\$3,443	\$23,290	\$4,934	\$46,839
	Hans	\$5,316	\$3,049	\$4,196	\$5,380	\$17,941
	Kurt	\$9,707	\$2,214	\$11,681	\$4,744	\$28,346
	Ute	\$5,954	\$6,221	\$11,939	\$12,013	\$36,127
Sailing		\$22,484	\$22,468	\$44,801	\$20,099	\$109,852
Tennis		\$35,966	\$34,533	\$34,258	\$37,942	\$142,699
Total Result		\$100,421	\$75,742	\$135,316	\$97,286	\$408,765

Figure 40: After the drill down

To hide the details again, double-click on the cell Golf or choose **Data > Group and Outline > Hide Details**.

The pivot table remembers your selection (in our example the field **Employee**) by adding and hiding the selected field so that for the next drill-down for a field in the **Category** column the dialog does not appear. To remove the selection **Employee**, open the Pivot Table Layout dialog and delete the unwanted selection in the *Row or Column Fields* area.

- The active cell is a data field. In this case, drill-down results in a listing of all data entries of the data source that aggregate to this value.
- In our example, if we double-click on the cell with the value \$18,741 from Figure 38, we would have a new list of all data sets that are included in this value. This list is displayed in a new sheet.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Date	Sales Value	Category	Region	Employee
2	02/06/08	\$3,443	Golf	North	Fritz
3	03/18/08	\$3,814	Golf	North	Brigitte
4	01/17/08	\$4,842	Golf	North	Ute
5	06/28/08	\$3,049	Golf	North	Hans
6	03/06/08	\$1,379	Golf	North	Ute
7	05/30/08	\$2,214	Golf	North	Kurt

Figure 41: New sheet after the drill down for a value in a data field

Filtering

To limit the pivot table analysis to a subset of the information that is contained in the data basis, you can filter the pivot table results.

✓ Note

An AutoFilter or Standard Filter used on the sheet containing the raw data has no effect on the pivot table analysis process. The pivot table always uses the complete list that was selected when it was started.

To do this, click the **Filter** button at the top left above the results, or right-click in the results and select **Filter** in the context menu.

✓ Note

The **Filter** button is available only if the **Add filter** option on the Pivot Table Layout dialog is selected.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Filter						
2							
3	Sum - Sales	Employee					
4	Region	Brigitte	Fritz	Hans	Kurt	Ute	Total Result
5	East	\$12,829	\$33,357	\$18,445	\$18,599	\$17,191	\$100,421
6	North	\$17,950	\$15,256	\$11,418	\$16,198	\$14,920	\$75,742
7	South	\$9,583	\$43,737	\$17,317	\$33,710	\$30,969	\$135,316
8	West	\$28,742	\$13,103	\$15,288	\$8,328	\$31,825	\$97,286
9	Total Result	\$69,104	\$105,453	\$62,468	\$76,835	\$94,905	\$408,765

Figure 42: Filter button in the upper left area of the pivot table

In the Filter dialog (Figure 43), you can define up to three filter options that are used in the same way as Calc's Standard Filter. The controls in the *Options* section of this dialog are similar to the equivalent controls on Calc's Standard Filter dialog – see Chapter 2, Entering, Editing, and Formatting Data for more information.

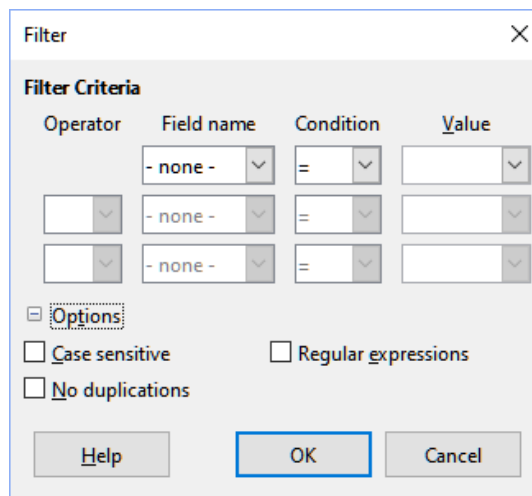


Figure 43: Dialog for defining the filter

The data presented in a pivot table can also be filtered using the drop-downs on the right hand side of column headings or by using filter fields. Filtering through column headings is described in “Select sort order from drop-down menus on each column heading” on page 25.

Filter fields (that is, fields that you placed in the *Filters* area of the Pivot Table Layout dialog) are another practical way to filter the results of the pivot table. The advantage is that the filtering criteria used are clearly visible. Click the arrow on the right side of the filter field button to access the associated filtering dialog (Figure 44).

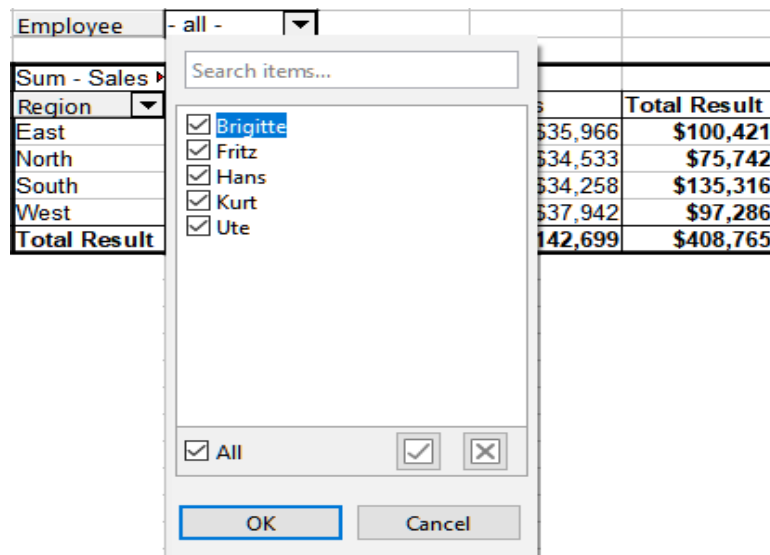


Figure 44: Filter field filtering dialog

The text adjacent to a filter field button indicates the filtering status, that is “- all -” when nothing is filtered, “- multiple -” when multiple but not all items are filtered, or the value when only that value is not filtered.

Updating (refreshing) changed values

After you have created the pivot table, changes in the source data do not cause an automatic update in the resulting table. You must update (refresh) the pivot table manually after changing any of the underlying data values.

Changes in the source data could appear in two ways:

- The content of existing data sets has been changed.
For example, you might have changed a sales value. To update the pivot table, left-click in the results area and choose **Data > Pivot Table > Refresh** on the Menu bar, or right-click in the results area and choose **Refresh** in the context menu.
- You have added or deleted data sets in the original list.
In this case, the change means that the pivot table has to use a different area of the spreadsheet for its analysis. If a simple addition to the list was made (for example, a new sale from a different employee was inserted), it is possible to update the pivot table by changing the range in the *Selection* field in the *Source* area of the Pivot Table Layout dialog. In the case of more complex changes to the data set collection, you must redo the pivot table from the beginning.

Cell formatting

The cells in the results area of the pivot table are automatically formatted by Calc. You can change this formatting using all the tools in Calc. However, if you make any change in the design of the pivot table using direct formatting, the formatting will return to that applied automatically by Calc when the table is next refreshed.

On creating a pivot table, six standard cell styles are added to the list of styles in the document if they are not included already. Each of these styles is applied to part of the pivot table. You can customize these pivot table styles. The pivot table styles are:

- Pivot Table Category
- Pivot Table Corner

- Pivot Table Field
- Pivot Table Result
- Pivot Table Title
- Pivot Table Value

Tip

Use the pivot table styles to make sure that the format of your pivot table is not unexpectedly changed during updates and that all pivot tables in your document have the same appearance.

For the number format in the data field, Calc uses the number format that is used in the corresponding cell in the source list. In most cases, this is useful (for example, if the values are in the currency format, then the corresponding cell in the result area is also formatted as currency). However, if the result is a fraction or percentage, the pivot table does not recognize that this might be a problem; such results must either be without a unit or be displayed as a percentage. Although you can correct the number format manually, the correction stays in effect only until the next update.

Deleting a pivot table

To delete a pivot table, left-click in any cell of the pivot table and select **Data > Pivot Table > Delete** on the Menu bar, or right-click in any cell of the pivot table and select **Delete** in the context menu.

Caution

If you delete a pivot table with an associated pivot chart, the pivot chart is also deleted. Calc opens a dialog box to confirm the pivot chart deletion.

Using pivot table results elsewhere

The problem

Normally, you create a reference to a value by entering the address of the cell that contains the value. For example, the formula `=C6*2` creates a reference to cell C6 and returns the doubled value. If this cell is located in the results area of the pivot table, it contains the result that was calculated by referencing specific categories of the row and column fields. In Figure 45, cell C6 contains the sum of the sales values of the employee Hans in the category Sailing. The formula in cell C12 uses this value.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Filter				
2					
3	Sum - Sales Value	Category			
4	Employee	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
5	Brigitte	\$26,961	\$24,422	\$17,721	\$69,104
6	Hans	\$17,941	\$14,060	\$30,467	\$62,468
7	Kurt	\$28,346	\$20,814	\$27,675	\$76,835
8	Ute	\$36,127	\$30,580	\$28,198	\$94,905
9	Total Result	\$109,375	\$89,876	\$104,061	\$303,312
10					
11					
12			\$28,120		

Figure 45: Formula reference to a cell of the pivot table

If the underlying data or the layout of the pivot table changes, then you must take into account that the sales value for Hans in the Sailing category might appear in a different cell. Your formula still references the cell C6 and therefore uses a wrong value. The correct value is in a different location. For example, in Figure 46, the location is now C7.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Filter				
2					
3	Sum - Sales Value	Category			
4	Employee	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result
5	Brigitte	\$26,961	\$24,422	\$17,721	\$69,104
6	Fritz	\$46,839	\$19,976	\$38,638	\$105,453
7	Hans	\$17,941	\$14,060	\$30,467	\$62,468
8	Kurt	\$28,346	\$20,814	\$27,675	\$76,835
9	Ute	\$36,127	\$30,580	\$28,198	\$94,905
10	Total Result	\$156,214	\$109,852	\$142,699	\$408,765
11					
12			\$39,952		

Figure 46: The value that you really want to use can be found now in a different location

The solution: Function GETPIVOTDATA()

Use the function GETPIVOTDATA() to have a reference to a value inside the pivot table by using the specific identifying categories for this value. This function can be used with formulas in Calc if you want to reuse the results from the pivot table elsewhere in your spreadsheet.

Syntax

The syntax has two variations:

=GETPIVOTDATA(Target Field; Pivot Table[; Field 1; Item 1][; ... [Field 126; Item 126]])

or

=GETPIVOTDATA(Pivot Table; Constraints)

The square brackets in the first variation surround optional arguments.

First syntax variation

The **Target Field** specifies which data field of the pivot table is used within the function. If your pivot table has only one data field, this entry is ignored, but you *must* enter it anyway.

If your pivot table has more than one data field, then you have to enter the field name from the underlying data source (for example "Sales Value") or the field name of the data field itself (for example "Sum – Sales Value").

The argument **Pivot Table** specifies the pivot table that you want to use. Your document may contain more than one pivot table. Enter here a cell reference that is inside the area of your pivot table. It might be a good idea to always use the upper left corner cell of your pivot table so that you can be sure that the cell will always be within your pivot table, even if the layout changes.

Example: =GETPIVOTDATA("Sales Value",A1)

If you enter only the first two arguments, then the function returns the *total* result of the pivot table ("Sum – Sales Value" entered as the field will return a value of 408,765).

You can add more arguments as pairs with **Field names** and **Elements** to retrieve specific partial sums. In the example in Figure 47, where we want to get the partial sum of Hans for Sailing, the formula in cell C12 would look like this:

=GETPIVOTDATA("Sales Value",A1,"Employee","Hans","Category","Sailing")

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Filter						
2							
3	Sum - Sales Value	Category					
4	Employee	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result		
5	Brigitte	\$26,961	\$24,422	\$17,721	\$69,104		
6	Fritz	\$46,839	\$19,976	\$38,638	\$105,453		
7	Hans	\$17,941	\$14,060	\$30,467	\$62,468		
8	Kurt	\$28,346	\$20,814	\$27,675	\$76,835		
9	Ute	\$36,127	\$30,580	\$28,198	\$94,905		
10	Total Result	\$156,214	\$109,852	\$142,699	\$408,765		
11							
12			14060				

Figure 47: First syntax variation

Second syntax variation

The argument **Pivot Table** has to be given in the same way as for the first syntax variation.

For the **Constraints**, enter a list separated by spaces to specify the value you want from the pivot table. This list must contain the name of the data field if there is more than one data field; otherwise, it is not required. To select a specific partial result, add more entries in the form of Field name[Element].

In the example in Figure 48, where we want to get the partial sum of Hans for Sailing, the formula in cell C12 would look like this:

=GETPIVOTDATA(A1,"Sales Value Employee[Hans] Category[Sailing]")

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Filter						
2							
3	Sum - Sales Value	Category					
4	Employee	Golf	Sailing	Tennis	Total Result		
5	Brigitte	\$26,961	\$24,422	\$17,721	\$69,104		
6	Fritz	\$46,839	\$19,976	\$38,638	\$105,453		
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8	Kurt	\$28,346	\$20,814	\$27,675	\$76,835		
9	Ute	\$36,127	\$30,580	\$28,198	\$94,905		
10	Total Result	\$156,214	\$109,852	\$142,699	\$408,765		
11							
12			14060				

Figure 48: Second syntax variation

When working with data sets containing date information, you must take care if you use the date information in the GETPIVOTDATA() function. The function will only recognize the date entry if it is entered into the formula in exactly the same way that it appears in the data set from which the pivot table is produced. In the example of Figure 49, an error is returned when the date format does not match that of the data. Only with the correct format is the result returned.

Sum - Cost		Date		
Name	Phone number	26/01/2010	24/02/2010	Total Result
Jones	12345678921	0.84	1.0928	1.9328
	12345678922	7.816	1.4812	9.2972
Jones Sum - Cost		8.656	2.574	11.23
Smith	12345678911	1.0038	3.7265	4.7303
	12345678912	15.911	4.4125	20.3235
Smith Sum - Cost		16.9148	8.139	25.0538
Total Result		25.5708	10.713	36.2838
Result	Formula			
#REF!	=GETPIVOTDATA(\$A\$2,"Date[26/01/10]")			
25.5708	=GETPIVOTDATA(\$A\$2,"Date[26/01/2010]")			

Figure 49: Error produced if date information is not entered correctly

Using pivot charts

Introduction

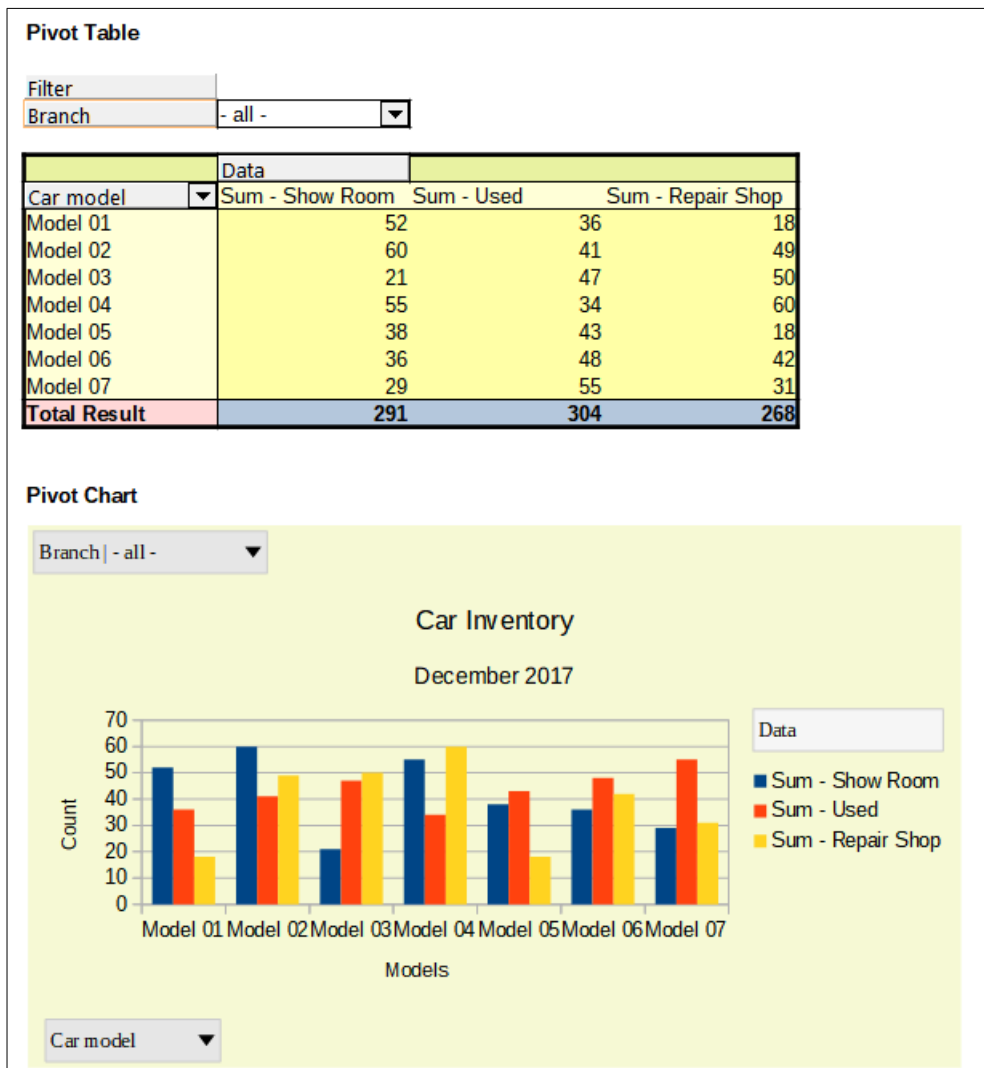


Figure 50: Sample pivot chart and associated pivot table

A pivot table is a powerful tool to reorganize, manipulate and summarize data. A pivot chart provides a visual representation of the information in a pivot table. You can create a pivot chart from the output of a pivot table and, if the pivot table gets changed, so does the pivot chart.

Pivot charts are a special case of the more general Calc charts described in Chapter 3, Creating Charts and Graphs. The main differences between pivot charts and other charts in Calc are as follows:

- A pivot chart tracks the changes in the data issued from a pivot table and Calc automatically adjusts the data series and data range of the pivot chart accordingly.
- Pivot chart buttons are provided on pivot charts. These buttons are unique to pivot charts and are not provided on Calc's normal charts. An important purpose of the buttons is to represent the layout of the underlying pivot table and they show the pivot table's fields. Buttons representing the filter fields (if present) are provided at the top of the pivot chart. Buttons representing the row fields are provided at the bottom of the pivot chart. Buttons representing the column fields are stacked in the legend at the right of the pivot chart. You can also use pivot chart buttons to filter the data displayed in the pivot chart.

Creating a pivot chart

To create a pivot chart, click inside the pivot table and select **Insert > Chart** on the Menu bar or click the **Insert Chart** icon on the Standard toolbar.

Calc automatically detects the pivot table and opens the Chart Wizard. Through the Chart Wizard, you can select the chart type and chart elements for the pivot chart. The wizard is similar to the corresponding wizard for normal charts but for pivot charts, the steps to define data range and data series are disabled.

The first step in the wizard is to select the chart type and the same options are available as for a normal chart (Figure 51).

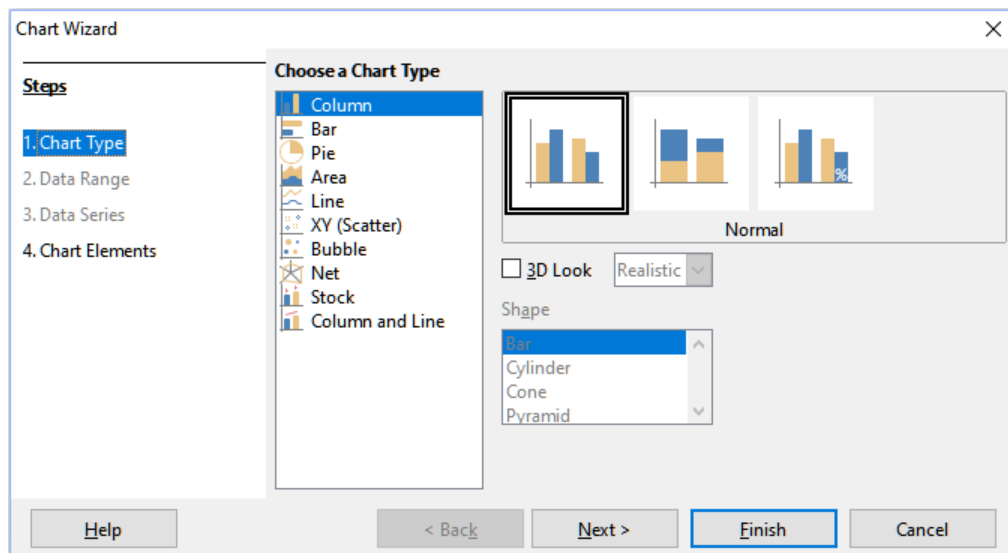


Figure 51: Select the chart type through the Chart Wizard when creating a pivot chart

The second step is to select the chart elements and these are similar to those for normal charts (Figure 52).

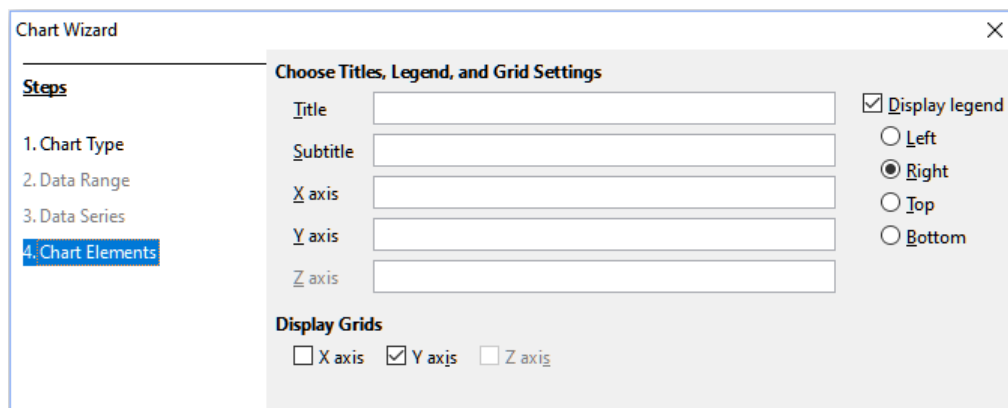


Figure 52: Enter chart elements through the Chart Wizard when creating a pivot chart

Click **Finish** to close the wizard and create the pivot chart.

Editing a pivot chart

After you have created a pivot chart, you may find that you would like to move it, change its size or improve its appearance. Calc provides tools for changing the chart type, chart elements, fonts, colors, and many other options. The facilities provided for pivot charts are the same as those available for normal charts; see Chapter 3, Creating Charts and Graphs.

Updating a pivot chart

If the source data of the pivot table changes, refresh the pivot table and the pivot chart is also updated accordingly. To refresh the pivot table (and thus the pivot chart), click in any cell within the pivot table and select **Data > Pivot Table > Refresh** on the Menu bar or select **Refresh** in the context menu.

Filtering a pivot chart

Use filters to remove unwanted data from a pivot chart.

All filters applied to a pivot table affect any linked pivot chart equally, since the table and chart show exactly the same data. The various pivot table filtering mechanisms are described in “Filtering” on page 27.

Pivot chart buttons include a down arrow to indicate that there is an associated pop-up action. If any filtering is applied, then this arrow turns from black to blue. Pivot chart buttons become operational when you double-click on the chart and a gray frame appears around the chart. This action puts the pivot chart into edit mode.

Click a filter field button located at the top of a pivot chart to access a filtering dialog similar to that shown in Figure 44. Change the filtering applied to the pivot table and pivot chart through this dialog. The right-hand section of the button's legend indicates the filtering status, that is “- all -” when nothing is filtered, “- multiple -” when multiple but not all items are filtered, or the value when only that value is not filtered.

Buttons located at the bottom and right of a pivot chart that include a downward pointing arrow provide access to a sorting and filtering dialog similar to the one shown in Figure 36. Change the sorting and filtering applied to the pivot table and pivot chart through this dialog.

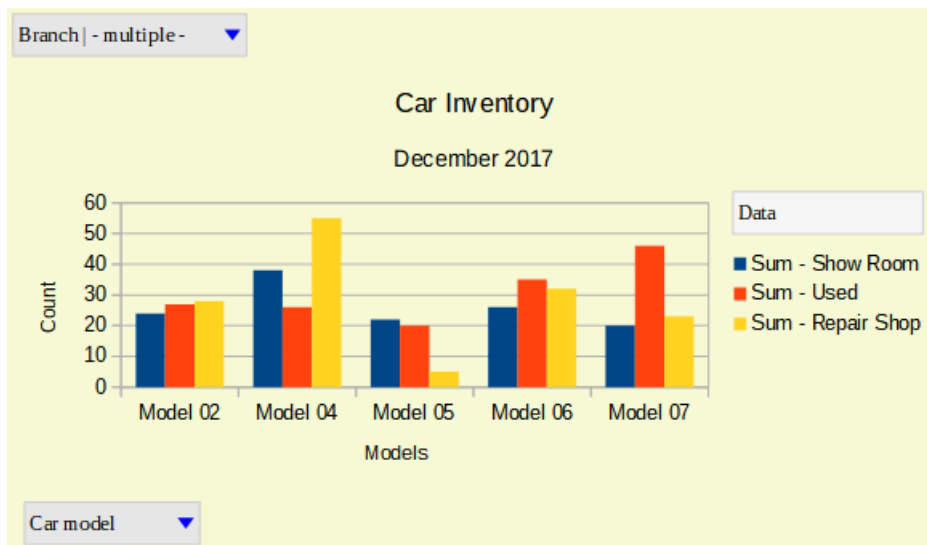


Figure 53: Filtering applied to filter and row fields

Deleting a pivot chart

To delete a pivot chart, select the chart and press *Del* on the keyboard.

✓ Note

When you delete a pivot chart, the associated pivot table is not affected.



Caution

If you delete a pivot table with an associated pivot chart, the pivot chart is also deleted. Calc opens a dialog box to confirm the pivot table deletion.
