

Net charts

Net charts are similar to polar or radar graphs and are useful for comparing data not in time series, but show different circumstances, such as variables in a scientific experiment. The poles of the net chart are the Y-axes of other charts. Generally, between three and eight axes are best; any more and this type of chart becomes confusing.

Stock charts

Stock charts are specialized column graphs specifically used for stocks and shares. You can choose traditional lines, candlestick, and two-column charts. The data required for these charts is specialized with series for opening price, closing price, and high and low prices. The X-axis represents a time series.

Column and line charts

A column and line chart is a combination of two other chart types. It is useful for combining two distinct, but related data series, for example sales over time (column) and the profit margin trends (line).

Entering chart data

- 1) Select the chart and then select the chart type.
- 2) Click the **Data Table** icon, or select **View > Data Table** on the Menu bar, or right-click and select **Data Table** in the context menu to open the Data Table dialog (Figure 434).
- 3) Type or paste information into the cells within the desired rows and columns in the Data Table dialog. You can also use the icons in the top left corner of the Data Table dialog to insert, delete or move data.

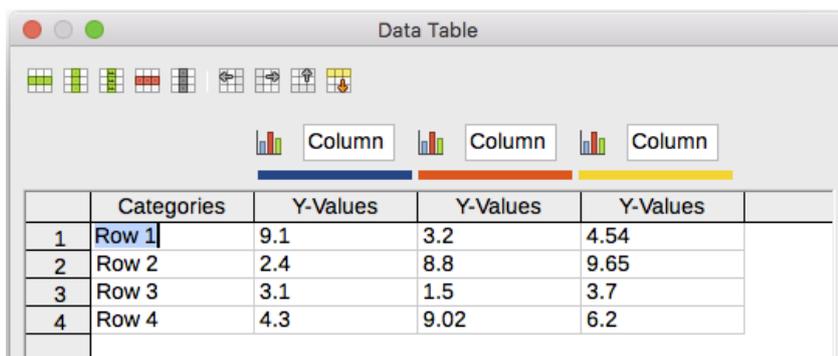


Figure 434: Chart Data Table dialog

Adding or removing chart elements

The specimen chart inserted into a document includes two elements: a chart wall and a chart legend (also known as the key). You can add or remove elements to or from a chart as follows:

- 1) Make sure the chart is selected and in edit mode.
- 2) Go to **Insert** on the Menu bar and select on the submenu an element that you want to add to the chart, or right-click the chart wall or a chart element and select an element you want to add in the context menu. Selecting an element opens a dialog where you can specify options for the element.

Note

Right-clicking on a chart element will give you more options to choose from when adding elements to your chart. The number of available insert options in the context menu depends on the type of element selected.