

Displaying or hiding table boundaries

A table boundary is a set of pale (usually gray) lines around the cells when viewed on-screen in LibreOffice with no borders enabled. These boundaries are not printed; their only function is to help you see where the table cells are. They are particularly useful when using tables for page layout.

To display tables the same way on the screen as on the printed page, with no boundary lines, go to **Tools > Options > LibreOffice > Application Colors**. On that page, you can display or hide boundaries around text, pages headers and footers, figures, and other parts of a document, and you can choose the color of boundary lines.

Turning boundaries off does not hide any borders that the table may have.

Creating and applying table styles

Using table styles, you can apply an elaborate format to your table with just a few clicks. Like other styles, table styles enable you to produce consistent looking tables in a document.

Applying a table style

To apply a table style, go to the *Table Styles* tab of the Styles deck on the Sidebar. Then place the cursor anywhere in the table and double-click the name of a style.

For more control, go to **Table > AutoFormat Styles** on the Menu bar, or click the **AutoFormat Styles** icon on the Table toolbar. On the AutoFormat dialog (Figure 307), select a format from the list, choose which features you wish to use in your table (font, alignment, borders, and so on), and then click **OK**. The table will be reformatted.

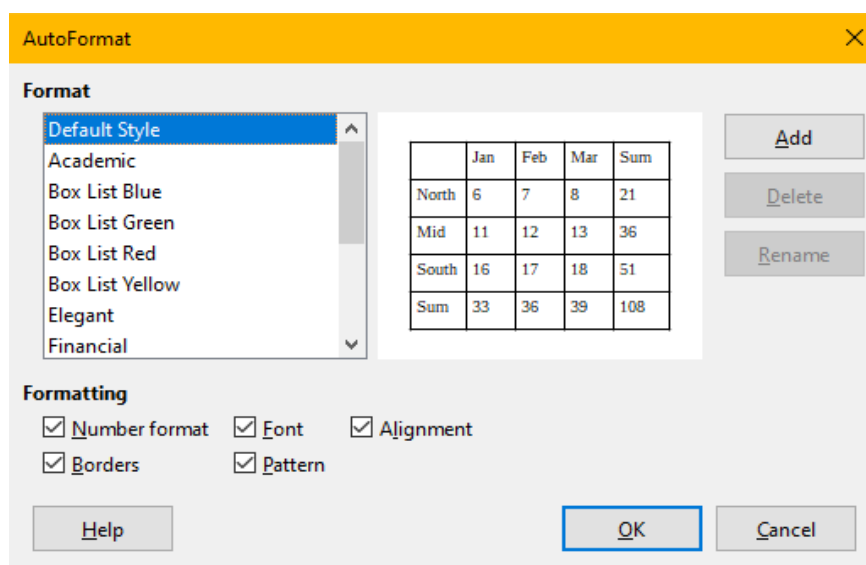


Figure 307: Table AutoFormat dialog

Tip

You can rename the formats by selecting one and clicking the **Rename** button. The name will change in this dialog and in the Table Styles page on the sidebar.

You can delete a format by selecting it and clicking the **Delete** button. However, you cannot rename or delete the Default Table Style.