

Creating a scatter plot using data entered in a list (Tutorial C2)

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To manually enter a list of coordinates, I'll first insert the Lists and Spreadsheet application into a new page by

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pressing the Home key, and then choosing Lists and Spreadsheet. Next, I'll use the Touchpad to highlight the white space

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at the top of column A. I'll type "x" "c" "o" "o" "r" "d" and then press Enter. This defines any values I enter into

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column A as a list linked directly to the variable called "xcoord", which includes the x-coordinate values. Now, I'll

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name column B "ycoord" using this same technique, first by highlighting the white space at the top of column B,

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and then typing "y" "c" "o" "o" "r" "d," followed by the Enter key. I have a series of coordinates to enter. I'll

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enter the x coordinates in column A, and the y coordinates in column B. Remember that you can pause this movie at

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any time while you enter your data. Let's start with the x-coordinates, pressing Enter after you type each number.

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I'll manually enter in 0.5, 1.5, 2, 6, 8, 15, 19, and 45 into column A. Next, I'll go up to cell B1 and enter "0.

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You may have noticed that the y-coordinates increase by 10 every time. To save myself from typing, I'll express

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each coordinate as a function of the coordinate preceding it. To do this, in cell B2, I'll type "=" and then "b1"

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and then "+10." The full cell formula now reads "=b1 +10. Now, I'll press the Menu key and choose Data. Then I'll

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select the Fill command. Now, I'll just use the Touchpad to highlight the cells through cell B8 and then press Enter.

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Notice that the values have been populated all the way through 70. I'll insert a new page with the Graphs application

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in it by pressing the Home key, and then choosing Graphs. Next, I'll switch the graph mode to scatter plot by pressing

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Menu, and then choosing Graph Entry/Edit, and then Scatter Plot. Now I'll highlight the x entry line if it's not already

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highlighted by pressing the Tab key. Next, I'll press the Var key and choose "xcoord," which is what I named column

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A in my Lists & Spreadsheet application, then I'll press Enter. I'll highlight the y entry line by pressing Tab

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to highlight it, and then I'll press the Var key. Next, using the arrow keys on the Touchpad, I'll highlight "ycoord,

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which is what I named column B in my Lists & Spreadsheet application, and then I'll press Enter. Finally I'll press

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Enter one more time. Immediately I can see some points have been plotted on my graph, because of the graph's current

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scale, however, I'm unable to see them all. To quickly readjust my graph scale to include all of my coordinates,

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I'll press Menu and then choose Window/Zoom, Zoom-Data. Now, I can see all my points in this work area.

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