

Displaying a Hidden First Column

Excel makes it easy to hide and unhide columns. However, if you hide column A, it can be difficult to find the solution to unhide it later on.

To unhide the left-most columns of a worksheet when they are hidden, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Home > Editing > Find & Select > Go To**, or press **F5**. Excel displays the Go To dialog box.



2. In the Reference field at the bottom of the dialog box, enter A1.
3. Click on OK. Cell A1 is now selected, even though you cannot see it on the screen.
4. Choose **Home > Cells > Format > Visibility > Hide & Unhide > Unhide Columns**.

A quicker way to display the first column is to click on the header for column B, and then drag the mouse to the left. If you release the mouse button when the pointer is over the gray block that marks the intersection of the row and column headers (the blank gray block just above the row headers), then column B and everything to its left, including the hidden column A, are selected. You can then right click on your mouse and choose **Unhide**.