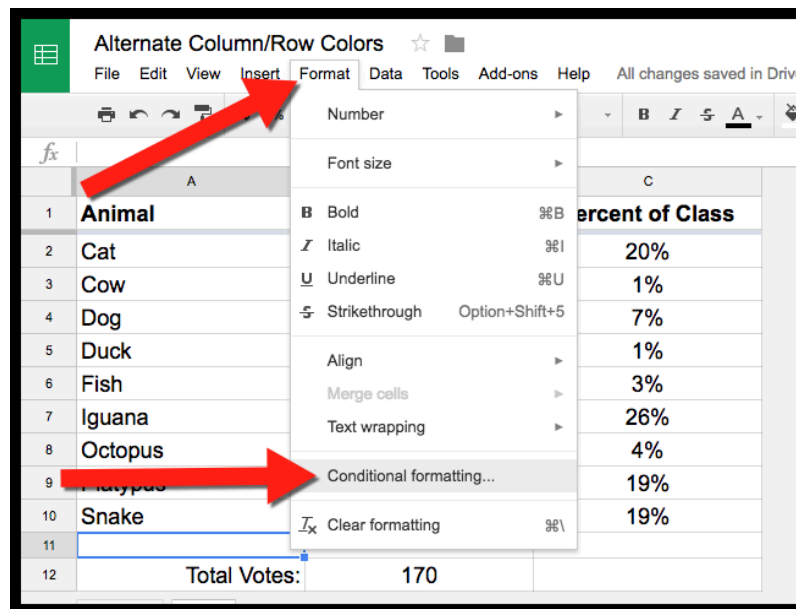


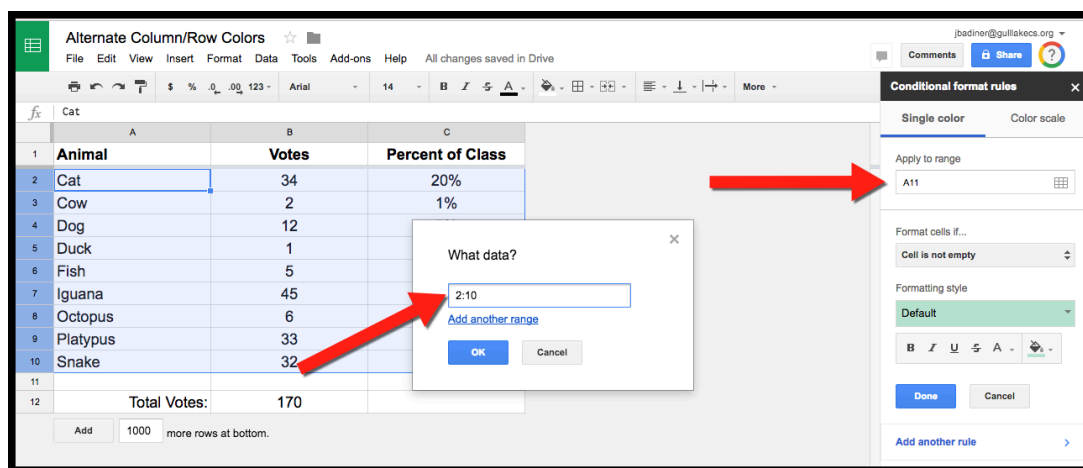
Change Row or Column Colors in Sheets

One of my favorite Google tools is Sheets. I use it for much more than just data spreadsheets. There are many tweaks that make Sheets extra cool. Conditional formatting, charts, cell formatting, and more. One of the things that is easy to do but can be labor intensive is alternating row colors for a whole sheet. The good news is that there is a quick and easy way to do this with conditional formatting! Follow the steps below to alternate colors for rows or columns in an entire spreadsheet.

1. In Google Sheets, click on “**Format**” and then click on “**Conditional Formatting**”.

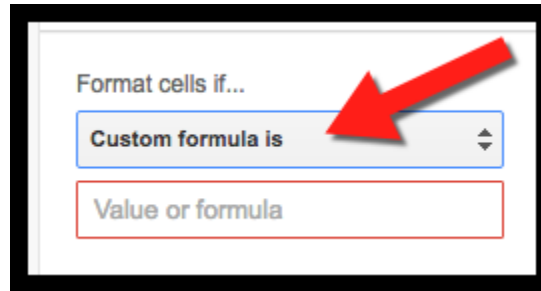


2. Select the range using the “**Apply to range**” field.

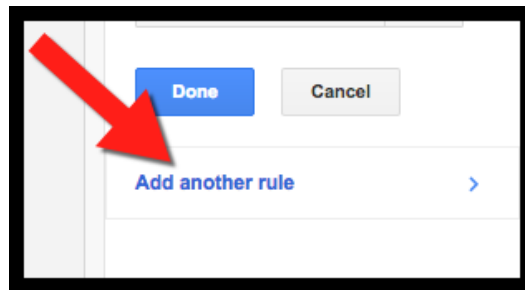


3. Under the “**Format cells if...**” dropdown menu select “**Custom formula is**”.





- Here is where you select which rows or columns you want to have what type of formatting (see “**Apply Formatting to Rows**” or “**Apply Formatting to Columns**” section below).
- After setting one row or column color click “**Add another rule**” at the bottom.



Apply Formatting to Rows:

- To apply a color to all even rows, type **=ISEVEN(ROW())**.

Animal	Votes	Percent of Class
Cat	34	20%
Cow	2	1%
Dog	12	7%
Duck	1	1%
Fish	5	3%
Iguana	45	26%
Octopus	6	4%
Platypus	33	19%
Snake	32	19%
Total Votes:		170

- To apply the rule to odd rows, type **=ISODD(ROW())**.



Alternate Column/Row Colors

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Apply to range

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Format cells if...

Custom formula is

=ISODD(ROW())

Formatting style

Default

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Done Cancel

Add another rule

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- Set your formatting style in the “**Formatting style**” box.

Apply Formatting to Columns:

- To apply color to all even columns, type **=ISEVEN(COLUMN())**.

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A2:C10

Format cells if...

Custom formula is

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Default

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Done Cancel

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Animal	Votes	Percent of Class
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The screenshot shows a Google Sheets document titled "Alternate Column/Row Colors". The spreadsheet has three columns: "Animal", "Votes", and "Percent of Class". The rows are color-coded: odd-numbered rows (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11) have a pink background, and even-numbered rows (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12) have a green background. The data is as follows:

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The "Conditional format rules" panel is open on the right, showing the "Single color" tab. The "Apply to range" is set to "A2:C10". The "Format cells if..." section shows the "Custom formula is" set to "=ISODD(COLUMN())". The "Formatting style" is set to "Default".

3. Set your formatting style in the “**Formatting style**” box.

Open up a Google Sheets and give it a try!

