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Chart Types and Best Use

Note: This list has been generalized. The more creative (or sophisticated) users of CorelCHART may find other uses of the different types of charts described here, but if you are wondering what kind of chart to use for a specific task, refer to this table to help you decide.

Types of Chart Data

Scientific

SC; Generally data retrieved by experimentation

Statistical

ST; Generally data retrieved by surveys, lots of data, and generally needing an X, Y, and Z axis

Financial

F; Generally data retrieved by spread sheets, large numbers but small range

Filler

FL; Generally data retrieved by spread sheet

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NAME OF CHART TYPES POSSIBLE USES

1. Vertical/Horizontal Bar

Side by Side
Stacked
Dual-Axis Side by Side
Dual-Axis Stacked
Bipolar Side by Side
Bipolar Stacked
Percent

SC F FL
SC ST F FL
SC ST F
SC ST F
SC ST F
SC ST F
SC ST F FL

2. Vertical/Horizontal Line

Absolute
Stacked
Bipolar Absolute
Bipolar Stacked
Dual-Axis Absolute
Dual-Axis Stacked
Percent

F FL
SC ST F FL
SC ST F
SC ST F
SC
SC ST
SC ST

3. Vertical/Horizontal Area

Absolute
Stacked
Bipolar Absolute
Bipolar Stacked
Dual-Axis Absolute
Dual-Axis Stacked
Percent

SC ST F FL
SC ST F FL
SC ST F
SC ST F
SC ST
SC ST
SC ST F FL

4. Pie
Pie
Ring Pie
Multiple Pies
Multiple Ring Pies
Multiple Proportional Pies
Multiple Proportional Ring Pies

SC ST F FL

SC ST F FL

SC ST F

NAME OF CHART
TYPES
POSSIBLE USES

5. 3D Riser Charts

- Bars
- Pyramids
- Octagons
- Cut-corner bars

F FL

Very impressive chart type

6. 3D Floating Charts

- Cubes
- Spheres

SC ST

7. 3D Connect Series/Group

- Area
- Ribbons
- Steps

SC ST F FL

F FL

SC ST F FL

8. 3D Surface

- Surface
- Surface with Sides
- Honeycomb Surface

SC ST FL

9. 3D Scatter

- XYZ Scatter
- XYZ Scatter with Labels

SC ST

SC ST

10. Scatter Charts

X-Y Scatter

X-Y Dual Axes

X-Y with Labels

X-Y Dual Axes with Labels

SC ST

SC ST

SC ST

SC ST

11. High-Low-Open-Close

High-low

High-low Dual-Axes

High-low-open

H-L-O Dual Axes

High-low-open-close

H-L-O-C Dual-Axes

SC ST F

SC ST

SC ST F

SC ST

SC ST F

SC ST

12. Spectral Mapped

SC Creating a protein spectral graph to locate common DNA links

13. Histogram

Vertical Histogram

Horizontal Histogram

SC ST

SC ST

14. Table Chart

Very simple table lay-outs

