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## How to Modify Column Width in Excel

Step 1: Position the mouse over the column line that needs to be widened. The white cross  becomes a double arrow 

Step 2: Double-click on the column line and the column will widened automatically. This is the AutoFit Column Width option in Excel.



Hint: To Autofit the width of columns in Excel, go to the **Home** tab in the **Cells** group, select **Format > Autofit Column Width**. Make sure the columns you wish to increase or decrease are selected first.