# **Configuring Cascading Filters**

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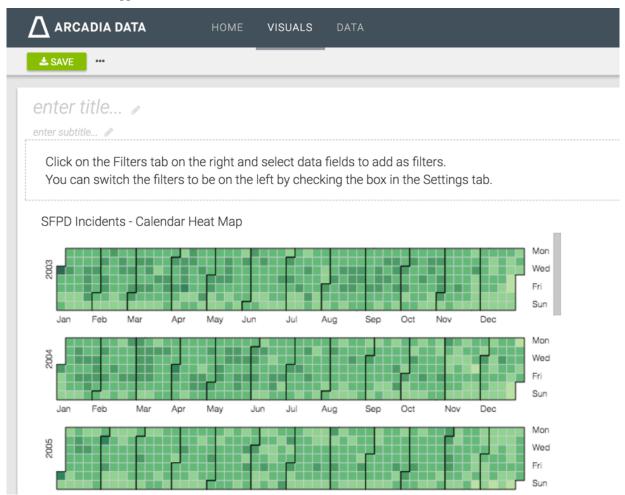
### **Creating the Dashboard**

#### **About this task**

The following steps use a calendar heat map visual, such as the one described in Calendar heat maps, which is built on the dataset SFPD Incidents.

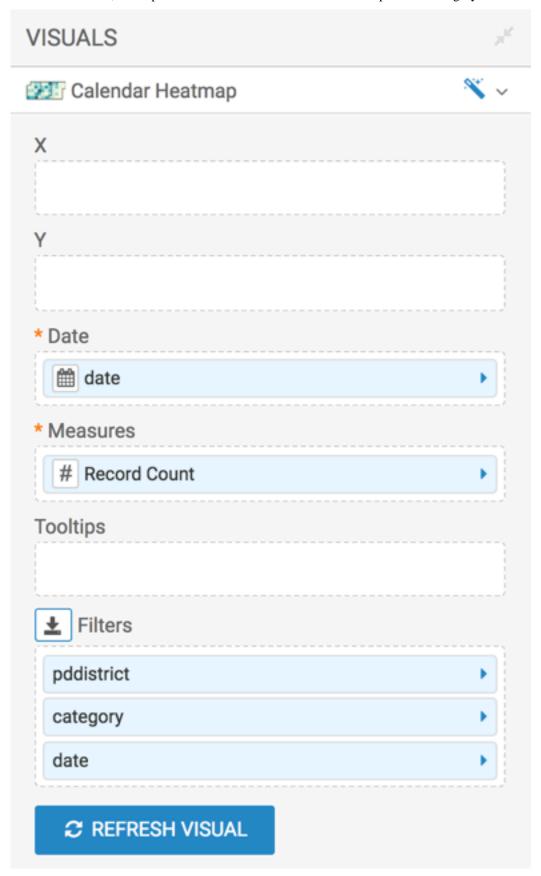
#### **Procedure**

- 1. Start a new dashboard by clicking New Dashboard.
- 2. In the Dashboard Designer for dashboards, open SFPD Incidents Calendar Heat Map, built according to the instructions in Calendar heat maps. Ensure that you are using the SFPD Incidents dataset.
- **3.** Note that the visual appears in the dashboard.



4. To edit the visual, click the Pencil icon on the top right corner of the visual.

5. Under Dimensions, select pddistrict and add it to the Filters shelf. Repeat with category and date.



6. Name and save the dashboard. We used the name SFPD Incidents Cascading Filters.

### **Related Information**

Calendar heat maps

## **Adding Filters to the Dashboard**

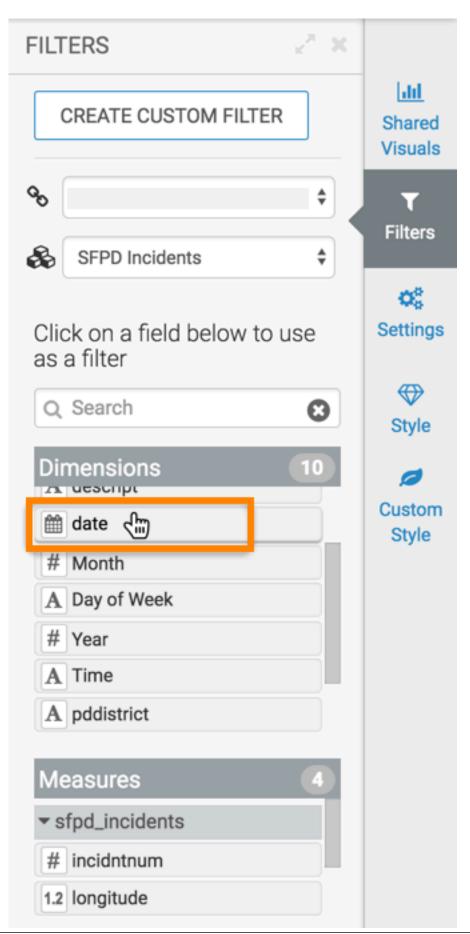
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Add the three filters to the dashboard.

### **Procedure**

1. In the Dashboard Designer, click the Filters tab on the left.

2. Under the Dimensions category, click the date field.	

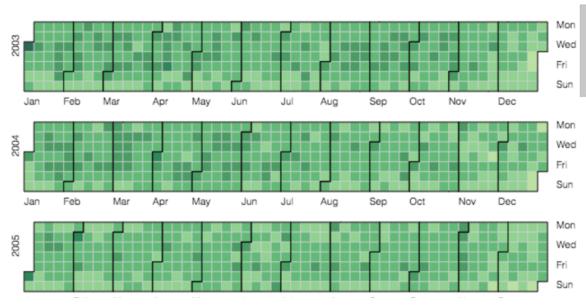


**3.** Note that this adds a filter to the dashboard. This filter is based directly on the field date, and has a type time stamp.

### SFPD Incidents Cascading Filters



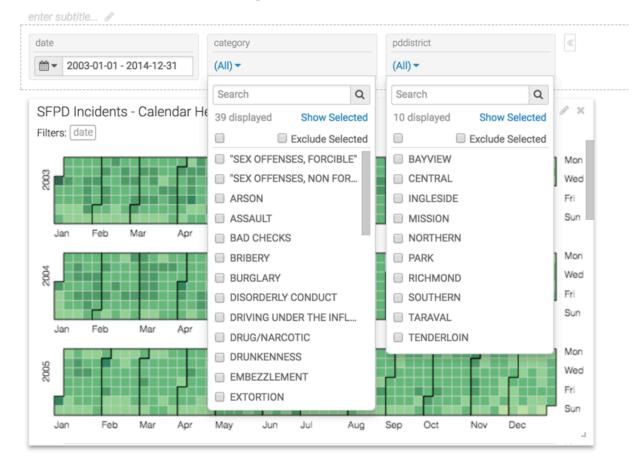
### SFPD Incidents - Calendar Heat Map



**4.** Add the two other filters. Under the Dimensions category, click the category field to add a filter based on that field. Similarly, click the pddistrict field to create the next filter.

5. Note that there are 39 possible options for the category filter, and 10 options for pddistrict filter.

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**6.** Save the dashboard.

## **Configure Filters and Enable Cascading Filter Interaction**

### **About this task**

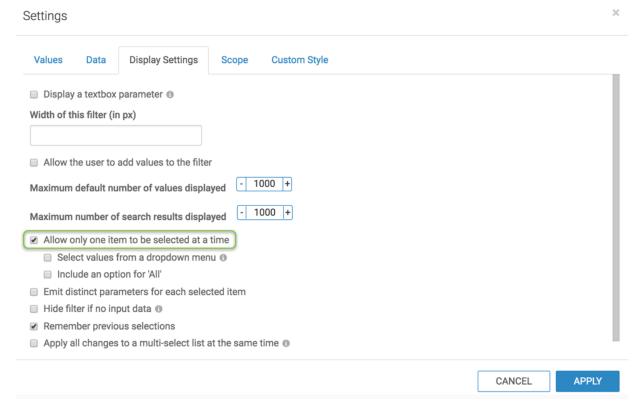
Configure the cascading filters.

#### **Procedure**

1. On the category application filter, click the Gear icon.

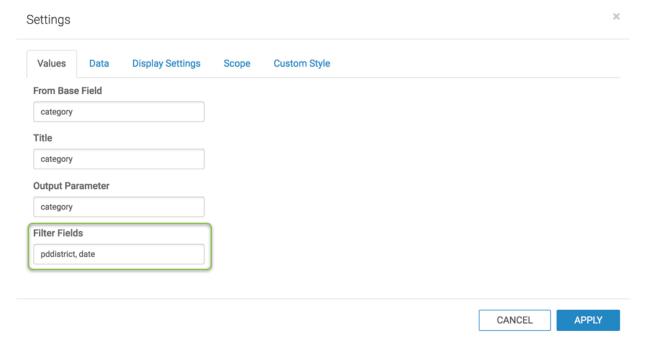


2. Under the Display Settings tab, select the option Allow only one item to be selected at a time.



3. Under the Values tab, for Filter Fields, enter the value pddistrict, date.

Note that this matches the fields that are the basis of the other filters.



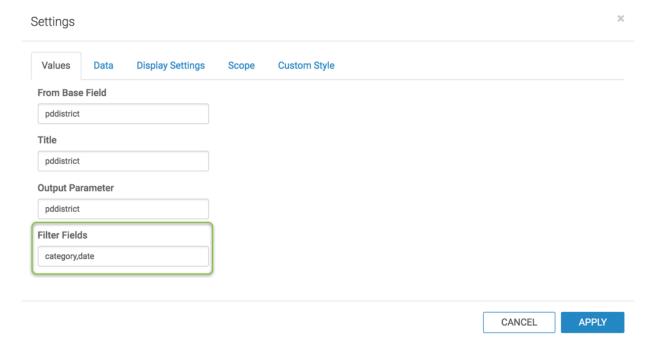
4. Click Apply.

**5.** On the pddistrict application filter, click the Gear icon.



6. Under the Values tab, for Filter Fields, enter the value category, date.

This matches the fields that are the basis of the other filters.



- 7. Click Apply.
- **8.** Save the dashboard.

## **Explore the Dashboard Filter Interaction**

### **About this task**

Finally, use the cascading filters to determine how the selections interact. Remember that there are 39 possible categories of police incidents, distributed across 10 policing districts.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Open the dashboard in View mode.
- 2. Use the first application filter, datetime, to limit the date range to the 2010 calendar year. Start on 2010-01-01, end with 2010-12-31.
- 3. Click Apply.

**4.** In the second filter, category, select the value BAD CHECKS.

In the third filter, pddistrict, notice that the value for PARK is missing; there are only 9 policing districts available in the filter.

This is the result of filtering based on category BAD CHECK and date range 2010-01-01 through 2010-12-31. The resulting subset of data in the dataset does not include rows where pddistrict equals PARK.

If you select another date range, such as years 2008 through 2014, all 10 districts show up on the pddistrict filter.