

Administration Guide

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Introduction to administration

Summary: This guide covers all topics of special interest to application administrators.

This guide provides information for application administrators, or users with [administrative access privileges](#).

Before addressing the major components of this guide, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with the general top-level [architecture](#) of the ThoughtSpot service.

Administrators are responsible for many facets of the ThoughtSpot service. They are most frequently in charge of these common processes:

- [Installation and setup of ThoughtSpot](#)
- [Loading and managing data](#)
- [Managing users and groups](#)
- [Security](#)
- [System administration](#)
- [Backup and Restore](#)

Additionally, administrators are often involved in the following workflows:

- [Data modeling](#)
- [Using worksheets to simplify search](#)
- [Using views](#) for ‘stacked’ search; note that starting with Release 5.2, you can accomplish some aspects of search stacking by using the `IN keyword`.
- [Beta Enabling SearchIQ](#), ThoughtSpot’s natural language search.
- [Managing scheduled jobs](#)
- [Monitoring system health](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

Sign-in credentials for administration

Summary: You must have administrative access to perform various administrative tasks.

You can access ThoughtSpot through SSH at the command prompt, and from a Web browser.

Administrative access

Each ThoughtSpot cluster has three default users. Contact your ThoughtSpot support team to get the passwords.

Type	Username	Description
Shell user	admin	<p>For work that requires <code>sudo</code> or <code>root</code> privileges</p> <p>Not for application login</p> <p>Logs for this user are in <code>/usr/local/scaligent/logs</code> directory</p>
Shell user	thoughtspot	<p>For command-line work that does not <code>sudo</code> or <code>root</code> privileges</p> <p>Can use <code>tsload</code>, <code>tql</code>, and check the cluster status</p> <p>Not for application login</p> <p>Logs for this user are in <code>/tmp</code> directory</p>
Application user	tsadmin	Access through a Web browser

Both the `admin` and `thoughtspot` user can SSH into the cluster. After authenticating, either user can use and all of the following utilities:

- `tscli`; `thoughtspot` user cannot use commands that require `sudo` or `root` privileges
- `tsload`
- `tql`

SSH to the appliance

To perform basic administration such as checking network connectivity, starting and stopping services, and setting up email, log in remotely as the Linux administrator user “admin”. To log in with SSH from any machine, you can use the command shell or a utility like Putty.

In the following procedure, replace <hostname_or_IP> with the hostname or IP address of a node in ThoughtSpot. The default SSH port (22) will be used.

1. Log in to a client machine and open a command prompt.
2. Issue the SSH command, specifying the IP address or hostname of the ThoughtSpot instance:

```
ssh admin@<hostname_or_IP>
```

3. Enter the password for the admin user.

Sign in to the ThoughtSpot application

To set up and explore your data, access the ThoughtSpot application from a standard Web browser, using a username and password.

Before accessing ThoughtSpot, you need the following:

- The Web address (IP address or server name) for ThoughtSpot
- A network connection
- A Web browser
- A username and password for ThoughtSpot

ThoughtSpot supports the following Web browsers:

Firefox

68.x, 69.x, and later

Chrome

76.x, 77.x, and later

Internet Explorer

11.x, and later

Edge

44.x, and later

Safari

13.x, and later

☒ Tip: We support, but do not recommend, the use of the Internet Explorer.

Depending on your environment, you can experience performance or UI issues.

To sign in to ThoughtSpot from a browser, follow these steps:

1. Open the browser and type in the Web address for ThoughtSpot:

`http://<hostname_or_IP>`

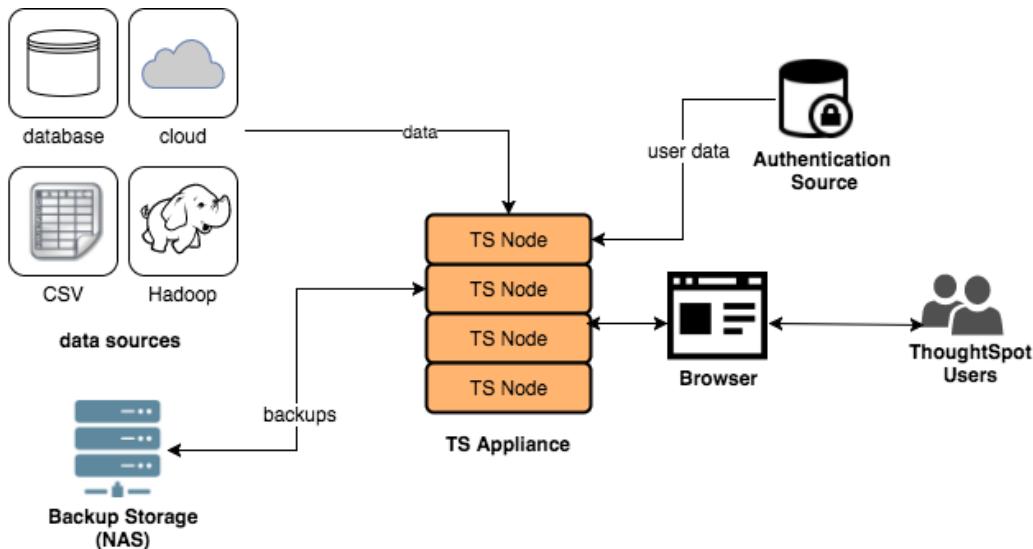
2. Enter your username and password, and click **Sign in**.

Architecture components

Summary: To implement ThoughtSpot it is important to understand where it sits within your overall analytics architecture and how it provides data to end users.

ThoughtSpot consists of a cluster of one or more nodes, acting together to provide analytic answers to business questions. As such, there are only a few integration points with ThoughtSpot on your network.

The major components in a ThoughtSpot cluster are:



ThoughtSpot can handle a wide variety of different data sources. ThoughtSpot does all analysis against data in memory to help achieve fast results across millions and billions of records of data. ThoughtSpot caches the data in order to process it.

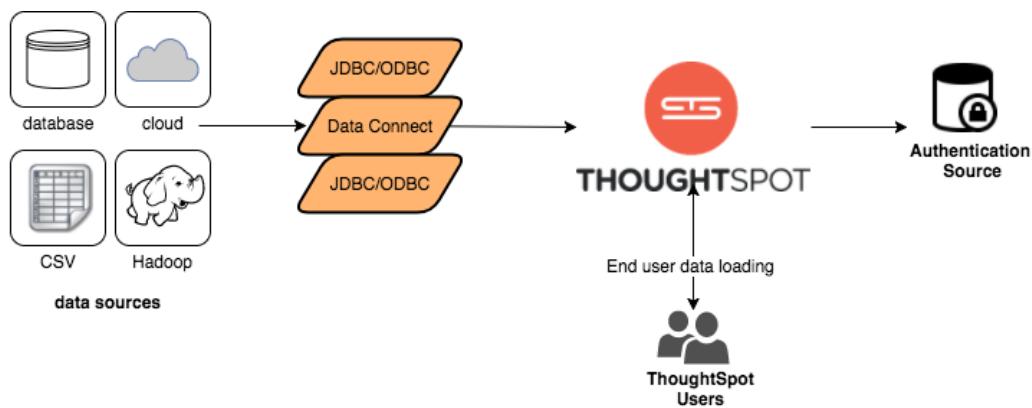
The ThoughtSpot appliance can be a physical appliance that ThoughtSpot ships, one or more AWS instances that are clustered together, or one or more VMware instances that are clustered together. From an external interface, regardless of the appliance type, the appliance appears to be a single instance.

For authentication (logging in), some source of user information is required. These define the login requirements and access control groups. Users must access the data from a supported browser to view saved content, or perform search-based analytics. Finally, it is recommended that you have some sort of networked attached storage for storing backups in case of hardware failure.

Data Caching

Summary: ThoughtSpot does all analysis against data in memory to help achieve fast results across millions and billions of records of data.

ThoughtSpot caches data as relational tables in memory. The tables can be sourced from different data sources and joined together. ThoughtSpot has several approaches for getting data into the cluster.



JDBC and ODBC Drivers

ThoughtSpot provides a JDBC and ODBC driver that can be used to write data to ThoughtSpot. This is useful for customers who already have an existing ETL process or tool, and want to extend it to populate the ThoughtSpot cache.

JDBC and ODBC drivers are appropriate under the following circumstances:

- have an ETL load, such as Informatica, SSIS, and so on
- have available resources to create and manage ETL
- have smaller daily loads

tsload

You can use the `tsload` command line tool to bulk load delimited data with very high throughput.

Finally, individual users can upload smaller (< 50MB) spreadsheets or delimited files.

We recommend the tsload approach in the following cases:

- initial data load
- JDBC or ODBC drivers are not available
- there are large recurring daily loads
- for higher throughput; this can add I/O costs

Choosing a Data Caching Strategy

The approach you choose depends on your environment and data needs. There are, of course, tradeoffs between different data caching options.

Many implementations use a variety of approaches. For example, a solution with a large amount of initial data and smaller daily increments might use tsload to load the initial data, and then use the JDBC driver with an ETL tool for incremental loads.

Authentication

Summary: ThoughtSpot provides LDAP/AD, SAML, and ThoughtSpot login to authenticate users.

ThoughtSpot provides three ways to authenticate users LDAP/AD, SAML, and ThoughtSpot login. In general, ThoughtSpot recommends that you use LDAP/AD or SAML if possible since ThoughtSpot provides only basic authentication with no restrictions on passwords, timeouts, failed logins, etc.

The following table shows each of the options and the items to consider for each.

SAML	LDAP/AD	ThoughtSpot
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use SAML for single sign-on authentication.• Can redirect from ThoughtSpot to SAML logins.• Recommended for portal integration.• Option to sync users and groups if stored in LDAP/AD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Configuration.• Users authenticate against LDAP or AD.• Option to sync users and groups with ThoughtSpot to manage group membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• User created and managed in ThoughtSpot.• No enterprise password control (expiration, password strength, etc.).• Only recommended when SAML and LDAP are not options.

All users and groups must be known to ThoughtSpot. If you are using LDAP/AD or SAML and don't create users in ThoughtSpot, a user is created when the user first logs in. However, this user is assigned to the `All` group and can only see content available for all users.

Groups are the primary way that security is managed. Groups are not automatically created. You can create groups and users manually or you must automate the assignment from a source system. ThoughtSpot has an assignment script that works with most LDAP / AD stores. It also has public APIs that you can use to sync users and groups between source systems and your ThoughtSpot appliance.

Data and object security

ThoughtSpot provides many features for protecting data.

Object Security

Object security controls what content users see within ThoughtSpot. Objects are tables, columns in tables, worksheets, pinboards, and saved answers.

Users gain access to objects when an object owner shares access with them. Owners can share with individual users or with entire groups, giving access to everyone within that group. Objects may be shared with edit or view-only options. A user can automatically share objects with anyone else in the groups to which they belong. This has implications on setting up privileges, and on applying row-level security.

Permissive Security Mode

The default Permissive Security mode of ThoughtSpot means that when someone shares an object with you, you can see all the data it uses, regardless of explicit permissions to the parent object data. You can see a shared pinboard without having access to its underlying worksheet or table.

Advanced Security Mode

ThoughtSpot's Advanced Security mode is opposite of the default permissive mode. Unless the user has explicit permissions to the entire stack of parent objects, they cannot see the data in the child object. For example, in a shared pinboard, you can see data only if you have explicit permissions to the relevant columns of the parent worksheet. Similarly, you can only see the data in a worksheet to which you have access if you have explicit permissions to its parent table object.

Work with your ThoughtSpot support team to enable the Advanced Security Mode on the relevant clusters.

Row level security (RLS)

Row level security controls what data a user can see in each shared piece of content. Even if a user has access to a worksheet, they can only see rows from the tables they have permission to see.

RLS applies at the table level, so it automatically extends to all worksheets, saved answers, and pinboards based on that table, every time. Also, in queries where there are tables with table filters, all joins are always enforced to avoid accidentally allowing users access to data they shouldn't see.

RLS requires three things:

- A table filter with a column (possibly in a joined table) that can be used to determine who can see a row, such as account id or tenant id.
- A group that can be associated with the row of data by name. For example, if the column is `account_id` and has values of `1`, `2`, `3`, users can be assigned to groups `group_1`, `group_2`, `group_3` and then only see their data.
- Users must be assigned to the group. If they are not assigned to a group that has access, they do not see any data.

Administrative users can always see all rows of data because RLS does not apply to them.

RLS supports a hierarchy of groups, which makes it possible to grant access to some users across multiple groups.

Keep in mind that users within a group can share with one another. If you put everyone in your organization into the same group for RLS, they can share with anyone in the company.

Column level security (CLS)

Column level security lets users see certain columns in a table, but not other columns. This can be accomplished by sharing a limited set of columns in a table with specific users or groups.

Because someone can share with anyone in the same group, they can potentially share restricted columns. For example, if a *Human Resources* repository has a column with salary information, and it appears in a worksheet, any *Human Resources* group member could create an answer with visible salary information and mistakenly share with someone outside of *Human Resources*. That 'outside' person now has access to the salary information. In such cases, we recommend that you work with your ThoughtSpot support team to enable the Advanced Security Mode on the relevant clusters.

System privileges

System privileges refer to what a user can do in ThoughtSpot. For example, can they upload or download data or share with all users. These privileges are defined on a group level and inherit downwards. So, if Group A had child groups Group B and Group C, then any privilege given to Group A is also available to Group B and Group C. What this often means is that separate sets of groups are required to manage privileges.

Performance considerations

Summary: Make sure you understand the performance considerations in your installation.

ThoughtSpot configuration and licensing varies by memory availability. Other considerations also impact the performance of your solution. Because some solutions perform better than others, think about the following issues before implementation.

Each node in a ThoughtSpot cluster performs ideally when it has less than 250GB of data and fewer than 0.25 billion total rows of data. For more complex schemas, we recommend even fewer rows of data per node for optimal performance. To reduce the total amount of data and rows of data, you can limit the data range to the relevant years or months, or combine long and narrow tables into wider tables when possible.

Data Boundaries

Total rows in a result of a join can have an impact on performance. In general, we recommend that you have fewer than 10 billion rows in a many-to-many join. Also, consider these boundaries:

Description	Boundary
Maximum number of rows that can be downloaded	10M (default: 1M)
Size in CSV format	250GB per node
Total number of rows across all tables	250GB per node
Many-to-Many (Generic) join cardinality	2.5B per node
Load frequency	Once every hour

Worksheet Boundaries

Worksheets must have less than 1000 columns. For aggregated worksheets, follow these guidelines:

- Number of columns should be less than 50

- Number of rows should be less than 10 millions

You can use an ETL process to circumvent these limitations. Speak with ThoughtSpot Customer Support to learn more.

Aggregated Worksheets and Joins

To join an aggregated worksheet with a base table, you must configure your installation to allow this behavior.

- The aggregated worksheet cannot use more than 5 component tables.
- The number of rows in the final aggregated worksheet cannot be greater than 1000.

Chasm Trap Worksheets

For chasm trap scenarios where two or more fact tables join through a shared dimension, we recommend the following boundaries:

Description	Boundary
Maximum number of fact tables in a worksheet	5
Maximum number of shared dimensions	2
Maximum number of rows in a <i>non</i> co-sharded shared dimension table of chasm trap	1B
Maximum number of rows in a co-sharded shared dimension table of chasm trap	1B

Row-level Security Boundaries

Maximum number of unique RLS rules with search data suggestions should not exceed 15K.

Scheduled Pinboards

For ideal performance of scheduled pinboards, do not exceed 50 scheduled pinboard jobs.

About installation and upgrades

Summary: As administrator, you are responsible for setting up and configuring ThoughtSpot. This guide explains how. It will also assist you in troubleshooting some common problems, finding additional resources, and contacting ThoughtSpot.

Your ThoughtSpot application software is already installed for you in a ThoughtSpot appliance. This is true for both physical and virtual appliances.

The ThoughtSpot software is updated by ThoughtSpot Support. ThoughtSpot Support will contact you to schedule an update when one becomes available.

As administrator, you are responsible for setting up and configuring ThoughtSpot. This guide explains how. It will also assist you in troubleshooting some common problems, finding additional resources, and contacting ThoughtSpot.

Display your current configuration

To perform the setup and configuration, you must first learn how to [gain administrative access](#).

1. Log into the ThoughtSpot cluster as the `admin` user.
2. Use the `tscli feature` subcommand to display your current configuration.

ACTION	NAME	STATUS	CONFIGUR
	Firewall	Disabled	
	Saml	Disabled	
	Ldap	Disabled	
	CustomBranding	Disabled	
	CustomBrandingFontCustomization	Disabled	
	DataConnect	Disabled	
	RLS	Enabled	
	Callhome	Enabled	
	SSHTunnel	Enabled	
	Fileserver	Disabled	

Related information

The following tasks are also available:

- [Set your locale](#)
- [Test connectivity between nodes](#)
- [Set up a fiscal calendar year](#)
- [Integrate LDAP](#)
- [Set up monitoring](#)
- [Configure support services](#)
- [Network ports](#)
- [Configure load balancing and proxies](#)

- [Customize look and feel](#)
- [Add the Slack integration](#)

Set your ThoughtSpot locale

Summary: You can change the language displayed in the application.

By default, the language that ThoughtSpot UI displays depends on the system locale. It is simple to change it using the **Profile** interface.

The **Language** selection specifies more than just the language: it sets the locale, which controls both the language choice and standard data formats for date and number. So, if you set French as the default locale in your profile settings, the interface updates to reflect this. Be sure to refresh your browser page.

For example, in the United States the number format for large numbers uses the comma thousands separator and a period decimals separator, and looks like this: `xxx,xxx.xx`. In most European countries, they use the reverse notation, with comma decimals separator and period thousands separator, like this: `xxx.xxx,xx`.

In addition to American English (`en-US`), ThoughtSpot supports the following locales:

Locale	Language
<code>da-DK</code>	Dansk
<code>de-DE</code>	Deutsche
<code>en-AU</code>	English (Australia)
<code>en-CA</code>	English (Canada)
<code>en-GB</code>	English (United Kingdom)
<code>en-US</code>	English (United States)
<code>es-US</code>	Español (latín)
<code>es-ES</code>	Español (España)
<code>fr-CA</code>	Français (Canada)
<code>fr-FR</code>	Français (France)
<code>it-IT</code>	Italiano

Locale	Language
<i>nl-NL</i>	Nederland (beta)
<i>nb-NO</i>	Norsk
<i>pt-BR</i>	Português (Brazil)
<i>pt-PT</i>	Português (Portugal)
<i>fi-FI</i>	Suomi
<i>sv-SE</i>	Svenska
<i>zh-CN</i>	中文(简体)
<i>ja-JP</i>	日本語

ThoughtSpot translates keywords, operators, and error messages. See the [keyword reference for all supported languages](#).

ThoughtSpot *DOES NOT* translate formulas, or metadata entered by the user. For example, if you name a visualization ‘Quarterly Sales’ in any variant of English and subsequently change the locale to a variant of French, the visualization remains ‘Quarterly Sales’ and does not become ‘Ventes trimestrielles’.

Test network connectivity between nodes

Summary: Verify your network is properly configured for the application.

This procedure tests the network connectivity between all ThoughtSpot nodes, and to the LAN. If you can perform these steps successfully, the network settings on ThoughtSpot are correct.

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Ping each of the other nodes in the cluster.
3. Ping another machine that exists outside of the cluster, for example, a machine that you will use to stage data to be loaded.

If you cannot perform these tests successfully, there is a problem with the network setup. If the tests fail, check [Network connectivity issues](#).

Set the relay host for SMTP (email)

Summary: ThoughtSpot uses emails to send critical notifications to ThoughtSpot Support. A relay host for SMTP traffic routes the alert and notification emails coming from ThoughtSpot through an SMTP email server.

Configure using tscli

Set up SMTP rules to send critical email notifications to ThoughtSpot Support.

Set up the relay Host

To set up a relay host:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the setup command, providing the IP address of the relay host:

```
$ tscli smtp set-relayhost <IP_address>
```

3. Verify your settings:

```
$ tscli smtp show-relayhost
```

4. Verify that email is working.

Configure an email to receive alerts

ThoughtSpot sends alerts to the email address specified during installation. If no email address was entered, no alerts are sent. You should add an email to receive alerts by issuing:

```
$ tscli monitoring set-config --email <your_email>
```

To send to multiple emails, provide a comma-separated list with no spaces.

Verify the relay with an email

Check if the email settings are working properly by using this procedure.

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Try sending an email to yourself by issuing:

```
$ echo | mail -s Hello <your_email>
```

3. If you receive the email at the address(es) you supplied, email is working correctly.

Set up a custom calendar

By default, ThoughtSpot's fiscal calendar begins on January 1st. If your company's calendar starts on a different date, you can use a custom calendar to ensure date searches in ThoughtSpot reflect your fiscal calendar.

Date formulas with the `fiscal` option specified also reflect the fiscal year you set here.

When you create a custom calendar, you designate the month, day and year on which your company's fiscal year begins and ends. When using your custom calendar, searches like **this quarter** or **q3**, conform to the fiscal quarter defined by the calendar. Existing worksheets, tables, views and pinboards also reflect that calendar. When you add a custom calendar, be sure to alert your users of the change and how it affects both current and saved searches.

Setting up a custom calendar

To set up a custom calendar for your cluster, you must do the following:

1. Enable the custom calendar feature.
2. Generate a calendar template.
3. Edit the calendar template.
4. Add the custom calendar to your cluster.

Enable the custom calendar feature

To enable the custom calendar feature for your cluster, contact [ThoughtSpot Support](#).

Generate a calendar template

Using a calendar template as your starting point ensures that you use a format that is compatible with ThoughtSpot.

To generate a calendar template, do the following:

1. SSH as admin into your ThoughtSpot cluster: `ssh admin@<cluster-ip-address or hostname>`.

- Run the `tscli calendar generate` command using the following syntax:

```
tscli calendar generate --name <calendar_name> --start_date <MM/DD/YYYY> --
end_date <MM/DD/YYYY> --username tsadmin
```

Example: `tscli calendar generate --name my_calendar --start_date 07/01/2019
--end_date 06/30/2020 --username tsadmin`

This generates a calendar template file in .csv format. In the previous example:

my_calendar.csv.

- Exit your SSH session.

Edit the calendar template

To use the template you generated as your custom calendar, some editing is required.

- Download the .csv file to your computer using following syntax:

```
scp admin@<cluster-ip-address>:/home/admin/<calendar_name>.csv /<Local
directory on your computer>/.
```

Example (on Mac OS): `scp admin@172.18.144.217:/home/admin/my_calendar.csv
/Users/john.smith/Desktop/.`

- Open the .csv file in a text editor or spreadsheet program and edit the file to ensure the date and quarter columns are formatted correctly:

- The Date column must use the format: **MM/DD/YYYY**. No other formats are supported.
- The Quarter column must display the correct quarter number for each day of the year.

Note: By default, a generated calendar displays quarter numbers based on the Gregorian calendar (which starts on January 1st). If your custom calendar begins any other date, you must adjust the quarter numbers to align with your calendar. For example: If your custom calendar begins on

April 1st, the calendar would incorrectly show April, May and June as quarter 2. You would need to correct this to indicate those months are quarter 1 and correct the subsequent months to have the correct quarter.

- (Optional) To enhance searchability, ThoughtSpot recommends adding a “Q” before each quarter number. Example: **Q1**. If adapting the calendar to different language, use the appropriate letter in place of “Q”.
- Make any other changes needed to the calendar (like translating months or days into a different language.)

Example calendar with the fiscal year beginning on April 1:

date	day_of_week	month	quarter	year	day_number_of_week	week_number_of_month	week_number_of_quarter	week_number_of_year	is_weekend
4/1/19	monday	april	Q 1	2019	1	1	1	1	FALSE
4/2/19	tuesday	april	Q 1	2019	2	1	1	1	FALSE
4/3/19	wednesday	april	Q 1	2019	3	1	1	1	FALSE
4/4/19	thursday	april	Q 1	2019	4	1	1	1	FALSE
4/5/19	friday	april	Q 1	2019	5	1	1	1	FALSE
4/6/19	saturday	april	Q 1	2019	6	1	1	1	TRUE
4/7/19	sunday	april	Q 1	2019	7	2	1	1	TRUE
4/8/19	monday	april	Q 1	2019	1	2	2	2	FALSE
4/9/19	tuesday	april	Q 1	2019	2	2	2	2	FALSE
4/10/19	wednesday	april	Q 1	2019	3	2	2	2	FALSE
4/11/19	thursday	april	Q 1	2019	4	2	2	2	FALSE
4/12/19	friday	april	Q 1	2019	5	2	2	2	FALSE
4/13/19	saturday	april	Q 1	2019	6	2	2	2	TRUE
4/14/19	sunday	april	Q 1	2019	7	3	2	2	TRUE
4/15/19	monday	april	Q 1	2019	1	3	3	3	FALSE
4/16/19	tuesday	april	Q 1	2019	2	3	3	3	FALSE
4/17/19	wednesday	april	Q 1	2019	3	3	3	3	FALSE

3. Save your calendar template as a UTF-encoded .csv file with UNIX line breaks.

Note: Saving the file with UNIX line breaks, ensures there are no carriage returns (^M characters) in the file which prevent you from using your calendar in ThoughtSpot. Microsoft Excel, for example, adds carriage returns. The easiest way to remove carriage returns is to open your .csv file in a text editor, and save it as a .csv with UNIX line breaks.

Add the custom calendar to your cluster

To use your edited calendar template as a custom calendar, you must upload it to your cluster and use it to create a calendar in ThoughtSpot.

1. Upload the .csv file to your ThoughtSpot cluster using the following syntax:

```
scp /<Local directory on your computer>/<calendar_template_name>.csv  
admin@<cluster-ip-address>:/home/admin/
```

Example (on Mac OS): `scp /Users/john.smith/Desktop/my_calendar.csv
admin@172.18.144.217:/home/admin`

2. SSH as admin into your ThoughtSpot cluster: `ssh admin@<cluster-ip-address or hostname>`.
3. Run the `tscli calendar create` command using the following syntax: `tscli calendar create --file_path /home/admin/<calendar_template_name>.csv --name <calendar name> --username tsadmin`

Example: `tscli calendar create --file_path /home/admin/my_calendar.csv --name my_calendar --username tsadmin`

(Optional) Set a custom calendar as the default calendar for your cluster

To set your custom calendar as the default calendar for your cluster, contact [ThoughtSpot Support](#).

Setting a worksheet, table or view to use your custom calendar

If you don't set your custom calendar as the default for your cluster, you must do the following to use your calendar:

1. Sign in to your ThoughtSpot cluster and click **DATA**.
2. On the DATA page, click the name of a worksheet, table or view in which you want to use your custom calendar.
3. Under COLUMN NAME, find a column that uses the DATE or DATE_TIME data type where you want to use your custom calendar and scroll right until you see the CALENDAR TYPE column.

Note: The column must use the DATE or DATE_TIME data type.

4. In the CALENDAR TYPE column for the column(s) you chose, double-click the existing calendar name, and then select your custom calendar.

5. Click **Save Changes**.

Now, date-related searches in the selected worksheet, table or view use your custom calendar.

Configure internal authentication

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Configure internal authentication

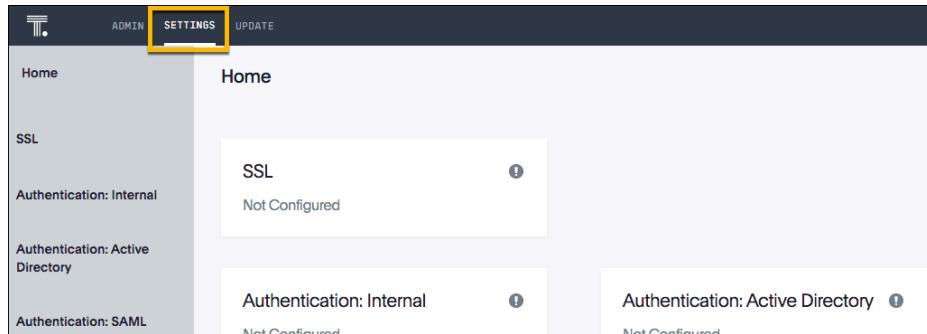
To authenticate users using ThoughtSpot internal who are not available in the LDAP or AD system:

1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** menu on the top navigation bar.

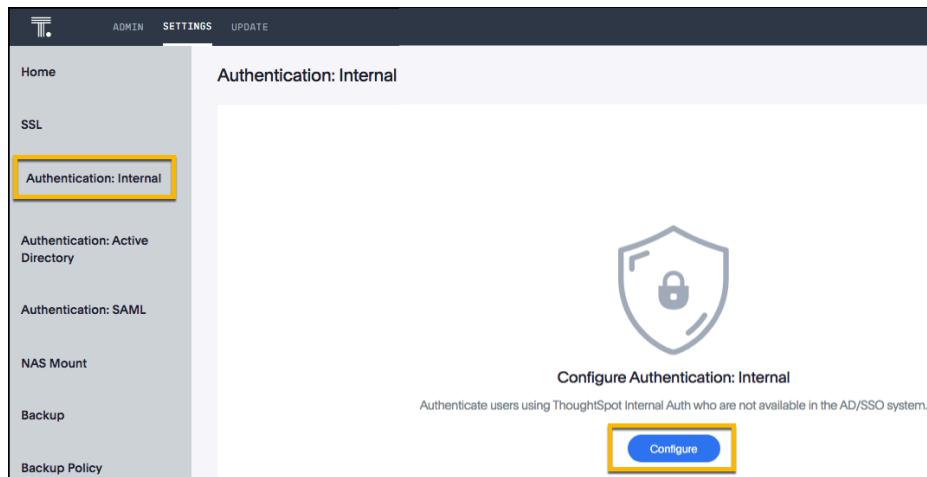


This opens the ThoughtSpot Management Console.

3. Click **Settings** menu on the top navigation bar.



4. In the Settings panel, click **Authentication: Internal** and then **Configure** option.



5. Choose **Enable** under Authentication: Internal option. If you want to disable the internal authentication, configure AD or LDAP first, and then select **Disable** and save the configuration.

A screenshot of the 'Edit Authentication: Internal' dialog box. The title is 'Edit Authentication: Internal'. It contains a note: 'Users not available in Active Directory / Single Sign-On service can be authenticated using ThoughtSpot Internal Autentication mechanism.' Below it is a form field 'Authentication: Internal *' with two radio buttons: 'Enable' (selected) and 'Disable'. At the bottom are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons, with 'Save' highlighted with a yellow box.

6. Click **Save** to configure the internal authentication. ->

Configure SSL

Summary: Secure socket layers (SSL) provide authentication and data security when sending data to and from ThoughtSpot.

You can use SSL to enable both HTTP and LDAP data security.

About SSL

Companies usually secure applications that access data. To use SSL with ThoughtSpot, you must use your company's own SSL certificate. The certificate is issued for each domain or service. If you plan to use SSL for both HTTP(S) and LDAP(S), you must have two separate certificates.

If you do not have an SSL certificate, there are options:

- Check with your IT department if they have an SSL certificate you can use.
- Obtain the certificate from an issuing authority.
- Disable SSL and loose the security it provides. Use the following command:

```
tscli ssl off
```

ThoughtSpot works with a wide variety of SSL types, from a wide variety of vendors.

Required ports

To use SSL, the following ports must be open:

- 443
- 80

Configure SSL for web traffic

Note: Do not use a passphrase when creating certificates.

To verify if you're prompted to specify a passphrase, invoke the command `openssl rsa -check`

`-in pk.key`. If the answer is ‘yes’, remove the passphrase to use the key.

To add SSL and enable HTTPS in ThoughtSpot, obtain the [SSL certificate chain](#) and the [private key](#).

SSL certificate chain

The SSL certificate chain must be in `.PEM` format. This is an `X.509v3` file that contains ASCII (Base64) armored data, packed between `BEGIN` and `END` directives. It can be a bundle of certificates.

Private key

The private key must be in compatible `.PEM` format. It cannot be password or passphrase protected.

Configure SSL using tscli

Follow these instructions to install the SSL certificate using tscli:

1. Use the instructions from the certifying authority where you obtained the certificate.

This is usually sent to you by email, or available for download.

2. Copy the certificate and key files to ThoughtSpot:

```
$ scp <key> <certificate> admin@<IP_address>:<certificate-path>
```

3. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.

4. Change to the directory where you copied the files:

```
$ cd <certificate-path>
```

5. To install the certificate, issue the `tscli` command:

```
$ tscli ssl add-cert <key> <certificate>
```

6. To test that the certificate is correctly installed, [log into the ThoughtSpot application](#).

You should see that the application's URL begins with `https://`.

Set the recommended TLS version

There are a couple of security vulnerabilities due to SSL certificates supporting older versions of TLS (Transport Layer Security). This procedure shows you how to set the recommended TLS version to avoid these vulnerabilities.

The PCI (Payment Card Industry) Data Security Standard and the FIPS 140-2 Standard require a minimum of TLS v1.1 and recommends TLS v1.2.

ThoughtSpot supports SSL v3, TLS v1.0, and TLS v1.1 for backwards compatibility. However, the recommended version is TLS v1.2. Therefore, to set the recommended TLS version:

1. Enable your web browser to support TLS v1.2. This can be done in your browser's advanced settings.
2. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH..
3. Issue the following command:

```
tscli ssl set-min-version 1.2
```

This will block all usage of older versions.

Configuration string for load balancers

When enabling SSL support on a load balancer's server-side SSL client profile, use the following list of ciphers to ensure compatibility between the load balancer and ThoughtSpot.

```
EECDH+AESGCM:EDH+AESGCM:AES256+EECDH:AES256+EDH
```

The following ciphers are currently supported:

```
| TLSv1.2:  
|   ciphers:  
|     TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 - strong  
|     TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  
|     TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 - strong  
|     TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 - strong  
|     TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 - strong  
|     TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  
|     TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 - strong  
|     TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 - strong  
|   compressors:  
|     NULL  
|_  least strength: strong
```

You can retrieve these from the ThoughtSpot web server (not against the load balancer) by running the

following command on any ThoughtSpot node: `nmap --script ssl-enum-ciphers -p 443`

`<ThoughtSpot_node_IP_address>` You must ensure that your load balancer supports these ciphers.

Configure SAML

Summary: You can use the Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) to authenticate users.

ThoughtSpot enables you to use the Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) to authenticate user.

You can set up SAML using the management console or through the shell on ThoughtSpot using a `tscli`-based configurator. It is configured to work using service provided by an Identity Provider (IDP).

Configuration prerequisites

Before you configure SAML, collect the following information:

- ThoughtSpot service address
- Service port
- Unique service name
- Skew time in seconds
- IDP Metadata XML File
- Automatically add SAML users to Thoughtspot
- Also use ThoughtSpot internal authentication

ThoughtSpot service address

DNS name of the load balancer *front-end* for multi-node ThoughtSpot clusters, or of ThoughtSpot *server* for single-node ThoughtSpot cluster.

Service port

Service port for ThoughtSpot instance, typically TCP/443.

Unique service name

The unique key ThoughtSpot uses to identify IDP service. Set by the ThoughtSpot Support Team.

The key has the following format: `urn:thoughtspot:callosum:saml`.

Skew time in seconds

Allowed skew time for authentication, or the duration after authentication response is rejected and sent back from the IDP.

Usually set to `3600` seconds.

IDP Metadata XML File

This file is provided by the IDP. The absolute path to the `idp-meta.xml` file is needed for one-time configuration.

Automatically add SAML users to Thoughtspot: (yes/no)

If you choose ‘yes’, then new users will be automatically created in ThoughtSpot. If ‘no’, then SAML users will be added in ThoughtSpot upon first successful SSO login.

Also use ThoughtSpot internal authentication: (y/n)

If ‘y’, then ThoughtSpot local/internal users (including local administrative users) will still be authenticated outside the scope of SSO.

Configure SAML using tscli

Note: The configuration persists across updates to newer releases of ThoughtSpot.

To set up SAML on ThoughtSpot for user authentication, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.

2. Run the `saml configure` command to launch the interactive SAML configuration:

```
tscli saml configure
```

3. Complete the configurator prompts with the information you collected in [Configuration prerequisites](#).
4. When the configuration completes, open a browser and navigate to the ThoughtSpot login page. It should show the SSO option.

Enable Active Directory based access

Summary: ThoughtSpot supports enabling Active Directory (AD) based access individually on each node where the commands are run.

Enable Active Directory based access on a ThoughtSpot node

ThoughtSpot supports enabling Active Directory (AD) based access individually on each node where the commands are run. There is no provision to enable AD access for the whole cluster with a single command. To enable AD access on a cluster, you need to run these commands on each individual node and on any additional nodes added to the cluster.

The command to enable system AD user access is:

```
tscli sssd enable --user <USER> --domain <DOMAIN>
```

You will then be prompted for password credentials.

Note: The user must have permission to join a computer or VM to the domain.

Set sudoers AD Group on a local node

Just like enabling AD based access on a node, setting `sudo` AD group applies only on the node where the command is run, and is not set for the whole cluster.

The command to allow `sudo` permissions for AD group:

```
tscli sssd set-sudo-group <ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_GROUP_NAME>
```

Clear sudoers AD Group on a local node

Clearing `sudo` AD group only applies on the node where command is run, and is not set for the whole cluster.

The command to clear `sudo` permissions for the AD group:

```
tscli sssd clear-sudo-group <ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_GROUP_NAME>
```

Disable AD based access on a local node

Currently ThoughtSpot supports disabling AD based access individually on each node where the commands are run. There is no provision to disable AD access for the whole cluster with a single command. To disable AD access on a cluster, run these commands on each individual node and any additional nodes added to the cluster.

Command to disable system AD user access is:

```
tscli sssd disable
```

ⓘ Note: Running this command will also remove the AD group from sudoers list.

Related Information

- [sssd](#) in the `tscli` command reference

About LDAP integration

Summary: You authenticate users against an LDAP server.

Some companies use LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) to manage user authentication.

Using LDAP provides security and makes user management more centralized. You can choose to authenticate users against an LDAP server, against ThoughtSpot, or both.

ThoughtSpot supports both anonymous and non-anonymous LDAP integration. Non-anonymous LDAP binding is more rigorous than anonymous authentication, but it should help you track what your users are querying and keep a log trace for auditing purposes.

If you have been using ThoughtSpot with users you created manually, and you now want to transition to LDAP, please contact ThoughtSpot Support. They can assist you in migrating existing users to their LDAP equivalents.

ThoughtSpot supports LDAP with [Active Directory](#).

Configure authentication through Active Directory

Summary: ThoughtSpot enables you to set up integration with LDAP using Active Directory. After successful setup, you can authenticate users against a secure LDAP server.

Configuration prerequisites

Before you configure ThoughtSpot for Active Directory, collect the following information:

- URL
- Domain name
- Search base
- SSL
- Automatically add LDAP or AD users in ThoughtSpot?
- Also use ThoughtSpot internal authentication?

URL

Required to connect to Active Directory.

For example, `ldap://ad.yourdomain.local:389` or `ldap://ad.yourdomain.local:636`

Domain name

Default domain under which users who want to be authenticated against Active Directory reside. When a user logs in with a username, the default domain is added to the username before sending it to the LDAP server. If users reside in multiple sub-domains, you can still designate one of them as the default.

Authentication against multiple domains is not supported.

Users who don't belong to the default domain must explicitly qualify their username when they log in.

For example: `username@ad.yourdomain.local`

Search base

LDAP search base. The scope of searching user information, like *email* and *Display name*, within AD.

SSL

If you want to use SSL, you must obtain the SSL certificate from an issuing authority.

If AD servers are behind a load balancer, you must procure the SSL certificate to identify ThoughtSpot to the load balancer. The communication after the load balancer is non-secure. ThoughtSpot does not support a scenario where multiple AD servers provide their own SSL certificates.

Automatically add LDAP or AD users in ThoughtSpot? (yes/no)

If you choose ‘yes’, new users are automatically created within ThoughtSpot when successfully authenticated against AD. ThoughtSpot doesn’t cache passwords for AD-authenticated users.

If you choose ‘no’, users have to be manually created with a dummy password as a placeholder in ThoughtSpot before they can log in. The username you specify when creating the LDAP-authenticated user manually in ThoughtSpot has to be domain qualified, for example:

`username1@ad.yourdomain.local`.

In order to log in to ThoughtSpot, the user has to exist in ThoughtSpot independent of whether that user is authenticated against AD or against ThoughtSpot’s internal authentication.

Also use ThoughtSpot internal authentication? (yes/no)

If you choose ‘yes’, ThoughtSpot will first attempt to authenticate the user against AD. If that attempt fails, it will then attempt to authenticate the user as an internal/local ThoughtSpot user. If either of these succeed, then the user is successfully logged in. This is useful in scenarios where some users are not in AD and are created only in ThoughtSpot.

Configure LDAP using tscli

You do not have to create a user called `tsadmin` on your LDAP server. Internal authentication can be used for `tsadmin`. To configure AD based authentication, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Run the command to configure AD authentication:

```
$ tscli ldap configure
```

3. Answer the prompts using the information you collected under **Before you begin** section. For example:

```
Choose the LDAP protocol:  
[1] Active Directory  
Option number: 1  
Configuring Active Directory  
URL to connect to Active Directory. (Example: ldap://ad.yourdomain.local:389): ldaps://ad.yourdomain.local:636  
Default domain (Example: ldap.thoughtspot.com): yourdomain.local  
Use SSL (LDAPS) (y/n): n  
LDAP search base (Example: cn=Users): cn=Users,ou=organit,dc=youdomain,dc=local  
Automatically add LDAP users in ThoughtSpot (y/n): y  
Also use ThoughtSpot internal authentication (y/n): y
```

4. If you are using SSL, [add the SSL certificate for AD](#).
5. If you want to remove the AD configuration, issue the following command:

```
$ tscli ldap purge-configuration
```

Add the SSL certificate for LDAP

Summary: Install the certificate to support LDAPS

When you set up LDAP, you specified whether or not to use SSL for LDAP (LDAPS). If using SSL, you must install the LDAP SSL certificate. Before you can add the SSL certificate, you must [Configure LDAP for Active Directory](#).

You must have the SSL certificate before you start. For more information on obtaining an SSL certificate, see [Configure SSL \(secure socket layers\)](#).

To add the SSL certificate for LDAP:

1. Follow the instructions from your certifying authority to obtain the certificate. This is usually sent by email or available for download.
2. Copy the certificate to ThoughtSpot:

```
$ scp <certificate> admin@<IP_address>:<path>
```

3. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
4. Change directories to where you copied the certificate:

```
$ cd <path>
```

5. Run the command to configure SSL for LDAP, designating an alias for this certificate using the `<name>` parameter:

```
$ tscli ldap add-cert <name> <certificate>
```

Test the LDAP configuration

Summary: This procedure allows you to test the LDAP connection you created.

After configuring LDAP, you can test to make sure it is working by issuing a command.

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the LDAP testing command, supplying the information for the LDAP server you configured, as in this example:

```
$ ldapsearch -x -h 192.168.2.61 -p 389 -D "testuser@laptop.thoughtspot.com" -W -b "dc=ldap,dc=thoughtspot,dc=company" cn
```

3. Supply the LDAP password when prompted.
4. If the connection works, you can see a confirmation message.

Sync users and groups from LDAP

Summary: Use this procedure to synchronize your ThoughtSpot system with an LDAP server.

Before synchronizing users and groups, you need this information:

- IP address and port of the server where your ThoughtSpot instance is running. This hostport is needed in the following format `http(s)://<host>:<port>` or `http(s)://<domain>`.
- Administrator login username and password for your ThoughtSpot instance.
- URL of the LDAP server, or hostport.

For example, `ldap://192.168.2.48:389`

- Login username and password for the LDAP system.

An example username would be `moo_100@ldap.thoughtspot.com`

- Distinguished Name (DN) for the base to start searching for users in the LDAP system.

For example, `DC=ldap,DC=thoughtspot,DC=com`

- Location of the Python synchronization script, in case you want to modify it or create your own: `/usr/local/scaligent/release/callosum/utilities/ldap_sync_python_api/syncUsersAndGroups.py`

There are two ways for you to fetch users and groups from LDAP and populate them into your ThoughtSpot system:

- Run the synchronization script in interactive mode, which will walk you through the process (shown here).
- Create your own Python script by using the ThoughtSpot Python APIs. If you need details on the Python APIs, contact ThoughtSpot Support. If you choose this method, you can run the script periodically using a cron job.

To run the LDAP sync script in interactive mode:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.

2. Run the command to start the script:

```
python syncUsersAndGroups.py interactive
```

3. Answer the prompts using the information you collected above. For example:

```
Complete URL of TS server in format "http(s)://<host>:<port>": http://10.77.145.24:8088
Disable SSL authentication to TS server (y/n): y
Login username for ThoughtSpot system: admin
Login password for ThoughtSpot system: 12345
Complete URL of server where LDAP server is running in
format ldap(s)://<host>:<port>: ldap://192.168.2.48:389
Login username for LDAP system: moo_100@ldap.thoughtspo
t.com
Login password for LDAP system: 12345
Syncs user and groups between LDAP and TS systems (y/
n): y
Delete entries in ThoughtSpot system that are not curre
ntly in LDAP tree being synced (y/n): n
Distinguished name for the base to start searching grou
ps in LDAP System: DC=ldap,DC=thoughtspot,DC=com
Scope to limit the search to (choice number)
0:base Searching only the entry at the base DN
1:one Searching all entries on level under the base DN
- but not including the base DN
2:tree Searching of all entries at all levels under an
d including the specified base DN: 2
```

```
Filter string to apply the search to: ((CN=TestGroupAl
pha)(CN=TestGroupBeta))
```

Answering this prompt is optional. If left blank, the default value of '(CN=*)' will be used.

```
Apply sync recursively, i.e. Iterates through group mem
bers and creates member groups, users and relationships
in a recursive way. (y/n): n
```

This prompt is asking if you would like to include group members even if they do not belong to the current sub tree that is being synced.

4. Alternatively, to input your own shorthand script commands:

Issue the Python script commands, supplying all this information, following this format example:

```
python syncUsersAndGroups.py script \
--ts_hostport <ts_hostport> \
--disable_ssl \
--ts_uname <ts_username> \
--ts_pass <ts_password> \
--ldap_hostport '<ldap_hostport>' \
--ldap_uname '<ldap_username>' \
--ldap_pass '<ldap_password>' \
--sync \
--purge \
--basedn 'DC=ldap,DC=thoughtspot,DC=com' \
--filter_str '(|(CN=TestGroupAlpha)(CN=TestGroupBeta))' \
--include_nontree_members
```

The bottom half of the preceding command targets sub trees under the DC called TestGroupAlpha and TestGroupBeta, and iterates through them recursively to create-sync users, groups, and their relationships in the ThoughtSpot system. It also deletes any other entities created in the ThoughtSpot system from this LDAP system that are not currently being synced.

syncUsersAndGroups.py command-line switches

The following table provides a description of each command-line switch available for the `syncUsersAndGroups` python script.

Switch	Description
<code>--ts_hostport <ts_hostport></code>	ThoughtSpot cluster host port. Default port is 8088.

--disable_ssl	Controls the communication between the sync script and the ThoughtSpot cluster. It disables SSL communications between the script and the cluster ONLY, and prevents the need to provide SSL certs during the script execution in order to create users and groups.
--ts_uname	ThoughtSpot cluster username. The <code>admin</code> user is usually used.
--ts_pass	ThoughtSpot cluster password.
--ldap_hostport	AD/LDAP server port that is queried. Default is 389.
--ldap_uname	Username for the LDAP/AD server.
--ldap_pass <ldap_pass-word>	Password for the LDAP/AD server.
--sync	Syncs users and groups which match the <code>basedn</code> and <code>filter_str</code> queries to your ThoughtSpot cluster.
--purge	Purges any users that exist in ThoughtSpot, but not in AD.
--basedn	Place in the directory that will be searched for users.
--filter_str	Further filters results from your base DN.
--include_nontree_members	Includes group members from LDAP/AD even if they do not belong to the current subtree that is being synced.

Configure NAS file system

Summary: Some operations, like backup, restore, and data loading, require either reading or writing very large files. You can mount a network attached storage (NAS) file system to support these operations. Your NAS storage can be in the drive format you choose.

About NAS mount

ThoughtSpot enables you to mount a NAS file system for storing or accessing large files. The file system will be mounted at the same location on each node in the cluster automatically. When any node is restarted, the file system will be mounted again automatically, if it can be found.

When supplying a directory for writing or reading a backup, you can specify the `mount` point as the directory to use. Likewise, you can stage data there for loading.

Backups are written by the Linux user `admin`. If that user does not have permission to write to the NAS file system, you can write the backups to a disk (for example `/export/sdc1`, `/export/sdd1`, `/export/sde1`, or `/export/sdf1`) and then set up a cron job that executes as root user and copies the backup to the NAS device every night, then deletes it from the directory.

Do not send the periodic backups or stage files on `/export/sdb1` since it is a name node. It is used internally by Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) and if this drive fills up, it can cause serious problems. Do not allow backups or data files to accumulate on ThoughtSpot. If disk space becomes limited, the system will not function normally.

Mount NAS using tscli

To mount a NAS file system using the tscli, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Mount the directory to the file system by issuing the appropriate command:
 - Example for an NFS (Network File System) directory:

```
tscli nas mount-nfs --server storageservername.firebaseio.yourdomain.net  
    --path_on_server <path> /tsdev-backup --mount_point /export/BACKUPS/  
    --options vers=<version>,sec=<security scheme>,<OPTIONS>
```

Note: Other command-line options are available to forward to the command (default: noexec).

- Example for a CIFS (Common Internet File System) directory:

```
tscli nas mount-cifs --server storageservername.firebaseio.yourdomain.net  
    --path_on_server /tsdev-backup --mount_point /export/BACKUPS/  
    --username 'avtprdweutspotdev' --uid 1001 --gid 1001 --options 'vers=3.0'
```

Note: Other command-line options are available to forward to the mount.cifs command (default: noexec).

3. Use the mounted file system by referring to its mount point.
4. When you are finished with it, you can optionally unmount the NAS file system:

```
tscli nas unmount --dir <directory>
```

Set up monitoring

Summary: Setting up monitoring is a one time operation.

To configure monitoring of your cluster, set up the frequency of heartbeat and monitoring reports and an email address to receive them.

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the `tscli` command to set up monitoring:

```
tscli monitoring set-config  
--email <email>  
--heartbeat_interval <heartbeat_interval>  
--report_interval <report_interval>
```

The parameters are:

- `--email <email>` is a comma separated list (no spaces) of email addresses where the cluster will send monitoring information.
- `--heartbeat_interval <heartbeat_interval>` is the heartbeat email generation interval in seconds. Must be greater than 0.
- `--report_interval <report_interval>` sets the cluster report email generation interval in seconds. Must be greater than 0.

3. To view your settings and verify that they have been applied, issue:

```
tscli monitoring show-config
```

You should see information like:

Monitoring Configuration:

Alert Email: dev-alerts@thoughtspot.com

Heartbeat Interval: 900 sec

Report Interval: 21600 sec

4. After the heartbeat interval has passed, check your email to verify that emails are being delivered.
5. If you don't receive any emails, [verify that email is working](#).

Configure support services

Summary: There are several configurations you can set up in your installation to ensure your company's support from ThoughtSpot works smoothly.

Set up a reverse tunnel for support

You can set up a reverse tunnel to allow ThoughtSpot Support to get access to your ThoughtSpot instance, to perform support-related activities. This setup is scalable, more secure, and a much simpler alternative to using a virtual meeting room.

Granting remote support access can streamline troubleshooting activities, because it enables your support agent to work directly on your computer from a secure setting. The remote tunnel enables SSH and HTTP access to your ThoughtSpot instance by ThoughtSpot Support. This access can be granted and revoked easily, so you can enable it for a troubleshooting session, and then disable it again. Before doing this procedure, make sure your company's security policies allow reverse tunneling.

Note: Before you set up a reverse tunnel, open port 22 in your firewall outgoing rules to whitelist `tunnelrelay.thoughtspot.com`.

Using remote support with tscli

To enable remote support, follow these steps:

1. Contact ThoughtSpot and open a support ticket for making the appropriate reverse tunnel settings on our end. Provide the cluster name of the cluster for which you want to enable remote support.
2. After the ticket is completed, continue with the remaining steps in this procedure to make the settings on your side.
3. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
4. Issue the command to configure the destination for the remote tunnel.

You only need to do this one time, when you are enabling the tunnel for the very first time.

After that, this setting persists when you start and stop the remote tunnel.

```
$ tscli support set-remote --addr tunnelrelay.thoughtspot.com --user ubuntu
```

5. Test that the setting is configured:

```
$ tscli support show-remote
```

6. Enable the remote tunnel:

```
$ tscli support start-remote
```

7. [Contact ThoughtSpot](#) and test the setup with your ThoughtSpot Support contact.

8. After your remote session with ThoughtSpot Support is over, turn the remote tunnel off until you need to use it again:

```
$ tscli support stop-remote
```

You can repeat the steps to start and stop the remote tunnel as needed for future support operations.

9. Ensure that the remote tunnel is disabled:

```
$ tscli support show-remote
```

Configure a secure file server

ThoughtSpot Support uses a secure file server to distribute new releases and to access your logs and troubleshooting files. You must also use a secure server connection to enable the optional performance statistics collection.

Before uploading files to the secure file server, obtain your user name and password for logging into the secure file server. You can get these from ThoughtSpot Support.

Configuring the connection to the file server is a one-time operation. You do not have to reconfigure the connection unless your password changes. Note that you can do a one time override of the user and password you used to configure the connection. This is done by passing a different user and password on the command line when uploading or downloading a file.

To configure the connection to the secure file server, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the command to configure the file server:

```
$ tscli fileserver configure --user <user_name> [--password <password>]
```

If you do not supply the `--password` parameter, you are prompted to enter it.

Call home with cluster usage data

“Call home” data is metadata and usage data from your ThoughtSpot cluster. This data allows ThoughtSpot’s Support team to troubleshoot your cluster. They use the data to see basic usage information over time for your ThoughtSpot instance. ThoughtSpot’s “call home” functionality intermittently sends a call home bundle of statistics to a ThoughtSpot S3 server through HTTPS. The data is encrypted at rest on the server.

By default, call home is enabled on your cluster. You can disable call home in by doing the following:

1. Log into the ThoughtSpot server as `admin` user.
2. Use the `tscli` command to disable.

```
$ tscli callhome disable
```

Designate a support contact

A support contact person can answer your questions about data and search at your company. If the person can't answer your system and software-related questions, that person should submit the questions to ThoughtSpot Support. The designated support contact should have an available email and phone number.

To designate the custom support contact, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the `tscli` command to set the email address:

```
$ tscli support set-admin-email <email_address>
```

3. Issue the `tscli` command to set the phone number:

```
$ tscli support set-admin-phone <phone_number>
```

4. If you need to reset both of these to the default (ThoughtSpot Support), issue these commands:

```
$ tscli support rm-admin-email  
$ tscli support rm-admin-phone
```

Manage the feedback contact

Users in ThoughtSpot may be asked for feedback for new or BETA features in the system. By default, feedback goes directly to ThoughtSpot support.

Alternatively, and especially in cases of using ThoughtSpot in embedded mode, you can send feedback to someone in your company.

Your designated feedback contact should have an available email. To designate the custom feedback contact, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
2. To set the feedback email address, issue this command:

```
$ tscli support set-feedback-email <email_address>
```

3. Verify the email address is set:

```
$ tscli support show-feedback-email
```

To reset the email to the default (ThoughtSpot support), issue this command:

```
$ tscli support rm-feedback-email
```

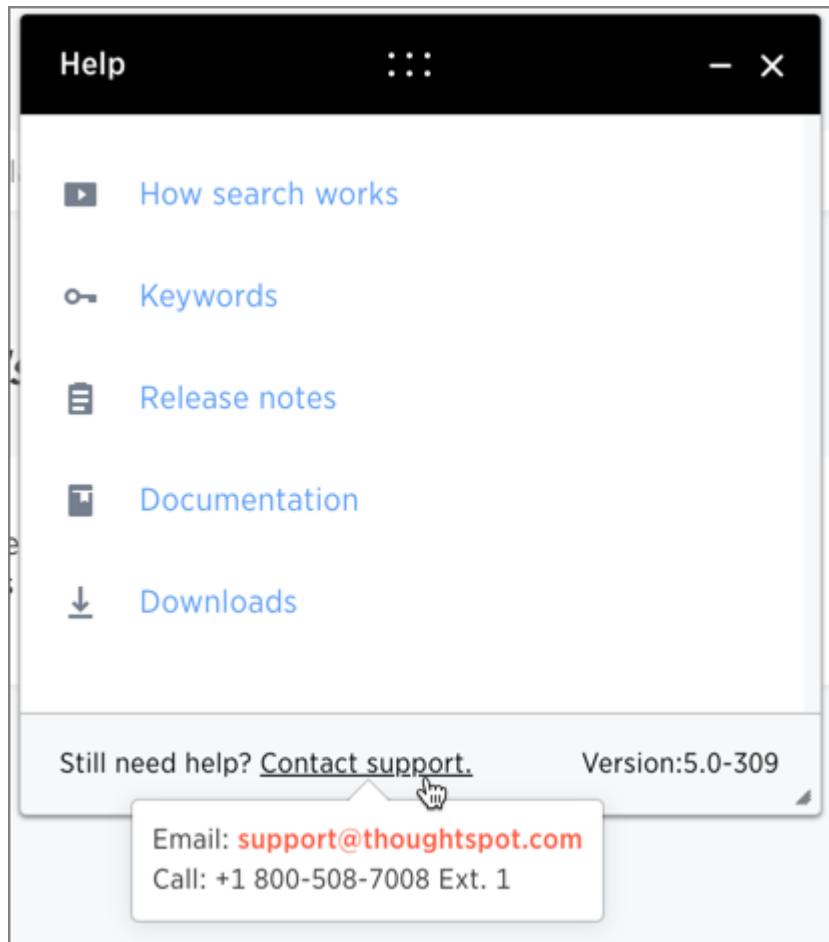
You can also choose not to send feedback on your system. Issue this command:

```
$ tscli support set-feedback-email ''
```

How users find your company's support contact

After you set the custom support contact information, your users can see it in the following parts of ThoughtSpot:

- In the Help Center, when a user selects **Contact Support**.



- In error messages, when a user selects **What Happened?**

Network policies

Summary: Lists the required ports, protocols and policies for an installation.

For regular operations and debugging, there are some ports you must keep open to network traffic from end users. Another list of ports must be open for intracluster traffic, and for inbound and outbound access to the cluster. ICMP v4 is used for checking the health of the cluster.

Required ports for operations and debugging

The following ports must be open for requests from your user population. There are two main categories: operations and debugging.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Destination	Description
22	SSH	SSH	bidirectional	Administrators IP addresses	All nodes	Secure shell access. Also used for scp (secure copy).
80	HTTP	HTTP	bidirectional	All users IP addresses	All nodes	Hypertext Transfer Protocol for website traffic.
443	HTTPS	HTTPS	bidirectional	All users IP addresses	All nodes	Secure HTTP.
12345	TCP	Simba	bidirectional	Administrators IP addresses	All nodes	Port used by ODBC and JDBC drivers when connecting to ThoughtSpot.
2201	HTTP	Orion master HTTP	bidirectional	Administrator IP addresses	All nodes	Port used to debug the cluster manager.
2101	HTTP	Oreo HTTP	bidirectional	Administrator IP addresses	All nodes	Port used to debug the node daemon.
4001	HTTP	Falcon worker HTTP	bidirectional	Administrator IP addresses	All nodes	Port used to debug the data cache.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Destination	Description
4251	HTTP	Sage master HTTP	bidirectional	Administrator IP addresses	All nodes	Port used to debug the search engine.

Required ports for cluster communication

This reference lists the potential ports to open when setting up your security group.

Required ports for intracluster operation

Static ports are used for communication between services within the cluster. ThoughtSpot recommends that you open all ports within a cluster. This is not required, but it will ensure that cluster communication works properly if additional ports are used in a future software release.

If your organization does not allow you to open all ports, make sure you open the required intracluster ports listed in the following table. In addition, a number of ports are dynamically assigned to services, which change between runs. The dynamic ports come from the range of ports that are dynamically allocated by Linux (20K+).

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
80	TCP	nginx	inbound	All nodes	All nodes	Primary app HTTP port (nginx)
443	TCP	Secure nginx	inbound	All nodes	All nodes	Primary app HTTPS port (nginx)
2100	RPC	Oreo RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Node daemon RPC
2101	HTTP	Oreo HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Node daemon HTTP

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
2181	RPC	Zookeeper servers listen on this port for client connections	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Zookeeper servers listen on this port for client connections
3181	RPC	Zookeeper servers listen on this port for client connections	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Zookeeper servers listen on this port for client connections
4181	RPC	Zookeeper servers listen on this port for client connections	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Zookeeper servers listen on this port for client connections
2200	RPC	Orion master RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Internal communication with the cluster manager
2201	HTTP	Orion master HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the cluster manager
2205	TCP	Cluster update service TCP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Internal communication with the cluster manager
2210	RPC	Cluster stats service RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Internal communication with the stats collector
2211	HTTP	Cluster stats service HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the stats collector
2230	RPC	Callosum stats collector RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Internal communication with the BI stats collector

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
2231	HTTP	Callosum stats collector HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the BI stats collector
2240	RPC	Alert manager	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where alerting service receives alert events
2241	RPC	Alert manager	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where alerting service receives alert events
2888	RPC	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves
3181	RPC	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves
3888	RPC	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves
4000	RPC	Falcon worker RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used by data cache for communication between themselves
4001	HTTP	Falcon worker HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the data cache
4002	HTTP	Falcon worker HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the data cache

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
4003	RPC	Falcon worker RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used by data cache for communication between themselves
4004	RPC	Falcon worker RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used by data cache for communication between themselves
4021	RPC	Sage metadata service port (exported by Tomcat), Callousum services like meta-data services, meta-data-dependency service, scheduling service, session-less service, spotiq service	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where search service contacts meta-data service for metadata
4181	RPC	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Ports used by Zookeeper servers for communication between themselves
4201	HTTP	Sage auto complete server HTTP interface port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the search service
4231	HTTP	Sage index server HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the search service
4232	RPC	Sage index server metadata subscriber port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search service internal communication
4233	RPC	Sage index server RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search service internal communication

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
4241	HTTP	Sage auto complete server HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Port used to debug the search service
4242	RPC	Sage auto complete server RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search service internal communication
4243	RPC	Sage auto complete server metadata subscriber port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search internal communication
4244	RPC	Sage auto complete server metadata subscriber port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search internal communication
4245	RPC	Sage auto complete server metadata subscriber port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search internal communication
4243	RPC	Sage auto complete server metadata subscriber port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search internal communication
4251	RPC	Sage master RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for search service internal communication
4405	RPC	Diamond (graphite) port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for communication with monitoring service
4406	RPC	Diamond (graphite) port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for communication with monitoring service
4500	RPC	Trace vault service RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Trace collection for ThoughtSpot services
4501	HTTP	Trace vault service HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Debug trace collection

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
4851	RPC	Graphite manager RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Communication with graphite manager
4852	HTTP	Graphite manager HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Debug graphite manager
4853	RPC	Elastic search stack (ELK) manager RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Communication with log search service
4853	HTTP	Elastic search stack (ELK) manager HTTP port	bidirectional	Admin IP addresses and all nodes	All nodes	Debug log search service
9200	RPC	Elastic search (ELK)	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Communication with log search service
5021	RPC	Callosum services like meta-data services, medata-dependency service, scheduling service, session-less service, spotiq service	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where search service contacts meta-data service for metadata
5432	Postgres	Postgres database server port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Communication with Postgres database
6021	RPC	Callosum services like meta-data services, medata-dependency service, scheduling service, session-less service, spotiq service	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where search service contacts meta-data service for metadata
7021	RPC	Callosum services like meta-data services, medata-dependency service, scheduling service, session-less service, spotiq service	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where search service contacts meta-data service for metadata

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
8020	RPC	HDFS namenode server RPC port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Distributed file system (DFS) communication with clients
8021	RPC	Callosum services like meta-data services, metadata-dependency service, scheduling service, session-less service, spotiq service	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port where search service contacts metadata service for metadata
8080	HTTP	Tomcat	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	BI engine communication with clients
8081	HTTP	Callosum/Tomcat status	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	BI engine communication with clients
8787	HTTP	Periscope (UI) service HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Administration UI back end
8888	HTTP	HTTP proxy server (tinyproxy)	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Reverse SSH tunnel
11211	Memcached	Memcached server port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	BI engine cache
12345	ODBC	Simba server port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Port used for ETL (extract, transform, load)
8480	HTTP	HDFS journalnode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS metadata
8485	HTTP	HDFS journalnode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS metadata
50070	HTTP	HDFS namenode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS metadata
50090	HTTP	HDFS secondary namenode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS metadata
50075	HTTP	HDFS datanode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
50010	HTTP	HDFS datanode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
50020	HTTP	HDFS datanode server HTTP port	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
7000	TCP	Cassandra KV store database	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
7001	TCP	Cassandra	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
9042	HTTP	Munshi server impression service, Cassandra	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
9160	TCP	Cassandra	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
4010	HTTP	Falcon moderator	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
4011	HTTP	Falcon moderator	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Debug DFS data
20123 - 32768	TCP (dynamic)	Dynamic port in this range used for various services and ancillary services like atlas, caffeine, call-home, callosum, falcon, monitoring, munshi server, nlp, object_search, postgres, sage UBR, spo-tiq snapshot, timely	All nodes	Services		
5270	TCP	Cluster monitoring service (ELK)	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services
5271	TCP	Cluster monitoring service (ELK)	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services
5601	TCP	Kibana UI (ELK)	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services
6311	TCP	R service	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services
8008	TCP	Video recorder	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
9090	TCP	Timely	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services
	ICMPv4	Used for health check of cluster nodes	bidirectional	All nodes	All nodes	Services

Required ports for inbound and outbound cluster access

ThoughtSpot uses static ports for inbound and outbound access to the cluster.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
22	SCP	SSH	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Secure shell access.
80	HTTP	HTTP	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Hypertext Transfer Protocol for website traffic.
443	HTTPS	HTTPS	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Secure HTTP.
12345	TCP	Simba	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Port used by ODBC and JDBC drivers when connecting to ThoughtSpot.
2049	TCP	NFS: In case one needs to mount NFS share on TS node.	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Port used by NFS.
123	UDP	NTP service	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Port used by NTP service.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Destination	Description
443	TCP	HTTPS	outbound	All nodes	208.83.110.20	For transferring files to thoughtspot.egnyte.com.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Destination	Description
443	TCP	HTTPS	outbound	All nodes	For transferring product usage data to mixpanel cloud.	outbound
443	TCP	HTTPS	outbound	All nodes	je8b47jfif.execute-api.us-east-2.amazonaws.com s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com s3.dualstack.us-west-1.amazonaws.com	For transferring monitoring data to InfluxCloud. (Given address will resolve to point to AWS instances).
25 or 587	SMTP	SMTP or Secure SMTP	outbound	All nodes and SMTP relay (provided by customer)	All nodes	Allow outbound access for the IP address of whichever email relay server is in use. This is for sending alerts to ThoughtSpot Support.
389 or 636	TCP	LDAP or LDAPS	outbound	All nodes and LDAP server (provided by customer)	All nodes	Allow outbound access for the IP address of the LDAP server in use.

Required ports for IPMI (Intelligent Platform Management Interface)

ThoughtSpot uses static ports for out-of-band IPMI communications between the cluster and ThoughtSpot support.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
80	HTTP	HTTP	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	Hypertext Transfer Protocol for website traffic.
443	TCP	S-HTTP	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	IPMI GUI and for HTML5-based IPMI console access.

Port	Protocol	Service Name	Direction	Source	Dest.	Description
623	UDP	Serial-over-LAN	bidirectional	ThoughtSpot Support	All nodes	IPMI GUI and for HTML5-based IPMI console access.

Related information

[EC2 Best Practices](#)

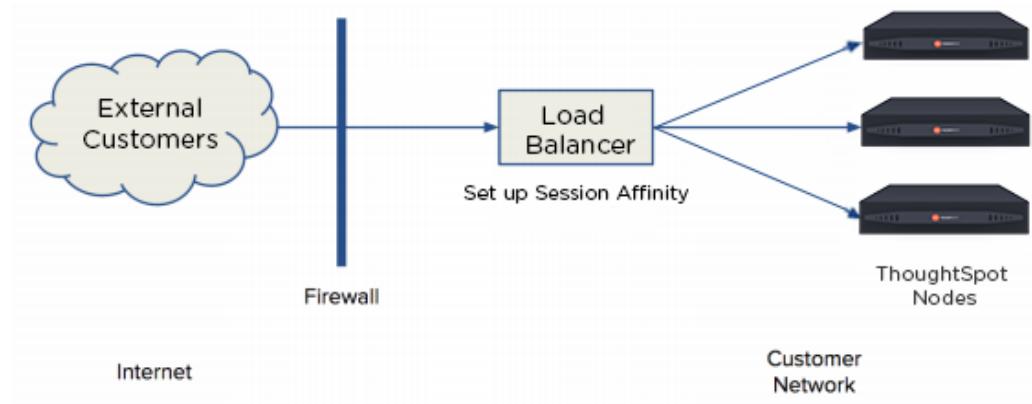
Configure load balancing and proxies

Summary: A load balancer is needed in front of a server group in order to direct traffic to individual servers in a way that maximizes efficiency.

Here are some of the best practices and guidelines for a typical implementation with ThoughtSpot. Your experience may differ depending on your environment and preference.

Load balance across ThoughtSpot nodes

The following shows a network architectural diagram which includes a load balancer for ThoughtSpot nodes.



The load balancer is an appliance in your infrastructure that routes traffic automatically to nodes to provide failover. You can also place a load balancer or proxy in front of the ThoughtSpot appliance if you'd like external network users to access the system.

The best way to load balance across all ThoughtSpot nodes in a cluster is to map one domain name (FQDN) to all the IPs in the cluster in a round robin fashion.

For example, if you want to use a DNS server based load balancing, then you can define multiple “A” resource records (RR) for the same name.

Below is an example of how you could set that up

```
thoughtspot.customer.com IN A 69.9.64.11
thoughtspot.customer.com IN A 69.9.64.12
thoughtspot.customer.com IN A 69.9.64.13
thoughtspot.customer.com IN A 69.9.64.14
```

The example indicates that IP addresses for the domain thoughtspot.customer.com are 69.9.64.11, 69.9.64.12, 69.9.64.13, and 69.9.64.14.

Session Affinity

Session Affinity refers to directing requests to the same application server for the time it takes to complete a task.

In order for session affinity to work on ThoughtSpot, HTTPS (an SSL certificate) has to be installed on the load balancer level. If it is installed outside of the load balancer, session affinity may not occur and the ThoughtSpot system will fail.

Web proxies

You can access ThoughtSpot through any standard web proxy server. Web proxies are fairly universal regardless of the application they are proxying. However, ThoughtSpot doesn't use any new protocols, like SPDY or HTTP/2, which may have a dependency on the proxy. Instead, ThoughtSpot is commonly placed behind a web HTTP/HTTPS proxy.

Additionally, the proxy can round robin across multiple nodes in the ThoughtSpot backend. You can essentially use the web proxy as a load balancer. Therefore, your session will carry over if the proxy round robins between the ThoughtSpot backends as long as the URL doesn't change.

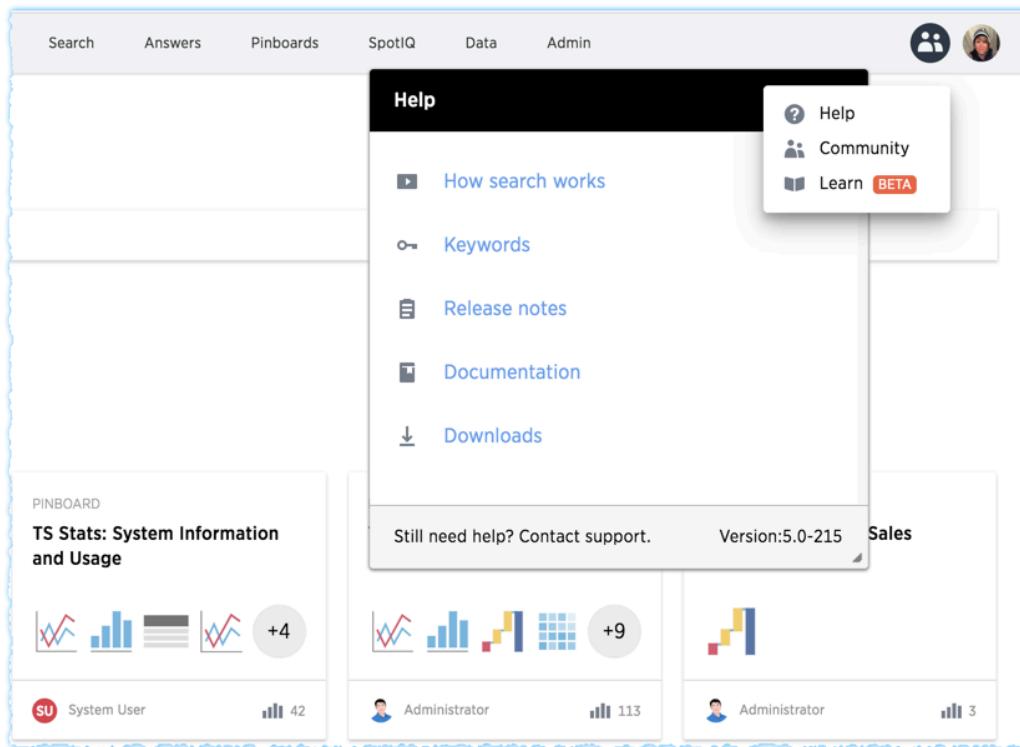
Customize ThoughtSpot Help

Summary: You customize ThoughtSpot Help to be specific to your data, examples, and documentation.

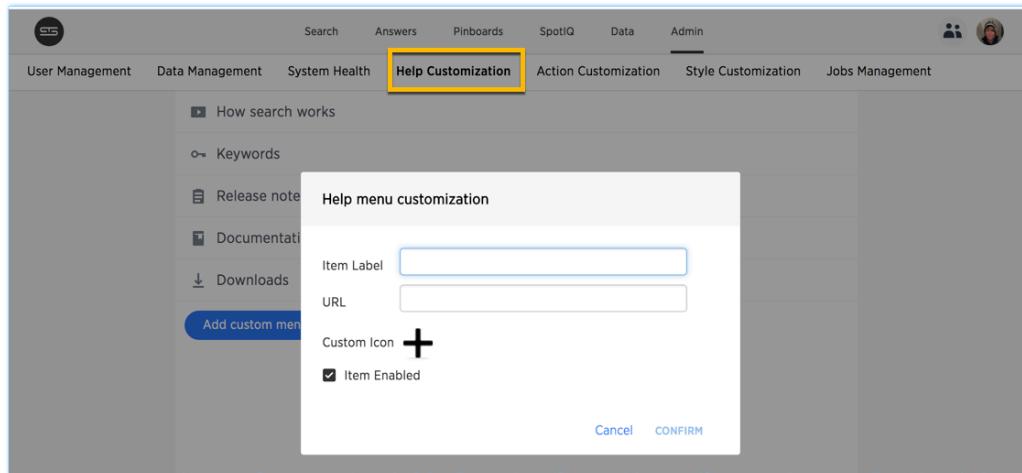
You can customize the Help for your ThoughtSpot application to tailor it to your organization.

Configuring these Help settings sets system-wide defaults for all your users.

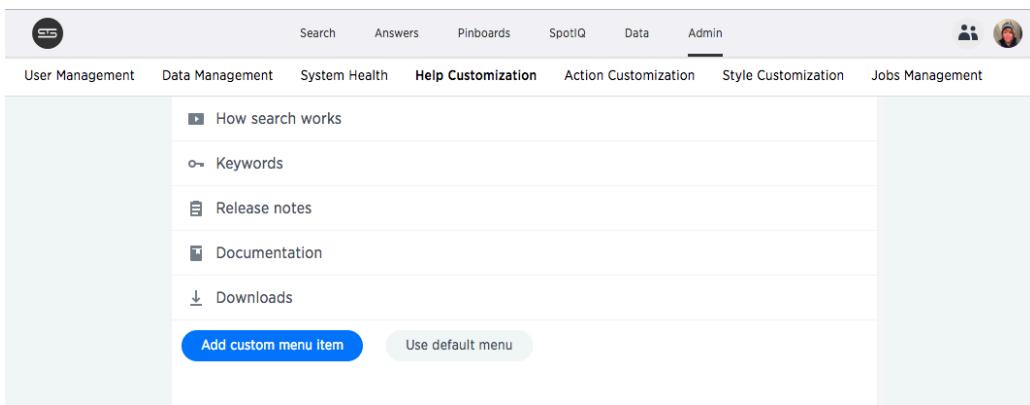
When your ThoughtSpot users click the Help icon, they see a list of links.



As an administrator, you can add your own links to this list. This allows you to include documentation specific to your company, such as information about the data available in ThoughtSpot, where to get support internally, or company-specific training.



You can also edit existing links, change icons, or remove items from the help listing altogether.



Customize look and feel

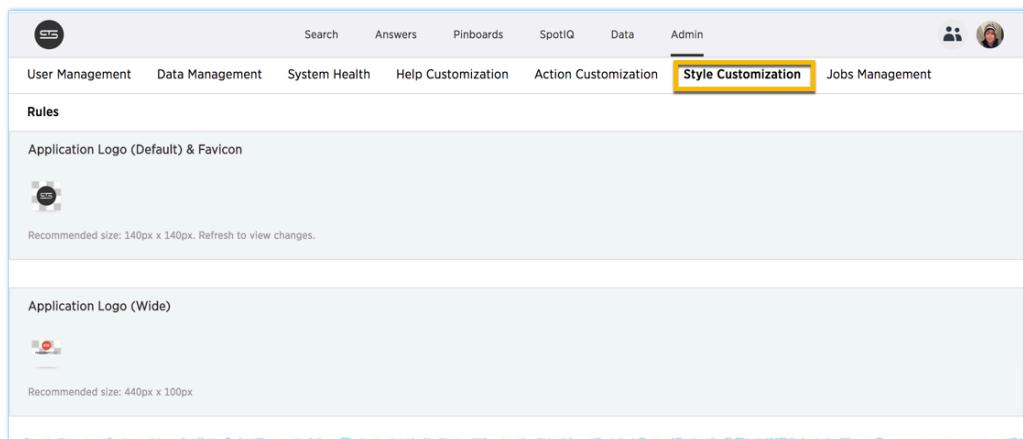
Summary: You can brand the ThoughtSpot application for your company.

You can customize the look and feel of the ThoughtSpot application for your company. Configuring these settings sets system-wide defaults for all your users.

Style customization is enabled by default. You can configure your cluster to disable this functionality. Contact support@thoughtspot.com for information about disabling this feature.

Where to customize styles

A user with administrative rights can view and access the customization on the **Admin** page.



Use the **Style Customization** page to access the configuration settings.

General guidelines for customization

Your changes take effect either immediately or with browser refresh. You can revert your changes by using the **Reset** button which displays when your cursor moves to the right of any setting.



The following table lists the style customizations you can configure.

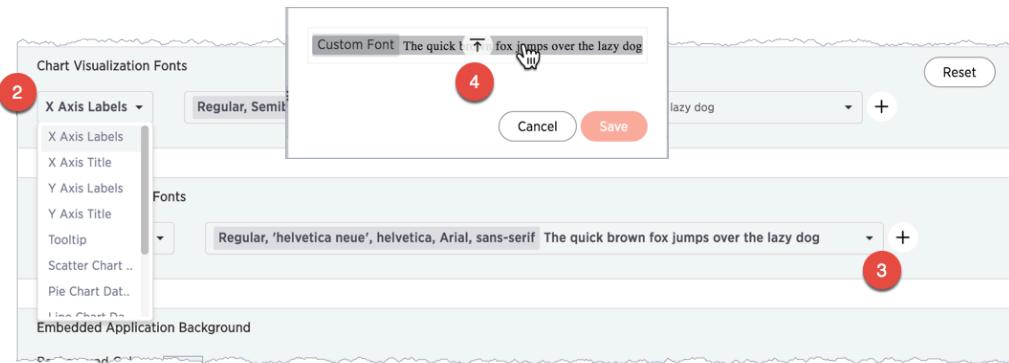
Setting	Description
Application Logo (Default) & Favicon	Sets a default application and favicon logo. This should be 140 pixels square.
Application Logo (Wide)	This logo should be 440 x 100 pixels.
Chart Visualization Fonts	Set a font for chart labels. You can specify any Web Open Font Format ('WOFF') file.
Table Visualization Fonts	Set a font for table labels. You can specify any Web Open Font Format ('WOFF') file.
Embedded Application Background	Set the background for an embedded ThoughtSpot instance. This is only used if you are embedding ThoughtSpot in another application.
Chart Color Palettes	Set the default palette for all charts. To set a value, however over a color value and enter a HEX value or select one from the chart. Individual users can still customize their own chart colors. They can use the **Reset colors** option on a chart to clear their changes.
Footer text	Define a footer to appear with the ThoughtSpot application.
Page title	Sets the title for the browser tab.

How to specify fonts

You can set your systems default fonts by specifying either or both of the **Chart Visualization Fonts** and **Table Visualization Fonts** values. To set this values, your font must be defined in a Web Open Font Format (WOFF) file.

Changes to chart and table defaults apply only to charts and features created *after* you configure a value. If you change table fonts, older tables retain their previous fonts. Some settings can be overridden on a per-object level. Users cannot configure their own defaults.

To set a new font:



1. Make sure you have a WOFF file available for your font.
2. Select the label you want to change.
3. Click the **+** button.

The system displays the **Custom Font** dialog.

4. Click the **Custom Font** field.

The system displays the file finder.

5. Add the `WOFF` file you want.

The file appears in the font dialog

6. Click **Save** to change the font.

How to specify the behavior of clickable links in data

There is a system-wide setting which determines what happens when a user clicks on a link within the data. When your data includes URLs, they display as clickable links in ThoughtSpot tables. By default, clicking on a link opens the URL in a separate tab. But there is a system-wide setting that can be changed to open the links within the context in which they appear.

Changing this setting opens the links:

Link type	Opens in
Link in search result table in ThoughtSpot	Same browser tab as ThoughtSpot application
Link in table embedded in an iFrame	Same iFrame that contains the table
Link in full ThoughtSpot application embedded in an iFrame	Same iFrame that contains the application

Slack integration

Working with ThoughtSpot, you can configure your installation to work with Slack. Users can use the integration, called **Spot**, to make queries or view charts. Any users with administrative rights can apply a `spot` sticker to specific objects. Then, the object is available through Slack.

The first time a user messages Spot, it returns a login link for ThoughtSpot. After logging in, the user's Slack and ThoughtSpot accounts are connected. Actions a user makes from Slack are tied to the user's permissions and authorization.

Spot workflow for administration

Here are the high level steps:

1. Work with support@thoughtspot.com to install the Spot Slack bot on your cluster.
2. Log into ThoughtSpot.
3. Label answers, pinboards, and other objects with the spot sticker.
4. Start Spot Bot.
5. Register Spot bot with your company's Slack instance.
6. Register your Spot Slack account to ThoughtSpot.

Related Information

Relevant `tscli` commands are [here](#), but these will not work until Spot is enabled by ThoughtSpot Support. Support will work with you to install Spot, and then provide the rest of the workflow to you, including `tscli` command usage.

Load and manage data

The fastest and easiest way to load a new table is by importing it using the Web browser. This is best for one time data loads of small tables which do not have complex relationships to other tables. This method is limited to tables that are under 50 MB (megabytes) in size.

Using ThoughtSpot Loader, you can script recurring loads and work with multi-table schemas.

If your data already exists in another database with the schema you want to use in ThoughtSpot, you can pull the schema and data in using the ODBC or JDBC driver.

These are the methods you can use to load data, along with the benefits of each method:

Method	Description	Benefits
Connect to external databases	Use the ThoughtSpot Embrace to read directly from the external databases.	Easy way to set up and enable the connection between ThoughtSpot and external databases. Users can send live query to the external databases, without having to replicate data again in ThoughtSpot for analysis.
Load data from the ThoughtSpot UI	Use the ThoughtSpot Web interface to upload an Excel or CSV (comma separated values) file from your local machine.	Easy way to do a one-time data load of a small file (under 50MB). End users can upload their own data and explore it quickly.
Import with the ThoughtSpot Loader (tsload)	Use TSQL and tsload to load data directly into the back end database that ThoughtSpot uses.	Best way to load large amounts of data or a schema with multiple tables. Can be scripted and used for recurring data loads, such as monthly sales results or daily logs. Can be integrated with an ETL solution for automation.
Use the ODBC/JDBC driver to connect to ThoughtSpot	Use the ODBC or JDBC client with your ETL tool. For information, see the ThoughtSpot Data Integration Guide.	Make use of an established ETL process and tool(s). Connect to ThoughtSpot using third party tools like SSIS. You don't need to define a schema to accept the data load.

If you're uploading data through the Web interface, you can use a native Excel file. If you want to use a CSV (comma separated values) or delimited file, or you are loading using ThoughtSpot Loader, you must [create CSV files with the data to be loaded](#) first.

Tip: Note: End users will almost always work with worksheets and data they upload.

Related Information

- [Load CSV files with the UI](#)
- [Append data through the UI](#)
- [Schema planning concepts](#)
- [Overview of schema building](#)
- [Import CSV files with tsload](#)
- [How to view a data schema](#)

Configure casing

Summary: You can set the type of case sensitivity you would like to see reflected in the ThoughtSpot display.

Before you load your data, you should consider the type of casing you would like your data to reflect.

The case sensitivity for source data strings is preserved in the display. So, the visual display of results is identical to the input case that is loaded.

Note: The casing will remain lowercase in other parts of the application, such as when you ask a question or filter.

It is important to note that string casings aren't applied globally, but by column. So datasets will have different string casings as long as they're in different columns. Tables that are already compacted will keep their lowercase format. In these cases, to get the specific string case that you want, you would have to truncate related tables and reload them.

To take advantage of case configuration, you need to have ThoughtSpot Support enable it on your cluster for you. In addition, title casing should be disabled for string casing to properly work.

Load CSV files with the UI

Summary: The simplest way to load data is to upload a CSV or Excel file from the ThoughtSpot Web interface.

Loading data through the Web browser is recommended for smaller tables (under 50MB) with simple relationships between them. This method is recommended for small, one time data loads. Using this method, the data schema is created for you automatically.

Any user who belongs to a group that has the privilege **Has administration privileges** or **Can upload user data** can upload their own data from the browser.

Your data should be in a CSV (comma separated values) before you load it. A CSV file is a text file made up of data fields separated by a delimiter and optionally enclosed with an enclosing character. If your data contains multiple tables, you can have a separate CSV for each table.

Formatting the CSV

Your ETL (extract, transform, load) process will typically generate CSV files. You can also create a CSV file from a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet by opening the spreadsheet in Excel, choosing **Save As** and selecting CSV.

A CSV file contains a delimiter that marks the separation between fields in the data. The delimiter is usually comma, but it can be any character. The file also contains fields optionally enclosed with double quotes. Use these guidelines when creating the CSV file:

- If the CSV contains column headers, they must match the column names in the database exactly.
- Often a `|` (pipe) or tab is used as the delimiter, because it may be less likely to occur within the data values.
- When a field contains a double quote, it must be escaped with the character specified in the escape character argument in `ts load`.
- When a field contains the delimiter, the field must be enclosed in double quotes.

ThoughtSpot supports a wide range of [date and timestamp formats](#) in the CSV file. Blank values in user uploaded CSV files are interpreted as NULL values. These include the values (case insensitive):

- `NULL`
- `\N`
- `NA`
- `N/A`
- `[space]`

If you are appending data to an existing schema or table, columns in the CSV file must be in the same order as defined in the target table.

If you are loading a fact table that joins to dimension tables, you must load the fact table first, and then the dimension tables. The joining key must be a single column of unique values in the dimension table. `NULL` values in the fact table cannot be joined.

Create a CSV file

The first step in loading data is to obtain or create one or more CSV files that contain the data to be loaded into ThoughtSpot. CSV is a common format for transferring data between databases. ThoughtSpot requires this format.

Most applications such as Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets can output CSV formatted files. If your source is an Excel spreadsheet or Google Sheet:

1. Save, export, or download the file in CSV format. The exact procedure you use will depend on the source application.
2. Review the file's format before uploading it to ThoughtSpot.

Your source data may be in another database. If this is the case, your company's ETL (extract, transform, load) process will typically generate CSV files. If your source is another database:

3. Connect to the source database.
4. Extract each table you wish to import into ThoughtSpot as a CSV file.

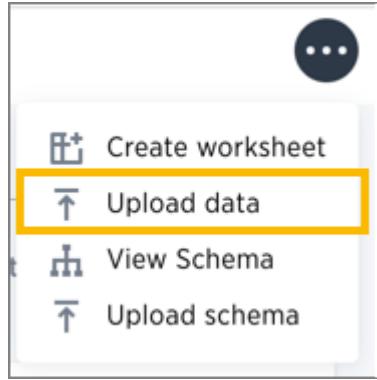
The column delimiter should be a `,` (comma), `|` (pipe), or tab.

For general information about CSV files and the rules for creating them, see the [Comma-separated_values](#) on Wikipedia.

Load the CSV File

Any user who belongs to a group that has the privilege **Has administration privileges** or **Can upload user data** can upload their own data from the browser. To load the CSV or Excel file into ThoughtSpot:

1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click **Data**, on the top navigation bar.
3. Click the ellipses icon  , in the upper right corner, and select **Upload Data**.

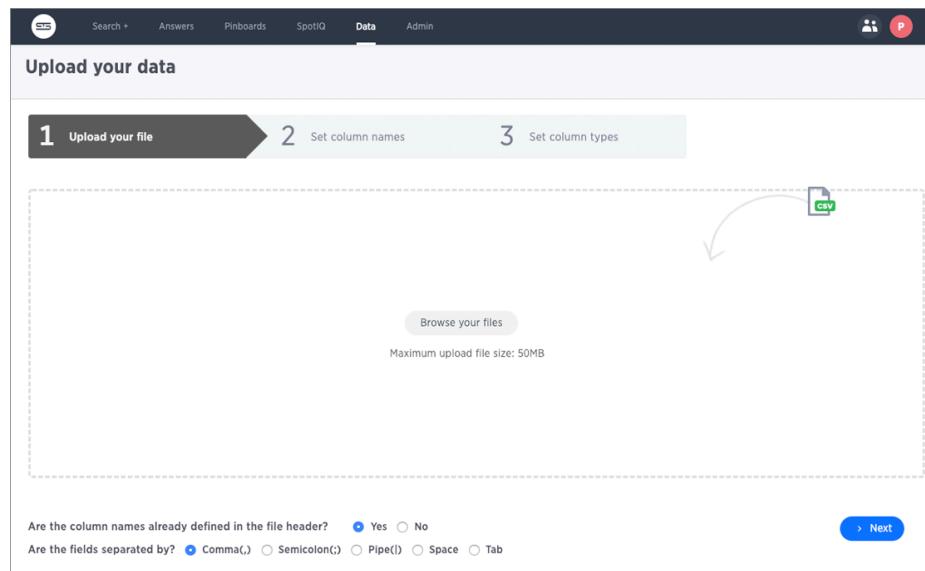


4. Upload the CSV or Excel file by doing one of these options:
 - a. Click **Browse your files** and select the file.
 - b. Drag and drop the file into the drop area.
5. Answer the question **Are the column names already defined in the file header?**
6. Answer the question **Are the fields separated by?** Click **Next**.
7. Click the column header names to change them to more useful names, if you'd like. Click **Next**.
8. Review the automatically generated data types for each column, and make any changes you want.

There are four data types: Text, Integer, Decimal, and Date.

9. Click **Import**.

When an upload is complete, the system reports the results and offers you some further actions.



- Click **Link to Existing Data** if you want to link the data you uploaded to the data in another table or worksheet.
- Click **Search** if you want to begin a new search.
- Click **Auto analyze** if you want to use the SpotIQ feature to find insights in your new data.

Append to an existing table

You can append data to your existing system tables through the ThoughtSpot application, even if the tables were initially loaded using `tsload`. The CSV file must have the same structure as the table it is being loaded into, including number and type of columns, in the same order as the target table.

To append data into ThoughtSpot:

1. Log in to ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar.



3. Click the name of the table you would like to append data to.
4. Click the **Load Data** button.

The screenshot shows the table configuration page for 'ThoughtSPORT_Product_Dimension'. The 'Columns' tab is selected. A table with five columns is displayed, each with edit buttons. In the top right corner of the table area, there is a 'Load Data' button, which is highlighted with a red box. Below the table, it says '(showing rows 1-5 of 5)'.

COLUMN NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATA TYPE	COLUMN TYPE	ADDITIVE	AGGREGATION	HIDDEN	SYNOMYS	INDEX TYPE
Product_Key	Click to edit	INT32	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DONT_INDEX
Product_Name	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT
SKU_Number	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT
Department_Desc..	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT
Category	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT

5. Upload the CSV or Excel file by doing one of these options:
 - Click **Browse your files** and select the file.
 - Drag and drop the file into the drop area.
6. Answer the question **Are the column names already defined in the file header?**.
7. For the question **Do you want to append to the existing data or overwrite it?**, select **Append**.
8. Answer the question **Are the fields separated by?**, and click **Next**.
9. Click **Upload**.
10. Click **Link to existing data** if you want to link the data you uploaded to the data in another table or worksheet. Or click **Ask a question** if you want to begin a new search.

How to view a data schema

Summary: Use the schema viewer to see tables and worksheets and their relationships.

ThoughtSpot has a ##Schema Viewer** through which you can examine the database schema. It is interactive and configurable, so you can see the level of detail that is relevant to your work.

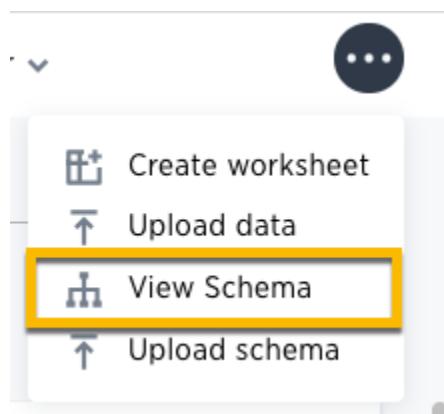
You must have **Admin** privileges to use the **Schema Viewer**.

Accessing the Schema Viewer for all objects

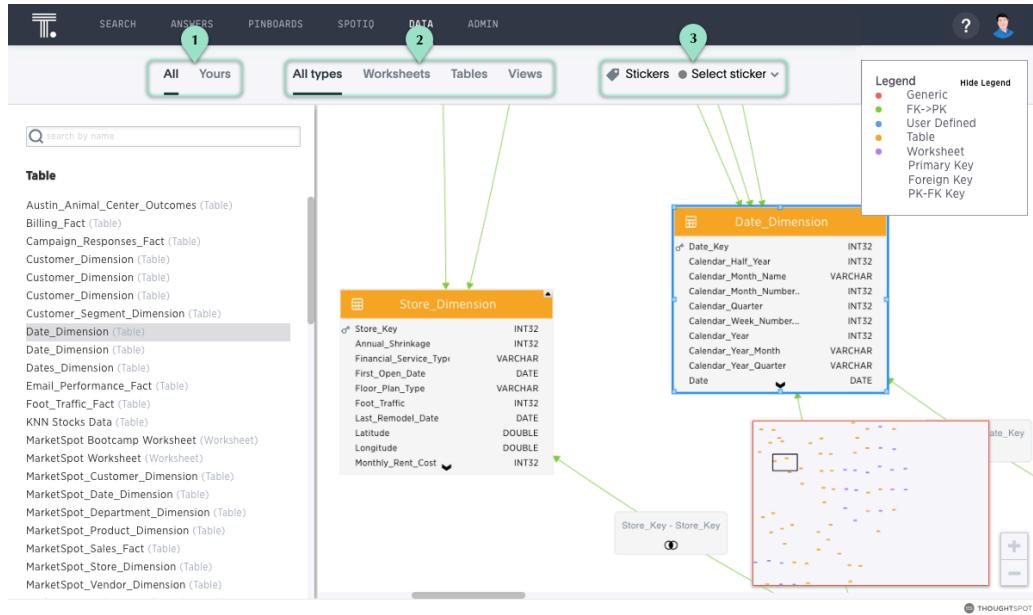
1. Click the **Data** tab in the top menu.



2. Click the ellipses icon, ..., and select **View Schema**.



1. When the schema appears, you can see that you can control the visible part of the schema.



Legend Action

1. See either **All** (Default), or **Yours**.
2. See either **All types** (Default), **Worksheets**, **Tables**, or **Views**.
3. Select artifacts tagged with stickers.

1. The list of tables, worksheets, and imported data on the left changes as you select the various filters. The schema view focus changes in tandem.
2. To center the view panel on a specific table, worksheet, or view, click that object.

You can also drag the objects around in the viewer to position them better.

Accessing Schema Viewer for a single worksheet, table, or view

You can now see the schema for each object for tables, worksheets, or views.

1. Click the **Data** tab in the top menu.



2. Select from the list of the possible objects:

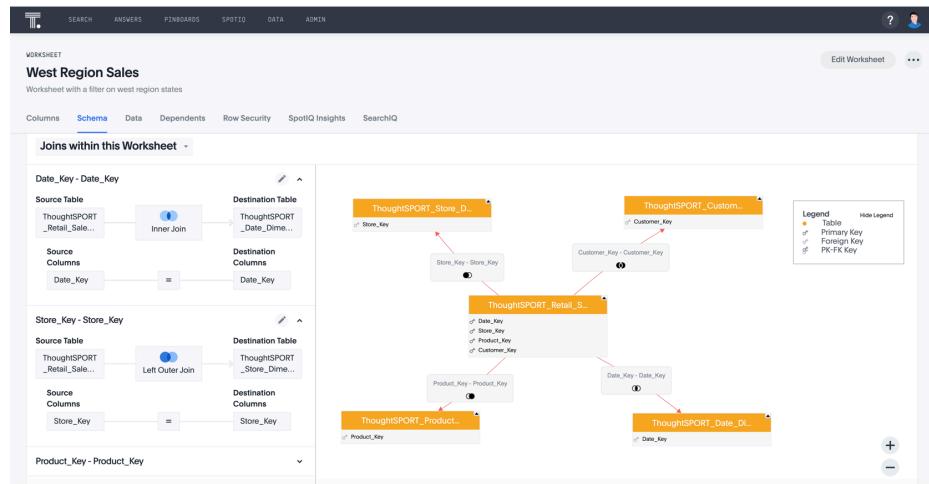
Legend Action

1. See either All (Default), or Yours.
2. See either All types (Default), Worksheets, Tables, or Views.
3. Select artifacts tagged with stickers.

3. From the list of objects, select one. Here, we selected the worksheet *West Regional Sales*.
4. At the top of the worksheet, click the **Schema** tab.

COLUMN NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATA TYPE	COLUMN TYPE	ADDITIVE	AGGREGATION	HIDDEN
Sales	Click to edit	DOUBLE	MEASURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
Gross Margin	Click to edit	DOUBLE	MEASURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
Quantity	Click to edit	INT32	MEASURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
POS Transaction Nu...	Click to edit	INT32	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
Date	Click to edit	DATE	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO
Latitude	Click to edit	DOUBLE	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO
Longitude	Click to edit	DOUBLE	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO
Store City	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO

5. The join information and the schema for the worksheet appear.



Why use the Schema Viewer

You can use the Schema Viewer to discover the following information:

- What is the relationship between two tables?
- What tables make up this worksheet, and how are they joined?

The schema viewer shows joins between tables, join directionality, and join type.

How the Schema Viewer shows joins

You can use the Schema Viewer to review your schema and ensure that it was modeled using best practices. For example, joins appear in different colors to distinguish their type:

- Red is used for generic relationships
- Green is used for primary key/foreign key joins

When viewing a worksheet, you can also see what joins connect the tables: the inner, left outer, right outer, or full outer joins

A good rule to follow is “Keep it Green”. This means that you can get better results from PK/FK joins rather than from using generic relationships. You should only use generic relationships when the tables being joined have a many-to-many rather than a PK/FK structure. If you find tables that have been joined

using a generic relationship, but could have used a PK/FK join, you should drop the relationship and create a PK/FK join instead. To do this, you need to use the ALTER TABLE...DROP RELATIONSHIP statement in TSQL. Then use ALTER TABLE...ADD FOREIGN KEY to create the PK/FK join.

Worksheet view

Worksheets are often based on more than one table. The worksheet schema will show schemas for the tables behind the worksheet, as well as the joins between tables *that were created as a part of the worksheet*.

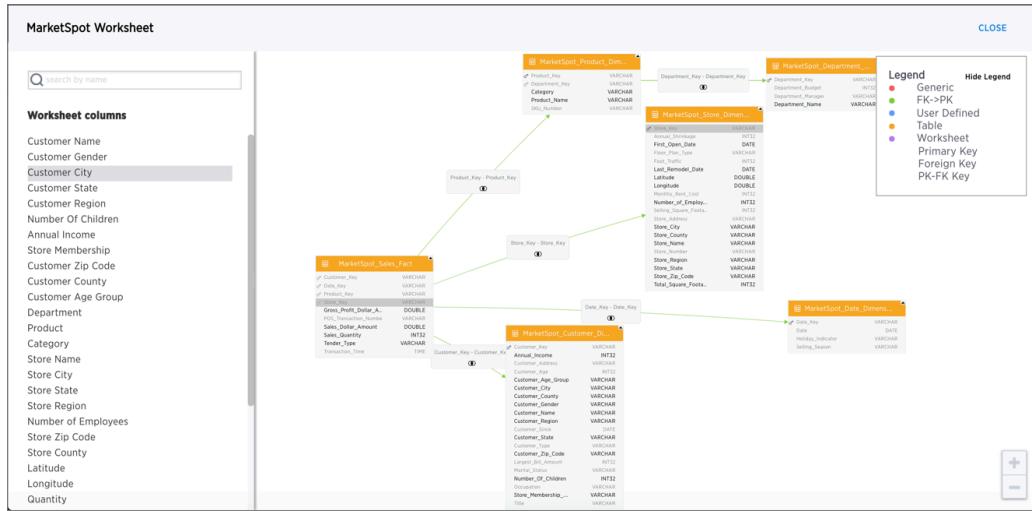
Click a worksheet, to see it in the Schema Viewer. If the schema view is not showing the schema behind the worksheet, double click the tab on the top right of the worksheet object.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot interface with the 'Worksheets' tab selected. On the left, there's a sidebar with a search bar and a list of worksheets. In the center, a detailed schema view for 'MarketSpot Worksheet' is displayed, showing columns like 'Annual Income' and their data types. On the right, there's a legend for relationships and a workspace area.

Relationship Type	Symbol
Generic	Red dot
FK->PK	Green line with arrow
User Defined	Blue line
Table	Yellow circle
Worksheet	Purple square
Primary Key	Black line
Foreign Key	Blue line with arrow
PK-FK Key	Black line with arrow

The worksheet view shows the following information:

- All tables in the worksheet, and the relationships between these tables.
- Source columns for all columns of a worksheet.
- Keys and definitions for each relationship, as well as join paths and types.
- Columns that are derived from formulas.
- Correct join paths for newly created chasm trap worksheets. Chasm trap worksheets created prior to ThoughtSpot version 4.4 do not show the correct join paths.



Related Information

- [Worksheet joins](#)
- [Modify joins within a worksheet](#)
- [Change the schema using TQL](#)
- [Constraints](#)

Schema planning concepts

Summary: Considerations in creating a schema for the ThoughtSpot Loader.

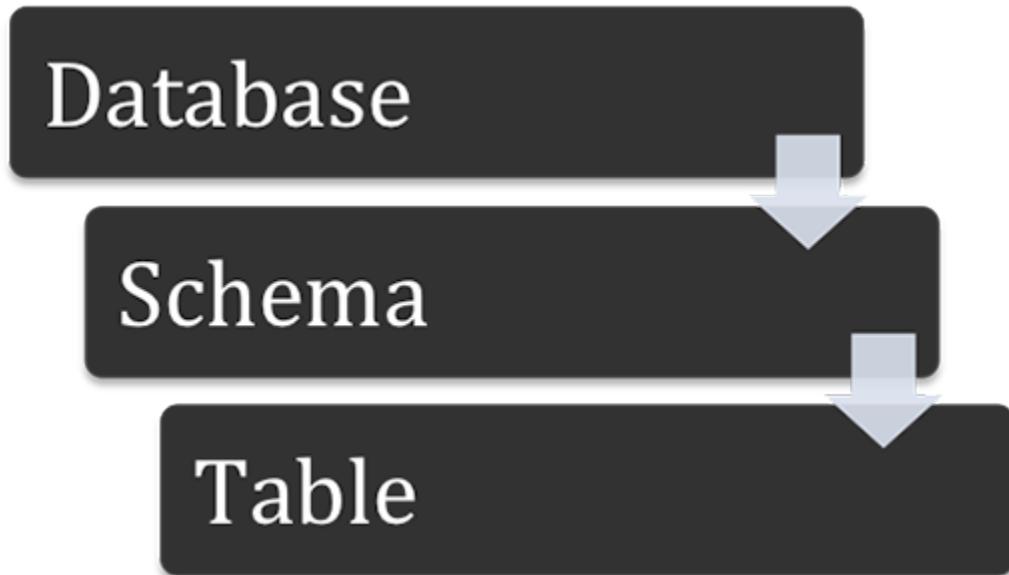
Before you can load data with ThoughtSpot Loader, you must create a schema to receive it, using the SQL command line interface (TQL).

The TQL syntax is similar to the SQL used in other relational databases, but with some important differences. Use DDL (data definition language) to create the schema into which you can load the data. We recommend combining all DDL statements into a single script for creating the schema.

Before writing your TQL script, you need to understand some basic ThoughtSpot concepts.

About databases and schemas

ThoughtSpot organizes objects in a hierarchical namespace. Databases contain schemas, which contain tables.



ThoughtSpot can contain one or more databases, and each database can have multiple schemas. If you do not specify a schema, the default schema (`falcon_default_schema`) is used automatically. This makes it easier to add tables to the database without the need to explicitly create a schema.

If you do create an additional schema, you must refer to its objects using the syntax `< schemaname>.< objectname>`. If you do not qualify the schema when referencing its objects, the default schema (`falcon_default_schema`) will always be assumed.

By default, ThoughtSpot creates an internal database to host tables corresponding to data that is imported by users from a Web browser.

Review the structure of your data

The schema you create to hold the data needs to be a good fit for your data. First, familiarize yourself with the tables you want to load, and understand their structure. Make note of this information for each table:

- The column names and data types
- Type of table (fact or dimension)
- Primary key column(s)
- The size of the table on disk
- Any other tables it can be joined with (foreign keys)

Here's what you must take into account in your TQL for creating each table, based on these properties:

Table type	Table size	To be joined with	Schema recommendations
Fact	Any	Small dimension table(s)	Sharded. Foreign key references the primary key in the dimension table.
Fact	Any	Large dimension table(s)	Sharded on the same distribution key as the dimension table it will be joined with. Foreign key references the primary key in the dimension table.
Fact	Any	Another fact table	Sharded on the same distribution key as the fact table it will join with. Many-to-many relationship defines how the tables will be joined.
Dimension	under 50MB	Fact table(s)	Replicated (not sharded). Has a primary key.

Table type	Table size	To be joined with	Schema recommendations
Dimension	over 50MB	Fact table(s)	Distributed dimension table, sharded on the same distribution key as the fact table it will be joined with. Primary key must be the same as the distribution key.

Where to go next

- **Data types**

ThoughtSpot supports the common data types. Compare these with the data types you want to load, and do any necessary conversion ahead of loading the data.

- **Constraints**

Constraints include primary keys, foreign keys, and relationships. Relationships allow you to create a generic relationship for use when you want to join tables that don't have a primary key/foreign key relationship.

- **Sharding**

For the best performance, you should split (or shard) very large tables across nodes. If you have a large dimension table, you might choose to co-shard it with the fact table it will be joined with.

- **Chasm traps**

In a complex schema, you may have a fact table with no relationship to another fact table, except that each contains a foreign key to a shared dimension table. This is known as a chasm trap, and ThoughtSpot can handle it!

Data types

Summary: ThoughtSpot supports the common data types.

Before you import data, compare the data types you want to load with these supported data types.

Then, convert your data before loading it. Typically, you would export the data, transform it to meet these type rules, and then load the data. This is known as an extract-transform-load process.

Supported data types

The tables you create to receive the data must have the same number of columns and data types as the data you will be loading. Choose a data type for each column from the list of supported data types:

Data	Supported data types	Details
Character	VARCHAR(*n*)	Specify the maximum number of characters, as in VARCHAR(255). The size limit is 1GB for VARCHAR values.
Floating point	DOUBLE or FLOAT	DOUBLE is recommended. DOUBLE has a range of 1.7E +/- 308 (15 digits).
Boolean	BOOL	Can be true or false.
Integer	INT or BIGINT	INT holds 32 bits. BIGINT holds 64 bits. INT has a range of -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647. BIGINT range is -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807.
Date or time	DATE , DATETIME , TIMESTAMP , TIME	DATETIME , TIMESTAMP , and TIME are stored at the granularity of seconds. TIMESTAMP is identical to DATETIME , but is included for syntax compatibility.

Warning: There is a 1GB limitation on the number of characters for VARCHAR. If you have any VARCHAR data that exceeds this limit, the entire load will fail.

Geographical data types

For geographical data types, use VARCHAR. For latitude and longitude, you can use either `VARCHAR` or `DOUBLE`. After loading the data, designate it as a geographical data type when you [Edit the system-wide data model](#). Wherever abbreviations or codes are used, they are the same as what the USPS (United States Postal Service) recognizes.

These data types can be designated as geographical data, which enables them to be visualized using the Geo chart types:

- Countries, for example:
 - United States
 - `long_name` : United States
 - `name_sort` : United States of America
 - `abbreviation` : U.S.A.
 - `adm0_a3` : USA
 - `adm0_a3_is` : USA
 - `adm0_a3_us` : USA
 - `admin` : United States of America
 - `brk_a3` : USA
 - `brk_name` : United States
 - `formal_en` : United States of America
 - `iso_a2` : US
 - `iso_a3` : USA
 - `iso_n3` : 840
 - `COUNTY` for counties in the United States, for example:
 - santa clara county
 - pike county, ohio
 - pike county, OH
 - `STATE_PROVINCE` for states in the United States, for example:
 - `name` : California
 - `US Postal Service abbreviation` : CA

- `LATITUDE` which must be used with `LONGITUDE`, for example:
 - 37.421023
 - 1.282911
- `LONGITUDE` which must be used with `LATITUDE`
 - 122.142103
 - 103.848865
- `ZIP_CODE` for zip codes in the United States
 - `po_name` : MT MEADOWS AREA
 - `ZIP` : “00012”
 - `zip2` : 12
- Other Sub-nation Regions which are administrative regions found in countries other than the United States, for example:
 - bremen
 - normandy
 - west midlands

⚠ Important: You cannot upload your own custom boundaries.

Constraints

Summary: Constraints allow you to build relationships and join tables.

Constraints include primary keys, foreign keys, and relationships. Relationships allow you to create a generic relationship for use when you want to join tables that don't have a primary key/foreign key relationship.

Primary keys

When a primary key is selected for a table, it impacts data loading behavior. When a new row is added:

- If another row already exists with same primary key, it is updated with the values in the new row.
- If a row with the same primary key does not exist already, the new row is inserted into the table.

This behavior is referred to as “upsert” because it does an `INSERT` or an `UPDATE`, depending on whether a row with the same primary key already exists.

Note that ThoughtSpot does not check for primary key violations across different shards of the table. Therefore, you need to shard the table on the primary key columns if you require this “upsert” behavior.

Foreign key relationships

Foreign key relationships tell ThoughtSpot how two tables can be joined. These relationships are only used for joining the tables, and not for referential integrity constraint checking.

The directionality of primary key - foreign key relationships is important. The foreign key relationship is defined on the fact table and references the primary key(s) in the dimension table. So you can think of the fact table as the source and the dimension table as the target. In the schema viewer, notice that the arrow that represents a PK/FK join points to the dimension table.

If you use primary and foreign keys, when users search the data from the search bar, tables are automatically joined. For example, assume there are two tables:

- revenue, which is a fact table
- region, which is a dimension table

There is a foreign key on the fact table on `regionid` which points to the id in the region dimension table. When a user types in “revenue by region”, the two tables will be joined automatically.

Foreign keys have to match the primary key of the target table they refer to. So if there are multiple columns that make up the primary key in the target table, the foreign key must include all of them, and in the same order.

Generic relationships (many-to-many)

You may have a schema where there is a fact table that you want to join with another fact table. If there isn't a primary key/foreign key relationship between the tables, you can use many-to-many to enable this. You can do this by using the RELATIONSHIP syntax to add a link between them, that works similarly to the WHERE clause in a SQL join clause.

ⓘ Note: Using generic relationships is not a best practice. In cases where you have two fact tables you want to join, it is better to find a way to create a bridge table between them, so you have a chasm trap. Look at your two fact tables to see if they share some common data that you could use to create a dimension table between them. For example a date or product dimension could be used to join an inventory fact table with a sales fact table. This is best done in your ETL process, before bringing the data into ThoughtSpot.

ⓘ Note: A many-to-many implementation does not protect from over counting in some searches. If you plan to use it, make sure your searches don't include aggregation or count searches that will count one value multiple times, because it satisfies the join condition for multiple rows.

This is a special kind of relationship, that applies to specific data models and use cases. For example, suppose you have a table that shows wholesale purchases of fruits, and another table that shows retail fruit sales made, but no inventory information. In this case, it would be of some use to see the wholesale purchases that led to sales, but you don't have the data to track a single apple from wholesale purchase through to sale to a customer.

In a many-to-many relationship, the value(s) in a table can be used to join to a second table, using an equality condition (required) and one or more range conditions (optional). These conditions act like the WHERE clause in a SQL JOIN clause. They are applied using AND logic, such that all conditions must be met for a row to be included.

To use a many-to-many relationship, you need to follow a few rules:

- There must be one equality condition defined between the two tables.
- Each table must be sharded on the same key that will be used for the equality condition.
- There can optionally be one or more range conditions defined.

This example shows the TQL statements that create the two fact tables and the relationship between them.

```
TQL> CREATE TABLE "wholesale_buys" (
    "order_number" VARCHAR(255),
    "date_ordered" DATE,
    "expiration_date" DATE,
    "supplier" VARCHAR(255),
    "fruit" VARCHAR(255),
    "quantity" VARCHAR(255),
    "unit_price" DOUBLE
) PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("fruit");
```

```
TQL> CREATE TABLE "retail_sales" (
    "date_sold" DATE,
    "location" VARCHAR(255),
    "vendor" VARCHAR(255),
    "fruit" VARCHAR(255),
    "quantity" VARCHAR(255),
    "sell_price" DOUBLE
) PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("fruit");
```

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys" ADD RELATIONSHIP WITH "retail_sales" AS "wholesale_buys"."fruit" = "retail_sales"."fruit" and ("wholesale_buys"."date_ordered" < "retail_sales"."date_sold" and "retail_sales"."date_sold" < "wholesale_buys"."expiration_date");
```

Sharding

Summary: Sharding partitions very large tables into smaller, faster, more easily managed parts called data shards.

ThoughtSpot tables can be replicated or sharded. Replicated tables exist in their entirety, the complete data set, on each node. Sharded tables consist of a single data set divided into multiple tables or shards. The shards have identical schemas but different sets of data.

When to use sharding

By default, ThoughtSpot tables are replicated, you must explicitly shard tables. Sharding your tables impacts the total amount of memory used by the table as well as its performance.

For example, you might shard a large table of sales data. So, you could divide a single sales table into shards each of which contains only the data falling within a single year. These shards are then distributed across several nodes. Requests for sales data are dispersed both by the year and the location of the shard in the node cluster. No single table or node is overloaded, and so the performance of a query and the system load are both improved.

To optimize ThoughtSpot performance, you should *shard* very large fact tables whenever possible. If you have a large dimension table, you might choose to shard it along with the fact table it is joined with. Sharding both the fact and dimension table is known as *co-sharding*.

Table sizes and sharding recommendations

Number of rows per shard	5-10 million
Maximum	10 million rows per shard
Maximum number of shards	~ 80% of CPU cores

Example

Number of rows in table	1.1 billion
CPUS in cluster	256
HASH (128)	~50% of total CPUs
	8.6 million rows per shard

How to shard

Sharding is a type partitioning and is sometimes called *Horizontal partitioning*. The term sharding is particular to situations where data is distributed not only among tables but across nodes in a system. To create a sharded table add the add `PARTITION BY HASH ()` clause to your `CREATE TABLE` statement.

```
TQL> CREATE TABLE ...
...PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("customer_id");
```

The `HASH` parameter determines the number of shards and the `KEY` parameter the sharding key. The recommended number of shards depends upon the number of nodes in your cluster:

Number of Nodes	Number of Shards
1	32
2	64
3	96
4-12	128
13-24	256
25-36	384

Number of Nodes	Number of Shards
37-48	512
49-60	640
61-72	768

If you omit the `PARTITION BY HASH` statement or if the `HASH` parameter is 1 (one), the table is unsharded. This also means the table physically exists in its entirety on each node.

If you want to use the primary key for sharding, specify that the table is to be partitioned by `HASH` on the primary key, as in this example:

```
TQL> CREATE TABLE "supplier" (
    "s_suppkey" BIGINT,
    "s_name" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_address" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_city" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_phone" VARCHAR(255),
    CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("s_suppkey")
) PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("s_suppkey");
```

The system does not use primary keys as sharding keys by default. If you specify the `PARTITION BY HASH` statement with a `HASH` greater than 1 (one) *but omit the `KEY` parameter* ThoughtSpot shards the table randomly. This is not recommended; avoid this by always ensuring you specify the `KEY` parameter with a `HASH` greater than 1 (one).

How to choose a shard key

When you shard a large table, you select a *shard key* from the table. This key exists in every shard. You can use any data type that is valid for use as the primary key as the shard key. Choosing a shard key plays an important role in the number of shards and the size of any single shard.

A shard key should contain a value that has a good distribution (roughly the number of rows with each value in that column). This value is typically part of the primary key, but it can include other columns. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE "sales_fact"
  ("saleid" int,
   "locationid" int,
   "vendorid" int,
   "quantity" int,
   "sale_amount" double,
   "fruitid" int,
   CONSTRAINT
   PRIMARY KEY("saleid, vendorid"))
PARTITION BY HASH(96)
KEY ("saleid");
```

Notice the shard key contains the `saleid` value that is also part of the primary key. When creating a shard key use these guidelines.

- Include one or more values of the table's primary key in the shard key.

This prevents scenarios where the data with the same primary key ends up in different shards and nodes because the shard key changed.

- If you expect to join two tables that are both sharded, make sure both tables use the same shard key.

This guideline ensures better join performance. So, for example, if you have two tables and the primary keys are:

```
PRIMARY KEY("saleid, vendorid") on A PRIMARY KEY("saleid, custerid") on B
```

You should use `saleid` for your shared key when you shard both table A and B.

- Choose a shard key so that the data is distributed well across the keys.

For example, suppose the table you want to shard has a primary key made up of `saleid`, `custid`, and `locationid`. If you have 10K sales but 400 locations, and 2000 customers, you would not want to use the `locationid` in your shard key if 5k sales were concentrated in just 2 locations. The result would be data in fewer shards and degrade your performance. Instead, your shard key may be `custid`, and `locationid`.

- Choose a shard key that results in a wide variety of keys.

For example, suppose the table you want to shard has a primary key made up of `saleid`, `productid`, and `locationid`. Suppose the table has 10K sales, 40 locations, and 200 products. If the sales are evenly distributed across locations you would not want to use the `locationid` in your shard key. Instead, `saleid` and `productid` would be the better choice as it results in a wider variety of keys.

As mentioned in the previous section, it is possible to simply use the primary key as a shard key. It isn't a good idea to use shard keys outside of the primary key. The reason is that it, with a non-primary shard key, it is possible to get two versions of a record if the shard key for a record changes, but the primary key doesn't. A second version results because, in the absence of a unique shard key, the system creates a secondary record rather than doing a SQL MERGE (`upsert`).

Sharded dimension tables

In a typical schema, you'd have a sharded fact table with foreign keys to small dimension tables. These small dimension tables are replicated in their entirety and distributed on every node. This works best where dimension tables under 50MB in size.

If you have a large dimension table, replicating it and distributing it can impact the performance of your ThoughtSpot System. In this case, you want to shard the dimension tables and distribute it the same way as the fact table it joins to.

When sharding both a fact and its dimension table (known as co-sharding) keep in mind the guidance for creating a shard key. Only shard dimension tables if the dimension table is large (over 50MB) and the join between the fact and dimension tables use the same columns. Specifically, the tables must:

- be related by a primary key and foreign key
- be sharded on the same primary key/foreign key
- have the same number of regions (or shards)

If these requirements are met, ThoughtSpot automatically co-shards the tables for you. Co-sharded tables are always joined on the sharding key. Data skew can develop if a very large proportion of the rows have the same sharding key.

This example shows the `CREATE TABLE` statements that meet the criteria for sharding both a fact table and its dimension table:

```
TQL> CREATE TABLE products_dim (
    "id" int,
    "prod_name" varchar(30),
    "prod_desc" varchar(100),
    PRIMARY KEY ("id")
)
PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("id")
;

TQL> CREATE TABLE retail_fact (
    "trans_id" int,
    "product_id" int,
    "amount" double,
    FOREIGN KEY ("product_id") REFERENCES products_dim ("id")
)
PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("product_id")
;
```

If a dimension table is joined to multiple fact tables, all of the fact tables must be sharded in the same way as the dimension table. Self-joins are not supported.

Joining two sharded fact tables

You can also join two sharded fact tables with different shard keys, this is known as *non co-sharded* tables. It may take a while to join two tables sharded on different keys since a lot of data redistribution is required. Therefore, ThoughtSpot recommends that you use a common shard key for two fact tables.

You are not limited by the column connection or relationship type.

Chasm traps

Summary: A chasm trap occurs when two many-to-one joins converge on a single table.

In a complex schema, you may have a fact table with no relationship to another fact table, except that each contains a foreign key to a shared dimension table. This is known as a chasm trap, and ThoughtSpot can handle it!

Understand how chasm traps occur

A fact table, just as it sounds, stores facts about your business. If you are selling apples, the sales fact table has facts about these apples.

SaleID	AppleTypeID	StoreID	Units Sold
4	55	2	12
8	34	33	3
10	09	09	1

Dimension tables describe the attributes that are interesting to analyze. For example, the apple table might look like this.

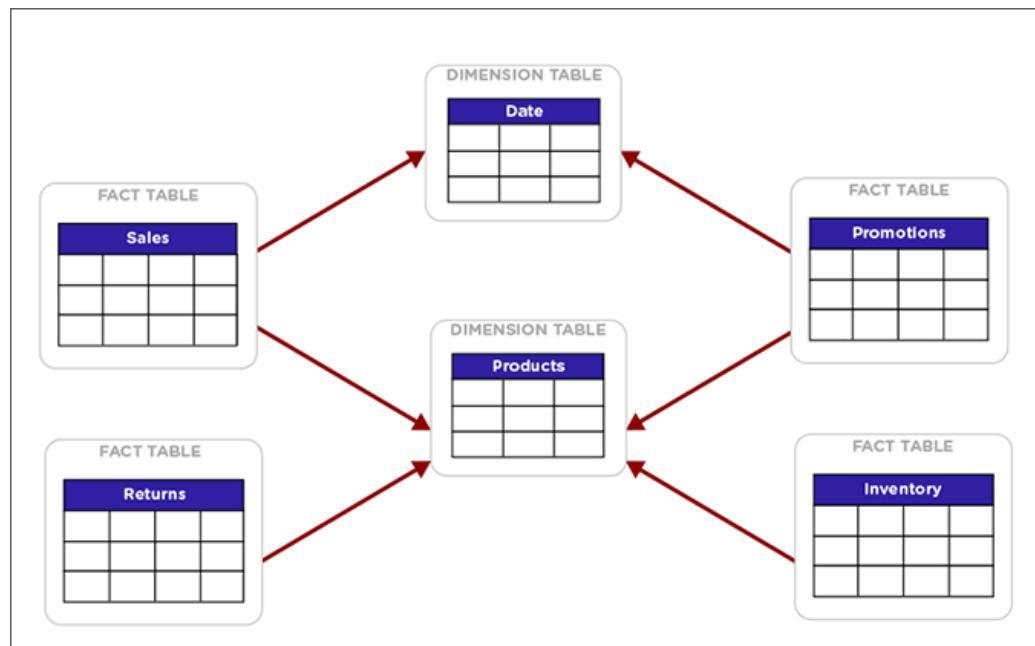
AppleTypeID	Color	Name	Use
55	Red	Red Delicious	Snack
34	Green	Granny Smith	Cooking
09	Yellow	Golden	Snack

As you can imagine, in a business you might have several fact tables that access dimension tables. So, an apple business may record waste as well as sales.

TimeID	AppleTypeID	StoreID	Units Wasted
4	55	2	2
8	34	33	43
10	09	09	11

Both the sales and waste tables are facts that reference the apple dimension table.

A chasm trap in a data schema can introduce problems of over counting if you join the two fact tables through their shared dimension table. This diagram shows a typical complex schema with several tables that are related over a chasm trap:



Examples of use cases where a chasm trap could occur when attribution analysis compare campaign data with purchase data, where all they have in common is that both contain a customer identifier that is a foreign key to a customer dimension table. Chasm traps also occur, for example, in cost of sales analysis when wholesale orders data is only related to the retail sales data through a shared products dimension table.

In many databases, joining tables across a chasm trap creates a *Cartesian product* or *cross join*. That is each row from the first fact table is joined to each row from the second table. A Cartesian product causes over counting when computing counts and aggregates. ThoughtSpot protects you from this kind of over counting.

There are still just a few things to look out for when using a schema that contains chasm traps:

- The tables should be joined to the dimension table by an equi-join (a primary key/foreign key relationship). They cannot be joined using a range of values.
- Review the column setting called [Attribution Dimension](#). You may need to change this setting if some of the columns in the shared dimension table should not be used for attribution when combining fact tables.
- Tables that will be joined across a chasm trap do not have to be co-sharded. They will be joined appropriately automatically in the most efficient way.

Chasm trap limitations

Join information in **What am I Looking At?** does not appear for searches on a worksheet containing a chasm trap or on base tables that are related over a chasm trap.

Overview of schema building

Summary: Before you can load data into ThoughtSpot, you must build a database schema to receive it.

You can build a schema by writing a SQL script that creates the objects in your schema. ThoughtSpot provides the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL) for creating, viewing, and managing a schema using SQL. Your script can use any statements that are supported in ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL). The TQL syntax is similar to the SQL used in other relational databases, but with some important differences.

You can use DDL (data definition language) to create the schema into which you can load the data. We recommend placing all your DDL statements into a single script for creating the schema.

Upload the script through the browser

You can upload an your SQL script directly through the browser in the ThoughtSpot application. You can edit the script or add to it right within the browser, too. The steps to build a schema through the browser are:

1. [Write a SQL script to create the schema](#)
2. [Import a schema \(use the SQL editor\)](#)

Use TQL on the SQL command line

You can choose to run your SQL script within the Linux shell instead. You can run TQL in interactive command line mode, or you can write a script and use TQL to run it. The SQL syntax in ThoughtSpot is called TQL for ThoughtSpot SQL. The ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL) runs in an interactive mode. To invoke TQL Log in to the Linux shell using SSH and type `tql`. At the prompt, type `h` or `help` to see a list of supported commands.

The steps to build a schema using TQL include:

1. [Connect to the database with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line \(TQL\).](#)
2. [Write a SQL script to create the schema.](#)

3. Type your SQL commands on the command line, terminating each command with a semicolon (;).

Commands can span multiple lines. ThoughtSpot supports a limited number of SQL commands, plus some custom SQL extensions. For example, you can specify the number of shards and the distribution key as part of the CREATE TABLE syntax. A full list of supported SQL in TQL is available in the [TQL reference](#).

Where to go next

- [Connect with TCL and create a schema](#)

Having examined the structure of the data to be loaded and become familiar with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL), you are now ready to create the schema.

- [Write a SQL script to create the schema](#)

Using a SQL script to create your schema is a recommended best practice. This makes it easier to adjust the schema definitions and recreate the schema quickly, if needed.

- [Schema creation examples](#)

These examples demonstrate the steps involved in creating a schema using the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL). After the schema is created, you can load data into it with ThoughtSpot Loader.

- [Upload and run a SQL script](#)

You can run a SQL script to create your database schema through the browser, without having to log in to the shell on the ThoughtSpot instance. You can edit the script and run it directly in the browser to create the schema.

Connect with TQL and create a schema

To perform administrative tasks directly in the database, you will use the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL). TQL supports many, but not all, common SQL commands.

Connect with TQL

Before connecting with TQL, you need:

- Access to your ThoughtSpot instance Linux shell from a client machine.
- The administrator OS login.

To connect to TQL:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Invoke TQL:

```
$ tql  
TQL>
```

3. Enter your SQL command, followed by a semicolon (;).

Enter a SQL script

Having examined the structure of the data to be loaded and become familiar with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL), you are now ready to create the schema.

This method is a good way to get familiar with TQL and how to create database objects, but when creating a schema in a production system, you will most likely [Write a SQL script to create the schema](#).

To create the schema directly in TQL:

1. [Connect to the database with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line \(TQL\)](#).
2. If the database you will be using does not exist, create it now:

```
TQL> CREATE DATABASE my_database;
```

3. Connect to the database:

```
TQL> USE my_database;
```

4. If you wish to use a schema other than the default one, create it now:

```
TQL> CREATE SCHEMA my_schema;
```

5. Issue a `CREATE TABLE` command for each table you will create, using the information in [Plan the schema](#).

Tip: Foreign key declaration within a `CREATE TABLE` will show the table created even if there are problems with the foreign key. Therefore, it is good practice to also issue a separate `ALTER TABLE ADD CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY` command.

How to write a SQL script

Summary: Using a SQL script to create your schema is a recommended best practice. This makes it easier to adjust the schema definitions and recreate the schema quickly, if needed.

The schema creation script is a text file that contains all the SQL commands to create your schema.

Comments should be enclosed in the comment tags /* and */.

Enclose all object names (schema, table, and column) in double quotes and any column values in single quotes in your scripts. Object names that are also reserved words in SQL, or that contain special characters (any character other than alphanumeric or _), must be surrounded by double quotes. If you see the error message “Error parsing SQL. Check SQL input.”, you should check for object names without double quotes in your script.

If you are working in a schema other than the default schema, object names must be fully qualified, as in
"`<schema_name>`".`<object_name>`".

If your schema includes constraints to define relationships between tables (foreign key, or the RELATIONSHIP syntax), it is recommended that your script first creates all the tables, and then at the end, creates the relationships between them using the ADD CONSTRAINT syntax. This makes it easier to troubleshoot the script and make changes.

If TQL is run using the flag `--allow_unsafe`, your statements will always execute without this warning. Note that when running TQL from a script, you must decide what behavior you want if the script contains changes that affect dependent objects. If you want the script to run even if objects with dependencies are affected, run it using this flag, for example:

```
cat safest_script_ever.sql | tql --allow_unsafe
```

1. Open a new file in a text editor.
2. Type in the command to create the database, if it does not already exist:

```
CREATE database <db_name>;
```

3. Type in the command to specify the database to use:

```
USE database <db_name>;
```

4. Type in the command to create the schema, if you don't want to use the default schema:
5. Type in each of the CREATE TABLE statements, with its column definitions, primary key constraints, and sharding specification (if any).
6. At the end of your script, optionally type in the ALTER TABLE statements to add foreign keys to use in joining the tables.
7. Save the file.
8. Run the script using one of these methods:
 - Import a schema (use the SQL editor).
 - Log in to the shell, copy your script to your ThoughtSpot instance using scp, and pipe it to TQL:

```
$ cat create-schema.sql | tql
```

Schema creation examples

Summary: Simple examples that illustrate how to use the TQL and the ThoughtSpot Loader.

These examples demonstrate the steps involved in creating a schema using the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL). After the schema is created, you can load data into it with ThoughtSpot Loader.

Simple schema creation example

The example creates a database (`tpch`) with two tables (`customer`, `transaction`). The example does not create a schema explicitly. So it will use the default schema (`falcon_default_schema`).

In this example:

- The table `customer` has a primary key called `customer_id`. The table `customer_transactions` has a primary key called `transaction_id`.
- The `customer` table is unsharded.
- The `customer_transactions` table is sharded into 96 shards using the `transaction_id` column.
- Both tables have referential integrity on `customer_id`.

```
$tql

TQL> CREATE DATABASE tpch;

TQL> USE tpch;

TQL> CREATE TABLE customer (
    name VARCHAR(100),
    address VARCHAR(255),
    zipcode INT,
    customer_id INT,
    CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY (customer_id)
);

TQL> CREATE TABLE customer_transactions (
    transaction_id INT,
    customer_id INT,
    amount DOUBLE,
    transaction_date DATETIME,
    CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY (transaction_id),
    CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES
    customer(customer_id)
) PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY (transaction_id);
```

More complex schema creation example

The example uses a custom schema called sample_schema to hold the tables. Because of this, every table reference has to be schema qualified.

```
$ tql

TQL> CREATE DATABASE "sample_db";

TQL> USE "sample_db";

TQL> CREATE SCHEMA "sample_schema";

TQL> CREATE TABLE "sample_schema"."customer" (
    "c_custkey" BIGINT,
    "c_name" VARCHAR(255),
    "c_address" VARCHAR(255),
    "c_city" VARCHAR(255),
    "c_nation" VARCHAR(255),
    "c_region" VARCHAR(255),
    "c_phone" VARCHAR(255),
    CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("c_custkey")
);

TQL> CREATE TABLE "sample_schema"."supplier" (
    "s_suppkey" BIGINT,
    "s_name" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_address" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_city" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_nation" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_region" VARCHAR(255),
    "s_phone" VARCHAR(255),
```

```
CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("s_suppkey")  
);  
  
TQL> CREATE TABLE "sample_schema"."lineorder" (  
    "lo_orderkey" BIGINT,  
    "lo_linenumber" BIGINT,  
    "lo_custkey" BIGINT,  
    "lo_partkey" BIGINT,  
    "lo_suppkey" BIGINT,  
    "lo_orderdate" DATE,  
    "lo_orderpriority" VARCHAR(255),  
    "lo_shipppriority" VARCHAR(255),  
    "lo_quantify" BIGINT,  
    "lo_extendprice" BIGINT,  
    "lo_ordtotalprice" BIGINT,  
    "lo_discount" BIGINT,  
    "lo_commitdate" DATE,  
    CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("lo_orderkey","lo_linenumber"),  
    CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY ("lo_custkey") REFERENCES "sample_sche  
ma"."customer" ("c_custkey"),  
    CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY ("lo_suppkey") REFERENCES "sample_sche  
ma"."supplier" ("s_suppkey")  
) PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY (lo_orderkey);
```

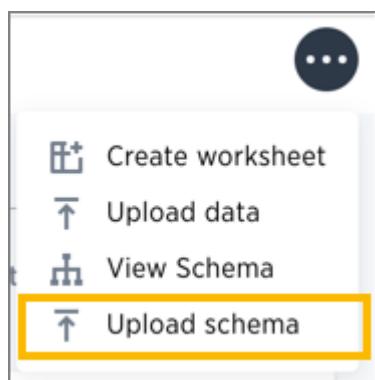
Upload and run a SQL script

Summary: Importing a schema through the Web browser makes it possible to run your SQL script without needing to have a Linux login.

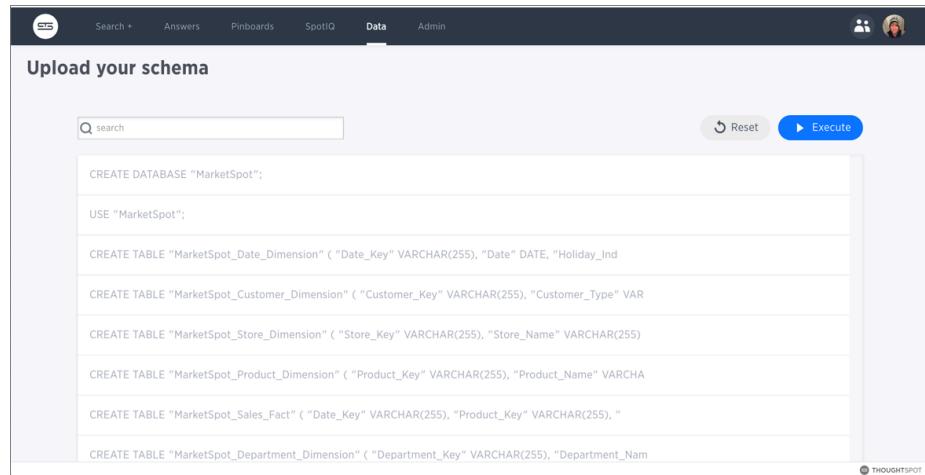
You can run a SQL script to create your database schema through the browser, without having to log in to the shell on the ThoughtSpot instance. You can edit the script and run it directly in the browser to create the schema. You can use this capability in any of these ways:

- [Create the SQL script ahead of time](#), and use the browser to run it.
 - Use the editor to type your SQL directly into the browser.
 - Use the browser SQL interface as an interactive SQL editor, for example to test an existing script or make changes to an existing schema.
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
 2. Click **Data**, on the top navigation bar.

3. Click the ellipses icon  , and select **Upload schema**.



4. Drag and drop your SQL file into the browser, or choose **Browse Your Files** to locate it.
5. You're now in the SQL editor. Use it to view your script and make any changes.



The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Data interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Search, Answers, Pinboards, SpotIQ, Data (which is the active tab), and Admin. On the far right, there are user profile icons. Below the navigation bar, the title "Upload your schema" is displayed. A search bar with the placeholder "search" is located above the code editor. The code editor contains several lines of SQL script:

```
CREATE DATABASE "MarketSpot";
USE "MarketSpot";
CREATE TABLE "MarketSpot_Date_Dimension" ( "Date_Key" VARCHAR(255), "Date" DATE, "Holiday_Ind"
CREATE TABLE "MarketSpot_Customer_Dimension" ( "Customer_Key" VARCHAR(255), "Customer_Type" VAR
CREATE TABLE "MarketSpot_Store_Dimension" ( "Store_Key" VARCHAR(255), "Store_Name" VARCHAR(255)
CREATE TABLE "MarketSpot_Product_Dimension" ( "Product_Key" VARCHAR(255), "Product_Name" VARCHA
CREATE TABLE "MarketSpot_Sales_Fact" ( "Date_Key" VARCHAR(255), "Product_Key" VARCHAR(255), "
CREATE TABLE "MarketSpot_Department_Dimension" ( "Department_Key" VARCHAR(255), "Department_Nam
```

At the bottom right of the code editor, there is a "THOUGHTSPOT" logo.

6. When ready, run your script by clicking the **Execute** button.
7. If there are any errors, correct them and run the script again.

How to change a schema

Summary: After you've created a schema and loaded data, you may find yourself wishing you'd set things up a little differently. You can make changes to the schema, such as changing the primary key, relationships to other tables, and sharding.

Making changes to a schema after data has been loaded and users have created worksheets or pinboards on the tables requires care, so that you don't lose the relationship between the objects created in ThoughtSpot and the underlying tables. If you follow the procedures here, your tables will retain their relationships to the objects created on top of them.

Tip: Always take a snapshot of your database before making any schema changes. This snapshot allows you to revert back to the prior state if you make an error, or something doesn't work as you expected after the schema change.

Change the primary key for a table

Use this procedure to change the primary key for a table. But use it with caution, particularly if you are changing to a primary key for which values are not unique.

You can change the primary key of a table without having to `TRUNCATE` it first and reload the data. However, changing the primary key could result in data deletion. This is because of the upsert behavior which is applied when multiple rows have the same primary key. This is very important to understand ahead of time, if you are considering changing to a primary key for which values are not unique.

To change the primary key, first remove any existing primary key, and then define a new one (if any). You do not have to truncate the tables to do this operation beginning in version 3.2. Any dependent objects (pinboards or worksheets) will remain intact.

To change the primary key of a table:

1. [Create a manual snapshot.](#)
2. [Connect to the database with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line \(TQL\).](#)
3. Drop the existing primary key (if any), by issuing a command like this example:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE "cart"  
    DROP CONSTRAINT  
    PRIMARY KEY;
```

Dropping a primary key can impact existing worksheets, answers, and pinboards. The system warns you if dropping a primary key impacts other objects. To continue, use the `--allow_unsafe` flag.

4. Add a new primary key, if desired:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE "cart"  
    ADD CONSTRAINT  
    PRIMARY KEY ("owner_id");
```

5. Test that any dependent objects (pinboards, worksheets, etc.) are still working correctly.
6. Delete the snapshot you created earlier using the command:

```
tscli snapshot delete <name>
```

Change a relationship between tables

Use this procedure to remove a relationship between tables or define a new one. This operation works for both kinds of relationships: foreign key or generic relationship.

To change a relationship between two tables, first remove any existing relationship, and then define the new relationship (if any). You do not have to truncate the tables to do this operation. Any dependent objects (pinboards or worksheets) will remain intact.

To change the relationship between tables:

1. [Create a manual snapshot](#).
2. [Connect to the database with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line \(TQL\)](#).
3. Issue the command to drop the existing relationship

Before dropping a relationship TQL checks for and then warns of any dependent objects. To continue with the drop any way, use the `--allow_unsafe` flag. The following examples illustrate several different types of drop operations.

Drop a foreign key by name, if it was given a name when it was defined:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE  
    "sales_fact"  
    DROP CONSTRAINT  
    "FK_P0_number";
```

Drop a relationship by name, if it was given a name when it was defined:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE "fruit_dim"  
    DROP RELATIONSHIP "REL_dates";
```

Drop the foreign key relationship explicitly, if it doesn't have a name, by referencing the two tables that are joined. This drops all foreign keys between the two tables:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE "shipments"  
    DROP CONSTRAINT  
    FOREIGN KEY "orders";
```

Drop all generic relationships between two tables:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys"  
    DROP RELATIONSHIP  
    WITH "retail_sales";
```

4. Define a new relationship, if you want to, using `ALTER TABLE...ADD CONSTRAINT...`
5. Test that any dependent objects (pinboards, worksheets, etc.) are still working correctly.
6. Delete the snapshot you created earlier using the command:

```
tscli snapshot delete <name>
```

Change sharding on a table

You can change the sharding on a table or remove it altogether (creating a replicated table) using this procedure. This procedure preserves the data within the table.

This procedure reshards a table. This is also called redistributing or repartitioning. You can use this method to reshuffle a table without losing its data or metadata. This means that worksheets and pinboards built on top of the table will continue to work.

You can use these steps to do any of these operations:

- shard a table that was previously replicated.
- change a replicated table to a sharded table.
- change the number of shards to use for a sharded table.

To change the sharding on a table:

1. [Create a manual snapshot.](#)
2. [Connect to the database with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line \(TQL\).](#)
3. Issue the command to change the sharding using this syntax:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE <table>
      [SET DIMENSION | SET FACT
      [PARTITION BY HASH
      [<shards>]]
      [KEY(<column>)]]
```

For example:

- To make a sharded table into a dimension table (replicated on every node), use:

```
ALTER TABLE "products"
  SET DIMENSION;
```

- To make a dimension table into a sharded (fact) table or change the number of shards, use:

```
ALTER TABLE "sales"
  SET FACT PARTITION BY HASH (96)
  KEY ("productID");
```

4. Test that any dependent objects (pinboards, worksheets, etc.) are still working correctly.

5. Delete the snapshot you created earlier using the command:

```
tscli snapshot delete <name>
```

Convert column data type

Summary: You can convert the data in a column from one data type to another by issuing a TQL command.

There are some details you should be aware of when doing a data type conversion.

Data type conversion behavior

When converting from one data type to another, any values that can not be converted will be set to NULL. If errors occur during data type conversion, the operation is aborted. However, you may choose to force the conversion despite the errors. You can start TQL in allow_unsafe mode to continue with the data conversion, at your own risk, of course! To start TQL in unsafe mode, issue this command:

```
tql --allow_unsafe
```

Multiple columns of a single table can be converted using a single TQL command. The behavior is transactional. So for example, you would issue a command like this example:

```
ALTER TABLE products
    MODIFY COLUMN product_id int,
    MODIFY COLUMN supplier VARCHAR(4);
```

Also note that changing data type has implications on the primary key and sharding enforcement. For example, changing the data type of a column that is part of the sharding key would lead to a redistribution of data. Then imagine that the sharding key column contained the text values `00100`, `0100`, and `100`, which all map to same integer value. If this type of a column is changed from a `VARCHAR` to an `INT`, then it would be subject to the upsert behavior on primary keys. So, in this example, only one of the three rows would be preserved.

Be aware that data type conversion will preserve the data in the underlying database table, but there is no guarantee that any objects built on top of it (worksheets or pinboards) will be preserved. This is because you might make a data type change that makes a chart built on top of the table invalid (for example a growth chart would be invalidated if the date column it depends on were changed to a varchar column).

Supported data type conversions

In general, the data type conversions that make logical sense are supported. But there are a few nuances you should be aware of:

- When you convert from `INT` to `BOOL`, zero is converted to false, and all non-zero values are converted to true.
- When you convert from `BOOL` to `INT`, true gets converted to 1, and false gets converted to 0.
- When you convert from `DOUBLE` to `INT`, the value gets rounded.
- When you convert from `INT` to `DOUBLE`, the value gets rounded.
- When you convert from `DATETIME` to `DATE`, the date part of value is preserved and the time part is dropped.
- When you convert from `DATE` to `DATETIME`, the time gets added as `00:00:00`. The date part of the value is preserved.
- When you convert from `DATETIME` to `TIME`, the time part of the value is preserved.
- Conversion from `TIME` to `DATETIME` is not supported.

Date and time conversions

Some data type conversion require a format string. These include:

- conversion from `DATE` / `TIME` / `DATETIME`
- conversion to `DATE` / `TIME` / `DATETIME`

For these types of conversions, you can use a special syntax using `parsinghint` and the date format specifications supported in the [strftime library function](#).

For the example, first create a table with a timestamp stored as a `VARCHAR`:

```
CREATE TABLE fruit_sales  
  (time_of_sale VARCHAR(32));  
  
INSERT INTO fruit_sales  
  VALUES ('2015-12-29 13:52:39');
```

Now, convert the column from a `VARCHAR` to `DATETIME`, using the format `%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S`:

```
ALTER TABLE fruit_sales  
  MODIFY COLUMN time_of_sale DATETIME  
  [parsinghint="%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"]
```

Finally, convert the column back to `VARCHAR`:

```
ALTER TABLE fruit_sales  
  MODIFY COLUMN time_of_sale VARCHAR(32);
```

String to boolean conversions

String to boolean conversions have format strings, too. You can use `parsinghint` as you do for date and time conversions. You can choose among these approaches:

OPTION 1: Specify string values for both true and false. Any non-matching values get converted to null. In this example, “100” gets converted to true, and “0” gets converted to false. “-1” gets converted to null.

```
ALTER TABLE db  
  MODIFY COLUMN s bool [parsinghint="100_0"];
```

OPTION 2: Specify a string value for true. Any non-matching value gets converted to false. In this example, “100” gets converted to true, “-1” and “0” get converted to false.

```
ALTER TABLE db
    MODIFY COLUMN s bool [parsinghint="100_"];
```

Option 3: Specify a string value for false. Any non-matching value get converted to true. In this example, “-1” and “100” get converted to true, and “0” gets converted to false.

```
ALTER TABLE db
    MODIFY COLUMN s bool [parsinghint="_0"];
```

String to boolean conversions

When converting from a string to a boolean, you must specify a string for true and false. By default, a string to boolean conversion generates `true` for `true`, `false` for `false`.

```
ALTER TABLE db
    MODIFY COLUMN b varchar(32);
```

But you may override the default strings that get generated by using `parsinghint`, as in this example:

```
ALTER TABLE db
    MODIFY COLUMN b varchar(32) [parsinghint="tr_fa"];
```

Change the Data Type of a Column

When you issue the TQL command to convert a column from one data type to another, the conversion is handled automatically. However, you must ensure that any visualizations built on top of the table display correctly.

You should always take a snapshot of your database before making any schema changes. This will allow you to revert back to the prior state if you make an error, or something doesn’t work as you expected after the schema change.

When changing a data type in an existing table, be aware that answers and pinboards created on top of that table (or worksheets that include it) may change. This is because charts and aggregations depend upon the data type. So for example changing from `INTEGER` to `VARCHAR` could break charts that used the numeric data type `INTEGER` to calculate an average or a total. Because of this, use caution, and check all dependent objects before and after changing the data type, to ensure that they display as intended.

To change the data type of a column:

1. [Connect to the database with the ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line \(TQL\).](#)
2. Issue the command to change the data type using this syntax:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE <table>
    MODIFY COLUMN <column> <new_data_type>;
```

For example:

```
ALTER TABLE fact100
    MODIFY COLUMN product_id int;
```

Import CSV files with tsload

Summary: The `tsload` command is a common way to import data from a CSV file.

Use ThoughtSpot Loader (`tsload`) to load data from a CSV text file into an existing table in ThoughtSpot. ThoughtSpot Loader (`tsload`) is a common way to import data. When using `tsload`, you can load larger datasets and make the loading process repeatable through scripting. The `tsload` command accepts flags that enable you to specify column and row separators, date or timestamp formats, null value representations, and similar parameters. Many of these options have defaults that you can override.

Before importing data, you need to [Build the schema](#).

To use ThoughtSpot Loader, type the command `tsload` followed by the appropriate flags. You can see the list of the flags it accepts in the [ThoughtSpot Loader flag reference](#) or by issuing `tsload --help`.

`tsload` supports both full and incremental data loads. For incremental loads, an upsert (insert or update) is performed. If an incoming row has the same primary key as an existing row, it updates the existing row with the new values.

You can integrate `tsload` into your ETL environment for more automated data loads. Most ETL tools provide the ability to write target data into files and support scripted post-transformation actions that can include loading data into ThoughtSpot. This procedure describes manually loading data, but the `tsload` commands could be saved as a script:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Change to the directory where your CSV files are staged.
3. Use the following syntax to invoke `tsload`, specifying the appropriate flags and your data source file:

```
$ tsload --target_database=my_database  
          --target_table=my_table --alsologtostderr  
          --empty_target --source_file=my_file.csv --v 1  
          --field_separator="separator_char"
```

This example imports the CSV file `ssbm_customer.csv` into the table CUSTOMER:

```
$ tsload --target_database=SAMPLE_DB  
        --target_table=CUSTOMER --alsologtostderr  
        --empty_target --source_file=ssbm_customer.csv  
        --v 1 --field_separator "|"
```

4. After the processing begins, you can see messages that indicate the progress, and then two summary messages after the load is complete.

```
Started processing data row
Source has 32 data rows, ignored row count 0
Waiting for rows to commit...(please wait)

Source summary
-----
Data source: ssbm_customer.csv
Source data format: csv
Header row?: no
Tokenizer Options: escape_char: "" file
d_separator: "|" enclosing_char: "\\""
Date format: %Y%m%d
Date time format: %Y%m%d %H:%M:%S
Flexible mode?: no

Load summary
-----
Target table: CUSTOMER
Should empty target?: yes
Status: Successful
Rows total: 32
Rows successfully loaded: 30
Rows failed to load: 0
Rows duplicate/omitted: 2
% of Rows successfully loaded: 93.75 %
Load Rate (MB/s): 0.00 MB/s
Load Rate (Rows/s): 3.53 Rows/s
Start time (Wallclock): Tue Jan 29 09:09:07
End time (Wallclock): Tue Jan 29 09:09:08
Total load time = 1.13 seconds = 0.02 minutes = 0.00 hours
Data size = 50 bytes = 0.06 KB = 0.00 MB
```

5. In the load summary, be sure to check the **Rows duplicate/omitted** number. This indicates the number of rows (if any) that were omitted from loading because they did not satisfy the table constraints. A common cause of this would be a duplicate primary key. If any rows were omitted, review your CSV file, make the required adjustments, and then load it again.
6. After correctly loading your file, repeat this process to load data from any additional CSV files.

Loading data from an AWS S3 bucket

If you have data in .csv format stored in an AWS bucket, you can load it directly to ThoughtSpot.

(5.3.1 and later) Assigning S3 read-only role to your EC2 instance

If your cluster is running 5.3.1 or later, you can assign an S3 read-only role to your ThoughtSpot EC2 instance(s) so the instance(s) can access the S3 bucket from which you want to load the data. This eliminates the need to enter the AWS S3 credentials when loading your data. For details, see: [Using an IAM Role to Grant Permissions to Applications Running on Amazon EC2 Instances](#) in Amazon's AWS documentation.

Note: If you are using S3 for persistent storage, and assigned the `ec2rolewithfulls3access` IAM role to your instance, you do not need to complete this step.

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Use the following syntax to invoke `tsload`, specifying the appropriate flags and your data source file:

```
$ tsload --source_file "/aws/default/<my_file_in_aws>"  
        --target_database "<my_database_in_ThoughtSpot>"  
        --target_table "<my_table_in_the_database_in_ThoughtSpo  
t>"
```

This example imports the CSV file `teams.csv` into the table `teams` in the database `temp`:

```
$ tsload --source_file "/aws/default/teams.csv"  
        --target_database "temp" --target_table "teams"
```

3. After running the `tsload` command, you are prompted to enter additional AWS S3 information:

- AWS S3 bucket name
- AWS S3 region

- AWS S3 credentials (accesskey;secret_key)*
- AWS S3 root (prefix for S3 object search path)

Optionally, these four pieces of information can be inserted at the beginning of the command (in step 2), using the following flags:

- `--aws_s3_bucket_name "<bucket name>"`
- `--aws_s3_region_name "<region name>"`
- `--aws_s3_credentials "<credentials>" *`
- `--aws_s3_root "<search path>"`

❶ Note: *AWS S3 credentials is not used in the 5.3.1 release, if an S3 read-only role is assigned to your instance.

4. After the processing begins, progress messages appear, and then source and load summary messages after the load is complete.

Use a script to load data

Summary: Learn how to load one or files in bulk with a script.

If you need to load data from multiple CSV files, create a script to automate the process. You can also use a similar script to automate recurring data feeds.

Understand how to create a script

The data loading script is a text file that contains all the calls to `tsload` for loading the data from your CSV files.

The example script shown here uses the `cat` command to read the data file, and pipes it to `tsload`. When creating and testing your script, you may wish to replace each `cat` with `cat -10`, to load only the first ten lines of each file. This allows you to quickly run a test of your script. When the test succeeds for all the data files, you can then remove each `-10`, so the complete files will load when you run the script again.

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Navigate to the directory that contains your CSV files and open a new file in a text editor.
3. Type in the commands to load the data.

This example shows commands to load three files:

```
cat Players.csv | tsload
  --target_database baseball --target_table "players"
  --empty_target --field_separator ","
  --max_ignored_rows 10 --bad_records_file bad_record
s.txt
  --has_header_row --alsologtostderr --null_value ""

cat AllstarFull.csv | tsload
  --target_database baseball --target_table "allstarfu
ll"
  --empty_target --field_separator ","
  --max_ignored_rows 10 --bad_records_file bad_record
s.txt
  --has_header_row --alsologtostderr --null_value ""

cat Appearances.csv | tsload
  --target_database baseball --target_table "appearanc
es"
  --empty_target --field_separator ","
  --max_ignored_rows 10 --bad_records_file bad_record
s.txt
  --has_header_row --alsologtostderr --null_value ""
```

4. Save the file.

5. Run the script:

```
$ ./load_baseball_data.sh
```

Loading data efficiently

If you have a very large data file that takes a long time to load, you can reduce the load time by splitting it up into multiple files and loading them in parallel using multiple invocations of `tsload`. If the size of any of your data files is greater than 50 million rows, running `tsload` in parallel can reduce the load time significantly.

- Split up your large data file into multiple smaller files.
- Stage the data files in a location accessible to the node on which you run the script. Usually, you can use an [NAS mounted file system](#).

- Create a script to load the files in the following example.
- Run the script to load the files. You will make your script multi-threaded by invoking multiple loader threads (between 1 and 5 are recommended).

To optimize the load time even further, determine what the bottleneck is and adjust your process accordingly. If the disk I/O for reading the data files is the bottleneck, you can stage the data files on separate NAS mounted file systems and reference them accordingly in your script. If the CPU on the machine you're using to run the load script is the bottleneck, you can split the load script into the same number of parts as you have nodes in your ThoughtSpot instance, place one script on each node, and run them in parallel. Make sure the other nodes are able to access the data files where they are staged. Running the load script on separate nodes will put the data on all the nodes, just as when you run the script on a single node. Running the script on all the nodes at the same time just lets you take advantage of CPU power of each node for hashing data files.

For example, suppose you have 30 days of data in 30 files, one for the data collected on each day. Each day's data file contains 10 million rows, for a total of 300 million rows of data. You want to load the whole month of data. For this example we'll have 5 loader processes, each one handling 6 days of data. Here is a sample script you could use to load the data files in parallel:

```
/* Script load_script.sh, loads 30 days of data in parallel */

#!/bin/bash

pidlist=""

cat day1.csv day2.csv day3.csv day4.csv day5.csv day6.csv | tsload
--target_database sales --target_table SALES_FACT --max_ignore
d_rows 10
--bad_records_file ./SALES_FACT.bad --date_format %Y-%m-%d
--date_time_format "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" --source_data_format del
imited
--field_separator "|" --null_value "" --enclosing_character
"\\""
--boolean_representation 1_0 &

pidlist="$pidlist $" &

cat day7.csv day8.csv day9.csv day10.csv day11.csv day12.csv | tsload
--target_database sales --target_table SALES_FACT --max_ignore
d_rows 10
--bad_records_file ./SALES_FACT.bad --date_format %Y-%m-%d
--date_time_format "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" --source_data_format del
imited
--field_separator "|" --null_value "" --enclosing_character
"\\""
--boolean_representation 1_0 &

pidlist="$pidlist $" &

cat day13.csv day14.csv day15.csv day16.csv day17.csv day18.cs
v | tsload
--target_database sales --target_table SALES_FACT --max_ignore
d_rows 10
--bad_records_file ./SALES_FACT.bad --date_format %Y-%m-%d
--date_time_format "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" --source_data_format del
imited
--field_separator "|" --null_value "" --enclosing_character
"\\""
--boolean_representation 1_0 &

pidlist="$pidlist $" &
```

```
cat day19.csv day20.csv day21.csv day22.csv day23.csv day24.cs  
v | tsload  
--target_database sales --target_table SALES_FACT --max_ignore  
d_rows 10  
--bad_records_file ./SALES_FACT.bad --date_format %Y-%m-%d  
--date_time_format "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" --source_data_format del  
imited  
--field_separator "|" --null_value "" --enclosing_character  
"\\"  
--boolean_representation 1_0 &  
  
pidlist="$pidlist $" &  
  
cat day25.csv day26.csv day27.csv day28.csv day29.csv day30.cs  
v | tsload  
--target_database sales --target_table SALES_FACT --max_ignore  
d_rows 10  
--bad_records_file ./SALES_FACT.bad --date_format %Y-%m-%d  
--date_time_format "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" --source_data_format del  
imited  
--field_separator "|" --null_value "" --enclosing_character  
"\\"  
--boolean_representation 1_0 &  
  
pidlist="$pidlist $" &  
  
wait $pidlist
```

Call your script using a command like:

```
nohup bash ./load_script.sh > master_log.txt &  
  
tail -f master_log.txt
```

Constructing your script in this way will execute all the commands in the background, and output to the file `master_log.txt`. You can see a running status as the commands in the script execute. After the script completes, you can check the log file for detailed information, such as the number of rows that loaded successfully.

Delete a data source

Summary: How to prepare for and delete a data source using the ThoughtSpot application.

There are two separate ways to delete a data source, through the browser or [through TQL](#) describes the dependency checking that occurs when deleting or changing a table using TQL. When you want to delete a data source, you first need to handle any dependent objects that have been built on top of it. You can easily see these dependencies, and choose how to handle them before deleting the data source.

Check data source dependencies

You can see all of the dependencies for any data source (worksheet or table) on the **Data** page.

To view dependent objects for a data source:

1. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar.
2. Click the name of the data source whose dependencies you want to view.
3. Click **Dependents**.

You will see a list of the names of the dependent objects (worksheets and pinboards), and the columns they use from that data source. You can use this information to determine the impact of changing the structure of the data source or to see how widely it is used.

The screenshot shows a 'WORKSHEET' titled 'Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet' under 'ThoughtSPORT worksheet'. The 'Dependents' tab is selected. A table displays the following data:

COLUMN NAME	DEPENDENT NAME	TYPE
Age Group	Total Sales by Depar..	View
Date	Top 100 Products M..	View
Product Name	Top 100 Products M..	View
Department	Total Sales by Depar..	View
Sales	Total Sales by Depar..	View
Customer City	Customer Location	Answer
Customer Name	Customer Location	Answer

(showing rows 1-0 of 27)

- Click a dependent object to modify or delete it.

If you want to remove the dependency by modifying the dependent object, you must remove all search terms or columns that refer back to the data source you are trying to delete.

- When all dependencies have been removed, you will be able to go back and delete the data source.

Delete a data source

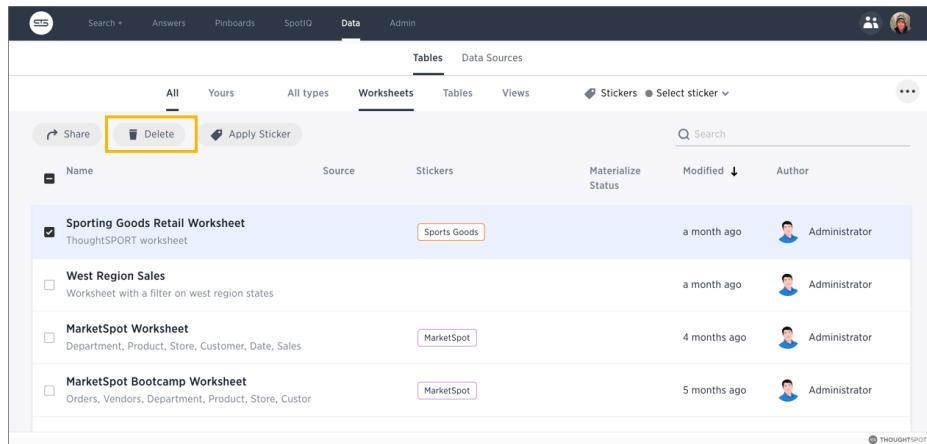
You can delete data sources from the browser, as long as they were not created by an administrator through `tsload`.

You can delete data sources from the browser if they were created in the browser. These types of data sources include:

- Data imported from the browser.
- Worksheets.

ThoughtSpot checks for dependencies whenever you try to delete a table or worksheet.

- Click **Data** on the top navigation bar.
- Check the box next to the name of the data source you want to delete.
- Click the delete icon.



The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Data Sources interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Tables' and 'Data Sources'. Below that, a sub-navigation bar includes 'All', 'Yours', 'All types', 'Worksheets' (which is selected), 'Tables', 'Views', 'Stickers', and a dropdown for 'Select sticker'. A search bar is also present. The main area displays a list of worksheets. Each row contains a checkbox, the worksheet name, its source, stickers applied, materialization status, last modified time, and author. The first worksheet, 'Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet', has a checked checkbox and is highlighted with a yellow box around its 'Delete' button.

Name	Source	Stickers	Materialize Status	Modified	Author
Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet ThoughtSPORT worksheet	Sports Goods			a month ago	Administrator
West Region Sales Worksheet with a filter on west region states				a month ago	Administrator
MarketSpot Worksheet Department, Product, Store, Customer, Date, Sales	MarketSpot			4 months ago	Administrator
MarketSpot Bootcamp Worksheet Orders, Vendors, Department, Product, Store, Custor	MarketSpot			5 months ago	Administrator

4. If you attempt to delete a data source with dependent objects, the operation will be blocked.

You will see a list of dependent objects with links.

Cannot delete

The following object(s) depend on "Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet". You must delete them to delete "Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet".

- [Sales by Store - Last 30 Days](#) (Answer)
- [Shopping Trend of Members vs Non-Members](#) (Answer)
- [Sales Breakdown by Mode of Payment](#) (Answer)
- [Moving Sum of All Sales - Last 30 days](#) (Answer)
- [Pivot Example](#) (Answer)
- [Sales Trend by Day of Week](#) (Answer)
- [Customer Location](#) (Answer)
- [Customer Footprint and Sales by Region](#) (Answer)
- [Sales by Region, State and Year](#) (Answer)
- [Low Inventory](#) (Answer)
- [Monthly Department Sales Analysis](#) (Answer)
- [Sales for Last Month](#) (Answer)
- [Product & Department Sales Group Sum](#) (Answer)
- [Margin vs Sales Analysis](#) (Answer)
- [Sales by Age Group, Gender and Product Category](#) (Answer)
- [Racquet Sales](#) (Answer)
- [Sales by Quarter](#) (Answer)
- [Average Sales - Weekday vs Weekend](#) (Answer)
- [Vicky's Sales Data](#) (Answer)
- [Sales Per Customer for Outerwear by State](#) (Answer)

OK

5. Click a dependent object to modify or delete it.

If you want to remove the dependency by modifying the dependent object, you must remove all search terms or columns that refer back to the data source you are trying to delete.

6. When all dependencies have been removed, you will be able to go back and delete the data source.

Delete or change a table in TQL

Summary: You can delete a data source in the web browser or using ThoughtSpot SQL Command Line (TQL).

When you enter a TQL statement, the system warns you of possible dependency consequences with a prompt asking if you'd like to proceed. This should make you feel safe issuing TQL commands, even commands like dropping a table.

If TQL is run using the flag `--allow_unsafe`, your statements will always execute without this warning. Note that when running TQL from a script, you will need to decide what behavior you want if the script contains changes that affect dependent objects. If you want the script to run even if objects with dependencies are affected, run it using this flag, for example:

```
cat safest_script_ever.sql | tql --allow_unsafe
```

If you do not run the script using the flag, it will fail if any of its commands might cause problems with dependent objects.

TQL actions with possible dependency consequences include:

- Change, add, or remove a primary key.
 - When changing or adding a primary key, if the key in question is not unique in the data it may cause deletion of rows, because of upserts occurring when duplicate primary keys are found.
 - When changing or removing a primary key, incoming foreign key relationships will be broken.
- Change a column datatype.
- Add a relationship or foreign key.
- Drop a relationship or foreign key constraint.
- Change or add a sharding key.
- Drop a table, schema, or database.

When issuing one of the previous commands, you will see a warning message similar to this:

```
TQL> ALTER TABLE table1
      DROP CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY;

WARNING: This operation will break the Foreign Key relationship "products"
with table "sales", which will break 34 user-visible visualizations and
2 Worksheets. We recommend taking a snapshot before performing
this operation.

Do you wish to proceed? (yes/no).
```

Understand groups and privileges

Summary: Creating groups and assigning users to them makes privilege management easier.

Before people can log in and use ThoughtSpot, you need to create a username, a password, and a membership in one or more groups for them.

This page describes manual creation of users, groups, and privileges, but you can also manage users through [LDAP](#) or [SAML](#). For information on setting up SAML authentication, see the *ThoughtSpot Application Integration Guide*.

Privileges and groups

Privileges determine what kinds of actions users are allowed to do. You assign privileges to groups. Then, you create users and assign them to groups. This is how you grant users access to different capabilities in ThoughtSpot.

Each group includes a set of privileges for its users. The privileges a group has determine the actions that its members are allowed to do. If a user belongs to more than one group, they will have the highest level of the privileges from all the groups they belong to. Plan your groups so that you can use them to assign a common set of privileges to multiple users. Good planning will pay off in ease of administration and a better search experience.

There is a default group called **All**, which includes every user in ThoughtSpot. When you create a new user, they will be added to the **All** group automatically. You cannot delete the **All** group or remove members from it.

You can also have a hierarchy of groups. That is, groups can belong to (that is, be children of) other groups. When using group hierarchies, permissions are inherited from the parent group. So if you're a member of a sub-group, you would automatically have the privileges of the parent group.

List of privileges

Here are the different privileges, and the capabilities they enable:

Privilege	Description
Can administer ThoughtSpot	Can manage Users and Groups and has view and edit access to all data. Users with this privilege can also download a saved answer.
Can upload user data	Can upload their own data from the application's Data page using Actions > Upload data .
Can download data	Can download data from search results and pinboards.
Can share with all users	Can see the names of and share with users outside of the groups the user belongs to. Members of groups with this privilege can also share with groups marked as NOT SHAREABLE .
Can manage data	Can create worksheets and views. Note that to edit a worksheet or a view created by another user, you must have the **Edit** permission on that object, and it must be shared with you.
Can use experimental features	Can access trial and experimental features that ThoughtSpot makes available to early adopters.
Can invoke Custom R Analysis	Can access R scripts to further explore search answers. Includes options to invoke R scripts on visualizations, create and share custom scripts, and share the results of R analysis as answers and pinboards.
Can schedule pinboards	Can create pinboard schedules and edit their own scheduled jobs.
Has SpotIQ privilege	Can use the SpotIQ feature. If this privilege is not enabled for the user, they can still see "Did you know" SpotIQ insights on the ThoughtSpot home page.
Can administer and bypass RLS	<p>Users in groups with this privilege (directly or through group inheritance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are exempt from row-level security (RLS) rules. • Can add/edit/delete existing RLS rules. • Can check or uncheck Bypass RLS on a worksheet. <p>Your installation configuration may enable or disable the availability of this privilege. By default, it is enabled. Administrators or groups with the privilege Can administer ThoughtSpot can grant this privilege.</p>

Typically, the **ALL** group has a common set of privileges applies such as the **Can upload user data** and/or **Can download data** privileges.

Privileges are additive, meaning that if a user belongs to more than one group, they will have the highest level of privileges from among the groups they are a member of. They are also inherited from the parent, so that a sub-group gets all the same privileges of its parent, all the way up the group hierarchy.

If you add the privilege **Has administration privileges** to a group, note that all users in that group will be able to see all the data in ThoughtSpot. Administrators can see all data sources, and [Row level security](#) does not apply to them.

Permissions to see and edit tables, worksheets, and pinboards are set when you share them with users and groups, as described in the topic [Data security](#).

The following table shows the intersection of user privilege and ability:

	Create/Edit WS	Create View	Modify Col. Props. ¹	Upload Data	Download Data	Share within Group	Share with all users	Manage RLS rules	CrUD Relationships	Read Relationships	See Hidden Cols	Join with Upload Data	Schema Viewer	Use Scheduler	Use Auto-Analyze
Can administer ThoughtSpot	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Can upload user data	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y ³	Y ⁴	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Can download data	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y ⁴	N	N	N	N	N	N
Can manage data	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y ⁴	Y ⁴	Y ⁵	Y	N	N	N
Can share with all users	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y ⁴	N	N	N	N	N	N
Has SpotIQ privilege	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y ⁴	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Can Administer and Bypass RLS	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
None	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y ⁴	N	N	N	N	N	N



Related information

- [Add a group and set security privileges](#)
- [Add a user](#)

Create, edit, or delete a group

Summary: ThoughtSpot has intuitive and powerful user group management for assigning privileges, user selection, multi-tier subgroups, default Pinboard assignment, and emailing.

Before adding users, create the groups to which they belong. Each group includes a set of privileges for its users.

Create a group

To create a group and add privileges for the group, follow these steps:

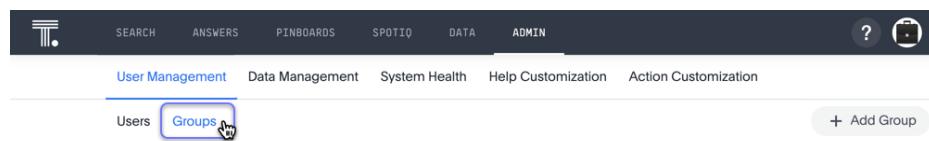
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



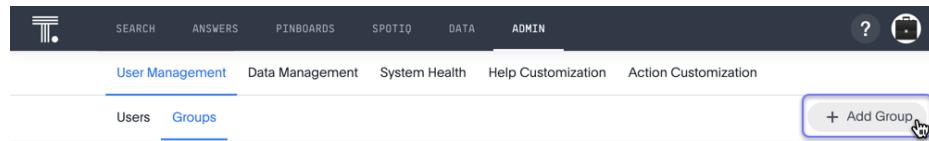
3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.



4. In the **User Management** section, click **Groups**.



5. Click the **+ Add Group** button on the upper right-hand side of the list of groups.



6. In the **Add a new group** modal, enter the details for the new group:

Field	Description
Group name	Enter a unique name for the group.
Display name	Name of the group as it appears in ThoughtSpot.
Sharing visibility	Indicate whether objects can be shared with this group. When set to SHAREABLE , this group is an option in the Share dialog.
Description	Optionally, enter a description.
Privileges	Check the privileges you want to grant to the group. If you add the privilege Has administration privileges to a group, all users in that group can see all the data in ThoughtSpot. Administrators can always see all data sources, and Row level security does not apply to them.

7. You can also add [Groups](#) (these would be the subgroups of the group you are editing), [Users](#).

Also, see [Default Pinboards](#).

8. Click **Add** to create the group.

Default Pinboards

You cannot add default Pinboards to a new user group. You must create it first, and then edit it to add default Pinboards. See [Edit a group > Default Pinboards](#).

Add a new group

Group name *	Sales EMEA
Display name *	Sales EMEA
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Has SpotIQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS

* Required field

Select default pinboards *i*

Steps to setup default pinboards for this group:

1. Create this group
2. Share existing or new Pinboards with this group
3. Edit this group and assign default Pinboards

ADD

Groups

Follow these steps to assign subgroups to the group:

1. Click the **Groups** tab.
2. Select the groups you want to add in the list by clicking the box next to the group name.
3. You can also use **Search** to find groups by name.

Add a new group

Group name *	Sales EMEA
Display name *	Sales EMEA
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Has SpotIQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS

* Required field

Default Pinboards Groups Users

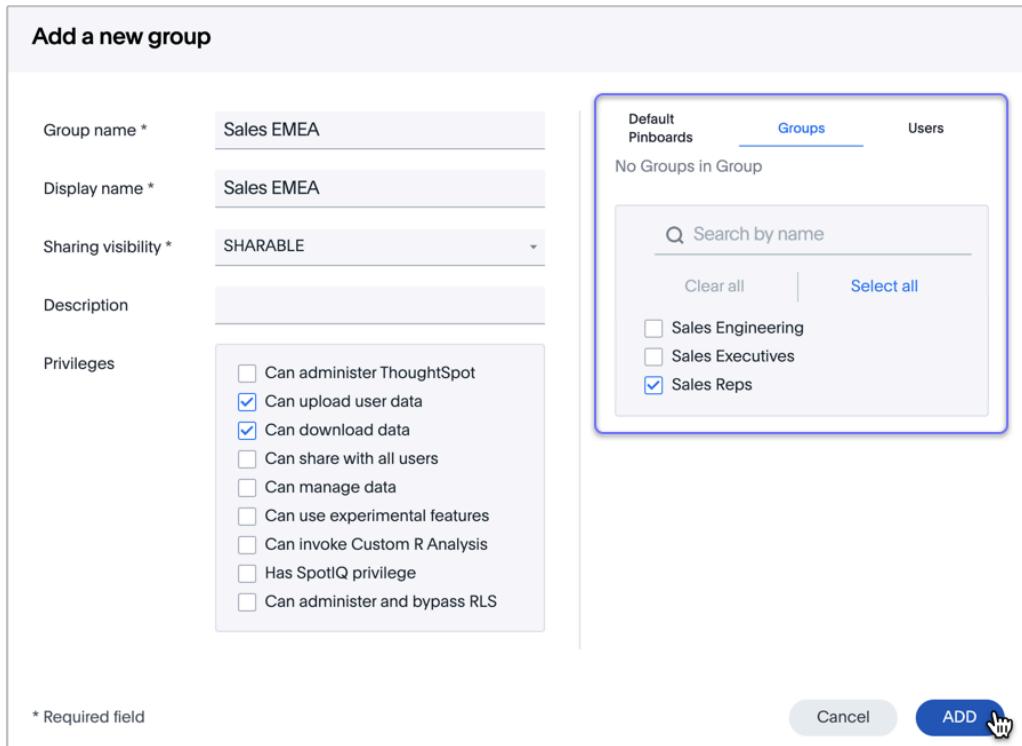
No Groups in Group

Q Search by name

Clear all | Select all

Sales Engineering
 Sales Executives
 Sales Reps

Cancel ADD 



Users

Follow these steps to assign users to the group:

1. Click the **Users** tab.
2. Select the users you want to add in the list by clicking the box next to the user name.
3. You can also use **Search** to find users by name.

Add a new group

Group name *	Sales EMEA
Display name *	Sales EMEA
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Has SpotIQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS

Default Pinboards **Groups** Users

No Groups in Group

Q Search by name

Clear all Select all

- Sales Engineering
- Sales Executives
- Sales Reps

* Required field

Cancel **ADD** 

Edit a group

After adding a group, you can edit its settings to add or revoke privileges. The new settings apply to all group members.

To edit an existing group, follow these steps:

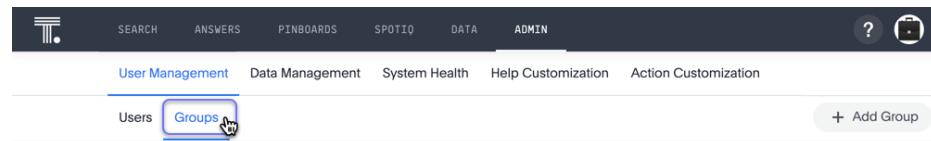
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.



4. In the **User Management** section, click **Groups**.



5. Find the group you want to edit in the list, and click its name.

If you don't immediately see the name of the group, try searching for it.

A screenshot of the ThoughtSpot Admin interface showing the Groups list. The top navigation bar and secondary menu are identical to the previous screenshot. The 'Groups' tab is active. A search bar at the top right contains the text 'Manage'. Below the search bar is a table with two rows of data. The columns are labeled 'Display Name', 'Name ↑', 'Created At', and 'Default pinboards'. The first row, 'Manage Data', has a red circular icon with a white 'M' and the text 'Manage Data' next to it. The second row, 'Product Management', has a blue circular icon with a white 'P' and the text 'Product Management' next to it. The 'Manage Data' row is highlighted with a blue border.

6. You can change the *Group name*, *Display name*, *Sharing visibility*, *Description*, and the selected *Privileges*.

Here, we added the *Can manage data* privilege.

Edit group

Group name *	Sales EMEA
Display name *	Sales EMEA
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Has SpotIQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS

* Required field

[Default Pinboards](#) [Groups](#) [Users](#) [Email](#)

Select default pinboards [i](#)

Search by name

- AE Pinboard
- Activity Dashboard
- Campaign Dashboard
- Deal Flow Analysis
- Demo - Customer Sales Metrics
- Free Trial Usage Analysis
- Marketing Attribution
- Marketing Demand Generation
- Marketing Funnel

[Cancel](#) [Update](#)

You can also make changes to the [Default Pinboards](#), [Groups](#) (these would be the subgroups of the group you are editing), [Users](#), or [Email](#).

7. Make your changes, and click **Update**.

Default Pinboards

To assign default pinboards to groups, follow these steps:

1. Create a group, or choose an existing group. Note its name.
2. In the **Pinboards** interface, find the correct Pinboards, and share them with this group. See [Share a Pinboard](#).
3. Open the Group for editing. See [Edit a group](#).
4. Click the **Default Pinboards** tab.
5. From the list of shared Pinboards, select 1-3 default Pinboards in the list by clicking the box next to the Pinboard name.
6. You can also use **Search** to find Pinboards by name.

7. Click **Update** to save changes.

Groups

When editing a group, keep in mind that only subgroups or possible subgroups appear in the list of groups. The **No Groups in Group** only indicates there are no children in this group's hierarchy. Do not underestimate the importance of the parent(s) of the group, because each group inherits the privileges of each of its parent groups.

Follow these steps to change subgroups of the group:

1. Click the **Groups** tab.
2. Select the groups you want to add in the list by clicking the box next to the group name.
3. You can also use **Search** to find groups by name.
4. Deselect the groups you want to remove from the list by clearing the box next to the group name.
5. Click **Update** to save changes.

Edit group

Group name *	Sales EMEA
Display name *	Sales EMEA
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Has SpotIQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS

* Required field

Default Pinboards Groups Users Email

No Groups in Group

Search by name

Clear all Select all

- Sales Engineering
- Sales Executives
- Sales Reps

Cancel Update

Users

Follow these steps to change the users of the group:

1. Click the **Users** tab.
2. Select the users you want to add in the list by clicking the box next to the user name.
3. You can also use **Search** to find users by name.
4. Deselect the users you want to remove from the list by clearing the box next to the user name.
5. Click **Update** to save changes.

Edit group

Group name *	Sales EMEA
Display name *	Sales EMEA
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Has SpotIQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS

* Required field

Default Pinboards Groups **Users** Email

11 Users in Group

Search by name

- user_sharing_82
- user_sharing_83
- user_sharing_84
- user_sharing_85
- user_sharing_86
- user_sharing_87
- user_sharing_88
- user_sharing_89
- user_sharing_9
- user_sharing_90
- user_sharing_91

Email

You can configure groups so that users receive a *welcome email* that introduces them to ThoughtSpot, and initiates the onboarding process.

Follow these steps to configure group-wide emails:

1. Click the **Email** tab.
2. Under **Resend welcome email**, select either either *All users* or *New users*.
3. Enter optional text for the email. Here, we added “Welcome!”
4. To send the email immediately, click **Send**.
5. To test the email, click “Test welcome email”
6. Click **Update** to save changes.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit group' interface. On the left, there's a form with fields: Group name * (Sales EMEA), Display name * (Sales EMEA), Sharing visibility * (SHARABLE), Description (empty), and Privileges (checkboxes for various administrative and data-related permissions). A note at the bottom says '* Required field'. On the right, a modal window titled 'Resend welcome email' is open, showing options to send to 'All users' (radio button) or 'New users' (radio button, highlighted with a green circle and labeled '2'). It also displays a preview of the 'Welcome!' email (labeled '3') and a 'Send' button (labeled '4'). Below the email preview is a 'Test welcome email' link (labeled '5'). At the bottom right of the modal are 'Cancel' and 'Update' buttons.

Deleting groups

To delete existing groups, follow these steps:

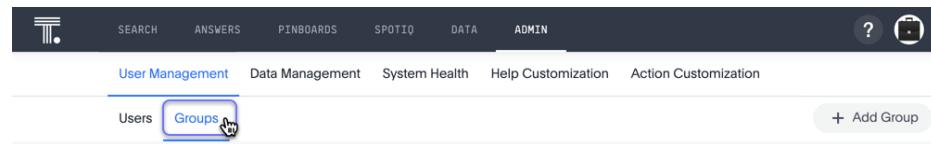
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.



4. In the **User Management** section, click **Groups**.



5. Select the groups you plan to delete by clicking the box next to the group name.

If you don't immediately see the name of the group, try searching for it.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Admin interface with the 'Groups' tab selected. A search bar at the top contains the text 'Manage'. Below the search bar, a table lists two groups: 'Manage Data' and 'Product Management'. The 'Manage Data' row is highlighted with a blue border. The table has columns for Display Name, Name, Created At, and Default pinboards.

Display Name	Name	Created At	Default pinboards
M Manage Data	Manage Data	3 years ago	0
P Product Management	Product Management	3 years ago	3

6. Click **Delete**.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Admin interface with the 'Groups' tab selected. A 'Delete' button is highlighted with a blue box and a cursor icon. Two groups, 'Experimental Feature' and 'Cloud Control', have their checkboxes checked. The table below shows other groups: 'Manage Data' and 'Product Management'. The table has columns for Display Name, Name, Created At, and Default pinboards.

Display Name	Name	Created At	Default pinboards
E Experimental Feature	ExperimentalFeature	3 months ago	0
C Cloud Control	CloudControl	8 months ago	0

List group members

When browsing through users or subgroups, you can often see only a limited list. To check for other users, search for the name of a specific user or subgroup.

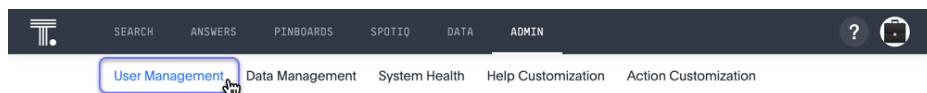
Add multiple users to a group

To add multiple users to a group, you must be on the **Users** interface. Follow these steps:

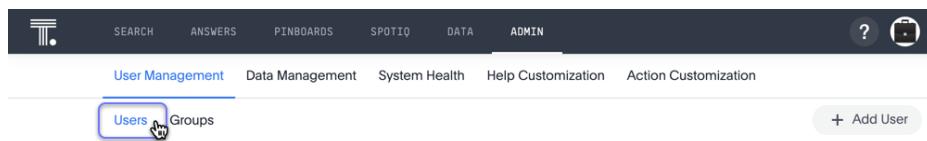
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.

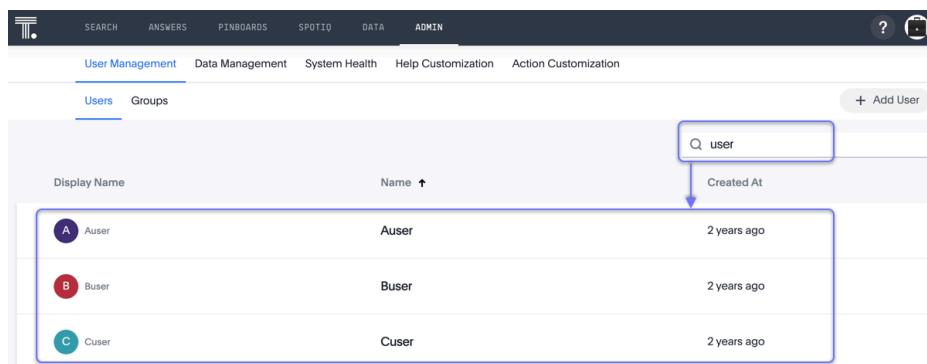


4. In the **User Management** section, click **Users**.



5. Select the names of users you plan to add to groups by clicking the box next to the user name.

If you don't immediately see the user name, try searching for it.



6. Click the **Add Users to Groups** button on the top of the list of users.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot User Management interface. In the top navigation bar, 'User Management' is selected under 'ADMIN'. Below it, there are tabs for 'Users' and 'Groups', with 'Groups' being the active tab. A search bar at the top right contains the placeholder 'user'. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Display Name' lists three users: 'Auser' (purple circle), 'Buser' (red circle), and 'Cuser' (teal circle). Each user has a checkbox next to their name, which is checked for all three. At the top left of the main content area, there is a button labeled 'Add users to groups' with a hand cursor icon. To its right are 'Delete' and a search bar. The main content area displays a table with columns 'Name' and 'Created At'. The table shows three rows: 'Auser' (2 years ago), 'Buser' (2 years ago), and 'Cuser' (2 years ago).

7. In the **Add Users to Groups** interface, select the groups by clicking the box next to the group name.
8. Click **Add**.

The screenshot shows a modal dialog titled 'Add users to group'. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search by name'. Below the search bar is a list of groups, each with a checkbox. The groups listed are: Cloud Control (checked), Customer Service (checked), Engineering (unchecked), Engineering Demo (unchecked), Executive (unchecked), Executive Demo (unchecked), Sales (unchecked), Sales & Marketing (unchecked), Sales Demo (unchecked), Sales Development (unchecked), Sales Directors (unchecked), Sales EMEA (unchecked), and Sales Engineering (unchecked). At the bottom of the modal are two buttons: 'Cancel' and a blue 'ADD' button with a hand cursor icon.

Create, edit, or delete a user

Summary: For each unique person who accesses ThoughtSpot, you must create a user account. When you create a user manually in ThoughtSpot, you continue to manage that user in ThoughtSpot.

You can create users directly in ThoughtSpot, or import users and user groups through LDAP or similar protocols.

For users who have access through LDAP, the LDAP installation manages all user information.

Create a user in ThoughtSpot

This procedure demonstrates how to create a user manually. When you create a user, you can specify the *username*, *display name*, *sharing visibility*, the *password*, *email*, whether they get a *welcome email* and its *text*, and assign *group* memberships. The user inherits privileges and permissions directly from the group assignments.

Note that all users automatically belong to the group **All**.

To create a new user and assign that user to groups, follow these steps:

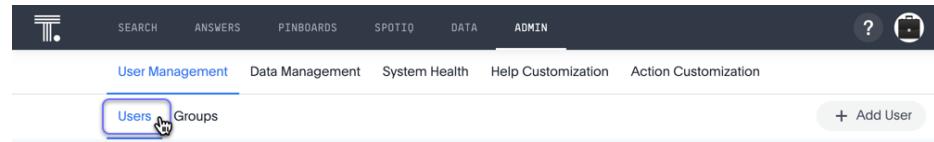
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



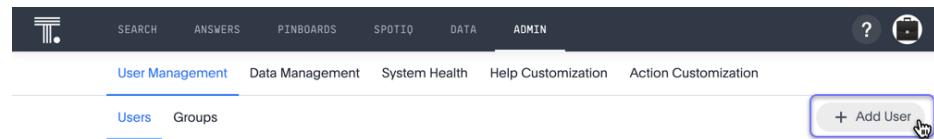
3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.



4. In the **User Management** section, click **Users**.



5. Click the **+ Add User** button on the upper right-hand side of the list of users.



6. In the **Add a new user** interface, enter the details for the new user:

Add a new user

Username *	Auser
Display name *	Auser
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Change password *	*****
Confirm password *	*****
Email *	auser@thoughtspot.com
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send a welcome email Welcome!	
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; font-weight: bold;" type="button" value="ADD"/>	

* Required field

Groups

6 Groups assigned to User

Search by name

Manage Data
 Marketing
 Marketing Demo
 Sales Demo
 Sales Development
 Sales Directors
 Sales EMEA
 Sales Engineering
 Sales Executives

Field	Required?	Description
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Username	Yes	A login name for the user. Usernames must be unique and lowercase.
		If you are using Active Directory to authenticate users, and your LDAP configuration requires users to be created manually (they are not created automatically in ThoughtSpot upon authentication), the username you specify has to be domain-qualified (<code>username@ldap.thoughtspot.com</code>), and you must enter a dummy password.
Display name	Yes	A unique name for the user (usually their first and last name).
Sharing visibility	Yes	Indicate whether objects can be shared with this user. When set to SHAREABLE , this user is an option in the Share dialog.
Change password	Yes	A password. Minimum 8 characters, including at least 1 upper-case letter, and 1 number.
Confirm password	Yes	Enter the password again.
Email	Yes	The user's email address. ThoughtSpot uses this for notification when another user shares something with them, for onboarding, for the Ask an Export feature, and others.
		Note that during cluster configuration, the domain is specified. ThoughtSpot does not accept emails outside this domain.
Send a welcome email	No	When checked, this option ensures that the new user receives a welcome email.
Email message text	No	Enter text of the optional welcome email here.

Groups	Recommended	Select the groups for the user.
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Note that if you add the user to a group that has the privilege **Has administration privileges**, they can see all the data in ThoughtSpot.

When you create a new user, the groups they belong to define the following attributes for the user:

- **Privileges:** the actions they can perform, defined when you [Add a group and set security privileges](#).
- **Permissions:** the data they can access and view, defined when you consider [Data security](#).

Administrators can see all data sources, and [Row level security](#) does not apply to them.

7. Click **Add** to create the user.

Note that this process of identifying the user's needs contributes to a robust onboarding process. See [Onboarding users](#).

Edit an existing user

As an administrator, you can edit a user account, and change the user's groups. You can also help users by resetting their password, and evaluating their onboarding experience to ensure they receive the best possible introduction to relevant information in ThoughtSpot.

To edit an existing user, follow these steps:

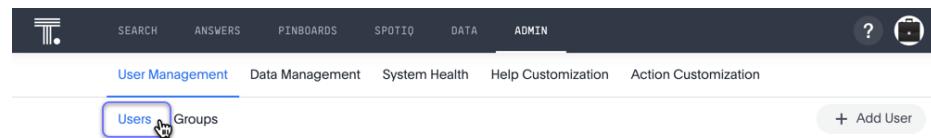
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.

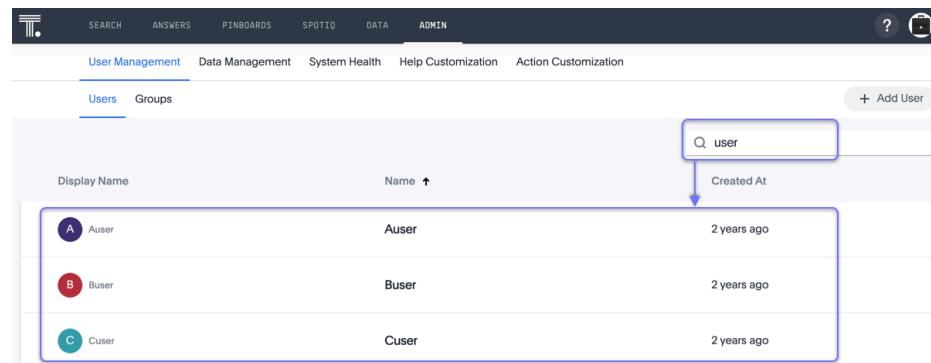


4. In the **User Management** section, click **Users**.



5. Click on the username in the list to open the **Edit User** interface.

If you don't immediately see the username you plan to edit, try searching for it.



6. In the **Edit User** interface, edit the basic user information.

You can change the *username*, *display name*, *sharing visibility*, *passwords*, and *user's email*.

Edit User

Username *	Auser
Display name *	Auser
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Change password	
Confirm password	
Email *	auser@thoughtspot.com

Groups
6 Groups assigned to User

Search by name

<input type="checkbox"/> Manage Data
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Demo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Demo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Directors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales EMEA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Engineering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Executives

[Preview onboarding](#)

* Required field

You can also [Preview onboarding](#), and make changes to the [Groups](#) assigned to the user.

7. Click **Update**.

Preview onboarding

You can click **Preview onboarding** to evaluate this user's first experience with ThoughtSpot. After previewing the user's default data source and Pinboards, you may choose to change the [Group](#) assignments.

Edit User

Username *	Auser
Display name *	Auser
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Change password	
Confirm password	
Email *	auser@thoughtspot.com

Groups **Email**

6 Groups assigned to User

Search by name

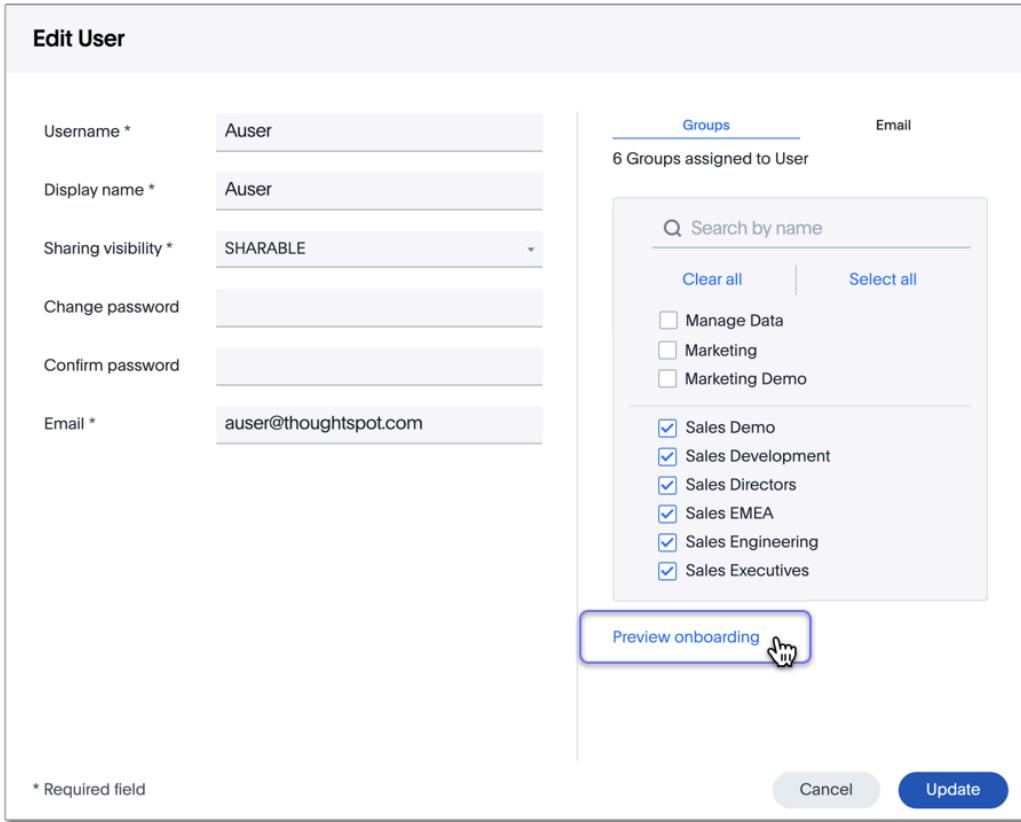
Manage Data
 Marketing
 Marketing Demo

Sales Demo
 Sales Development
 Sales Directors
 Sales EMEA
 Sales Engineering
 Sales Executives

Preview onboarding 

* Required field

Cancel Update



Groups

Follow these steps to change the user's groups:

1. Click the **Groups** tab.
2. Select the groups you want to add in the list by clicking the box next to the group name.
3. You can also use **Search** to find groups by name.
4. Deselect the groups you want to remove from the list by clearing the box next to the group name.
5. Click **Update** to save changes.

Edit User

Username *	Auser
Display name *	Auser
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Change password	
Confirm password	
Email *	auser@thoughtspot.com

Groups
7 Groups assigned to User

Search by name

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manage Data
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Demo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Demo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Directors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales EMEA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Engineering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales Executives

[Preview onboarding](#)

* Required field

[Cancel](#) [Update](#)

Delete users

To delete users, follow these steps:

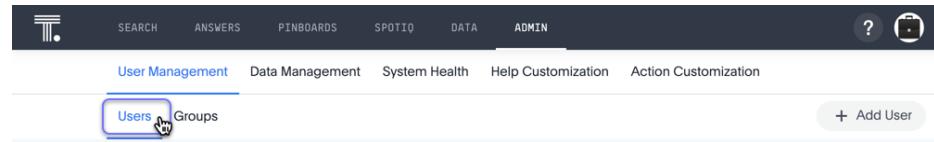
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.
2. Click the **Admin** icon, on the top navigation bar.



3. In the **Admin** panel, click **User Management**.



4. In the **User Management** section, click **Users**.



5. Select the users you plan to delete by clicking the box next to the username.

If you don't immediately see the username you plan to delete, try searching for it.

Display Name	Name ↑	Created At
Auser	Auser	2 years ago
Buser	Buser	2 years ago
Cuser	Cuser	2 years ago

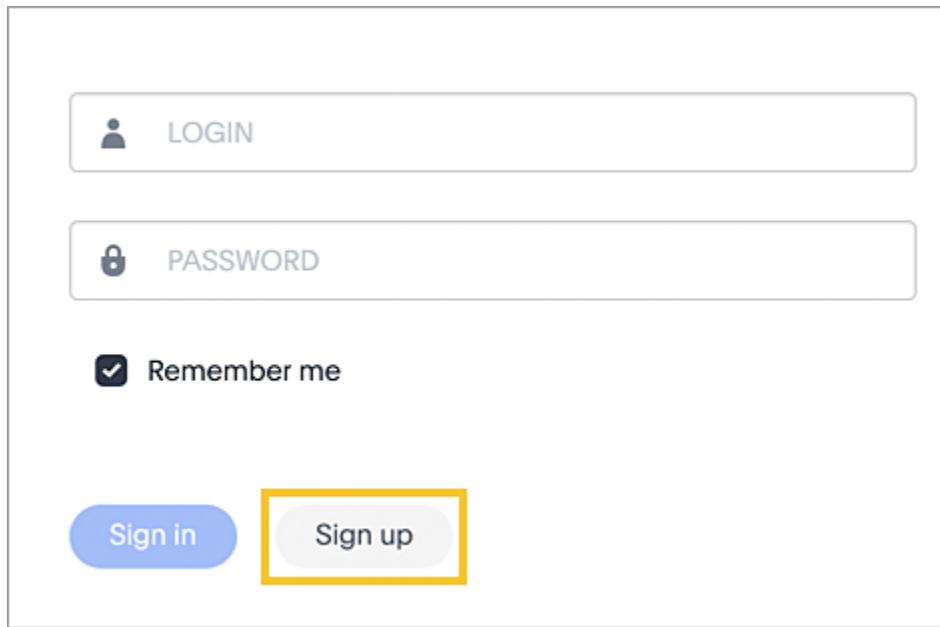
6. Click **Delete**.

Display Name	Name ↑	Created At
Auser	Auser	2 years ago
Buser	Buser	2 years ago
Cuser	Cuser	2 years ago

Allow users to sign up

You can allow people in your organization to sign up for ThoughtSpot by clicking a button on the sign-in page.

You do this by providing them with the ThoughtSpot sign-up URL. When they go to this URL, they see the sign-up button.



When a person clicks the sign-up button, they go to a sign-up page that you've already set up outside of ThoughtSpot. This can be any page you want to use for registering new users.

Create the ThoughtSpot sign-up URL

Follow this syntax for creating the URL:

```
https://<your-thoughtspot-URL>/?signUpEnabled=true&signUpButtonLink=https://<your-sign-up-page-URL>
```

Example:

```
https://thoughtspot.mycompany.com/?signUpEnabled=true&signUpButtonLink=https://signup.mycompany.com/thoughtspot
```

Customize the sign-up button text

By default, the button text is ‘Sign up’, but you have the option to change it. To do that, you add the ‘signUpButtonText’ parameter to the URL and include the custom text you want. If the text contains spaces, you must replace each space with a percent sign and the number 20 (%20). For example, if you wanted the button text to be ‘Request Account’, you would use ‘Request%20Account’.

Follow this syntax for creating the URL with custom button text:

```
https://<your-thoughtspot-URL>/?signUpEnabled=true&signUpButtonText=<your-sign-up->&signUpButtonLink=https://<your-sign-up-page-URL>
```

Example:

```
https://thoughtspot.mycompany.com/?signUpEnabled=true&signUpButtonText=Request%20Account&signUpButtonLink=https://thoughtspot
```

Display the sign-up button by default

If you want to display the sign-up button on the ThoughtSpot sign-in page without using the special sign-up URL, contact ThoughtSpot support.

Overview of security features

There are several aspects of security, including access and permissions, data security and privacy, and security from an IT perspective.

- [System Security](#) refers to audit logs and security policies.
- [Data Security](#) refers to which users can see which data in the ThoughtSpot application, and includes:
 - [Users and Groups](#)
 - [Privileges](#)
 - [Table and columns sharing](#)
 - [Row level security](#)
 - [Worksheet sharing](#)
 - [Pinboard sharing](#)
- Network Security refers to ports for external traffic and traffic within the cluster. Some ports must remain open for handling network requests from outside the ThoughtSpot instance. To see a list of network ports that must remain open to outside traffic, and for inter-cluster communication, review the information in [Network ports](#).

System security tools and processes

Summary: System security refers to audit logs and security policies.

ThoughtSpot includes a number of management tools, monitoring applications, and automated processes to support system security. System security includes managing access and privileges, audit logs, security policies, and Linux OS installed package updates.

Audit logs

There are several ways you can view audit log information in ThoughtSpot. You can see recent events in the Control Center or view more detailed audit logs using tscli. Administrators can view audit logs of configuration changes users have made to ThoughtSpot in these ways:

- Monitor events from the [Control Center](#).
- Generate audit log reports through the `tscli` command.

You can access an audit log of cluster events through tscli. You can also access information on cluster updates, configurations, data loading and metadata events.

Use the `tscli event list` command to return an audit list of events from the cluster. The syntax is:

```
tscli event list
[--include <all|config|notification>]
[--since <hours,minutes,days>
 | --from <yyyymmdd-HH:MM>
 --to <yyyymmdd-HH:MM>]
[--detail]
[--summary_contains
<'string1'| 'string2' ...>]
[--detail_contains
<'string1'| 'string2' ...>]
[--attributes
<key1='value1'| 
key2='value2' ...>]
```

Optional parameters are:

Parameter	Description
--include	Specifies the type of events to include, and can be <code>all</code> , <code>config</code> , or <code>notification</code> .
--detail	Returns the events in a detail format rather than a tabular summary, which is the default.
--summary_contains <'string1' 'string2' ...>	Specifies a string to check for in the event summary. Enclose strings in single quotes, and separate multiple strings with <code>&pipe;</code> . Events that match all specified strings will be returned.
--detail_contains <'string1' 'string2' ...>	Specifies a string to check for in the detail. Enclose strings in single quotes, and separate multiple strings with <code> </code> (pipe symbol). Events that match all specified strings will be returned.
--attributes <key1='value1' &pipe; key2='value2' ...>	Specifies attributes to match as key=value pairs. Separate multiple attributes with <code> </code> (pipe symbol). Events that match all specified key/value pairs will be returned. Put single quotes around the value(s).

And a time window made up of either:

- `--since <hours,minutes,days>` is a time in the past for where the event audit begins, ending at the present time. Specify a human readable duration string, e.g. 4h (4 hours), 30m (30 minutes), 1d (1 day).

Or both:

- `--from <yyyymmdd-HH:MM>` is a timestamp for where to begin the event audit. It must be of the form: `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.
- `--to <yyyymmdd-HH:MM>` is a timestamp for where to end the event audit. It must be of the form: `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

To get audit logs:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the `tscli event list` command, with the desired parameters, for example:

```
$ tscli event list
  --include config
  --since 24 hours
```

Security policies

Security policies are the principles and processes ThoughtSpot uses in development to ensure a product that conforms to security standards. Security policies ensure a secure product with each release. When a release is in development, each build is tested using Qualys Network Security and Vulnerability Management Suite. Issues and vulnerabilities are fixed proactively, based on the results.

The ThoughtSpot Engineering and ThoughtSpot Support teams are notified of Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs), so they can patch OS packages proactively as well. You can view installed packages along with their version numbers at any time, in order to see if you require an update to ThoughtSpot.

Whenever a CVE is identified, and an OS package needs to be updated, the next patch release will include the patch or update. You can view installed Linux packages at any time, along with the version numbers of the installed packages.

Third-party security software for security, governance, and monitoring of ThoughtSpot

You can install supported [third-party security and monitoring software](#) on a ThoughtSpot cluster.

About third-party security and monitoring software

Summary: You can install third-party software for security, governance, and monitoring of ThoughtSpot.

In addition to the ThoughtSpot monitoring and security features, some companies require specific additional third-party software to comply with their internal IT policies. This allows them to support all of their systems with a common set of security and management tools.

For example, you may wish to accomplish some security and monitoring tasks with your own third-party software. These tasks include things like pushing alerts, events, forensics, audit trails, insights, etc. from ThoughtSpot to your own local monitoring systems.

Supported third-party software

ThoughtSpot supports installation of the following third-party software on the ThoughtSpot instance:

- Qualys Qualys is a widely used technical vulnerabilities and security compliance scanning tool. For more information about Qualys, see the [Qualys documentation](#).
- SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) SNMP is an industry standard protocol used for monitoring network traffic and alert events.
- Splunk You can install Splunk rsyslog and use it to forward ThoughtSpot logs to Splunk. For more information about Splunk, see the [Splunk documentation](#).

Install third-party software

For details on how to install third-party software, see: [Installing third-party security and monitoring software](#)

What is not supported

When installing and configuring third-party software on a ThoughtSpot cluster, follow the following guidelines to avoid interfering with cluster operations:

- Avoid making any direct changes to any files outside of the /home directory.
- Do not remove existing SSH keys or authorized keys from /home/admin/.ssh
- Excessive resource usage, e.g. CPU, disk, memory, processes, etc.
- Killing any system or ThoughtSpot services, or causing node reboots.

Do not change any system wide configuration which may affect ThoughtSpot, such as:

- Network, e.g. IP addresses, DNS resolution
- Storage, e.g. removing existing mount points, removing drives
- Security, e.g. selinux

Qualys

Qualys is supported for scanning of ThoughtSpot clusters for security vulnerabilities.

SNMP Traps

ThoughtSpot has a built-in alerting service that can also be used to send SNMP traps. Many third-party monitoring systems share the common standard of using SNMP traps, and you can take advantage of those capabilities with ThoughtSpot.

ThoughtSpot supports SNMP for read only. So for example, you can read the IP address of the cluster, but not change it using SNMP.

See the [Alert code reference](#) for details.

Splunk rsyslog

ThoughtSpot monitoring and alerting logs are written to standard locations in the file system. This allows you to use rsyslog to collect them and send them to Splunk.

Here are some links to help you learn where various logs are written in ThoughtSpot:

- [Monitoring logs](#)
- [Audit logs](#)
- [Alert code reference](#)

Installing third-party security and monitoring software

Summary: You can install third-party software for security, governance, and monitoring of ThoughtSpot.

This procedure shows how to install supported [third-party security and monitoring software](#) on a ThoughtSpot cluster:

To install third-party software

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the `tscli ansible checkout` command, specifying a temporary directory, for example:

```
$ tscli ansible checkout  
Checking out playbooks successfully in /tmp/111895937.
```

3. Switch to the temporary directory that was created.

```
$ cd /tmp/111895937
```

4. In the temporary directory, save or edit the playbooks and modules.

If you want to create a global ordering between playbooks, name them in alphabetical order, e.g. 10.first.yml, 20.second.yml, etc. You can also specify the order line by line in order.txt within the same directory.

5. Commit your changes. This command will validate the playbook first, and then apply it.

Use the `-local` flag if you want to commit the change only to local storage on the local node. Otherwise, push it will go to centralized storage, and your changes will apply to all nodes in the cluster.

- To apply your changes globally to all nodes in the cluster, issue the command:

```
$ tscli ansible commit
```

- To apply your changes on the local node only, issue the command:

```
$ tscli ansible commit --local
```

This commits your changes. If there is a problem with the configuration, you will see an error message in standard output.

Data security

Summary: Data security refers to which users can see which data in the ThoughtSpot application.

Sharing and security privileges govern what data a user can access and what they can do with the data.

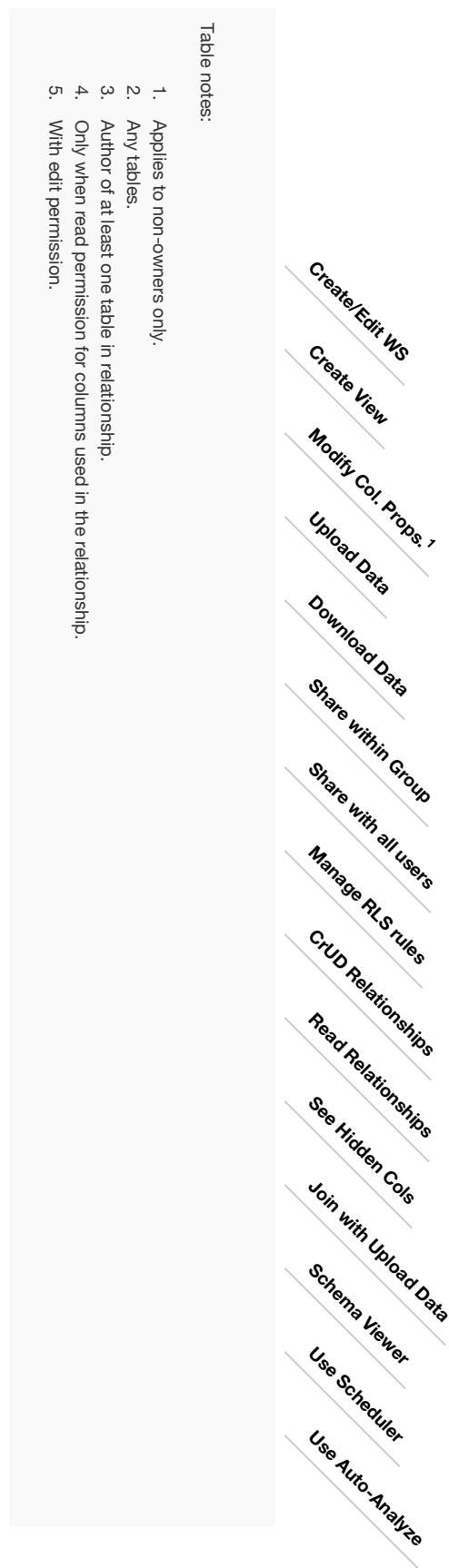
Admins can use privileges to regulate access to information and provide a personalized user experience.

Users, groups, and privileges

Data security applies to users and groups. Users can be managed [manually](#) or through [LDAP](#). Each user can have membership in one or more groups. Admins can make security settings that determine what users are allowed to do in ThoughtSpot. These settings are applied at the group level.

The following table shows the intersection of user privilege and ability:

	Create/Edit WS	Create View	Modify Col. Props. ¹	Upload Data	Download Data	Share within Group	Share with all users	Manage RLS rules	CrUD Relationships	Read Relationships	See Hidden Cols	Join with Upload Data	Schema Viewer	Use Scheduler	Use Auto-Analyze
Can administer ThoughtSpot	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Can upload user data	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y ³	Y ⁴	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Can download data	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y ⁴	N	N	N	N	N	N
Can manage data	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y ⁴	Y ⁴	Y ⁵	Y	N	N	N
Can share with all users	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y ⁴	Y ⁴	N	N	N	N	N
Has SpotIQ privilege	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Can Administer and Bypass RLS	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
None	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N



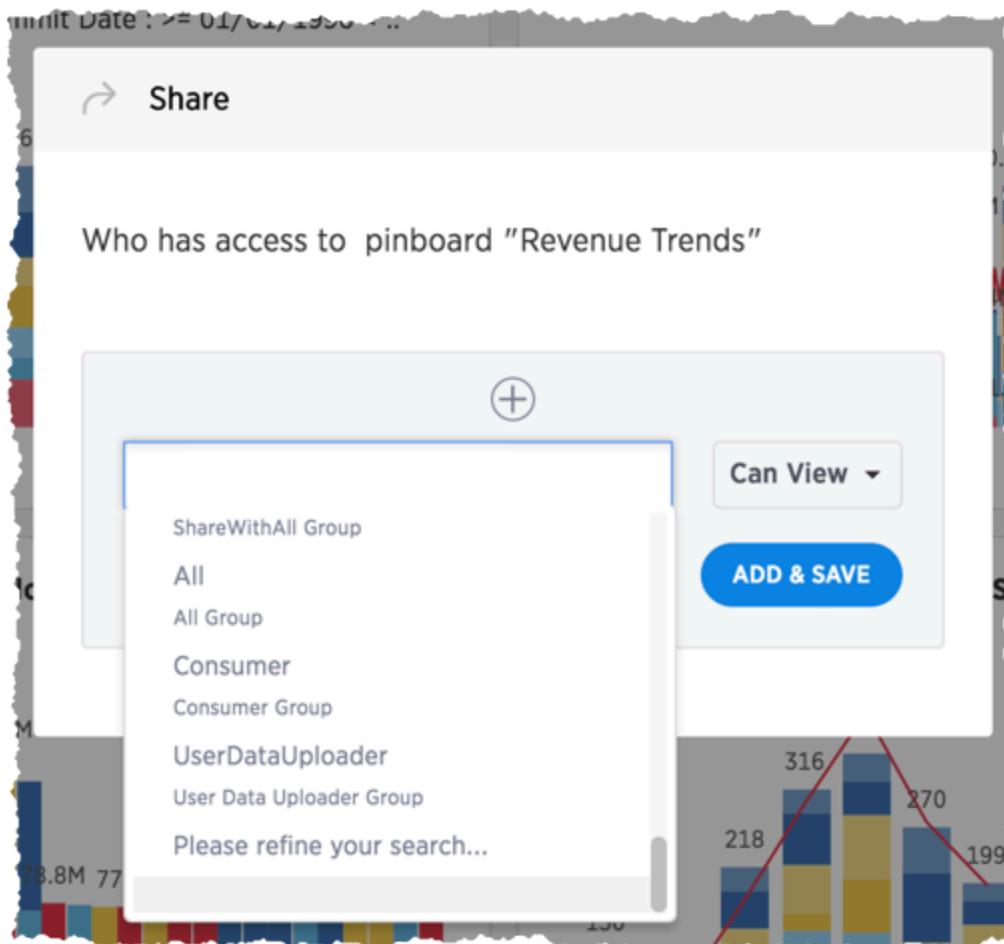
Security model for sharing objects

You can share with groups and with individual users. Sharing of tables can be defined at the table, column, or row level. This provides flexibility in modeling your data security policy. Security and sharing settings apply to several different types of objects, each of which has its own security default settings and rules.

Object type	Description	Default security model
Tables	The source data tables that have been loaded using ThoughtSpot Loader.	Administrator users have access to source tables. They can share a table with other users or groups. See [Share tables and columns](share-source-tables.html#)
Columns	The columns in the source data tables that have been loaded using ThoughtSpot Loader.	Administrator users have access to columns in the source tables. They can share selected columns with other users or groups. See [Share tables and columns](share-source-tables.html#)
Rows	The rows in the source data tables that have been loaded using ThoughtSpot Loader.	All rows in the source tables are shared with all users by default.
Imported data	Data that was imported using a Web browser.	Only the user who imported the data (and any user with administrator privileges) has access to it by default. They can share a table (or selected columns) with other users or groups. See [Share tables and columns](share-source-tables.html#)
Worksheets	A worksheet created using a Web browser.	Only the creator of the worksheet (and any user with administrator privileges) has access to it by default. They can share a worksheet with other users or groups. See [Share worksheets](share-worksheets.html)
Pinboards	A pinboard of saved search results.	Anyone who can view a pinboard can share it. See [Share a pinboard](share-pinboards.html)

Understanding SHAREABLE

When you share an object, only the users and groups that have **SHAREABLE** set for the **Sharing visibility** option appear on the dialog.



Only users in the **Administrators** group or users with **Admin** privileges can share with groups marked as **NOT SHAREABLE**. Members of a group with **Can share with all users** authorization can also share with groups marked as **NOT SHAREABLE**.

Users in groups marked **NOT SHAREABLE** cannot share objects among themselves. In multi-tenant scenarios, admins can create groups that bring together portions of two non-share groups so that they can share. For example, the members of group C can share even if they belong to other groups that cannot.

Row level security

ThoughtSpot includes robust row level security, which allows you to filter all objects users see based on conditions you set at the level of row values in base data tables.

You may find it useful to create groups for RLS. To prevent these groups from appearing in the **Share** dialog, create a **NOT SHAREABLE** group with a single user and an RLS group with another single user (1-to-1).

Related information

- [Revoke access \(unshare\)](#)
- [Row level security](#)

Share tables and columns

Summary: You can share an entire table, or only some of its columns.

By default, when data is loaded using the ThoughtSpot Loader, ODBC, or JDBC, it is only visible to administrators. Data imported from a Web browser is visible to administrators and the user who uploaded it. Administrators and owners can share **Can View** or **Can Edit** privileges on tables with other users, who can further share them with others.

Permissive or strict sharing

Use caution when sharing tables, because any objects created from them will have dependencies on the tables and their underlying structure. Objects created from tables can include worksheets, answers, and pinboards. This means that if a user wants to drop or modify a table, any object that depends upon it must be edited or removed first, to remove the dependency.

For this reason, it is a best practice to only grant the **Edit** permission on tables to a small number of users. If you want to prevent shares from also revealing the columns regardless of where it appears (worksheets, answers, and pinboards), you can ask ThoughtSpot Customer Support to enable a stricter behavior.

How to share

Share a table or imported data by following these steps:

1. Click **Data** in the top navigation bar.
2. Click **Tables**.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Data interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Search +', 'Answers', 'Pinboards', 'SpotIQ', 'Data' (which is highlighted with a yellow box), and 'Admin'. Below the navigation is a search bar and a page number indicator '1 - 20'. The main area is titled 'Tables' and lists two tables:

Name	Source	Stickers	Materialize Status	Modified	Author
ThoughtSPORT_Date_Dimension	Sports Goods		a month ago		Administrator Super-User
MarketSpot_Sales_Fact	MarketSpot		a month ago		Administrator Super-User

3. Select one or more tables to share, and click the **Share** icon.
4. Select **Entire Table** or **Specific Columns**.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Data interface with the 'Tables' tab selected. The toolbar includes a 'Share' button (highlighted with a yellow box), 'Delete', and 'Apply Sticker'. The main area lists tables with a checkbox column:

Name	Source	Stickers	Materialize Status	Modified	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> Austin_Animal_Center_Outcomes			3 months ago		vicky
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fruit_sales_4.4			4 months ago		victoria

5. If you selected **Specific Columns**, select the column to share.
6. Click **+** and select the users and groups with whom you want to share.
7. Configure the level of access by selecting from the dropdown list. You can select:
 - **Can View** to provide read-only access. This enables viewing the table data and defining worksheets on the table.
 - **Can Edit** to allow modification. This enables renaming, modifying, or deleting the entire table and adding or removing its columns.
8. Click **Add and Save**.
9. Click **Done**.

Share worksheets

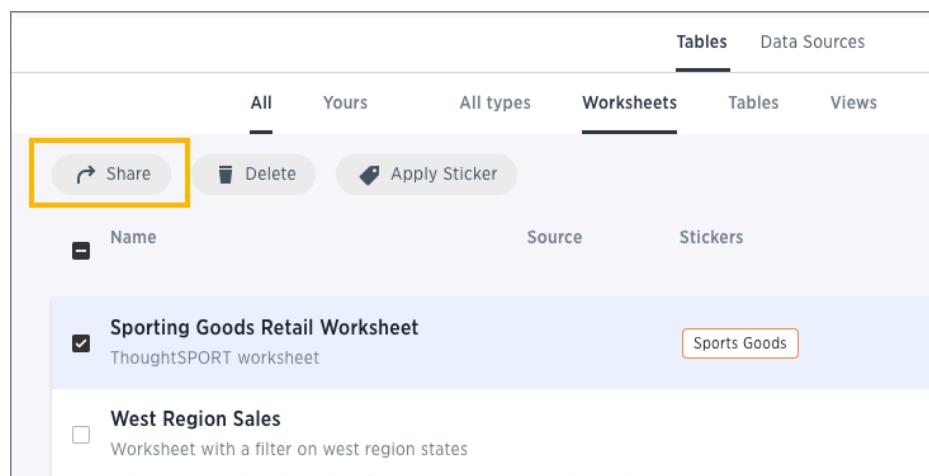
Summary: You can share worksheets with users or with groups.

Sharing a worksheet allows users to select it as a data source and search it.

When you share a worksheet, all of its columns are shared. Sharing a worksheet does not share the underlying tables. If you want to share the underlying tables, see [Share tables and columns](#). A worksheet can be shared by the owner of the worksheet, or by an administrator. Users can start searching a worksheet as soon as the worksheet is shared with them.

To share a pinboard:

1. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar and choose **Worksheets**.
2. Select one or more worksheets to share, and click the **Share** icon.



3. Click **+ Add users or groups** and select users or groups that you want to share with.

Share

Who has access to worksheet "Sporting Goods Retail Wor.."

	Mike Mike	Can Edit	x
	victoria victoria	Can View	x
	scott Scott Holden	Can Edit	x
	ThoughtSPORT ThoughtSPORT	Can View	x
	nathan Nathan	Can View	x
	basic	Can View	x

DONE

The screenshot shows a 'Share' dialog box. At the top, it says 'Who has access to worksheet "Sporting Goods Retail Wor.."'. Below this is a table listing six users or groups and their access levels. The columns are: User Icon, Name, Access Level, and a delete button ('x'). The rows are: 1. Mike (Can Edit), 2. victoria (Can View), 3. scott (Can Edit), 4. ThoughtSPORT (Can View), 5. nathan (Can View), and 6. basic (Can View). At the bottom of the table is a large grey button with a plus sign '+'. At the very bottom right of the dialog is a blue 'DONE' button.

4. Configure the level of access by selecting from the dropdown list. You can select:
 - **Can View** to provide read-only access. Enables viewing the worksheet and searching on it.
 - **Can Edit** to allow modification. Enables renaming, modifying filters, or deleting the worksheet and adding or removing its columns. To add columns to a worksheet a user needs access to the underlying table.
5. Click **Add and Save**.
6. Click **Done**.

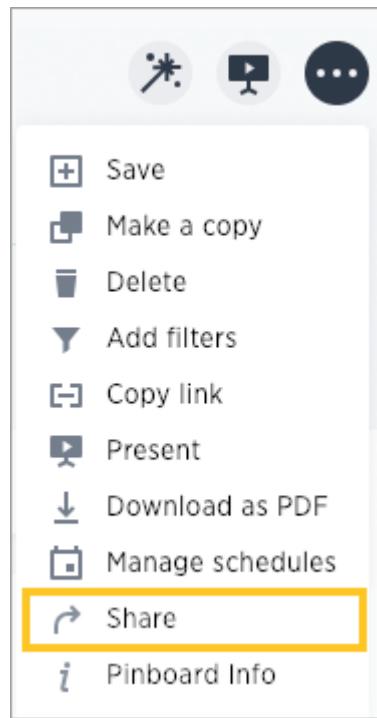
Share a pinboard

Summary: Whenever you view a pinboard you have the option of sharing it with others.

When you share a pinboard what you are really sharing is a live link to the pinboard, when you click **Share with....** So whenever someone else views it, they will see the most recently saved version with the most recent data. You do not have to be an administrator or the owner to share saved pinboards. Any user can share them, based on the access levels the user has.

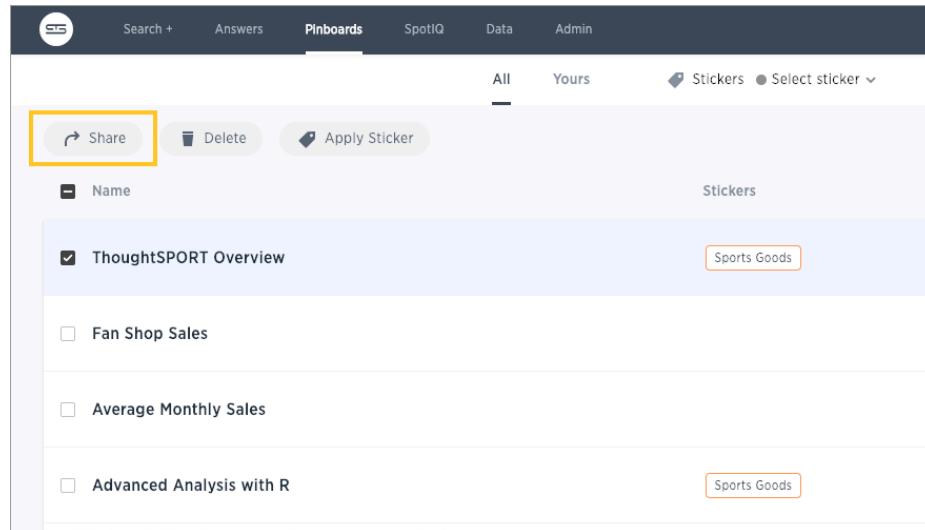
To share a pinboard:

1. Configure it to look as it must appear when shared.
2. From within a pinboard, click the ellipses icon  , and select **Share**.



Alternatively, select the pinboard you want to share from the list of pinboards and click **Share**.

(The profile picture or avatar for the owner of each pinboard is shown in the list.)



3. Click the plus (+) at the bottom of the Share dialog, and select users or groups with whom you want to share.

The screenshot shows the 'Share' interface for a pinboard titled "ThoughtSPORT Overview". It lists six users and their current access level:

User	Access Level
marco	Can Edit
victoria	Can View
ThoughtSPORT	Can View
basic	Can View
nathan	Can Edit
vicky	Can View

A modal window is open at the bottom, allowing a new user to be added. The input field contains "antony" and the dropdown shows "Can View". The modal includes "CANCEL" and "ADD" buttons.

4. Configure the level of access by selecting from the dropdown next to each user or group.

Available options are based on your own access level. For example, if you have only **View** access, you will not have an option to share as **Edit**. You can select:

- **Can View** to provide read-only access. If the person doesn't have access to the underlying data, they can only view a shared pinboard. If they change anything on the pinboard, their changes are not saved. In order to persist the changes, the user would need to make a copy of the modified pinboard.

- **Can Edit** to allow modification. Enables renaming or deleting the shared pinboard.

If a person with edit privileges modifies a shared pinboard, their changes will be saved to it.

5. Click **Add** to save your changes, then click **Done**.

The screenshot shows the 'Share' interface for a pinboard titled 'ThoughtSPORT Overview'. It lists six users and their access levels:

User	Access Level
victoria	Can View
ThoughtSPORT	Can View
basic	Can View
nathan	Can Edit
vicky	Can View
antony	Can View

At the bottom left is a '+' button, and at the bottom right is a 'DONE' button.

Security for SpotIQ functions

SpotIQ is a feature in ThoughtSpot that automatically generates insights into system data. The feature works on all the data in your system, search queries, saved answers, and pinboards. Because SpotIQ uses the same data security model as other data in the system, there is no need to build a new schema or security model to support it.

SpotIQ automatically generates insights into data when a user requests them. These requests can be run immediately or users can schedule regular analysis. SpotIQ requests for insights can put additional load on your system depending on the amount of data being analyzed and how frequently users make use of it.

Users are required to have the **Has Spot IQ privilege** to use this feature. Users without this privilege cannot view insights unless the users that generated the insights add them to a pinboard and share the pinboard with others.

You may want to restrict access to a subset of your users or even to a subset of your managers. To restrict access to this feature:

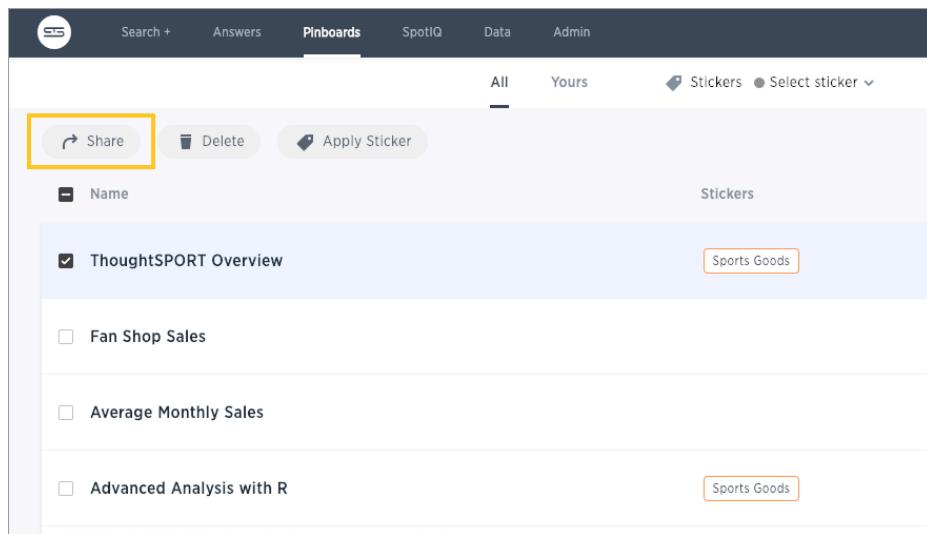
1. Create a group called **SpotIQUsers**.
2. Grant this group **Has Spot IQ privilege**.
3. Enable users to this group.

Revoke access (unshare)

You may need to revoke access to an object (table, worksheet, or pinboard) that you have previously shared. Unsharing an object is very similar to sharing it.

To unshare one or more objects:

1. Go to the area where the object(s) you want to unshare is located. From the top menu bar:
 - If the object is a table or worksheet, click **Data**.
 - If the object is a pinboard, click **Pinboards**.
 - If the object is an answer, click **Answers**.
2. Find the object(s) in the list, and check the corresponding box(es).
3. Click the **Share** icon.



The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Pinboards interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Search +, Answers, Pinboards (which is the active tab), SpotIQ, Data, and Admin. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for All, Yours, Stickers, and a Select sticker dropdown. A toolbar below the filters includes a Share button (highlighted with a yellow box), a Delete button, and an Apply Sticker button. The main area displays a list of pinboards. The first pinboard, "ThoughtSPORT Overview", has a checked checkbox next to its name and is associated with a "Sports Goods" sticker. The other three pinboards ("Fan Shop Sales", "Average Monthly Sales", and "Advanced Analysis with R") have unchecked checkboxes and are also associated with "Sports Goods" stickers. The entire interface has a clean, modern design with a light gray background and white text.

4. Click the X next to the users and groups that you want to remove from sharing.

Share

Who has access to pinboard "ThoughtSPORT Overview"

 victoria victoria	Can View ▾	x
 ThoughtSPORT ThoughtSPORT	Can View ▾	x
 basic basic	Can View ▾	x
 nathan Nathan	Can Edit ▾	x
 vicky vicky	Can View ▾	x
 marco marco	Can Edit ▾	x

+ 

DONE

5. Click **Save**, and then click **Done**.

Share

Who has access to pinboard "ThoughtSPORT Overview"

 victoria victoria	Can View ▾	x
 ThoughtSPORT ThoughtSPORT	Can View ▾	x
 basic basic	Can View ▾	x
 nathan Nathan	Can Edit ▾	x
 vicky vicky	Can View ▾	x

+

[DONE](#)

About row level security (RLS)

Summary: Using row level security, you can restrict data that appears in search results and pinboards by group.

Row level security (RLS) allows you to restrict a group's access to table row data. You do this by creating a *rule* that associates a filter with a group. When a group member searches, views an answer, or otherwise works with data, ThoughtSpot evaluates the rules and prevents the display of the restricted data. Users see only the data they are permitted to see.

How does RLS impact user interactions?

The security rules apply to objects shared with users individually or through groups they are a member of. The rules restrict the visible data when users:

- view a table
- view a worksheet derived from the table
- search for data in the worksheet or table
- view answers from restricted data — either that they've created or that were shared with them
- interact with pinboards from restricted data — either that they've created or that were shared with them

Search suggestions also fall under row-level security. If a user would not have access to the row data, then values from the row do not appear in **Search** suggestions.

Why use RLS?

RLS allows you to set up flexible rules that are self-maintaining. An RLS configuration can handle thousands of groups. There are several reasons you might want to use row level security:

Reason	Example

Hide sensitive data from groups who should not see it.	In a report with customer details, hide potential customers (those who have not yet completed their purchase) from everyone except the sales group.
Filter tables to reduce their size, so that only the relevant data is visible.	Reduce the number of rows that appear in a very large table of baseball players, so that players who are no longer active are not shown except to historians.
Enable creation of a single pinboard or visualization, which can display different data depending on the group who is accessing it.	Create one sales pinboard that shows only the sales in the region of the person who views it. This effectively creates a personalized pinboard, depending on the viewer's region.

Related information

- To continue learning about RLS, see [How rule-based RLS works](#).
- **Search** suggestions relies on compile indices to present suggestions to users from your data. See [Manage suggestion indexing](#) to learn how to configure suggestions.

How rule-based RLS works

Summary: Use rule-based RLS to restrict a group's access to data.
Users see only accessible row data.

Row level security works at the group level and is configured on tables. A table's RLS rules also apply to any objects with data from that table. So, searches, answers, worksheets, and pinboards that rely on a table's data fall under RLS rules.

Worksheet queries and RLS

You cannot set RLS rules on worksheets, only on tables. However, administrators can disable RLS on worksheets that are derived from tables with RLS rules. After RLS rules are disabled, users with access to the worksheet can see all its data.

By default, worksheet queries only take into account RLS rules on tables whose columns appear in the query. Other related tables that may underly the worksheet are ignored. This means that not all RLS rules on underlying tables are applied when a user queries a worksheet.

You can configure a stricter application of RLS rules to take into account RLS rules from all the tables underlying the worksheet. This is recommended if you have key dimension tables that worksheets rely on but that are not necessarily regularly accessed through query. To do this, contact ThoughtSpot Customer Support.

Privileges that allow users to set, or be exempt from, RLS

Users in the **Administrators** group or with the **Has administration privilege** have full access to everything in the system. As a result:

- Row level security does not apply to them.
- They can create, edit, and delete RLS rules.
- They can also disable RLS rules on individual worksheets.

If your installation has enabled the **Can Administer and Bypass RLS** privilege, administrators can also grant **Can Administer and Bypass RLS** to groups. Members of groups with **Can Administer and Bypass RLS**:

- Are exempt from row-level security (RLS) rules.
- Can add/edit/delete existing RLS rules.
- Can check or uncheck Bypass RLS on a worksheet.

This behavior is true regardless of whether the privilege is from a direct group membership or indirect (through a group hierarchy).

Examples of RLS rules

An RLS rule evaluates against two system variables:

Function	Description	Examples
ts_groups	Returns a list of all the groups the current logged in user belongs to. For any row, if the expression evaluates to true for any of the groups, the user can see that row.	ts_groups = 'east'
ts_username	Returns the user with the matching name.	ts_username != 'mark'

ThoughtSpot filters a table's rows by evaluating a rule against the authenticated user.

A rule is an expression that returns a boolean, `TRUE` or `FALSE`. If the rule evaluates to `TRUE`, a user can see that row. If the rule evaluates to `FALSE` for the user, then the user cannot view the data and instead they see the message `No data to display`.

Rule expression can be implicit or explicit. And rules may or may not contain logic. A simple implicit RLS rule has the format:

`COLUMN_FILTER = ts_groups`

An example of an explicit rule that contains logic would be:

`if (COLUMN_FILTER) then true else false`

Rules can also reference tables other than the table you are securing.

Consider a simple RLS rule example. Your company has `vendor-purchase` table such as:

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
12/11/39..	zendesk	116.00
12/11/39..	getquik com ca	289.70
12/11/39..	ikea	113.91
12/11/39..	costco	274.43
12/11/39..	waiters wheels pa	66.52
12/11/39..	waiters whee	76.49
12/11/39..	chipotle	175.33

You want to give your vendors the ability to see trends in company purchases. You give vendor personnel access to ThoughtSpot *and* add them to self-titled vendor groups. So, all users from the Starbucks vendor are in the `Starbucks` group and all users from `round table` are in the `Round Table` group. Then, you set a **Row security** on the `vendor-purchase` table as follows:

```
VENDOR = ts_groups
```

Only users in `Starbucks` group see `starbucks` data and so forth. Rules ignore case inconsistencies and spaces are evaluated so `round table` in the data matches the `Round table` group but not a group named `RoundTable`.

Rules can be simple or they can incorporate logic such as `if/then` rules. For example, vendors should see their own data but your accounts payable group needs to see all the vendor data:

```
VENDOR = ts_groups or 'Accounts Payable' = ts_groups
```

This rule continues to work as you add data from new vendor or team members to `Accounts Payable`. In this way, a well-written rule is *self maintaining*, meaning you don't have to revisit the rule as your system changes.

You can also create rules that reference tables other than the table you are securing. For example, if you have a `sales` table and `store` dimension table, you can use attributes from the `store` table to secure the `sales` table.

Multiple rules and multiple group membership

You can define multiple rules on table. In this case, ThoughtSpot treats the rules as additive. That is, they are applied using an `OR` operator. If any of the rules evaluate to `true` for a user on a row, that row's data is visible.

If a user is a member of multiple groups, the user can see all the rows that are visible to all of their groups. The most permissive policy is used.

Members of groups with **Can Administer and Bypass RLS** are exempt from row-level security (RLS) rules. This is true regardless of whether the group membership is direct or indirect (through a group hierarchy).

Best practices for using Rule-Based Row Level Security

Use these best practices for Rule-Based Row Level Security:

- Use **Share** as the first level of data access.

Non-administrative users and groups have no way to access any data without first having it shared with them. So, only share what you need.

When you share, share worksheets. This is a general best practice. Worksheets simplify the data environment for end users; they only need to choose among a few sources, rather than many tables. Also, one worksheet can also combine data from several tables.

- Set row level security wherever you want to keep data secure.

It is always a possibility that a particular search only includes data from a single table, and a user will see something they shouldn't. So, protect your data by setting row level security wherever you want to keep data secure.

- Explicitly grant access for users that should see all rows.

As soon as you define a rule on a table for one group, you prevent access by all others outside of that group hierarchy. Subsequent rules should specifically add groups that need access.

- Keep in mind that multiple rules on a table are additive with `or`.

If you are concerned with security, start with very limited access. Then, expand the access as needed.

- Keep rules simple.

Complex rules can impact the system performance. So, err on the side of simple rules rather than complex rules with a lot of logic.

Related information

- To learn the procedure you follow for setting a rule, [Set RLS rules](#)
- For a list of operators and functions you can use to build RLS rules see [Row level security rules reference](#).
- For information on bypassing rules on a worksheet, see [Change inclusion, join, or RLS for a worksheet](#).

Set row level security rules

Summary: Explains the process for setting RLS rules.

When rule-based row level security (RLS) is set, it prevents users from seeing data they shouldn't in tables and the objects derived from them. You must have administrative rights on ThoughtSpot to set RLS rules.

Before you create a rule, make sure you have read [How rule-based RLS works](#).

Create a rule on a table

You can set RLS rules *only* on tables. To set up rule-based row level security, do the following:

1. Click **Data**, and double-click a table.
2. Click **Row security**.
3. Click **+ Add row security**.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Rule Builder interface for a 'Fruit_Cart_Large' table. The 'Row security' tab is active. A callout box highlights the '+ Add row security' button. An example section shows a user writing an expression: 'concat(region, "Sales") = ts_groups'. Below, a table shows groups mapping to regions.

Groups	This table
EastSales	Customer Region
WestSales	ABC East
	XYZ West

The system displays the Rule Builder.

The screenshot shows a user interface for creating a rule. At the top left is a placeholder text 'Enter Rule name'. To the right of it is a small icon labeled 'Rule Assistant'. Below this is a large text input area with the placeholder 'start typing your formula here'. At the bottom right of the input area are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Save', with 'Save' being orange.

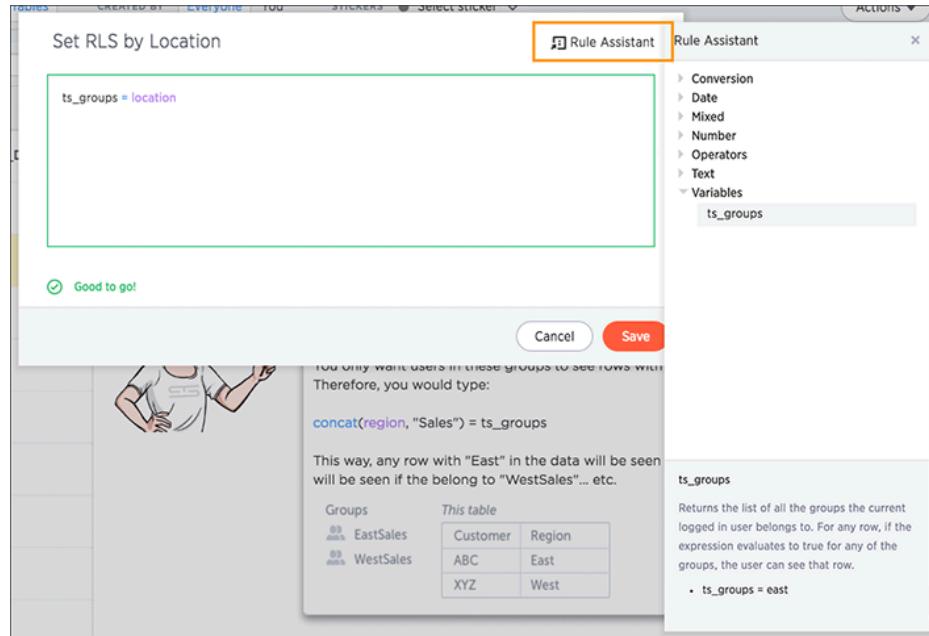
You define row level security by creating an expression that gets evaluated for every row and group combination. This powerful feature can be used with up to thousands of groups.

4. Open the Rule Builder.
5. Give your rule a name.
6. Enter an expression for your rule.

The rule gets evaluated against an authenticated user for every row and group combination. If the rule evaluates to true, the user can't see that row's data. Use the variable **ts_groups** to refer to the group name.

The screenshot shows the same Rule Builder interface as above. The text input area now contains the expression 'ts_groups = location'. Below the input area, there is a green circular icon with a checkmark and the text 'Good to go!'. The rest of the interface remains the same with the 'Rule Assistant' button and 'Cancel/Save' buttons.

You can see a list of available operators by clicking on **Rule Assistant**.



As you type, ThoughtSpot suggests formula syntax, variables, and column names. If you can't remember the exact column name or variable you want to use, the suggestions can help.

When your expression is valid, a green indicator appears at the bottom of the Rule Builder.

7. Click **Save**.

The rule you created is listed in the rules. You can edit the rule or add more rules by clicking **+ Add**.

Test your rule with restricted and unrestricted users

To test your rule, log in as users in different groups. Search within the table for data both that you test user can and can't access. Make sure your test users are seeing the appropriate rows.

Related information

- Administrators can bypass the RLS rules set on a the table at the worksheet level. See how to “[Change inclusion, join, or RLS for a worksheet](#)” in this documentation for more information.
- For a list of operators and functions you can use to build RLS rules see [Row level security rules reference](#).

ThoughtSpot Lifecycle

Summary: This topic covers security processes for the entire lifecycle of a ThoughtSpot deployment from development, release, installation, upgrades, to software patching.

Overview

A ThoughtSpot deployment consists of the following high level software systems:

- Operating System (OS) and software packages installed on the OS
- Third-party software
- ThoughtSpot application services (binaries and configuration)

Operating System

All ThoughtSpot physical appliances, virtual machines (VMs) and public cloud images come pre-installed with CentOS 7. The [CentOS](#) distribution of Linux is owned by [RedHat](#) and closely tracks versions of RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).

ThoughtSpot uses the minimal install of CentOS 7 with the addition of a few software packages (e.g. Python) needed for ThoughtSpot operations. The most notable change to the installation is to the Linux kernel, which is sourced from the current long term stable kernel version instead of the default included in CentOS 7 (kernel-lt package). To list all the installed packages, see [Checking Package Versions](#).

Third-Party Software (Middleware)

Third party software used includes Java, Boost C++ libraries, Google protocol buffers, etc. These are software components necessary for operation of the ThoughtSpot application. ThoughtSpot only uses software licensed for distribution.

Development and Release Process

ThoughtSpot releases its software as a tarball containing all the ThoughtSpot application (binaries and configuration), third-party software, and an operating system image. Installation or update using this release tarball on appliances, VMs, or cloud instances updates each of these components.

Operating System

Building the operating system image including software packages is a multi-step process:

1. Begin with the set of packages in the base OS image and our added packages.
2. Configure all installation to only use official public RedHat repositories.
3. For each package, install the current stable version including any security patches.
4. Bring up the image on all supported platforms for stability and performance testing along with the ThoughtSpot application stack. Success criteria: no OS impact on stability or performance.
5. Scan the Operating System and ThoughtSpot application stack using Qualys scans with additional modules enabled: Vulnerability Management, Web App Scanning.
6. Review all vulnerabilities found. Success criteria is zero severity 4+ vulnerabilities.
7. Assuming all above testing and exit criteria are met, the OS image is considered qualified.

Third-Party Software

Third-party software is periodically sourced from the upstream distribution of each software component. Unlike OS and ThoughtSpot application, this changes less frequently and on an as needed basis, when any new security vulnerability or stability issue is discovered in the library. The list of all third-party software as well as licensing details are here.

ThoughtSpot Application

ThoughtSpot follows industry standard best practices for writing robust software. Every code change is reviewed by at least one engineer. Our engineering team consists of senior engineers from Enterprise software and web companies.

ThoughtSpot uses a small number of proven programming languages powering some of the largest enterprises in the world. ThoughtSpot tracks stability, performance, and reliability of our software and services aggressively. The ThoughtSpot platform is trusted by dozens of global F2000 organizations.

Protection of Source Code

Source code is private and not shared publicly, e.g. all distribution to customers is in binary or minified format to discourage reverse engineering.

Automated Tools

We use automated tools and infrastructure like Jenkins, Kubernetes, AWS, partnering with the teams behind these systems so as to adopt best practices. For example, all our automation runs through Jenkins, which is managed by CloudBees (the company behind Jenkins) using an enterprise license with regular security patching, and so on. We upgrade our automation tools regularly.

Independent Testing

Independent testing is done outside of the product team by pre sales and post sales before promoting to production. Some areas are tested by third party testers.

Security Hardening

Starting 4.5.1.5, we have also taken specific steps to incorporate most of CIS standard recommendations towards hardening.

Installation and Upgrade Process

ThoughtSpot is installed or updated from a release tarball which contains the ThoughtSpot application (binaries and configuration), third-party software, and Operating System image.

Operating System Image Installation

Installing ThoughtSpot on any node (VM, cloud instance, appliance) automatically updates the operating system and required packages on the node. No Internet or repository access is required for this, the update is applied directly from the release tarball.

Specifically, all nodes running ThoughtSpot are required to have two root partitions on their boot drive of which one of them is booted from at any given time. During installation or update, the Operating System image contained in the release tarball is copied into the second currently-unused root partition and the system switches to it through a reboot.

Checking OS Package Versions

The following command run from any ThoughtSpot node will indicate versions of all installed packages:

```
rpm -qa
```

Upgrades

ThoughtSpot patches the Operating System at the time of upgrades. The exact same process used during installation is also applied during upgrades. The previous OS image on a node gets replaced by the new image carried in the release tarball.

Only some releases may patch the Operating System, not all. Typically, all major and minor releases (e.g. 4.4, 4.5, 4.5.1, 5.0) upgrade OS patches, whereas only some patch releases (e.g. 4.4.1.4) contain OS patches.

Distributed Clusters and Failure Handling

On distributed clusters, individual nodes receive the OS image from the release tarball individually. Initially, the new image is deployed on a single node only. When that node is deemed healthy following the update and a rich set of tests, the image is made available to remaining nodes in the cluster.

If a node fails to patch, then ThoughtSpot support will modify the upgrade workflow to either retry the patching or skip and exclude the node.

Third-Party Software

Installation or upgrade of ThoughtSpot deployments automatically upgrades all third-party software to the version included in the release tarball.

Security Scanning and Patching Process

The ThoughtSpot Security team continuously scans security bulletins for new vulnerabilities discovered in included OS packages (e.g., Linux Kernel, libc) and third party software (e.g., Java). Additionally, weekly scans are done for all release branches using Qualys with the following additional modules enabled: Vulnerability Management, Web App Scanning. The security scans discover vulnerabilities at all layers: OS, third-party software, as well as ThoughtSpot application binaries and configuration. Additionally, ThoughtSpot periodically scans all source code for third-party software as well as ThoughtSpot's proprietary code base for vulnerabilities or unsafe usage using SourceClear.

After a critical new vulnerability is found (severity 4 or 5), ThoughtSpot includes the corresponding patch in the next patch release for all supported release branches. Consult ThoughtSpot documentation or support to find out if you are on an active or supported release branch.

After a new patch release with a critical security vulnerability is available, customers are encouraged to upgrade their deployment quickly.

Latency

We recommend customers to wait for the next regular release for receiving security patches. However, should a critical vulnerability be discovered in the interim, ThoughtSpot can push out a new patch release containing the required patches, if available upstream.

ThoughtSpot targets a three week or less cadence for generating patch releases for all supported release branches. Timeline for the new release and patching depends on availability of the patch upstream (e.g., not all vulnerabilities in Linux are immediately fixed) and qualification (ThoughtSpot qualifies each build on each supported cloud and on-prem platform). If a fix is unavailable upstream at the moment, customers and ThoughtSpot support can work together to identify potential workarounds.

Storage Security

Encryption at Rest

- On-prem: Not supported yet

- Cloud: Supported on [AWS](#), [GCP](#), [Azure](#)

Secure Erase

[Current erase guide](#)

Encryption of data in transit within a cluster

Overview

ThoughtSpot supports encryption of data in transit within a cluster (traffic flowing between multiple nodes in a cluster). Encryption in transit within the cluster is primarily needed for cloud deployments of ThoughtSpot. This is accomplished using IPSec.

IPSec operates in two modes: tunnel mode and transport mode. ThoughtSpot recommends using **transport mode** to set up IPSec for encrypting in-transit data.

Note: While IPSec provides additional security, it also reduces network bandwidth between nodes.

ThoughtSpot supports IPSec encryption using strongSwan (an open-source IPSec-based VPN solution for Linux and other UNIX based operating systems).

Summary:

1. Use IPSec in Transport mode for host-to-host IPSec communication.
2. Use the strongSwan package.
3. Use AES-GCM for ESP protocol (since it provides authenticated encryption and provides better network bandwidth).

Note: IPSec is supported in ThoughtSpot software versions starting from 4.5.1.4

Deployment

1. **Enabling IPSec:** Run following command on any ThoughtSpot node after cluster has been configured and right built has been deployed: `# tscli ipsec enable`.
2. **Disabling IPSec:** Run following command on any node of the cluster: `# tscli ipsec disable`.
3. **Checking status of IPSec:** Run following command on any node of the cluster `# tscli ipsec status`.
4. IPSec configuration and settings are NOT persistent across cluster backup/restore and will have to be re-enabled.

5. **Adding a node in an IPSec enabled cluster:** IPSec settings are automatically configured across nodes as nodes get added to a ThoughtSpot cluster that has IPSec enabled.
6. **Removing a node in IPSec enabled cluster:** IPSec settings are not impacted when nodes get removed from a ThoughtSpot cluster that has IPSec enabled. If any failure occurs during node removal, IPSec would need to re-enabled by using the following command: `tscli ipsec enable`.
7. **Manually enable/disable IPSec on a single node(if any IPSec related failure occurs on that node):**

Manually enable and start strongSwan:

```
sudo systemctl enable strongswan  
sudo systemctl start strongswan
```

Manually stop and disable strongSwan:

```
sudo systemctl stop strongswan  
sudo systemctl disable strongswan
```

Note: You can check `/etc/strongswan/ipsec.conf` and `/etc/strongswan/ipsec.secrets` on each node to verify that they are consistent across all nodes.

Firewall configuration

The following ports must be open between nodes to allow IPSec encryption:

- UDP port 500 (for IKE)
- UDP port 4500 (for IPSec over IDP)
- IP Protocol 50 (ESP)

System administration

System administration includes applying upgrades, backing up and restoring the cluster, snapshotting, and adding or removing nodes.

Administration tools

Use these tools to perform administrative actions:

- [tscli](#): an administrative command line interface.
- [tsload](#): a command for loading data directly into the database.
- [TQL](#): a command line SQL interface to interact with databases.

Send logs when reporting problems

You can generate a log bundle which you can then send to ThoughtSpot Support or you can send logs direct to your administrator.

Generate log bundle

Before you can send a log bundle to ThoughtSpot Support, you must [Connect to the ThoughtSpot Support file server](#). This is a one-time setup operation.

To generate a log bundle:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Issue the command to generate the log bundle:

```
tscli callhome generate-bundle  
--d <directory> --since <num_of_daysd>
```

Note: Don't forget to include `d` after your specified number of days. For example, `30d`.

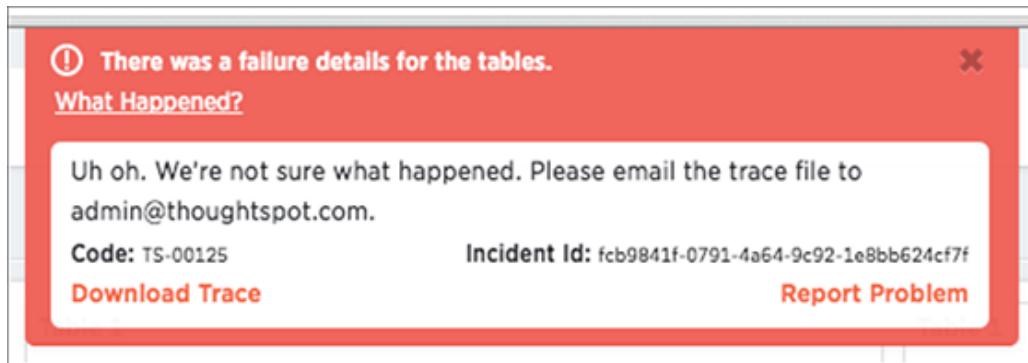
3. Change directories to the directory where you wrote the log bundle.
4. Issue the command to send the log bundle to ThoughtSpot Support:

```
tscli fileserver upload  
--file_name <file>  
--server_dir_path <path>
```

Send a log to the administrator

Alternately, you can easily send log files directly to your administrator with a single click. When ThoughtSpot encounters a problem, a red bar displays in the browser with an error message. You can use the **Report Problem** option to complete this task.

Click **Report Problem** in the bottom right corner of the error message.



The logs will be sent to your administrator as an email attachment from your email account. Your administrator then has the option to followup with ThoughtSpot, if necessary.

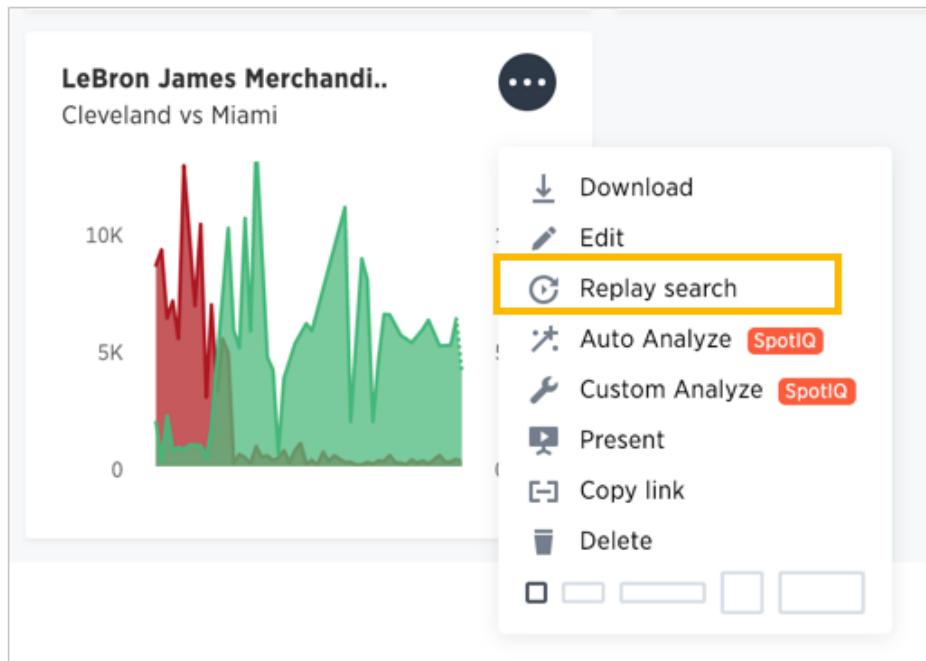
Set up recording for Replay Search

Summary: You can use the recording to create training for your users on how to search your own data.

Recording a search replay requires administrator privileges and a Firefox browser. You must override some of your browser security settings in order to use the ThoughtSpot application to make the recording. This is a one time setup operation. If you do not wish to do this, you can replay the search and record it using QuickTime, Camtasia, or another screen cam recording tool.

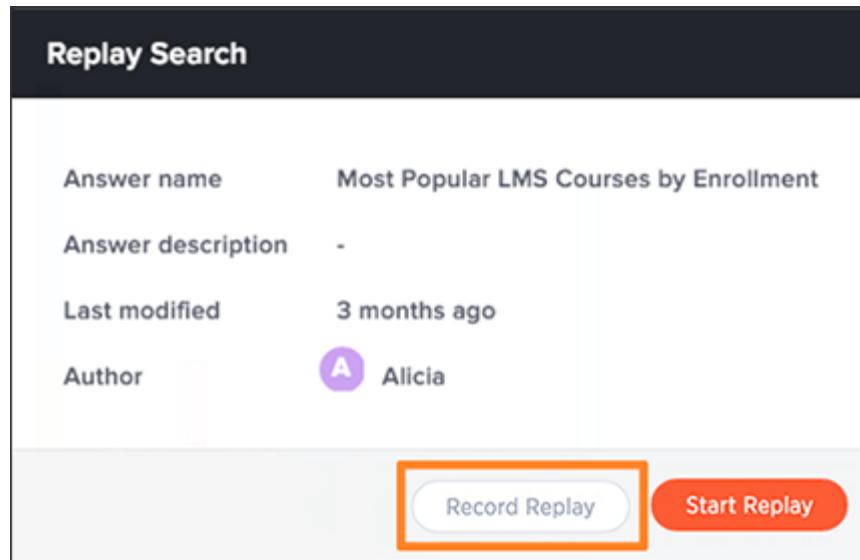
To record a search replay using ThoughtSpot:

1. While viewing a chart or table in ThoughtSpot, click the **Replay Search** icon.



2. Click the **Record Replay** button.

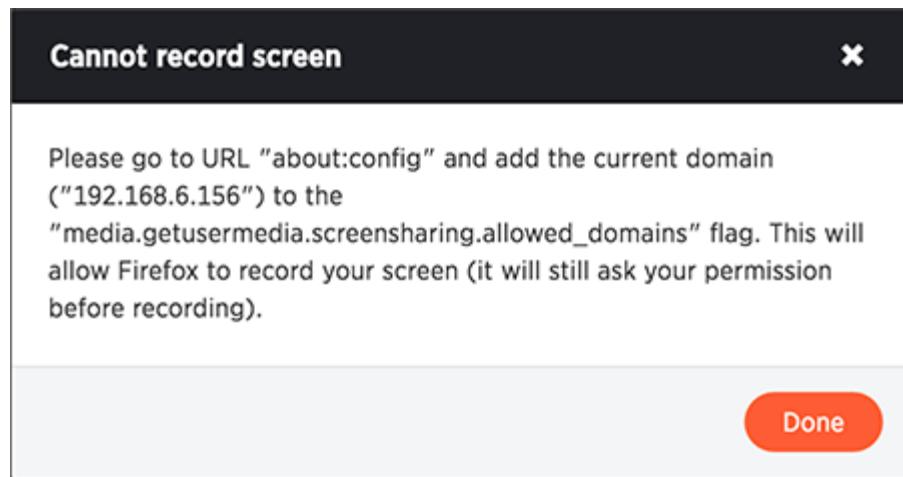
If you do not see the button, you must log in as a user with administrator privileges.



A message will display, showing a URL and a domain or an IP address.

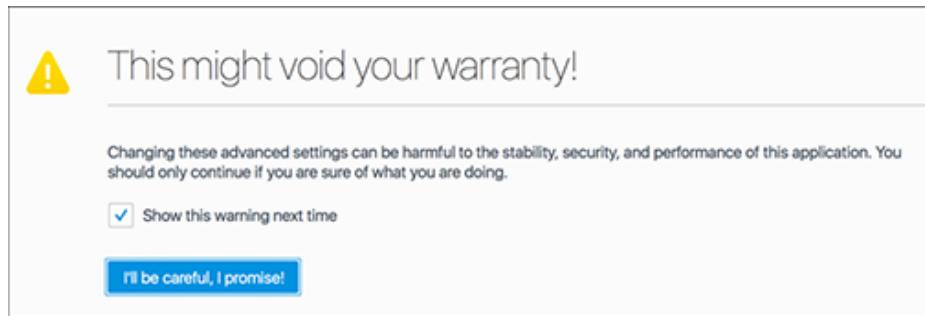
3. Make note of both of these items.
4. Open a new browser tab and go to the URL shown in the message (for example, "about:config").

Depending on which browser and version you are using, you may need to access the browser configurations through a menu or by typing in a different URL. Check your own browser help section for information on how to access the browser configuration settings, if necessary.



You may see a message warning that you are about to override the browser settings.

5. If you trust yourself, click “I'll be careful, I promise!”.

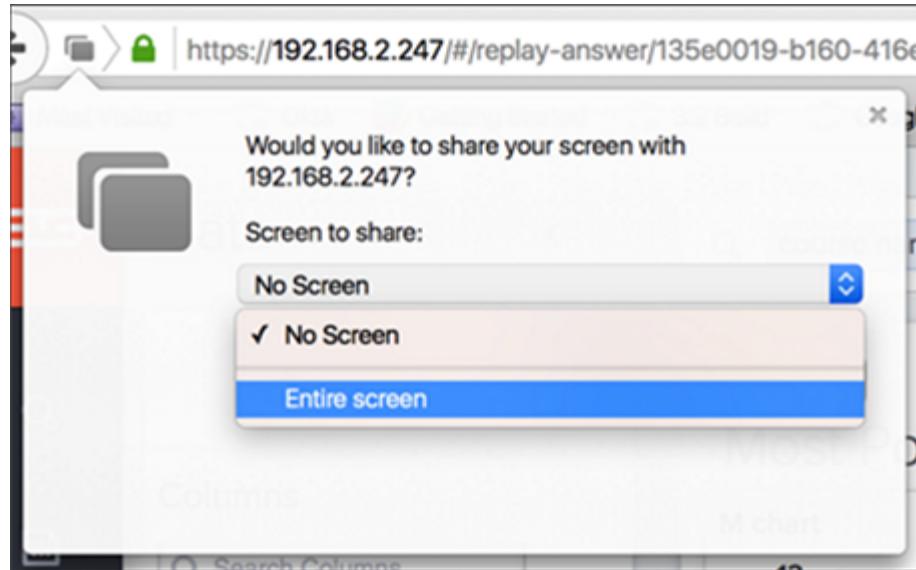


6. Find the setting for **media.getusermedia.screensharing.allowed_domains**, and add the domain used by ThoughtSpot.

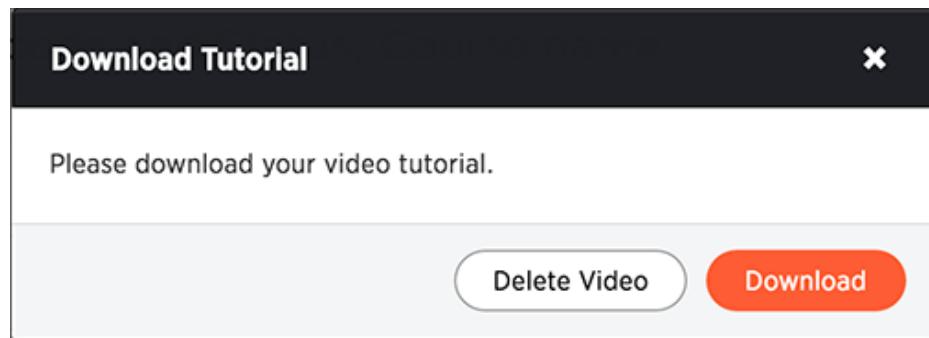
This domain will be the same one you made note of from the **Cannot record screen** message.

media.getusermedia.agc_enabled	default	boolean	false
media.getusermedia.audiocapture.enabled	default	boolean	false
media.getusermedia.browser.enabled	default	boolean	true
media.getusermedia.noise	default	integer	1
media.getusermedia.noise_enabled	default	boolean	true
media.getusermedia.playout_delay	default	integer	10
media.getusermedia.screensharing.allow_on_old_platforms	default	boolean	false
media.getusermedia.screensharing.allowed_domains	default	string	webex.com,*.webex.com,ciscospark.com,*
media.getusermedia.screensharing.enabled	default	boolean	true
media.gmp-gmpopenh264.abi	user set	string	x86_64-gcc3-u-i386-x86_64
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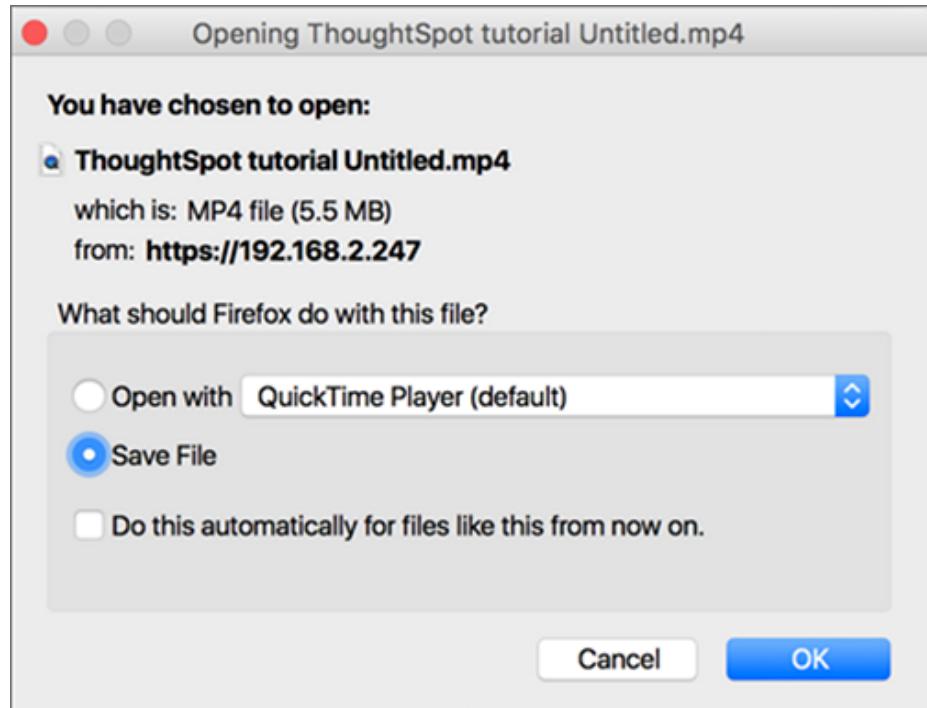
7. If you see a message asking if you'd like to share your screen with the IP address or domain name of ThoughtSpot, select **Entire screen**.



8. When the search replay has been recorded, you can see a confirmation. Select **Download**.



9. Save the recording on your computer by selecting **Save File** and clicking **OK**.



Upgrade a cluster

ThoughtSpot is installed or updated from a release tarball which contains the ThoughtSpot application (binaries and configuration), third-party software, and Operating System image. Third party softwares are licensed software components necessary for operation of the ThoughtSpot application. These include Java, Boost C++ libraries, Google protocol buffers, and so on.

ThoughtSpot patches the Operating System at the time of upgrades. The exact same process used during installation is also applied during upgrades. The previous OS image on a node gets replaced by the new image carried in the release tarball.

ⓘ Note: ThoughtSpot Support will contact you to schedule an update when a minor or major upgrade becomes available.

Understand the backup strategies

Summary: Consider the strategies for backing up your ThoughtSpot cluster.

Snapshots

A snapshot is a point-in-time image of your running cluster. Snapshots are both taken on and restored to a cluster while it is running. Each cluster has a periodic snapshot configuration enabled by default. This configuration instructs the system to periodically take snapshots. Creation of a snapshot takes about 20 seconds. After creation, a snapshot persists on disk in the cluster's HDFS.

You can also create a snapshot manually. You should create a snapshot before making any changes to the environment, loading a large amount of new data, or changing the structure of a table. A snapshot may only be restored to the same cluster on which it was taken. The cluster software release version must match the snapshot release version.

If you need to move data between clusters or restore to a cluster that was updated to a new release, contact ThoughtSpot Support.

Backups

A backup is a procedure that stores a snapshot outside of a ThoughtSpot cluster. Backups are stored in a directory on a local or network file system. You can store all of the data associated with a snapshot or a portion of that data or only metadata. There is no default configuration enabled for backing up a cluster. You can configure on yourself or you can take backups manually. Backing up periodically protects your company from losing data and/or user work.

You can use a backup to restore a cluster to a prior state, a differently configured appliance, or move the backup from an appliance to a virtual cluster or vice versa.

Offline backup cluster

The most robust strategy for backup and recovery requires having a backup cluster offline that is kept in sync with the production cluster. Then, if the production cluster fails, the backup cluster can be drafted to take its place with minimal loss of work and disruption to operations.

Details on this architecture and instructions on setting it up are available in the ThoughtSpot Disaster Recovery Guide, which you can request from ThoughtSpot.

Choosing a strategy

Depending on your situation and your goals, you can choose to use either a snapshot or a backup. This table should help you decide:

	Snapshot	Backup
Purpose	Restore to a cluster to particular point in time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restore a cluster to a prior state.• Move a cluster to a different appliance.• Move a cluster to VM appliance.• Removing a node.• Restoring to a cluster that runs a different release from the one where the backup was taken.
Storage	In the cluster's HDFS	Outside the cluster on either local or NAS disk.
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be taken on, or restored to, a running cluster• Fastest create and restore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very stable.• Can be used to recover from data loss or corruption, even if the cluster is destroyed.• Can be typed as <i>full</i>, <i>light-weight</i>, or <i>dataless</i>.

Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Include all data, state, and metadata created between snapshot create and restore.Lost if the HDFS name node fails, if you lose multiple disks, or if the entire cluster is destroyedCan be restored only to the cluster where they are taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Require deleting the existing cluster first.You are responsible for validating your backup configuration as viable for restoring a cluster.Best practice recommends you to maintain multiple backups.Typically, very large in memory size. <p> </td> </tr> </table> You should never restore from a snapshot or backup yourself. Contact ThoughtSpot Support for help.</p>
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Understand backup/snapshot schedules

Summary: Explains how schedules and gives examples.

You can schedule periodic snapshots and backups. For snapshots, ThoughtSpot comes configured with a strongly recommended periodic snapshot policy. For backups, there is no such policy but you may want to create one or several of your own configurations. This section helps to understand existing schedules and how to configure new schedules.

Configuration format

ThoughtSpot uses a [protocol buffer](#) configuration file to hold snapshot and backup policies. There are slight differences between the configuration of snapshots and backups. You can read more about these later. However, the file format defines a `schedule` structure which is the same for both snapshots and backups. The following example shows the `schedule` format:

```
schedule {  
    period {  
        number: integer  
        unit: MINUTE | HOUR | DAY  
    }  
    retention_policy {  
        bucket {  
            time {  
                number: integer  
                unit: MINUTE | HOUR | DAY  
            }  
            capacity: integer  
        }  
    }  
    offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight: integer  
}
```

The `schedule` has the following components:

period	Specifies the frequency in the chosen unit . You can specify the unit as MINUTE , HOUR , or DAY .
retention_policy	Specifies retention intervals. Retention is on a first-in-first-out (FIFO) basis. So, the oldest result is always discarded. You can specify the unit as MINUTE , HOUR , or DAY . You can specify multiple retention buckets and they can have different retention policies.
offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight	Determines the minute within the hour you'd like execution to start. Setting this to zero is equivalent to midnight.

Work through an example schedule

In this section, you work through an example schedule. This is a working example that is the actual default snapshot schedule set on every ThoughtSpot instance.

```
schedule {
    period {
        number: 1
        unit: HOUR
    }
    retention_policy {
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 1
                unit: HOUR
            }
            capacity: 3
        }
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 4
                unit: HOUR
            }
            capacity: 2
        }
    }
    offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight: 0
}
```

Under this policy, a snapshot is taken every hour starting at midnight. You can see that by combining the `period` of 1 hour with the midnight offset of 0.

```
schedule {  
    period {  
        number: 1  
        unit: HOUR  
    }  
    ...  
    offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight: 0  
}
```

Using this frequency, a total of 24 snapshots are taken in a day.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	...	24
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	-----	----

If you were to specify a `number` of 2, the frequency changes. The first execution would start at midnight but subsequent executions would happen every 2 hours as shown here:

2	4	6	8	10	12	14	...	24
---	---	---	---	----	----	----	-----	----

You use the `retention_policy` to control how many snapshots are kept. In this example, the first bucket retains a snapshot every three hours.

```
retention_policy {  
    bucket {  
        time {  
            number: 1  
            unit: HOUR  
        }  
        capacity: 3  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

At the beginning of the fourth hour, the system discards the snapshot from the first hour. This is in accordance with FIFO behavior. Therefore, this retention bucket contains snapshots from hours 2, 3, and 4.

1D	2R	3R	4R	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	...	24
----	----	----	----	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	-----	----

The second bucket retains the snapshot taken at four hour intervals.

```
retention_policy {  
    ...  
    bucket {  
        time {  
            number: 4  
            unit: HOUR  
        }  
        capacity: 2  
    }  
}
```

It retains two of these four-hour-interval snapshots at any one time. By hour 9 during the day, you have the snapshots from hour 4 and hour 8 in this second bucket.

1	2	3	4R	5	6	7	8R	9	10	11	12	13	14	...	24
---	---	---	----	---	---	---	----	---	----	----	----	----	----	-----	----

Consider what you will have in the first bucket in hour 9? The first bucket has the snapshots from hour 9, 8, and 7.

At the end of the day, in the first bucket, you can have 22, 23, and 24th snapshot. While in the second bucket, you will have the 20th hour and the 24th hour snapshots.

1	...	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20R	21	22R	23R	24R
---	-----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-----	----	-----	-----	-----

What if you changed the `period` frequency to every 2 hours? What would you have retained in your buckets at hour 24?

1	...	12	14	16	18R	20R	22R	24R
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As you can see, when defining a policy it can be helpful to graphically represent the frequency you configure. Then, determine which time blocks are important to retain before determining your retention bucket.

Work with snapshots

Summary: A snapshot is a point-in-time image of your running cluster. You can use a snapshot to restore the cluster to a specific point in time. In this section, we describe how to work with the default snapshot configuration that is enabled on every cluster, and how to make manual snapshots.

To work with snapshots, use the `tscli` command line interface.

Warning: Backups rely on the snapshot system, so you must never disable the periodic snapshot system. If you disable periodic snapshots and enable periodic backups, the backups either fail or use an outdated snapshot.

Create a manual snapshot

You must create a snapshot before making any changes to the environment, loading a large amount of data, or changing the structure of a table. ThoughtSpot supports up to 20 manual snapshots. You must clear them to create new snapshots. To delete a snapshot, contact [ThoughtSpot Support](#).

ThoughtSpot generates a snapshot in approximately 20 seconds, depending on the size of the cluster. To restore from a snapshot, contact [ThoughtSpot Support](#).

Note: During an upgrade, all snapshots from the previous version of ThoughtSpot become manual snapshots.

Create a snapshot using tscli

To create a snapshot using the `tscli`, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Create a snapshot, specifying its name and the reason for creating it.

Note that snapshot names must not exceed 44 characters.

```
$ tscli snapshot create <name> <reason> <ttl>
```

3. Check that the snapshot was created successfully by checking the directory listing:

```
$ tscli snapshot ls
```

Configure periodic snapshots with snapshot policy

Each ThoughtSpot cluster automatically makes periodic snapshots based on its default snapshot policy.

The default snapshot policy is enabled for every cluster. You can display the current policy for periodic snapshots. You can change this policy.

View snapshot policy

To view your current periodic snapshot policy, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Enter `tscli snapshot-policy show` command to view the policy.

In the following example, the policy starts at midnight on Sunday. It retains the snapshots from the previous three 4-hour intervals, and two snapshots from two of the previous 4-hour intervals. Here, ThoughtSpot retains 7 periodic snapshots overall. For detailed information about understanding the schedule, see [Understand backup/snapshot schedules](#).

```
$ tscli snapshot-policy show
schedule {
    period {
        number: 1
        unit: HOUR
    }
    retention_policy {
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 1
                unit: HOUR
            }
            capacity: 3
        }
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 4
                unit: HOUR
            }
            capacity: 4
        }
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 1
                unit: DAY
            }
            capacity: 4
        }
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 1
                unit: WEEK
            }
            capacity: 2
        }
    }
    offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight: 0
}
enabled: true
```

Update the snapshot policy

Do not change the default policy, unless it is recommended by [ThoughtSpot Support](#).

ⓘ Note: Your policy must hold no more than 20 snapshots at any time. Exceeding this number impacts cluster performance.

To update your current periodic snapshot policy, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Enter `tscli snapshot-policy update`.
3. In the editor, make changes to the current policy, and save them.

You cannot delete the snapshot policy. However, you can either disable or enable it.

Disable the snapshot policy

To disable your current periodic snapshot policy, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Enter `tscli snapshot-policy disable`.

Enable the snapshot policy

To enable a specific periodic snapshot policy, follow these steps:

1. Log into the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Enter `tscli snapshot-policy enable`.

Understand backup modes

A backup is a procedure that stores a snapshot outside of a ThoughtSpot cluster. You can use a backup to restore a cluster to a prior state, a differently configured appliance, or move it to from an appliance to a virtual cluster or vice versa. Other advanced administrative operations also use backups.

You can create a manual backup or configure an automated, periodic backup. A backup stores snapshot outside of a ThoughtSpot cluster. For manual backups, the system creates a backup using the named snapshot you specify. For periodic backups, the system uses the most recent snapshot to create the backup.

Warning: You should never disable the periodic snapshot system as backups rely on it. For example, if you have disabled the periodic snapshots system and periodic backups are enabled, then the periodic backup may use a very outdated snapshot or it may fail all together.

Backups are usually stored on a [NAS \(network attached storage\) file system](#) but you can store them on a local disk as well. When creating a backup, ThoughtSpot copies a release tarball and several supporting files to a disk you specify. Storing these supporting files takes about 10 GB of extra space beyond the backup itself. The final backup image is smaller because these extra files are removed after the backup completes successfully. So, make sure you have enough disk space both to *take* a backup and store the result. Use the `tscli storage df` command to identify the amount of space available.

You can create a backup using one of three modes, full, lightweight or dataless.

Full backups

Full backups are entire backups of the cluster with all data, whether loaded from the web interface or from `tsload`. This is the best mode for restoring a cluster and all your data. After a `FULL` backup is created, you can move them between clusters, even if the cluster configuration is different. Full backups can be as large as 20 GB in addition to the 5 GB of additional files. Some installations can exceed these limits, this is why it is important to test your backup configuration.

Before creating a manual backup or configuring automated backups, make sure there is enough disk space on the target disk. Consider an example, where you want to store three backups. If the backup itself takes 18GB, you need about $18 + 5 = 23$ GB of free disk space. Don't forget that the backup size can grow over time, so you should occasionally check to ensure you are not in danger of running out of disk space to store backups.

Lightweight backups

Lightweight backups contain everything that makes up a cluster so they contain the following:

- Cluster configuration (SSH, LDAP, etc.)
- In-memory data cache
- All data that is stored unencrypted in HDFS
- Data uploaded by users
- Metadata for the data store
- Users, groups and permissions
- Objects created by users (pinboards, worksheets, and formulas) with their shares and permissions.
- Data model and row-level security rules.

Data loaded through ThoughtSpot Loader (`tsload`), ODBC/JDBC drivers, and Data Connect is excluded. The expectation is that data loaded by `tsload` is from external sources and so can be re-loaded after the cluster is restored. An exception is if these mechanisms were used to load data into tables that were first created through CSV import (that is, a user first loaded the tables using the GUI). In this case, the data, like the tables they were loaded into, are saved.

Dataless backups

A dataless backup saves a backup of the schema (metadata), with no data. Dataless backups allow you to send a copy of your cluster metadata to ThoughtSpot Support for troubleshooting without compromising data security and privacy. The size of a dataless backup is usually within 10's of megabytes provided you do not have customized binaries.

When restoring from a dataless backup, you must supply the correct release tarball, since this type of backup does not include the software release.

Create a manual backup

ThoughtSpot enables you to manually create a backup to restore a cluster to a prior state, a differently configured appliance, or move the backup from an appliance to a virtual cluster or vice versa. For restoring a cluster from a backup, [contact ThoughtSpot](#).

You create a manual backup from an existing snapshot. So, you must identify an existing snapshot to use or take a new snapshot first. The time required to take a backup depends on the data size. Taking a backup does not take long, and happens in the background while the cluster is running.

Using tscli

To manually create a backup using the tscli:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Create a manual snapshot or find a snapshot you want to use. To find a snapshot you want to back up use the following command:

```
$ tscli snapshot ls
```

```
Name          : pre330
Reason        : pre3.3.0
Hdfs snapshot: pre330
Start         : Wed May 4 18:07:32 2016
End           : Wed May 4 18:08:23 2016
Size(Full)    : 13.24 GB
Size(LW)      : 4.96 GB
Size(Dataless): 39.76 MB
```

```
...
```

3. Make sure you have enough room on the target disk.

In addition to the size of the snapshot, you must have 10 to 12 GB of disk space. This is because the process requires space for temporary files. You can use the `df` command to check disk size.

```
$ df -h
```

4. Create the backup, designating the [type of backup](#), the snapshot name, and a directory:

Choose the [mode of backup](#) you want to create, either full, lightweight, or dataless. The destination directory is created for you; do not specify an existing directory. The BASE value is the name

```
$ tscli backup create [-h]
  [--mode {full|light|dataless}]
  [--type {full}]
  [--base snapshot_name]
  [--storage_type {local|nas}] [--remote]
  <name> <directory>
```

5. Check that the backup was created:

```
$ tscli backup ls
```

Configure periodic backups

You can configure ThoughtSpot to backup automatically at specified times. The policy allows you to control the type, frequency, retention periods (first-in-first-out), and output location for a periodic backup.

A periodic backup uses the same steps as creating a backup manually. However, you do not have to specify a snapshot name, the system uses the most recent backup. You can backup to a local file system or [mount a NAS \(network attached storage\) file system](#) to hold the backup. A NAS is recommended. Make sure you have adequate space to store the number of backups you want to archive.

Default policy format

The format for a policy includes the following:

```
name: "name_for_backup"
param {
    mode: FULL | DATALESS | LIGHTWEIGHT
    type: STANDALONE
}
schedule {
    period {
        number: integer
        unit: MINUTE | HOUR | DAY
    }
    retention_policy {
        time {
            number: integer
            unit: MINUTE | HOUR | DAY
        }
        capacity: integer
    }
}
offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight: integer
}
directory: "NAME"
storage_type: NAS | LOCAL
```

Before you begin

Before creating a policy, make sure you have read [Understand backup/snapshot schedules](#) for information on configuring a `schedule` element. In addition, you must specify:

Element	Description
mode	The backup mode. <code>FULL</code> backups are necessary for restoring a cluster. See Work with backups for details on each backup mode.
type	Currently, only <code>STANDALONE</code> is supported.
directory	The location on the disk to place the backup.
storage_type	The type of storage you are using. <code>NAS</code> storage is recommended for <code>FULL</code> backups.

Create a backup policy

Backups cannot start when another backup is still running. So, choose a reasonable frequency for the mode in your policy. For example, a `FULL` backup takes longer than a `DATALESS` backup. Consider the load on the system when configuring. Do not backup up when the system would experience a heavy load. For example, you may want to take `FULL` backups late in the evening or on weekends.

The retention system deletes the oldest stored backup and the corresponding snapshot on a first-in-first-out basis (FIFO). This means that if you set a bucket retention of 1 the system stores a single backup at any one time. The system deletes the older backup after the new full backup is successful. <!--

Configure using Management Console

Note: The Management Console is now available in **beta** for customers with ThoughtSpot 5.3 or later. Please contact ThoughtSpot Support, if you want to try it.

To configure periodic backups using the admin UI:

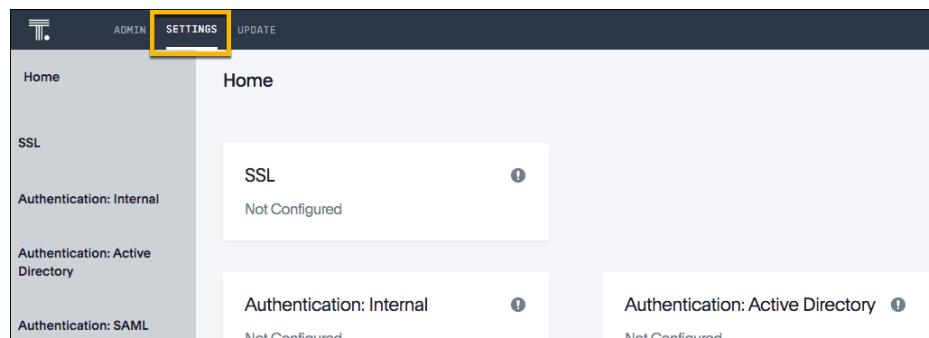
1. Log into ThoughtSpot from a browser.

2. Click the **Admin** menu on the top navigation bar.

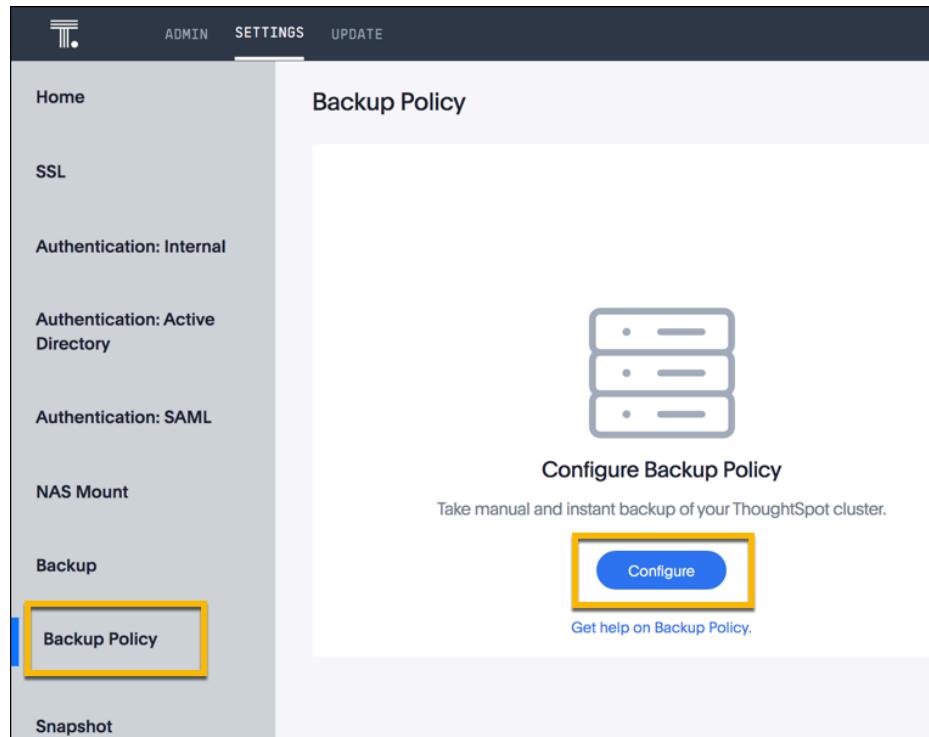


This opens the ThoughtSpot Management Console.

3. Click **Settings** menu on the top navigation bar.



4. In the Settings panel, click **Backup Policy** and then **Configure** option.



5. Update the backup policy details:

Configure Backup Policy

Backup Policy Name *

Location

NAS
 Local

NAS Path *

Mode *

Directory Name *
The location on the disk to place the backup.

Period *

Retention Policy *

Capacity:

Add Retention Policy

Cancel **Save**

Field	Description
Backup Policy Name	Specify the name of the backup policy.
Location	Specify the backup location.
NAS Path	If you choose NAS, select the NAS path or configure a new NAS mount.

Mode	Select the backup mode. Allowed type are full , light weight or dataless .
Directory Name	Specify the location on the disk to place the backup.
Period	Specify the frequency in the chosen unit. Allowed unit types are Minutes, Hours, or Days.
Retention Policy	Specify the retention intervals in the chosen unit. Allowed unit types are Minutes, Hours, or Days. Retention is on a first-in-first-out (FIFO) basis. So, the oldest backup is always deleted after the new full backup is successful.
Capacity	Specify the retention capacity. Note: You can add multiple retention buckets with different retention policies. Click Add Retention Policy to specify more policies.

6. Click **Save** to update the backup policy.

->

Configure using tscli

To configure periodic backups using the tscli:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Find a directory with enough disk space to support the `retention_policy` number you configure.

You can use `df -h` to see free disk space and `tscli snapshot ls` to view existing snapshots and their size on disk.

3. Use the `tscli backup-policy create` command.

The command opens a `vi` editor for you to configure the backup policy.

4. Write and save the file to store your configuration.

By default, newly created policies are automatically enabled. To disable a policy, use the `tscli backup-policy disable` command.

5. Verify the policy using the `tscli backup periodic-config <name>` command.

Doing more with backup

The following table lists some additional backup commands you can use.

To	Command
List present backup policies.	<code>tscli backup-policy ls</code>
Show a backup policy.	<code>tscli backup-policy show <name></code>
Check the status of a policy.	<code>tscli backup-policy status <name></code>
Change an existing policy.	<code>tscli backup-policy update <name></code>
Disable or enable an existing policy.	<code>tscli backup-policy disable or enable</code>
Delete a policy	<code>tscli backup-policy delete <name></code>

Finally, you can time a `crontab` job with your periodic backup configuration to move a backup to longer term storage. Simply create a `crontab` job that moves the backup to a location outside of the `directory` defined in the periodic schedule.

About restore operations

When restoring to a running cluster where the ThoughtSpot software is not updated, we recommend that you use a snapshot. But in the case where you updated the cluster to a new release, if the configuration changed significantly, or when restoring to a different cluster, you must restore from a backup.

Restoring from backup require that you first delete the old cluster. Changes to a cluster that require restoring from a backup instead of a snapshot include:

- Removal of a node.
- Restoring to a different cluster from the one where the snapshot/backup was taken.
- Restoring to a cluster running a different release from the one where the snapshot/backup was taken.

You should never restore from a snapshot or backup yourself. To perform a restore from a snapshot or backup, contact ThoughtSpot Support.

About data modeling

Summary: Modeling, tagging, and adding links between your data sources can make the data even easier to search.

Data modeling allows you to define metadata and other aspects of your data. For example, you can give data columns search friendly names or predefine how they can be explored and aggregated. Metadata include such information as **Column Names**, **Column Visibility**, **Column** and **Data Definition**, **Column Rank** and so forth.

When you load data, ThoughtSpot has defaults for data modeling metadata. After loading data, you can start searching your data without doing any data modeling, creating relationships, or tagging. However, since you know your data best, you can customize the modeling settings. Putting some thought into these will make the data even easier and more intuitive to search for your end users.

User interfaces for modeling data

Data modeling is a very lightweight process compared to what you may have experienced in other tools. You can configure the model for an individual data table or you can view and configure all the system data using a modeling file. Editing the data model file requires that you have administrative privileges.

The model file contains a row for each column in your data set. It isn't unusual to have tens of thousand of rows in this file. This means that editing this file is equivalent to editing all the tables simultaneously. When you add new data to your system, this file expands to accommodate the new data columns you have added.

Both of these methods, have the same effect, they improve search. Moreover, while they have different effects of scale, they use the same mechanisms to accomplish these effects.

Modeling topics

The following topics explain how to model your data:

- [Change a table's data model](#)

Explains how to make modeling settings for a table you've just loaded, or to make a quick change to existing settings.

- **Edit the system-wide data model**

Explains how to define a default data model to use for data system-wide.

- **Data modeling settings**

Explains the possible data model settings and their accepted values. These are the same for a table or the system.

- **Link tables using relationships**

Linked tables can be searched together or combined into a worksheet for easy searching.

Tables that have no relationship between their columns can not be combined in a single search.

- **About stickers**

You can create stickers to make it easier for people to find data sources and pinboards.

Change a table's data model

Summary: You can adjust the data model for a newly loaded table.

To make modeling settings for a data source you've just loaded, or to make a quick change to existing settings, use the ThoughtSpot web interface. You can adjust the **Columns** settings from the data management listing.

You can change all the same data model settings here as in the model file. This method is easier and faster, unless you need to make many settings in bulk. In that case, [using the model file](#) is recommended.

About data sources

You can change the data modeling settings for base **Tables**, **Worksheets**, and **Views**. Worksheets will inherit the data modeling settings from the tables upon which they are based. However, if you make further changes to a base table *after* you've created worksheets on it, the new data model changes will not propagate up. You must make any new data model changes directly to the worksheets (if you want them).

Change the data model for a data source

1. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar.
2. Click a data source you own or can edit.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Data interface. At the top, there are tabs for Search +, Answers, Pinboards, SpotIQ, Data, and Admin. Below the tabs, there are filters for All, Yours, All types, Worksheets, Tables, Views, Stickers, and a search bar. A 'Tables' tab is selected. The main area displays a list of tables with columns for Name, Source, Stickers, Materialize Status, Modified, and Author. One table, 'ThoughtSPORT_Product_Dimension', is highlighted with a yellow border.

Name	Source	Stickers	Materialize Status	Modified	Author
FoodDollarDataReal				47 minutes ago	P Plummer
ThoughtSPORT_Product_Dimension	Sports Goods			a month ago	AS Administrator Super-User
ThoughtSPORT_Retail_Sales_Fact	Sports Goods			a month ago	AS Administrator Super-User
MarketSpot_Vendor_Dimension	MarketSpot			a month ago	AS Administrator Super-User
ThoughtSPORT_Store_Dimension	Sports Goods			a month ago	AS Administrator Super-User
ThoughtSPORT_Customer_Dimension	Sports Goods			a month ago	AS Administrator Super-User

This brings up the **Columns** screen, where you can make your modeling settings.

3. Modify one or more column settings.

Descriptions of the possible settings are listed in [Data modeling settings](#).

4. Save your changes.

The screenshot shows the 'Columns' screen for the 'ThoughtSPORT_Product_Dimension' table. At the top, there are tabs for Columns, Schema, Data, Profile, Dependents, Row Security, SpotIQ Insights, Save Changes, Load Data, and more. The 'Columns' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a table with columns for COLUMN NAME, DESCRIPTION, DATA TYPE, COLUMN TYPE, ADDITIVE, AGGREGATION, HIDDEN, SYNONYMS, and INDEX TYPE. The table contains five rows of data.

COLUMN NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATA TYPE	COLUMN TYPE	ADDITIVE	AGGREGATION	HIDDEN	SYNONYMS	INDEX TYPE
Product_Key	Click to edit	INT32	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DONT_INDEX
Product_Name	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	product	DEFAULT
SKU_Number	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT
Department_Desc..	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT
Category	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT

(showing rows 1-5 of 5)

5. To check your changes, use the **SEARCH** page to search for across the changed data.

Related information

- [Data modeling settings](#)
- [Edit the system-wide data model](#)
- [Understand data sources](#)

Edit the system-wide data model

Summary: Edit the modeling file to edit your data settings.

When you load data, ThoughtSpot uses defaults for data modeling metadata. You change these defaults using the data modeling file if you have access to the **ADMIN > Data Management** page. Editing this file allows you to view and edit all the system data columns. When you (or your users) add new data to your system, this file changes as it expands to accommodate new data columns.

Tip: If you just want to change a subset of your data, use the [Change a table's data model](#) instead.

Overview of the modeling process

The data formats you use in your system are controlled by the modeling file, an Excel file. To make these changes you download the model file, change the model, and upload your changes back into the system.

In each row of the modeling file, all the data properties corresponding to a column from your data are listed. You can modify many of these properties by typing in the new value. Remember these important guidelines when editing the model file:

- Do not modify any value in a column which contains **DoNotModify** in the field under the column heading.
- Make sure to keep the file in the same format as it had when you downloaded it.

The model file contains a row for each column in your data set. It isn't unusual to have tens of thousands of rows in this file. You can change all or a subset of rows. You can edit the file to leave the heading rows and only those rows you want to change. This can make the file more convenient to work with.

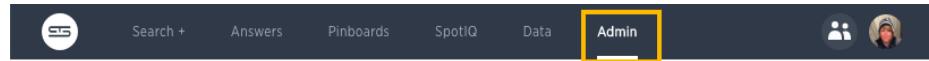
The model file must be saved as UTF-8 encoded. If your model file includes multi-byte characters, make sure you save it in the correct format or you won't be able to upload it after making your changes.

Download the model file

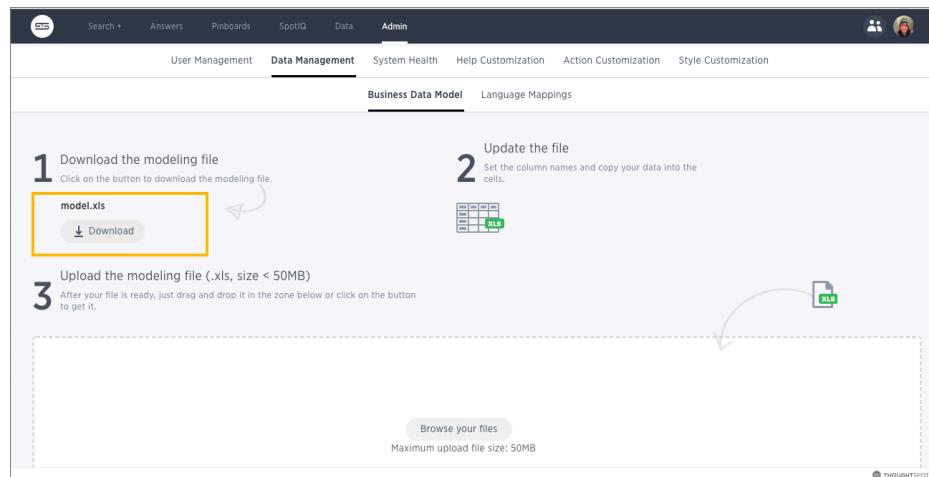
Before you can make changes to the model file, you need to download it. Then, you edit it using Microsoft Excel, vi/vim, or a similar text editing tool.

To obtain the model file:

1. Log in to ThoughtSpot from a browser as an Administrator user.
2. Click the **ADMIN** tab in the top navigation bar.



3. Click **Data Management**, then click **Business Data Model**.
4. Click **Download**.



Edit the file and change the settings

You can make changes to the settings using this procedure. To see a list of the changes you can make, see [Data modeling settings](#). You can edit any of the values in the model file, except for those where the words **DoNotModify** appear under the column header. To make changes in the model file:

1. Open the model file you downloaded (`model.xls`) in Excel, vi/vim, or a text editor.

If you are using Excel, you may see a warning message.



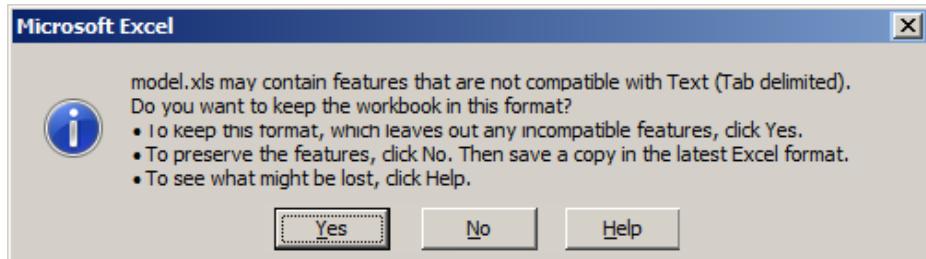
Click `YES` to proceed.

2. Find the column you want to modify.

Descriptions of the meanings of the columns are listed in [Data modeling settings](#).

3. Select the value you want to change.
4. Type in the new value.
5. After making all your changes, save the model file.

If you are using Excel, you will see a message. Click `YES` to save the file.



The model file must be saved as UTF-8 encoded. If your model file includes multi-byte characters, edit the file using vi or vim to ensure the file is saved in the correct format.

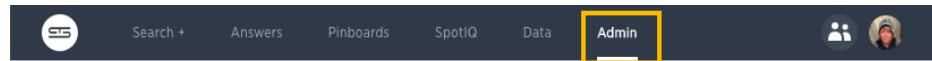
Otherwise, you won't be able to upload it after making your edits.

Upload the edited file

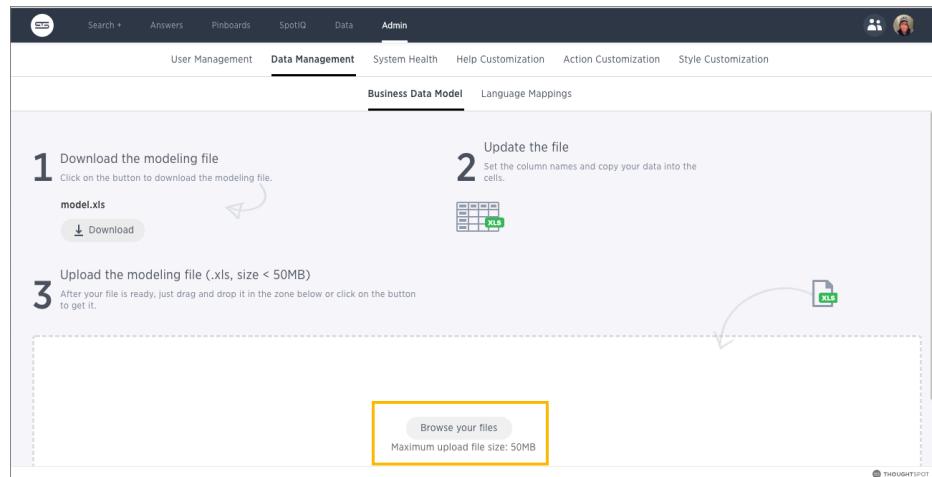
After you have made changes to the modeling file, you must upload it back to ThoughtSpot before the changes will take effect. To upload the model file:

1. Log in to ThoughtSpot from a browser as an Administrator user.

2. Click **ADMIN**, on the top navigation bar.



3. Click **Data Management**, then click **Business Data Model**.
4. Click **Browse your files** to upload the model.xls file, or drag and drop it in the zone.



If you receive an error message upon uploading the file, check that it does not include any multi-byte characters (for example, Japanese or other multi-byte language characters). If it does, you must download the file again and make your edits using vi or vim.

If you choose to remove all the rows you have not changed from the model file before uploading it. If you upload a model file that includes only the changed rows, you won't lose any of the pre-existing model file settings. This is a good option if your model file is causing an error on upload, but you aren't sure where in the model file the problem is.

As soon as the file is uploaded, ThoughtSpot performs any necessary re-indexing for you automatically. Your new settings will be reflected within a few minutes.

Related information

- [Data modeling settings](#)
- [Change a table's data model](#)

Overview of data modeling settings

You can change these settings in two ways, both of which change the model. If you want to make a few small changes, you should [make them in the ThoughtSpot application](#). If you want to make many changes [you should edit the modeling file](#). Whether you are changing data modeling settings using the modeling file or the Web interface, the settings and their accepted values are the same.

Modeling settings

The following index includes mutable data modeling settings that you can apply to columns, both tables and worksheets.

Setting	Description
Column Name	Sets the name of the column to be used in searches.
Description	Adds a text description of what the column contains.
Data Type	Read only. Shows the column's data type.
Column Type	Sets the type of column, either ATTRIBUTE or MEASURE .
Additive	Controls the type of aggregations that will be available for a column.
Aggregation	Sets the default aggregation type for a column.
Hidden	Sets the visibility of a column.
Synonyms	Adds synonyms that can be used in the search bar to refer to a column.
SpotIQ Preference	Excludes specified columns from SpotIQ analyses. By Default, all columns are included in SpotIQ.
Index Type	Sets the type of index that will be created for a column.
Geo Config	Enables a column to be used in GeoMap visualizations.
Index Priority	Changes the priority of a column in search suggestions.
Format Pattern	Specifies the format to use for numeric values or dates that show in the column.

Setting	Description
Currency Type	Specifies the format of currencies in a column.
Attribution Dimension	Only applies to tables that join over a Chasm Trap . Designates whether the tables depend on this column for attribution.
Calendar Type	Specifies what type of calendar a date type column uses. It can be Gregorian calendar (default), a fiscal calendar, or any custom calendar.
Entity Category	Specifies how to categorize the data in the column: person, place, time, and so on. Important for configuring SearchIQ (Beta).
SearchIQ Enabled	Indicates if the column is enabled for SearchIQ. Note that SearchIQ is in Beta .

Data modeling best practices

As a best practice, make any data modeling settings in the table when you will be creating multiple worksheets that use that table. This way, you won't have to make the same settings in each worksheet. The settings will be inherited when you create worksheets that uses columns from the table.

If you have settings that only apply in the context of a particular worksheet, make those settings in the worksheet rather than in the underlying table(s).

Note that if you make your settings at the table level, and then create a worksheet that uses columns from the table, the settings are inherited from the table at the point in time that the worksheet is created. If you then go back and change the settings at the table level, your changes will not be reflected in the worksheet.

If you want the worksheet to have the changes you made at the table level, you must drop those columns from the worksheet and re-add them. Then save the worksheet. At this point, the new settings will be used in the worksheet. Note that any saved answers or pinboards based on the worksheet may display differently because of your changes. For example, if you've changed the GeoMap setting from "None" to "Country", you will now see a map where before you might have seen a table.

Related information

- [Model the data for searching](#)
- [Add a geographical data setting for a column](#)

Set column name, description, and type

Summary: Modeling includes setting basic information for a data column such as its name, description, and type.

Basic information for a data column is its **NAME**, **DESCRIPTION**, and **TYPE**. All of these can influence how a user experiences your data. For example, the **DESCRIPTION** appears as a “tip” when a user hovers over a column. So it is the means for helping users understand where the data comes from.

Change the column name

Column Name (UI)/ColumnName (model file) is the name that displayed to users for that column in ThoughtSpot. The column name is what users type to add that column to their search. Change the text that is shown for the column names in ThoughtSpot to make the names more meaningful to users.

The model file contains a row for each column in your data set. It isn’t unusual to have tens of thousand of rows in this file. You can change all or a subset of rows. You can edit the file to leave the heading rows and only those rows you want to change. This can make the file more convenient to work with.

The default is the name you gave the column when you defined the table in the database or imported the CSV file from the browser.

1. Find the column name you want to change.
2. Type in the new column name.
3. Save your changes.

Change column description

Description (UI)/ColumnDescription (model file) an optional description for the corresponding column. You can provide a description for a specific column, to provide additional information for users about the data it contains. When a user hovers over the column, a tooltip will show this description.

To create a column description:

1. Find the column description you want to change.
2. Enter a new description.

3. Repeat for all columns where you want to add a description.
4. Save your changes.

Change column type

Column Type (UI)/ColumnType (model file) describes the kind of data a column stores. This is set automatically upon defining the table, but in some cases, you may want to change the type. There are two types of columns:

- `ATTRIBUTE` contains a property, like name, address, or id number.
- `MEASURE` contains a numeric value that can be compared in a meaningful way using math, such as a count or measurement.

When a new table is created, the default column type is set according to the **Data Type (UI)/DataType** (model file) defined for each column. By default, columns with the numeric data types (`FLOAT`, `DOUBLE`, `INT`, or `BIGINT`) are assigned the type `MEASURE`. Columns with `VARCHAR`, `BOOL`, or date/time data types are assigned the type `ATTRIBUTE`.

Usually the default setting for column type works fine. But occasionally, you must change a `MEASURE` to an `ATTRIBUTE`. Examples of numeric values for which mathematical operations are not meaningful include:

- ID numbers
- Key values that are primarily used for joining tables
- Product number or SKU
- Sports team member jersey number
- Year, when separate from a date (e.g. 1999, 2000)

To change the column type:

1. Find the column type you want to change.
2. Change it to either `MEASURE` or `ATTRIBUTE`.
3. Save your changes.

Related information

- [Model the data for searching](#)
- [Hide column or define a column synonym](#)

Set ADDITIVE or AGGREGATION

Summary: You can allow aggregate on MEASURE columns and some ATTRIBUTE columns.

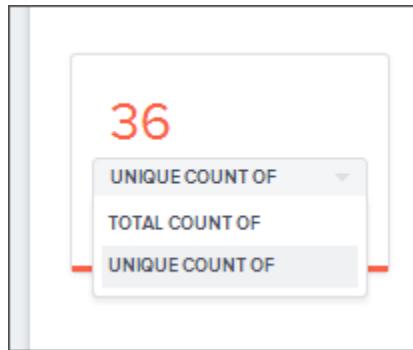
Aggregation is grouping many units or parts into a new value. In data, aggregation gathers multiple input values and calculates a summary value from them. You then use this aggregated value to do an analysis.

Every summary value results from a data aggregation function. An example aggregation function would be average or minimum. You can control how aggregation works in your data.

Making an ATTRIBUTE column ADDITIVE

Your data may contain a column with a numeric data type that you have defined as an ATTRIBUTE rather than a MEASURE. For example, you may have ATTRIBUTE column with an INTEGER data type that represents age. Typically, these columns have an ADDITIVE setting of NO. Within a search result that contains data from this column, the options for each column on the left side of the screen includes:

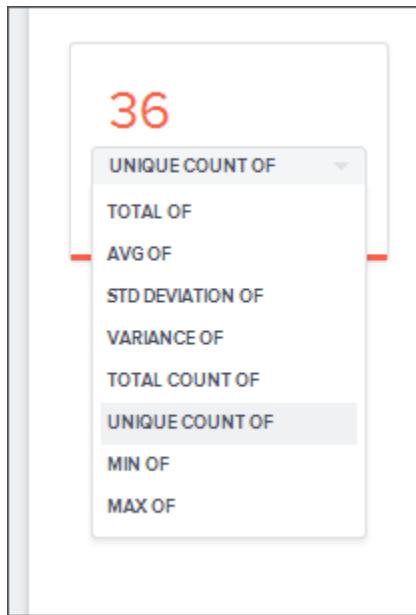
- UNIQUE COUNT OF
- TOTAL COUNT OF



To display extended aggregate view options, you must set ADDITIVE to YES on these ATTRIBUTE columns. This option is only possible on columns that have a numeric data type (FLOAT , DOUBLE or INTEGER) or a date data type (DATE , DATETIME , TIMESTAMP , or TIME). After you make this change, these additional view options area-charts offered:

- TOTAL OF

- **AVG OF**
- **STD DEVIATION OF**
- **VARIANCE OF**
- **TOTAL COUNT OF**
- **UNIQUE COUNT OF**
- **MIN OF**
- **MAX OF**



To change this setting:

1. Find the column whose **ADDITIVE** setting you want to change
2. Select the **ADDITIVE** toggle.
3. Change the value to one of these:
 - YES or NO, if using the Web interface.
 - TRUE or FALSE, if using the model file.
4. Save your changes.

Change Aggregation

Both `MEASURE` columns and `ATTRIBUTE` columns support **AGGREGATION** operations. To aggregate a column without having to enter the aggregation type explicitly in your searches every time, you can set a default **Aggregation** for that column. Setting this default can make combining data more intuitive and faster.

`ATTRIBUTE` columns have **AGGREGATION(UI)/AggregationType** (model file) values with default aggregate type of **NONE**. You can change **AGGREGATION** to one of the supported aggregation types. To extend the available aggregation actions, set **ADDITIVE** on these columns to `YES` (`TRUE`).

Aggregate type	Description
NONE	Does no aggregation. This is the default for <code>ATTRIBUTE</code> type columns.
SUM	Adds the values together and returns the total. This is the default for <code>MEASURE</code> type columns.
AVERAGE	Calculates the average of all the values.
MIN	Calculates the minimum value.
MAX	Calculates the maximum value.
STD_DEVIATION	Calculates the standard deviation of all the values.
VARIANCE	Calculates the variance of all the values.
COUNT	Calculates the total number of values.
COUNT_DISTINCT	Calculates the total number of distinct values.

Keep in mind that not all `MEASURE` data should be aggregated. Consider a table containing data about athletes on a sports team. The data contains some numerical values, including points scored, salaries, and jersey numbers for each of the players. Because jersey number is an INTEGER, it would become a column of type `MEASURE` (not `ATTRIBUTE`). So it will aggregate, by default. But you may want to make its aggregation type **NONE** instead. This ensures that search results that include jersey number will not attempt to compare or aggregate those values in a way that is not meaningful.

To set this value.

1. Find the column whose default aggregation type you want to change
2. Select its **Aggregation**. If using the modeling file, use the **AggregationType** setting.
3. Select the new default aggregation type.
4. Save your changes.

Related information

[Model the data for searching](#)

Hide a column or define a synonym

Summary: Hide a column from users or make it easier to find by assigning a synonym.

You can hide columns from users in ThoughtSpot without dropping them from the database. It is common to hide a column when its data contains identifier columns that are used to join tables, but which do not have any meaning to users.

Alternatively, rather than hiding a column, you can make it easier to find by creating synonyms for it. This is helpful, for example, when different departments refer to the data using different terminology.

Hide a column

As the number of columns in the dataset increases, the search experience requires more effort. Users have to navigate through larger numbers of columns to choose the correct one. There might also be some columns in the dataset that you don't want to expose to the users.

Change the **HIDDEN (UI)/Hide** (model file) setting to hide a column. By default, all columns in a data source appear in ThoughtSpot. To hide these columns, set the **HIDDEN** setting to `YES`.

1. Find the **HIDDEN (UI)/Hide** (model file) setting for a column.
2. Set its value to `YES`.
3. Save your changes.

Create synonyms for a column

When users search a data source, they might try typing different words to try to retrieve a particular column. This could be due to different groups in your organization using different terms for the same data. Or maybe your users just intuitively use different words when searching for that item. Using synonyms allows them to access the data even if the term they choose isn't the same as the actual column name.

You can set column synonyms for columns in tables, user imported data, and worksheets. The returned table or chart uses the *actual column name*, but the search bar reflects the term the user typed in (the synonym).

To create a column description:

1. Find the column for which you want to add synonyms.
2. Select its **Synonyms**.
3. Type in a comma separated list of the synonyms you want to add.

If a synonym is more than one word, it must be enclosed in double quotes. If you are using the Web interface, you would type:

```
profit,"gross profit"
```

If you are using the model file, the list of synonyms must be enclosed in square brackets. For example:

```
[profit, "gross profit"]
```

4. Save your changes.

Related information

[Model the data for searching](#)

Set columns to exclude from SpotIQ analyses

Summary: You can specify columns to exclude from SpotIQ analyses.

SpotIQ is a ThoughtSpot feature that provides users with insights about their data by automatically surfacing interesting characteristics (trends, correlations, outliers, and so on).

If you have access to tables, worksheets, and views for data modeling purposes, you can specify columns to exclude from SpotIQ analyses. By default, all columns are *included* in SpotIQ analyses.

Exclude columns from SpotIQ analyses

To specify columns to exclude from SpotIQ analyses:

1. Click **Data** in the top menu, and choose **Tables**, **Worksheets**, or **Views**.
2. Click the name of your data source.
3. On the **Columns** tab, find the COLUMN NAMES you want to exclude from SpotIQ analyses, and scroll to the right to find **SPOTIQ PREFERENCE**.
4. Use the drop-down menu to set the **SPOTIQ PREFERENCE** to **EXCLUDE** for each column you want to exclude.
5. Click **SAVE CHANGES** in the upper right.

Include columns in SpotIQ analyses

By default, all columns are included in SpotIQ analyses.

If you have previously set some columns to EXCLUDE and you want to re-set these to be included, do the following.

1. Click **Data** in the top menu, and choose **Tables**, **Worksheets**, or **Views**.

2. Click the name of your data source.
3. On the **Columns** tab, find the COLUMN NAMES you want to set back to include in SpotIQ analyses, and scroll to the right to find **SPOTIQ PREFERENCE**.
4. Use the drop-down menu to set the **SPOTIQ PREFERENCE** to **DEFAULT** for each column you want to include.
5. Click **SAVE CHANGES** in the upper right.

Related information

- [SpotIQ tutorial](#)
- [Overview of data modeling settings](#)

Manage suggestion indexing

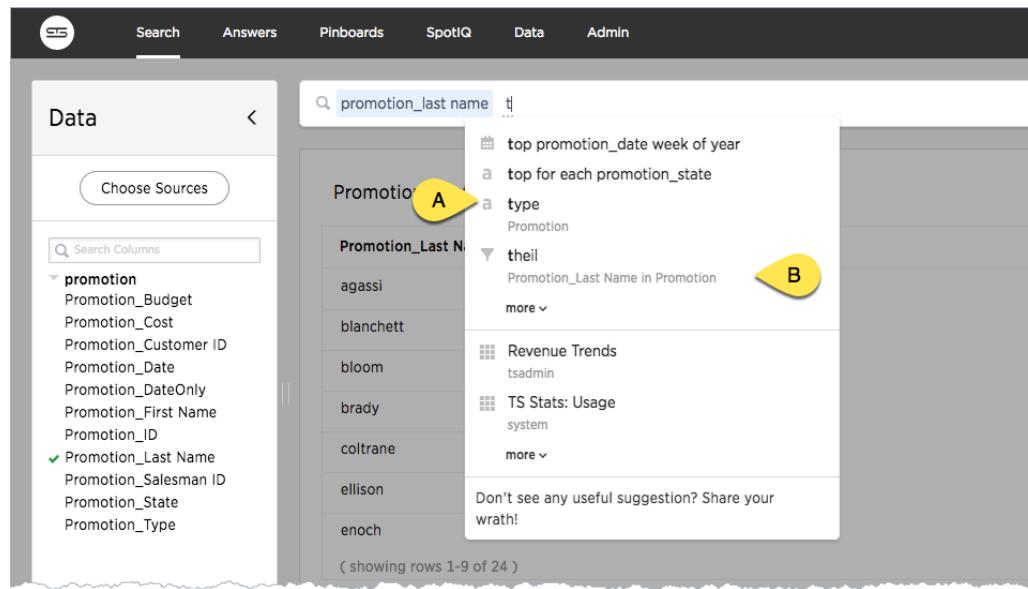
Summary: ThoughtSpot dynamically indexes Search bar suggestions for column names and values.

When a user searches in the **Search** bar, ThoughtSpot supplies the user with suggestions for column names and their column values. The **COLUMN NAME** and any **SYNONYMS** appear in **Search** suggestions. A column's **INDEX TYPE** controls whether and how ThoughtSpot suggests column values.

Additionally, ThoughtSpot uses a column's **INDEX PRIORITY** value to determine where to rank a column's name and values in the search suggestions. These values impact the dynamically calculated *usage based ranking (UBR)*,

Example of Search suggestion behavior

The following example illustrates how searching for `promotion_last_name t` causes the system to suggest several ways of completing the `t` in the search:



The system is suggesting the synonym `type` (callout A) for a column in the `Promotion` table. It is also suggesting a value of `theil` (callout B) for the `Promotion_Last Name` column. If you look in the **Data > Tables** page, you can see that there is a `type` synonym for the `Promotion_Type` column which is using default indexing.

COLUMN NAME	AGGREGATION	HIDDEN	SYNOMYS	INDEX TYPE	GEO C...
Promotion_Type	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Type	DEFAULT	None
Promotion_Date	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT	None
Promotion_Sales...	NONE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Click to edit	DEFAULT	None

Managing search suggestions through **INDEX TYPE** and **INDEX PRIORITY** is important. Properly configured suggestions can decrease “noise” in the suggestion list. Increasing the visibility of important columns is helpful for new or intermittent ThoughtSpot users.

Understand the default indexing behavior

ThoughtSpot has a system default **INDEX TYPE** behavior for search suggestions. This system default is configured on your cluster and applies to all worksheets and tables. You can override this default behavior on a per-column basis.

The system behavior when the **INDEX TYPE** is **DEFAULT** is as follows:

- With two exceptions, the system indexes all columns using their **COLUMN NAME** value. The exceptions are columns with **COLUMN TYPE** of `MEASURE` and columns with **DATA TYPE** of `DATE`.
- Columns that contain data values with large amount of free-form strings, that is, a length is greater than 50 words, are indexed as `PREFIX_ONLY` by default.

Warning: If a column has a very large free text values, ThoughtSpot recommends you keep **DEFAULT** or set **DONT_INDEX**. Other settings indexing on these values may generate confusing suggestions.

- Short strings (like a `firstname` column) are indexed using `PREFIX_AND_SUBSTRING` by default, which indexes both prefix and substrings.
- If a column is using has a *cardinality* – the number of unique column values – greater than 10 million, it is not indexed.

If a column's **INDEX TYPE** is *not* **DEFAULT** and the column's cardinality is greater than 30 million, ThoughtSpot does not index the column.

High cardinality and performance

A column's cardinality can impact indexing. If you have a column with a very high cardinality and a very high number of rows, indexing these values can impact your ThoughtSpot performance. ThoughtSpot Support recommends you turn off indexing of primary key columns on extremely large tables (> 10 million rows) in your cluster.

High cardinality is relative to other considerations. In some cases, columns with fewer than 10 million rows but with columns containing long strings can cause performance problems with memory. If you have concerns or questions, your ThoughtSpot Customer Success Engineer can help you determine appropriate cardinality thresholds for your ThoughtSpot installation.

Configure your own cluster defaults

If you need to, you can work with ThoughtSpot Support or your Customer Success Engineer to configure new cluster defaults.

Override the system default on a column

You can change a column's **INDEX TYPE** in the **Data > Tables > Columns** page or in the **Index** value in the modeling file.

The values you can set for **INDEX TYPE** are:

Index type	Description
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DEFAULT	The default behavior applies to all <code>ATTRIBUTE</code> columns that are not <code>DATE</code> types. <code>PREFIX_AND_SUBSTRING</code> for short values and <code>PREFIX_ONLY</code> for long values and free-form text.
DONT_INDEX	Prevents indexing on the column values. The column doesn't appear in search suggestions.
PREFIX_AND_SUBSTRING	Allows full indexing such that prefix and sub-string search both work for the column values.
PREFIX_AND_WORD_SUBSTRING	Allows indexing such that only prefix search works for each word of a multi-word string, for the column values.
PREFIX_ONLY	Allows indexing such that only prefix search works for the column values.

Consider a column in which there are four values `ThoughtSpot`, `Thought`, `Spot` and `ThoughtSpot`. If you search for `sp`, depending on the setting for indexing, the column value search result suggestions will vary:

Index field value	Search bar suggestions
DEFAULT	<code>ThoughtSpot</code> , <code>Spot</code> and <code>Thought Spot</code>
DONT_INDEX	No suggestions.
PREFIX_AND_SUBSTRING	<code>ThoughtSpot</code> , <code>Spot</code> and <code>Thought Spot</code>
PREFIX_ONLY	<code>Spot</code>
PREFIX_AND_WORD_SUBSTRING	<code>Spot</code> and <code>Thought Spot</code>

To change a value in the application UI:

1. Open a worksheet or table from the **Data** page.
2. Find the column whose index type you want to modify.
3. Set its **INDEX TYPE**.
4. Save your changes.

If you are using the model file, locate the **Index** cell, and enter the **INDEX TYPE** you want to use.

Change a column's suggestion priority

A column's **INDEX PRIORITY** determines the order or rank in which it and its values appear in the search dropdown.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: SEARCH (highlighted in orange), ANSWERS, PINBOARDS, and SPOT IQ. Below the navigation bar, the main area is titled "Data". On the left side, there is a sidebar with a "Choose Sources" button and a search bar labeled "Search Columns". Underneath the search bar, there is a list of columns: "zip_codes_states", "latitude", "longitude", "zip_code", and "for state nj". The "for state nj" item has a small triangle icon next to it, indicating it can be expanded. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a "more" button. The main content area on the right shows a list of suggestions starting with "# latitude" and "Zip_Codes_States".

By default, the **INDEX PRIORITY** value is set to `1` for all columns. You can push a column up in the order (increase the rank) by increasing its **INDEX PRIORITY** value. A higher value (like `2`) will cause the corresponding column and its values to appear higher up in the search dropdown than columns with lower value (like `1`).

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot interface with the 'Tables' tab selected. A table named 'zip_code' is displayed, showing its columns and configuration. The 'Columns' tab is active. The table structure is as follows:

COLUMN NAME	ONFIG	INDEX PRIORITY	FO
zip_code		1	Click
latitude		10	Click
longitude		1	Click
city		1	Click
state		1	Click
county		1	Click

You should only use numbers between 1-10 in the **INDEX PRIORITY** field. Use a value between 8-10 for important columns to improve their search ranking. Use 1-3 for low priority columns.

To change a value in the application UI:

1. Open a worksheet or table from the **Data** page.
2. Find the column whose index type you want to modify.
3. Change the **INDEX PRIORITY** to a number between 1 and 10.
4. Save your changes.

If you are using the model file, locate the **Index** cell, and enter the priority you want to use.

Related information

- [Model the data for searching](#)
- [Usage based rankings \(UBR\)](#).

Add a geographical data setting

Certain attribute columns that contain location data can be used to create GeoMaps. ThoughtSpot supports Latitude, Longitude, Zip Code, US States, US Counties, Countries, and select international sub-nation regions.

You can designate a column as `Geo` by editing the **GEO CONFIG** column in the table **Columns** page.

You cannot edit the geo configuration column information in the `model.xls` file.

Guidelines for geographic columns

Columns that can be designated as `Geo` columns need to contain text (`VARCHAR`) data unless they contain latitude/longitude data. Latitude and longitude columns can contain numeric data (`DOUBLE`) or text.

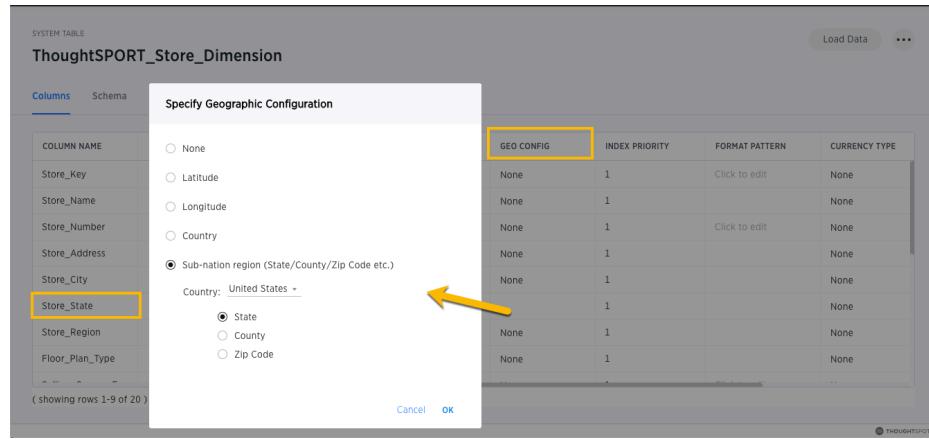
If you are using a column with the data type `DOUBLE` for latitude and longitude, you will also need to change the following settings for those columns:

- set **Column Type** to `ATTRIBUTE`
- set **Additive** to `NO`
- set **Aggregation Type** to `NONE`

For information these settings, see [Set ADDITIVE or AGGREGATION](#).

How to edit geographic columns

1. Find the **GEO CONFIG** for the column that contains the geographical data.
2. Select the column to display the **Specify Geographic Configuration** dialog.



3. Change the value to the appropriate **GEO CONFIG**, depending on the kind of geo data the column contains.

If your data includes latitude and/or longitude columns that are stored as a numeric data type (`DOUBLE`), make these changes for those columns:

- a. Change the **Type** to `ATTRIBUTE`.
 - b. Change **ADDITIVE** to `NO / FALSE`.
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4. Save your changes.

Supported geo maps

For a complete list of supported geo maps in ThoughtSpot, refer to: [Geo Map Reference](#)

Related information

[Model the data for searching](#)

Set number, date, and currency formats

Summary: Explains how to set key formats for column values.

You can set number, date, and currency display formats. These formats define how these value types display in tables and charts.

Number formats

You can set a format for how numbers are displayed in tables and charts. For example, you can display numbers with a different number of digits after the decimal point, based on the data modeling setting

Format Pattern. You can use any of the supported number formats for delimiters and number of digits to show using [Java Decimal Notation](#). Currency symbols are not supported.

The system has default values which are:

`#,###` For integer data types `INT` and `BIGINT`. As you can see, these can only contain numbers, alpha characters are not permitted.

`#,###.00` for decimal data types `DOUBLE` and `FLOAT`.

These are some examples of formats you can use:

Stored Value	Format Pattern	Display Value
12345.6789	<code>#,##0.##</code>	12,345.68
12345.6789	<code>#,##0.###</code>	12,345.679
12345.6789	<code>#,##0.00000</code>	12,345.68
12345.6789	<code>#,##0</code>	12,345
12345.6789	<code>#,##0.00</code>	12,345.68
12345	<code>#,##0.##</code>	12,345
12345	<code>#,##0.00</code>	12,345.00

You can change the date format used to display a column's values [for a single table](#) or, by editing the data model, [for the entire ThoughtSpot instance](#). Editing the data model file requires that you have administrative privileges.

1. Decide if the change is for a table or the entire instance.
2. Find the **Format Pattern** for the column.

This is either a column in a single table or a column in the data modeling file.

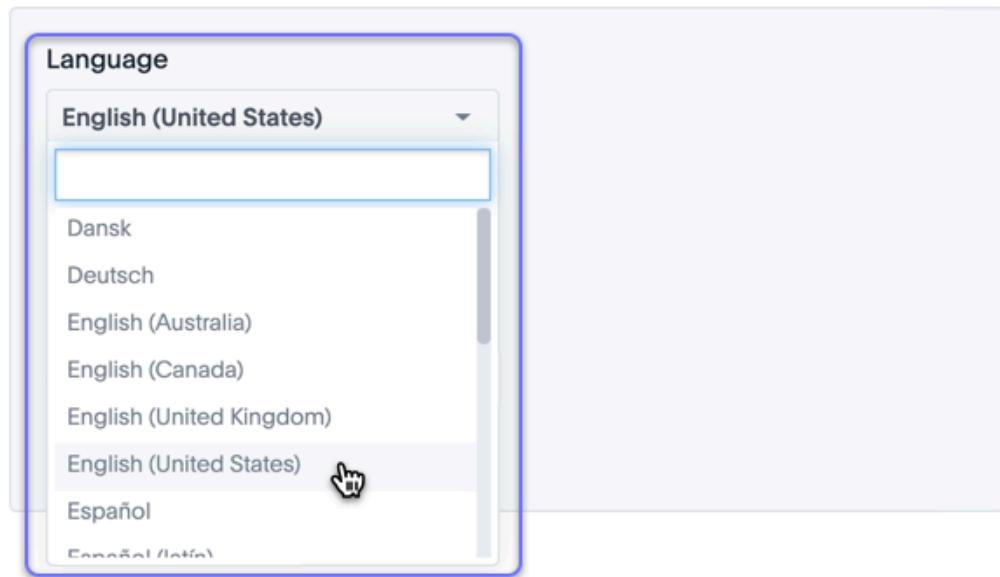
3. In the column, enter the format you want to use.
4. Save your changes.

If you are using a data-modeling file you must upload the new file to your installation.

Profile-based number formatting

Number formatting is set by default based on your ThoughtSpot profile's **Preferred locale** setting. You can set this value to accommodate your geographic locations.

Preferences



For example, if you are using ThoughtSpot in the US, the number formatting should look like this:

xxx,xxx.xx . And in Europe, it should look like this: xxx.xxx,xx .

Date formats

Format Pattern (UI)/ Format Pattern (model file) formats for how dates are displayed in tables and charts. For example, you can display dates in a standard European or US format based on the data modeling setting **Format Pattern**. These are some examples of formats you can use:

Format mask	Description
YYYY or yyyy	four digit year such as 2017
YY or yy	last two digits of year such as 17
M	month with no leading zero 1 - 12
MM	Two digit month 01 - 12
MMM	Three letter month such as Jan
D	Day of year without a leading zero 0 - 365
DD	Day of year with up to one leading zero 01 - 365
DDD	Day of year with up to two leading zeroes 001 - 365
d	Day of month with no leading zero 1 - 31
dd	Two digit day of month 01 - 31
HH	Two digit 24 hour representation of hour 00 - 23
hh	Two digit 12 hour representation of hour 01 - 12
H	24 hour representation of hour with no leading zero 0 - 23
h	12 hour representation of hour with no leading zero 1 - 12
mm	Minutes 00 - 59
m	Minutes with no leading zero 0 - 59
ss	Seconds 00 - 59
s	Seconds with no leading zero 0 - 59

Format mask	Description
a	AM/PM indicator

Valid delimiters include most non-alphabet characters. This includes but is not limited to:

- \ (forward slash)
- / (backward slash)
- | (pipe symbol)
- : (colon)
- - (dash)
- _ (underscore)
- = (equal sign)

Examples of valid format masks you can produce for display are as follows:

- MM/dd/yyyy
- MMM
- DD/MM/yyyy
- MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm
- DD/MM/yyyy HH:mm

To change the date format used to display a column's values [for a single table](#) or, by editing the data model, [for the entire ThoughtSpot instance](#).

1. Decide if the change is for a table or the entire instance.
2. Find the **Format Pattern** for the column.

This is either a column in a single table or a column in the data modeling file.

3. In the column, enter the format you want to use.
4. Save your changes.

If you are using a data-modeling file you must upload the new file to your installation.

Set currency type

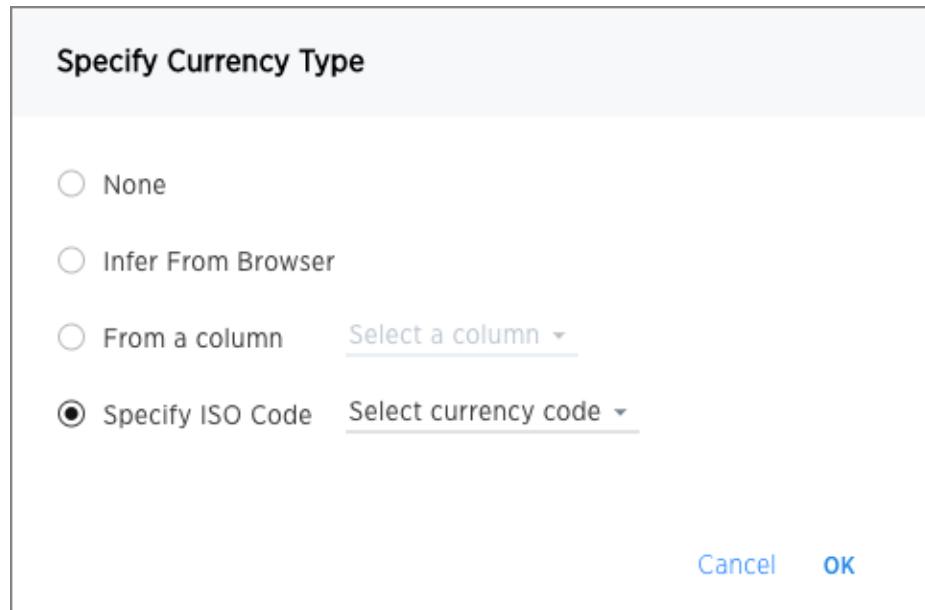
You can set a format for how currencies display in tables and charts when using the ThoughtSpot Data API or embedding. For example, you can display currencies in a standard European Euro or US Dollar format, based on the data modeling setting **Currency Type**.

You can change the currency format used to display a column's values [for a single table](#). When you specify the currency type of your data in the **Columns** settings, your currency data will only display the correct format and currency code in the embedded use case. Currency specific symbols are available in the non-embedded use case as well, but they are not localized.

All users are treated as if they are in `en-US` locale unless they are in embed mode and their browser configuration tells ThoughtSpot that they are in some other locale. For example, `100 Polish Zloty` appears as `100zŁ` to a user in Poland, but without localization enabled, it appears as `PLN 100`.

This subtle difference can be seen when you use the REST API. See the ThoughtSpot Application Integration Guide for more information on the API.

1. Find the **Currency Type** for the column whose display format you want to change.
2. Click it to open the **Specify Currency Type** menu.



3. Select one of the following ways you would like to change the format.

Option	Description
Infer From Browser	Your currency data will be modeled upon the locale of your browser setting.
From a column	Your currency data will be modeled upon the existing currency information in the selected column. This option is disabled if there is no VARCHAR column to choose from.
Specify ISO Code	Your currency data will be modeled upon your selection from the available currency code choices.

4. Click **Ok** to save your changes.

Related information

[Model the data for searching](#)

Change the Attribution Dimension

Summary: The **“Attribution Dimension”** setting applies only to tables that are related through a chasm trap. If your schema does not include these, you can ignore this setting.

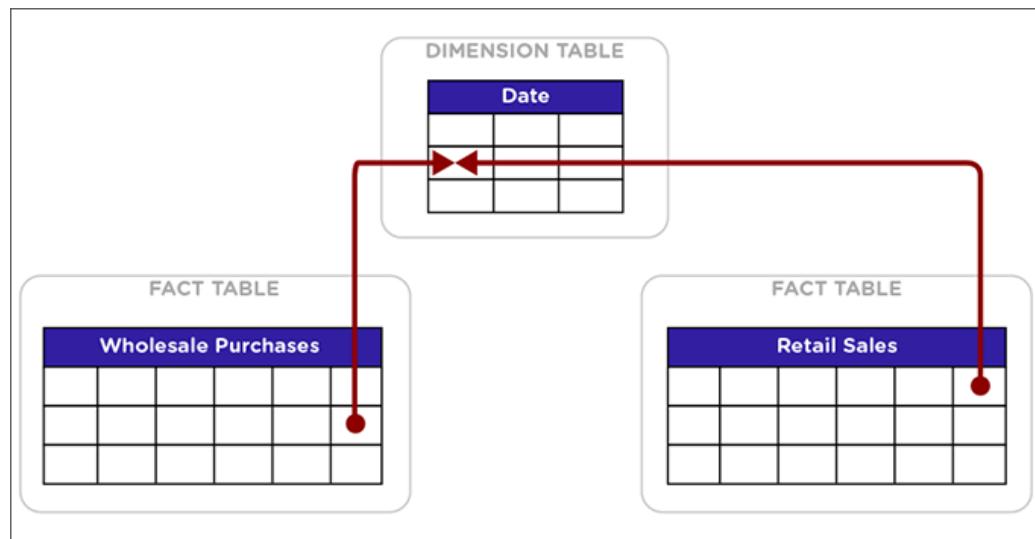
The **Attribution Dimension** setting only applies to tables that join over a [Chasm Trap](#). By default, the attribution dimension setting will be set to `YES`, but you can override that by setting the column’s attribution dimension property to `N0`, as described here.

Understand chasm traps and attribute dimension

In the classic chasm trap, two fact tables are related through a shared dimension table. When the two fact tables are joined, the shared column(s) in the dimension table are used to attribute rows in one fact table to match with rows in the other fact table.

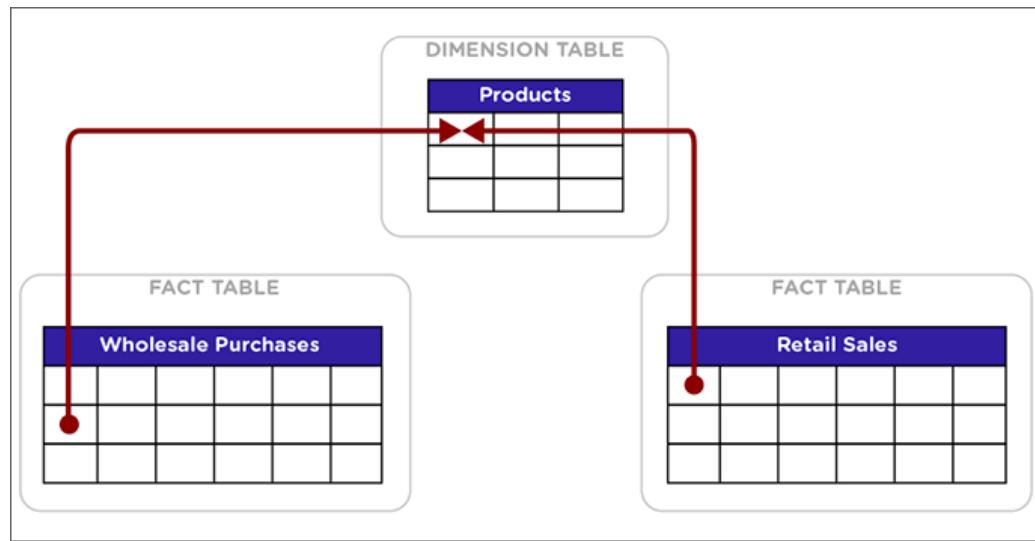
Usually, all goes well using this method. But sometimes an incorrect or illogical attribution can result. This can happen because the column chosen is not meaningful for performing this attribution. If you are seeing unexpected results in searches that include tables across a chasm trap, this setting is for you.

Below is an example of a column that is not an attribution dimension. Suppose you have two fact tables, Wholesale Purchases and Retail Sales, that share a common dimension Date.



In this example, the date column in the Date dimension should not be used for attribution, since unrelated rows in both of the fact tables could share the same row in the Date table. Why? Because if Sally bought oranges wholesale on April 25, 2005 and made a retail sale of apples on the same day, there is no logical relationship between those two events. Combining the two events using the date they share will not create any meaningful information.

If matching rows in two fact tables over a chasm trap depends on the values in a column contained in a dimension table, that column is known as an attribution dimension.



In this example, the Product ID column in the Products dimension table is an attribution dimension. For rows where the Product ID in the Wholesale Purchases and in the Retail Sales tables is a match, those rows are logically related in a meaningful way. They can be combined in charts and reports to produce a logical, expected outcome.

How to set attribute dimension

You cannot configure this setting in the model file. You can only configure it on a table-by-table basis. To designate a column as not being an attribution dimension (not producing any meaningful attribution across a chasm trap):

1. Find the column that is not an attribution dimension.
2. Select its **Attribution Dimension**.
3. Set the value to `N0`. If you're using the modeling file, set it to **FALSE**.
4. Save your changes.

Related information

[Model the data for searching](#)

Link tables using relationships

You can link tables by creating relationships between their columns. Linked tables can be searched together or combined into a worksheet for easy searching. Tables that have no relationship between their columns can not be combined in a single search.

There are two ways to create relationships between tables:

1. [Create a constraint using TQL.](#)
2. [Create a relationship through the web interface.](#)

The two methods create the same kind of relationship both from an end user perspective and an administrative perspective. When creating a relationship between two tables, the columns that form the link must be the exact same data type. For example, a column of type `INT32` to another `INT32` column.

Both types of relationships exist within the database. You can also generate a script in TQL that contains all relationships, both the ones created in the web interface and the ones created in TQL.

Relationships created through either method can be managed either in TQL or by going to the [Relationships](#) page when viewing data in the **Date Modeling** section in the ThoughtSpot application. You can view, modify, or delete relationships in either place.

You may create relationships using a mixture of TQL and the web interface, but the relationships you create cannot form a circular relationship, or “cycle”. If you attempt to create a relationship that would complete a cycle, you will see a message stating that the relationship could not be added because it conflicts with another existing relationship.

Join a table or view to another data source

Summary: Learn how to define joins between a table or view and another table, view, or worksheet

Joining a table or view to another table, view, or worksheet creates a relationship that allows them to be searched together. Choose a column to join on that both tables contain (e.g. employee ID or product key). This process creates a [generic join](#) between the table or view and the other table, view, or worksheet on the column you specify.

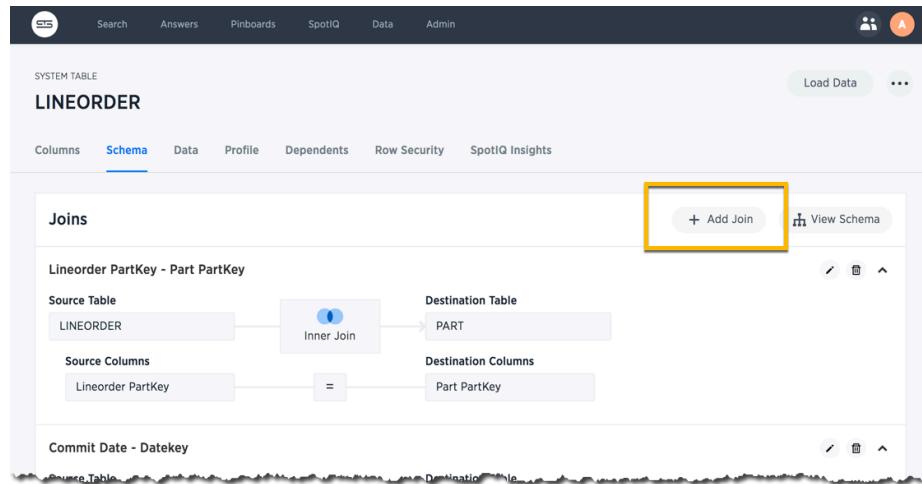
If you want to create a primary key/foreign key relationship, you need to [use TSQL](#) rather than the web interface.

You must have either the [Can administrator ThoughtSpot](#) or the [Can manage data](#) privilege to create a join relationship. If you're not an administrator, you also need edit permissions on the table, view, or worksheet.

When creating a join between the columns in two data sources, the linked columns must have the same data type, with the same meaning. That is, they must represent the same data. Normally, you can make this kind of link from a fact table column to a column in a dimension table that uniquely identifies a logical entity in your data such as Employee ID for a person, Product ID for a product, or Date Key for a specific date in a date lookup table.

To create a relationship through the Web interface:

1. To find your table or view, click **Data** in the top menu, and choose **Tables** or **Views**.
2. Click the name of your table or view.
3. Click **Schema**. You will see the list showing existing joins.
4. Click the **+ Add Join** button on the upper right side of the screen.



5. Use the **Map source to destination** dialog to choose the destination table, view, or worksheet you want to join to.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Join' dialog box. The title is 'Add Join' and the sub-section is 'Map Source to Destination'. It instructs the user to map the selected table to a destination table and select specific columns to join. The 'Source Table' dropdown is set to 'LINEORDER'. The 'Source Columns' dropdown is set to 'Select Column'. The 'Destination Table' dropdown is titled 'Select Table' and contains a list of tables: 'Users', 'SUPPLIER', 'PRODUCTS', 'Tax', and 'Revenue'. The 'SUPPLIER' table is highlighted with a yellow box.

6. Choose the columns you want to join on from the table or view (source) and destination table, view, or worksheet. Click **Next**.

Add Join

Map Source to Destination

Use the form below to map your selected table to a destination table and select specific columns to join.

Source Table		Destination Table
LINEORDER	→	PRODUCTS

Source Columns

Lineorder PartKey

+ Add Column

=

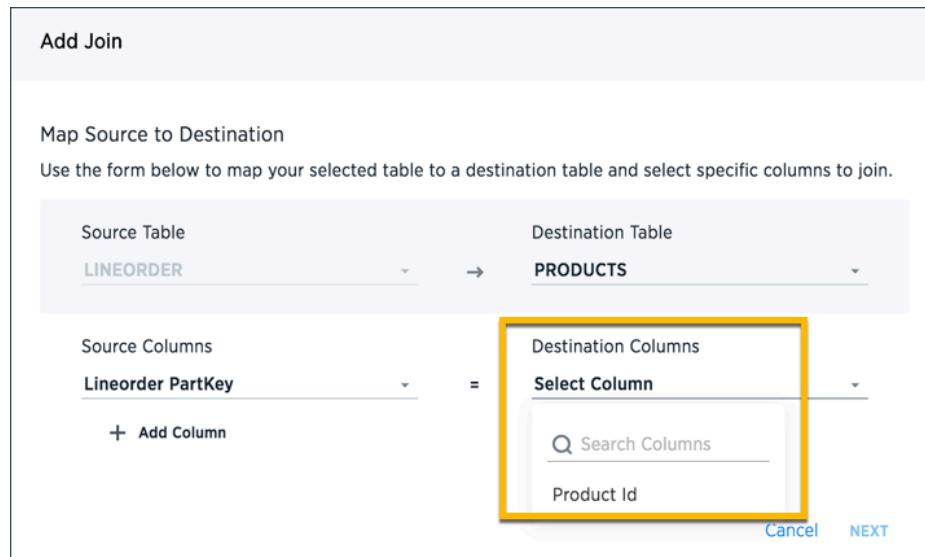
Destination Columns

Select Column

Search Columns

Product Id

Cancel NEXT



7. Give your join a name and description and click **ADD JOIN**.

8. Repeat these steps until all the joins you want to make have been created.

After creating the join, you may change its name and description by clicking the edit icon. If you want to change the data source or column being joined, you must delete the join and create a new one.

Related Information

- [Constraints](#)

Delete a relationship

Summary: You can delete relationship (link) between tables through the application or TQL.

You must have either the **Can administrator ThoughtSpot** or the **Can manage data** privilege to delete a relationship. If you're not an administrator, you also need edit permissions on the table, view, or worksheet.

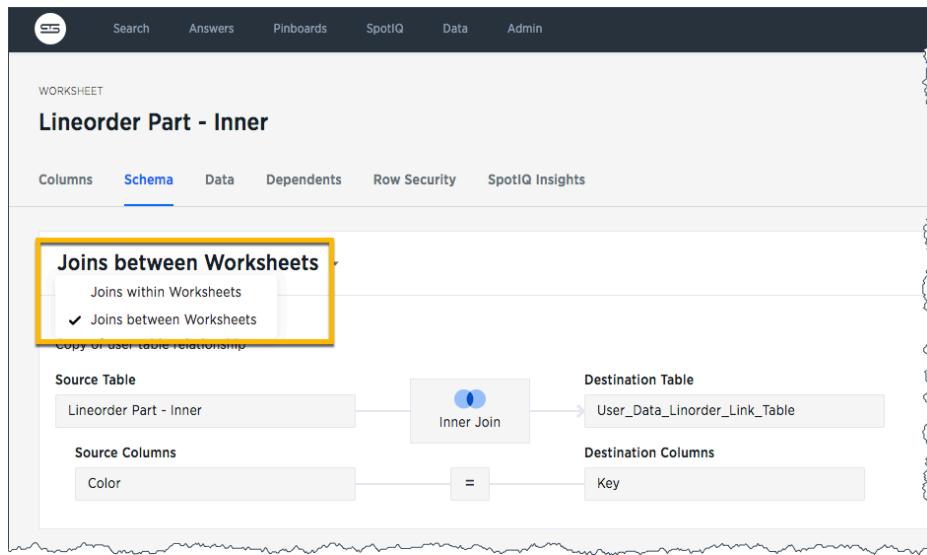
If you created a relationship (join or link) between tables using the Web interface, you can also delete it from the Web interface. But if the relationship was created using TQL, you must also use TQL to delete it.

To delete a relationship using TQL, use an `ALTER TABLE...DROP CONSTRAINT...` or `ALTER TABLE...DROP RELATIONSHIP...` statement.

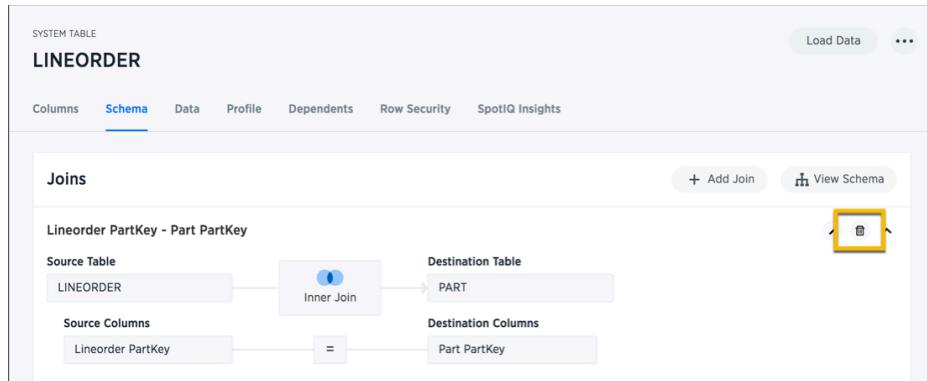
To delete a relationship from the Web interface:

1. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar.
2. Click the name of the data source you from which you want to remove the relationship.
3. Click **Schema**. You will see the list showing existing joins.

If this is a worksheet, you must click **Joins within worksheets** and choose **Joins between worksheets**.



4. Find the relationship you want to delete, and click the **Delete icon**.



5. Repeat these steps until all the joins you want to remove have been deleted.

Related Information

- [Constraints](#)

About stickers

Summary: Stickers enable you to create categories for classification of objects, including pinboards, answers, data sources, and worksheets.

You can create stickers to make it easier for people to find data sources and pinboards. Stickers are global in scope. This means that everyone can see the stickers and use them to tag objects. They can also filter lists of objects by sticker. Stickers are often used to designate subject areas, such as sales, HR, and finance, but you can use them any way you like.

Keep in mind these permissions when working with stickers:

- Only administrators can create stickers.
- Anyone can apply a sticker.
- Anyone can filter by a sticker.

Create a sticker

Only administrator users can create stickers. Anyone can apply the stickers you create, or use them as filters when selecting from a list of sources or pinboards.

To create a sticker:

1. Navigate to the **Manage Data** or **Pinboards** screen using the icons in the top navigation bar.
2. Choose the currently selected sticker, scroll to the bottom of the list, and click **+ Add**.

The screenshot shows a list of items with their names, the sticker they belong to, and the time they were created. The 'Sports Goods' sticker is selected, and a context menu is open over it.

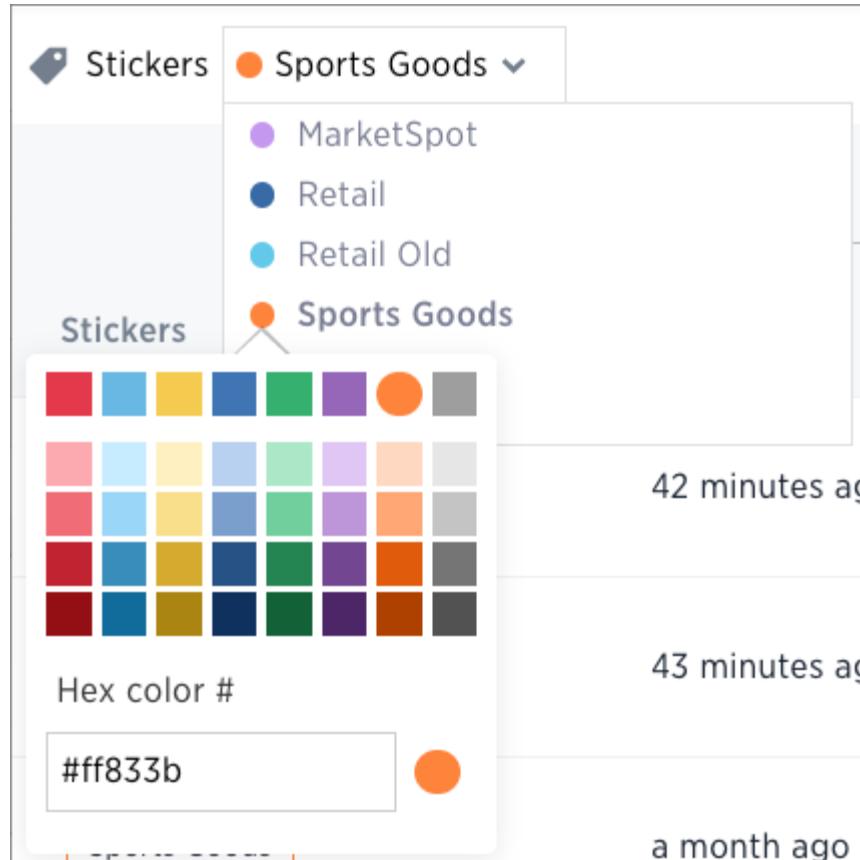
Name	Stickers	Created
ThoughtSPORT Overview	Sports Goods	9 minutes ago
Advanced Analysis with R	Sports Goods	9 minutes ago
ThoughtSPORT Analysis Overview of Advanced Formulas in Thoughtspot	Sports Goods	a month ago
Comparative Analysis	Sports Goods	a month ago

3. Type the name for the new sticker.
4. You can change the name of a sticker by clicking the edit icon next to its name.

The screenshot shows a list of items with their names, the sticker they belong to, and the time they were created. The 'Sports Goods' sticker is selected, and a context menu is open over it.

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5. You can change the color of a sticker by clicking the color circle next to its name.

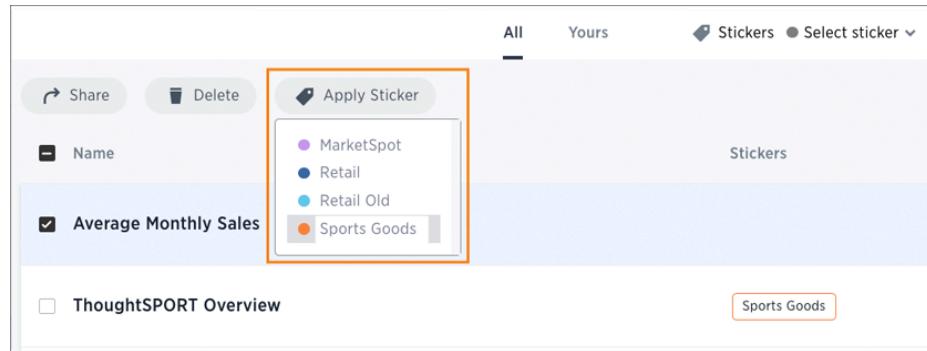


Apply a sticker

Only administrators create stickers, but anyone with edit privileges can tag an object with a sticker.

To tag an object with a sticker:

1. From the top menu, choose Answers, Pinboards, or Data.
2. Find the item(s) you want to tag in the list, and check the box next to its name.
3. Click the apply sticker icon and choose one from the list. You can apply as many stickers as you like to an object.



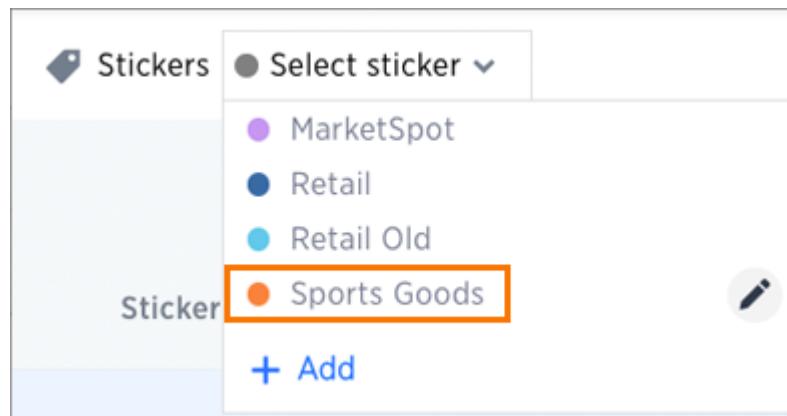
Filter by stickers

Whenever you are selecting objects from a list, you can filter by sticker to find what you're looking for.

Anyone can use stickers to filter lists of pinboards or data sources. You can also filter by sticker when selecting data sources.

To filter by sticker:

1. From the top menu, choose **Answers**, **Pinboards**, or **Data**.
2. Click **Select sticker**, and select the name of the sticker you want to filter by.



Create and use worksheets

Summary: Worksheets are flat tables created by joining columns from a set of one or more tables or imported datasets.

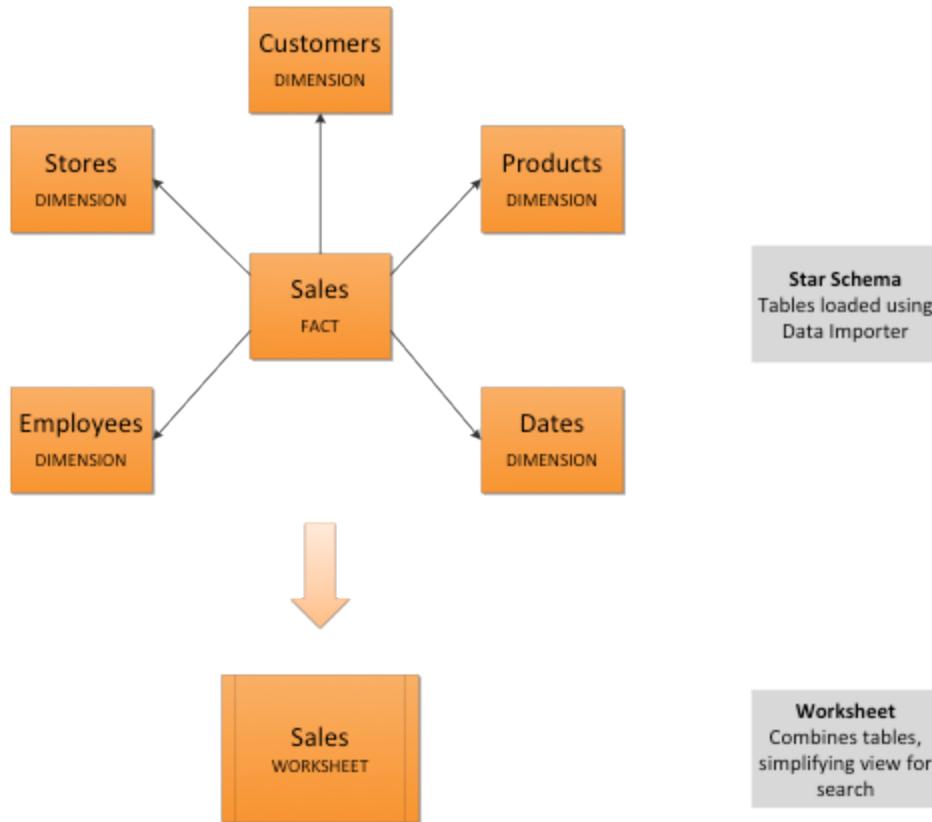
After modeling the data, create worksheets to make searching easier. For example, a sales executive might need to search for information about retail sales. The required data could be contained in several tables (sales, customers, products, stores, etc.), with foreign key relationships between them. An administrator who is familiar with the data model can create a retail sales worksheet, that combines all of the related fact and dimension tables into a single, easy-to-use view, and share it with the sales executive. This provides access to the data without requiring an understanding of how it is structured.

Guidelines for worksheets

Users are often unfamiliar with tables and how they are related to one another. A worksheet groups multiple related tables together in a logical way. You might use a worksheet for these reasons:

- To pre-join multiple tables together.
- To give a user or group access to only part of the underlying data.
- To include a derived column using a formula.
- To rename columns to make the data easier to search.
- To build in a specific filter or aggregation.
- To give users a filtered set of data to search.

Typically, you create one worksheet for each set of fact and dimension tables. For example, you may have a sales fact table and an inventory fact table. Each of these fact tables shares common dimensions like date, region, and store. In this scenario, you would create two worksheets: sales and inventory. The following diagram depicts the workflow for creating the sales worksheet.



The process for creating a worksheet is:

1. Decide which tables to use for the worksheet.
2. Create a new worksheet.
3. Add sources (tables) to the worksheet.
4. Choose the [worksheet join rule](#).
5. Select the columns to include.
6. Optionally [modify the join types](#) within the worksheet.
7. Optionally [create formulas](#).
8. Optionally [create worksheet filters](#).
9. Save the worksheet.

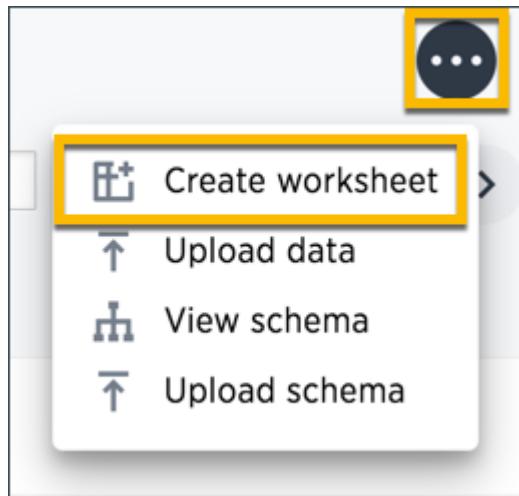
10. Share the worksheet with groups or users.

Create a worksheet

Create a worksheet to make the data easy for users to search. This process includes adding a new worksheet, after which you will choose the data sources to include in it.

To create a new worksheet:

1. Click **Data**, on the top navigation bar.
2. Click the ellipses icon  , and select **Create worksheet**.

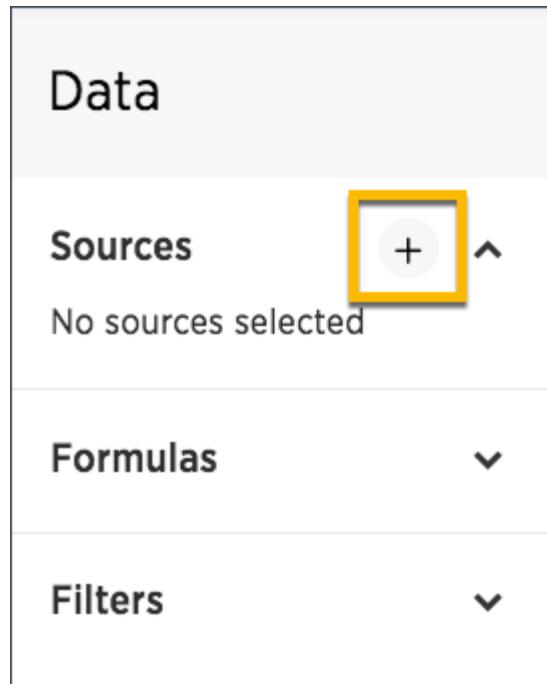


Add sources and columns to a worksheet

After creating a worksheet, you need to add the sources that contain the data. Sources is another name for tables. The sources you choose are typically related to one another by foreign keys.

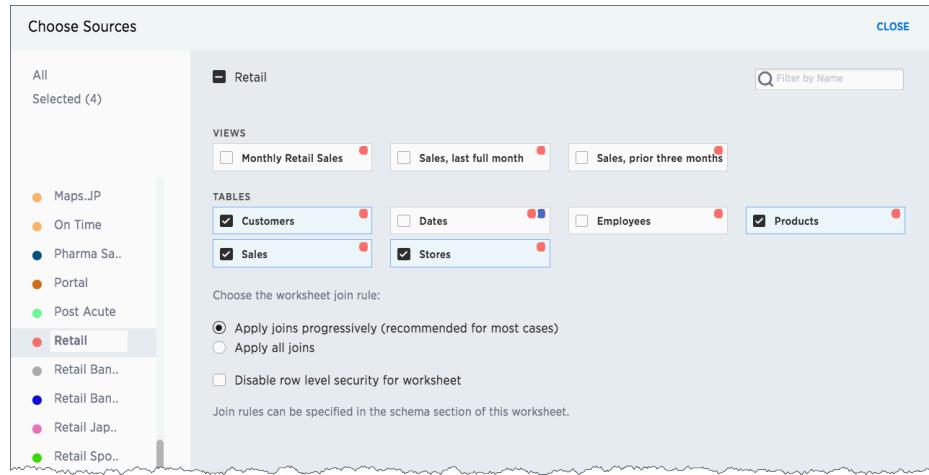
To add the sources to the worksheet:

1. Click the + icon.



2. Check the box next to each of the sources you want to include in the worksheet.

Note that the list of sources only shows the data sources on which you have view or edit privileges.



3. If you want to see what the data inside the sources looks like, click **Explore all data**.

4. Choose the **worksheet join rule**.

5. If you want to disable [Row Level Security](#), for this worksheet, check the checkbox to disable it.
6. Click **CLOSE** to save your changes.
7. Expand the table names under **Columns** and select the columns to add to the worksheet, by doing any of the following:
 - a. To add all of the columns from a table, click the table name and click **+ Add Columns**.
 - b. To add a single column, double-click its name.
 - c. To add multiple columns, Ctl+click each column you want to add and click **+ Add Columns**.

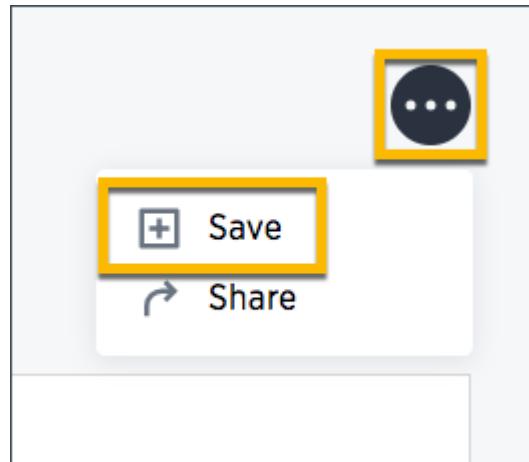
Note that after you add a column, non-related tables (those without a primary/foreign key relationship) become hidden. If you are working with two tables that should be related, but are not, you can [add a relationship between them](#).

8. (Optional) [modify the join types](#) within the worksheet.
9. (Optional) [create formulas](#).
10. (Optional) [create worksheet filters](#).
11. Click the ellipses icon  , and select **Save**.
12. In the Save Worksheet window, enter a name and description for your worksheet and click **SAVE**.
13. (Optional) Click each column name and enter a more user-friendly name for searching. You can tab through the list of columns to rename them quickly.

14. (Optional) If you want to add a prefix to the name of several columns, select them, click the **Add prefix** button, and type in the prefix.

The screenshot shows the 'Data' interface. On the left, under 'Sources', there are sections for 'Customers', 'Products', 'Sales', and other keys. A table titled 'Customers' is displayed with four rows: 'name' (Seth Z. Moore), 'gender' (Male), 'city' (Volga), and 'age' (27). The 'name' row has a checkmark next to it. At the top right of the table area, there is a 'Delete' button and a yellow-outlined 'Add prefix' button. The entire table area is enclosed in a yellow border.

15. Click the ellipses icon , and select **Save**.



16. Share your worksheet, if you want other people to be able to use it.

Where to go next

- [How the worksheet join rule works](#)

Use the worksheet join rule to specify when to apply joins when a search is done on a worksheet. You can either apply joins progressively, as each search term is added

(recommended), or apply all joins to every search.

Edit or rename worksheet

Summary: A worksheet can be edited by anyone with the proper permissions.

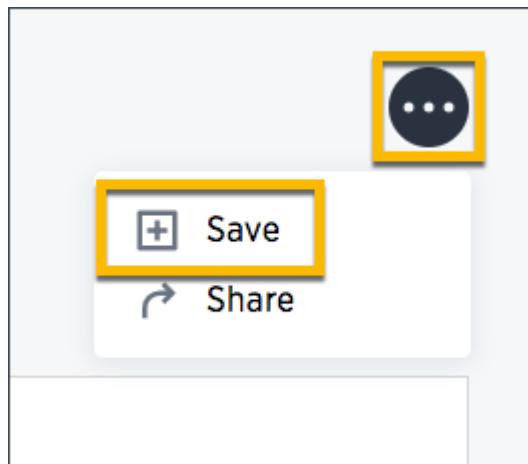
If you created a worksheet, or you have edit permissions on it, you can make changes such as adding sources and columns, adding or editing formulas, changing relationships, and changing column names.

You can also rename a worksheet or change its description.

Edit a worksheet

To edit a worksheet:

1. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar.
2. Click the name of the worksheet you want to edit.
3. Click the **Edit** button in the upper-right side of the screen.
4. Make your changes to the worksheet.
5. Click the ellipses icon  , and select **Save**.



Rename a worksheet or table

You can change a worksheet or table name from the ThoughtSpot application.

To change the name of a worksheet or table:

1. Click **Data**, on the top navigation bar.
2. Find the worksheet or table you want to rename and click its name.
3. Click the current name, and enter a new name.

Related information

- [Change the join rule for a worksheet](#)
- [Add joins between a worksheet and other data](#)
- [Modify table joins within a worksheet](#)

Create a formula in a worksheet

Summary: You can define formulas and use them to create derived columns in worksheets.

You create formulas by combining standard functions and operators, column names, and constant values.

Anyone who can create a worksheet can add a formula to it. Formulas are not reusable; the formula you create is associated only with the worksheet it belongs to. A complete list of available formulas and examples of each is available in the [Formula function reference](#).

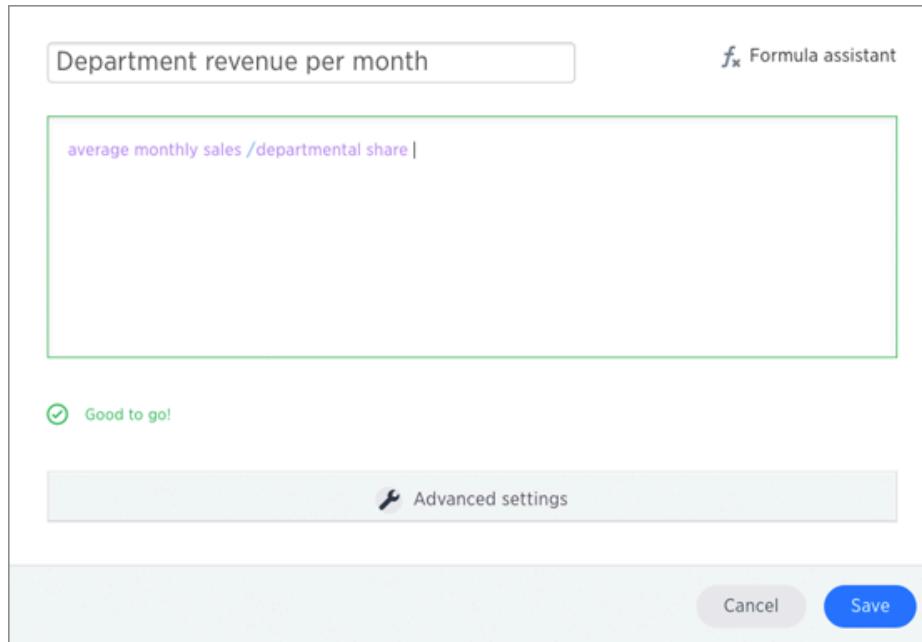
You can create a formula in a worksheet by using the Formula Builder. When you do this, the result of the formula gets added to the worksheet as a column. Use these steps to create a formula:

1. Create a new worksheet, or edit an existing one.
2. Click the + button next to **Formulas**.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Formula Builder interface. On the left, there's a sidebar titled 'Data' with a 'Choose Sources' button and a 'Search Columns' input field. Below that is a list of columns under 'fruit_for_help': Date, Fruit, Location, Price per fruit (\$), Quantity sold, Total sale, Vendor, and 'fruit_sales'. There's also a '+ Add Columns' button. On the right, the main area has a search bar with 'fruit for help' and two buttons: 'Delete' and '+| Add prefix'. Below that is a table titled 'Formulas' with a single row: 'average quantity sold' and 'N/A'. Then there's another section titled 'fruit_for_help' with several rows: 'Date' (05/13/FY 2013), 'Fruit' (apples), 'Location' (the bronx), 'Price per fruit (\$)' (3.00), 'Quantity sold' (11), 'Total sale' (16.50), and 'Vendor' (ray ratliff). At the bottom of the main area, there's a 'Create a new formula' button.

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3. Type your formula in the Formula Builder.

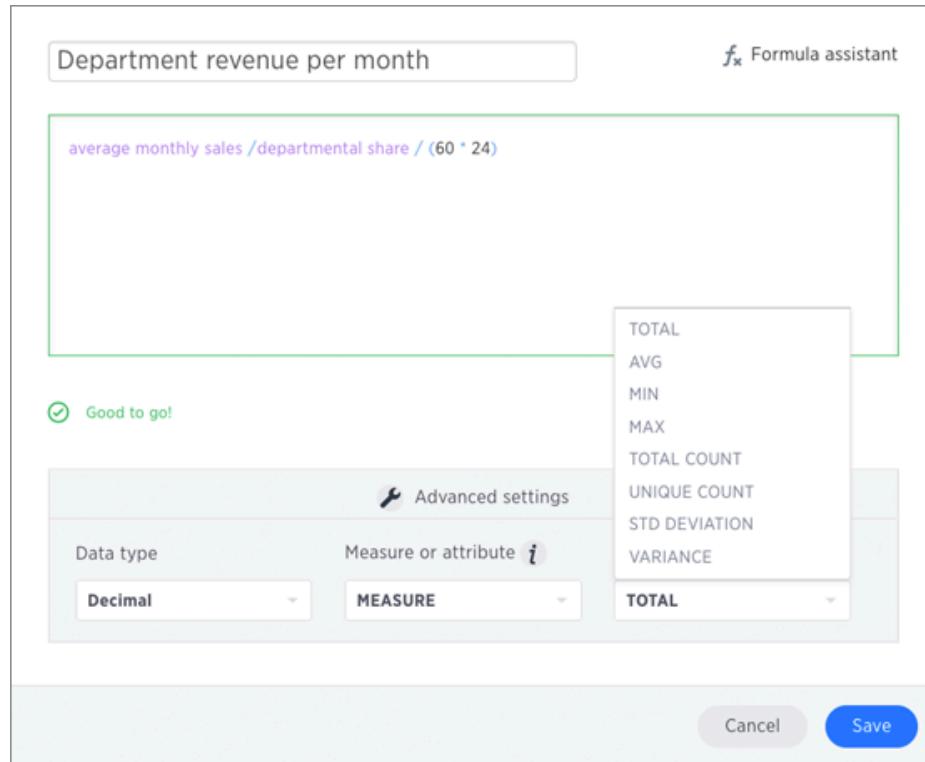


Note: Formulas elements are color coded by type and can include the formula operators and functions (blue), the names of columns (purple), and/or constants (black).

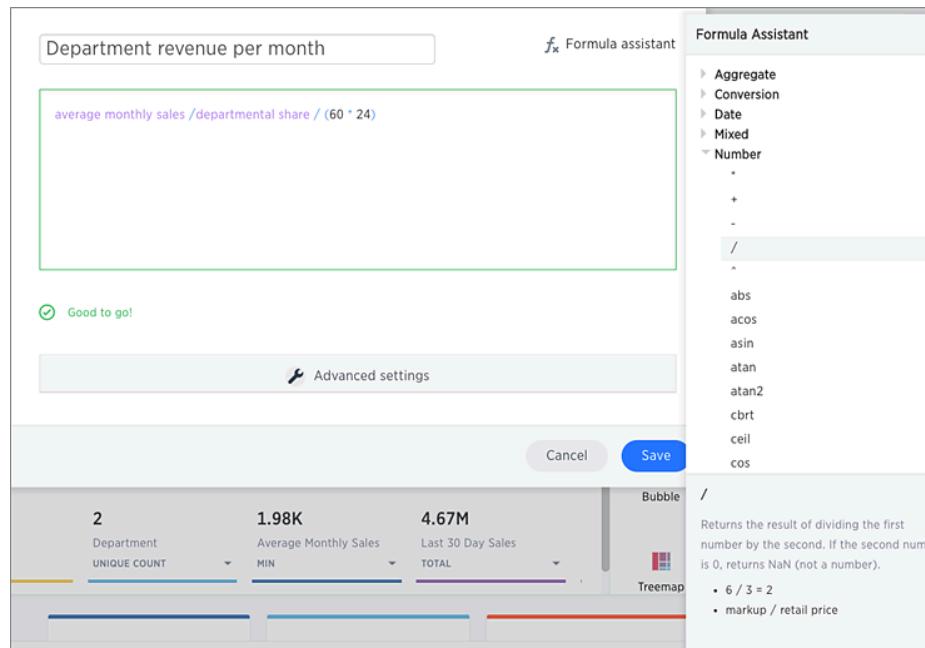
4. If you want to change what your formula returns, use the **Advanced settings**.

Depending on your formula, you may be able to change:

- Data type
- ATTRIBUTE or MEASURE
- Aggregation type



5. You can see a list of formula operators with examples by clicking on **Formula Assistant**.



6. Name the formula by clicking on its title and typing the new name. Click **Save**.

Add a filter to a worksheet

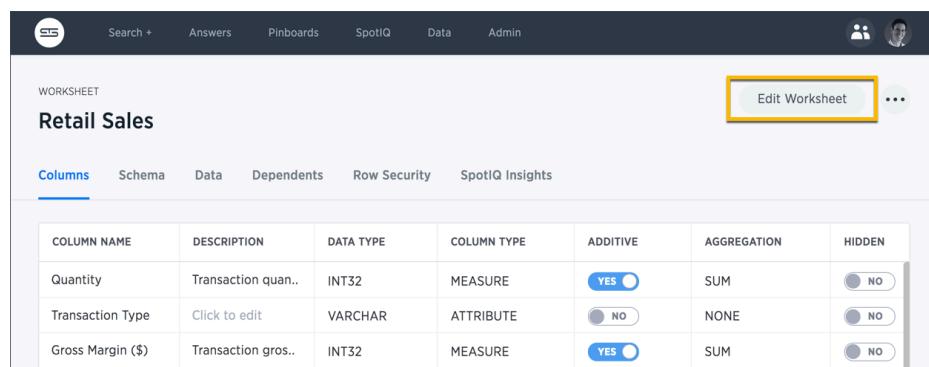
Summary: You can add filters to a worksheet to limit the data users can access from the worksheet.

Beginning in ThoughtSpot version 5.0, you can add filters to a worksheet to limit the data it contains.

This is useful when you have underlying tables that store more data than is necessary for the types of analyses the worksheet is intended for. You can also use worksheet filters to provide data security, when you want different groups of users to be able to see different data without relying on row level security.

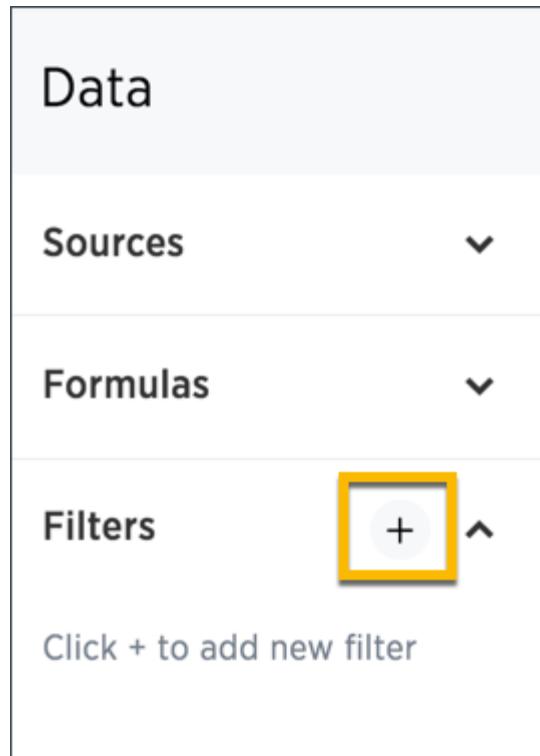
To add a filter to a worksheet:

1. Click **Data** in the top menu bar, find your worksheet, and click its name.
2. Click the **Edit Worksheet** button.



The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot worksheet editor interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Search +, Answers, Pinboards, SpotIQ, Data, and Admin. On the far right of the top bar are user profile icons. Below the navigation bar, the title 'WORKSHEET' is followed by the name 'Retail Sales'. To the right of the title is a button labeled 'Edit Worksheet' which is highlighted with a yellow box. Further to the right is a three-dot menu icon. Below the title, there are tabs for 'Columns', 'Schema', 'Data', 'Dependents', 'Row Security', and 'SpotIQ Insights', with 'Columns' being the active tab. The main area displays a table with four rows of data. The columns are: COLUMN NAME, DESCRIPTION, DATA TYPE, COLUMN TYPE, ADDITIVE, AGGREGATION, and HIDDEN. The data rows are: 1. Quantity, Transaction quan.., INT32, MEASURE, YES (selected), SUM, NO (selected). 2. Transaction Type, Click to edit, VARCHAR, ATTRIBUTE, NO (selected), NONE, NO (selected). 3. Gross Margin (\$), Transaction gros.., INT32, MEASURE, YES (selected), SUM, NO (selected).

3. Click **Filters** on the left menu and click **+**.



4. Choose the column you want to filter on.

Filter - Choose a column

Search Columns

Customers

- Occupation
- Marital Status
- Number Of Children
- Largest Bill Amount
- Customer Region
- Customer City
- Customer Name
- Customer State
- Annual Income
- Customer County
- Customer Zip Code

Dates

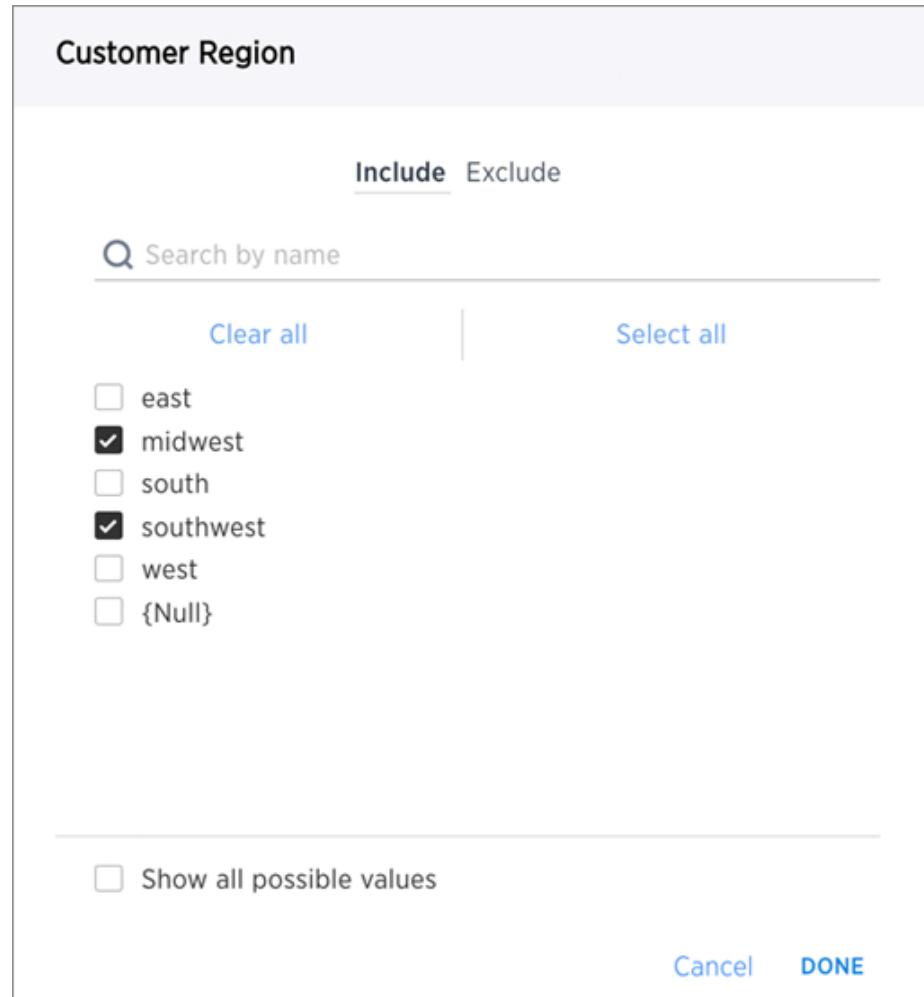
- Weekday Indicator

Products

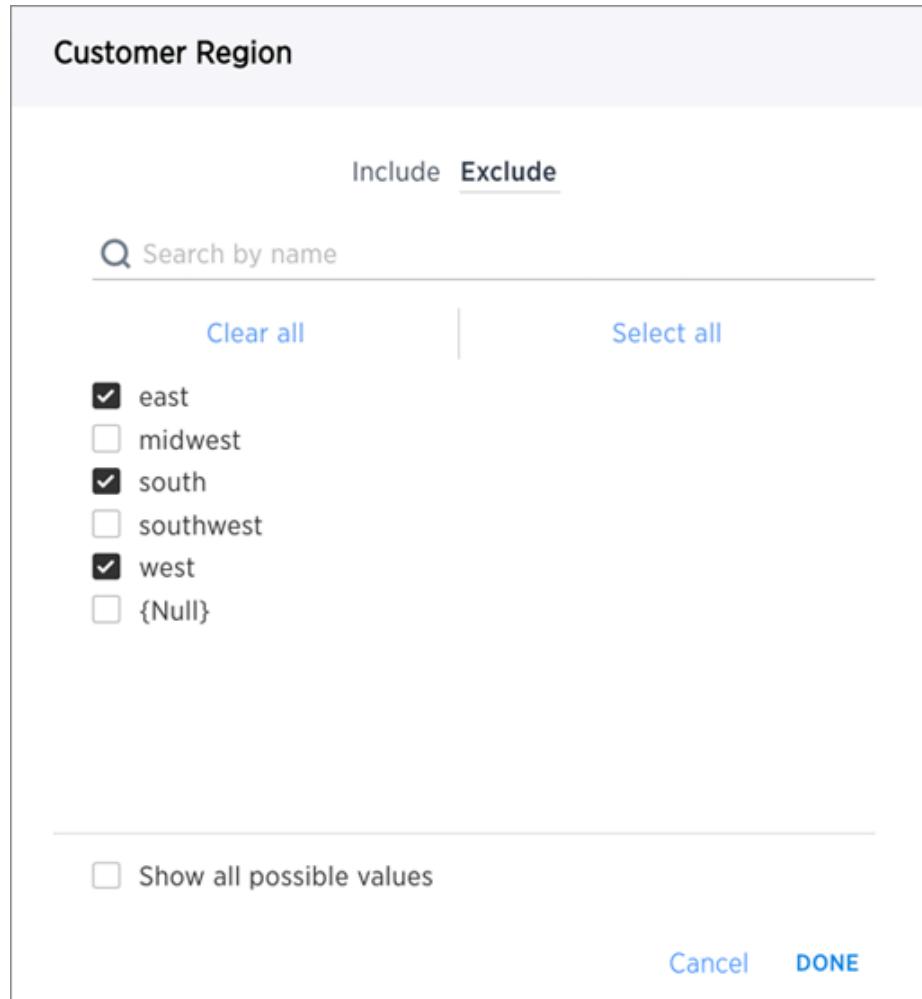
- Department
- Diet Type
- Product Name
- Category

[CANCEL](#)

5. Select the values to include in your answer.



6. If you want to exclude values, click **Exclude** and choose values to exclude.



7. Click **ADD FILTER**.

If there are too many values, you can use the filter search bar to find the ones you want.

How the worksheet join rule works

Use the worksheet join rule to specify when to apply joins when a search is done on a worksheet. You can either apply joins progressively, as each search term is added (recommended), or apply all joins to every search.

Understand progressive joins

Often, a worksheet includes several dimension tables and a fact table. With progressive joins, if your search only includes terms from the fact table, you can see all of the rows that satisfy your search. But as you add terms from dimension tables, the total number of rows shown may be reduced, as the joins to each dimension table are applied. It works like this:

- If you choose **Apply joins progressively (recommended for most cases)**, joins are only applied for tables whose columns are included in the search.
- If you choose **Apply all joins**, all possible joins are applied, regardless of which tables are included in the search.

When using **Apply joins progressively**, the number of rows in a search using the worksheet depends on which tables are part of the search. The worksheet acts like a materialized view. This means that it contains the results of a defined query in the form of a table. So if a particular dimension table is left out of the search, its joins are not applied.

Rule-Based Row Level Security (RLS) with worksheets

With Rule-Based RLS, you need to protect every table that contains any sensitive data. To do this, you can grant access by creating explicit row level security rules on each of the underlying tables which contain data that row level security should apply to.

When creating the row level security rules for a table that's part of a worksheet, you aren't limited to referencing only the columns in that table. You can specify columns from other tables in the worksheet as well, as long as the tables are joined to the table you're creating the rule on. Then, when creating a worksheet on top of them, the behavior is consistent regardless of the worksheet join rule you choose. Users will never be able to see data they should not, regardless of what their search contains.

Imagine you have a worksheet that contains a `Sales` fact table, and `Customer` and `Product` dimensions that are joined on `Customer SSN` and `Product Code` columns. In order to secure the `Sales` table, you can use `Customer Name` from the `Customer` column to create a row level security rule.

How joins are applied with chasm traps

When working with worksheets and row level security, you need to understand how joins are applied. This is particularly important with chasm trap schemas. For chasm trap schemas, if row level security is only set on one of the tables, people could see data they should not see if the scope of their search does not include that table. (this protects them from having people see the wrong things if they have chasm trap).

For chasm trap *worksheets*, progressive and non-progressive joins do not apply. There is an entirely different methodology for how worksheet joins on a chasm trap schema work with row level security. So you can safely ignore that setting.

Change the join rule or RLS setting for a worksheet

Summary: As long as you have permissions to edit a worksheet, you can always go into it and set a different join or RLS rule.

If you find that the charts and tables built on a worksheet contain a large number of null values (which display as {blank} in the web browser), you can fix this by changing the [internal joins](#) for the worksheet.

If you have the **Can administer ThoughtSpot** privilege or the **Can manage data** plus edit privilege on a worksheet, you can edit the worksheet and change its RLS or other key settings.

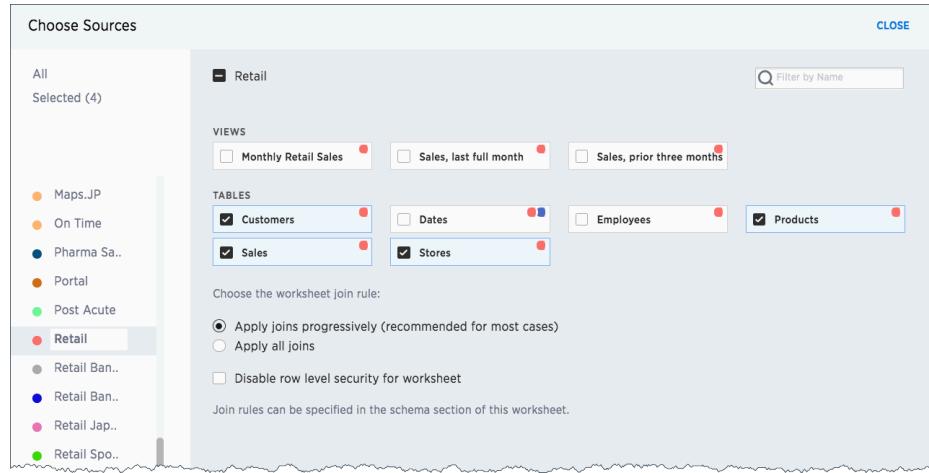
Change/configure a worksheet

Before working through this procedure, make sure you are familiar with how the following affect data:

- [internal worksheet joins](#)
- [worksheet join rule](#)
- [row level security \(RLS\)](#)

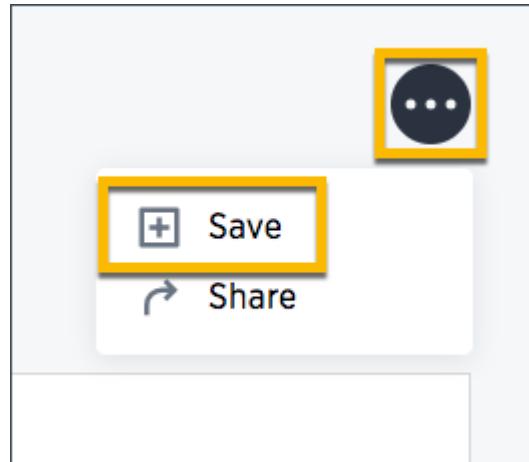
To configure these values for a worksheet:

1. Click **Data** on the top navigation bar and then on **Worksheets**.
2. Click the name of the worksheet you want to edit from the list.
3. Click the **Edit Worksheet** button in the upper right hand side of the screen.
4. Click the **+** icon next to **Sources**.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
6. Configure the worksheet join rule and RLS setting as needed.



7. Click **CLOSE**.

8. Click the ellipses icon , and select **Save**.



Join a worksheet to another data source

Summary: Learn how to define joins between a worksheet and a table or view

Joining a worksheet to a table or view creates a relationship that allows them to be searched together.

Choose a column to join on that both data sources contain (e.g. employee ID or product key). This process creates a [generic join](#) between the worksheet and the table or view on the column you specify.

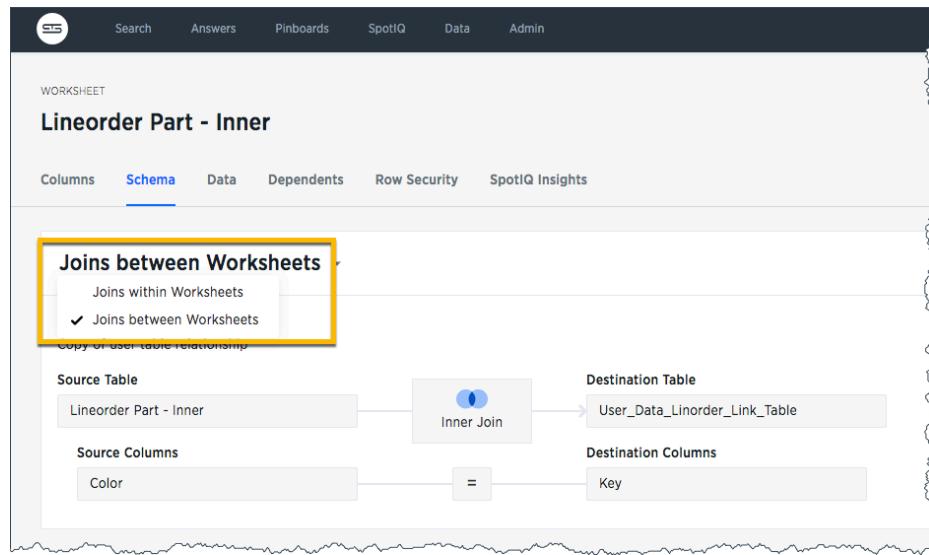
Note that creating a [foreign key relationship](#) is preferred over a generic relationship in most cases, except for when you need to do a range join. Foreign key relationships perform better and protect users from overcounting upon aggregation.

You must have either the **Can administer ThoughtSpot** privilege or the **Can manage data** privilege to create a join relationship. If you're not an administrator, you also need edit permissions on the table, view, or worksheet.

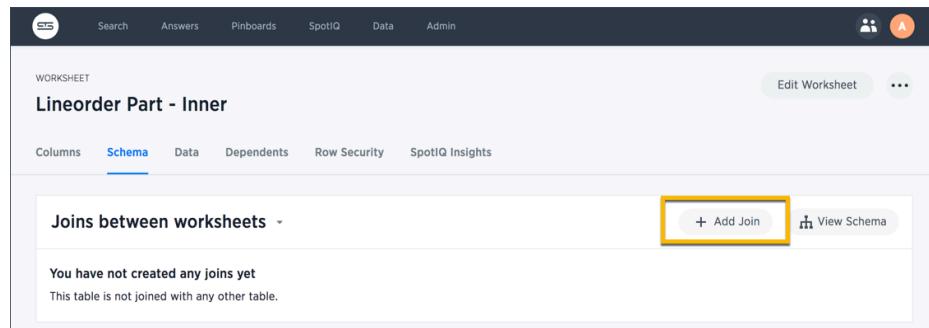
When creating a join between the columns in two data sources, the columns being linked must have the same data type, with the same meaning. That is, they must represent the same data.

To create a relationship through the Web interface:

1. To find your worksheet, click **Data** in the top menu, and choose **Worksheets**.
2. Click the name of your worksheet.
3. Click **Schema**. You will see the list showing existing joins within the worksheet.
4. To view the joins between the worksheet and other data sources, click **Joins within worksheets** and choose **Joins between worksheets**.



5. Click the **+ Add Join** button on the upper right side of the screen.



6. Use the **Map source to destination** dialog to choose the destination table or view you want to join to.

Add Join

Map Source to Destination

Use the form below to map your selected table to a destination table and select specific columns to join.

Source Table Lineorder Part - Inner	→	Destination Table User_Data_Linorder_Link_Table
Source Columns Select Column	=	Search table name User_Data_Linorder_Link_Table User_Data_Transactions
Cancel NEXT		

7. Choose the columns you want to join on from the worksheet (source) and destination data source. Click **Next**.

Add Join

Map Source to Destination

Use the form below to map your selected table to a destination table and select specific columns to join.

Source Table Lineorder Part - Inner	→	Destination Table User_Data_Linorder_Link_Table
Source Columns Commit Date	=	Destination Columns Select Column
Cancel NEXT		

8. Give your join a name and description and click **ADD JOIN**.
9. Repeat these steps until all the joins you want to make have been created.

After creating the join, you may change its name and description by clicking the edit icon. If you want to change the data source or column being joined, you must delete the join and create a new one.

Related Information

- [Constraints](#)

Modify joins within a worksheet

Summary: Learn how to change the join type between the tables within a worksheet

When you create a worksheet, you select a [join rule](#). The join rule works together with the joins defined within the worksheet determine how the tables that make up the worksheet are joined, and how those joins behave when searching on the worksheet.

Starting with ThoughtSpot version 5.0, you are not limited to just one join rule for the entire worksheet. You can define different types of joins for each join between tables in a worksheet. By default, each of these individual table joins uses an inner join. But you can override this at the individual join level.

You must have either the **Can administer ThoughtSpot** privilege or the **Can manage data** privilege to modify joins within worksheets.

Modify a join

To modify the join types within a worksheet, follow these steps:

1. Click the **Data** tab in the top menu.

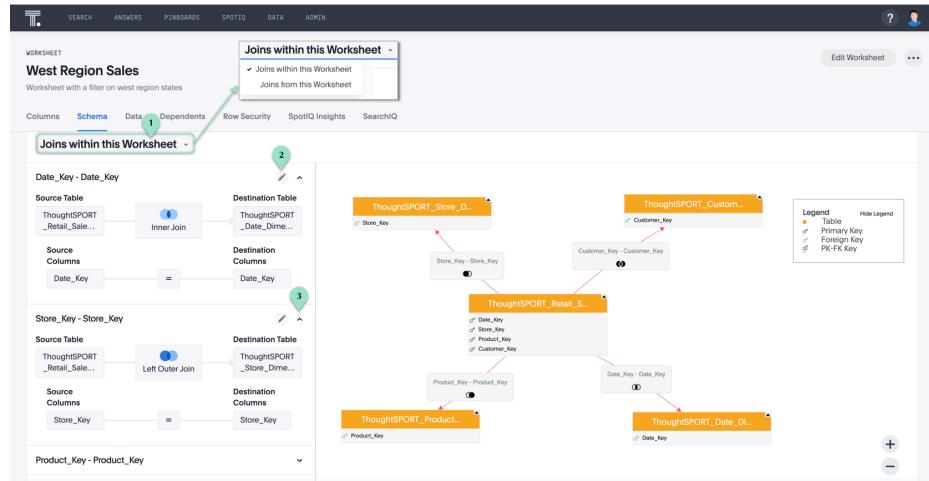


2. Select **Table**, and then select **Worksheets**.
3. Click the name of the worksheet. Here, we selected the worksheet *West Regional Sales*.
4. At the top of the worksheet, click the **Schema** tab.

COLUMN NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATA TYPE	COLUMN TYPE	ADDITIVE	AGGREGATION	HIDDEN
Sales	Click to edit	DOUBLE	MEASURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
Gross Margin	Click to edit	DOUBLE	MEASURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
Quantity	Click to edit	INT32	MEASURE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
POS Transaction Nu...	Click to edit	INT32	ATTRIBUTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	SUM	<input type="radio"/> NO
Date	Click to edit	DATE	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO
Latitude	Click to edit	DOUBLE	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO
Longitude	Click to edit	DOUBLE	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO
Store City	Click to edit	VARCHAR	ATTRIBUTE	<input type="radio"/> NO	NONE	<input type="radio"/> NO

5. The join information and the schema for the worksheet appear.

- The schema representation includes the join type.
- You can see the list of *Joins within the worksheet*, which include all joins between the underlying tables, both [created using TQL](#) and [created in the browser](#).
- The fact table is always on the left side of the join, and it appears on the left side.



Note the available actions for the join view.

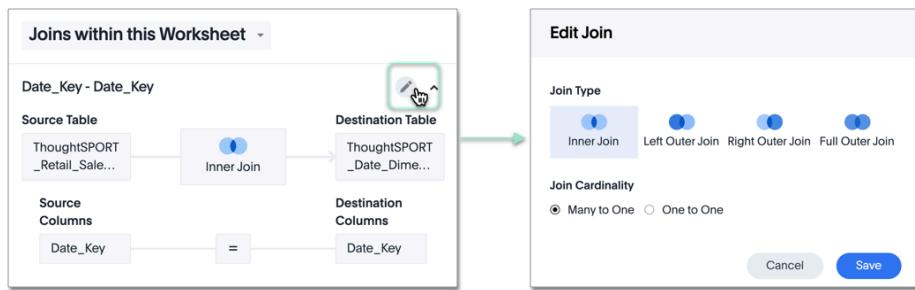
Legend Action

- See either *Join within this Worksheet (Default)*, or *Joins from this Worksheet*.
- Click the pencil icon to edit the join.

3. Click the up arrow icon to collapse the join detail.

6. Select the join you plan to modify, and click the **Edit** (pencil) icon next to it.

7. In the **Edit Join** window modal, make the necessary changes:



- Under **Join Type**, select one of *Inner Join*, *Left Outer Join*, *Right Outer Join*, or *Full Outer Join*.
- Under **Join Cardinality**, select either *Many to One*, or *One to One*.

Click **Save**.

Related Information

- [Join rule](#)
- [Create joins using TQL](#)
- [Create join relationships in the browser](#)

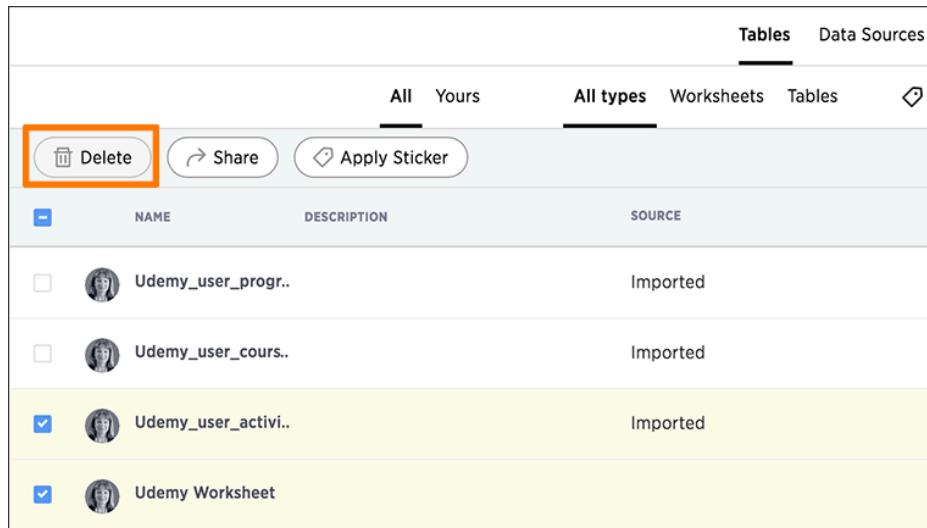
Delete a worksheet or table

Summary: When you try to delete a worksheet or table, you can see a message listing any dependent objects that must be removed first.

ThoughtSpot checks for dependencies whenever you try to remove a table or worksheet. A list of dependent objects appears, and you can click them to delete them or remove the dependency. Then, you can remove the table or worksheet.

To delete a worksheet or table:

1. Click **Data**, on the top navigation bar.
2. Find the worksheet or table you want to remove in the list, and check the box next to its name.
3. Click the **Delete** icon.



				Tables	Data Sources					
				All	Yours	All types	Worksheets	Tables		
					Share					
					NAME	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Udemy_user_progr..					Imported			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Udemy_user_cours..					Imported			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Udemy_user_activi..					Imported			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Udemy Worksheet								

If you are attempting to delete a data source with dependent objects, the operation will be blocked. You will see a warning, with a list of dependent objects with links.

4. Click the link for an object to modify or delete it.

When all its dependencies are removed, you will be able to delete the data source.

Cannot delete

The following object(s) depend on "Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet". You must delete them to delete "Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet".

- [Sales by Store - Last 30 Days](#) (Answer)
- [Shopping Trend of Members vs Non-Members](#) (Answer)
- [Sales Breakdown by Mode of Payment](#) (Answer)
- [Moving Sum of All Sales - Last 30 days](#) (Answer)
- [Pivot Example](#) (Answer)
- [Sales Trend by Day of Week](#) (Answer)
- [Customer Location](#) (Answer)
- [Customer Footprint and Sales by Region](#) (Answer)
- [Sales by Region, State and Year](#) (Answer)
- [Low Inventory](#) (Answer)
- [Monthly Department Sales Analysis](#) (Answer)
- [Sales for Last Month](#) (Answer)
- [Product & Department Sales Group Sum](#) (Answer)
- [Margin vs Sales Analysis](#) (Answer)
- [Sales by Age Group, Gender and Product Category](#) (Answer)
- [Racquet Sales](#) (Answer)
- [Sales by Quarter](#) (Answer)
- [Average Sales - Weekday vs Weekend](#) (Answer)
- [Vicky's Sales Data](#) (Answer)
- [Sales Per Customer for Outerwear by State](#) (Answer)

OK

5. You can also click the name of a worksheet or table and then click **Dependents**, to see a list of dependent objects with links.

The **Dependents** list shows the names of the dependent objects (worksheets and pinboards), and the columns they use from that source. You can use this information to determine the impact of changing the structure of the data source or to see how widely used it is. Click a dependent object to modify or delete it.

WORKSHEET

Sporting Goods Retail Worksheet

ThoughtSPORT worksheet

Columns Schema Data **Dependents** Row Security SpotIQ Insights

COLUMN NAME	DEPENDENT NAME	TYPE
Age Group	Total Sales by Depar..	View
Date	Top 100 Products M..	View
Product Name	Top 100 Products M..	View
Department	Total Sales by Depar..	View
Sales	Total Sales by Depar..	View
Customer City	Customer Location	Answer
Customer Name	Customer Location	Answer

(showing rows 1-0 of 27)

THOUGHTSPORT

Enable SearchIQ

Summary: Enable SearchIQ to provide natural language search for some or all of your users.

Note: SearchIQ is in Beta

- SearchIQ is only available in English.
- The feature is off by default; to enable it, contact [ThoughtSpot Support](#).
- You must have the **Can use experimental features** permission.

SearchIQ is a different search experience that understands more natural, speech-like search language than [the original ThoughtSpot search](#) or [Search+](#). For example, you can search for `What was my top selling product last month?`, instead of having to type `top 1 product by sales last month`. You can also speak your search using the voice-to-text capability of your operating system.

Users can easily [teach SearchIQ their language](#) as they use it. Over time, SearchIQ gets smarter about how to interpret terms that don't come directly from keywords, column names, or data values. In order to give it time to learn, the best practice recommendation is to enable SearchIQ for a small group of users initially. Over time you can roll it out to larger groups as SearchIQ learns what your users search for the most.

To enable SearchIQ on a ThoughtSpot instance:

1. Call ThoughtSpot Support and ask them to turn on SearchIQ for your ThoughtSpot instance.
2. Grant the **Can use experimental features** privilege to any group that should have access to the SearchIQ search experience.

Edit group

Group name *	Retail West
Display name *	Retail West
Sharing visibility *	SHARABLE
Description	
Privileges	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Can administer ThoughtSpot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can upload user data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can download data <input type="checkbox"/> Can share with all users <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can manage data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can use experimental features <input type="checkbox"/> Can invoke Custom R Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has Spot IQ privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Can administer and bypass RLS</p>

* Required field

Manage Groups Manage Users
No Groups in Group

Search by name

Clear all Select all

Administrator
 Marketing
 Retail East
 SpotIQ
 ThoughtSPORT
 basic

Cancel UPDATE

Note: Because the SearchIQ search experience is very different from the original ThoughtSpot search experience, you should give your new users some orientation on it, so they know what to expect.

Related information

- [About SearchIQ](#)
- [Use SearchIQ](#)
- [Teach SearchIQ your language](#)

Optimize SearchIQ

Summary: For SearchIQ to work well, you must enable, optimize, and enable it on the data source.

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SearchIQ is only available in English.

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Data source owners must enable SearchIQ for their data sources, and then optimize the data source so users get better results. These are the primary steps for enabling and optimizing SearchIQ:

1. [Enable columns for SearchIQ](#)
2. [Add Experts for SearchIQ](#)
3. [Train SearchIQ](#)

Prerequisites

- SearchIQ is turned off by default; ask your administrator to enable it.
- You must be a member of a group that has the **Can use experimental features** permission.

Enable Columns

See [Enable Columns for SearchIQ](#).

Add Experts

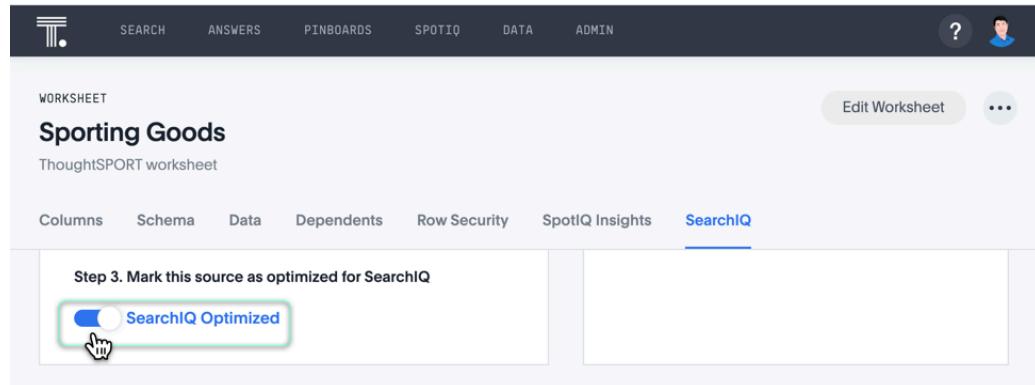
See [Add Experts for SearchIQ](#).

Train SearchIQ

See [Train SearchIQ](#).

Mark the source as optimized for SearchIQ

After you finish training SearchIQ on your data source, click the **Data** tab, navigate to the data source, select its **SearchIQ** tab, scroll to the bottom left corner, and finally turn on the setting for **SearchIQ Optimized**.



How does SearchIQ work for end Users

After you finish training SearchIQ on the Dataset, we recommend that you share with the users a list of the questions you used for training SearchIQ, the names of columns and their descriptions, common synonyms, and some guidance on how to ask a question.

Remember that users who experience SearchIQ see only the columns that SearchIQ knows.

Related information

- [About SearchIQ](#)
- [Use SearchIQ](#)
- [Teach SearchIQ your language](#)

Set entity categories for SearchIQ

Summary: Entity categories help describe the column content, and assist SearchIQ in interpreting natural language queries.

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Entity categories specify how to categorize the data in the column, by entity type. By default, `ENTITY_TYPE` is not set. Entity categories support [SearchIQ](#) so that when you type a natural question, ThoughtSpot better knows how to interpret it. For example, if you ask “who are the top performers?” ThoughtSpot will first choose columns set with `PERSON` from which to return answers. If you ask “when was the movie Jurassic Park released?”, columns set to `TIME` will be used to answer the “when” part of the question, and so forth.

If you have access to tables and worksheets for data modeling purposes, you can specify entity categories for their columns. This lets you designate that column as representing a person, place, or thing. So then when a user asks “Which”, “Who”, or “Where”, an appropriate response can more easily be found in the data.

If you’re not sure how to change the data modeling settings, see the [Overview of data modeling settings](#).

About Entity Categories

These are the available Entity Categories:

Category	Description
PERSON	Contains data that represents a person, relevant to questions about “who?”
PLACE	Contains data that represents a location, relevant to questions about “where?”

Category	Description
TIME	Contains data that represents a date or time, relevant to questions about “when?”
PRODUCT	Contains data that represents a product
ZIP_CODE	Contains zip code data, relevant to questions like “where?” or “what zip code?”
LAT_LONG	Contains data that represents geographical positioning, relevant to questions like “where?”
COMPANY_ORG	Contains data that represents a company or organization
NUM_TYPES	Contains numerical data

Set Entity Categories

To specify entity categories:

1. Click **Data** in the top menu, and choose **Tables or Worksheets**.
2. Click the name of your table or worksheet.
3. On the **Columns** tab, find the COLUMN NAMES for which you want to specify entity categories, and scroll to the right to find **ENTITY CATEGORY**.
4. Use the drop-down menu to set the **ENTITY CATEGORY** to the type you want.
5. Click **SAVE CHANGES** in the upper right.

Related information

- [SearchIQ](#)
- [Overview of data modeling settings](#)

Edit the SearchIQ mappings

Summary: In SearchIQ, you can change the language mappings established earlier, during initial configuration.

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When a user types a term in the SearchIQ search bar, SearchIQ interprets what the user means through language mappings. Users can teach their language to SearchIQ using [Teach SearchIQ your language](#).

As an administrator, you can see and change these language mappings by editing the mappings file.

You can access the mappings file if you are in the Administrator group, because then you can have access to the **ADMIN > Data Management** page. You can download the mappings file there. This allows you to view and edit all the language mappings users made, in bulk.

Overview of the mapping process

The language mappings in SearchIQ are controlled by a CSV (comma separated values) file called the mapping file. The mapping file is saved with an .xls file extension, so you can open and edit it using Excel. To make these changes you will download the mapping file, change the mappings, and upload your changes back into the system.

In each row of the mapping file, you will see a natural language search term, that is mapped to a search keyword, or something that occurs in the data (like a column name or value). You can use the mapping file to remove mappings that have been made in error. Remember these important guidelines when editing the Mappings file:

- Do not delete rows from the file. Instead, type “True” in the **Delete Y/N** column for any mapping you want to delete.
- Make sure to keep the file in the same format as it had when you downloaded it.

The model file contains a row for each natural language mapping a user has created using the Teach feature of SearchIQ. It isn't unusual to have tens of thousand of rows in this file.

Download the mapping file

Before you can make changes to the mapping file, you need to download it. Then, you edit it using Microsoft Excel, vi/vim, or a similar text editing tool.

To obtain the model file:

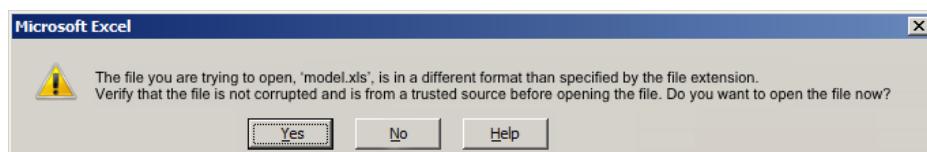
1. Log in to ThoughtSpot from a browser as an Administrator user.
2. Click **ADMIN** in the top navigation bar.
3. Click **Data Management**, then click **Language Mappings**.
4. Click **Download**.

Edit the file and change the settings

You can delete any of the mappings in the file. To delete a mapping:

1. Open the model file you downloaded (`mappings.xls`) in Excel, vi/vim, or a text editor.

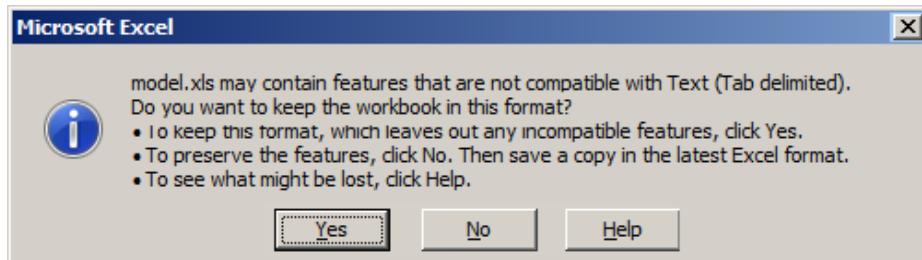
If you are using Excel, you may see a warning message similar to this.



Click **YES** to proceed.

2. Find the row for which you want to delete the mapping.
3. Find the **Delete Y/N** column.
4. Type **True** in the corresponding cell.
5. After making all your changes, save the model file.

If you are using Excel, you will see a message similar to this one. Click **YES** to save the file.



The mapping file must be saved as UTF-8 encoded. If your mapping file includes multi-byte characters, edit the file using vi or vim to ensure the file is saved in the correct format.

Otherwise, you won't be able to upload it after making your edits.

Upload the edited file

After you have made changes to the mapping file, you must upload it back to ThoughtSpot before the changes will take effect. To upload the mapping file:

1. Log in to ThoughtSpot from a browser as an Administrator user.
2. Click **ADMIN**, on the top navigation bar.
3. Click **Data Management**, then click **Language Mappings**.
4. Click **Browse your files** to upload the mappings.xls file, or drag and drop it in the zone.

If you receive an error message upon uploading the file, check that it does not include any multi-byte characters (for example, Japanese or other multi-byte language characters). If it does, you must save it as UTF-8 encoded. You may need to download the file again and make your edits using vi or vim.

As soon as the file is uploaded, your new settings will be reflected within a few minutes.

Related information

- [Teach SearchIQ your language](#)

Job management (scheduled pinboards)

Summary: All jobs on your cluster will appear on the Jobs Management page. You can also view jobs for individual pinboards under the pinboard Actions dropdown.

The **Jobs Management** page found on the **Admin** section in the ThoughtSpot web application allows you to create and manage jobs, namely scheduled pinboards. Scheduled pinboards should help with preparing for recurrent meetings, when reviewing the same pinboard is necessary. They should also be useful when you have metrics you want to monitor at a consistent interval, like daily or monthly sales targets.

You can get pinboards emailed to you on a regular basis and do analysis offline. This introduces an additional format for you to consume and share pinboards with others, including those who don't have a ThoughtSpot account.

Contact ThoughtSpot Support if scheduled pinboards is not enabled on your cluster, or you can run the command `tscli scheduled-pinboards` to enable it yourself.

Scheduled pinboard creators

Administrators and users with can schedule pinboard privilege can schedule and manage pinboard jobs. These scheduled pinboard creators must have at least edit-only and view-only rights to the pinboard they want to share.

⚠ Warning: It is recommended that admins carefully choose who to give can schedule pinboard privilege to, since there is a possible security hole where a user with limited access can get a pinboard email with all access data.

Row level security

The scheduled pinboards respect row level security rules. This means if the recipients are users in ThoughtSpot, then they can only see data based on their own access to the pinboard. If the user does not have at least view-only access to the pinboard, then they will not see anything in the email. However, if the recipients are from outside of the cluster, then they will have access to the dataset of the pinboard based on the sender's permissions.

Scheduled pinboard formats

The pinboard visualizations are attached to the scheduled email as CSV or PDF files. Saved configurations such as pinboard filters are applied to the attachments. Refer to the table to see how the pinboard data is represented in each file format.

CSV	PDF
The CSV file gets data only for table visualizations.	The PDF file gets data for all visualizations.
The email has n CSV attachments, where there are n table visualizations in the pinboard.	The email has only one attachment file, which includes every visualization on its own page.
Table visualizations have all data rows that they're supposed to have.	Table visualizations include only the first 100 rows.
In the case of a corrupted pinboard: no email is sent. An error message indicating failure to export data is visible on the Admin Jobs Management page.	In the case of a corrupted pinboard: the PDF attachment has empty/error screenshots.
In the case of a corrupted visualization: an email with the visualizations whose data can be exported is sent. An error message indicating visualization export error is visible on the Jobs Management page.	In the case of a corrupted visualization: the PDF attachment has empty/error slots for the corrupted visualizations.

The size of each email is limited to 25 MB, which matches most email services size limitations.

And the total number of recipients for a scheduled pinboard job cannot exceed the default of 1000.

Related information

For information on creating a pinboard, see the [Schedule a pinboard job](#).

Scheduled pinboards management

Summary: You can manage all scheduled pinboards on the Jobs Management page under Admin.

Users who are not admins, but have can schedule pinboard privilege, can only view pinboard schedules they've created. You can select specific jobs and choose to pause, resume, edit, or delete them. You can have up to 50 scheduled jobs on your cluster at time. Contact ThoughtSpot Support if you'd like to increase this limit.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Admin interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Search +, Answers, Pinboards, SpotIQ, Data, Admin (which is highlighted with a yellow box), User Management, Data Management, System Health, Help Customization, Action Customization, Style Customization, and Jobs Management (which is also highlighted with a yellow box). Below the navigation bar is a search bar labeled 'Search'. The main content area has a table with columns: Name, Status, Recipient, Created, and Author. A single row is visible, showing 'Test Schedule' in the Name column, 'Paused' in the Status column (with a double-pause icon), '2 Recipients' in the Recipient column, 'a year ago' in the Created column, and a user profile icon in the Author column. The entire screenshot is framed by a yellow border.

Bulk actions

Select the scheduled pinboards and use the **Delete**, **Resume**, and **Pause** buttons to perform these bulk actions. Deleting a pinboard will also delete any schedules linked to it.

Job statuses

Clicking on the row of a job will open a detailed view of every generated update of that job. You can see the start and end times of the job, as well as the status. Clicking on a job will show more information about the status updates.

User Management Data Management Sy		
> email limit csv		
<input type="checkbox"/> NAME		
<input type="checkbox"/>  email_limit.pdf	STARTED AT 6 minutes ago	ENDED AT 5 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  email_limit.csv	11 minutes ago	10 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  test	16 minutes ago	15 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  max_jobs_test	21 minutes ago	20 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  header	26 minutes ago	25 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  10.14 rls.pdf	Job started at 10/14/FY 2017 14:20:00 Scheduled updates generated as expected.	
<input type="checkbox"/>  10.14 rls	Generating updates as stephanie@thoughtspot.int. SUCCESS: Create update for visualization t3 (1) of pinboard big table in format csv. SUCCESS: Create update for visualization CITY, NAME, NATION, PHONE, REGION, SUPKEY (2) of pinboard big table in format csv. SUCCESS: Create update for visualization t2 (3) of pinboard big table in format csv. SUCCESS: Create update for visualization ADDRESS, CATEGORY, CUSTKEY, MKTSEGMENT (4) of pinboard big table in format csv. SUCCESS: Create update for visualization t1 (5) of pinboard bin table in format csv.	
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<input type="checkbox"/>  email_limit.csv	7 minutes ago	3 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  test	12 minutes ago	11 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  max_jobs_test	22 minutes ago	17 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  header	27 minutes ago	25 minutes ago
<input type="checkbox"/>  10.14 rls.pdf	Job started at 10/14/FY 2017 14:20:00 Error Code: 12700 Incident Id: f1cf72ad-c0c6-4017-be26-88becc4f5fb9 Error Message: Error in generating scheduled update. Error Code: 12708 Details: Pdf for pinboard big table could not be generated. Error Code: FOOLSCAP_4017-be26-88becc4f5fb9 Error Message: Foolscap returned partial success. Failing request.	
<input type="checkbox"/>  10.14 rls		
<input type="checkbox"/>  delete_creator.pdf		
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Pinboard links

Click the scheduled pinboard name link to jump to a Edit schedule page, where you can edit the schedule configurations.

You can also click the pinboard link provided in the scheduled pinboard emails to jump to the pinboard in ThoughtSpot. In order to have the link direct you to the correct URL, you must first configure front end host and port access. Contact ThoughtSpot Support to configure these settings.

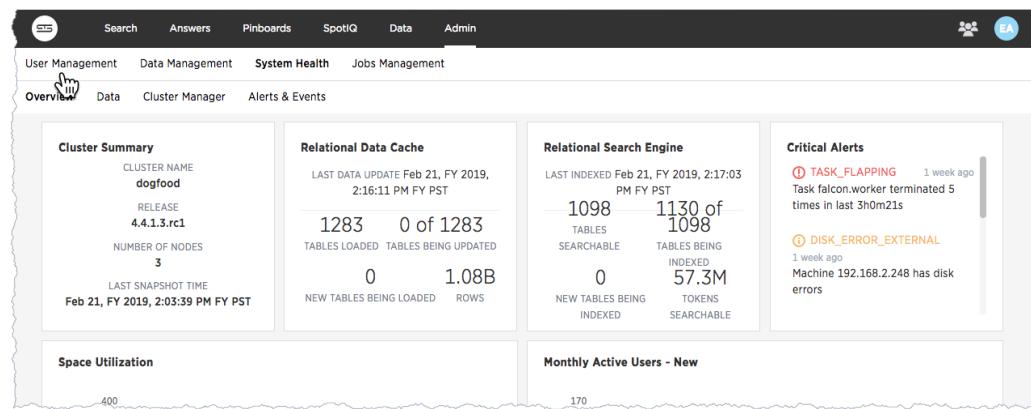
Introduction to monitoring

System monitoring tools in ThoughtSpot include an **Admin > System Health** page and system logs.

Additionally, ThoughtSpot provides several worksheets and out-of-the-box system monitoring pinboards. From these worksheets, you can create your own custom visualizations and pinboards. This page introduces these features and directs you towards more detailed information.

System Health center

The ThoughtSpot application includes a **System Health** center, for easy monitoring of usage, alerts, events and general cluster health. You view the System Health Center by choosing the **Admin** icon and then selecting **System Health**.



Only users with administrative privileges can view the **System Health** center. However, administrative users can present to others the information that displays in the **System Health** center.

Administrators can also create their own, custom boards that reflect system data in ways that are meaningful to specific departments or groups. For more information, see the following documentation:

- [Health Overview board](#)
- [Data board](#)
- [Cluster Manager board](#)
- [Alerts and Events board](#)
- [System worksheets](#)
- [System pinboards](#)

Much of the data presented by these boards is also available through `tscli` commands.

Log files

Many of the administration commands output logging information to log files. The logs get written into the fixed directory `/export/logs`, with a sub-directory for each subsystem. The individual log directories are the following:

- `/export/logs/orion`
- `/export/logs/oreo`
- `/export/logs/hadoop`
- `/export/logs/zookeeper`

You can also view [additional topics that also touch on [log files](#) throughout the documentation.

System monitoring notifications

You can configure ThoughtSpot to send emails to addresses you specify with monitoring reports and a cluster heartbeat. Follow these steps to [Set up monitoring](#).

Overview board

The **Overview** pinboard summarizes essential information about your cluster and its users. Choose **Admin > System Health > Overview** to see this pinboard.

Understand system boards and pinboards

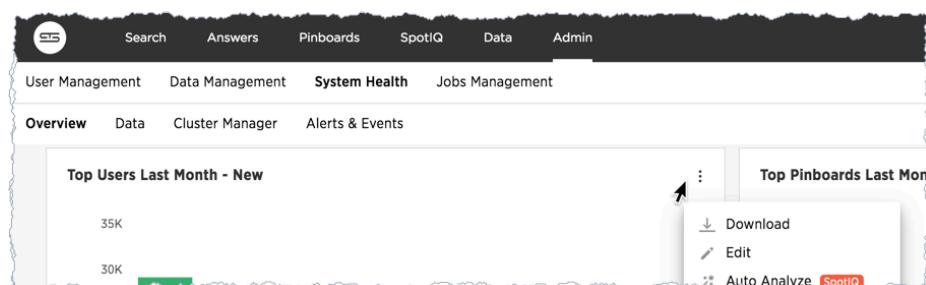
The **Overview** page includes system panels and standard ThoughtSpot **answers**. The system charts are generated in real time and rely on internal system data. The answers rely on underlying system worksheets which are available to ThoughtSpot administrators. The information in these worksheets is updated hourly from internal tables that collect monitoring statistics.

Each answer has a menu. You can present or copy the links to the system charts. The answers have a subset of the ThoughtSpot answer menu. You can use the menu to do additional actions such as download the answer or present information about your ThoughtSpot cluster. While you can interact with and change the search, you cannot save changes to the underlying query.

You can also interact with the answers, drilling into them to explore the detail as with any other pinboard answer.

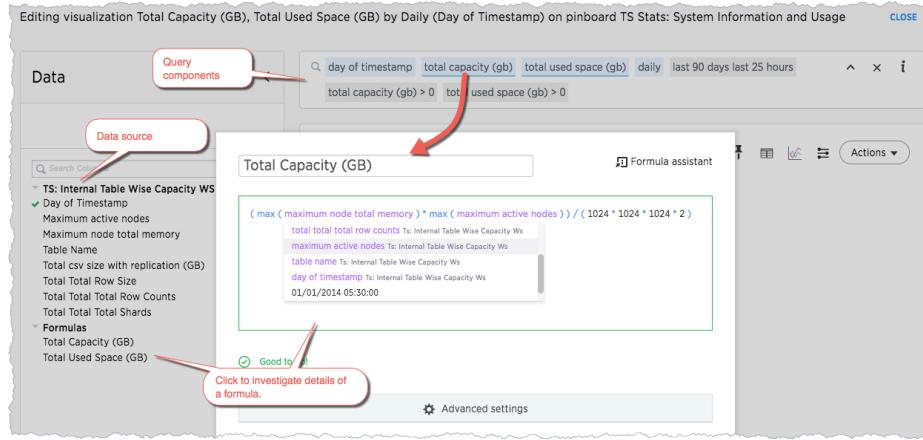
To find out how a particular answer was created, do the following:

1. Select **Edit** from the panel menu.



This displays a **Search** bar.

2. Investigate the components of the search as you would normally.



Cluster Summary

This system panel contains basic information about your cluster. The **NUMBER OF NODES** is the number of installed nodes. This doesn't reflect the active nodes which may be more or less.

This summary includes the **LAST SNAPSHOT TIME** it reflects whether regular snapshots of your cluster are collected. This value should update regularly in real time. If you do not see it change or empty, you should check your cluster snapshot policy using the `tscli` command:

```
$ tscli snapshot-policy show
schedule {
    period {
        number: 1
        unit: HOUR
    }
    retention_policy {
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 1
                unit: HOUR
            }
            capacity: 3
        }
        bucket {
            time {
                number: 4
                unit: HOUR
            }
            capacity: 2
        }
    }
    offset_minutes_from_sunday_midnight: 0
}
enabled: false
```

You can see this policy is disabled, which is a problem. Production clusters should enable the default snapshot policy. When you show or enable the snapshot policy, you can see your `tscli` command reflected in the **Configuration Events** panel on this same page.

Display the features used in a cluster configuration

1. Log into the ThoughtSpot cluster as the `admin` user.
2. Use the `tscli feature` subcommand to display your current configuration.

\$ tscli feature get-all-config			
ACTION	NAME	STATUS	CONFIGUR
	Firewall	Disabled	
	Saml	Disabled	
	Ldap	Disabled	
	CustomBranding	Disabled	
	CustomBrandingFontCustomization	Disabled	
	DataConnect	Disabled	
	RLS	Enabled	
	Callhome	Enabled	
	SSHTunnel	Enabled	
	Fileserver	Disabled	

Relational Data Cache

This section reports real-time information about tables in your cluster. Worksheet data is not included.

Value	Description
TABLES LOADED	Number of currently loaded tables.
TABLES BEING UPDATED	Number of table loads in-progress.
NEW TABLES BEING LOADED	Number of tables being loaded for the first time.

Value	Description
ROWS	Number of rows combined across all tables in ThoughtSpot.

Relational Search Engine

Value	Description
TABLES SEARCHABLE	Tables that are indexed and can be searched.
TABLES BEING INDEXED	Total of in-progress table indexing.
NEW TABLES BEING INDEXED	Total of first-time, in-progress table indexing.
TOKENS SEARCHABLE	Number of tokens of all table (combined) indexed in ThoughtSpot.

Critical Alerts

Displays critical and warning alerts. This includes when an alert was generated and from which service and machine. Administrators can get a custom report by issuing a `tscli alert list` on the appliance:

```
tscli alert list --since 4w
```

The critical alerts you can encounter in this display are the following:

- `TASK_FLAPPING`

```
Msg: Task {{.Service}}.{{.Task}} terminated {{._actual_num_occurrences}}
times in last {{._earliest_duration_str}}
```

This alert is raised when a task is crashing repeatedly. The service is evaluated across the whole cluster. So, if a service crashes 5 times in a day across all nodes in the cluster, this alert is generated.

- OREO_TERMINATED

Msg: Oreo terminated on machine {{.Machine}}

This alert is raised when the Oreo daemon on a machine terminates due to an error. This typically happens due to an error accessing Zookeeper, HDFS, or a hardware issue.

- HDFS_DISK_SPACE

Msg: HDFS has less than {{.Perc}}% space free

Raised when a HDFS cluster is low on total available disk space.

- ZK_INACCESSIBLE

Msg: Zookeeper is not accessible

Raised when Zookeeper is inaccessible.

- PERIODIC_BACKUP_FLAPPING

Msg: Periodic backup failed {{._actual_num_occurrences}} times in last {{._earliest_duration_str}}

This alert is raised when a periodic backup failed repeatedly.

- PERIODIC_SNAPSHOT_FLAPPING

Msg: Periodic snapshot failed {{._actual_num_occurrences}} times in last {{._earliest_duration_str}}

This alert is raised when periodic snapshot failed repeatedly.

- APPLICATION_INVALID_STATE_EXTERNAL

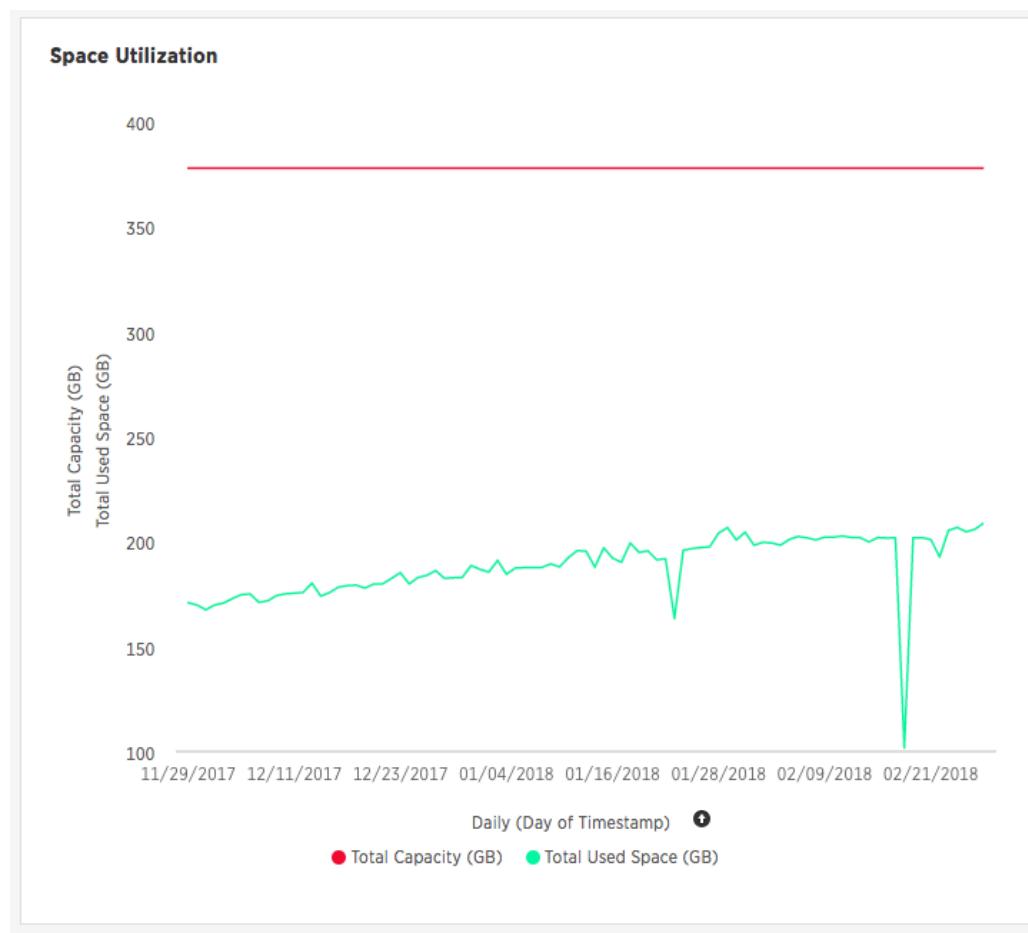
Msg: {{.Service}}.{{.Task}} on {{.Machine}} at location {{.Location}}

Raised when Application raises invalid state alert.

The possible alert types are `CRITICAL`, `WARNING`, `ERROR`, and `INFO`. For a full reference, see the [Alert code reference](#).

Space Utilization

The **Space Utilization** chart is one of the available charts for you to use when checking the cluster overview. This line chart displays the total capacity and estimated used capacity over time.



The x-axis is by time and the y-axis measures the size in GB. You can zoom in and see daily or hourly utilization data. So, in the **Space Utilization** chart above, the green line shows the amount of capacity in use in the system, while the red line shows the total capacity. An increase in the red line at the end of a time period indicates the addition of extra hardware, resulting in increased capacity.

The query for this answer is the following:

```
day of timestamp  
total capacity (gb)  
total used space (gb)  
daily  
last 90 days last 25 hours  
total capacity (gb) > 0  
total used space (gb) > 0
```

The chart relies on the `TS: Internal Table Wise Capacity WS` worksheet. It tracks total used space, which consists of raw uncompressed data, including replication.

Monthly Active Users

This chart shows the number of active users in the system over the last four months, and during the current month. An active user is defined as a user who has logged in at least one time in the defined time interval, in this case months.

The query for this answer is the following:

```
monthly  
last 4 months this month  
active users  
user != {null}
```

This query relies on the `TS: BI server` worksheet.

Monthly Ad-hoc Searches

Number of ad-hoc searches (queries) issued per month. An ad-hoc query is defined as any search or change to a search that builds a new answer (result). An ad-hoc search can also be generated through SpotIQ or another UI/API interaction.

ThoughtSpot considers all of the following as ad-hoc searches (queries):

- User edits tokens (boxed terms) in the search bar.
- User opens an existing saved answer and makes changes to tokens in the search bar.

- User opens an existing saved pinboard, edits a visualization, and makes change to the search tokens.
- Searches initiated by an API call for data with runtime filters

It is not considered a search (query) in this context if a user opens an existing saved aggregated worksheet and makes changes to its underlying query.

The query for this answer is the following:

```
ad-hoc search
user action = 'answer_pinboard_context' 'answer_saved' 'answe
r_unsaved'
monthly
last 4 months this month
```

This answer relies on data from the `TS: BI Server` worksheet.

Monthly Pinboard Views

Number of times a saved pinboard is viewed by a user. These scenarios are considered pinboard views:

- User opens an existing saved pinboard.
- User opens an embedded pinboard from a URL.
- Pinboard data is accessed using the an API.

These scenarios are not considered pinboard views:

- A user opens SpotIQ tab pinboards.
- A user opens admin tab pinboards.
- The system loads a pinboard on the homepage.
- The system loads the ‘learn how to use ThoughtSpot’ pinboard.

The query underlying this answer is:

```
pinboard views
user action = 'pinboard_embed_view' 'pinboard_tspublic_no_runti
me_filter' 'pinboard_tspublic_runtime_filter' 'pinboard_view'
monthly
last 4 months this month
```

The query uses the `TS: BI Server` data source.

Top Users Last Month

This answer shows the top ThoughtSpot users ranked by number of actions the users performed in the last 30 days. The possible user actions include:

answer_unsaved	User makes a change to tokens in the search bar.
answer_saved	User opens an existing saved answer and makes changes to tokens in the search bar.
answer_pinboard_context	User opens an existing saved pinboard, edits a context viz and makes a change to tokens in the search bar.
answer_aggregated_worksheet	User opens an existing saved aggregated worksheet and makes changes to tokens in the search bar.
answer_upgrade	Requests made for the sole purpose of upgrade.
pinboard_view	User opens an existing saved pinboard.
pinboard_filter	User adds, removes or applies values to a pinboard filter.
pinboard_ad_hoc	User drills down in a pinboard viz.
data_chart_config	Request for new data being generated following a chart config change.
data_show_underlying_row	Request to show underlying data for a data row(s).
data_export	Request to export data.

pinboard_tspublic_runtime_filter	Request to TSPublic/pinboarddata with runtime filters.
answer_aggregated_worksheet_save	User updates aggregated worksheet.
answer_add_new_filter	User adds a filter using the UI.
data_show_underlying_viz	Request to show underlying data for a data row(s).
answer_view	User opens an existing, saved answer.
answer_viz_context_view	User opens an existing saved pinboard, edits a context viz.
pinboard_insight_view	User opens SpotIQ tab pinboards.
pinboard_admin_view	User opens admin tab pinboards.
pinboard_embed_view	User opens embed pinboard from a URL.
pinboard_homepage_view	On loading of homepage pinboard.
pinboard_learn_view	On loading learn pinboard.
pinboard_tspublic_no_runtime_filter	Request to TSPublic/pinboard data without runtime filters.

The query underlying this answer is:

```
top 10
ranked by user actions
user action != 'invalid'
user != {null}
user
last 30 days today
```

The query uses the `TS: BI Server` data source.

Top Pinboards Last Month

This answer shows the top ThoughtSpot users ranked by number of pinboard actions the user performed in the last 30 days. The possible user actions include:

- User opens an existing saved pinboard ('pinboard_view').

- User opens an embedded pinboard from a URL ('pinboard_embed_view').
- Pinboard data is accessed using an API ('pinboard_tspublic_no_runtime_filter' or 'pinboard_tspublic_runtime_filter').

The query underlying this answer is:

```
top 10
ranked by pinboard views
user action = 'pinboard_embed_view' 'pinboard_tspublic_no_runtime_filter'
'pinboard_tspublic_runtime_filter' 'pinboard_view'
pinboard != {null}
pinboard
last 30 days today
```

The query uses the `TS: BI Server` data source.

Configuration Events

This system answer displays recent events that changed the configuration of the system. This panel displays configuration events related to:

Cluster Configuration Reports configuration actions from the `'tscli'` and `'tql'` commands.

Metadata Management Events related to metadata such as column names, column visibility, column and data definition, column rank and so forth.

User Management Events related to creating, updating, or adding new users and groups.

For a more detailed list, including the user that issued a command, you can use the `tscli event list` command. Administrators can `ssh` into the cluster and specify a time period or even a type of command to include.

About deprecated boards

There are a number of deprecated boards on this page. They are there to support older installations that relied on them. New installations, should not use or rely on deprecated boards. Older installations that have used these boards in some way, should use the new boards and remove any dependencies.

Related information

tscli logs command

Data board

The **Data** page shows all the stored tables with details on the last update time, time taken for auto-indexing, number of rows, and so forth.

Table Information		
DATABASE	USER SCHEMA	NAME
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-a6c0991e-462d
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-96a40275-7427
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-bcda2191-cd6c
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-9dc1bfc7-2d27
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-29546f4d-84ac
thoughtspot_analytics	falcon_default_sche..	candidates
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-4343525d-261b
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-0694fd57-fadf-
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-51435761-0aac
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-0fb9daec-5230
dw	falcon_default_sche..	fact_lead_transitions
FalconUserDataDataBase	FalconUserDataSch..	USERDATA-12b3cf23-0de5
(showing rows 1 - 14 of 913.)		

You can click a column name to sort by table name. This table information is based on an underlying system data, you can present it or copy the link, but you cannot access the underlying query.

Database Status

The **Database Status** column can have the following possible values:

Status	Meaning
READY	The data has been loaded.
IN PROGRESS	The data is still being loaded.
STALE	The data is not up to date.
ERROR	The table is invalid. Call Customer Support.

Replication Status

The **Replicated** column indicates if the table has been replicated or sharded. This can be used in conjunction with the **Total Shards** column to see how your data is distributed.

If the table is replicated on a multi node system, the **Used Capacity (MB)** column will indicate the total space used on all nodes. a 10MB table replicated on a 4 node system will show 40MB used capacity for example.

Search Status

The **Search Status** column can have the following possible values:

Status	Meaning
READY	The data is up to date and searchable.
NOT READY	The data is not ready to be searched.
DELETING INDEX	The table has already been deleted, but the index still exists due to the latency between the database and search engine.
INDEXING DISABLED	Either too many tokens exist in a column for it to be indexed, or indexing has been disabled manually.

Status	Meaning
CREATING INDEX	The index is being created.
UPDATING INDEX	A change has been made to indexing or the data, and the index is being updated to reflect it.

Cluster Manager board

The **Cluster Manager** section show detailed information about a cluster including latency over time, snapshot status, installed release, node functions, and logs.

Cluster Details	
PROPERTY	CONTENT
Cluster Name	dclone-316
Cluster ID	dflid
Release	3.2.20160208_fa1495
Last Update Time	Feb 08, 2016 08:12:35 am PST
Zookeeper Servers	192.168.6.154.2181,192.168.6.155.2181,192.168.6.156.2181
HDFS Name Nodes	192.168.6.154.8020,192.168.6.155.8020
Cluster Alert Email	
Periodic Snapshot ...	disabled

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Cluster Logs		
TIME	TYPE	RELEASE
Feb 08, 2016 08:12:35 am PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160208_fa1495
Feb 07, 2016 09:01:10 pm PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160207_fb14881
Feb 07, 2016 07:10:17 pm PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160207_fa1495
Feb 07, 2016 01:31:03 pm PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160207_fb14881
Feb 06, 2016 08:45:01 pm PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160206_fa1495
Feb 06, 2016 09:15:50 am PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160206_dfl3fa6
Feb 01, 2016 02:39:17 pm PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160205_dfl3fa6
Feb 04, 2016 12:10:29 pm PST	UPDATE	3.2_20160204_221fb80

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List of Snapshots		
TIME	NAME	REASON
Feb 08, 2016 08:02:25 am PST	pre_1_2_20160208_fa1495...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 07, 2016 08:49:55 pm PST	pre_3_2_20160207_fb14881...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 07, 2016 06:58:48 pm PST	pre_3_2_20160207_647fbf...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 07, 2016 01:20:18 pm PST	pre_3_2_20160207_fb14881...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 06, 2016 08:33:58 pm PST	pre_1_2_20160206_fa1495...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 06, 2016 09:04:42 am PST	pre_3_2_20160206_dfl3fa6...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 05, 2016 02:29:42 pm PST	pre_3_2_20160205_40f42ed...	Automatic pre update snapshot
Feb 05, 2016 01:08:41 pm PST	pre_3_2_20160205_40f42ed...	Automatic pre update snapshot

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Average Latency Last 2 Weeks (sec)

0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

Any Duration [sec] Avg Total [sec]

Jan 24 Jan 25 Jan 26 Jan 27 Jan 28 Jan 29 Jan 30 Jan 31 Feb 01 Feb 02 Feb 03 Feb 04 Feb 05 Feb 06

Daily (Timestamp) for 2016

Only the **Average Latency Last 2 Weeks (sec)** panel contains a standard ThoughtSpot visualization.

The other visualizations rely on internal queries that are not accessible. You can, however, **Present** or **Copy link** on them.

Cluster Details

The fields on this visualization has the following meaning:

Field	Description
Cluster Name	The name of the cluster defined at installation time.
Cluster ID	The ID of the cluster set at installation time.
Last Update Time	Last time the cluster was updated.
Release	Version of the current release.
Zookeeper Servers	IP addresses of the Zookeeper servers.

HDFS Name Nodes	Control nodes for Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS).
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Cluster Logs

The fields on this visualization has the following meaning:

Field	Description
Time	A timestamp indicating when an action occurred.
Type	Type of action.
Release	Identifies the full release number.

You can also use the `tscli logs` command to review log data from your cluster.

List of Snapshots

This visualization shows the snapshots *and the backups* taken on the cluster. The fields on this visualization has the following meaning:

Field	Description
Time	A timestamp indicating when a snapshot or backup happened occurred.
Name	Name of the snapshot file. These files are stored in the `/usr/local/scaligent/backup` directory on your cluster.
Reason	Identifies the reason the snapshot/backup was created. You should see several period snapshots if your cluster is configured properly. You may also see evidence here of manual backups. For example, you should be sure your cluster is backed up before major events such as upgrades. Email support@thoughtspot.com if you don't see evidence your cluster is periodically creating snapshots.
Size	Size of the backup in gigabytes.

Average Latency Last 2 Weeks (sec)

This visualization relies on the `TS: BI Server` worksheet to display the average database latency over the last 15 days. The database latency measures how long it takes for a search to return data from ThoughtSpot - this does not include the time taken to send the answer back to the client, it measures internal processing time. You can use the visualization menu to drill down to its underlying query:

```
average datacache (sec)
average total (sec)
daily
last 15 days
for database latency (us) > 0
```

Related information

`tscli logs` command

Alerts and Events board

The **Alerts and Events** section shows notifications, alerts, and an audit trail of cluster configuration changes.

Configuration Events	
ClusterConfiguration	3 minutes ago
tscli service add-javaopt tomcat.tomcat D orion.customBrandingFontCustomization..	
ClusterConfiguration	3 minutes ago
tscli service add-javaopt tomcat.tomcat D orion.customBrandingEnabled true	
ClusterConfiguration	1 hour ago
tscli service add-javaopt tomcat.tomcat D orion.defaultQuarterStartMonth 2	
ClusterConfiguration	2 hours ago
tscli service delete-javaopt tomcat.tomcat D orion.defaultQuarterStartMonth	
ClusterConfiguration	2 hours ago
tscli etl enable-lw --username priyanka.shriram@thoughtspot.com --admin_username..	

Alerts

The fields on this answer have the following meaning:

Field	Description
Time	When the alert was sent.
Type	The ID of the event.
Message	The text of the alert message.

For a full reference of possible alerts, see the [Alert code reference](#).

Configuration Events

This system answer displays recent events that changed the configuration of the system. This list can contain the same types of information available on the **Admin System Health > Overview** page. This answer displays the **Time**, the **User** that performed the action, and a **Summary** of the action.

Notification events

This answer displays notifications of data loads. The display the **Time**, the **User** that performed the action, and a **Summary** of the action. Notifications are kept for 90 days before being discarded.

Related information

[Alert code reference](#)

System worksheets

Most of the monitoring information in **System Health** are sourced from system worksheet which administrators can view, but not modify. The underlying tables are protected system tables that cannot be accessed directly. However, administrators can create new, custom monitoring reports from the worksheets.

List the system worksheets

To list the system worksheets:

1. Go to the **Data** tab.
2. Choose **All** and **Worksheets**.
3. Enter `TS:` in the search field.

Name	Source	Stickers	Materialize Status	Modified	Author
TS: BI Server				11 months ago	SU System User
TS: Search				a year ago	SU System User
TS: Database				2 years ago	SU System User
TS: Service Resources				2 years ago	SU System User

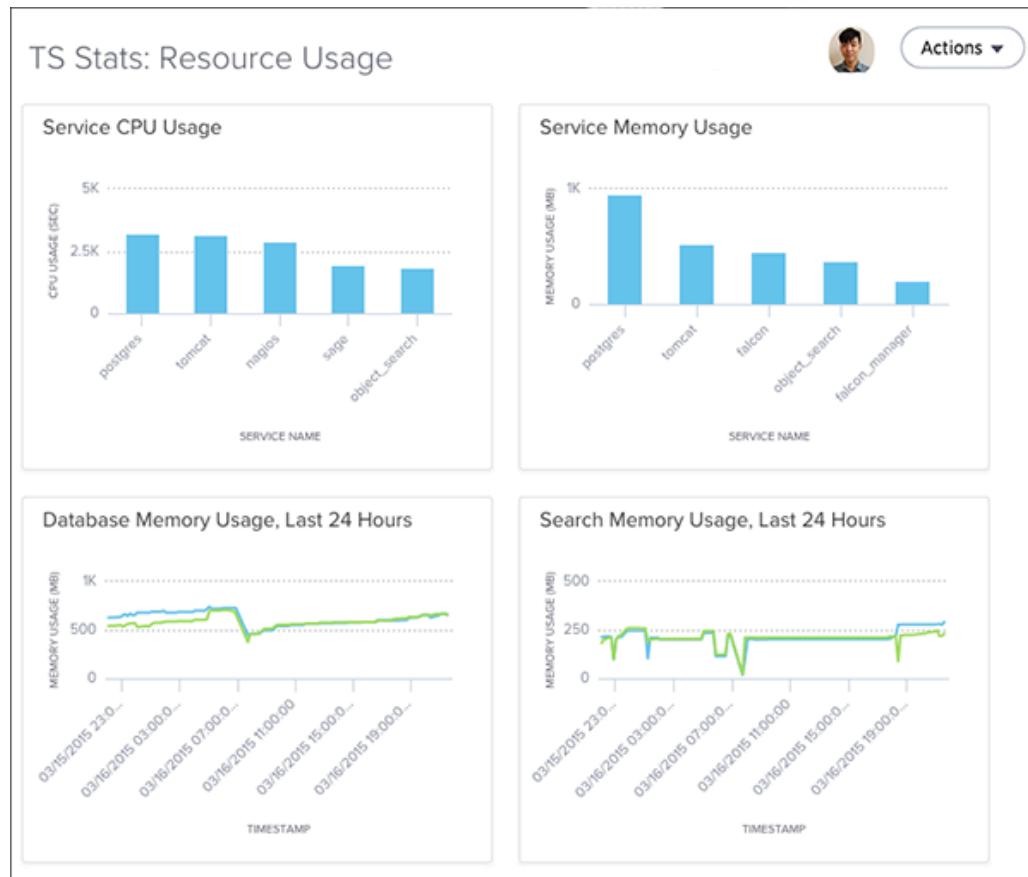
Summary of the worksheets

Worksheet	Description
TS: BI Server	Contains data related to the systems associated with underlying the ThoughtSpot BI server. This includes database latency, browser clients, size of responses, and more.
TS: Database	Contains information related to the database cache and queries run on the database. For example, you could use this worksheet to see data on the query errors returned by the database.

TS: Internal Capacity WS	Describes cluster memory capacity by node over time.
TS: Internal Table Wise Capacity WS	Describes memory capacity by node, table name, shard count, and CSV replication over time.
TS: Metrics	Contains metrics by cluster and host over time.
TS: Search	Contains data related to the number of searches (queries) run in the system. This contains information such as uptime, host, and timestamps.
TS: Service Resources	Contains data related to cluster nodes including page faults, memory usage, memory failures, and more.
TS: Table Info	Describes the named tables by timestamp, row count, row shards, and row size.
TS: Table Row Counts	Describes the named tables by timestamp and row count.
TS: Table Row Counts and Shards	Describes the named tables by timestamp, row count, row shards, and row size.
TS: Table Row Size	Describes the named tables by timestamp and row size.
TS: Table Shards	Describes the named tables by timestamp and shard count.

System pinboards

There are several system monitoring pinboards in ThoughtSpot that provide answers for system status and resource usage questions. The information in these pinboards are updated hourly from internal data sources that collect monitoring statistics.



Only users with administrative privilege can view the monitoring pinboards. They are based on worksheets, which administrators can view, but not modify. However, you can create new monitoring pinboards from the worksheets.

List system pinboards

To list these system pinboards:

1. Go to the **Pinboards** tab.
2. Choose **All**.

3. Enter `TS:` in the search field.

Name	Stickers	Modified	Author
ThoughtSPORT Overview	Sports Goods	3 days ago	Administrator
Fan Shop Sales		6 days ago	Administrator
Advanced Analysis with R	Sports Goods	3 weeks ago	Administrator

Summary of system pinboards

Pinboard	Description
Learn how to use ThoughtSpot	Contains search replays created in the system.
TS Stats: Alert Detail	Combines alerts, notification events, and configuration events boards.
TS Stats: Cluster Detail	Contains cluster details, logs, snapshots, and latency data.
TS Stats: System Information and Usage	Replicates the **Admin > System Health > Overview** page.
TS Stats: Latency Visualizations	Latency on servers and impression counts. This data comes from the 'TS: BI Server' worksheet.
TS Stats: Table Status	Replicates the **Data** board.

About deprecated boards

The deprecated boards (`TS status: Usage - Deprecated` and `TS StaTS: Queries -- Deprecated`) are there to support older installations. New installations, should not use or rely on deprecated boards. Older installations that have used these boards in some way, should use the new boards and remove any dependencies.

About troubleshooting

The information here provides very basic troubleshooting. For more detailed troubleshooting, [Contact ThoughtSpot](#).

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Get your configuration and logs

For troubleshooting on specific incidents or cluster problems, two things are important. Understanding your current configuration and getting a log bundle.

Check your configuration

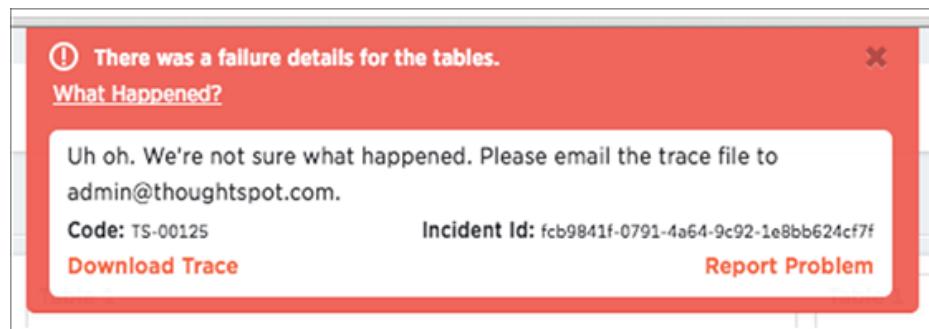
1. Log into the ThoughtSpot cluster as the `admin` user.
2. Use the `tscli feature` subcommand to display your current configuration.

\$ tscli feature get-all-config			
ACTION	NAME	STATUS	CONFIGUR
	Firewall	Disabled	
	Saml	Disabled	
	Ldap	Disabled	
	CustomBranding	Disabled	
	CustomBrandingFontCustomization	Disabled	
	DataConnect	Disabled	
	RLS	Enabled	
	Callhome	Enabled	
	SSHTunnel	Enabled	
	Fileserver	Disabled	

How to get logs

There are two ways to get logs:

- When ThoughtSpot encounters a problem, a red bar displays in the browser with an error message. You can click **What Happened?** in the error message for more details. To download related logs, click **Download Trace**. Send the logs as an email attachment to the support contact that is provided. Clicking **Report Problem** will also send the logs as an email attachment to your administrator.



- You can generate a log bundle using the `tscli logs collect` command if you are comfortable with Linux. The command lets you specify which logs to collect and from what time periods.

Usage for this command is:

```
tscli logs collect
  --include <selector | glob>
  [--exclude <selector | glob>]
  [--since <hours,minutes,days>
   | --from <yyyymmdd-HH:MM>
   --to <yyyymmdd-HH:MM>]
  [--out <path>]
  [--maxsize <size_in_MB_or_GB>]
  [--sizeonly]
```

The full list of all selectors is:

- `all` collects all of the logs listed from the system and the ThoughtSpot application.
 - `system` collects all system logs, e.g. syslog, upstart, mail logs, etc.
 - `ts` collects all logs from the ThoughtSpot application. This includes falcon, sage, orion core (cluster management), etc.
 - `orion` collects all orion logs including cluster management, hdfs, zookeeper, etc.
- Detailed syntax and options are listed in the [tscli command reference](#).

Examples

Here are some examples of usage for the command `tscli logs collect`:

To collect all logs from the past day to the default location (`/tmp/logs.tar.gz`):

```
$ tscli logs collect --include all --since 1d
```

In this example, `all` is a selector for all the available logs.

In most cases, you can probably use the selector `ts` to only capture logs for the ThoughtSpot application:

```
$ tscli logs collect --include ts --since 2d
```

For debugging cluster management issues, use a command like this one, which collects logs for system and orion from the past 2 hours. The output is written to `/tmp/debug.tar.gz` as specified using `--out`:

```
$ tscli logs collect --include system,orion --since 2h --out /tmp/debug.tar.gz
```

This command collects logs from a specific time window:

```
$ tscli logs collect --include system,orion --from 20150520-1  
2:00 --to 20150522-12:30
```

Advanced usage alert! You can also use `--include` and `--exclude` to specify filesystem paths as a glob pattern. This works like the Linux `find(1)` command. Pass all the entries in `--include` starting with `/` to `find(1)`, and all entries in `--exclude` which are not selectors to `find(1)` using the `-not -path` flag.

```
$ tscli logs collect --include system,orion --exclude *hadoo  
p*,*zookeeper* --since 2h
```

The above command collects all system and all orion logs, but excludes hadoop (hdfs) and zookeeper logs. See [Upload logs to ThoughtSpot Support](#) about using a secure file sever to collect log files or other files needed for troubleshooting. You can easily send log files to this file serve directly from the ThoughtSpot instance.

Upload logs to ThoughtSpot Support

ThoughtSpot Support uses a secure file sever to collect log files or other files needed for troubleshooting. You can easily send log files to this file serve directly from the ThoughtSpot instance.

Metrics collection

ThoughtSpot collects the diagnostic information from your system on an ongoing basis: there is no time needed to collect diagnostic information after a problem is reported. These metrics allow for:

- Our support team can begin working to remediate any issue with you immediately.
- Metrics provides direct visibility to the ThoughtSpot team on your system's limits. Therefore, our Support team can proactively identify critical threshold issues and work to prevent failures. Metrics also help reduce SLA times as the team can debug much faster.
- ThoughtSpot can tune search algorithms by studying search history and schema.
- ThoughtSpot analyzes expensive and complex query patterns to look for performance optimizations.

Finally, the metrics pipeline allows ThoughtSpot to identify application-use patterns that contribute to performance bottlenecks with specific browsers and help your team prevent or alleviate them.

Other log uploads

Before you can upload a file to the secure file server:

1. [Configure the connection to the file server.](#)
2. Obtain the directory path on the file server.

The server directory path for uploading a file is formatted like this example: /Shared/
support/<customer_name> . If you do not know the customer name, [contact ThoughtSpot Support](#).

You can upload files directly to the file server using this procedure:

1. Log in to the Linux shell using SSH.
2. Navigate to the directory where the file to be uploaded is located.
3. Issue the command to upload the file, specifying the file name and directory path:

```
$ tscli fileserver upload --file_name <file> --server_d  
ir_path <path>
```

When your upload succeeds, you will see a confirmation message.

Network connectivity issues

If network connectivity to and from ThoughtSpot is not working, try using these steps to find and correct the issue.

To troubleshoot network connectivity for ThoughtSpot:

1. Make sure that the network cables are connected correctly.
2. Check that the network cable is connecting the nodes to the network switch.
3. Try replacing the cable with a cable from a known working system to rule out a bad cable or switch connectivity issues.
4. Make sure the eth0 interface is connected to the network by issuing: `ethtool eth0` The port that's currently connected will have "link detected" in the last line of the output.
5. If the networking settings have been reconfigured, reboot each of the nodes.

Check the timezone

ThoughtSpot comes configured with the timezone where it is to be installed. Data is imported based on the timezone of the node from which `tsload` or `tql` is run. To see the timezone your ThoughtSpot node is running under, log into the server as the `thoughtspot` user and run the `date` command:

```
[thoughtspot@ts.server etc]$ date  
Tue Feb 20 09:07:04 PST 2018
```

To see the current timezone used by the ThoughtSpot application, choose **Admin > Cluster Manager** and review the **Cluster Details**:

Cluster Details	
Property	Content
Cluster Name	local
Cluster ID	local
Release	dev
Last Update Time	Feb 16, 2018, 4:14:31 AM PST
Zookeeper Servers	172.18.248.8:2181
HDFS Name Nodes	172.18.248.8:8020

The timezones should match.

Sometimes the timezone that is listed by `date` is not the active timezone for the ThoughtSpot application and the application needs to be reset. If you need to change the timezone, [contact ThoughtSpot Support](#) and they will change the timezone for you. You may need to change the timezone if you move the server between data centers.

Browser untrusted connection error

If you are not using a SSL certificate for authentication, users will see an untrusted connection error in their browser when accessing ThoughtSpot. The error looks slightly different depending upon the Web browser being used.

ThoughtSpot uses secure HTTP (the HTTPS protocol) for communication between the browser and ThoughtSpot. By default there is no SSL certificate for authentication. This must be added by the site administrator. If the site administrator has not added the certificate, the browser warns the user.

Browser	Warning
Google Chrome	The site's security certificate is not trusted!
Mozilla Firefox	This Connection is Untrusted

If you see the warning message, choose one of the following options:

- Ask the site administrator to install the certificate.
- Ask the site administrator to turn off SSL using this command in the shell on the ThoughtSpot instance:

```
$ tscli ssl off
```

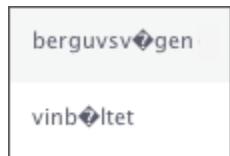
- You can choose to ignore the message, and access ThoughtSpot without SSL.

Characters not displaying correctly

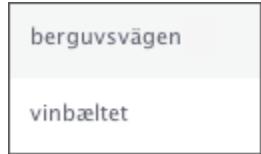
Your CSV files are more likely to load smoothly if they are encoded with UTF-8. If you're having problems with some characters rendering incorrectly, you can convert the files to UTF-8 encoding before loading the data.

You might see unexpected characters in your data, especially characters whose ASCII values are at the high and low end of possible values. Some examples of characters that can appear incorrectly are: æ, ñ, ä, í, ö.

If this happens, your data will look like this:



Instead of displaying correctly like this:



To encode your data as UTF-8:

1. On Windows, open your CSV file in Notepad. Save the file as CSV with the Unicode option.
2. On Linux or MacOS, issue a command like:

```
$ iconv -f -t UTF-8 <in_file>.csv > <out_file>.csv
```

3. Reload the data.
4. Attempt to import it again.

Clear the browser cache

You might occasionally see unexpected behavior that is due to the Web browser caching information from ThoughtSpot. In this case, clearing the browser cache and reloading the page should resolve the problem. You can usually resolve these situations by clearing the browser cache:

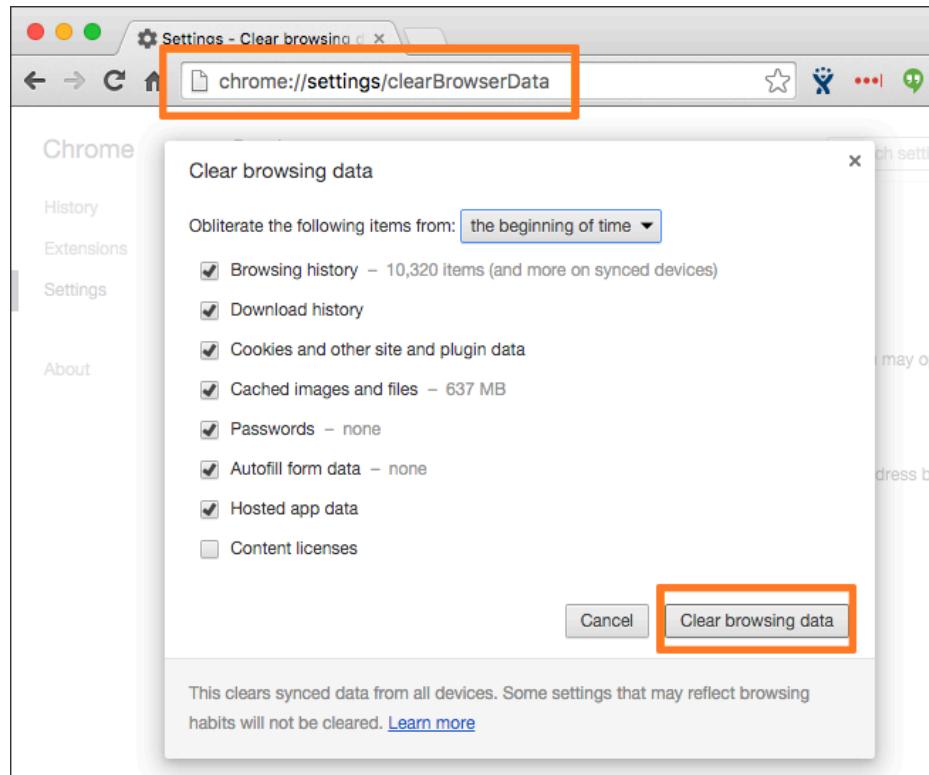
- During a ThoughtSpot session, the browser suddenly displays a white screen and reloading does not fix the problem. This is due to a self-signed SSL certificate that has timed out during the session.
- When accessing the Help Center, you see a login screen. This is due to a problem during automatic authentication in the Help Center, after which the bad login gets cached by the browser.

To resolve any of these situations, clear the browser cache:

1. Clear the browser cache.

This works a little differently on individual browser versions and operating systems. For example, when using Chrome, to get to the browser cache settings, navigate to:

```
chrome://settings/clearBrowserData
```

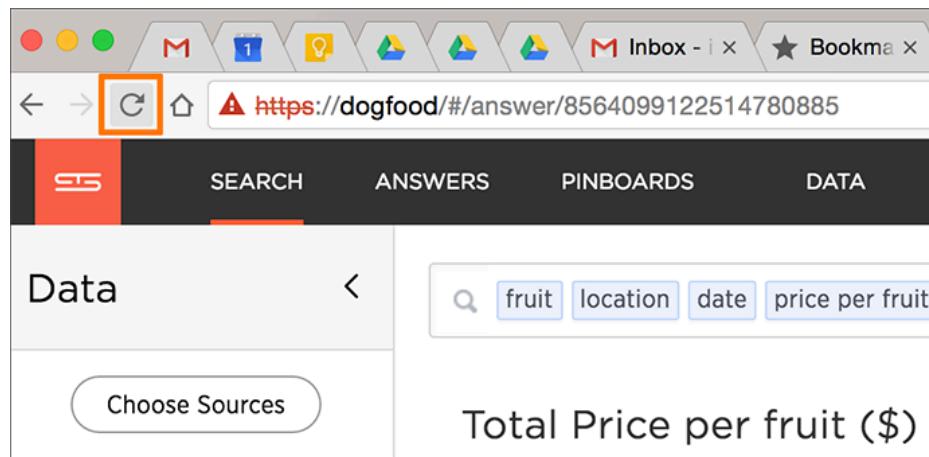


2. Click **Clear browsing data**.

This is the name of the button on Chrome. The name may vary slightly on other browsers.

3. Reload the page.

For example, on Chrome you would click the **Reload** icon:



Now the problem should be fixed, and the page will appear as expected.

Cannot open a saved answer that contains a formula

When working with formulas, keep in mind the data types they return. You may occasionally see unexpected results, or even be unable to open a saved answer, due to problems with data types and formulas.

In this scenario, “data type” refers the data type as defined in the column definition when creating the schema (INT, TIMESTAMP, VARCHAR, etc.).

When you define a formula, both the data type it returns is set automatically. This can lead to problems, if you build another formula that uses the output of the first formula as input. This can be hard to understand, so an example will be helpful.

Suppose you have created a worksheet that contains a formula called “weekday” defined as:

```
day_of_week(date)
```

The output of that formula is the day of the week (Monday, Tuesday, etc.) returned as a text string (VARCHAR, ATTRIBUTE).

Then suppose you create an answer using the worksheet as a source. And in the answer, you create another formula on top of the formula column in the worksheet. This formula is supposed to return the day of the week that is two days after the given day of the week:

```
weekday + 2
```

In this case, you have effectively created a formula on top of another formula. This works fine, so long as the data types in the worksheet formula can work in the answer formula. If not, you may not be able to save the answer, or open it after it has been saved. Here, the second formula you created does not work, because it is invalid. It is trying to subtract a number from a text string.

If you encounter this issue, you must open the worksheet and edit its formula so that it returns the type expected by the formula that was built on top of it. In this case, a numeric data type.

You must change the underlying worksheet column to use day_number_of_week instead of day_of_week. This is because day_number_of_week returns a numeric data type.

Here are the steps to resolve an issue like this:

1. Open the underlying worksheet that contains the formula whose output data type you need to change.
2. Click the formula name to edit the formula.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Data Editor interface. On the left, the 'Data' tab is selected, displaying a list of available sources: 'Udemy_user_activity_report', 'Udemy_user_course_activi..', and 'Udemy_user_progress_rep..'. Below this is a 'Formulas' section containing a single formula named 'weekday', which is highlighted with a red box. On the right, the 'Udemy Worksheet' tab is selected, showing a table with data from the 'Udemy_user_activity_report' source. The table has three columns: 'date joined', 'date last visit', and 'minutes video watched'. The 'weekday' formula is used in the first column. The table data is as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> date joined	FY 2016-08-27 17:00:00	FY 20
<input type="checkbox"/> date last visit	FY 2017-05-18 17:13:47	FY 20
<input type="checkbox"/> minutes video watched	1,159.00	1,159.
<input type="checkbox"/> number of courses assigned	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> number of courses complet..	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> number of days used	41	41
<input type="checkbox"/> number of modules compl..	153	153
<input type="checkbox"/> number of courses enrolled	15	15
<input type="checkbox"/> number of courses started	13	13
<input type="checkbox"/> email	anirudh@thoughtspot.com	anirud
<input type="checkbox"/> first name	anirudh	anirud
<input type="checkbox"/> last name	{Blank}	{Blank}

3. In the Formula Builder, modify the formula, so that it returns the expected data type.

There are data type conversion formulas available to make this easier. To view them and their syntax, open the **Formula Assistant**, and expand the section called **Conversion**.

The screenshot shows the ThoughtSpot Formula Assistant interface. A search bar at the top has the word "weekday" typed into it. Below the search bar, a list of suggestions is shown, with the first item being "day_number_of_week (date of last visit (utc))". To the right of this list, a detailed tooltip provides information about the function:

Returns the number (1-7) of the day in a week from the given date with 1 being Monday and 7 being Sunday.

Examples:

- `day_number_of_week (01/30/2015) = 6`
- `day_number_of_week (shipped)`

At the bottom left of the interface, there is a green checkmark icon followed by the text "Formula is valid".

4. Make your changes, and saving the formula by clicking **Save**.
5. Save the worksheet by clicking **Save**.
6. Now you will be able to open the answer that was created on top of the worksheet.

Data loading too slowly

Some tables may take an unusually long time to load due to a high data version issue. This issue normally arises when ThoughtSpot completes an upgrade or the system is recovering after a crash.

The data version is the number of loads that have been historically applied to a table. Every completed load increments the version number of the table by one. ThoughtSpot would need to process each version of the table during restoration, which could increase the time it takes to build the table.

There are a few steps you can take to check for a high data version issue and fix it. To improve data loading speed, run the following command to find the number of tables that are building and their names

```
tscli cluster status --mode table
```

You may notice that a few small tables are taking up a lot of time to be built. This could simply be due to the deceptively large size of the table. There is also the chance it could be due to a high data version issue. To determine if this is a high data version issue, check the size of the table by running the following command:

```
echo 'show statistics for server;' | tql
```

If there is a large number of rows in the table, go on to shard the table. If the table has a small number of rows, then the slow loading speed is caused by a high data version issue, and you do not have to shard the table. Use the compact table functionality to trim the table down to its actual size:

```
tql> compact table <table name>;
```

Search results contain too many blanks

If you find that your search results contain too many blanks when your data source is a worksheet, there is a simple adjustment you can make to fix this.

If you find that the charts and tables built on a worksheet contain a large number of null values (which display as {blank} in the web browser), you can fix this by changing the [inclusion rule](#) for the worksheet.

An inclusion rule that specifies **Exclude Empty Rows (Inner Join)** will reduce the number of null values in the result. Imagine a worksheet that includes data about a retail grocery store. There are rows in the worksheet from these source tables:

Table Name	Description
sales	Fact table with sales made per product per store.
products	Dimension table with information about every product.
stores	Dimension table with information about every store.

When creating the worksheet, suppose you choose **Include Empty Rows (Left Outer Join)** for the inclusion rule and **Progressive Joins** for the join rule. In this case, if you type “product name” in your search, you can see a list of all the products that exist. Suppose you then add “store name” to your search. You will see a lot of null ({blank}) values in the result. This happens because the columns “store name” and “product name” are joined through the fact table, “sales”. So for every product that has never been sold in a particular store, you can see {blank} in the “store name” column. This may be what you want to see, in which case, you can leave the worksheet as is, and choose **Exclude** for the {blank} values in your table or chart, whenever you don’t want to see them.

However, in many cases, including all the {blank} values could confuse end users. So if you encounter this problem, you can [edit the worksheet, and change the inclusion rule](#) to **Exclude Empty Rows (Inner Join)**. Now when searching for “store name” and “product name” on the worksheet, users will not be overwhelmed by null values. They’ll only see the rows where a particular product has been sold in a particular store.

Keyword reference

You can use keywords when asking a question to help define your search. This reference lists the various keywords. You can also see this list of keywords and examples from within the help center.

Keywords in Other Languages

Currently, we offer the following keyword translations.

日本語	中文 (简体)	Deutsche	Español (latín)	Español (España)
Français (Canada)	Français (France)	Português (Brasil)	Português (Portugal)	Italiano
Dansk	Suomi	Svenska	Norsk	Nederland

Also, see the topic on how to set [locale preferences in your user profile](#) to control language, date, and number formats on the ThoughtSpot UI.

General

Keyword	Examples
top	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• top sales rep by count sales for average revenue > 10000• sales rep average revenue for each region top
bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bottom revenue average• bottom revenue by state• customer by revenue for each sales rep bottom
n	top 10 sales rep revenue
n	bottom 25 customer by revenue for each sales rep
sort by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• revenue by state sort by average revenue• revenue by customer sort by region

Date

Keyword	Examples
after	order date after 10/31/2014
before	order date before 03/01/2014
between ... and ...	order date between 01/30/2012 and 01/30/2014
daily year-over-year	growth of revenue by order date daily year-over-year
daily	shipments by region daily
day	count monday restaurant
day of week	revenue by day of week last 6 months
day of week	count shipments Monday
n days for each month	sales last 2 days for each month
n days for each quarter	revenue last 15 days for each quarter
n days for each week	total sold last 2 days for each week
n days for each year	revenue last 300 days for each year
growth of ... by ... daily	growth of sales by order date daily
growth of ... by ... monthly	growth of sales by date shipped monthly sales > 24000
growth of ... by ... quarterly	growth of sales by date shipped quarterly
growth of ... by ... weekly	growth of sales by receipt date weekly for pro-ski2000
growth of ... by ... yearly	growth of sales by date closed yearly
growth of ... by ...	growth of sales by order date
n hours for each day	sales last 2 hours for each day

Keyword	Examples
last day by	customers last day by referrer
last month by	customers last month by day
last <i>n</i> days	visitors last 7 days
last <i>n</i> quarters	visitors last 2 quarters by month by campaign
last <i>n</i> weeks	visitors last 10 weeks by day
last quarter	customers last quarter sale > 300
last week	customers last week by store
last year	top 10 customers last year by sale by store for region west
last <i>n</i> years	visitors last 5 years by revenue for sum revenue > 5000
month to date	sales by product month to date sales > 2400
<i>month year</i>	commission by sales rep February 2014
<i>month</i>	commission January
month	revenue by month last year
monthly year-over-year	growth of revenue by receipt date monthly year-over-year
monthly	commission > 10000 monthly
<i>n</i> months for each quarter	cost last 2 months for each quarter
<i>n</i> months for each year	last 8 months for each year
<i>n</i> days ago	sales 2 days ago
<i>n</i> months ago	sales 2 months ago by region
<i>n</i> months	visitors last 6 months for homepage visits > 30 by month
<i>n</i> quarters ago	sales 4 quarters ago by product name contains deluxe
<i>n</i> weeks ago	sales 4 weeks ago by store
<i>n</i> years ago	sales 5 years ago by store for region west
<i>n</i> years	opportunities next 5 years by revenue

Keyword	Examples
next day	shipments next day by order
next month	appointments next month by day
next <i>n</i> days	shipments next 7 days
next <i>n</i> months	openings next 6 months location
next <i>n</i> quarters	opportunities next 2 quarters by campaign
next <i>n</i> weeks	shipments next 10 weeks by day
next quarter	opportunities next quarter amount > 30000
next week	shipments next week by store
next year	opportunities next year by sales rep
quarter to date	sales by product quarter to date for top 10 products by sales
quarterly year-over-year	growth of revenue by date shipped quarterly year-over-year
quarterly	sales quarterly for each product
<i>n</i> quarters for each year	last 2 quarters for each year
today	sales today by store
week to date	sales by order date week to date for pro-ski200
week	revenue by week last quarter
weekly year-over-year	growth of revenue by date shipped weekly year-over-year
weekly	revenue weekly
<i>n</i> weeks for each month	sales last 3 weeks for each month
<i>n</i> weeks for each quarter	last 2 weeks for each quarter
<i>n</i> weeks for each year	last 3 weeks for each year
year to date	sales by product year to date
year	revenue by product 2014 product name contains snowboard

Keyword	Examples
yearly	shipments by product yearly
yesterday	sales yesterday for pro-ski200 by store

Time

Keyword	Examples
detailed	ship time detailed
last minute	count homepage views last minute
last hour	count unique visits last hour
<i>n</i> minutes	count visitors last 30 minutes
<i>n</i> hours	count visitors last 12 hours
hourly	visitors by page name hourly
<i>n</i> minutes ago	sum inventory by product 10 minutes ago
<i>n</i> hours ago	sum inventory by product by store 2 hours ago

Text

Keyword	Examples
begins with	product name begins with 'pro'
contains	product name contains "alpine" description contains "snow shoe"
ends with	product name ends with 'deluxe'

Keyword	Examples
not begins with	product name not begins with "tom's"
not contains	product color not contains 'tan' product color not contains 'red'
not ends with	product name not ends with "trial"
similar to	course name similar to 'hand'
not similar to	course name not similar to 'hand'

Number

Function	Examples
sum	sum revenue
average	average revenue by store
count	count visitors by site
max	max sales by visitor by site
min	min revenue by store by campaign for cost > 5000
standard deviation	standard deviation revenue by product by month for date after 10/31/2010
unique count	unique count visitor by product page last week
variance	variance sale amount by visitor by product for last year

Comparative

Function	Examples
all	all

Function	Examples
between... and	revenue between 0 and 1000
vs, versus	revenue east vs west
>	sum sale amount by visitor by product for last year sale amount > 2000
<	unique count visitor by product by store for sale amount < 20
>=	count calls by employee lastname >= m
<=	count shipments by city latitude <= 0
=	unique count visitor by store purchased products = 3 for last 5 days
!=	sum sale amount region != canada region != mexico

Location

Keyword	Examples
near	revenue store name county near san francisco
near... within <i>n</i> miles km meters	revenue store name county near alameda within 50 miles
farther than <i>n</i> miles km meters from	average hours worked branch farther than 80 km from scarborough

Location keywords only work for searches where the data source includes latitude/longitude data.

Period

Keyword	Example
quarter (<i>date</i>)	quarter (purchase date)
quarter of year (<i>date</i>)	quarter of year (purchase date)

month of quarter (<i>date</i>)	month of quarter (purchase date)
week of year (<i>date</i>)	week of year (ship date)
week of quarter (<i>date</i>)	week of quarter (ship date)
week of month (<i>date</i>)	week of month (ship date)
day of year (<i>date</i>)	day of year (ship date)
day of quarter (<i>date</i>)	day of quarter (ship date)
day (<i>date</i>)	day (ship date)
day of month (<i>date</i>)	day of month (order date)
day of week (<i>date</i>)	day of week (order date)
hour (<i>datetime</i>)	hour (timestamp)

In

Keyword	Example
in (<i>subsearch</i>)	in (top 10 store name by sales footwear)

TQL reference

TQL is the ThoughtSpot language for entering SQL commands. This reference lists TQL commands you can use to do things like creating a schema or verifying a data load.

About using TQL

You can use TQL either [through the ThoughtSpot application's web interface](#) or the [command line interface](#) in the Linux shell.

Use `--query_results_apply_top_row_count <number>` flag to limit the number of result rows returned by a query. For example:

```
$ tql --query_results_apply_top_row_count 100
```

As a best practice, you should enclose object names (database, schema, table, and column) in double quotes, and column values in single quotes. When referring to objects using fully qualified object names, the syntax is:

```
"database"."schema"."table"
```

To get help on SQL when using TQL, enter `help` on the command line.

You can use TQL to view and modify schemas and data in tables. Remember to add a semicolon after each command. Commands are not case sensitive but are capitalized here for readability.

ⓘ Note: Worksheets and pinboards in ThoughtSpot are dependent upon the data in the underlying tables. Use caution when modifying tables directly. If you change or remove a schema on which those objects rely, the objects could become invalid.

View schemas and data

Syntax	Description
SHOW DATABASES	Lists all available databases. Examples: SHOW DATABASES;
USE <database>	Switches the context to the specified database. This is required if queries do not use fully qualified names (database.schema.table) for specifying tables. Examples: USE "fruit_database";
SHOW SCHEMAS	Lists all schemas within the current database. For example: SHOW SCHEMAS;
SHOW TABLES	Lists all tables within the current database by schema. For example: SHOW TABLES;
SHOW TABLE <table>	Lists all the columns for a table. For example: SHOW TABLE "locations";
SCRIPT SERVER	Generates the TQL schema for all tables in all databases on the server. For example: SCRIPT SERVER;

Syntax	Description
<pre>SCRIPT DATABASE <database></pre>	Generates the TQL schema for all tables in a database. For example: <pre>SCRIPT DATABASE "fruit_database";</pre>

<pre>SCRIPT TABLE <table></pre>	Generates the TQL schema for a table. For example: <pre>SCRIPT TABLE "vendor";</pre>
---	---

Syntax	Description
	Shows specified set of table data.
<pre>SELECT <cols_or_expr> FROM <table_list> [WHERE <predicates>] [GROUP BY <expr>] [ORDER BY <expr>]</pre>	If you do not specify the TOP number of rows to select, the top 50 rows will be returned by default. The number of rows to return can be set using the TSQL command line flag: <code>--query_results apply_top_row_count</code>
	You can use the following aggregation functions:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sum • count • count distinct • stddev • avg • variance • min • max
	You can use the following date functions:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • absyear • absmonth • absday • absquarter • date • time
	For example:
	<pre>SELECT TOP 10 "quantity" FROM "sales_fact";</pre>
	<pre>SELECT COUNT(*) FROM "vendor";</pre>
	<pre>SELECT "vendor", SUM("quantity") FROM "sales_fact" GROUP BY "vendor";</pre>
	<pre>SELECT "vendor", SUM("amount") FROM "vendor", "sales_fact" WHERE "sales_fact"."vendorid" = "vendor"."vendorid" AND "amount" > 100 GROUP BY "vendor" ORDER BY "amount" DESC;</pre>
	<pre>SELECT "vendor", SUM("quantity") FROM "sales_fact" GROUP BY "vendor" LIMIT 10;</pre>

Schema creation

Syntax	Description
<pre>CREATE DATABASE <data- base></pre>	Creates a database. For example: <pre>CREATE DATABASE "fruit_database";</pre>
<pre>CREATE SCHEMA <schema></pre>	Creates a schema within the current database. For example: <pre>CREATE SCHEMA "fruit_schema";</pre>
<pre>CREATE TABLE <table> (<column_def- itions> [<con- straints>]) [PARTI- TION BY HASH (<num- ber>) [KEY ("<col- umn>")]]</pre>	<p>Creates a table with the specified column definitions and constraints.</p> <p>Use PARTITION BY HASH to shard a table across all nodes. If no KEY is specified, the table will be randomly sharded.</p> <p>Do not specify relationship constraints (FOREIGN KEY or RELATIONSHIP) in the CREATE TABLE statement. Instead, define these using ALTER TABLE statements at the end of your TQL script, after creating your tables. This method guarantees that tables are created before they are referenced in the constraint definitions. For example:</p> <pre>CREATE TABLE "vendor" ("vendorid" int, "name" var- char(255));</pre> <pre>CREATE TABLE "sales_fact" ("saleid" int, "locationid" int, "vendorid" int, "quantity" int, "sale_amount" double, "fruitid" int, CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY("saleid")) PARTITION BY HASH(96) KEY ("saleid");</pre>

Schema modification

Syntax	Description
<pre>DROP DATABASE <data- base></pre>	Drops a database and all of its schemas and tables. For example: <pre>DROP DATABASE "fruit_database";</pre>
<pre>DROP SCHEMA <schema></pre>	Drops a schema within the current database, and drops all of the tables in the schema. For example: <pre>DROP SCHEMA "fruit_schema";</pre>
<pre>DROP TABLE <table></pre>	Drops a table. For example: <pre>DROP TABLE "location";</pre>
<pre>TRUNCATE TABLE <table></pre>	Removes all data from a table, but preserves its metadata, including all GUIDs, relationships, etc. This can be used to force a new schema for a table without losing the metadata. However, this operation removes all existing data from the table and must be used with caution. You must reload the data following a TRUNCATE , or all dependent objects (worksheets and pinboards) in ThoughtSpot will become invalid. For example: <pre>TRUNCATE TABLE "location";</pre>

Syntax	Description
	Alters a table to add, drop, or rename a column.
ALTER TABLE <table> ADD DROP RENAME COLUMN <column>	When you add a column to an existing table, you must provide a default value to use for existing rows. For example: ALTER TABLE "cart" ADD COLUMN "nickname" varchar(255) DE- FAULT 'no nickname';
	ALTER TABLE "cart" DROP COLUMN "nickname";
	ALTER TABLE "cart" RENAME COLUMN "nickname" TO "shortname";

ALTER TABLE <table> DROP CON- STRAINT PRIMARY KEY;	Drops the primary key from a table. Note that if you then add a new primary key, the same upsert behavior will be applied as with adding any primary key. This can result in data deletion, so make sure you understand how the upsert will affect your data ahead of time. For example:
	ALTER TABLE "sales" DROP CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY;
	ALTER TABLE "sales" ADD CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("P0_num- ber");

ALTER TABLE <table> DROP CON- STRAINT [FOREIGN KEY RELATIONSHIP] <name>;	Drops the named foreign key or relationship between two tables. For example: ALTER TABLE "sales_fact" DROP CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY "FK_P0_number";
	ALTER TABLE "fruit_dim" DROP RELATIONSHIP "REL_dates";

Syntax	Description
<pre>ALTER TABLE <table> DROP [CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY [<table_name>] RELATIONSHIP [WITH <table_name>];</pre>	<p>You must use this syntax when dropping relationships between tables created before ThoughtSpot version 3.2. This is because relationships could not be named in older versions.</p> <p>Drops the foreign key or relationship between two tables where you cannot reference it by relationship name. If the relationship was created without a name, use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the name of the referenced table, for a foreign key.• the name of the related table, for a relationship. <p>If you drop a foreign key without specifying the referenced table, all foreign keys from the table you are altering will be dropped.</p>

Examples:

```
ALTER TABLE "shipments" DROP CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY "orders";
```

```
ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys" DROP RELATIONSHIP WITH "retail_sales";
```

Drops all relationships that have wholesale_buys as a source.

```
ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys" DROP RELATIONSHIP;
```

Drops all foreign keys from wholesale_buys.

```
ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys" DROP CONSTRAINT FOREIGN KEY;
```

Syntax	Description
<pre>ALTER TABLE <table> [SET DI- MENSION SET FACT [PARTITION BY HASH [(<shards>)] [KEY(<column>)]]]</pre>	<p>Changes the partitioning on a table by doing one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • re-sharding a sharded table • changing a replicated table to a sharded table • changing a sharded table to a replicated (unsharded) table <p>By default, ThoughtSpot does not shard dimension tables.</p>
	<p>To change the partitioning on a table, or to change a dimension table to a sharded table, use <code>ALTER TABLE...SET FACT PARTITION BY HASH...;</code></p> <p>To make a sharded table into a dimension table (replicated on every node), use <code>ALTER TABLE...SET DIMENSION;</code> command.</p>
	<p>Examples of this statement:</p> <pre>ALTER TABLE "sales_fact" SET FACT PARTITION BY HASH (96) KEY ("PO_number"); ALTER TABLE "fruit_dim" SET DIMENSION;</pre>

<pre>ALTER TABLE <table> MODIFY COLUMN <column> <new_data_type>;</pre>	<p>Changes the data type of a column. This can have implications on sharding and primary key behavior. See About data type conversion. For example:</p> <pre>ALTER TABLE fact100 MODIFY COLUMN product_id int;</pre>
--	--

Modify data

Syntax	Description
<pre>INSERT INTO <table> VALUES ...</pre>	<p>Inserts values into a table. Only use this for testing. Do not use <code>INSERT</code> on a production system. For example:</p> <pre>INSERT INTO "vendor" VALUES ('helen rose', 'jacob norse', 'eileen ruff', 'manny gates');</pre>

Syntax	Description
<pre>ALTER TABLE <table> SET LOAD PRIORITY <value> <new_da- ta_type>;</pre>	<p>Sets the load priority for a table. Load priority determines the order in which a table is loaded on a cluster restart. You can set any value from 1–100 . The system default for all tables is 50 . For example:</p> <pre>ALTER TABLE 'sales_facts' SET LOAD PRIORITY 1;</pre>
<pre>UPDATE <table> ... SET ... [WHERE ...]</pre>	<p>Updates rows in a table that match optionally provided predicates. Predicates have the form column = value connected by the AND keyword. Sets the column values to the specified values. For example:</p> <pre>UPDATE "location" SET "borough" = 'staten island', "city" = 'new york' WHERE "borough" = 'staten isl' AND city = 'NY';</pre>
<pre>DELETE FROM <table> [WHERE...]</pre>	<p>Deletes rows from a table that match optionally provided predicates. Predicates have the form column = value connected by the AND keyword. For example.</p> <pre>DELETE FROM "vendor" WHERE "name" = 'Joey Smith' AND "ven- dorid" = '19463';</pre>

Constraints and relationships

Constraints and relationships in ThoughtSpot are used to define the relationships between tables (how they can be joined). However, constraints are not enforced, as they would be in a transactional database. You can define the following constraints when creating a table with `CREATE TABLE`, or add them to an existing table using the `ADD CONSTRAINT` syntax:

Syntax	Description
PRIMARY KEY	<p>Designates a unique, non-null value as the primary key for a table. This can be one column or a combination of columns. If values are not unique, an upsert will be performed if a row includes a primary key that is already present in the data. Some examples:</p> <pre>CREATE TABLE "schools" ("schoolID" varchar(15), "schoolName" varchar(255), "schoolCity" varchar(55), "schoolState" varchar(55), "schoolNick" varchar(55), CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("schoolID")) ;</pre> <pre>ALTER TABLE "cart" ADD CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY ("cart_id");</pre> <pre>ALTER TABLE "cart" DROP CONSTRAINT PRIMARY KEY "cart_id";</pre>

FOREIGN KEY

Defines a relationship where the value(s) in the table are used to join to a second table. Uses an equality operator. The foreign key must match the primary key of the table that is referenced in number, column type, and order of columns.

When creating a foreign key, give it a name. You can reference the foreign key name later, if you want to remove it.

Examples of this statement:

```
ALTER TABLE "batting" ADD CONSTRAINT "FK_player" FOREIGN KEY ("playerID")
REFERENCES "players" ("playerID");
```

```
ALTER TABLE "batting" ADD CONSTRAINT "FK_lg_team" FOREIGN KEY ("lgID" , "teamID")
REFERENCES "teams" ("lgID" , "teamID");
```

```
ALTER TABLE "shipment" ADD CONSTRAINT "FK_P0_vendor" FOREIGN KEY ("po_number",
"vendor") REFERENCES "orders" ("po_number", "vendor");
```

```
ALTER TABLE "shipment" DROP CONSTRAINT "FK_P0_vendor";
```

Syntax	Description
RELATIONSHIP	<p>Defines a relationship where the value(s) in the table can be used to join to a second table, using an equality condition (required) and one or more range conditions (optional). These conditions act like a WHERE clause when the two tables are joined. They are applied using AND logic, such that all conditions must be met for a row to be included.</p> <p>You may add multiple relationships between tables. When creating a relationship, give it a name. You can reference the relationship name later, if you want to remove it.</p> <p>Examples of this statement:</p> <pre>ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys" ADD RELATIONSHIP "REL_fruit" WITH "retail_sales" AS "wholesale_buys"."fruit" = "retail_sales"."fruit" AND ("wholesale_buys"."date_order" < "retail_sales"."date_sold" AND "retail_sales"."date_sold" < "wholesale_buys"."expire_date"); ALTER TABLE "wholesale_buys" DROP RELATIONSHIP "REL_fruit";</pre>

Data types

ThoughtSpot supports a simplified list of data types:

Syntax	Description	Examples
Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VARCHAR(<i>n</i>) 	Specify the maximum number of characters, as in VARCHAR(255). The size limit is 1GB for VARCHAR values.
Floating point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOUBLE FLOAT 	DOUBLE is recommended.
Boolean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOOL 	Can be true or false .

Syntax	Description	Examples
Integer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INT• BIGINT	<p>INT holds 32 bits.</p> <p>BIGINT holds 64 bits.</p>
Date or time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DATE• DATETIME• TIMESTAMP• TIME	<p>DATETIME, TIMESTAMP, and TIME are stored at the granularity of seconds</p> <p>TIMESTAMP is identical to DATETIME, but is included for syntax compatibility.</p>

tsload flag reference

For recurring data loads and for scripting loads, use `tsload` (the ThoughtSpot Loader). This reference section lists all the flags that can be used to modify the behavior of `tsload`.

General tsload flags

Flag	Description	Notes
<code>--target_database <database></code>	Specifies the pre-existing target database into which tsload should load the data.	
<code>--target_schema <schema></code>	Specifies the target schema. Default is “falcon_default_schema”.	
<code>--target_table <table></code>	Specifies the tables that you want to load into the database. The tables must exist in the database specified by <code>--target_database</code> .	
<code>--empty_target</code>	Specifies that any data in the target table is to be removed before the new data is loaded.	If supplied, any rows that exist in the table specified by <code>--target_database</code> and <code>--target_table</code> will be deleted before this data load. To perform an “upsert” on the existing data, omit this flag or specify <code>--noempty_target</code> .
<code>--max_ignored_rows <number></code>	Specifies the maximum number of rows that can be ignored if they fail to load.	If the number of ignored rows exceeds this limit, the load will be aborted.
<code>--bad_records_file <path_to_file>/<file_name></code>	Specifies the file to use for storing rows that failed to load. Input rows that do not conform to the defined schema in ThoughtSpot will be ignored and inserted into this file.	
<code>--date_format <date_formatmask></code>	Specifies the format string for date values.	The default format is <code>yearmonthday</code> e.g. “Dec 30th, 2001” and is represented as <code>20011230</code> . Use the date format specifications supported in the strftime library function .
<code>--date_time_format <date_formatmask>/<time_formatmask></code>	Specifies the format string for datetime values.	The default is <code>yearmonthday hour:minute:second</code> e.g. Dec 30th, 2001 1:15:12 and is represented as <code>20011230 01:15:12</code> . Use the datetime format specifications supported in the strftime library function .
<code>--time_format <time_formatmask></code>	Specifies the format string for time values.	The default is <code>hour:minute:second</code> . Use the time format specifications supported in the strftime library function .

Flag	Description	Notes
--v=[0 1 2 3]	Specifies the verbosity of log messages.	Provide a value for verbosity level. By default, verbosity is set to the minimum, which is 0. This value is similar to a volume control. At higher levels your log receives more messages and that log more frequently. This is used for debugging. You should not change this value unless instructed by ThoughtSpot Support.
--skip_second_fraction	Skips fractional seconds when loading data.	If supplied, the upserts logic may be affected, especially if the date time being loaded is a primary key, and the data has millisecond granularity. Load the data twice, first time as a string with a primary key, and again with second granularity date time. There is no support to store fractional seconds in the ThoughtSpot system.

File loading tsload flags

The following flags are used when loading data from an input file:

Flag	Description	Notes
--source_file <path_to_file>/<file_name>	Specifies the location of the file to be loaded.	
--source_data_format [csv delimited]	Specifies the data file format.	Optional. The default is csv.
--field_separator "<delimiter>"	Specifies the field delimiter used in the input file.	
--trailing_field_separator	Specifies that the field separator appears after every field, including the last field per row.	Example row with trailing field separator: a,b,c,The default is false.
--null_value "<null_representation>"	Specifies how null values are represented in the input file.	These values will be converted to NULL upon loading.
--date_converted_to_epoch [true false]	Specifies whether the “date” or “datetime” values in the input file are represented as epoch values.	

Flag	Description	Notes
--boolean_representation [true_false 1_0 T_F Y_N]	Specifies the format in which boolean values are represented in the input file.	The default is T_F. You can also use this flag to specify other values. For example, if your data used Y for true and NULL for false, you could specify: --boolean_representation Y_NULL
--has_header_row	Indicates that the input file contains a header row.	If supplied, column names in the header row are used to match column names in the target table in ThoughtSpot. If not supplied, the first row of the file is loaded as data, the same as all subsequent rows.
--escape_character "<character>"	Specifies the escape character used in the input file.	If no value is specified, the default is "(double quotes).
--enclosing_character "<character>"	Specifies the enclosing character used in the input file.	If the enclosing character is double quotes, you need to escape it, as in this example: --enclosing_character "\""
--use_bit_boolean_values = [true false]	Specifies how boolean values are represented in the input file.	If supplied, the input CSV file uses a bit for boolean values, i.e. the false value is represented as 0x0 and true as 0x1. If omitted or set to false, boolean values are assumed to be T_F, unless you specify something else using the flag --boolean_representation [true_false 1_0 T_F Y_N] .

tscli command reference

Summary: The ThoughtSpot command line interface, or `tscli`, is an administration interface for the cluster. Use `tscli` to take snapshots (backups) of data, apply updates, stop and start the services, and view information about the system. This reference defines each subcommand.

The command returns `0` on success, and a non-zero exit codes on failure. The `tscli` command logs errors to the `stderr` directory.

How to use the tscli command

The `tscli` command has the following syntax:

```
tscli [-h]
      [--helpfull]
      [--verbose]
      [--noautoconfig]
      [--autoconfig]
      [--yes]
      [--cluster <cluster>]
      [--zoo <zookeeper>]
      [--username <username>]
      [--identity_file <identity_file>]
      {access, alert, ansible, backup, backup-policy, callhome,
       cassandra,
       cluster, command, dr-mirror, etl, event, feature, fileserver,
       firewall, hdfs, ipsec, ldap, logs, map-tiles, monitoring,
       nas,
       node, patch, rpackage, saml, scheduled-pinboards, smtp,
       snapshot,
       snapshot-policy, spot, sssd, ssl, storage, support,
       tokenauthentication}
```

The `tscli` command has several subcommands, such as `alert`, `backup`, and so on.

Issue subcommands using the following format:

```
tscli [subcommand]
```

Subcommands have their own additional options and actions, such as `tscli backup create` or `tscli backup delete`.

Each subcommand may have several options.

To view help for a subcommand, type `-h` for the subcommand option:

```
tscli [subcommand] -h
```

tscli subcommands

This section lists each subcommand and its syntax.

access

```
tscli access [-h] {list}
```

This subcommand has the following option:

```
tscli access list
```

Lists objects by last access time.

alert

```
tscli alert [-h] {count,info,list,off,on,refresh,silence,status,unsilence}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli alert info

Lists all alerts.

tscli alert list

Lists the generated alerts.

tscli alert off

Disables all alerts from the cluster in the cluster's timezone.

tscli alert on

Enables alerts from the cluster.

tscli alert silence --name *alert_name*

Silences the alert with *alert_name*. For example, `DISK_ERROR`. Silenced alerts are still recorded in postgres, however emails are not sent out.

tscli alert status

Shows the status of cluster alerts.

tscli alert unsilence-name *alert_name*

Unsilences the alert with *alert_name*. For example, `DISK_ERROR`.

ansible

```
tscli ansible [-h] {checkout,commit} [--local]
```

Use this subcommand to install and configure third-party software on the ThoughtSpot cluster.

For details, see these articles:

- [About third party security and monitoring software](#)
- [Installing third party security and monitoring software](#)

backup

```
tscli backup [-h] {create,delete,ls,restore}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli backup create [-h] [--mode {full,light,dataless}] [--type {full,incremental}]
[--base BASE]
[--storage_type {local,nas}] [--remote] name out
```

Pulls a snapshot and saves it as a backup, with these parameters:

```
--mode {full,light,dataless}
```

Mode of backups.

```
--type {full,incremental}
```

Type of backup.

Note: `incremental` is not implemented.

The default setting is `full`.

```
--base BASE
```

Based snapshot name for incremental backup.

Note: Because `incremental` is not implemented, neither is this option.

There is no default setting.

```
--storage_type {local,nas}
```

Storage type of output directory.

The default setting is `local`.

```
--remote
```

Take backup through orion master.

The default setting is `True`.

```
tscli backup delete name
```

Deletes the named backup.

```
tscli backup ls
```

List all backups taken by the system.

```
tscli backup restore
```

Restore cluster using backup.

backup-policy

```
tscli backup-policy [-h] {create,delete,disable,enable,ls,show,status,update}
```

Manages the backup policy.

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli backup-policy create
```

Prompts an editor for you to edit the parameters of the backup policy.

```
tscli backup-policy delete name
```

Deletes the backup policy with *name*.

```
tscli backup-policy disable name
```

Disables the policy *name*.

```
tscli backup-policy enable name
```

Enables the policy *name*.

```
tscli backup-policy ls
```

List backup policies.

```
tscli backup-policy show name
```

Show the policy *name*.

```
tscli backup-policy status name
```

Enables the policy *name*.

```
tscli backup-policy update name
```

Prompts an editor for you to edit the policy *name*.

callhome

```
tscli callhome [-h] {disable,enable,generate-bundle}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli callhome disable
```

Turns off the periodic call home feature.

```
tscli callhome enable --customer_name customer_name
```

Enables the "call home" feature, which sends usage statistics to ThoughtSpot.

This feature is enabled by default.

The parameter `customer_name` takes the form `Shared/customer_name/stats`.

```
tscli callhome generate-bundle --d directory --since DAYS
```

These are the parameters:

```
--d D
```

Destination folder for the tar file.

There is no default setting.

```
--since DAYS
```

Grab `callhome` data from this time window in the past.

This should be a human-readable duration string, such as `4h` (4 hours), `30m` (30 minutes), `1d` (1day).

This option generates a `tar` file of the cluster metrics and writes it to the specified directory, where `DAYS` is how many days back the file must start.

The default setting is `7` days.

cassandra

```
tscli cassandra [-h] {backup,restore}
```

Backs up cassandra.

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli cassandra backup
```

Take a backup of cassandra.

```
tscli cassandra restore
```

Restore cassandra from a backup.

cluster

```
tscli cluster [-h] {abort-reinstall-os,check,create,get-config,load,
                  reinstall-os,report,restore,resume-reinstall-os,
                  resume-update,set-config,set-min-resource-spec,
                  show-resource-spec,start,status,stop,update,
                  update-hadoop}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli cluster abort-reinstall-os

Abort in-progress reinstall.

tscli cluster check --includes {all,disk,zookeeper,hdfs,orion-cgroups,orion-oreo}

Check the status nodes in the cluster.

You must specify a component to check.

tscli cluster create release

Creates a new cluster from the release file specified by `release`.

Used by ThoughtSpot Support when installing a new cluster. For example, `tscli cluster create 5.3.2.tar.gz`.

tscli cluster get-config

Get current cluster network and time configuration. Prints JSON configuration to `stdout`.

If the system cannot be connected to all interfaces, the command returns an error but continues to function.

tscli cluster load

Load state from specified backup onto existing cluster.

tscli cluster reinstall-os

Reinstall OS on all nodes of the cluster.

tscli cluster report

Generate cluster report.

tscli cluster restore --release release_tarball backupdir

Restores a cluster using the backup in the specified directory *backupdir*. If you're restoring from a dataless backup, you must supply the release tarball for the corresponding software release.

tscli cluster resume-reinstall-os

Resume in-progress reinstall.

tscli cluster resume-update

Resume in-progress updates.

tscli cluster set-config

Set cluster network and time configuration. Takes JSON configuration from stdin.

tscli cluster set-min-resource-spec

Sets min resource configuration of the cluster.

tscli cluster show-resource-spec

Prints default or min.

tscli cluster start

Start cluster.

tscli cluster status

Gives the status of the cluster, including release number, date last updated, number of nodes, pending tables time, and services status.

tscli cluster stop

Pauses the cluster (but does not stop storage services).

tscli cluster update

Update existing cluster.

tscli cluster update-hadoop

Updates Hadoop/Zookeeper on the cluster.

command

```
tscli command [-h] {run}
```

Command to run on all nodes.

This subcommand has the following option:

```
tscli command run [-h] [--nodes NODES] --dest_dir DEST_DIR [--copyfirst COPYFIRST]
[--timeout TIMEOUT] command
```

These are the parameters:

--nodes NODES

Space-separated IPs of nodes where to run the command.

The default setting is `all`.

--dest_dir DEST_DIR

Directory to save the files that contain the output from each node.

This is a mandatory parameter.

--copyfirst COPYFIRST

Copy the executable to required nodes first.

The default setting is `False`.

--timeout TIMEOUT

Timeout waiting for the command to finish.

The default setting is `60`.

dr-mirror

```
tscli dr-mirror [-h] {start,status,stop}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli dr-mirror start

Starts a mirror cluster which will continuously recover from a primary cluster.

tscli dr-mirror status

Checks whether the current cluster is running in mirror mode.

tscli dr-mirror stop

Stops mirroring on the local cluster.

etl

```
tscli etl [-h] {change-password,disable-lw,download-agent,enabl  
e-lw,show-lw}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli etl change-password --admin_username admin_user --username Informatica_user
```

Changes the Informatica Cloud account password used by ThoughtSpot Data Connect.

Required parameters are:

```
--admin_username admin_user
```

Specifies the Administrator username for ThoughtSpot.

```
--username Informatica_user
```

Specifies the username for the Informatica Cloud.

```
tscli etl disable-lw
```

Disables ThoughtSpot Data Connect.

```
tscli etl download-agent
```

Downloads the ThoughtSpot Data Connect agent to the cluster.

```
tscli etl enable-lw [-h] --username USERNAME --thoughtspot_url THOUGHTSPOT_URL --  
admin_username ADMIN_USERNAME [--groupname GROUPNAME] --org_id ORG_ID [--pin_to  
PIN_TO] [--proxy_host PROXY_HOST] [--proxy_port PROXY_PORT] [--proxy_username  
PROXY_USERNAME] [--max_wait MAX_WAIT]
```

Contact ThoughtSpot Support for assistance in setting this up.

Required parameters are:

```
--username USERNAME
```

Username for Informatica Cloud

```
--thoughtspot_url THOUGHTSPOT_URL
```

URL to reach thoughtspot.

```
--admin_username ADMIN_USERNAME
```

Admin username for ThoughtSpot

```
--groupname GROUPNAME
```

--org_id ORG_ID

Specifies the Informatica `id` of the company.

--pin_to PIN_TO

Specifies the IP address to pin to. If you specify an IP to pin to, that node becomes sticky to the Informatica agent, and will always be used. Defaults to the public IP address of the localhost where this command was run.

--proxy_host PROXY_HOST

Proxy server host for network access.

--proxy_port PROXY_PORT

Proxy server port.

--proxy_username PROXY_USERNAME

Proxy server username.

--max_wait MAX_WAIT

Maximum time in seconds to wait for Data Connect agent to start.

tscli etl show-lw

Shows the status of ThoughtSpot Data Connect.

It also returns the Informatica username and OrgId.

event**tscli event [-h] {list}**

This subcommand and its options manage event notifications.

This subcommand has the following option:

```
tscli event list [-h] [--include INCLUDE] [--since SINCE] [--from FROM] [--to TO] [--limit LIMIT] [--detail] [--summary_contains SUMMARY_CONTAINS] [--detail_contains DETAIL_CONTAINS] [--attributes ATTRIBUTES]
```

The `event` subcommand accepts these optional flags:

--include INCLUDE

Options are all, config, notification. Default config. (default: config)

--since SINCE

Grab events from this time window in the past. Should be a human readable duration string, such as `4h` (4 hours), `30m` (30 minutes), `1d` (1 day).

--from *FROM*

Begin timestamp. Must be of the form: `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

--to *TO*

End timestamp. Must be of the form: `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

--limit *LIMIT*

Maximum number of events to fetch.

The default setting is `0`.

--detail

Print events in detail format. This is not tabular. Default is a tabular summary.

The default setting is `False`.

--summary_contains *SUMMARY_CONTAINS*

Summary of the event will be checked for this string. Multiple strings to check for can be specified by separating them with `|` (pipe). The event is returned if it `matchesALL`. Put single quotes around the param value to prevent undesired glob expansion.

--detail_contains *DETAIL_CONTAINS*

Details of the event will be checked for this string. Multiple strings to check for can be specified by separating them with `|` (pipe). The event is returned if it `matches ALL`. Put single quotes around the param value to prevent undesired glob expansion.

--attributes *ATTRIBUTES*

Specify attributes to match as key=value. Multiple strings to check for can be specified by separating them with `|` (pipe). The event is returned if it `matches ALL`. Put single quotes around the param value to prevent undesired glob expansion.

feature

```
tscli feature [-h] {get-all-config}
```

This subcommand has the following option:

tscli feature get-all-config

Gets the configured features in a cluster. The command returns a list of features, such as custom branding, Data Connect, and call home, and informs whether they are enabled or disabled.

fileserver

```
tscli fileserver [-h] {configure,download-release,purge-config,show-config,upload}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli fileserver configure [-h] --user USER [--password PASSWORD]
```

Configures the secure file server username and password for file upload/download, and the call home feature.

You only have to issue this command one time, to set up the connection to the secure file server. Reissue this command if the password changes.

The parameter `PASSWORD` is optional. If a password is not specified, you will be prompted to enter it.

```
tscli fileserver download-release [-h] [--user USER] [--password PASSWORD] release
```

Downloads the specified release file, including its checksum, and verifies the integrity of release bundle.

You must specify the exact release number, such as `5.1.3`.

Before using this command for the first time, you must set up the file server connection using `tscli fileserver configure`. You can then work with a member of the ThoughtSpot Support team because a privileged `user` and a corresponding `password` must be specified to download releases.

```
tscli fileserver purge-config
```

Removes the file server configuration.

```
tscli fileserver show-config
```

Shows the file server configuration.

```
tscli fileserver upload [-h] [--user USER] [--password PASSWORD] --file_name FILE_NAME --server_dir_path SERVER_DIR_PATH
```

Uploads the specified file to the directory specified on the secure file server.

You may optionally specify the `user` and `password` to bypass the credentials specified when configuring the file server connection with `tscli fileserver configure`. Before using this command for the first time, you must set up the file server connection using `tscli fileserver configure`.

This uses the following flags:

--user *USER*

Username of the fileserver.

--password *PASSWORD*

Password of the fileserver. This is required and the command prompts you for it if you do not supply it.

--file_name *FILE_NAME*

Local file to upload.

--server_dir_path *SERVER_DIR_PATH*

Directory path on fileserver. The `SERVER_DIR_PATH` parameter specifies the directory for file upload. It is based on customer name, and takes the form `/Shared/support/customer_name`.

firewall

```
tscli firewall [-h] {close-ports,disable,enable,open-ports,status}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli firewall close-ports

Closes specified ports through firewall on all nodes.

Accepts a comma-separated list of ports. Only closes ports that were previously opened using `open-ports`, and ignores ports that were not opened with `open-port`, or closed ports.

Some essential ports are always kept open, such as `ssh`; they are not affected by this command or by `open-ports`.

tscli firewall disable

Disable firewall.

tscli firewall enable

Enable firewall.

tscli firewall open-ports --ports *ports*

Opens specified ports through a firewall on all nodes.

Accepts a comma-separated list of ports.

Ignores open ports.

Some essential ports are always kept open, such as `ssh`; they are not affected by this command or by `close-ports`.

tscli firewall status

Shows whether firewall is currently enabled or disabled.

hdfs

```
tscli hdfs [-h] {leave-safemode}
```

This subcommand has the following option:

tscli hdfs leave-safemode

Command to get HDFS namenodes out of `safemode`.

ipsec

```
tscli ipsec [-h] {disable,enable,status}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli ipsec disable

Disable IPSec

tscli ipsec enable

Enable IPSec

tscli ipsec status

Show IPSec status on all nodes

ldap

```
tscli ldap [-h] {add-cert,configure,purge-configuration}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli ldap add-cert *name certificate*

Adds an SSL certificate for LDAP. Use only if LDAP has been configured without SSL and you wish to add it. Use `name` to supply an alias for the certificate you are installing.

tscli ldap configure

Configures LDAP using an interactive script.

tscli ldap purge-configuration

Purges (removes) any existing LDAP configuration.

logs

tscli logs [-h] {collect,runcmd}

Manages the logging behavior.

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli logs collect [-h] [--include INCLUDE] [--exclude EXCLUDE] [--since SINCE] [--from FROM] [--to TO] [--out OUT] [--maxsize MAXSIZE] [--sizeonly] [--nodes NODES]
```

Extracts logs from the cluster. Does not include any logs that have been deleted due to log rotation.

These parameters have the following values:

--include INCLUDE

Specifies a comma separated list of logs to include. Each entry is either a "selector" or a glob for matching files. Selectors must be among: `all`, `orion`, `system`, `ts`. Anything starting with `/` is assumed to be a glob pattern, and it is interpreted through `find(1)`. Other entries are ignored. Put single quotes around the param value to prevent undesired glob expansion (default: `all`)

--exclude EXCLUDE

Comma separated list of logs to exclude. Applies to the list selected by `--include`. Params are interpreted just like in `--include`.

--since SINCE

Grab logs from this time window in the past. Should be a human-readable duration string, such as `4h` (4 hours), `30m` (30 minutes), `1d` (1 day). (default: None)

--from FROM

Timestamp where collection begins; must be of the form `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

--to TO

Timestamp where collection ends; must be of the form `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

--out OUT

Tarball path for writing logs from each node.

The default setting is `/tmp/logs.tar.gz`.

--maxsize MAXSIZE

Only fetch logs if size is smaller than this value. Can be specified in megabytes or gigabytes, such as `100MB`, `10GB`.

--sizeonly

Do not collect logs. Just report the size.

The default setting is `False`.

--nodes NODES

Comma separated list of nodes from where to collect logs. Skip this to use all nodes.

```
tscli logs runcmd [-h] --cmd CMD [--include INCLUDE] [--exclude EXCLUDE] [--since SINCE] [--from FROM] [--to TO] [--outfile OUTFILE] [--outdir OUTDIR] [--cmd_infmt CMD_INFMT] [--cmd_outfmt CMD_OUTFMT] [--nodes NODES]
```

Runs a Unix command on logs in the cluster matching the given constraints. Results are reported as text dumped to standard out, the specified output file, or as tarballs dumped into the specified directory.

Accepts these optional flags:

--cmd CMD

Unix-Command to be run on the selected logs. Use single quotes to escape spaces etc. Note the language used to specify CMDSTR has following rules.

- A logfile and its corresponding result file can be referred by keywords `SRCFILE` and `DSTFILE`. For example, `cp SRCFILE DSTFILE`.
- Without any reference to `DSTFILE` in CMDSTR, `DSTFILE` will be appended to CMDSTR for output redirection. For example, `du -sch SRCFILE` gets auto-transtalted to `du -sch SRCFILE > DSTFILE`.
- Without any reference to `SRCFILE`, content of log is streamed to CMDSTR by pipe. For example, `tail -n100 | grep ERROR` gets auto-transtalted to `cat SRCFILE | tail -n100 | grep ERROR > DSTFILE`.

--include INCLUDE

Comma-separated list of logs to include,each entry is either a "selector" or a glob for matching files.

Selectors must be one of `all`, `orion`, `system`, `ts`.

Anything that starts with `/` (forward slash) is assumed to be a glob pattern and interpreted through `find(1)`. Other entries are ignored.

TIP: use single quotes around the parameter value to prevent undesired glob expansion.

The default setting is `all`.

--exclude EXCLUDE

Comma separated list of logs to exclude. Applies to the list selected by `--include`. Params are interpreted just like in `--include`.

--since SINCE

Grab logs from this time window in the past. Should be a human-readable duration string, such as `4h` (4 hours), `30m` (30 minutes), `1d` (1 day).

--from FROM

Timestamp where collection begins; must be of the form `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

--to TO

Timestamp where collection ends; must be of the form `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

--outfile OUTFILE

File path for printing all results. By default printed to `stdout`.

--outdir OUTDIR

Directory path for writing results with original directory structure from each node. Used as an alternative to printing output to `outfile/stdout`.

--cmd_infmt CMD_INFMT

Specify if the input file should be compressed or uncompressed before running `CMD`. `C` for compressed, `U` for uncompressed. Don't use this flag if `CMD` works on both.

--cmd_outfmt CMD_OUTFMT

Specify if `OUTFILE` generated by `CMD` should be compressed or uncompressed. `C` for compressed, `U` for uncompressed. Don't use this flag if output file is of the same format as the input file.

--nodes NODES

Comma separated list of nodes where to run command. Skip this to use all nodes.

map-tiles

```
tscli map-tiles [-h] {disable,enable,status}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli map-tiles enable [-h] [--online] [--offline] [--tar TAR] [--md5 MD5]
```

Enables ThoughtSpot's map tiles, used when constructing geomap charts.

If you don't have internet access, you must download the map tiles tar and md5 files, and append the following to the `tscli` command:

--online

Download `maptiles` tar from internet.

The default setting is `True`

--offline

Using `maptiles` tar from local disk.

The default setting is `False`

--tar TAR

Specified tar file for map-tiles.

--md5 MD5

Specified md5 file for map-tiles.

tscli map-tiles disable

Disable map-tiles functionality.

tscli map-tiles status

Check whether map-tiles are enabled.

monitoring

```
tscli monitoring [-h] {set-config,show-config}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli monitoring set-config [-h] [--email EMAIL] [--clear_email] [--heartbeat_interval HEARTBEAT_INTERVAL] [--heartbeat_disable] [--report_interval REPORT_INTERVAL] [--report_disable]
```

Sets the monitoring configuration.

The `monitoring` subcommand accepts the following optional flags:

--email EMAIL

Comma separated list (no spaces) of email addresses where the cluster will send monitoring information.

--clear_email

Disable emails by clearing email configuration. (default: False)

--heartbeat_interval HEARTBEAT_INTERVAL

Heartbeat email generation interval in seconds. Should be greater than 0.

--heartbeat_disable

Disable heartbeat email generation. (default: False)

--report_interval REPORT_INTERVAL

Cluster report email generation interval in seconds.

Should be greater than 0 .

--report_disable

Disable cluster report email generation.

The default setting is False .

tscli monitoring show-config

Shows the monitoring configuration.

nas

```
tscli nas [-h] {ls,mount-cifs,mount-nfs,unmount}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli nas ls [-h]

List mounts managed by NAS mounter service.

```
tscli nas mount-cifs [-h] --server SERVER [--path_on_server PATH_ON_SERVER] --
mount_point MOUNT_POINT--username USERNAME --password PASSWORD [--uid UID] [--gid GID]
[--options OPTIONS]
```

Mounts a CIFS device on all nodes.

Accepts the following optional flags:

--server SERVER

IP address or DNS name of CIFS service.

For example, 10.20.30.40 .

--path_on_server PATH_ON_SERVER

Filesystem path on the CIFS source server to mount NAS.

For example, `/a`.

The default setting is `/` (forward slash).

--mount_point MOUNT_POINT

Directory on all cluster nodes where to mount the NFS filesystem on the target.

If this directory does not exist, the command creates it. If this directory already exists, the command uses it for mounting.

For example, `/mnt/external`.

--username USERNAME

Username to connect to the CIFS filesystem

--password PASSWORD

CIFS password for `--username`

--uid UID

The `UID` that owns all files or directories on the mounted filesystem when the server does not provide ownership information.

See `man mount.cifs` for more details.

The default setting is `1001`.

--gid GID

The `GID` that owns all files or directories on the mounted filesystem when the server does not provide ownership information.

See `man mount.cifs` for more details.

The default is `1001`.

--options OPTIONS

Other command-line options to forward to the `mount.cifs` command.

The default setting is `noexec`.

```
tscli nas mount-nfs [-h] --server SERVER [--protocol PROTO --path_on_server  
PATH_ON_SERVER] --mount_point MOUNT_POINT [--options OPTIONS]
```

Mounts a NFS device on all nodes.

Accepts the following optional flags:

--server SERVER

IP address or DNS name of NFS service. For example, `10.20.30.40`.

--path_on_server PATH_ON_SERVER

Filesystem path on the NFS source server.

For example, `/a/b/c/d`.

The default setting is `/`.

--mount_point MOUNT_POINT

Directory on all cluster nodes of the target system.

If this directory does not exist, the command creates it. If this directory already exists, the command uses it for mounting.

For example, `/mnt/external`.

--options OPTIONS

Command-line options to mount.

The default setting is `noexec`.

--protocol PROTO

One of `nfs` or `nfs4`.

The default is `nfs`.

tscli nas umount [-h] --dir DIR

Unmounts all devices from the specified directory, `DIR`.

This command returns an error if nothing is currently mounted on this directory through `tscli nas mount`.

node

```
tscli node [-h] {check,ls,reinstall-os,resume-reinstall-os,stat  
us}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli node check [-h] [--select {reinstall-preflight}] [--secondary SECONDARY]
```

Run checks per node.

Accepts the following flags:

```
--select {reinstall-preflight}
```

Select the type of node check

The default setting is `reinstall-preflight`.

```
--secondary SECONDARY
```

Secondary drive for `reinstall-preflight`.

The default setting is `sdd`.

```
tscli node ls [-h] [--type {all,healthy,not-healthy}]
```

Filter by node state.

The default setting is `all`.

```
tscli node reinstall-os [-h] [--secondary SECONDARY] [--cluster]
```

Reinstall OS on a node.

Accepts the following flags:

```
--secondary SECONDARY
```

Secondary drive for reinstall.

The default setting is `sdd`.

```
--cluster
```

The node part of a cluster.

The default setting is `False`.

```
tscli node resume-reinstall-os
```

Resume in-progress reinstall

onboarding

```
tscli onboarding [-h] {configure,purge-configuration}
```

Onboarding helps application administrators to bulk update user information. In particular, it configures various in-app email options.

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli onboarding --help
```

Prints help for the onboarding configuration

```
tscli onboarding configure
```

Configures the onboarding through series of steps.

Asks the user to provide information necessary for onboarding-related functionality, such as the following:

1. Company name
2. Product name
3. Should welcome emails be enabled?
 - Send welcome emails to new users
 - Support email
 - Custom message to include in emails
 - URL of the ThoughtSpot instance
 - URL of the ThoughtSpot documentation

```
tscli onboarding purge-configuration
```

This command removes all onboarding configuration.

patch

```
tscli patch [-h] {apply,ls,resume-apply,resume-rollback,rollbac  
k}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli patch apply [-h] [release]
```

Apply the patch on an existing cluster.

Accepts the following flag:

```
release
```

The relative path to the patch tar ball.

```
tscli patch ls [-h] [--applied] [--rolled_back] [--service SERVICE] [--md5 MD5] [--
```

history]

Lists the patches currently applied.

Accepts the following flags:

--applied

Show only the patches applied since last full release.

The default setting is `False`.

--rolled_back

Show only the patches rolled back since last full release.

The default setting is `False`.

--service SERVICE

Show patches filtered by service.

The default setting is `None`.

--md5 MD5

Shows the details of the patch specified.

The default setting is `None`.

--history

Shows the history of all patch apply/rollback release.

The default setting is `False`.

tscli patch resume-apply [-h]

Resume patch apply

tscli patch resume-rollback [-h]

Resume patch roll-backup

tscli patch rollback [-h]

Rollback the patch from an existing cluster

rpackage

```
tscli rpackage [-h] {add,delete,list}
```

Manages R packages available to SpotIQ.

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli rpackage add [-h] [--repo REPO] [--timeout TIMEOUT] [--dest_dir DEST_DIR] [--nodes NODES] package_name
```

Command to add an R package, `package_name`, to the cluster.

Accepts the following flags:

--repo REPO

Specify the url of a specific repository to download packages.

-timeout REPO

Timeout waiting for the R Package to be installed (default: 60)

--dest_dir REPO

Directory where output of this command will be placed

--nodes NODES

Space-separated list of IPs for nodes where to run the command.

The default setting is `all`.

```
tscli rpackage add [-h] [--timeout TIMEOUT] [--dest_dir DEST_DIR] [--nodes NODES] package_name
```

Command to delete an installed R package from the cluster.

Accepts the following flags:

--timeout REPO

Timeout waiting before removing the R package.

The default is 60

--dest_dir REPO

Directory where to save the output of this command.

--nodes NODES

Space-separated list of node IPs where to run the command.

The default setting is `all`.

```
tscli rpackage list [-h] [--detailed]
```

List all R packages installed on the cluster.

saml

```
tscli saml [-h] {configure,purge-configuration}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli saml configure [-h]
```

Configures SAML.

```
tscli saml purge-configuration
```

Purges any existing SAML configuration.

To see a list of prerequisites, refer to [Configure SAML](#).

scheduled-pinboards

```
tscli scheduled-pinboards [-h] {disable,enable}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli scheduled-pinboards disable [-h]
```

Disable scheduled pinboards for this cluster.

```
tscli scheduled-pinboards enable [-h]
```

Enables scheduled pinboards, which is disabled in prod clusters by default.

ⓘ Note: When you enable scheduled pinboards, you should also configure a whitelist of intended email domains. Contact ThoughtSpot Support for help on how to configure a whitelist.

smtp

```
tscli smtp [-h] {remove-mailfromname,remove-mailname,remove-relayhost,remove-saslcredentials,reset-canonical-mapping,set-canonical-mapping,set-mailfromname,set-mailname,set-relayhost,set-saslcredentials,show-canonical-mapping,show-mailfromname,show-mailname,show-relayhost}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

tscli smtp remove-mailfromname

Removes current cluster mail from name.

tscli smtp remove-mailname

Removes current cluster mail name.

tscli smtp remove-relayhost

Removes current cluster relay host.

tscli smtp remove-saslcredentials

Clears SASL credentials and disables SMTP AUTH.

tscli smtp reset-canonical-mapping

Deletes the current postmap mapping.

tscli smtp set-canonical-mapping [-h] new_key new_value

Sets a new Postmap mapping.

tscli smtp set-mailfromname mailfromname

Sets the name and an email address from where email alerts are sent for the cluster.

tscli smtp set-mailname mailname

Sets the mailname and a domain from where email alerts are sent for the cluster.

tscli smtp set-relayhost [-h] [--force FORCE] relayhost

Sets the Relay Host for SMTP (email) sent from the cluster.

Accepts the following flag:

--force FORCE

Set even if relay host is not accessible.

The default setting is `False`.

tscli smtp set-saslcredentials

Sets SASL credentials and enables SMTP AUTH

tscli smtp show-canonical-mapping

Shows the current postmap mapping.

tscli smtp show-mailfromname

Shows the mailname, from which email alerts are sent, for the cluster.

tscli smtp show-mailname

Shows the mailname, where email alerts are sent, for the cluster.

tscli smtp show-relayhost

Shows the for SMTP (email) sent from the cluster.

If there a relay host is not configured, the command returns `NOT FOUND`.

snapshot

```
tscli snapshot [-h] {backup,create,delete,ls,pin,restore,unpin,update-ttl}
```

To learn more about snapshots and backups, see the [Understand the backup strategies](#) documentation.

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli snapshot backup [-h] [--mode {full,light,dataless}] [--type {full,incremental}]  
[--base BASE] [--storage_type {local,nas}] [--remote] name out
```

Pull snapshot out as a backup.

Accepts the following flags:

--mode {full,light,dataless}

Mode of backups. (default: 'full')

name

Name of snapshot to pull out as a backup. To list all snapshots, run `tscli snapshot ls`.

out

Directory where backup will be written, must not already exist.

```
--type {full,incremental}
```

Type of backup.

Incremental backup is not implemented.

The default setting is `full`.

```
--base BASE
```

Based snapshot name for incremental backup.

Incremental backup not implemented yet.

```
storage_type {local,nas}
```

Storage type of output directory. (default: `local`)

```
--remote
```

Take backup through Orion master. (default: `True`)

```
tscli snapshot create [-h] name reason ttl
```

Creates a new snapshot with the specified `name` and `reason`.

This command does not accept `.` (periods). It does accept `-` (dashes or hyphens).

The `ttl` parameter is the number of days after which this snapshot is automatically deleted. A value of `-1` disables automatic deletion.

```
tscli snapshot pin [-h] name
```

Pins a snapshot so it cannot be deleted or garbage collected.

```
tscli snapshot delete [-h] name
```

Deletes the named snapshot.

```
tscli snapshot ls [-h]
```

Lists available snapshots.

```
tscli snapshot restore [-h] [--allow_release_change] [--only_service_state] name
```

Restores cluster to an existing snapshot.

Accepts the following flags:

```
--allow_release_change
```

Allow restoration to a snapshot at a different release. (default: `False`)

```
--only_service_state
```

Restore only service state. (default: `False`)

```
tscli snapshot unpin [-h] name
```

Unpin a snapshot so it can be deleted or garbage-collected

```
tscli snapshot update-ttl [-h] [--disable DISABLE] name ttl
```

Updates manual snapshot garbage collection policy.

Accepts the following flags:

```
name
```

Specifies which snapshot to update.

```
ttl
```

Extends the manual snapshot

```
ttl
```

This is the "time-to-live" value.

Use a positive value to increase `ttl`. Use negative values to decrease it.

```
--disable DISABLE
```

Disable manual snapshot garbage collection.

Setting this value to `True` will override any `ttl` value. (default: False)

snapshot-policy

```
tscli snapshot-policy [-h] {disable,enable,show,update}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli snapshot-policy disable [-h]
```

Disable snapshot policy.

```
tscli snapshot-policy enable -h
```

Enable specified snapshot policy.

```
tscli snapshot-policy show [-h]
```

Show snapshot policy.

```
tscli snapshot-policy update [-h] [--config CONFIG]
```

Update periodic snapshot config. This takes the following parameter

--config CONFIG

Text format of periodic backup policy config.

spot

```
tscli spot [-h] {enable}
```

Enables Spot integration.

This subcommand has the following option:

```
tscli spot enable [-h] --token TOKEN --thoughtspot_url THOUGHTSPOT_URL [--cache_timeout CACHE_TIMEOUT]
```

The `spot` subcommand accepts the following optional flags:

--token TOKEN

Slack authorization token for Spot bot. This is required. You receive this token when your Slack administrator adds the Spot application.

--thoughtspot_url THOUGHTSPOT_URL

URL for the ThoughtSpot application.

This is required.

--cache_timeout CACHE_TIMEOUT

Internal cache timeout.

The default setting is `60000`.

ssl

```
tscli ssl [-h] {add-cert,clear-min-tls-version,off,on,rm-cert,set-min-tls-version,status,tls-status}
```

This subcommand manages the SSL configuration.

To use SSL, the following ports must be open:

- 443

- 80

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli ssl add-cert [-h] key certificate
```

Adds an SSL certificate, key pair.

```
tscli ssl clear-min-tls-version [-h]
```

Clears any customizations for the minimum TLS version to support.

```
tscli ssl off
```

Disables SSL. Disabling SSL will stop users from seeing a security warning when accessing ThoughtSpot from a browser if there is no SSL certificate installed.

```
tscli ssl on [-h]
```

If SSL is enabled and there is no certificate, users will see a security warning when accessing ThoughtSpot from a browser.

```
tscli ssl rm-cert
```

Removes the existing SSL certificate, if any.

```
tscli ssl set-min-tls-version [-h] {1.0,1.1,1.2}
```

Sets the minimum supported TLS version. Sets the minimum SSL version to be supported by the ThoughtSpot application. Please ensure that client browsers are enabled for this version or newer.

```
tscli ssl status
```

Shows whether SSL authentication is enabled or disabled.

```
tscli ssl tls-status [-h]
```

Prints the status of TLS support.

sssd

```
tscli sssd {enable, disable, set-sudo-group, clear-sudo-group}
```

This subcommand uses system security services daemon (SSSD), and has the following options:

```
tscli sssd enable --user USER --domain DOMAIN
```

Enables system Active Directory (AD) user access on a single node. You will be prompted for password credentials. The user must have permission to join a computer or VM to the domain.

```
tscli sssd disable
```

```
tscli sssd set-sudo-group ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_GROUP_NAME
```

Allows `sudo` permissions for AD group.

```
tscli sssd clear-sudo-group ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_GROUP_NAME
```

Clears any set AD sudo group.

For more about setting up Active Directory access, see [Enable Active Directory based access](#).

storage

```
tscli storage [-h] {gc,df}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli storage gc [-h] [--log_age LOG_AGE] [--force] [--localhost_only]
```

Garbage collect unused storage.

Before issuing this command, you must stop the cluster using `=tscli cluster stop`.

After garbage collection finishes, you can restart the cluster with `tscli cluster start`.

This command frees space in the following directories:

```
/tmp  
/usr/local/scaligent/logs/  
/export/logs/orion  
/export/logs/oreo  
/export/logs/hadoop  
/export/logs/zookeeper  
cores
```

The `storage` subcommand accepts these optional flags:

`--log_age LOG_AGE`

Deletes logs older than these many hours. Use a non-zero value, because zero deletes all temporary files, including the ones that are closed temporarily, while they are passed from one component to the next.

The default setting is `4`.

`--force`

Forces deletion of all logs and temporary files regardless of age. This must only be run on a stopped cluster.

The default setting is `False`.

--localhost_only

If used, only the logs on the localhost will be removed. If not specified, the command acts on the entire cluster.

tscli storage df [--mode disk|hdfs]

Checks the disk usage on the relevant mounts. Returns output similar to the Linux system command `df -h directory`.

support

```
tscli support [-h]
  {bundle, restart-remote, rm-admin-email, rm-admin-phone, rm-
feedback-email,
   set-admin-email, set-admin-phone, set-debug-ui-password, se
t-feedback-email,
   set-remote, show-admin-email, show-admin-phone, show-feedba
ck-email,
   show-remote, start-remote, stop-remote}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli support bundle [-h] [--include INCLUDE] [--exclude EXCLUDE] [--list_selectors]
[--since SINCE] [--from FROM] [--to TO] [--out OUT] [--nodes NODES]
```

--include INCLUDE

Comma-separated list of selectors to include. Each entry is either a "selector" or a glob for matching files. To see the list of valid selectors, run this command with `--list_selectors`. You may also specify `all` to get all selectors and logs, and `basic` to get only the basic selectors.

Selectors can be used for logs collection: `all`, `orion`, `system`, `ts`, or the name of a service.

Anything that starting with `/` (forward slash) is assumed to be a glob pattern, and it is interpreted through `find(1)`. Other entries are ignored.

TIP: Use single quotes around the param value to prevent undesired glob expansion. Use `all` to collect all selectors and all logs.

The default setting is `all_but_logs`.

--exclude EXCLUDE

Comma-separated list of selectors to exclude. Applies to the list selected by `--include`. Params are interpreted in the same manner as in `--include`.

Use the special keyword `logs` to exclude logs collection altogether.

There is no default setting.

--list_selectors

List the selectors available for `--include` and `--exclude`, and then exit.

The default setting is `False`.

--since SINCE

Grabs logs from this time window in the past. Should be a human-readable duration string, such as `4h` (4 hours), `30m` (30 minutes), `1d` (1 day).

There is no default setting.

--from FROM

Timestamp when collection begins. Must be of the form: `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

There is no default setting.

--to TO

Timestamp when collection ends. Must be of the form: `yyyymmdd-HH:MM`.

There is no default setting.

--out OUT

Tarball path for dumping the support bundle.

The default setting is `/tmp/support_bundle.tar.gz`.

--nodes NODES

Comma separated list of nodes from where to collect logs. Skip this to use all nodes.

There is no default setting.

tscli support restart-remote

Restarts remote support.

tscli support rm-admin-email

Removes the email address for contacting the customer administrator. Replaces it with the default ThoughtSpot Support email address.

tscli support rm-feedback-email

Removes the email address for product feedback. Replaces it with the default ThoughtSpot Support email address

tscli support rm-admin-phone

Removes the phone number for contacting the customer administrator. Replaces it with the default ThoughtSpot Support phone number

tscli support rm-feedback-email

Removes the email for sending feedback out of the system. To set a blank email address, issue the command `tscli support set-feedback-email`.

tscli support set-admin-email *email*

Sets the email address for contacting the customer administrator. To display a blank email address, issue the command `tscli support set-admin-email`.

tscli support set-feedback-email *email*

Sets the email address for sending feedback. To display a blank email address, issue the command `tscli support set-feedback-email`.

tscli support set-admin-phone *phone_number*

Sets the phone number for contacting the customer administrator. Specify a phone number using any value, such as `+1 800-508-7008 Ext. 1`. To display a blank phone number, issue the command `tscli support set-admin-phone`.

tscli support set-remote [-h] [--addr *ADDR*] [--user *USER*]

Configures the cluster for remote support through SSH tunneling, where `ADDR` is the address of support, such as `tunnel.thoughtspot.com`, and `USER` is the support username.

tscli support show-admin-email

Shows the email address for customer administrator, if set

tscli support show-feedback-email

Shows the email address for product feedback, if set

tscli support show-admin-phone

Shows the phone number for customer administrator, if set

tscli support show-remote

Shows the status and configuration of remote support

tscli support start-remote

Starts remote support

tscli support stop-remote

Stops remote support

tokenauthentication

```
tscli cli tokenauthentication [-h] {disable,enable}
```

This subcommand has the following options:

```
tscli cli tokenauthentication enable
```

Generates a token

```
tscli cli tokenauthentication disable
```

Purges token login configuration

Date and time formats reference

This is a reference for the date and time contexts and formats you can use with ThoughtSpot. You define data formats in specific contexts and, depending on the context, your choices in data formatting differ.

You must understand date and time when you load data in these contexts:

- using data upload from the browser
- through `tsload` command
- through an extract, transform, load (ETL) tool

Data loading formats do not change how data is displayed in tables and charts.

The context where you *can control* date and time formats is data modeling. Data modeling controls how data is displayed in search and their resulting answers.

Data loading formats through `tsload`

When loading through the `tsload` command you must specify `date` and `timestamp` formats using the format specifications defined in the [strftime library function](#). Data is imported based on the timezone of the node from which `tsload` is run.

For `date` data types, the default format is `%Y%m%d`, which translates to `yearmonthday`. For example, `Dec 30th, 2001` is represented as `20011230`. For `time` and `datetime` data types, the default is `%Y%m%d %H:%M:%S` which translates to `yearmonthday hour:minute:second`, for example, `Dec 30th, 2001 1:15:12` is represented as `20011230 01:15:12`.

Data modeling formats for browser data upload

These date and time formats are supported in a CSV file when uploading through the browser. You cannot specify the date format; ThoughtSpot will pick the format that fits your data best:

- 1/30/2014
- 2014-01-30
- 2014-1-30
- 30-Jan-2014
- 2014-Jan-30

- 2014-01-30 10:32 AM
- 2014-01-30 14:52
- 2014-01-30 10:32:22
- 2014-01-30 10:32:22 AM
- 2014-01-30 10:32:22.0
- 2014-01-30 10:32:22.0 AM
- 2014-01-30 10:32:22.000
- 2014-01-30 10:32:22.000 AM
- 1/30/2014
- 30-Jan-14
- 01-Mar-02 (assumes 2002)
- 30/1/2014 10:32 AM
- 30/1/2014 14:52
- 30/1/2014 10:32:22
- 30/1/2014 10:32:22 AM
- 30/1/2014 10:32:22.0
- 30/1/2014 10:32:22.0 AM
- 30/1/2014 10:32:22.000
- 30/1/2014 10:32:22.000 AM
- 30-Jan-14 10:32 AM
- 30-Jan-14 14:52
- 30-Jan-14 10:32:22
- 30-Jan-14 10:32:22 AM
- 30-Jan-14 10:32:22.0
- 30-Jan-14 10:32:22.0 AM
- 30-Jan-14 10:32:22.000
- 30-Jan-14 10:32:22.000 AM
- Fri Jan 30 2014 3:26 PM
- Fri Jan 30 2014 13:46
- Fri Jan 30 2014 10:32:22
- Fri Jan 30 2014 10:32:22 AM
- Fri Jan 30 2014 10:32:22.0
- Fri Jan 30 2014 10:32:22.0 AM
- Fri Jan 30 2014 10:32:22.000
- Fri Jan 30 2014 10:32:22.000 AM
- 14:52

- 10:32 AM
- 10:32:22
- 10:32:22 AM
- 10:32:22.0
- 10:32:22.000
- 10:32:22.0 AM
- 10:32:22.000 AM

Data loading formats through an ETL tool

Data loads through ETL uses ODBC or JDBC connections. After you extract the data from the source but before you load it into ThoughtSpot, you must transform any date or timestamp columns into a format that is valid for ThoughtSpot. After the data transformation completes, there is no requirement for explicit data masking. See the data integration guide for more information on loading data through ODBC and JDBC.

Data modeling formats

A user with administrative rights can configure data modeling for data on one or all files. You can set number, date, and currency display formats. These formats define how these value types display in tables and charts. See the Admin Guide for more information about data modeling settings. The following format strings are available for use:

Format mask	Description
YYYY or yyyy	four digit year such as 2017
YY or yy	last two digits of year such as 17
M	month with no leading zero 1 - 12
MM	Two digit month 01 - 12
MMM	Three letter month such as Jan
D	Day of year without a leading zero 0 - 365
DD	Day of year with up to one leading zero 01 - 365
DDD	Day of year with up to two leading zeroes 001 - 365

Format mask	Description
d	Day of month with no leading zero 1 - 31
dd	Two digit day of month 01 - 31
HH	Two digit 24 hour representation of hour 00 - 23
hh	Two digit 12 hour representation of hour 01 - 12
H	24 hour representation of hour with no leading zero 0 - 23
h	12 hour representation of hour with no leading zero 1 - 12
mm	Minutes 00 - 59
m	Minutes with no leading zero 0 - 59
ss	Seconds 00 - 59
s	Seconds with no leading zero 0 - 59
a	AM/PM indicator

Valid delimiters include most non-alphabet characters. This includes but is not limited to:

- \ (forward slash)
- / (backward slash)
- | (pipe symbol)
- : (colon)
- – (dash)
- _ (underscore)
- = (equal sign)

Examples of valid format masks you can produce for display are as follows:

- MM/dd/yyyy
- MMM
- DD/MM/yyyy
- MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm
- DD/MM/yyyy HH:mm

Row level security rules reference

ThoughtSpot allows you to create row level security rules using expressions. If an expression evaluates to “true” for a particular row and group combination, that group will be able to see that row. This reference lists the various operators and functions you can use to create rules.

For information on how to use the row level security functions and operators, see [About Rule-Based Row Level Security](#). There is a special variable called `ts_groups`, which you can use when creating row level security rules. It fetches a list of the groups that the currently logged in user belongs to. For each row, if the expression in the rule evaluates to ‘true’ for any one of these groups, that row will be shown to the user.

You can also see this list of operators and examples from within the Rule Builder by selecting **Rule Assistant**.

Conversion functions

These functions can be used to convert data from one data type to another. Conversion to or from date data types is not supported.

Function	Description	Examples
<code>to_bool</code>	Returns the input as a boolean (true or false).	<code>to_bool (0) = false</code> <code>to_bool (married)</code>
<code>to_date</code>	Accepts a date represented as an integer or text string, and a second string parameter that can include strftime date formatting elements. Replaces all the valid strftime date formatting elements with their string counterparts and returns the result. Does not accept epoch formatted dates as input.	<code>to_date (date_sold, '%Y-%m-%d')</code>
<code>to_double</code>	Returns the input as a double.	<code>to_double ('3.14') = 3.14</code> <code>to_double (revenue * .01)</code>
<code>to_integer</code>	Returns the input as an integer.	<code>to_integer ('45') + 1 = 46</code> <code>to_integer (price + tax - cost)</code>

Function	Description	Examples
to_string	Returns the input as a text string. To convert a date to a string, specify the date format you want to use.	<code>to_string (45 + 1) = '46'</code> <code>to_string (revenue - cost)</code> <code>to_string (date, ('%m/%d/%y'))</code>

Date functions

Function	Description	Examples
add_days	Returns the result of adding the specified number of days to the given date.	<code>add_days (01/30/2015, 5) = 02/04/2015</code> <code>add_days (invoiced, 30)</code>
add_minutes	Returns the result of adding the specified number of minutes to input date/date-time/time.	<code>add_minutes (01/30/2015 00:10:20, 5) = 01/30/2015 00:11:20</code> <code>add_minutes (invoiced, 30)</code>
add_months	Returns the result of adding the specified number of months to the given date.	<code>add_months (01/30/2015, 5) = 06/30/2015</code> <code>add_months (invoiced_date, 5)</code>
add_seconds	Returns the result of adding the specified number of seconds to the given date.	<code>add_seconds (01/30/2015 00:00:00, 5) = 06/30/2015 00:00:05</code> <code>add_seconds (invoiced_date, 5)</code>
add_weeks	Returns the result of adding the specified number of weeks to the given date.	<code>add_weeks (01/30/2015, 2) = 02/13/2015</code> <code>add_weeks (invoiced_date, 2)</code>
add_years	Returns the result of adding the specified number of years to the given date.	<code>add_years (01/30/2015, 5) = 01/30/2020</code> <code>add_years (invoiced_date, 5)</code>
date	Returns the date portion of a given date.	<code>date (home_visit)</code>

Function	Description	Examples
day	Returns the number (1-31) of the day for the given date.	day (01/15/2014) = 15 day (date ordered)
day_number_of_quarter	Returns the number of the day in a quarter for a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	day_number_of_quarter (01/30/2015) = 30 day_number_of_quarter (01/30/2015, 'fiscal') = 91
day_number_of_week	Returns the number (1-7) of the day in a week for a given date with 1 being Monday and 7 being Sunday.	day_number_of_week(01/15/2014) = 3 day_number_of_week (shipped)
day_number_of_year	Returns the number (1-366) of the day in a year from a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	day_number_of_year (01/30/2015) = 30 day_number_of_year (01/30/2015, 'fiscal') = 275 day_number_of_year (invoiced)
day_of_week	Returns the day of the week for the given date.	day_of_week (01/30/2015) = Friday day_of_week (serviced)
diff_days	Subtracts the second date from the first date and returns the result in number of days, rounded down if not exact.	diff_days (01/15/2014, 01/17/2014) = -2 diff_days (purchased, shipped)

Function	Description	Examples
diff_time	Subtracts the second date from the first date and returns the result in number of seconds.	diff_time (01/01/2014, 01/01/2014) = -86,400 diff_time (clicked, submitted)
hour_of_day	Returns the hour of the day for the given date.	hour_of_day (received)
is_weekend	Returns true if the given date falls on a Saturday or Sunday.	is_weekend (01/31/2015) = true is_weekend (emailed)
month	Returns the month from the given date.	month (01/15/2014) = January month (date ordered)
month_number	Returns the number (1-12) of the month from a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	month_number (09/20/2014) = 9 month_number (09/20/2014, 'fiscal') = 5 month_number (purchased)
month_number_of_quarter	Returns the month (1-3) number for the given date in a quarter. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	month_number_of_quarter (02/20/2018) = 2 month_number_of_quarter (02/20/2018, 'fiscal') = 1
now	Returns the current timestamp.	now ()

Function	Description	Examples
quarter_number	Returns the number (1-4) of the quarter associated with the given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify 'fiscal' or 'calendar' dates. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	<code>quarter_number (04/14/2014) = 2</code> <code>quarter_number (04/14/2014, 'fiscal') = 4</code> <code>quarter_number (shipped)</code>
start_of_month	Returns MMM yyyy for the first day of the month. Your installation configuration can override this setting so that it returns a different format such as MM/dd/yyyy . Speak with your ThoughtSpot administrator for information on doing this.	<code>start_of_month (01/31/2015) = Jan FY 2015</code> <code>start_of_month (shipped)</code>
start_of_quarter	Returns the date for the first day of the quarter for the given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	<code>start_of_quarter (04/01/2014) = Apr 2014</code> <code>start_of_quarter (04/01/2014, 'fiscal') = Feb 2014</code> <code>start_of_quarter (sold)</code>
start_of_week	Returns the date for the first day of the week for the given date.	<code>start_of_week (06/01/2015) = 05/30/2015 Week</code> <code>start_of_week (emailed)</code>

Function	Description	Examples
start_of_year	Returns the date for the first day of the year for the given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	start_of_year (04/01/2014) returns Jan 2014 start_of_year (04/01/2014, 'fiscal') returns May 2013 start_of_year (joined)
time	Returns the time portion of a given date.	time (3/1/2002 10:32) = 10:32 time (call began)
week_number_of_month	Returns the week number for the given date in a month.	week_number_of_month(03/23/2017) = 3
week_number_of_quarter	Returns the week number for the given date in a quarter. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	week_number_of_quarter (04/03/2017) = 1 week_number_of_quarter (04/03/2017, 'fiscal') = 10
week_number_of_year	Returns the week number for the given date in a year. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	week_number_of_year (01/17/2014) = 3 week_number_of_year (01/17/2014, 'fiscal') = 38

Function	Description	Examples
year	Returns the year from a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01. Per standard convention, the fiscal year is defined by the year-end date.)	year (01/15/2014) = 2014 year (12/15/2013, 'fiscal') = 2014 year (date ordered)

Mixed functions

These functions can be used with text and numeric data types.

Function	Description	Examples
!=	Returns true if the first value is not equal to the second value.	3 != 2 = true revenue != 1000000
<	Returns true if the first value is less than the second value.	3 < 2 = false revenue < 1000000
<=	Returns true if the first value is less than or equal to the second value.	1 <= 2 = true revenue <= 1000000
=	Returns true if the first value is equal to the second value.	2 = 2 = true revenue = 1000000
>	Returns true if the first value is greater than the second value.	3 > 2 = true revenue > 1000000
>=	Returns true if the first value is greater than or equal to the second value.	3 >= 2 = true revenue >= 1000000
greatest	Returns the larger of the values.	greatest (20, 10) = 20 greatest (q1 revenue, q2 revenue)
least	Returns the smaller of the values.	least (20, 10) = 10 least (q1 revenue, q2 revenue)

Number functions

Function	Description	Examples
*	Returns the result of multiplying both numbers.	$3 * 2 = 6$ price * taxrate
+	Returns the result of adding both numbers.	$1 + 2 = 3$ price + shipping
-	Returns the result of subtracting the second number from the first.	$3 - 2 = 1$ revenue - tax
/	Returns the result of dividing the first number by the second.	$6 / 3 = 2$ markup / retail price
[^]	Returns the first number raised to the power of the second.	$3 ^ 2 = 9$ width ^ 2
abs	Returns the absolute value.	abs (-10) = 10 abs (profit)
acos	Returns the inverse cosine in degrees.	acos (0.5) = 60 acos (cos-satellite-angle)
asin	Returns the inverse sine (specified in degrees).	asin (0.5) = 30 asin (sin-satellite-angle)
atan	Returns the inverse tangent in degrees.	atan (1) = 45 atan (tan-satellite-angle)
atan2	Returns the inverse tangent in degrees.	atan2 (10, 10) = 45 atan2 (longitude, latitude)
cbrt	Returns the cube root of a number.	cbrt (27) = 3 cbrt (volume)
ceil	Returns the smallest following integer.	ceil (5.9) = 6 ceil (growth rate)
cos	Returns the cosine of an angle (specified in degrees).	cos (63) = 0.45 cos (beam angle)
cube	Returns the cube of a number.	cube (3) = 27 cube (length)
exp	Returns Euler's number (~2.718) raised to a power.	exp (2) = 7.38905609893 exp (growth)

Function	Description	Examples
exp2	Returns 2 raised to a power.	exp2 (3) = 8 exp2 (growth)
floor	Returns the largest previous integer.	floor (5.1) = 5 floor (growth rate)
ln	Returns the natural logarithm.	ln (7.38905609893) = 2 ln (distance)
log10	Returns the logarithm with base 10.	log10 (100) = 2 log10 (volume)
log2	Returns the logarithm with base 2 (binary logarithm).	log2 (32) = 5 log2 (volume)
mod	Returns the remainder of first number divided by the second number.	mod (8, 3) = 2 mod (revenue, quantity)
pow	Returns the first number raised to the power of the second number.	pow (5, 2) = 25 pow (width, 2)
random	Returns a random number between 0 and 1.	random () = .457718 random ()
round	Returns the first number rounded to the second number (the default is 1).	round (35.65, 10) = 40 round (battingavg, 100) round (48.67, .1) = 48.7
safe_divide	Returns the result of dividing the first number by the second. If the second number is 0, returns 0 instead of NaN (not a number).	safe_divide (12, 0) = 0 safe_divide (total_cost, units)
sign	Returns +1 if the number is greater than zero, -1 if less than zero, 0 if zero.	sign (-250) = -1 sign (growth rate)
sin	Returns the sine of an angle (specified in degrees).	sin (35) = 0.57 sin (beam angle)
spherical_distance	Returns the distance in km between two points on Earth.	spherical_distance (37.465191, -122.153617, 37.421962, -122.142174) = 4,961.96 spherical_distance (start_latitude, start_longitude, start_latitude, start_longitude)

Function	Description	Examples
sq	Returns the square of a numeric value.	sq (9) = 81 sq (width)
sqrt	Returns the square root.	sqrt (9) = 3 sqrt (area)
tan	Returns the tangent of an angle (specified in degrees).	tan (35) = 0.7 tan (beam angle)

Operators

Operator	Description	Examples
and	Returns true when both conditions are true, otherwise returns false.	(1 = 1) and (3 > 2) = true lastname = 'smith' and state ='texas'
		Important: Not available for row level security (RLS) formulas.
if...then...else	Conditional operator.	if (3 > 2) then 'bigger' else 'not bigger' if (cost > 500) then 'flag' else 'approve'
ifnull	Returns the first value if it is not null, otherwise returns the second.	ifnull (cost, 'unknown')
isnull	Returns true if the value is null.	isnull (phone)
not	Returns true if the condition is false, otherwise returns false.	not (3 > 2) = false not (state = 'texas')
or	Returns true when either condition is true, otherwise returns false.	(1 = 5) or (3 > 2) = true state = 'california' or state ='oregon'

Text functions

Function	Description	Examples
concat	Returns two or more values as a concatenated text string. Use single quotes around each literal string, not double quotes.	concat ('hay' , 'stack') = 'haystack' concat (title, ' ', first_name , ' ', last_name)
contains	Returns true if the first string contains the second string, otherwise returns false.	contains ('broomstick', 'room') = true contains (product, 'trial version')
edit_distance	Accepts two text strings. Returns the edit distance (minimum number of operations required to transform one string into the other) as an integer. Works with strings under 1023 characters.	edit_distance ('attorney', 'atty') = 4 edit_distance (color, 'red')
edit_distance_with_cap	Accepts two text strings and an integer to specify the upper limit cap for the edit distance (minimum number of operations required to transform one string into the other). If the edit distance is less than or equal to the specified cap, returns the edit distance. If it is higher than the cap, returns the cap plus 1. Works with strings under 1023 characters.	edit_distance_with_cap ('pokemon go', 'minecraft pixelmon', 3) = 4 edit_distance_with_cap (event, 'burning man', 3)
similar_to	Accepts a document text string and a search text string. Returns true if relevance score (0-100) of the search string with respect to the document is greater than or equal to 20. Relevance is based on edit distance, number of words in the query, and length of words in the query which are present in the document.	similar_to ('hello world', 'hello swirl') = true similar_to (current team, drafted by)

Function	Description	Examples
similarity	Accepts a document text string and a search text string. Returns the relevance score (0-100) of the search string with respect to the document. Relevance is based on edit distance, number of words in the query, and length of words in the query which are present in the document. If the two strings are an exact match, returns 100.	similarity ('where is the burning man concert', 'burning man') = 46 similarity (tweet1, tweet2)
spells_like	Accepts two text strings. Returns true if they are spelled similarly and false if they are not. Works with strings under 1023 characters.	spells_like ('thouhgtspot', 'thoughtspot') = true spells_like (studio, distributor)
strlen	Returns the length of the text.	strlen ('smith') = 5 strlen (lastname)
strpos	Returns the numeric position (starting from 0) of the first occurrence of the second string in the first string, or -1 if not found.	strpos ('haystack_with_needles', 'needle') = 14 strpos (complaint, 'lawyer')
substr	Returns the portion of the given string, beginning at the location specified (starting from 0), and of the given length.	substr ('persnickety', 3, 7) = snicket substr (lastname, 0, 5)

Variables

These variables can be used in your expressions.

Function	Description	Examples
ts_groups	Returns a list of all the groups the current logged in user belongs to. For any row, if the expression evaluates to true for any of the groups, the user can see that row.	ts_groups = 'east'
ts_username	Returns the user with the matching neame.	ts_username != 'mark'

Formula function reference

ThoughtSpot allows you to create derived columns in worksheets using formulas. You create these columns by building formulas using the **Formula Assistant**. An individual formula is constructed from n combination of operators and functions.

This reference lists the various operators and functions you can use to create formulas.

Operators

Operator	Description	Examples
and	Returns true when both conditions are true, otherwise returns false.	<code>(1 = 1) and (3 > 2) = true</code> <code>lastname = 'smith' and state ='texas'</code>
		ⓘ Note: Not available for row level security (RLS) formulas.
if...then...else	Conditional operator.	<code>if (3 > 2) then 'bigger' else 'not bigger'</code> <code>if (cost > 500) then 'flag' else 'approve'</code>
ifnull	Returns the first value if it is not null, otherwise returns the second.	<code>ifnull (cost, 'unknown')</code>
isnull	Returns true if the value is null.	<code>isnull (phone)</code>
not	Returns true if the condition is false, otherwise returns false.	<code>not (3 > 2) = false</code> <code>not (state = 'texas')</code>
or	Returns true when either condition is true, otherwise returns false.	<code>(1 = 5) or (3 > 2) = true</code> <code>state = 'california' or state ='oregon'</code>

Aggregate functions (group aggregate)

These functions can be used to aggregate data.

Function	Description	Examples
average	Returns the average of all the values of a column.	average (revenue)
average_if	Returns the average of all the columns that meet a given criteria.	average_if(city = "San Francisco", revenue)
count	Returns the number of rows in the table containing the column.	count (product)
count_if	Returns the number of rows in the table containing the column.	count_if(region = 'west', region)
cumulative_average	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the average of the measure, accumulated by the attribute(s) in the order specified.	cumulative_average (revenue, order date, state)
cumulative_max	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the maximum of the measure, accumulated by the attribute(s) in the order specified.	cumulative_max (revenue, state)
cumulative_min	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the minimum of the measure, accumulated by the attribute(s) in the order specified.	cumulative_min (revenue, campaign)
cumulative_sum	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the sum of the measure, accumulated by the attribute(s) in the order specified.	cumulative_sum (revenue, order date)

Function	Description	Examples
group_aggregate	<p>Takes a measure and, optionally, attributes and filters. These can be used to aggregate measures with granularities and filters different from the terms/columns used in the search. Especially useful for comparison analysis.</p> <p>This formula takes the form: group_aggregate (< aggregation(measure) >, < groupings >, < filters >)</p> <p>Lists can be defined with {} and optional list functions query_groups or query_filters , which by default specify the lists or filters used in the original search. Plus (+) or (-) can be used to add or exclude specific columns for query groups.</p>	<pre>group_aggregate (sum (revenue) , {ship mode, date} , {})</pre> <pre>group_aggregate (sum (revenue) , {ship mode , date}, {day_of_week (date) = 'friday'})</pre> <pre>group_aggregate (sum (revenue) , query_groups() , query_filters())</pre> <pre>group_aggregate (sum (revenue) , query_groups() + {date} , query_filters())</pre>
group_average	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the average of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_average (revenue, customer region, state)
group_count	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the count of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_count (revenue, customer region)
group_max	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the maximum of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_max (revenue, customer region)
group_min	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the minimum of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_min (revenue, customer region)
group_stddev	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the standard deviation of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_stddev (revenue, customer region)
group_sum	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the sum of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_sum (revenue, customer region)
group_unique_count	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the unique count of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_unique_count (product , supplier)

Function	Description	Examples
group_variance	Takes a measure and one or more attributes. Returns the variance of the measure grouped by the attribute(s).	group_variance (revenue, customer region)
max	Returns the maximum value of a column.	max (sales)
max_if	Returns the maximum value among columns that meet a criteria.	max_if((revenue > 10) , customer region)
min	Returns the minimum value of a column.	min (revenue)
min_if	Returns the minimum value among columns that meet a criteria.	min_if((revenue < 10) , customer region)
moving_average	Takes a measure, two integers to define the window to aggregate over, and one or more attributes. The window is (current - Num1...Current + Num2) with both end points being included in the window. For example, “1,1” will have a window size of 3. To define a window that begins before Current, specify a negative number for Num2. Returns the average of the measure over the given window. The attributes are the ordering columns used to compute the moving average.	moving_average (revenue, 2, 1, customer region)
moving_max	Takes a measure, two integers to define the window to aggregate over, and one or more attributes. The window is (current - Num1...Current + Num2) with both end points being included in the window. For example, “1,1” will have a window size of 3. To define a window that begins before Current, specify a negative number for Num2. Returns the maximum of the measure over the given window. The attributes are the ordering columns used to compute the moving maximum.	moving_max (complaints, 1, 2, store name)

Function	Description	Examples
<code>moving_min</code>	Takes a measure, two integers to define the window to aggregate over, and one or more attributes. The window is (current - Num1...Current + Num2) with both end points being included in the window. For example, “1,1” will have a window size of 3. To define a window that begins before Current, specify a negative number for Num2. Returns the minimum of the measure over the given window. The attributes are the ordering columns used to compute the moving minimum.	<code>moving_min (defects, 3, 1, product)</code>
<code>moving_sum</code>	Takes a measure, two integers to define the window to aggregate over, and one or more attributes. The window is (current - Num1...Current + Num2) with both end points being included in the window. For example, “1,1” will have a window size of 3. To define a window that begins before Current, specify a negative number for Num2. Returns the sum of the measure over the given window. The attributes are the ordering columns used to compute the moving sum.	<code>moving_sum (revenue, 1, 1, order date)</code>
<code>rank</code>	Returns the rank for the current row. Identical values receive an identical rank. Takes an aggregate input for the first argument. The second argument specifies the order, 'asc' 'desc' .	<code>rank (sum (revenue) , 'asc')</code> <code>rank (sum (revenue) , 'desc')</code>
<code>rank_percentile</code>	Returns the percentile rank for the current row. Identical values are assigned an identical percentile rank. Takes an aggregate input for the first argument. The second argument specifies the order, 'asc' 'desc' .	<code>rank_percentile (sum (revenue) , 'asc')</code> <code>rank_percentile (sum (revenue) , 'desc')</code>
<code>stddev</code>	Returns the standard deviation of all values of a column.	<code>stddev (revenue)</code>
<code>stddev_if</code>	Returns a standard deviation values filtered to meet a specific criteria.	<code>stddev_if((revenue > 10) , (revenue/10.0))</code>
<code>sum</code>	Returns the sum of all the values of a column.	<code>sum (revenue)</code>
<code>sum_if</code>	Returns sum values filtered by a specific criteria.	<code>sum_if(region='west', revenue)</code>

Function	Description	Examples
unique_count	Returns the number of unique values of a column.	unique_count (customer)
unique_count_if	Returns the number of unique values of a column provided it meets a criteria.	unique_count_if((revenue > 10) , order date)
variance	Returns the variance of all the values of a column.	variance (revenue)
variance_if	Returns the variance of all the values of a column provided it meets a criteria..	variance_if((revenue > 10) , (revenue/10.0))

Conversion functions

These functions can be used to convert data from one data type to another. Conversion to or from date data types is not supported.

Function	Description	Examples
to_bool	Returns the input as a boolean (true or false).	to_bool (0) = false to_bool (married)
to_date	Accepts a date represented as an integer or text string, and a second string parameter that can include strftime date formatting elements. Replaces all the valid strftime date formatting elements with their string counterparts and returns the result. Does not accept epoch formatted dates as input.	to_date (date_sold, '%Y-%m-%d')
to_double	Returns the input as a double.	to_double ('3.14') = 3.14 to_double (revenue * .01)
to_integer	Returns the input as an integer.	to_integer ('45') + 1 = 46 to_integer (price + tax - cost)
to_string	Returns the input as a text string. To convert a date to a string, specify the date format you want to use.	to_string (45 + 1) = '46' to_string (revenue - cost) to_string (date, ('%m/%d/%y'))

Date functions

Function	Description	Examples
add_days	Returns the result of adding the specified number of days to the given date.	<code>add_days (01/30/2015, 5) = 02/04/2015</code> <code>add_days (invoiced, 30)</code>
add_minutes	Returns the result of adding the specified number of minutes to input date/date-time/time.	<code>add_minutes (01/30/2015 00:10:20, 5) = 01/30/2015 00:11:20</code> <code>add_minutes (invoiced, 30)</code>
add_months	Returns the result of adding the specified number of months to the given date.	<code>add_months (01/30/2015, 5) = 06/30/2015</code> <code>add_months (invoiced_date, 5)</code>
add_seconds	Returns the result of adding the specified number of seconds to the given date.	<code>add_seconds (01/30/2015 00:00:00, 5) = 06/30/2015 00:00:05</code> <code>add_seconds (invoiced_date, 5)</code>
add_weeks	Returns the result of adding the specified number of weeks to the given date.	<code>add_weeks (01/30/2015, 2) = 02/13/2015</code> <code>add_weeks (invoiced_date, 2)</code>
add_years	Returns the result of adding the specified number of years to the given date.	<code>add_years (01/30/2015, 5) = 01/30/2020</code> <code>add_years (invoiced_date, 5)</code>
date	Returns the date portion of a given date.	<code>date (home visit)</code>
day	Returns the number (1-31) of the day for the given date.	<code>day (01/15/2014) = 15</code> <code>day (date ordered)</code>

Function	Description	Examples
day_number_of_quarter	Returns the number of the day in a quarter for a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	day_number_of_quarter (01/30/2015) = 30 day_number_of_quarter (01/30/2015, 'fiscal') = 91
day_number_of_week	Returns the number (1-7) of the day in a week for a given date with 1 being Monday and 7 being Sunday.	day_number_of_week(01/15/2014) = 3 day_number_of_week (shipped)
day_number_of_year	Returns the number (1-366) of the day in a year from a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	day_number_of_year (01/30/2015) = 30 day_number_of_year (01/30/2015, 'fiscal') = 275 day_number_of_year (invoiced)
day_of_week	Returns the day of the week for the given date.	day_of_week (01/30/2015) = Friday day_of_week (serviced)
diff_days	Subtracts the second date from the first date and returns the result in number of days, rounded down if not exact.	diff_days (01/15/2014, 01/17/2014) = -2 diff_days (purchased, shipped)
diff_time	Subtracts the second date from the first date and returns the result in number of seconds.	diff_time (01/01/2014, 01/01/2014) = -86,400 diff_time (clicked, submitted)

Function	Description	Examples
hour_of_day	Returns the hour of the day for the given date.	hour_of_day (received)
is_weekend	Returns true if the given date falls on a Saturday or Sunday.	is_weekend (01/31/2015) = true is_weekend (emailed)
month	Returns the month from the given date.	month (01/15/2014) = January month (date ordered)
month_number	Returns the number (1-12) of the month from a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	month_number (09/20/2014) = 9 month_number (09/20/2014, 'fiscal') = 5 month_number (purchased)
month_number_of_quarter	Returns the month (1-3) number for the given date in a quarter. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	month_number_of_quarter (02/20/2018) = 2 month_number_of_quarter (02/20/2018, 'fiscal') = 1
now	Returns the current timestamp.	now ()

Function	Description	Examples
quarter_number	Returns the number (1-4) of the quarter associated with the given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify 'fiscal' or 'calendar' dates. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	<code>quarter_number (04/14/2014) = 2</code> <code>quarter_number (04/14/2014, 'fiscal') = 4</code> <code>quarter_number (shipped)</code>
start_of_month	Returns MMM yyyy for the first day of the month. Your installation configuration can override this setting so that it returns a different format such as MM/dd/yyyy . Speak with your ThoughtSpot administrator for information on doing this.	<code>start_of_month (01/31/2015) = Jan FY 2015</code> <code>start_of_month (shipped)</code>
start_of_quarter	Returns the date for the first day of the quarter for the given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	<code>start_of_quarter (04/01/2014) = Apr 2014</code> <code>start_of_quarter (04/01/2014, 'fiscal') = Feb 2014</code> <code>start_of_quarter (sold)</code>
start_of_week	Returns the date for the first day of the week for the given date.	<code>start_of_week (06/01/2015) = 05/30/2015 Week</code> <code>start_of_week (emailed)</code>

Function	Description	Examples
start_of_year	Returns the date for the first day of the year for the given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	start_of_year (04/01/2014) returns Jan 2014 start_of_year (04/01/2014, 'fiscal') returns May 2013 start_of_year (joined)
time	Returns the time portion of a given date.	time (3/1/2002 10:32) = 10:32 time (call began)
week_number_of_month	Returns the week number for the given date in a month.	week_number_of_month(03/23/2017) = 3
week_number_of_quarter	Returns the week number for the given date in a quarter. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	week_number_of_quarter (04/03/2017) = 1 week_number_of_quarter (04/03/2017, 'fiscal') = 10
week_number_of_year	Returns the week number for the given date in a year. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01.)	week_number_of_year (01/17/2014) = 3 week_number_of_year (01/17/2014, 'fiscal') = 38

Function	Description	Examples
year	Returns the year from a given date. Add an optional second parameter to specify whether a 'fiscal' or 'calendar' year is used to calculate the result. Default is 'calendar'. (In examples, start of fiscal year is set to May 01. Per standard convention, the fiscal year is defined by the year-end date.)	year (01/15/2014) = 2014 year (12/15/2013, 'fiscal') = 2014 year (date ordered)

Mixed functions

These functions can be used with text and numeric data types.

Function	Description	Examples
!=	Returns true if the first value is not equal to the second value.	3 != 2 = true revenue != 1000000
<	Returns true if the first value is less than the second value.	3 < 2 = false revenue < 1000000
<=	Returns true if the first value is less than or equal to the second value.	1 <= 2 = true revenue <= 1000000
=	Returns true if the first value is equal to the second value.	2 = 2 = true revenue = 1000000
>	Returns true if the first value is greater than the second value.	3 > 2 = true revenue > 1000000
>=	Returns true if the first value is greater than or equal to the second value.	3 >= 2 = true revenue >= 1000000
greatest	Returns the larger of the values.	greatest (20, 10) = 20 greatest (q1 revenue, q2 revenue)
least	Returns the smaller of the values.	least (20, 10) = 10 least (q1 revenue, q2 revenue)

Number functions

Function	Description	Examples
*	Returns the result of multiplying both numbers.	$3 * 2 = 6$ price * taxrate
+	Returns the result of adding both numbers.	$1 + 2 = 3$ price + shipping
-	Returns the result of subtracting the second number from the first.	$3 - 2 = 1$ revenue - tax
/	Returns the result of dividing the first number by the second.	$6 / 3 = 2$ markup / retail price
[^]	Returns the first number raised to the power of the second.	$3 ^ 2 = 9$ width ^ 2
abs	Returns the absolute value.	abs (-10) = 10 abs (profit)
acos	Returns the inverse cosine in degrees.	acos (0.5) = 60 acos (cos-satellite-angle)
asin	Returns the inverse sine (specified in degrees).	asin (0.5) = 30 asin (sin-satellite-angle)
atan	Returns the inverse tangent in degrees.	atan (1) = 45 atan (tan-satellite-angle)
atan2	Returns the inverse tangent in degrees.	atan2 (10, 10) = 45 atan2 (longitude, latitude)
cbrt	Returns the cube root of a number.	cbrt (27) = 3 cbrt (volume)
ceil	Returns the smallest following integer.	ceil (5.9) = 6 ceil (growth rate)
cos	Returns the cosine of an angle (specified in degrees).	cos (63) = 0.45 cos (beam angle)
cube	Returns the cube of a number.	cube (3) = 27 cube (length)
exp	Returns Euler's number (~2.718) raised to a power.	exp (2) = 7.38905609893 exp (growth)

Function	Description	Examples
exp2	Returns 2 raised to a power.	exp2 (3) = 8 exp2 (growth)
floor	Returns the largest previous integer.	floor (5.1) = 5 floor (growth rate)
ln	Returns the natural logarithm.	ln (7.38905609893) = 2 ln (distance)
log10	Returns the logarithm with base 10.	log10 (100) = 2 log10 (volume)
log2	Returns the logarithm with base 2 (binary logarithm).	log2 (32) = 5 log2 (volume)
mod	Returns the remainder of first number divided by the second number.	mod (8, 3) = 2 mod (revenue, quantity)
pow	Returns the first number raised to the power of the second number.	pow (5, 2) = 25 pow (width, 2)
random	Returns a random number between 0 and 1.	random () = .457718 random ()
round	Returns the first number rounded to the second number (the default is 1).	round (35.65, 10) = 40 round (battingavg, 100) round (48.67, .1) = 48.7
safe_divide	Returns the result of dividing the first number by the second. If the second number is 0, returns 0 instead of NaN (not a number).	safe_divide (12, 0) = 0 safe_divide (total_cost, units)
sign	Returns +1 if the number is greater than zero, -1 if less than zero, 0 if zero.	sign (-250) = -1 sign (growth rate)
sin	Returns the sine of an angle (specified in degrees).	sin (35) = 0.57 sin (beam angle)
spherical_distance	Returns the distance in km between two points on Earth.	spherical_distance (37.465191, -122.153617, 37.421962, -122.142174) = 4,961.96 spherical_distance (start_latitude, start_longitude, start_latitude, start_longitude)

Function	Description	Examples
sq	Returns the square of a numeric value.	sq (9) = 81 sq (width)
sqrt	Returns the square root.	sqrt (9) = 3 sqrt (area)
tan	Returns the tangent of an angle (specified in degrees).	tan (35) = 0.7 tan (beam angle)

Text functions

Function	Description	Examples
concat	Returns two or more values as a concatenated text string. Use single quotes around each literal string, not double quotes.	concat ('hay', 'stack') = 'haystack' concat (title, ' ', first_name, ' ', last_name)
contains	Returns true if the first string contains the second string, otherwise returns false.	contains ('broomstick', 'room') = true contains (product, 'trial version')
edit_distance	Accepts two text strings. Returns the edit distance (minimum number of operations required to transform one string into the other) as an integer. Works with strings under 1023 characters.	edit_distance ('attorney', 'atty') = 4 edit_distance (color, 'red')
edit_distance_with_cap	Accepts two text strings and an integer to specify the upper limit cap for the edit distance (minimum number of operations required to transform one string into the other). If the edit distance is less than or equal to the specified cap, returns the edit distance. If it is higher than the cap, returns the cap plus 1. Works with strings under 1023 characters.	edit_distance_with_cap ('pokemon go', 'minecraft pixelmon', 3) = 4 edit_distance_with_cap (event, 'burning man', 3)

Function	Description	Examples
similar_to	Accepts a document text string and a search text string. Returns true if relevance score (0-100) of the search string with respect to the document is greater than or equal to 20. Relevance is based on edit distance, number of words in the query, and length of words in the query which are present in the document.	similar_to ('hello world', 'hello swirl') = true similar_to (current team, drafted by)
similarity	Accepts a document text string and a search text string. Returns the relevance score (0-100) of the search string with respect to the document. Relevance is based on edit distance, number of words in the query, and length of words in the query which are present in the document. If the two strings are an exact match, returns 100.	similarity ('where is the burning man concert', 'burning man') = 46 similarity (tweet1, tweet2)
spells_like	Accepts two text strings. Returns true if they are spelled similarly and false if they are not. Works with strings under 1023 characters.	spells_like ('thouhgtspot', 'thoughtspot') = true spells_like (studio, distributor)
strlen	Returns the length of the text.	strlen ('smith') = 5 strlen (lastname)
strpos	Returns the numeric position (starting from 0) of the first occurrence of the second string in the first string, or -1 if not found.	strpos ('haystack_with_needles', 'needle') = 14 strpos (complaint, 'lawyer')
substr	Returns the portion of the given string, beginning at the location specified (starting from 0), and of the given length.	substr ('persnickety', 3, 7) = snicket substr (lastname, 0, 5)

Alerts code reference

This reference identifies the messages that can appear in the **System Health > Overview > Critical Alerts** and in the **Alerts** dashboard.

Informational alerts

TASK_TERMINATED

Msg: Task {{.Service}}.{{.Task}} terminated on machine {{.Machine}}

Type: INFO

This alert is raised when a task terminates.

DISK_ERROR

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has disk errors

Type: INFO

Raised when a machine has disk errors.

ZK_AVG_LATENCY

Msg: Average Zookeeper latency is more than {{.Num}} msec

Type: INFO

Raised when average Zookeeper latency is above a threshold.

ZK_MAX_LATENCY

Msg: Max Zookeeper latency is more than {{.Num}} msec

Type: INFO

Raised when max Zookeeper latency is above a threshold.

ZK_MIN_LATENCY

Msg: Min Zookeeper latency is more than {{.Num}} msec

Type: INFO

Raised when min Zookeeper latency is above a threshold.

ZK_OUTSTANDING_REQUESTS

Msg: Number of outstanding Zookeeper requests exceeds {{.Num}}

Type: INFO

Raised when there are too many outstanding Zookeeper requests.

ZK_NUM_WATCHERS

Msg: Number of Zookeeper watchers exceeds {{.Num}}

Type: INFO

Raised when there are too many Zookeeper watchers.

MASTER_ELECTION

Msg: {{.Machine}} elected as Orion Master

Type: INFO

Raised when a new Orion Master is elected.

PERIODIC_BACKUP

Msg: {{.Process}} periodic backup for policy {{.Name}} failed.

Type: INFO

Raised when periodic backup fails.

PERIODIC_SNAPSHOT

Msg: {{.Process}} periodic snapshot {{.Name}} failed.

Type: INFO

Raised when a periodic snapshot fails.

HDFS_CORRUPTION

Msg: HDFS root directory is in a corrupted state.

Type: INFO

Raised when HDFS root directory is corrupted.

APPLICATION_INVALID_STATE

Msg: {{.Service}}.{{.Task}} on {{.Machine}} at location {{.Location}}

Type: INFO

Raised when Application raises invalid state alert.

UPDATE_START

Msg: Starting update of ThoughtSpot cluster {{.Cluster}}

Type: INFO

Raised when update starts.

UPDATE_END

Msg: Finished update of ThoughtSpot cluster {{.Cluster}} to release {{.Release}}

Type: INFO

Raised when update completes.

Errors

TIMELY_JOB_RUN_ERROR

Msg: Job run {{.Message}}

Type: ERROR

Raised when a job run fails.

TIMELY_ERROR

Msg: Job manager {{.Message}}

Type: ERROR

Raised when a job manager runs into an inconsistent state.

Warnings

DISK_SPACE

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% disk space free

Type: WARNING

Raised when a disk is low on available disk space. Valid only in the 3.2 version of ThoughtSpot.

ROOT_DISK_SPACE

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% disk space free on root partition

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine is low on available disk space on root partition.

BOOT_DISK_SPACE

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% disk space free on boot partition

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine is low on available disk space on boot partition.

UPDATE_DISK_SPACE

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% disk space free on update partition

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine is low on available disk space on update partition.

EXPORT_DISK_SPACE

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% disk space free on export partition

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine is low on available disk space on export partition.

HDFS_NAMENODE_DISK_SPACE

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% disk space free on HDFS namenode drive

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine is low on available disk space on HDFS namenode drive.

MEMORY

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has less than {{.Perc}}% memory free

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine is low on free memory.

OS_USERS

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has more than {{.Num}} logged in users

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine has too many users logged in.

OS_PROCS

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has more than {{.Num}} processes

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine has more too many processes.

SSH

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} doesn't have an active SSH server

Type: WARNING

Raised when a machine has more than 600 processes.

DISK_ERROR_EXTERNAL

Msg: Machine {{.Machine}} has disk errors

Type: WARNING

Raised when more than 2 disk errors happen in a day.

ZK_FD_COUNT

Msg: Zookeeper has more than {{.Num}} open file descriptors

Type: WARNING

Raised when there are too many open Zookeeper files.

ZK_EPHEMERAL_COUNT

Msg: Zookeeper has more than {{.Num}} ephemeral files

Type: WARNING

Raised when there are too many Zookeeper ephemeral files.

HOST_DOWN

Msg: {{.Machine}} is down

Type: WARNING

Raised when a host is down.

TASK_UNREACHABLE

Msg: {{.ServiceDesc}} on {{.Machine}} is unreachable over HTTP

Type: WARNING

Raised when a task is unreachable over HTTP.

TASK_NOT_RUNNING

Msg: {{.ServiceDesc}} is not running

Type: WARNING

Raised when a service task is not running on any machine in the cluster.

Critical alerts

TASK_FLAPPING

Msg: Task {{.Service}}.{{.Task}} terminated {{._actual_num_occurrences}} times in last {{._earliest_duration_str}}

Type: CRITICAL

This alert is raised when a task is crashing repeatedly. The service is evaluated across the whole cluster.

So, if a service crashes 5 times in a day across all nodes in the cluster, this alert is generated.

OREO_TERMINATED

Msg: Oreo terminated on machine {{.Machine}}

Type: CRITICAL

This alert is raised when the Oreo daemon on a machine terminates due to an error. This typically happens due to an error accessing Zookeeper, HDFS, or a hardware issue.

HDFS_DISK_SPACE

Msg: HDFS has less than {{.Perc}}% space free

Type: CRITICAL

Raised when a HDFS cluster is low on total available disk space.

ZK_INACCESSIBLE

Msg: Zookeeper is not accessible

Type: CRITICAL

Raised when Zookeeper is inaccessible.

PERIODIC_BACKUP_FLAPPING

Msg: Periodic backup failed {{._actual_num_occurrences}} times in last
{{._earliest_duration_str}}

Type: CRITICAL

This alert is raised when a periodic backup failed repeatedly.

PERIODIC_SNAPSHOT_FLAPPING

Msg: Periodic snapshot failed {{._actual_num_occurrences}} times in last
{{._earliest_duration_str}}

Type: CRITICAL

This alert is raised when periodic snapshot failed repeatedly.

APPLICATION_INVALID_STATE_EXTERNAL

Msg: {{.Service}}.{{.Task}} on {{.Machine}} at location {{.Location}}

Type: CRITICAL

Raised when Application raises invalid state alert.

User action code reference

This reference identifies the user action codes that can appear in the **System Health** pages and in logs or other reports.

answer_unsaved	User makes a change to tokens in the search bar.
answer_saved	User opens an existing saved answer and makes changes to tokens in the search bar.
answer_pinboard_context	User opens an existing saved pinboard, edits a context viz and makes a change to tokens in the search bar.
answer_aggregated_worksheet	User opens an existing saved aggregated worksheet and makes changes to tokens in the search bar.
answer_upgrade	Requests made for the sole purpose of upgrade.
pinboard_view	User opens an existing saved pinboard.
pinboard_filter	User adds, removes or applies values to a pinboard filter.
pinboard_ad_hoc	User drills down in a pinboard viz.
data_chart_config	Request for new data being generated following a chart config change.
data_show_underlying_row	Request to show underlying data for a data row(s).
data_export	Request to export data.
pinboard_tspublic_runtime_filter	Request to TSPublic/pinboarddata with runtime filters.
answer_aggregated_worksheet_save	User updates aggregated worksheet.
answer_add_new_filter	User adds a filter using the UI.
data_show_underlying_viz	Request to show underlying data for a data row(s).
answer_view	User opens an existing, saved answer.

answer_viz_context_view	User opens an existing saved pinboard, edits a context viz.
pinboard_insight_view	User opens SpotIQ tab pinboards.
pinboard_admin_view	User opens admin tab pinboards.
pinboard_embed_view	User opens embed pinboard from a URL.
pinboard_homepage_view	On loading of homepage pinboard.
pinboard_learn_view	On loading learn pinboard.
pinboard_tspublic_no_runtime_filter	Request to TSPublic/pinboard data without run-time filters.

Frequently asked questions

Where can I find the version of ThoughtSpot I am using?

Users with administrative privileges can see this displayed on the **Admin > System Health > Overview** page.

I'm not seeing certain columns/values in the drop-down, why?

It could be the index has not built with the latest data or something is causing the column to be dropped.

- Verify the the column is available using the **Data** page.
- View the table columns and check the **INDEX TYPE** value. If it is set to `DONT_INDEX`, change it.
- Check the column's **INDEX PRIORITY** — make sure it is `1`.

To learn more about modeling data see [modeling data](#) in this documentation.