# **Custom Dates**

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# **Managing custom dates**

### **About this task**

enables you to define custom sets of date ranges, and anchor them to a specific date and time. For real-time filters, you can anchor the filters to today, or to now.

You can then use these custom sets of date ranges on dashboards to filter time-based data, and help you analyze streaming input.

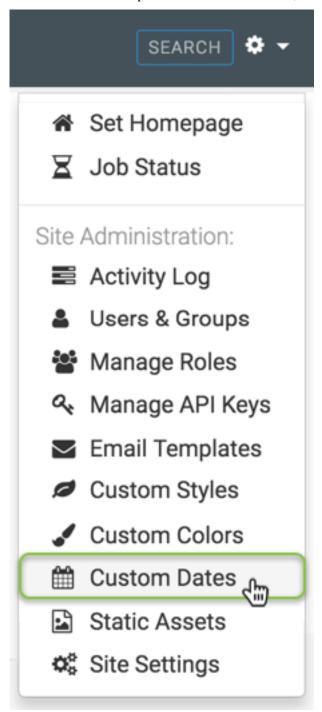


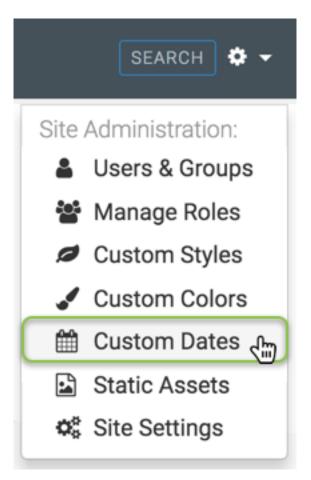
**Note:** This feature is only available to users with administrative privileges.

To use the custom daterange interface, follow these steps:

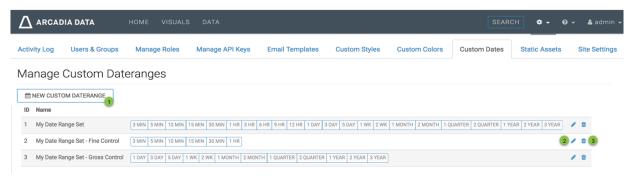
### **Procedure**

1. Click the Gear icon to open the Administration menu, and select Custom Dates.





- 2. In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, note the available actions:
  - Click New Custom Daterange to create a new asset. See, Creating new custom dates.
  - Click the Pencil icon to edit the parameters of a set of dateranges, or to start the cloning process. See, *Cloning custom dates*.
  - Click the Trashcan icon to delete the asset. See, *Deleting custom dates*.



#### **Related Information**

Creating new custom date ranges Cloning custom date ranges Deleting custom date ranges

## Creating new custom date ranges

### **About this task**

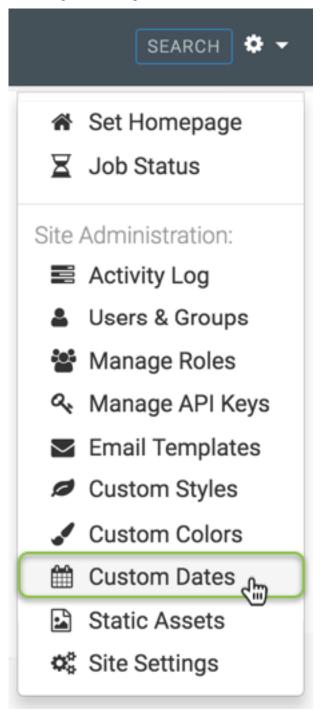
To create a new set of custom date range, you must define each custom range in turn.

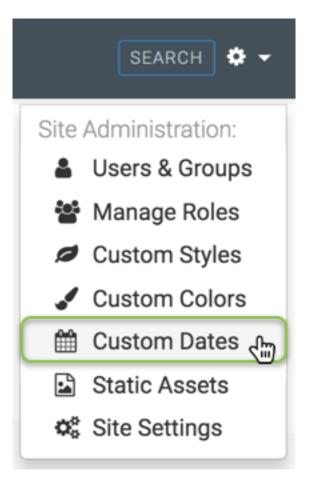
Here, we demonstrate how to build a set of custom date ranges called My Date Range Set. We define the first one date range, 3 min, in detail. Then, we define the rest of them in similar manner.

Follow these steps:

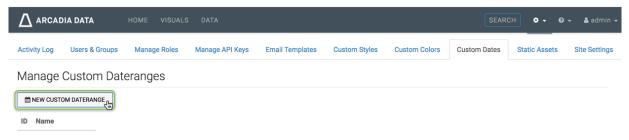
### **Procedure**

1. Click the gear icon to open the Administration menu, and select Custom Dates.

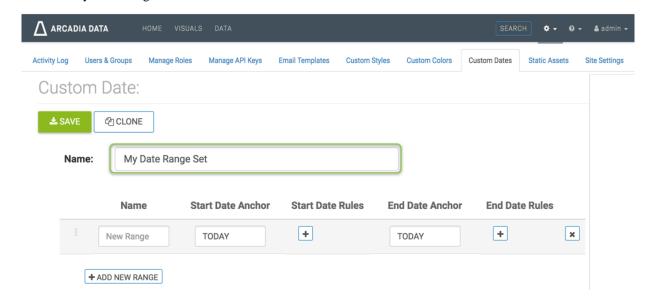




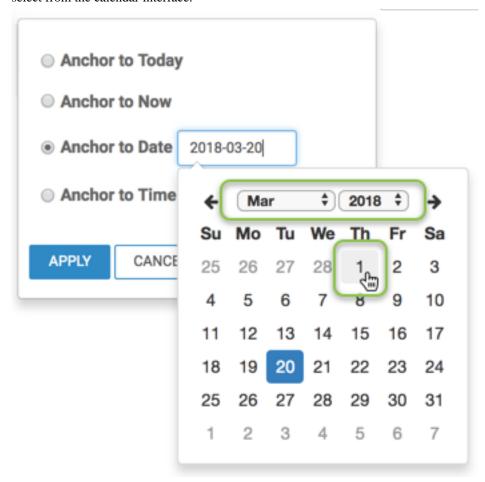
2. In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, click New Custom Daterange.



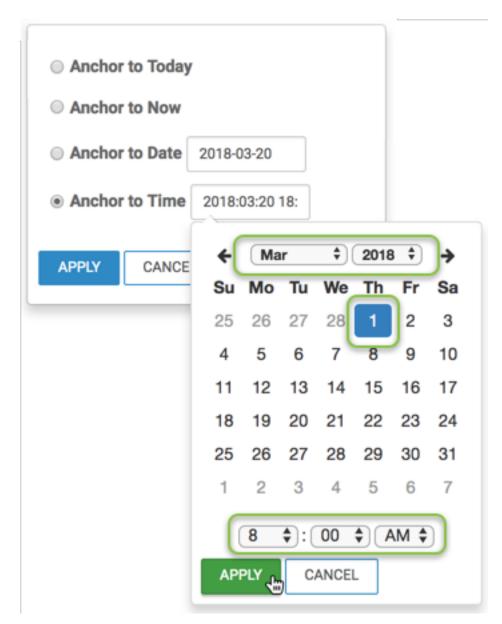
**3.** In the Custom Date interface, enter the Name of the custom date. We used My Date Range Set.



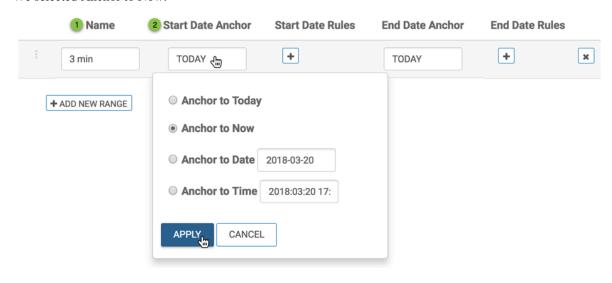
- **4.** In the list of ranges, define the first range:
  - a) Enter the Name of the new range.
    - We used 3 min.
  - b) Under Start Date Anchor, select one of the options:
    - Anchor to Today (default)
    - Anchor to Now
    - Anchor to Date, which is the current date by default. To specify an alternate date, click in the edit field and select from the calendar interface.



• Anchor to Time, which is the current timestamp by default. To specify an alternate timestamp, click in the edit field and select from the calendar and time interface.



We selected Anchor to Now.



- c) Click Apply.
- d) Under Start Date Rules, click the Plus icon, and proceed to specify the first stat date rule:

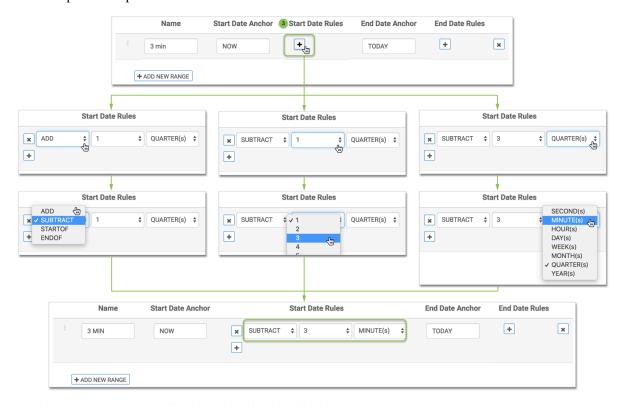
Click the text box with operations (Add), and select the operation for the date rule:

Add (default), Subtract, Startof, or Endof. We used Subtract.

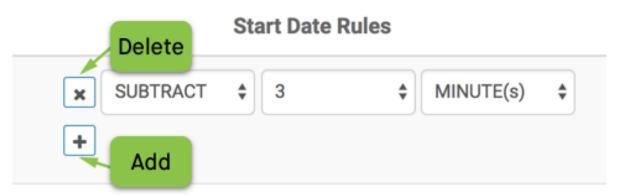
- e) Click the text box with numbers, and select the appropriate time offset.
  - We used 3.
- f) Click the text box with units, and select one of the time units from the menu:

Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Weeks, Months, Years, or Quarters (default). We selected Minutes.

This completes the specification of the first start date rule.



To delete or remove a rule, click the Delete icon beside the rule.

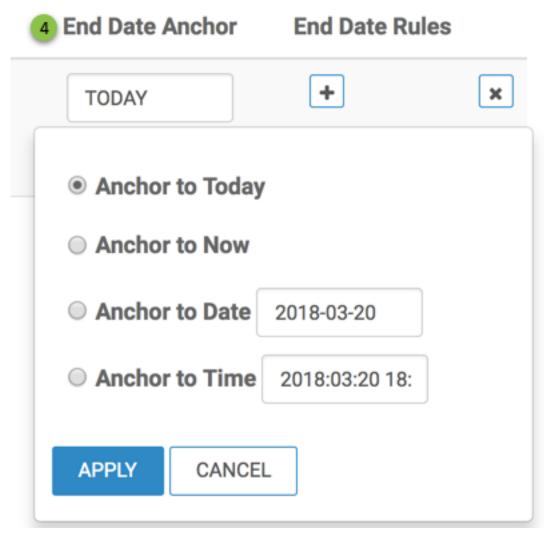


- g) Under End Date Anchor, select one of the options:
  - Anchor to Today (default)
  - · Anchor to Now
  - Anchor to Date, which is the current date by default. To specify an alternate date, click in the edit field and select from the calendar interface.

• Anchor to Time, which is the current timestamp by default. To specify an alternate timestamp, click in the edit field and select from the calendar and time interface.

This works just like the Start Date Anchor.

We did not make a selection, and left this setting at default.



- h) Click Apply.
- i) Under End Date Rules, click the Plus icon.



Proceed to specify the first rule:

- j) Click the text box with operations (Add), and select the operation for the date rule:
  - Add (default), Subtract, Startof, or Endof
- k) Click the text box with numbers, and select the appropriate time offset.
- 1) Click the text box with units, and select one of the time units from the menu:
  - Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Weeks, Months, Years, or Quarters (default).

This completes the specification of the first end date rule.

We did not make a selection, and left this setting at default.

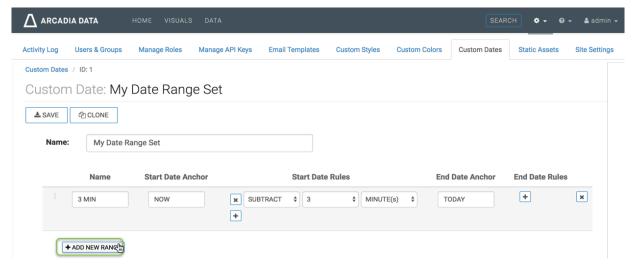
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m) To remove the entire date range, click Remove icon at the end of the row that specifies the date range.



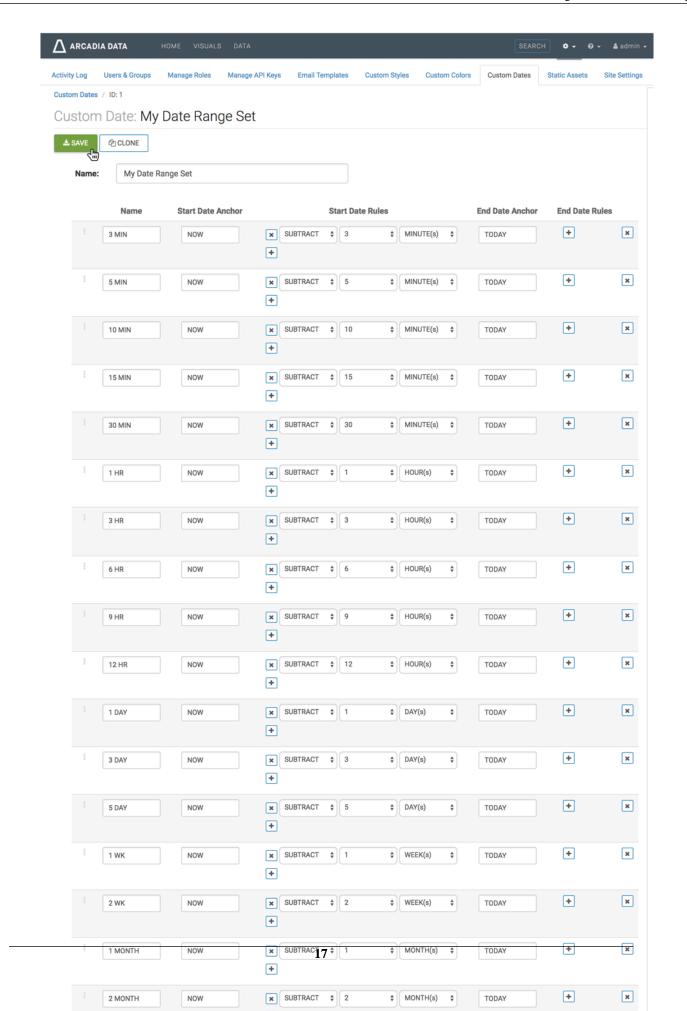
- **5.** Click Save at the top of the interface to save the first date range. Notice that the ID of the set appears at the top of the interface.
- **6.** To create another custom date range, click Add New Range.



7. Following the earlier steps, create additional dateranges. Click Save.

We created the following dateranges in addition to the 3 min:

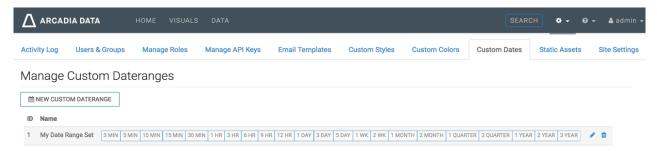
5 min, 10 min, 15 min, 30 min, 1 hr, 3 hr, 6 hr, 9 hr, 12 hr, 1 day, 3 day, 5 day, 1 wk, 2 wk, 1 month, 2 month, 1 quarter, 2 quarter, 1 year, 2 year, 3 year



**8.** Click Custom Dates at the top of the interface.

### **Results**

In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, notice that the list contains the new set, My Date Range Set, with all defined ranges.



## **Cloning custom date ranges**

#### **About this task**

To create a new set of custom date ranges based on an existing one, you can make a clone of a set, and edit it. Here, we demonstrate how to create My Date Range Set - Fine Control, a subset of My Date Range Set that features dateranges from 3 minutes to 1 hour.

Follow these steps:

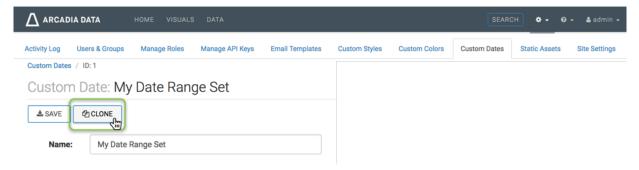
#### **Procedure**

1. In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, click Pencil icon next to the set of date ranges to clone.



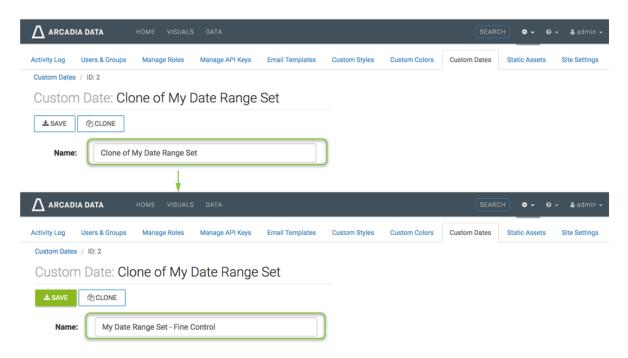
2. In the Custom Date interface, click the Clone button.

Notice that the ID at the top of the interface has changed.



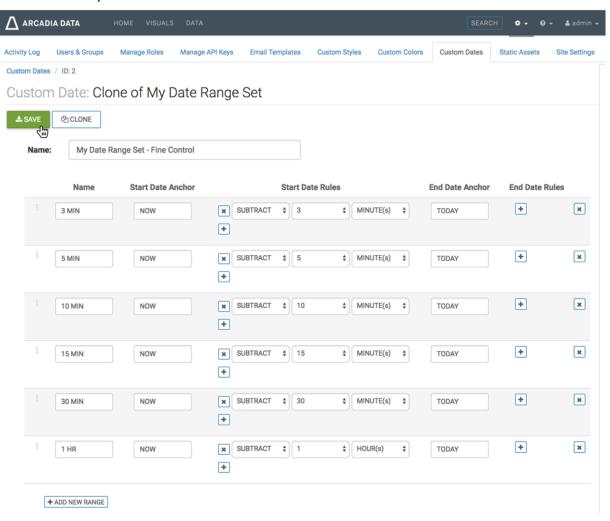
**3.** Change the Name field.

Here, we renamed Clone of My Date Range Set to My Date Range Set - Fine Control.



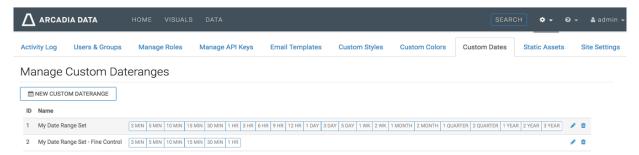
**4.** In the list of ranges, delete the elements longer than 1 hour.

**5.** Click Save at the top of the interface.



**6.** Click Custom Dates at the top of the interface.

In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, notice that the list contains the new set, My Date Range Set - Fine Control, with a shorter list of ranges than the original set.



7. [Optional] Create another set based on My Date Range Set, this time with dateranges of 1 Day or greater. Name it My Date Range Set - Gross Control.

# **Deleting custom date ranges**

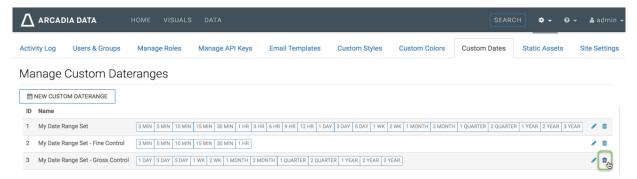
### **About this task**

To delete set of custom date ranges, follow these steps:

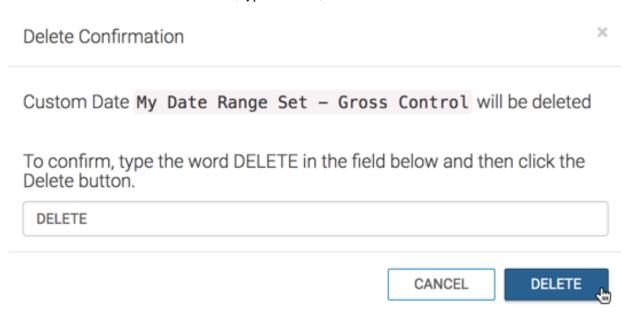
#### **Procedure**

1. In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, click Trashcan icon next to the set of date ranges to delete.

We are deleting My Date Range Set - Gross Control.



2. In the Delete Confirmation window modal, type DELETE, and then click the Delete button.



#### **Results**

In the Manage Custom Dateranges interface, notice that the list no longer has the deleted set.

