

New Rule



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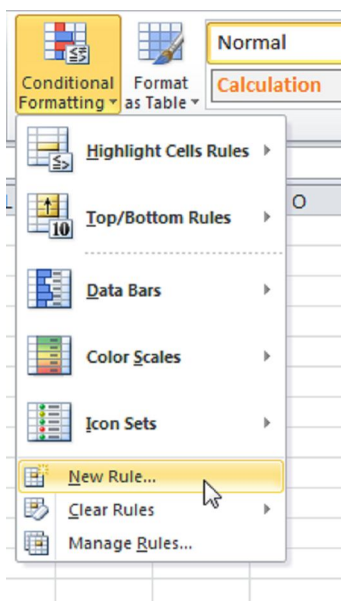
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If the Highlight Cells Rules, Top/Bottom Rules, Data Bars, Color Scales and Icon Sets are not sufficient, you can create a new rule. For example, highlight the codes below that occur more than once in the range A2:A10 and have a score greater than 100.

1. Select the range A2:A10.

	A	B	C
1	Code	Score	
2	A	4	
3	B	14	
4	C	31	
5	A	150	
6	D	6	
7	D	50	
8	D	42	
9	E	120	
10	B	22	
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2. On the Home tab, click Conditional Formatting, New Rule...



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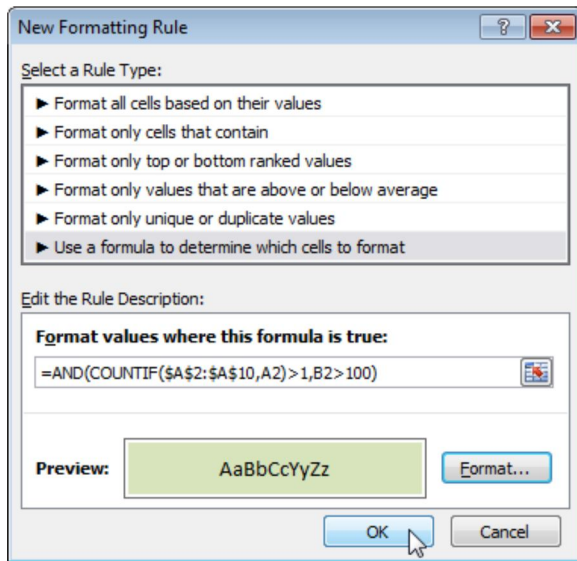
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Note: Highlight Cells Rules, Top/Bottom Rules, Data Bars, Color Scales and Icon Sets above are shortcuts. They can also be found under New Rule.

- Click on 'Use a formula to determine which cells to format'.
- Enter the formula =AND(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$10,A2)>1,B2>100)
- Select a formatting style and click OK.



Result. Excel formats cell A5 because code A occurs more than once in the range A2:A10 and the value 150 in cell B5 is greater than 100.

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Explanation: COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$10,A2) counts the number of codes in the range A2:A10 that are equal to the code in cell A2. If COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$10,A2) > 1 and B2 > 100, Excel formats cell A2. Because we selected the range A2:A10 before we clicked on Conditional Formatting, Excel automatically copies the formula to the other cells. Thus, cell A3 contains the formula =AND(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$10,A3)>1,B3>100), cell A4 =AND(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$10,A4)>1,B4>100), etc. Notice how we created an [absolute reference](#) (\$A\$2:\$A\$10) to fix this reference.

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