# Groups ANALYZING DATA IN TABLEAU



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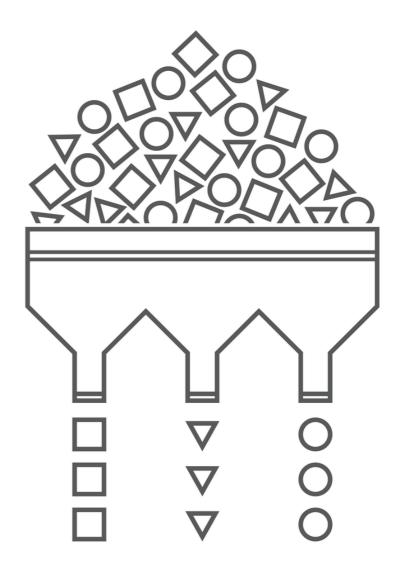


## What are groups?

- Group related rows in a field
- Example:
  - Field: Country
  - o Rows: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina...
  - Group into continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America,
     Antarctica, Australia
- Create custom groups not available in the source data

## When to use groups?

- Create consistency in the data
  - Combine "USA", "US", "United States",
     "United States of America" into one
     group
- Provided a new level of aggregation
  - Group different products into categories like accessory, furniture, clothing, etc





## Groups for regions

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# Creating seasonal groups

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## Parameters and sets

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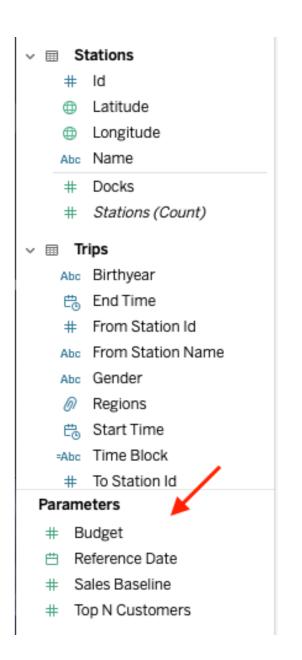
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## **Parameters**

A parameter is a global placeholder value such as a number, date, or string that can replace a constant value in a calculation, filter, or reference line.

- Submit values to change the viz
- A parameter can partner up with a Calculated Field or a filter
- Reside in its own section of the *Data pane* after creation



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://help.tableau.com/current/pro/desktop/en-us/parameters\_create.htm



## Examples

#### **Parameters**

- # Budget
- Reference Date
- # Top N Customers

- Test out different budget amounts
- Specify which dates are displayed
- Change number of top customers shown

## Sets

- Define a subset of the data
- Show a division between two parts of a whole
- Select members of a data column to be "IN", the others are "OUT"

## Sets

- Examples:
  - Subset of products with more than X in sales
  - Subset of dates that are public holidays
- More than two groups -> Groups or Calculated Fields



## **Parameters**

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# Sets ANALYZING DATA IN TABLEAU



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