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## Navigate the Grafana panel editor

This page describes the parts of the Grafana panel editor.

1. Panel header: The header section lists the dashboard in which the panel appears and the following controls:
  - **Dashboard settings (gear) icon** - Click to access the dashboard settings.
  - **Discard** - Discards changes you have made to the panel since you last saved the dashboard.
  - **Save** - Saves changes you made to the panel.
  - **Apply** - Applies changes you made and closes the panel editor, returning you to the dashboard. You will have to save the dashboard to persist the applied changes.
2. Visualization preview: The visualization preview section contains the following options:
  - **Table view** - Convert any visualization to a table so that you can see the data. Table views are useful for troubleshooting.
  - **Fill** - The visualization preview fills the available space. If you change the width of the side pane or height of the bottom pane the visualization changes to fill the available space.
  - **Actual** - The visualization preview will have the exact size as the size on the dashboard. If not enough space is available, the visualization will scale down preserving the aspect ratio.
  - **Time range controls** - For more information, refer to [Time range controls]({{< relref “../dashboards/time-range-controls.md” >}}).
3. Data section: The data section contains tabs where you enter queries, transform your data, and create alert rules (if applicable).
  - **Query tab** - Select your data source and enter queries here. For more information, refer to [Add a query]({{< relref “../query-a-data-source/add-a-query.md” >}}).
  - **Transform tab** - Apply data transformations. For more information, refer to [Transform data]({{< relref “../transform-data/\_index.md” >}}).
  - **Alert tab** - Write alert rules. For more information, refer to [Overview of Grafana 8 alerting]({{< relref “../alerting/unified-alerting/\_index.md” >}}).

4. Panel display options: The display options section contains tabs where you configure almost every aspect of your data visualization, including:

- [Apply color to series and fields]({{< relref “./apply-color-to-series.md” >}})
- [Format a standard field]({{< relref “./format-standard-fields.md” >}})
- [Add a title and description to a panel]({{< relref “./add-title-and-description.md” >}})

Not all options are available for each visualization.

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