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## How to combine text from 2 columns

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### SITUATION:

I have an Excel Spreadsheet with a column for First Name and Last Name.  
How can I create a column that combines info from these 2 columns?

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### SOLUTION:

Simply use a formula with the ampersand (&) to join them together.

|   | A        | B         | C          |
|---|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | LastName | FirstName | FULLname   |
| 2 | Smith    | Jane      | Jane Smith |

is accomplished by

|             |
|-------------|
| FULLname    |
| =B2&" " &A2 |

See 3 minute video example of that here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe91iB\\_4bR8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe91iB_4bR8)

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This is just a simple example of one thing you can do re text manipulation in Excel.

If you use Excel, it might be worth exploring the other Text Formula options.

Here's a highly-rated 30 minute video for that: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIGLP3qzNnw>

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