Gregorian Calendar with Dynamic As Of Date

Set up guide

To create a dynamic date, first we will create a new global parameter named *Time Perspective* with three custom values. Next, in Cognos Analytics, we will import a deployment that contains a revised sample calendar data module named *Gregorian calendar*, replacing the existing version with a new version that is 100% compatible. Finally, we will show our end users how to set the new global parameter to suit their needs.

Step 1: Create a new global parameter with three custom values

1. You will need Administrator privileges to complete these steps. Click the *Open menu* and select *Manage*:



- 2. Select Customization
- 3. Click the Parameters tab
- 4. Click + New
- 5. Type "Time Perspective" and click Enter. The exact spelling is important in all the subsequent steps.
- 6. Click the *More* icon beside your new parameter and select *Properties*:



7. In the resulting dialog, check Applied to all roles

- 8. Beside Custom values, click Set values
- 9. Click + New
- 10. Type "use yesterday" and click Enter
- 11. Click + New
- 12. Type "use last Sunday" and click Enter
- 13. Click + New
- 14. Type "use _as_of_date" and click Enter
- 15. You completed parameter will look like this:

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Customization	Time Perspective	Set values
Themes Extensions Palettes Views Profile Parameters Custom Visuals	Description	+ New
Define parameters to be used across reports.		use yesterday
Import + New		use last Sunday
Time Perspective	Applied to all roles	
	Disabled	use _as_of_date
	Source User defined	
	Custom values Customized >	
	Languages Set >	

- 16. Close the *Customization* panel
- 17. Log out of Cognos Analytics and log back in again

Step 2: Import the deployment

<u>Note</u>: You can skip Steps 1-3 below if you are using Cognos Analytics 11.2.2 and above because you already have the revised Gregorian calendar as part of the Base Samples.

- 1. Click the applicable link below to download the **deployment** to obtain the revised Gregorian calendar data module for your environment. Do not unzip the file:
 - Cognos Analytics 11.1.7
 - Cognos Analytics 11.2.1
- 2. Import the deployment. You must be an Administrator to complete the import. For more information, see <u>Importing a deployment archive</u>. The import will replace your existing *Gregorian calendar* data module with a new version that is 100% compatible.
- 3. After you import the deployment, you will find the revised Gregorian calendar data module here: *Team content > Calendars > Gregorian calendar*
- Now you are ready to enable relative date analysis by creating a data module where business data is associated to this Gregorian calendar (see <u>Creating a data module for relative date</u> <u>analysis</u>).

Step 3: Show your end users how to set a value for the parameter

1. On the Home screen of Cognos Analytics, click the icon for My parameters:



2. Select one of the values in the resulting panel and click Apply:

