

Dynamic Dashboards - Lab Exercises

Overview

Welcome to the Splunk Education lab environment. These lab exercises will guide you through the process of creating dashboards using Dashboard Studio. You will add inputs, dynamic drilldowns, and add dynamic coloring to visualizations.

Scenario: Buttercup Games operates a chain of video gaming cafes. Customers can purchase typical cafe items and purchase video games to play online at the cafe. The sales team at Buttercup Games wants dashboards that provide insight into both product and game sales.

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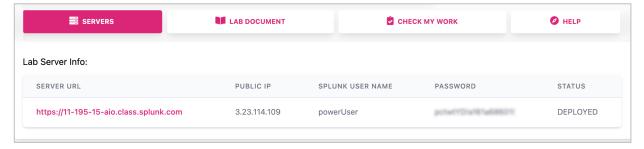
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Typographical Conventions

- Blue text indicates text to add
- Red text indicates text to remove
- · Grey text provides context for edits

Lab Connection Info

Access labs using the server URL, user name, and password shown in your lab environment.



Source Types

The source types used in these exercises are referred to by the type of data they represent.

Туре	Index	Source type	Interesting Fields
Cafe Food	cafefood	access_combined_cf	action, bytes, categoryId, clientip, itemId, JSESSIONID, price_large, price_med, product_name, productId, referer, referer_domain, roast, status, user, useragent
Cafe Games	cafegames	access_combined_cg	action, bytes, categoryId, clientip, JSESSIONID, player1name, player1score, player2name, player2score, price, product_name, productId, referer, referer_domain, sale_price, status, user, useragent



Lab Exercise 1 – Using Tokens

Description

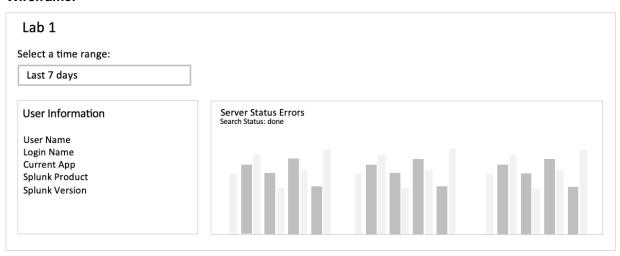
In this exercise you will create a dashboard and add a panel with predefined tokens.

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Wireframe:



Steps

Task 1: Change the account name and time zone.

Set up your lab environment to fit your time zone and the app you will be working in.

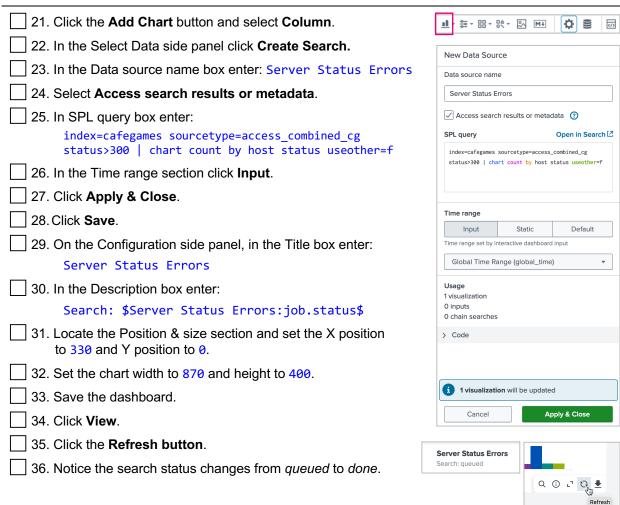
1. Navigate to User Menu > Account Settings.
2. In the Full name box, enter your name: <firstname lastname=""> For example: Mitch Fleischman</firstname>
3. Click Save and reload your browser.
4. Navigate to User Menu > Preferences.
5. Enter the following settings:
Time zone: <your local="" time="" zone=""></your>Default application: Dynamic Dashboards
6. Click Apply.
7 Navigate to the Dynamic Dashboards course ann



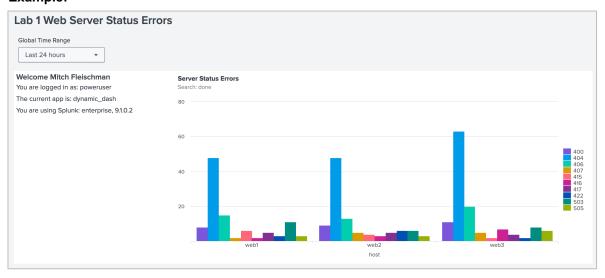
NOTE: Since your default application is now Dynamic Dashboards, clicking the Splunk logo in the upper left is the same as navigating to Apps > Dynamic Dashboards.

Task 2: Create a dashboard. 8. Click the **Dashboards** tab. Create New Dashboard 9. Click Create New Dashboard. Lab 1 Web Server Status Errors 10. In the Dashboard Title box enter: Lab 1 Web Server Status Errors 11. Click **Dashboard Studio**. 12. Select **Absolute** layout mode. 13. Click Create. Cancel Create Task 3: Configure the canvas. 14. On the Configuration side panel, under Display mode, set Canvas width to 1200 and Canvas height to 400. Background Color 15. Under Background color, click the grey color square and #1111111 select White (#ffffff). Task 4: Add Markdown Text. 16. Click the Add Markdown Text button. <u>■</u> - ≋ - ⊞ - % - ⋈ ⇔≘ 17. On the Configuration side panel, in the Markdown content box enter: ### Welcome \$env:user_realname\$ You are logged in as: \$env:user\$ The current app is: \$env:app\$ You are using Splunk: \$env:product\$, \$env:version\$ 18. Locate the Position & Size section, make sure the X Position is 0 and Y Position is 0. 19. Set the markdown box width to 330 and height to 110. 20. Click Save.

Task 4: Add a column chart.



Example:

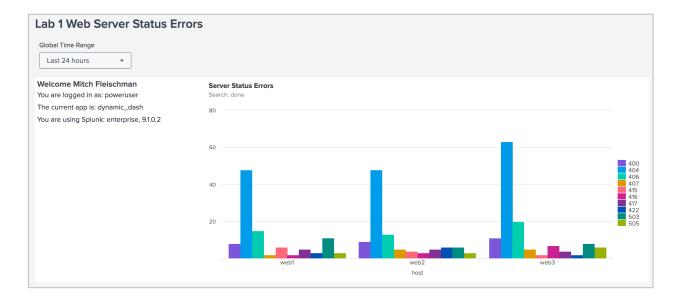




You completed Lab Exercise 1!

Highlights

- Created a dashboard from the Dashboards page
- Used an absolute layout.
- · Set the canvas dimensions and background color.
- · Added markdown text.
- Use predefined environment tokens to identify the current user, current app, and Splunk version.
- Added a column chart.
- Used predefined search tokens to capture the job status for a search.
- Set visualization position using X and Y coordinates.
- Set visualization height and width in pixels.





Lab Exercise 2 – Add Cascading Inputs

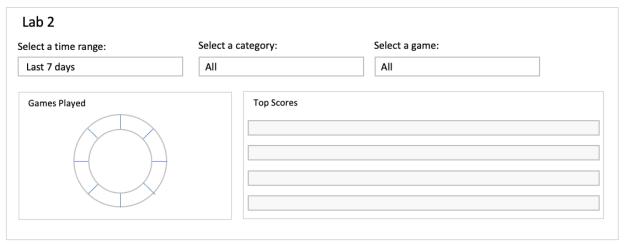
Description

In this exercise, you will create a dashboard, add inputs, and then make the inputs cascade.

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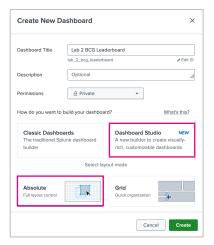
Wireframe:



Steps

Task 1: Create a dashboard.

1. Click the Dashboards tab.
2. Click Create New Dashboard.
3. In the Dashboard Title box enter: Lab 2 BCG Leaderboard
4. Click Dashboard Studio.
5. Select Absolute layout mode.
6. Click Create.



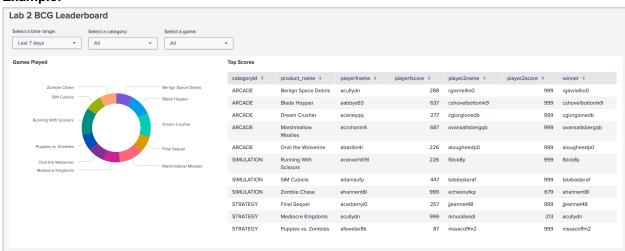
Task 2: Configure the canvas. 7. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Canvas section. Background 8. Set the Canvas width to 1600 and height to 500. #mm 9. Locate the Background section. 10. Set the Background color, to White (#ffffff). Task 3: Set the default time range. 11. Click on the Global Time Range input. 12. On the Configuration side panel, in the Title box, enter: Select a time range: 13. In the Default Value drop-down menu, select Last 7 days. 14. Click Save. Task 4: Add a dropdown input. 15. Click the **Add Inputs** button and select **Dropdown**. **11** - ≋ - ⊞ - ₩ - № **M** ☼ ≘ </>> ☐ 16. In the Configuration side panel, in the Title box enter: Configuration Select a category: Above canvas 17. In the Token name box enter: catTok Title ☐ 18. Under Menu configuration, delete Item 1 and Item 2 by clicking the X beside each catTok ☐ 19. Under Data sources, click **Set up Primary Data Source** 20. In the Select Data side panel click **Create Search**. Static Menu Configuration 21. In the Data source name box enter: Category Input Label All 22. In the SPL query box enter: + Add New Dynamic Menu Label Field inputlookup bcg_products categoryld (string) search product name=* Dynamic Menu Value Field stats count by categoryId categoryld (string) ☐ 23. Under Time range click **Default**. Data sources 24. Click Apply & Close. Category Input 25. In the Dynamic Menu Label Field menu, select categoryld (string). > Visibility 26. In the Dynamic Menu Value Field menu, select categoryld (string). 27. Test the input. Select a category Three categories, ARCADE, SIMULATION, and STRATEGY should be displayed. filter 28. Click **Save** and reload your browser. ✓ AII SIMULATION STRATEGY

Task 5: Add a second dropdown input. 29. Click the Add Inputs button and select Dropdown. 蛉 品・ペ・ % M+ </>> 1 30. In the Title box enter: Select a game: Edit Data Source Data source name 31. In the Token name box enter: gameTok Game Input Access search results or metadata (?) 32. Under Menu configuration, delete Item 1 and Item 2 by clicking SPL query Open in Search [2] the X beside each. 33. Under Data Configurations, click **Set up Primary Data Source**. 34. In the Select Data side panel click Create Search. 35. In the Data source name box enter: Game Input \$global_time.earliest\$ - \$global_time.late 36. In the SPL query box enter: Usage 0 visualizations 1 input 0 chain searches inputlookup bcg_products search categoryId=* > Code stats count by product_name 37. In the Time range section click **Default**. 38. Click Apply & Close. 39. In the Dynamic Menu Label field menu, select product_name (string). filter × 40. In the Dynamic Menu Value field menu, select product_name (string). 41. Click Save. Benign Space Debris Blade Hopper 42. Test the input. Eleven games should display. If not, retrace your steps and look for Final Sequel missed steps and typos. Marshmallow Missiles Mediocre Kingdoms Orvil the Wolverine Puppies vs. Zombies Running With Scissors Zombie Chase Task 6: Make the inputs cascade. 43. Click the **Data Overview** button. **■** - ≋ - 믦 - 응 - ៜ M+ </> 44. Click the **pencil** button beside Category Input. 45. Revise the search to use the gameTok token: inputlookup bcg_products search product_name=\$gameTok|s\$ stats count by categoryId **NOTE**: Make sure there is no space on either side of the pipe (|) for the token filter. 46. Click Apply & Close. 47. Click the **pencil** button beside Game Input.

49. 50.	Revise the search to use the catTok token: inputlookup bcg_products search categoryId=\$catTok\$ stats count by product_name Click Apply & Close. Click Save and reload your browser. Test the inputs. - Select a category. The games list should automatically update to show only the games in the category selected. - Select a game. The category list should automatically update to show only the category of the game selected.		Select a category: SIMULATION Select a category: All Filter All SIMULATION	Select a game: All Filter All Running With Scissors SIM Cubicle Zombie Chase X Select a game: Running With Scissors X	
Task 7:	Add a pie chart.				
<u> </u>	Click the Add Chart button.	<u>11</u> -	≋ - 81 - 83 - 	M+ 🔯 🛢 🕠	
<u></u> 53.	Select Pie.				
<u> </u>	On the Select Data side panel, click Create Search .				
<u> </u>	In the Data source name box, enter: Games Played				
<u> </u>	56. In the SPL query box enter: index=cafegames sourcetype=access_combined_cg status=200 categoryId=\$catTok\$ product_name=\$gameTok s\$ stats count by product_name				
<u> </u>	In the Time Range section, select Default .				
<u>58.</u>	58. Click Apply & Close .				
<u> </u>	59. On the Configuration side panel, locate the Title box and enter: Games Played				
<u> </u>	60. Locate the Position & Size section and make sure the X position is 0 and Y position is 0.				
<u> </u>	S1. Locate the Position & Size section and set the pie chart Width to 560 and Height to 330.				
<u> </u>	52. Locate the Data display section and set Display type to Donut .				
<u> </u>	Save the dashboard.				
Task 8:	Add a table.				
☐ 64.	Click the Add Chart button.				
<u> </u>	Select Table .				
☐ 66.	On the Select Data side panel, click Create Search .				
☐ 67.	In the Data source name box, enter: Top Scores				

68. In the SPL query box enter: index=cafegames sourcetype=access_combined_cg product_name=\$gameTok|s\$ categoryId IN (\$catTok\$) | eval max_score=max(player1score, player2score) | eval player = case(player1score > player2score, player1name, player2score > player1score, player2name, true(), "tie") | eval winner = case(player1score > player2score, player1name, player2score > player1score, player2name, true(), "tie") | stats max(max_score) as high_score by categoryId product_name, player1name, player1score, player2name, player2score winner sort -high_score streamstats count by product_name where count <= 1 table categoryId product_name, player1name, player1score, player2name, player2score winner 69. In the Time Range section, select **Default.** 70. Click Apply & Close. 71. On the Configuration side panel, in the Title box enter: Top Scores 72. Locate the Position & size section and set the X Position to 560 and Y Position to 0. 73. Set the table Width to 1040 and Height to 500. 74. Locate Global formatting and set Rows displayed to 11. 75. Save the dashboard. 76. Click **View** and reload your browser. 77. Test the inputs. The chart and table should update with input changes. Both visualizations should update with time range, category, and game input changes. If the visualizations don't update, retrace your steps and search for typos.

Example:



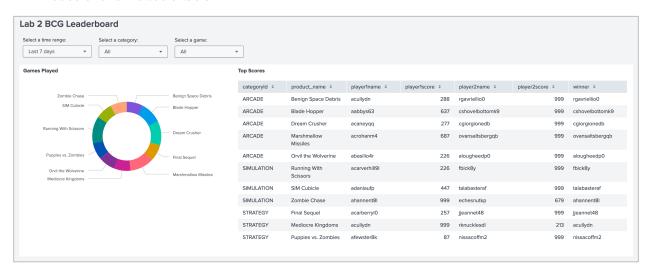


Congratulations

You completed Lab Exercise 2!

Highlights

- Configured a time range input
- Added and configured dropdown inputs
- Created cascading inputs
- · Added and formatted a donut chart
- Added and formatted a table





Lab Exercise 3 – Create a Dynamic Drilldown

Description

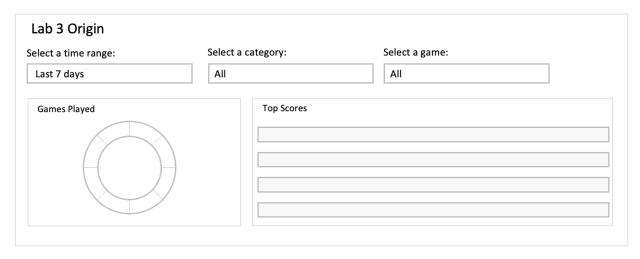
In this exercise you will create a drilldown destination form. Then, you will add a dynamic drilldown from the Games Played pie chart to the new form.

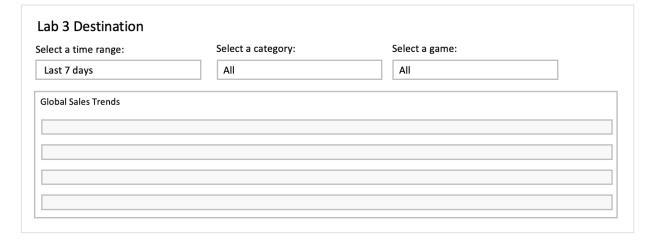
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Wireframes:



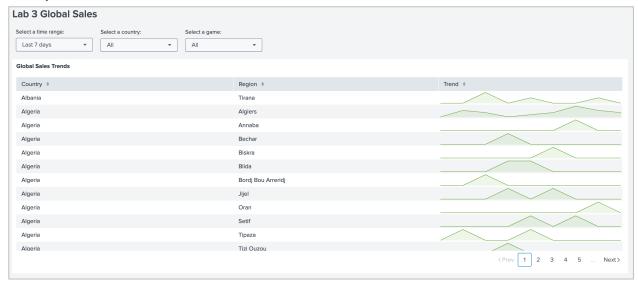




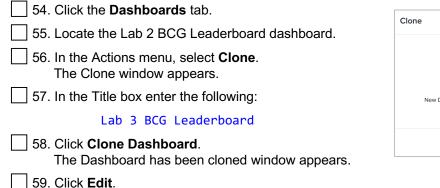
Task 1: Create a destination dashboard. 1. Navigate to the Dynamic Dashboards course app. Save Panel to New Dashboard 2. Search over the last 7 days for: Lab 3 Global Sale index=cafegames sourcetype=access combined cg Optio iplocation clientip search Country=* product name=* stats sparkline(count) as Trend by Country Region rename product_name AS Game 3. Select **Save As > New Dashboard**. 4. In the Dashboard Title box enter: Lab 3 Global Sales . 5. Click Dashboard Studio. 6. Select **Absolute** layout mode. 7. In the Panel Title box enter: Global Sales Trends 8. Click Save to Dashboard. Cancel 9. Click View Dashboard. Task 2: Configure the canvas. 10. Click Edit. Configuration 11. In the Configuration side panel, set the Canvas width to 1440 ∨ Canvas and Canvas height to 500. Display mode Auto Actual size Fit to width Canvas width Canvas height 500 Task 3: Configure the data source. 12. Click on the table. 13. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Data sources section. 14. Click the **pencil icon** beside Global Sales Trends - Table search 15. In the SPL query box, revise the search for Country and product name to use the appropriate tokens for each with a filter for quotes: index=cafegames sourcetype=access combined cg iplocation clientip search Country=\$countryTok|s\$ product_name=\$gameTok|s\$ stats sparkline(count) as Trend by Country Region rename product name AS Game 16. In the Time Range section click **Default**. 17. Click Apply & Close. 18. Click Save. This visualization's search includes tokens and will not display results until all three inputs are defined. This is expected.

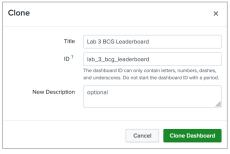
Task 4: Format the visualization.
19. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Position & size section.
20. Set the X Position to 0 and the Y Position to 0.
21. Set the Width to 1440 and the Height to 500.
Task 5: Set the default time range.
22. Click on the Global Time Range input.
23. On the Configuration side panel, in the Title box, enter: Select a time range:
24. In the Default Value drop-down menu, select Last 7 days .
25. Click Save .
Task 6: Add a dropdown input.
26. Click the Add Inputs button and select Dropdown .
27. In the Title box enter: Select a country:
28. In the Token Name box enter: countryTok
29. In the Menu Configuration section, delete Item 1 and Item 2 by clicking the X beside each.
30. In the Data sources section, click Set up Primary Data Source
31. In the Select Data side panel click Create Search .
32. In the Data Source Name box enter: Country Input
33. In the SPL query box enter:
inputlookup bcg_countries stats count by Country
34. In the Time range section click Input .
35. Click Apply & Close.
36. In the Dynamic Menu Label Field menu, select Country (string).
37. In the Dynamic Menu Value Field menu, select Country (string).
38. Click Save .
Task 7: Add a second dropdown input.
□ 39. Click the Add Inputs button and select Dropdown .
40. In the Title box enter: Select a game:
41. In the Token name box enter: gameTok
42. In the Menu configuration section, delete Item 1 and Item 2 by clicking the X beside each.
43. In the Data Configurations section, click Set up Primary Data Source
44. In the Select Data side panel click Create Search .
45. In the Data source name box enter: Game Input

Example:



Task 8: Clone a dashboard.



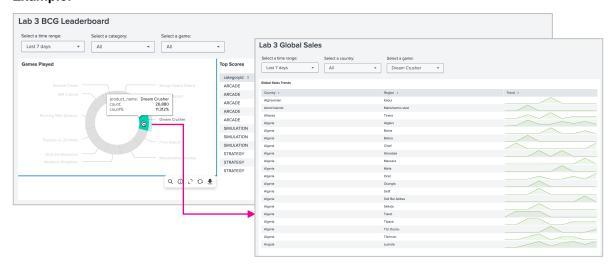


Task 9: Add a drilldown.

60. Select the pie chart. Configuration × 61. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Interactions section On click and click Add Interaction. Link to dashboard . 62. In the On click menu, select Link to dashboard. Select an App 63. In the Select an App menu, select **Dynamic Dashboards**. Dynamic Dashboards • 64. In the Select a Dashboard menu, select Lab 3 Global Sales. Select a Dashboard Lab 3 Global Sales . 65. Select the box Open in new tab. 66. Click Set Tokens. Owner: poweruser 🔒 Private 67. Click in the Token Name box and select: gameTok View Dashboard 2 Open in new tab 68. In the Token Value box enter: row.product_name.value ✓ Set Tokens 69. Click +Add Token. Token Name ? Token Value 70. Click in the Token Name box and select: global_time.earliest gameTok .ct_name.value ů 1 71. In the Token Value box enter: \$global_time.earliest\$ 72. Click **+Add Token**. global time.ea _time.earliest\$ ů 73. Click in the Token Name box and select: global_time.latest global_time.late 74. In the Token Value box enter: \$global time.latest\$ + Add token 75. Click Apply. Use tokens to set values in the target dashboard. For example 76. Click Save. 77. Click View and reload your browser. Cancel 78. Test the drilldown.

 On the BCG Leaderboard, click one of the pie slices. The view should switch to Global Vendor Sales with the game input populated with the name of the game (pie slice) you clicked on. If not, retrace your steps and look for missed steps and typos.

Example:



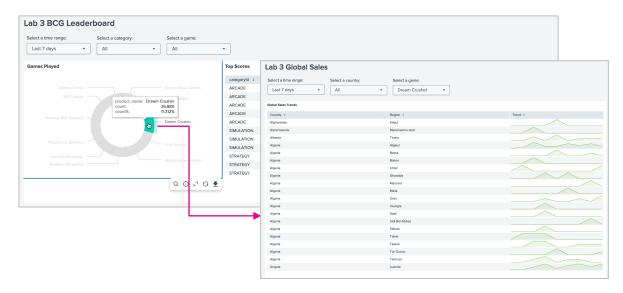


Congratulations

You completed Lab Exercise 3!

Highlights

- · Created a dashboard from a search
- · Revised an existing data source
- Cloned a dashboard
- Added a drilldown to a chart that passes three tokens to a different dashboard





Lab Exercise 4 – Add Dynamic Coloring

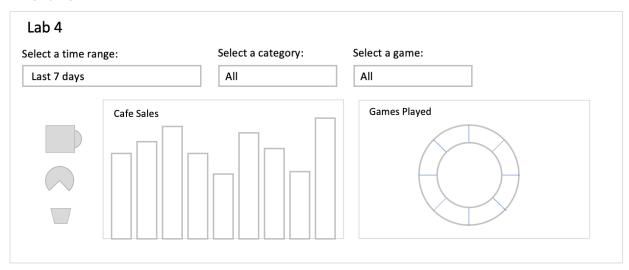
Description

In this lab exercise you will clone a dashboard, delete a visualization, customize a visualization, add icons and dynamic coloring.

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Wireframe:



Steps

Task 1: Clone a dashboard.

1. Click the Dashboards tab.		
2. Locate the Lab 2 BCG Leaderboard dashboard.	Clone	×
3. In the Actions menu, select Clone.The Clone window appears.	Title	Lab 4 BCG Cafe Sales lab_4_bcg_cafe_sales
4. In the Title box enter:		The dashboard ID can only contain letters, numbers, dashes, and underscores. Do not start the dashboard ID with a period.
Lab 4 BCG Cafe Sales	New Description	optional
5. Click Clone Dashboard.The Dashboard has been cloned window appears.		Cancel Clone Dashboard
6. Click Edit.		_
7. Click on the Top Scores table .		
8. In the Actions menu, click the trashcan icon .		Delete

9. In the Configuration side panel, set the Canvas width to 1300 and Canvas height to 400. Task 2: Revise data sources. 10. Click the **Data Overview** button. <u>■</u> - ≋ - 믦 - 읝 - 의 M+ ₽ </>> 11. Click the trash can icon beside Top Scores (unused). Top Scores (Unused) 12. Click the **pencil icon** beside Category Input. inputlookup bcg_cafefood stats count by categoryId 14. Click Apply & Close. 15. Click the **pencil icon** beside Game Input. 16. In the SPL query box, delete the search for categoryld values: inputlookup bcg_products search categoryId=\$catTok\$ stats count by product name 17. Click Apply & Close. 18. Click the **pencil icon** beside Games Played. 19. In the SPL guery box, delete the search for categoryld values: index=cafegames sourcetype=access_combined_cg status=200 categoryId=\$catTok\$ product_name=\$gameTok|s\$ | stats count by product_name 20. Click Apply & Close. Task 3: Revise the pie chart. 21. Click on the pie chart. 22. On the Configuration side panel, locate the Position & size section. 23. Set the X position to 730 and Y position to 0. 24. Set the Width to 610 and the Height to 400. 25. Click Save. **Example:** Games Played Blade Hopper SIM Cubicle Dream Crusher Running With Scissors Marshmallow Missiles Mediocre Kingdoms Puppies vs. Zombies

Task 4: Add a single-value visualization.

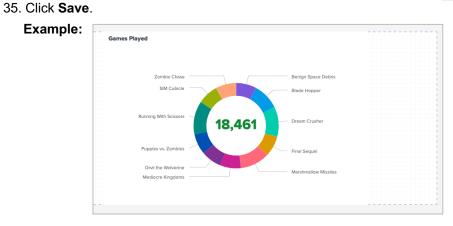




- 27. Select Single Value.
- 28. In the Select Data side panel, select Games Played.
- 29. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Position & size section and set the X Position to 970 and the Y Position to 170.
- 30. Set the Width to 130 and the Height to 100.
- ∃ 31. Locate the Major value & trend section and in the Trend display menu select Off.
- 32. Locate the Sparkline section and in the Sparkline display menu select Off.
- 33. Locate the Coloring section and in the Dynamic elements menu, select Major Value.
- 34. Click the Static background color square and select Transparent.



Example:



Task 7: Add a Column Chart.

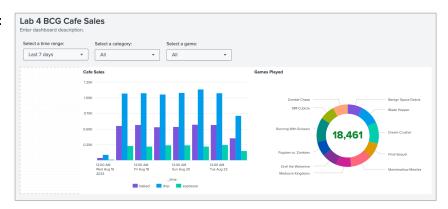
36. Click the Add Chart button.		J 36.	CIICK	tne Ada	Cnart	button.
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- 37. Select Column.
- 38. On the Select Data side panel, click Create Search.
- 39. In the Data source name box, enter: Cafe Sales
- 40. In the SPL query box enter:

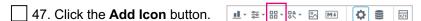
index=cafefood sourcetype=access_combined_cf action=purchase status=200 categoryId=\$catTok\$ | timechart count by categoryId

- 41. Click Apply & Close.
- 42. In the Configuration side panel, in the Title box enter: Cafe Sales
- 43. Locate the Position & size section and set the X position to 190 and the Y position to 0.
- 44. Set the Width to 540 and the Height to 400.
- 45. Locate the Legend section and in the Position menu, select **Bottom**.
- 46. Click Save.

Example:

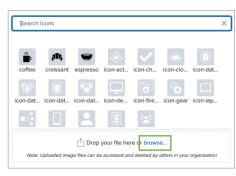


Task 8: Add Icons.



- 48. Click **Browse** and locate the three SVG files supplied at the lab downloads link.
- 49. Select all three and click **Open**.
- 50. Click on each of the new icons to add it to the dashboard.

Example:



Task 9: Configure the coffee icon.

- 51. Click on the **coffee icon**.
- 52. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Position & size section.
- 53. Set the X Position to 50 and the Y Position to 20.
- 54. Set the Width to 100 and the Height to 100.
- 55. Locate the Coloring section and in the Dynamic elements menu select **Icon**.
- 56. Locate the Data sources section and click **Set up Primary Data Source**.
- 57. Click Create Search.
- 58. In the Data source name box enter: Coffee Icon
- 59. In the SPL query box enter:

index=cafefood sourcetype=access_combined_cf action=purchase status=200
categoryId=drip | stats count

60. Click Apply & Close.



ask 10: Configure the croissant icon.	
61. Click on the croissant icon .	
62. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Position & size section.	
63. Set the X position to 40 and the Y position to 165.	
64. Set the Width to 100 and the Height to 100.	
65. Locate the Coloring section and in the Dynamic elements menu select Icon .	
66. Locate the Data sources section and click Set up Primary Data Source .	
67. Click Create Search.	
68. In the Data Source name box enter: Baked Icon	
69. In the SPL query box enter:	
<pre>index=cafefood sourcetype=access_combined_cf action=purchase status=200 categoryId=baked stats count</pre>	
70. Click Apply & Close.	
ask 11: Configure the espresso icon.	
71. Click on the espresso icon .	
72. In the Configuration side panel, locate the Position & size section.	
73. Set the X position to 65 and the Y position to 295.	
74. Set the Width to 50 and the Height to 80.	
75. Locate the Coloring section and in the Dynamic elements menu select Icon .	
76. Locate the Data sources section and click Set up Primary Data Source .	
77. Click Create Search.	
78. In the Data Source name box enter: Espresso Icon	
79. In the SPL query box enter:	
<pre>index=cafefood sourcetype=access_combined_cf action=purchase status=200 categoryId=espresso stats count</pre>	
80. Click Apply & Close.	
81. Click Save .	
82. Click View and reload your browser.	
83. Test the dashboard.	
Select a different time range	
Select a different game	
Select a different cafe sale category	
If the visualizations do not update, retrace your steps, and look for typos.	



Congratulations

You completed Lab Exercise 4!

Highlights

- Used visualization action menu to delete a visualization
- Deleted unused data sources
- Layered visualizations
- Added and formatted icons (SVGs)
- Added dynamic coloring to icons

