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Generic conventions

Table -1: Style conventions

| Style | Description | Example |
|---|--|--|
|  | This warning information indicates a situation that will cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results. |  Danger: Resetting will result in the loss of user configuration data. |
|  | This warning information indicates a situation that may cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results. |  Warning: Restarting will cause business interruption. About 10 minutes are required to restore business. |
|  | This indicates warning information, supplementary instructions, and other content that the user must understand. |  Note: Take the necessary precautions to save exported data containing sensitive information. |
| | This indicates supplemental instructions, best practices, tips, and other content that is good to know for the user. |  Note: You can use Ctrl + A to select all files. |
| > | Multi-level menu cascade. | Settings > Network > Set network type |
| Bold | It is used for buttons, menus, page names, and other UI elements. | Click OK . |
| <code>Courier font</code> | It is used for commands. | Run the <code>cd /d C:/windows</code> command to enter the Windows system folder. |
| <i>Italics</i> | It is used for parameters and variables. | <code>bae log list --instanceid Instance_ID</code> |
| [] or [a b] | It indicates that it is a optional value, and only one item can be selected. | <code>ipconfig [-all -t]</code> |
| { } or {a b} | It indicates that it is a required value, and only one item can be selected. | <code>swich {stand / slave}</code> |

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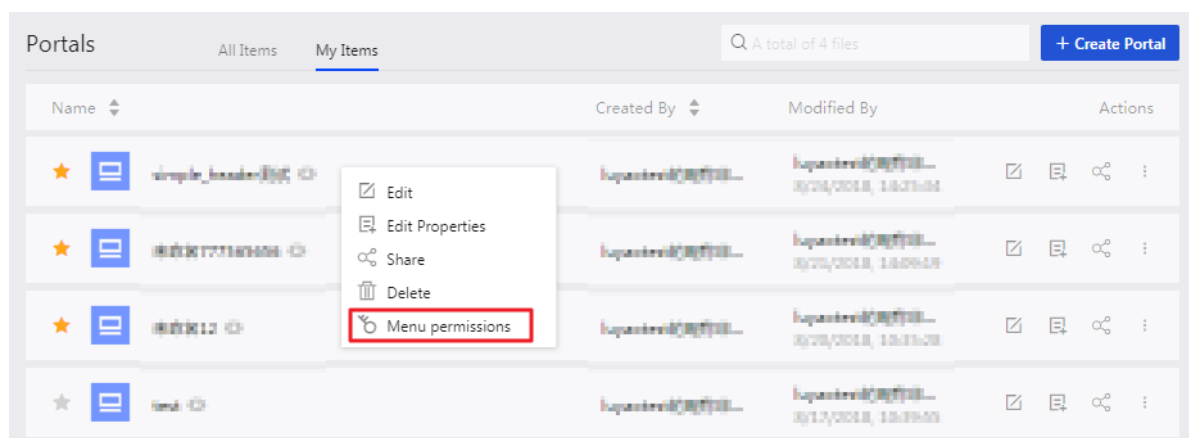
1 Privilege control

1.1 Data Portal menu permission settings

You can set menu permissions in workspaces for data portals.

Menu permissions can be authorized to user groups and users. To create a menu permission, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Select the target workspace. If you need to create a workspace, see [Create a workspace](#).
3. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Portals**.
4. Select the target portal, click the **three dots** icon, and then select **Menu permissions**. You can also right-click the target portal.



5. In the **Menu authority management** panel, set menu permissions, as shown in the following figure:

Profit Menu authority management

Menu selection

Search by keyword

Menu permissions

Level 1 Menu

Level 2 Menu

profits

Click to select the to-authorize menu.

Permission settings

Only authorized to be visible : ☐ Yes ☒ No

| User group | User |
|--------------------------------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 系统管理员 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 数据分析师 | |

Cancel

OK



Note:

You can select one of the following options for **Only authorized to be visible**:

- Yes, which indicates only authorized user groups and users have permission to read the menu.
- No, which indicates all user groups and users have permission to read the menu.

6. Click **OK**.

2 Data modeling

2.1 Overview of data modeling

Data modeling is used to visualize data and allows you to quickly identify and extract information. Furthermore, it helps you to make correct decisions based on the trend represented by the data.

The basic process of data modeling is shown in the following figure.

1. Add data sources: a required step. Operations on datasets, workbooks, dashboards, and portals are all based on data sources. For more information about data sources, see [Data sources management overview](#).
2. Create datasets: a required step. You can create a dataset by using any one of the following three methods:
 - Tables in a data source: You can create dashboards and workbooks based on datasets. For more information about operations on datasets, see [Datasets management overview](#).
 - Local files: You can only create datasets based on local files in Personal Workspace. You can create datasets based on CSV files uploaded from your local disk. For more information about operations on CSV files, see [Upload local files](#).
 - Custom SQL queries: You can create datasets based on custom SQL queries in MaxCompute. For more information about operations on custom SQL queries, see [SQL overview](#).

2.2 Data source management

2.2.1 Data sources management overview

Quick BI supports the following types of data sources:

Cloud data sources:

- MaxCompute
- MySQL
- SQL Server
- Analytic DB
- HybridDB for MySQL
- HybridDB for PostgreSQL released

- PostgreSQL
- PPAS
- Hive (Quick BI Pro)

External database data sources

- MySQL
- SQL Server
- Oracle
- PostgreSQL
- Hive (Quick BI Pro)
- Vertica (Quick BI Pro)
- IBM DB2 LUW (Quick BI Pro)

Exploration space

- CSV file
- Local Excel files
- Data IDE

Uploaded local files are stored in the exploration space. The exploration space is a dedicated storage area of Quick BI, providing 1G space for each user currently.

When creating data sources, the Quick BI has the following requirements for the network type of data sources.

1. The VPC RDS instance can access Quick BI by using an extranet domain name. MySQL and SQL Server instances can access Quick BI by using an intranet domain name, other VPC RDS instances can't access Quick BI by using an intranet domain name.
2. The instances in the classic network can access Quick BI by using an extranet domain name and an intranet domain name. When you access Quick BI by using an extranet domain name, you should set the IP address whitelist on the RDS. For more information, see [Set whitelist](#).
3. Quick BI can be accessed by using the public network.
4. MySQL and SQL Server built on a VPC ECs instance can access quick Bi via the internal network domain name.

2.2.2 List of data sources

On the Data Sources page, you can manage all the data sources. You can perform operations, such as **create data sources**, **query data sources**, **edit data sources**, and **delete data sources**, on this page as shown in the following figure.

On the right side of this page, you can click a data source to display all the tables in this data source. You can create a dataset from any one of these tables.

2.2.3 Create cloud data sources

Operations on datasets, workbooks, dashboards, and portals are based on data sources. This topic describes how to build a cloud data source.

Go to the data source creation page to create a cloud data source.

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Data Sources** to go to the data source management page.
3. Click **Create Data Source** and select a data source.
4. Click the **Cloud Database** tab.

MaxCompute

1. Click the **MaxCompute** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:
 - Name: The display name in the data source list.
 - Database Endpoint: You do not need to modify the default address. If you want to modify it, see [Access domains and data centers](#).



Note:

The database endpoint varies with region. For example, in a classic network, the database endpoints of Hong Kong region and Singapore region are `http://service.cn-hongkong.maxcompute.aliyun-inc.com/api` and `http://service.ap-southeast-1.maxcompute.aliyun-inc.com/api` respectively. For more information, see [Access domains and data centers](#).

- Project: The project name.
- Access ID: The AccessKey ID.

- Access Key: The AccessKey Secret.

**Note:**

The value of the Access Key must be valid. The corresponding account is that of the project administrator or owner, or a common user who has permissions to list, select, and create instances.

3. Click **Test Connection.****Note:**

If the connection works properly, a message indicating connection success will be displayed.

4. Click **Add to add a data source.**

After the data source is added, the **Data Sources** tab page is automatically displayed, and all data tables under the data source are displayed in the right-side pane.

MaxCompute data sources are asynchronously loaded and updated. If you create a MaxCompute data source for the first time, wait up to five minutes for the data synchronization.

MySQL

Due to the limitations imposed by the whitelist policy of ApsaraDB for RDS, before adding an ApsaraDB for RDS data source, you must manually add related IP addresses to whitelists on the ApsaraDB for RDS console.

For more information about how to add and set a whitelist, see [Set whitelists](#).

1. Click the **MySQL** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:

- Name: The display name in the data source list.
- Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
- Port: The port number.
- Database: The name of the database.
- Username: The username of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

If you do not know the username or the password, contact your data warehouse administrator.

3. Click **Test Connection.**

4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

If a data source with the same configuration already exists, a prompt message will be displayed . Do not add a data source repeatedly.

SQL Server

You can add a data source from RDS for SQL Server in a similar way you add a data source from RDS for MySQL. The differences are that you need to add the configuration item **schema** for data sources from ApsaraDB for RDS (SQL Server), and the default port number of the SQL server is **1433**.

1. Click the **SQL Server** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:

- Name: The display name in the data source list.
- Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
- Port: The port number.
- Database: The name of the database.
- Schema: dbo.
- Username: The username of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection**.
4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

Analytic DB

1. Click the **Analytic DB** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:

- Name: The display name in the data source list.
- Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
- Port: The port number.
- Database: The name of the database.
- Access ID: The AccessKey ID.
- Access Key: The AccessKey Secret.

3. Click **Test Connection**.
4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

HybridDB for MySQL

You can add a data source from HybridDB for MySQL in a similar way you add a data source from RDS for MySQL.

1. Click the **HybridDB for MySQL** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:

- Name: The display name in the data source list.
- Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
- Port: The default value is 3306.
- Database: The name of the database.
- Username: The username of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection**.
4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

HybirdDB for PostgreSQL

You can add a data source from HybridDB for PostgreSQL in a similar way you add a data source from RDS for SQL Server. The default port is the port specific to HybridDB for PostgreSQL.

1. Click the **HybridDB for PostgreSQL** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:

- Name: The display name in the data source list.
- Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
- Port: The port number.
- Database: The name of the database.
- Schema: public.
- Username: The username of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection**.

4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

PostgreSQL

1. Click the **PostgreSQL** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:
 - Name: The display name in the data source list.
 - Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
 - Port: The port number.
 - Database: The name of the database.
 - Schema: public.
 - Username: The username of the database.
 - Password: The password of the database.
3. Click **Test Connection**.
4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

PPAS

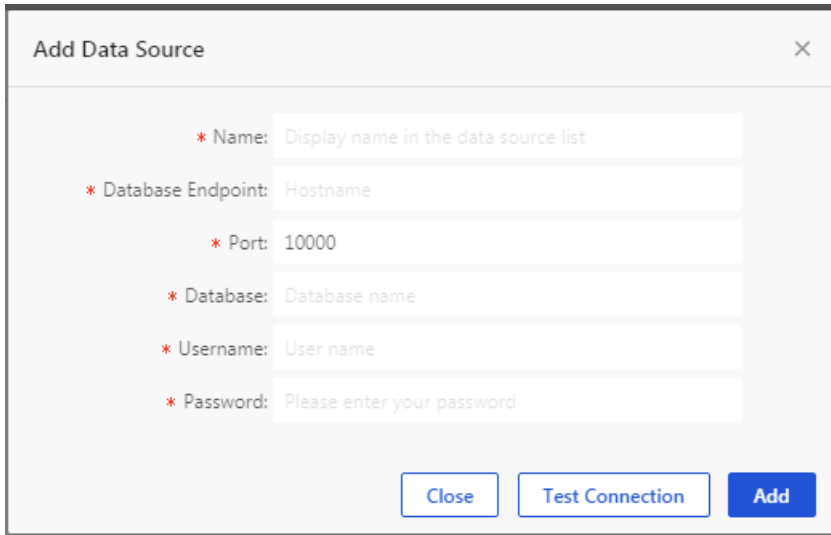
You can add a data source from RDS for PPAS in a similar way you add a data source from HybridDB for PostgreSQL.

1. Click the **PPAS** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:
 - Name: The display name in the data source list.
 - Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
 - Port: The port number.
 - Database: The name of the database.
 - Schema: public.
 - Username: The username of the database.
 - Password: The password of the database.
3. Click **Test Connection**.
4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

Hive (for Quick BI Professional)

If you have purchased **Quick BI Professional**, you can add a Hive data source.

1. Click the **Hive** icon.
2. Specify the parameters required for data source connection as follows:



- Name: The display name in the data source list.
- Database Endpoint: The host name or IP address.
- Port: The port number.
- Database: The name of the database.
- Username: The username of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection**.
4. Click **Add** to add a data source.

2.2.4 Create a data source from external database

This section describes how to create a data source from external database.

MySQL

1. Log on to Quick BI console.
2. Click **Data Sources**. The data source management page is displayed.
3. Click **Create data source > From External Database > MySQL**
4. Enter the required data source connection information, as shown in the following figure.

Add Data Source

*Name:

Display name in the data source list

*Database

Endpoint: Hostname or IP

*Port:

3306

*Database:

Database name

*Username:

Hostname or IP

*Password:

Password

ⓘ

Note: Add the following IP ranges to the whitelist of your databases.11.193.158.0/24, 11.193.162.0/24, 47.74.161.0/24, 47.74.162.0/24

Add

Close

Test Connection

- Display name: list of data sources display name
- Database address: Just fill in the host name or IP address.
- Port: Default 3306
- Database: Connection database name
- User name: corresponding user name
- Password: The password of the database.

5. Click **Test Connection** to perform the data source connectivity test.

6. Click Add to complete the data source add.

You must enable the ECS firewall to enable external accesses to MySQL.

1. Run the following command to access the firewall configuration file:

```
vi /etc/sysconfig/iptables
```

2. Add the following command to the firewall configuration file.

```
-A RH-Firewall-1-INPUT -m state --state NEW -m tcp -p tcp --dport 3306 -j
```

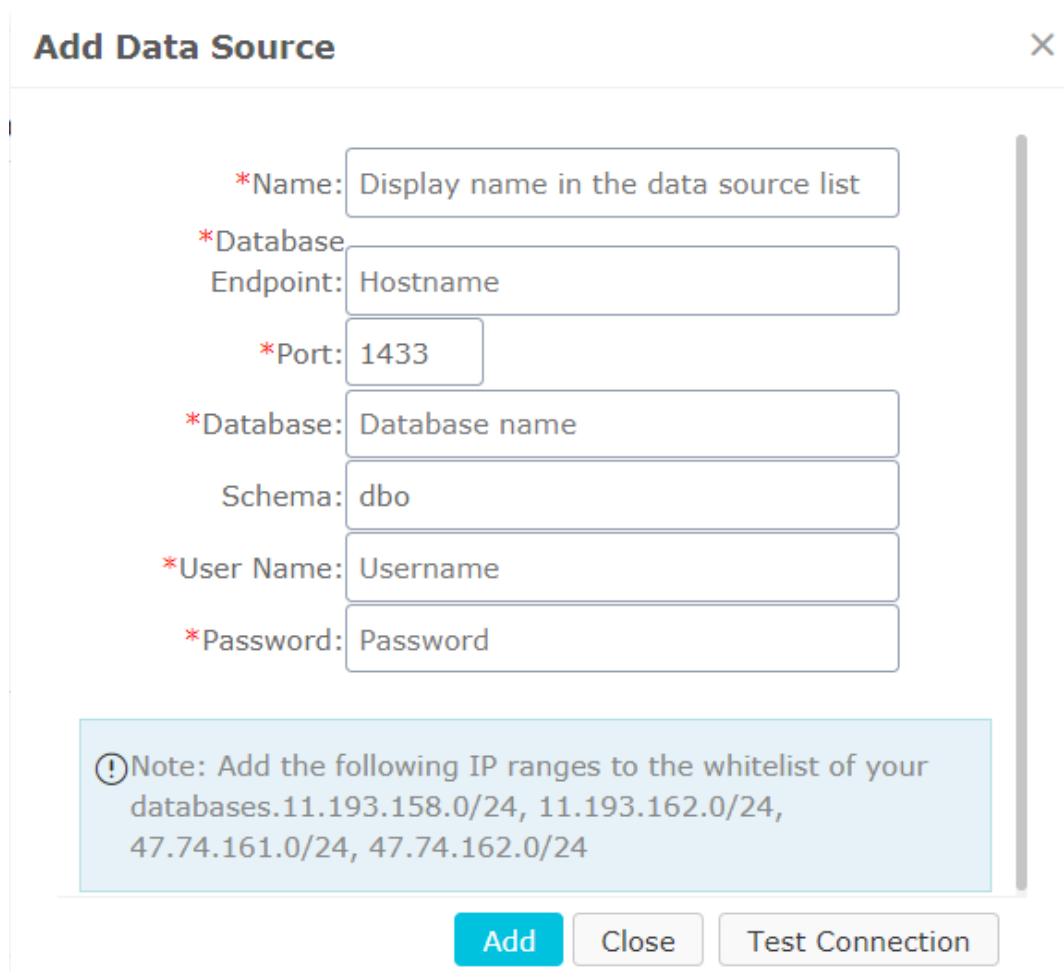
ACCEPT

3. After the configuration succeeds, restart iptable.

```
service iptables restart
```

SQL Server

1. Click **SQL Server**.
2. Enter the required data source connection information, as shown in the following figure.



Add Data Source [X]

*Name:

*Database Endpoint:

*Port:

*Database:

Schema:

*User Name:

*Password:

ⓘ Note: Add the following IP ranges to the whitelist of your databases. 11.193.158.0/24, 11.193.162.0/24, 47.74.161.0/24, 47.74.162.0/24

- Display name: list of data sources display name
- Database address: Just fill in the host name or IP address.
- Port: Default 1433
- Database: Connection database name
- Schema: dbo
- User name: corresponding user name
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection** to perform the data source connectivity test.

4. Click Add to complete the data source add.

PostgreSQL

1. Click **PostgreSQL**.
2. Enter the required information for connecting to a data source.

Add Data Source

* Name: Display name in the data source list

* Database Endpoint: Hostname or IP

* Port: 5432

* Database: Database name

Schema: public

* Username: User name

* Password: Please enter your password

Note: Add the following IP ranges to the whitelist of your databases. 11.193.15.8.0/24, 11.193.162.0/24, 47.74.161.0/24, 47.74.162.0/24

Close Test Connection Add

- Display name: list of data sources display name
 - Database address: Just fill in the host name or IP address.
 - Port: Default 5432
 - Database: The name of the database to be connected to.
 - Schema: public
 - User Name: The user name of the database.
 - Password: The password of the database.
3. Click **Test Connection** to perform the data source connectivity test.
 4. Click Add to complete the data source add.

Oracle

1. Click **Oracle**.
2. Enter the required data source connection information, as shown in the following figure.

Add Data Source

×

*Name:

Display name in the data source list

*Database

Endpoint: Hostname or IP

*Port:

1521

*Database:

Database name

Schema:

Default schema 'public'

*User Name:

User Name.

*Password:

Password

Add

Close

Test Connection

- Display name: list of data sources display name
- Database Address: Enter the host name or IP address.
- Port: Default 1521
- Database: Name of the database to be connected to.
- Schema: public
- User Name: The user name of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection** to perform the data source connectivity test.

4. Click **Add**. The data source is added.

Hive (Quick BI Pro)

If you are using the Quick BI professional, you can add Hive data source.

1. Click **Hive**.
2. Enter the required data source connection information, as shown in the following figure.

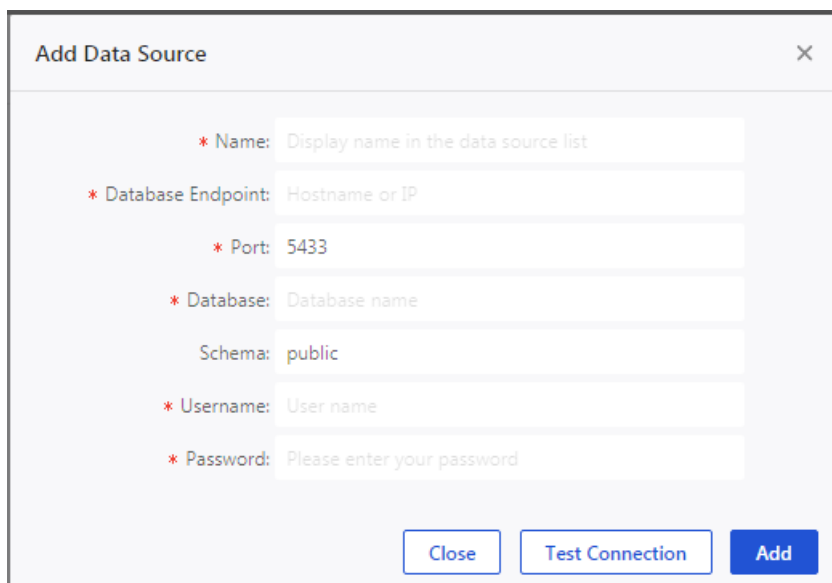
- Display name: list of data sources display name
 - Database address: Just fill in the host name or IP address.
 - Port: Just fill in the correct port number
 - Database: Connection database name
 - User name: Corresponding user name
 - Password: Corresponding Password
3. If you need to accelerate your Hive data source, enter the following data source acceleration information, as shown in the following figure.

- hiveMetastoreUri: The address of Hive metadata.
4. Click Connect tests to perform a data source connectivity test.
5. Click Add to complete the data source add.

Vertica (Quick BI Pro)

If you are using Quick BI professional, you can also add a Vertica data source.

1. Click **Vertica**.
2. Enter the required data source connection information, as shown in the following figure.



- Display name: List of data sources display name
- Database address: Just fill in the host name or IP address.
- Port Number: Default 5433
- Database: The name of the database to be connected to.
- Schema: public
- User Name: The user name of the database.
- Password: The password of the database.

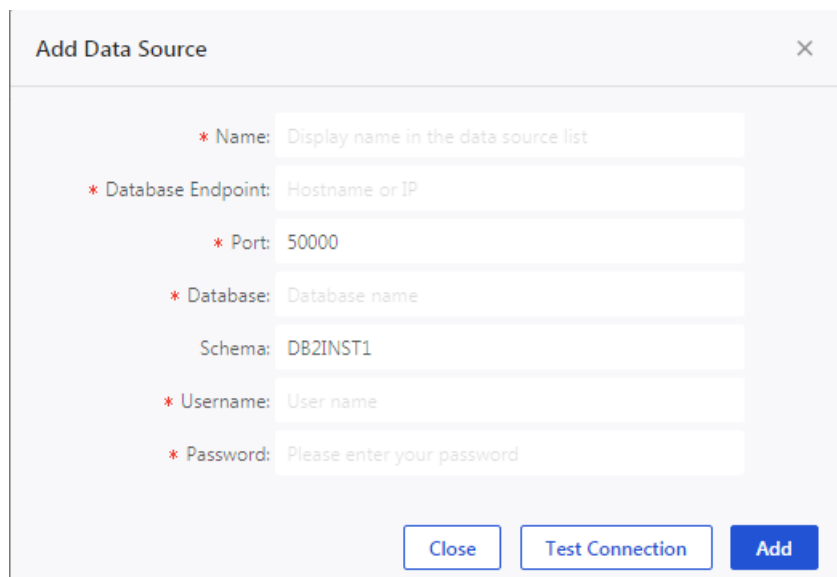
3. Click **Test Connection** to perform the data source connectivity test.

4. Click Add to complete the data source add.

IBM DB2 LUW (Quick BI Pro)

If you are using Quick BI professional, you can also add an IBM DB2 LUW data source.

1. Click **IBM DB2 LUW**.
2. Enter the required data source connection information, as shown in the following figure.

A screenshot of the 'Add Data Source' dialog box. It has a title bar with a close button (X). The dialog contains several input fields, each with a red asterisk indicating it is required. The fields are: 'Name' with placeholder text 'Display name in the data source list', 'Database Endpoint' with placeholder text 'Hostname or IP', 'Port' with placeholder text '50000', 'Database' with placeholder text 'Database name', 'Schema' with placeholder text 'DB2INST1', 'Username' with placeholder text 'User name', and 'Password' with placeholder text 'Please enter your password'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Close', 'Test Connection', and 'Add'.

- Display name: list of data sources display name
- Database address: Just fill in the host name or IP address.
- Port Number: Default 50000
- Database: Connection database name
- Schema: DB2INST1
- User name: Corresponding user name
- Password: The password of the database.

3. Click **Test Connection** to perform the data source connectivity test.

4. Click Add to complete the data source add.

2.2.5 Upload local files

You can upload local CSV files and Excel files (.xls and .xlsx files) to the explore space as a data source.

The explore space is a data source type that is used only in the personal workspace. Each user has 1 GB storage space.

In addition, you can import data sources from the Data IDE.

CSV file

CSV files in UTF-8 format are decoded without errors. CSV files in GBK or GB2312 format are automatically decoded, but the decoding may fail in some special cases.

If your CSV files cannot be decoded correctly, use text editors such as Notepad to convert the encoding of the files to UTF-8. Otherwise, the content of the uploaded files is shown as gibberish.

1. Use **Notepad** to open a CSV file.
2. Choose **File > Save As**.
3. Click the drop-down arrow of **Encoding**.
4. Select UTF-8.

After you have changed the encoding, upload the CSV file to the explore space.

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Data Source** to enter the Data Sources page.
3. Click **Create Data Sources > Local Upload > CSV file**.
4. Enter a display name for the file.
5. Click **Select File** to select a file to upload, as shown in the following figure.
6. Click **OK** to upload the file.

Excel file

When you upload Excel files, you need to select which sheet in each excel file to upload. To make the editing and maintenance more flexible, you can only select one sheet in one Excel file at a time.

1. Click **Create Data Sources > Local Upload > EXCEL file**.
2. Enter a display name for the file.
3. Click **Select a file** to select the file to upload, as shown in the following figure.
4. Click **OK** to complete uploading the file.

Data IDE



Note:

Only supports importing data sources from the China (Shanghai) region, and you must add your account to the project.

1. Click **Create Data Sources > Local Upload > Data IDE**.
2. Select the data source from the list.
3. Click **Import** to complete the importing of the data source.

Update table data according to the local data source

The local data source feature of Quick BI is designed to meet the analysis requirements for your changing and growing business.

After you have uploaded a file, new files are generated as the business grows. You can append the new files to the table corresponding to the previously uploaded file to analyze business data consistently over a long period of time.

The new file can be in a format different from the previously uploaded file. For example, if you have uploaded a CSV file, you can import data from a sheet in an Excel file. Make sure that the field names and the field types in the files to be uploaded are the same as those in the previously uploaded file.

1. Click **Data Source** to enter the Data Sources page.
2. Click **Explore Space** to enter the Explore Space page.
3. Select a file, and then click **Update**.
4. Click **Append** to upload the file that needs to be appended.
5. Click **OK** to append the data.

Delete the data of the table corresponding to a local data source

If a file that you have appended contains dirty data, which decreases the accuracy of the data, you can delete the file with dirty data that is corresponding to the table in the uploaded file list. The corresponding dashboard displays corrected data without any manual changes. Therefore, the analysis results of data are accurate at all times.

1. Click **Data Source** to enter the Data Sources page.
2. Click **Explore Space** to enter the Explore Space page.
3. Select a file, and then click **Update**.
4. Locate the file that needs to be deleted, and then click the **Delete** icon, as shown in the following figure.

Example of local files

To help you learn to use local data source files, we provide a sample CSV file here: [Sales data examples](#).

The structure of the sales data is shown in the following table.

| Field | Field type | Description |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| order_id | varchar | Order ID |
| report_date | datetime | Order date |
| customer_name | varchar | Customer name |
| order_level | varchar | Order grade |
| order_number | double | Order quantity |
| order_amt | double | Order amount |
| back_point | double | Discount |
| shipping_type | varchar | Shipping type |
| profit_amt | double | Profit amount |
| price | double | Unit price |
| shipping_cost | double | Shipping cost |
| area | varchar | Region |
| province | varchar | Province |
| city | varchar | City |
| product_type | varchar | Product type |
| product_sub_type | varchar | Product subtype |
| product_name | varchar | Product name |
| product_box | varchar | Product packing box |
| shipping_date | datetime | Shipping date |

2.2.6 Edit data sources

On the Data Sources page, you can view all the data sources and edit them.

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Data Sources** to go to the Data Sources page.
3. Select a data source, and click the **Edit** icon.
4. After you edit the data source, click **Save**.

2.2.7 Delete data sources

You can view all data sources and delete data sources on the Data Sources page.

Context



Note:

If you have created a dataset based on a data source, the data source cannot be deleted and the system will display an error message if you delete the data source.

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Data Sources** to go to the Data Sources page.
3. Select a data source, and click the **Delete** icon.

2.2.8 Synchronize data sources

In the Personal Space of Quick BI, you can synchronize MaxCompute and MySQL data sources to Exploration Space.

1. On the Data Sources page, click **Import Data**.
2. Select a MaxCompute data source or a MySQL data source.



Note:

- You must add the following IP addresses to the RDS whitelist before synchronizing the MySQL data source.

11.193.158.0/24,11.193.162.0/24,47.74.161.0/24,47.74.162.0/24
- You must switch to a classic network to synchronize MySQL data sources. A VPC network does not support the synchronization of MySQL data sources.
- This function is a one-time synchronization. If the data source is updated, you must synchronize the data source again.

2.3 Dataset management

2.3.1 Dataset overview

You can add or import a data source to create a dataset. For more information about how to add and import a data source, see [Create a cloud data source](#), [Create a data source from external database](#), and [Upload local files](#).

After you create a dataset, you can create a dashboard to visualize the dataset. For more information about how to create a dashboard, see [Use dashboard to create charts](#).

On the Datasets page, you can perform operations on a selected dataset such as analyze, edit, and rename.

2.3.2 Create a dataset

Prerequisites

Ensure that data sources have been successfully added or uploaded before you create a dataset.

Context

For more information about how to add and import a data source, see [Create a cloud data source](#), [Create a data source from external database](#), and [Upload local files](#).

Procedure

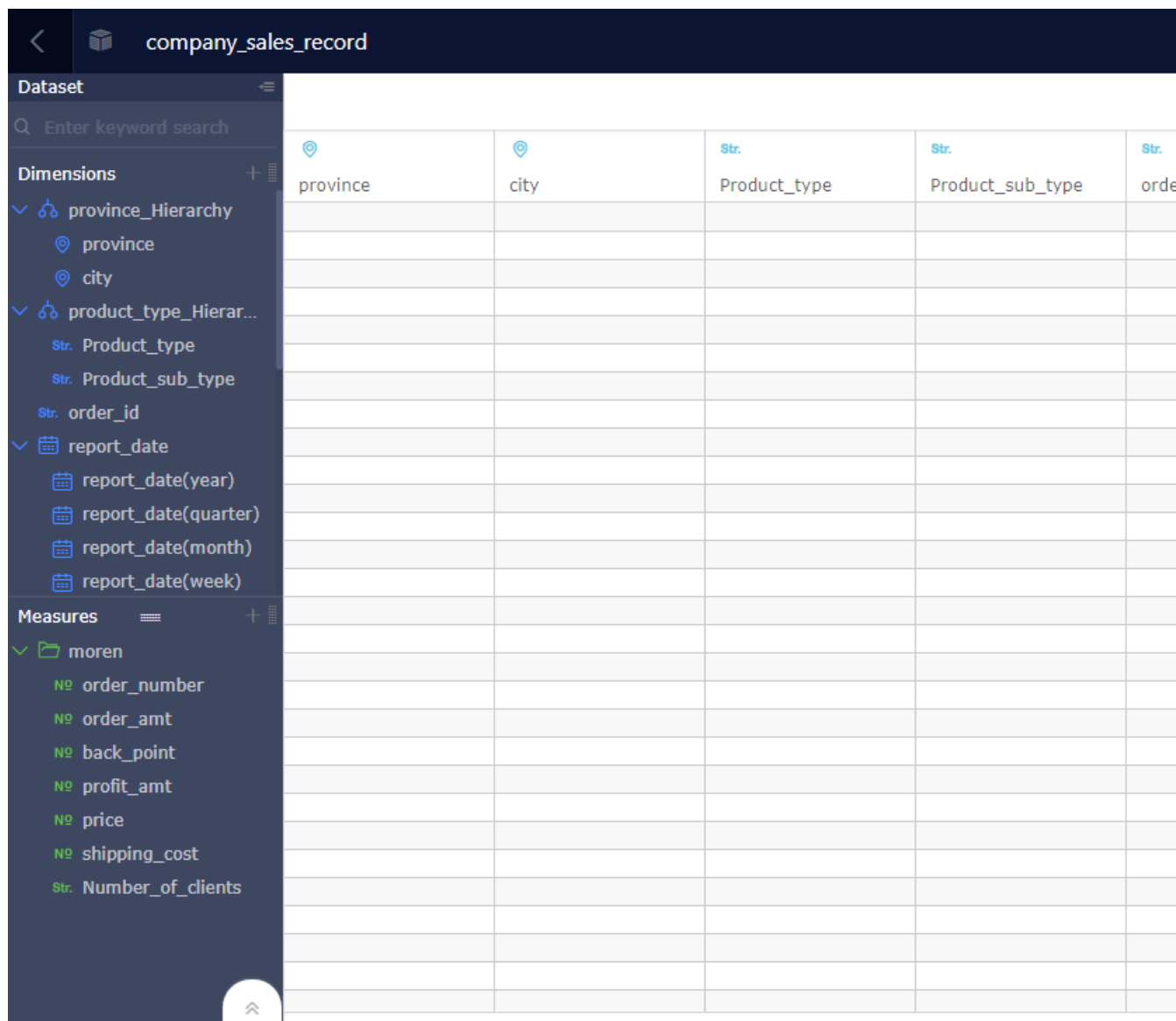
1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Data Source** to enter the Data Sources page.
3. On the right side of this page, select a table.
4. Click **Create Dataset** next to the table as the following figure shows.

After you create a dataset, you are automatically directed to the **Datasets** page. The newly created dataset is labeled with the **New** icon. This helps you quickly find the newly created dataset.

2.3.3 Edit a dataset

You can edit a dataset based on the chart demonstration needs.

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets**. The dataset management page is displayed.
3. Select a dataset and click its name. The dataset editing page is displayed.

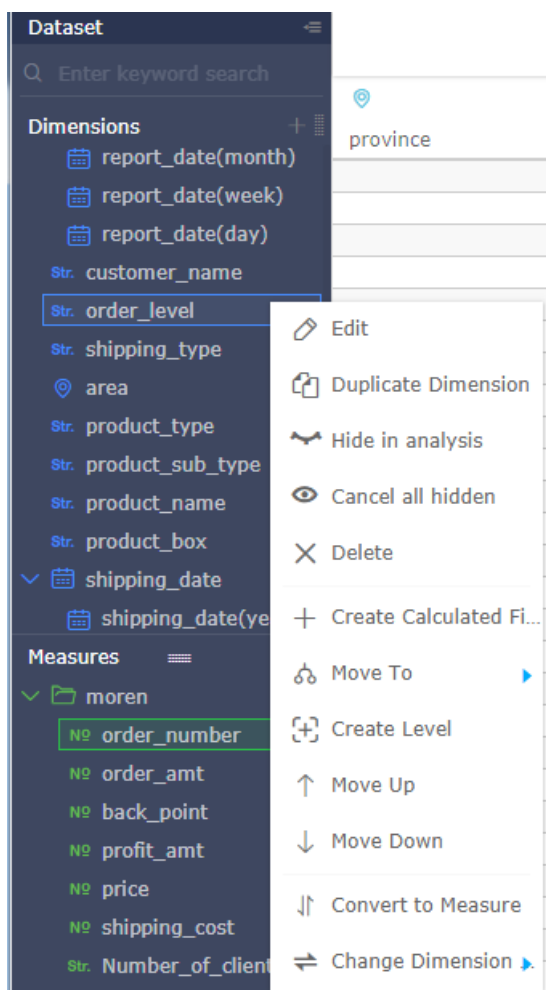


Fields in the dataset are automatically classified into **dimensions** and **measurements**. You can edit the dimension and measurement fields based on your table creation requirements. After the dataset is edited, you can save and refresh the edited data using **Toolbar** provided by the system.

Edit a dimension field

You can click the operation icon of a dimension field or right-click a dimension field to open the editing menu. For example, if you want to create a bubble or color map, you must set the dimension type to "Geographical Information". Otherwise, you cannot properly make the map.

1. Select a dimension field, for example, **order_level**.
2. Right-click the selected field. The field editing menu is displayed, as shown in the following figure.

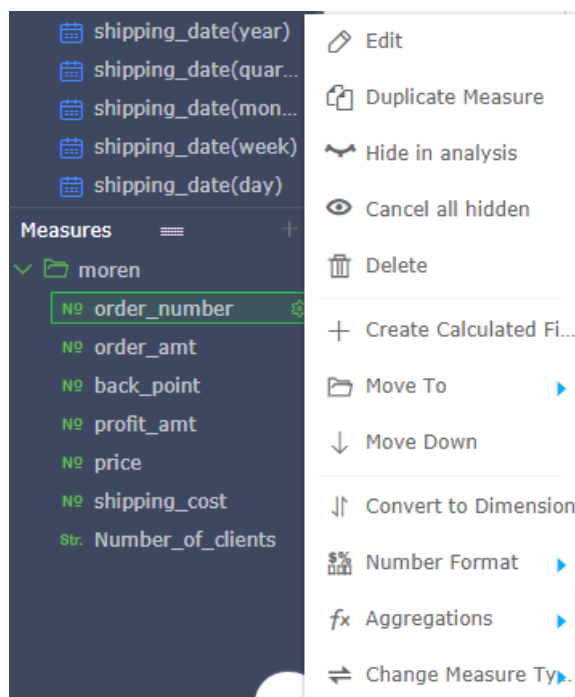


- **Edit:** To modify the display name and remarks of a dimension field.
- **Duplicate Dimension:** To quickly copy a dimension. **Copy** is automatically displayed for the generated dimension.
- **Hide in analysis:** Hide related dimensions.
- **Cancel all hidden:** Cancel the hide for related dimensions.
- **Delete:** To delete a field.
- **Create Calculated Field (Dimension):** To create a dimension field and customize the calculation mode.
- **Move To:** To quickly include a dimension field in an existing level for drilling.
- **Create Level:** To quickly include a dimension field in a created level.
- **Move Up/Move Down:** To move a field. You can drag the field or right-click the field to move it.
- **Convert to Measurement:** To convert the current dimension field to a measurement field.

- **Change Dimension Type:** To switch a dimension field to the default, date, or geographical type.

Edit a measurement field

1. Select a measurement field, for example, **order_number**.
2. Right-click the selected field. The field editing menu is displayed, as shown in the following figure.



- **Edit:** To modify the display name and remarks of a measurement field.
- **Duplicate Measure:** To quickly copy a measure. **Copy** is automatically displayed for the generated measure.
- **Hide in analysis:** Hide related measures.
- **Cancel all hidden:** Cancel the hide for related measures.
- **Delete:** To delete a field.
- **Create Calculated Field (Measurement):** To create a measurement field and customize the calculation mode.
- **Move To:** To quickly include a measurement field in an existing folder.
- **Move Up/Move Down:** To move a field. You can drag the field or right-click the field to move it.
- **Convert to Dimension:** To convert the current measurement field to a dimension field.
- **Number Format:** To set the display format of a number.

- Aggregations: You can select an aggregation mode, such as sum, max, or min, on the menu .
- Change Measure Type: To switch a measure field to the default, date, or geographical type.

Toolbar

You can use the toolbar shown in the following figure to save, refresh, or synchronize datasets.



- Sync Table Schema: To combine new table fields added to an online physical table. This operation can be used when an online physical table is changed, for example, a field is added . In this case, fields can be easily synchronized online. If a field of the online table is deleted or renamed, the corresponding dimension/measurement of the dataset is not deleted.
- Refresh Preview: To refresh and preview data of a dataset. If you want to view the latest data in real time, save the dataset and then refresh data.
- Save: To save a dataset.
- Save As: To save the current dataset as a new one. This operation can be used to quickly copy a new dataset or back up a dataset.

Join tables



Note:

Professional edition supports Multi-Dataset type, and it only applies to the MaxCompute, MySQL, and Oracle data source. Other editions don't support.

mysql Oracle

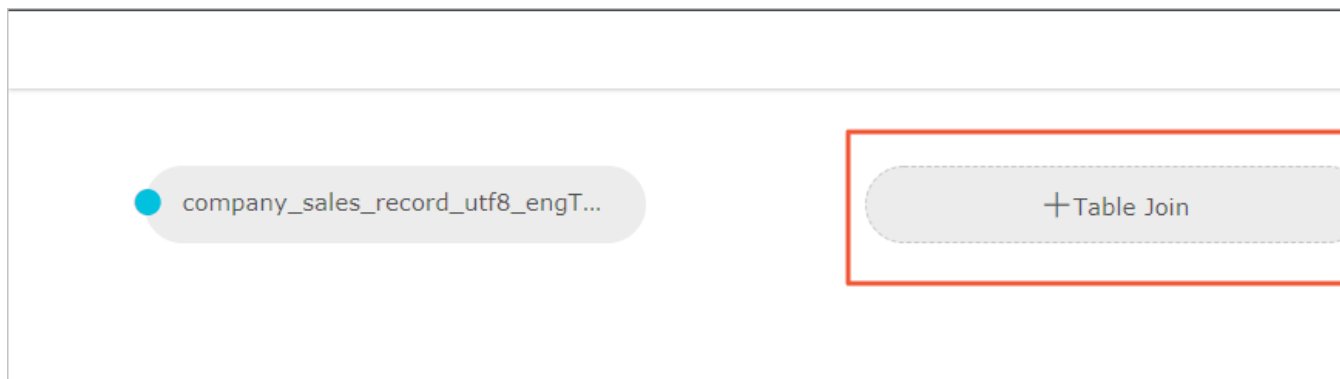
The Multi-Dataset type is not supported

The following two joining modes are supported.

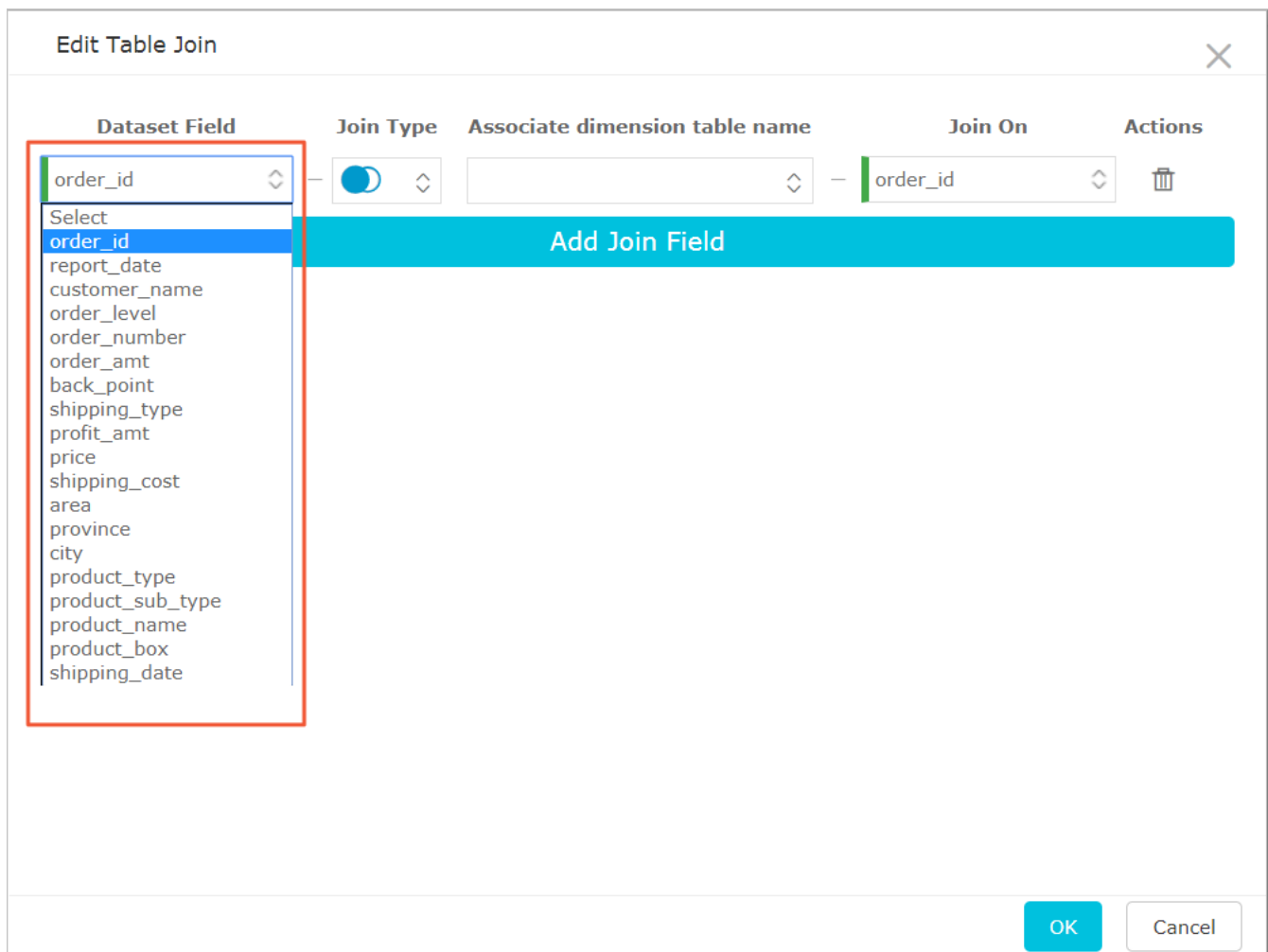
- Inner Join
- Left outer join

If you have two data tables that are from the same dataset, you can click **Join Table** to join one or multiple fields in the second table to the table that is currently edited. The joined table fields are automatically added to the dimension and measurement areas of the first table as folders.

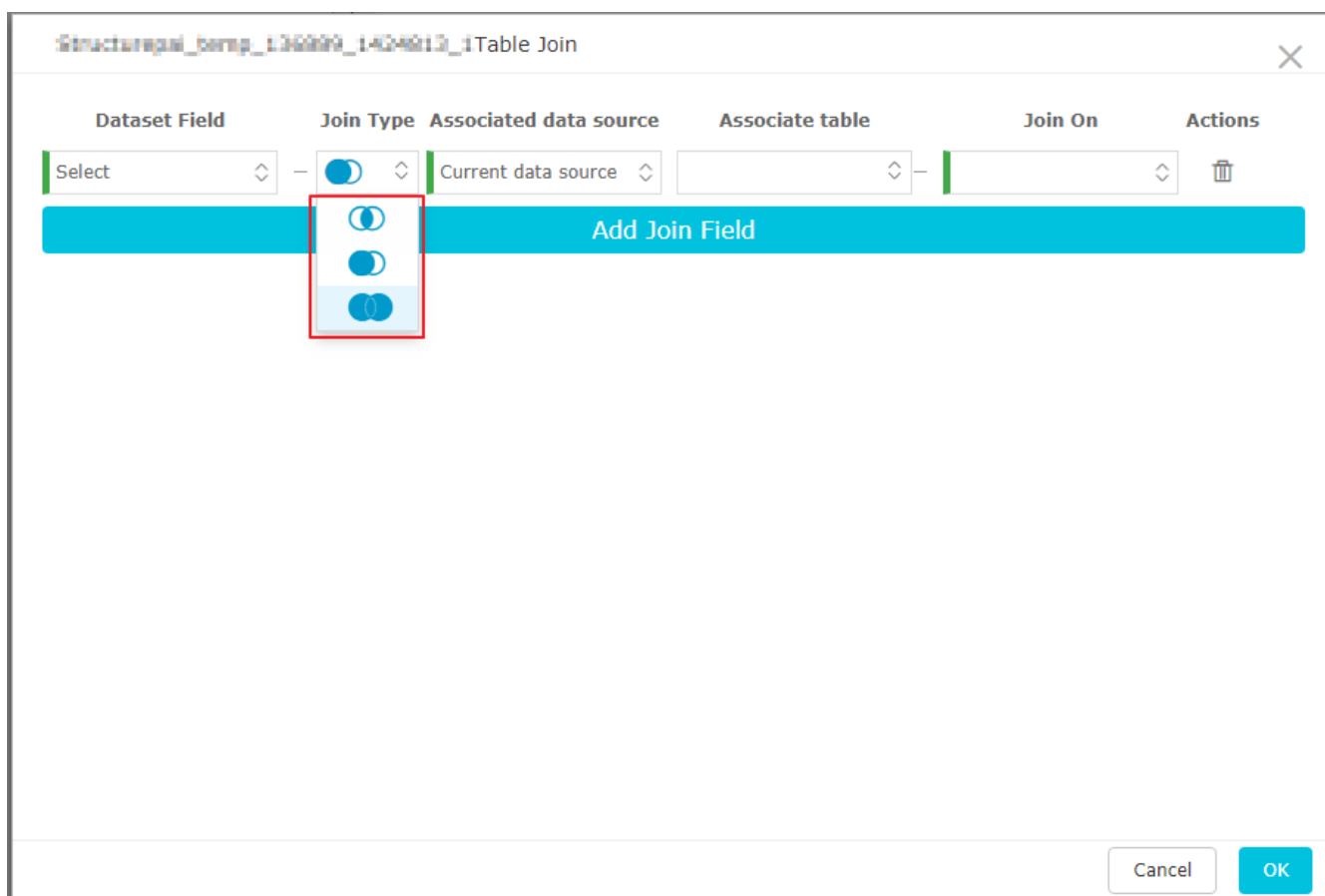
1. Click the **Join Table** icon. The data table joining page is displayed.



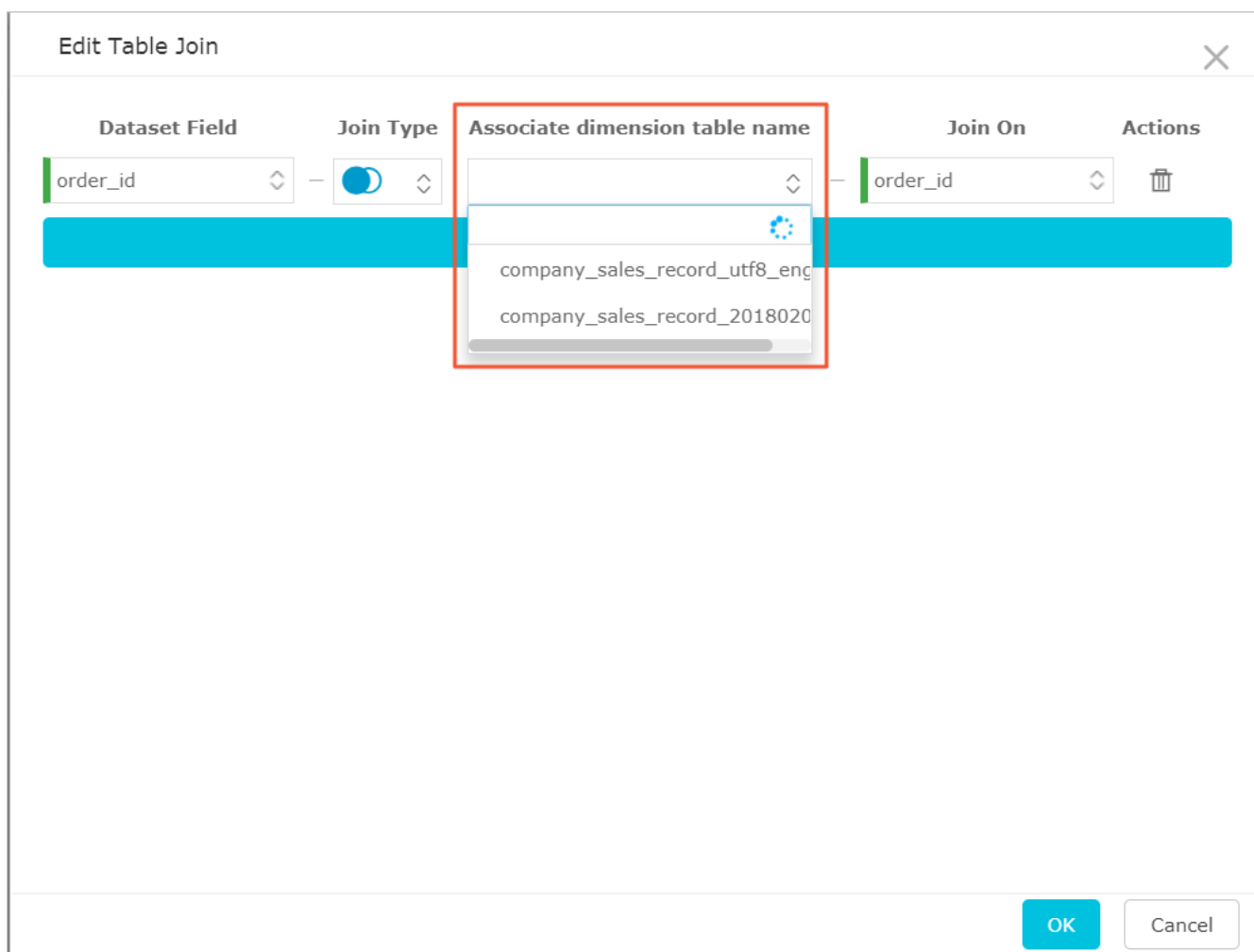
2. Click **+ Table Join** and add the data table to be joined.
3. Click the drop-down arrow of Dataset Field and select the dataset field to be joined.



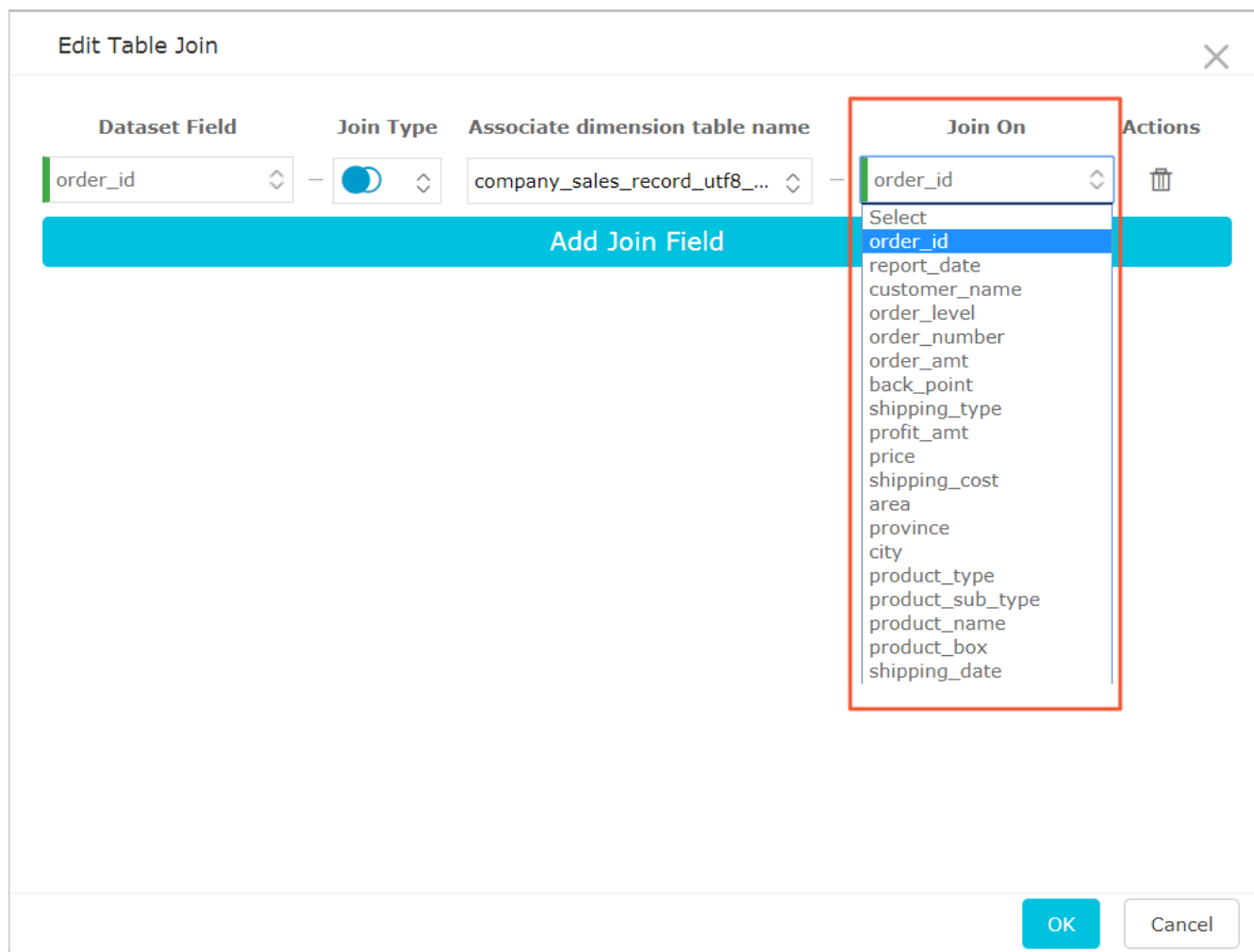
4. Click the drop-down arrow of **Join Type** and select the join mode.



5. Click the drop-down arrow of **Associate dimension table name** and select a joined table name.



6. Click the drop-down arrow of **Join On** and select a joined field.



7. Click **OK**. The joined table is added.

8. Click the preview icon to switch to preview mode, as shown in the following figure.



9. Click **Save** to save the current dataset.

Joined table example

1. On the dataset management page, select company_sales_record1.
2. Click its name and enter the dataset editing page.
3. Click the **Join Table** icon. The joined table editing page is displayed.
4. Click **+** to open the associated model dialog box.
5. Click **Dataset Field** drop-down arrow to select an associated field.
6. Click the **Join Type** drop-down arrow to select a join type, such as **left outer join**.

7. Click the drop-down arrow of **Associate dimension table name** and select an associated dataset.
8. Click **Join On** drop-down arrow to select an associated field.
9. Click **OK**. The joined table is added.
10. Click **Preview** icon to preview the data.
11. Click **Save** to save the dataset.

2.3.4 Analyze a dataset

You can use workbooks to analyze datasets.

Workbooks

1. Log on to the Quick BI console. (Quick BI Pro or Quick BI Professional)
2. Select **Workspace**.
3. Click **Workbooks** to enter the Workbooks page as shown in the following figure.
4. Click **Create Workbook** to enter the Workbooks page as shown in the following figure.

For more information about workbook operations, see [Example: Create a workbook](#).

2.3.5 Rename datasets

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets** to go to the Datasets page.
3. Select a dataset. Click More, and click **Edit Properties**.
4. Enter a new dataset name and click **Save**.

2.3.6 Delete datasets

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets** to go to the dataset management page.
3. Locate a dataset, and click the **Ellipsis** icon. Alternatively, right-click the dataset.
4. Select **Delete** to delete the dataset.

2.3.7 Search for datasets

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets** to go to the dataset management page.
3. Enter a keyword in the search box, as shown in the following figure.
4. Click the **Search** icon to search for a dataset.

2.3.8 Create dataset folders

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets** to go to the dataset management page.
3. Click **Create Folder** and enter the folder name.
4. Click **OK** to create a folder.

2.3.9 Rename dataset folders

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets** to go to the dataset management page.
3. Locate a dataset folder. Click the **Rename** icon, or right-click the folder and select **Rename**.
4. Enter a new folder name, and click **OK**.

2.3.10 Delete dataset folders

Procedure

1. Log on to the Quick BI console.
2. Click **Datasets** to go to the Datasets page.
3. Select a dataset folder. Click the **Delete** icon, or right-click the dataset folder and select **Delete**.
4. Click **OK** to delete the current folder.