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Add a data source

Before you can create your first dashboard, you need to add your data source.

Note: Only users with the organization Admin role can add data sources.

To add a data source:

- 1. Move your cursor to the cog icon on the side menu which will show the configuration options.
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- 2. Click on **Data sources**. The data sources page opens showing a list of previously configured data sources for the Grafana instance.
- 3. Click **Add data source** to see a list of all supported data sources.

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- 4. Search for a specific data source by entering the name in the search dialog. Or you can scroll through supported data sources grouped into time series, logging, tracing and other categories.
- 5. Move the cursor over the data source you want to add.

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- 6. Click **Select**. The data source configuration page opens.
- 7. Configure the data source following instructions specific to that data source. See [Data sources]({{< relref "_index.md" >}}) for links to configuration instructions for all supported data sources.