

# How to Create a Floating Column Chart in Excel

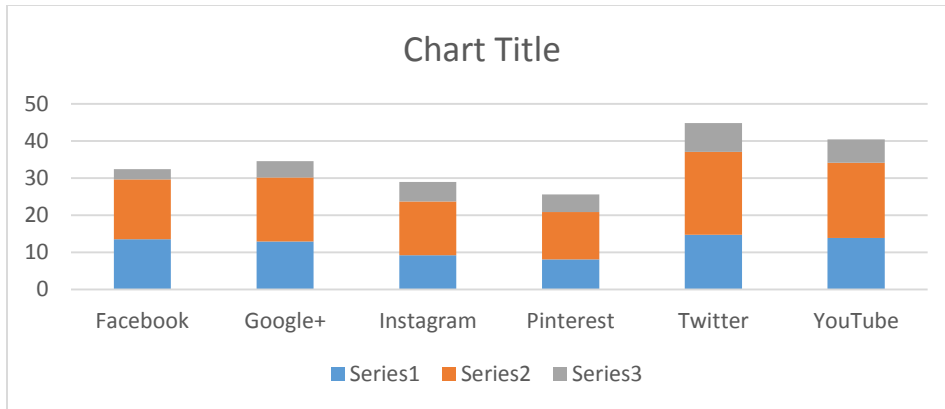
The social media channel is in column A, the lower bound for each of the social media channels is in column B, and the upper bound is in column C.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>		
2	Facebook	13.5	16.2		
3	Google+	12.9	17.3		
4	Instagram	9.2	14.5		
5	Pinterest	8.1	12.8		
6	Twitter	14.7	22.4		
7	YouTube	13.9	20.2		
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1. In column D, subtract the lower bound from the upper bound (c2-b2). Copy this formula all the way down to row 7 creating this new table.

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4	Instagram	9.2	14.5	5.3
5	Pinterest	8.1	12.8	4.7
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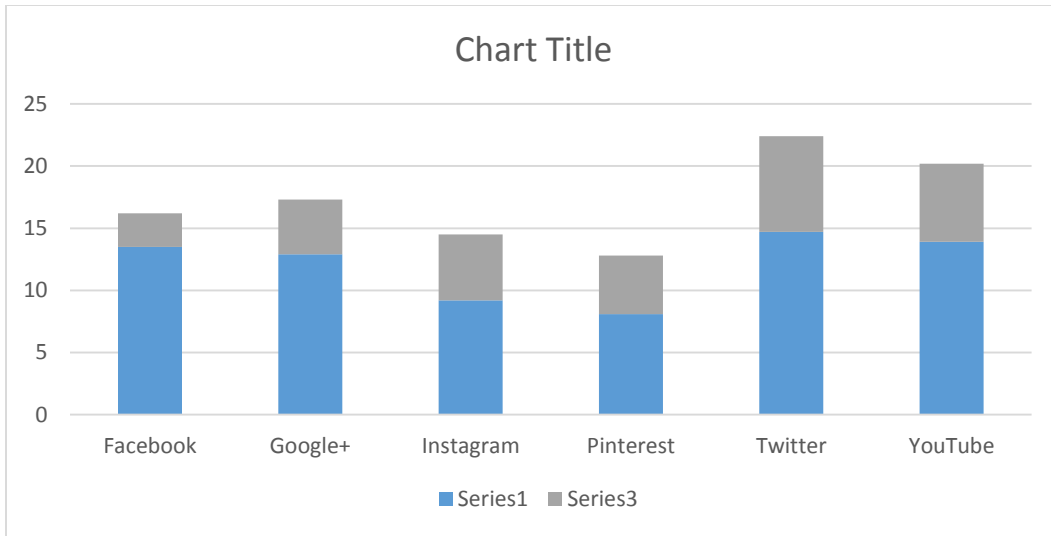
2. Select the data to be graphed (A2:D7)
3. Under the insert menu, choose the stacked column chart



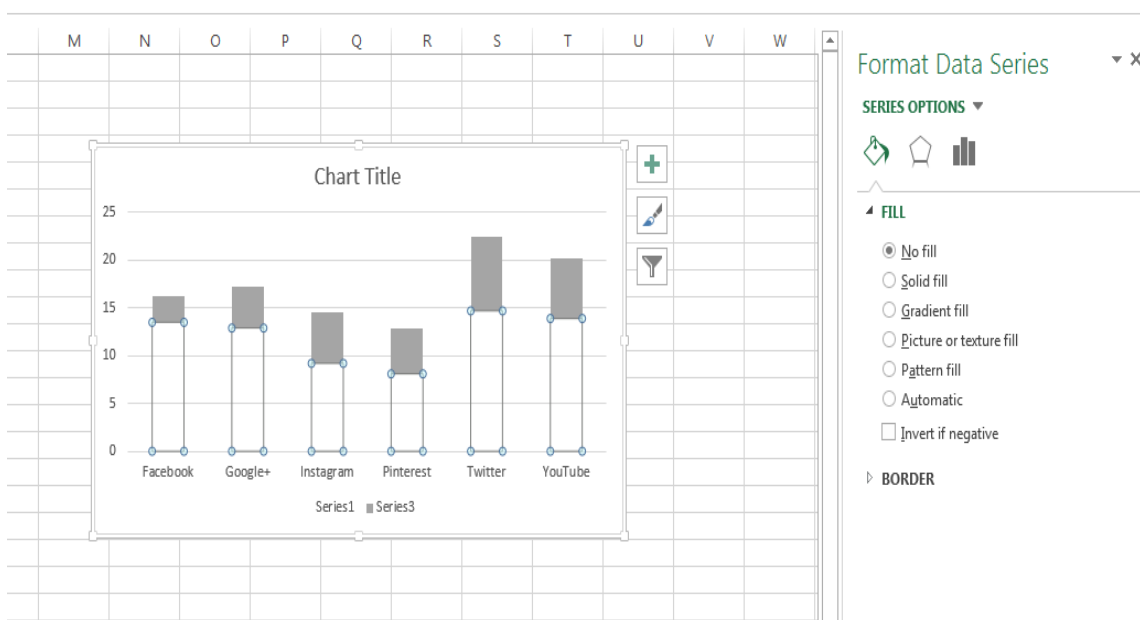
4. Locate the Chart Tools and the tab that says “Design”
5. Click on the tab that says “Select Data” as shown in the figure
6. A “Select Data Source” window will pop up as shown in the figure.
7. On the left side, uncheck the box that says “Series 2”, this is column C in your data.
8. Click “OK”

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9. The graph should only show data from series 1 and series 3.



10. Double click on the chart. A menu should appear on the right entitled “Format Chart Area”
11. On the graph highlight the bottom part (blue) part of the graph.
12. Under Series Options locate the fill button, the icon on the left.
13. Click “No fill”
14. The bottom part of each column should disappear.



15. You now have your floating bar chart. You can change the color of the floating bars if you want.
16. Add the chart title and labels for the x-axis and y-axis. Delete the legend. It is not needed.

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