

# How to use the Learn Pane Link widget

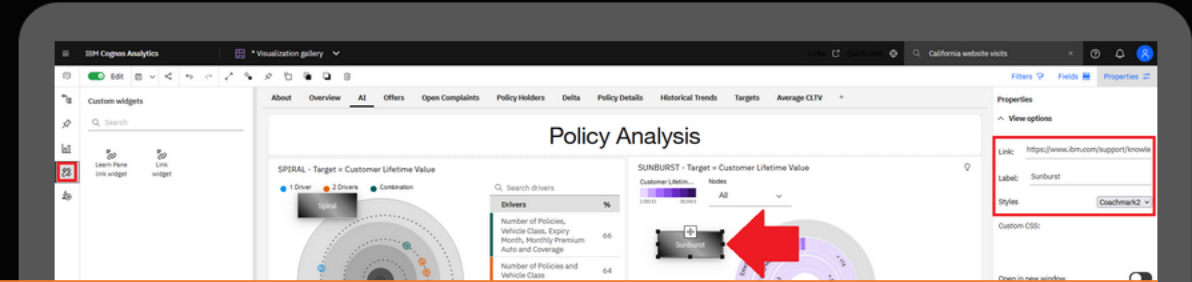
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**Important Note:** This widget will only link to an object that exists within the Learn Pane's "*collection*". If you need to open any other URLs, use the [LinkWidget.zip](#) extension instead.

# Add a link button to open the Learn Pane (11.2.0 and above)

The sample extension named "LearnPaneLink.zip" adds an extension to the Custom Widgets panel in Dashboarding and Stories that allows authors to add buttons that open specific topics in the Learn Pane.

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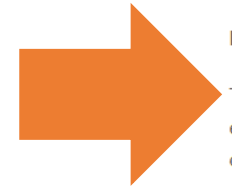


1. Download the extension from the **Accelerator Catalog** and follow the instructions to upload it to Cognos Analytics:  
[https://community.ibm.com/accelerators/catalog/content/Add-a-link-button-to-open-the-Learn-Pane-\(11.2.0-and-above\)](https://community.ibm.com/accelerators/catalog/content/Add-a-link-button-to-open-the-Learn-Pane-(11.2.0-and-above))

## About this accelerator

Version: Cognos Analytics 11.2.0 to Current

You can see a demonstration of this extension in the sample [Visualization gallery](#).



### Download

To use this sample extension, click the Download button above to download the zip file (do not unzip it) and follow these instructions to [upload](#) the extension to Cognos Analytics. You must have Portal Administrator or System Administrator privileges to do this. After the upload, you will see a new object in the *Manage > Customization > Extensions tab* named **LearnPaneLink**

You can create extensions (.zip files) that add functions to the Cognos Analytics user interface. For example, you can add buttons that, when clicked, open a specific report or dashboard. You can also remove default buttons from the user interface.

Extensions are defined in a *spec.json* file that is contained in the root of the extension's .zip file. Depending on the extension, there can also be folders that include images, HTML files, and JavaScript files. For more information, see [Creating extensions](#).

### More information

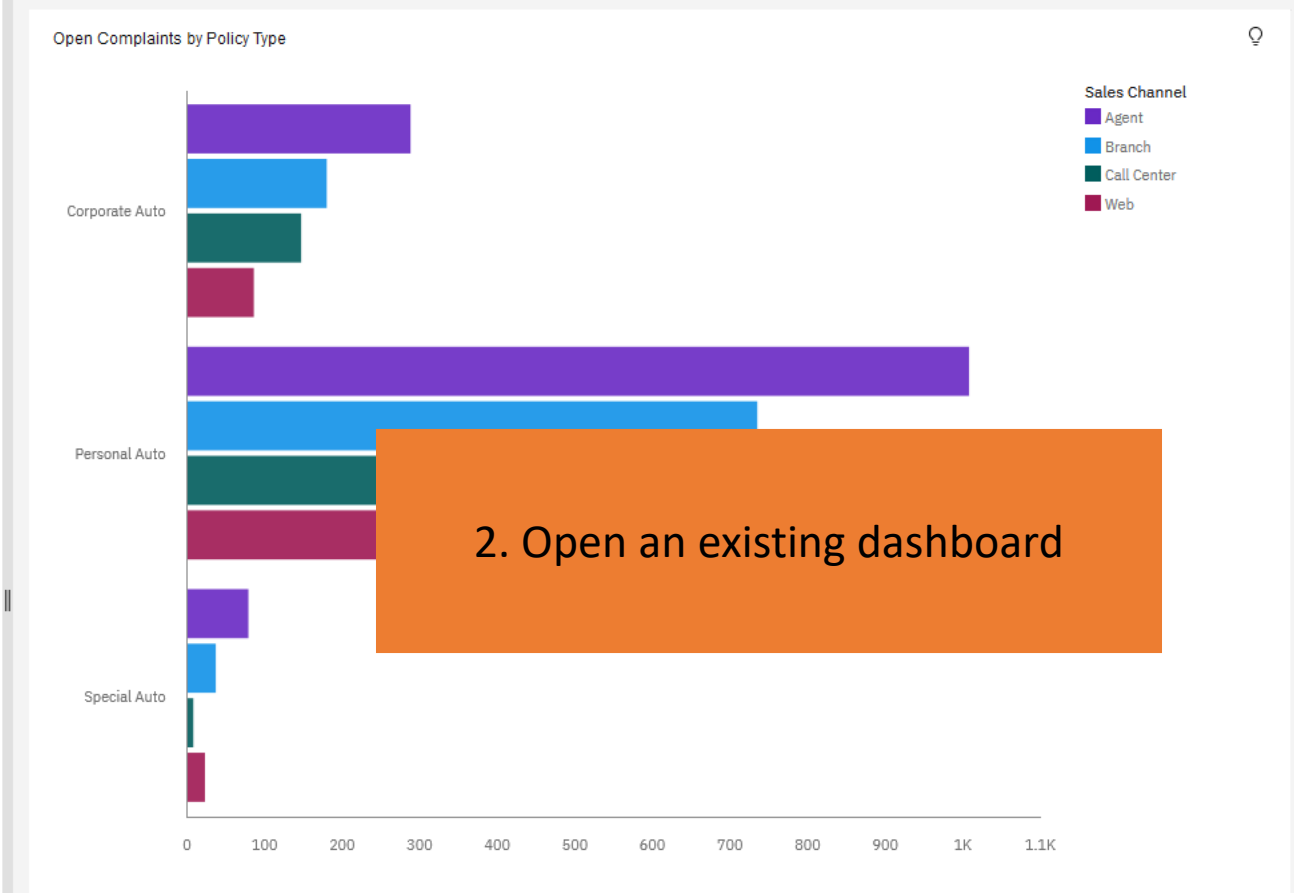
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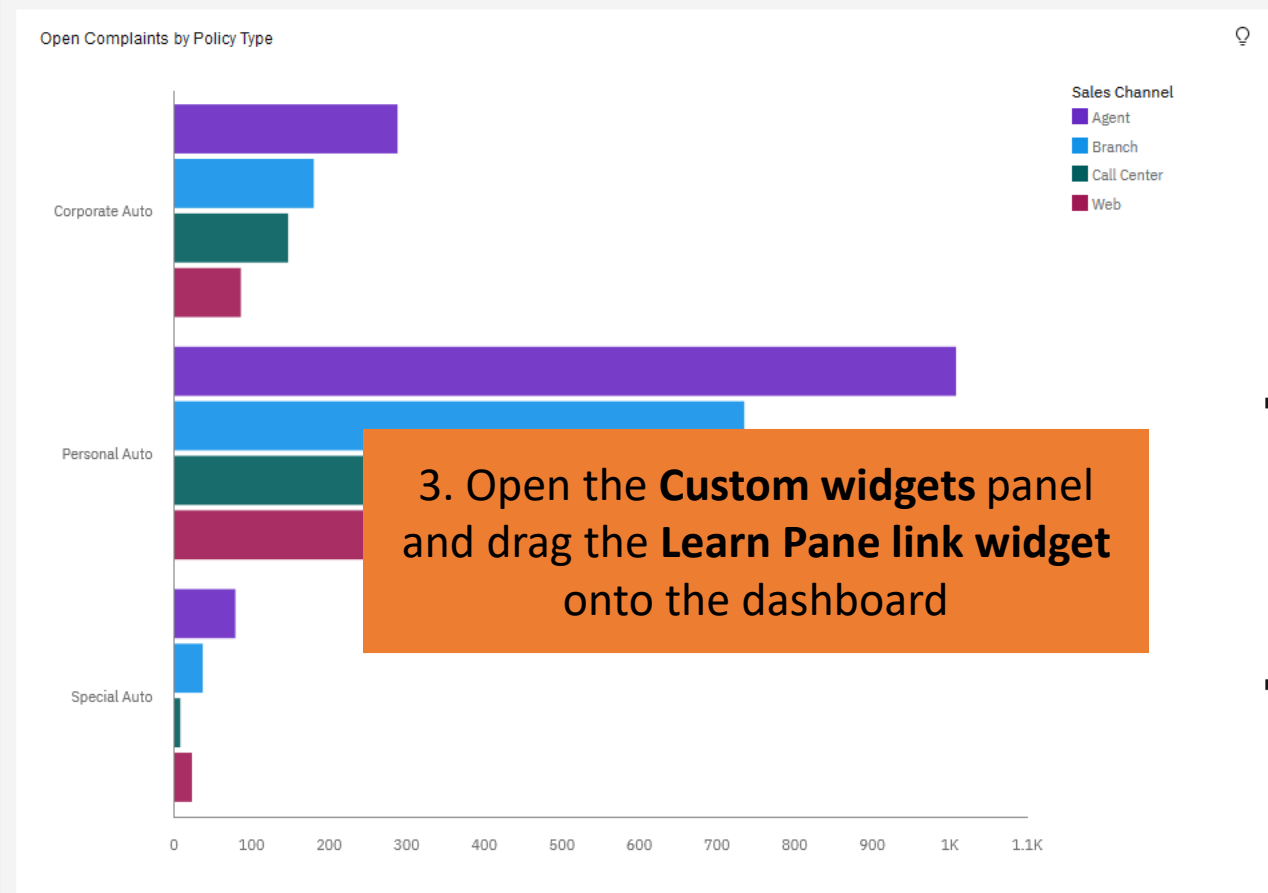
### Overview



2. Open an existing dashboard

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3. Open the **Custom widgets** panel and drag the **Learn Pane link widget** onto the dashboard

Enter the link URL in the properties panel

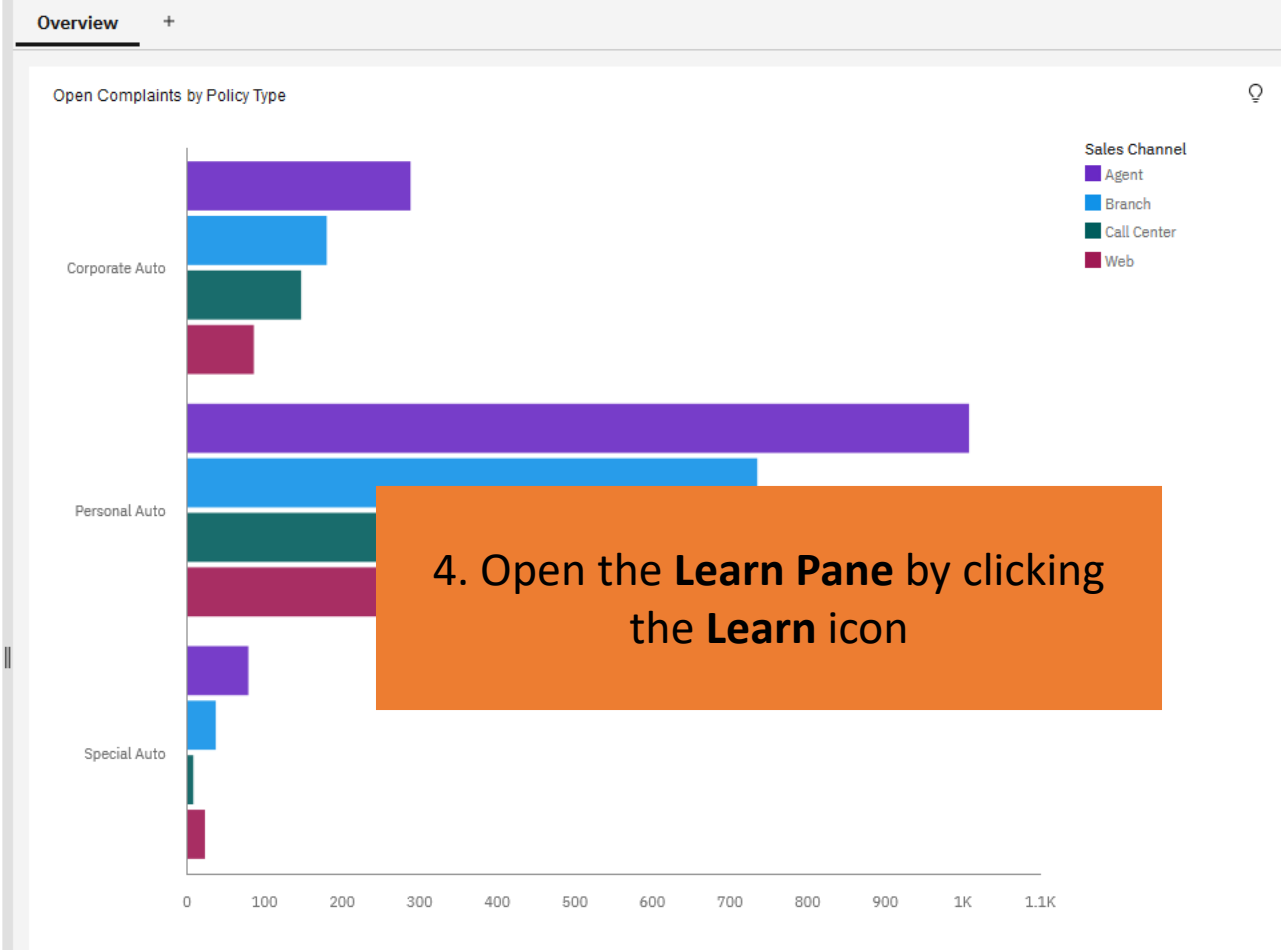
Drag here

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4. Open the **Learn Pane** by clicking the **Learn** icon

Enter the link URL in the p

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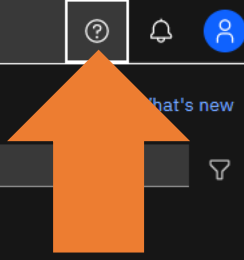
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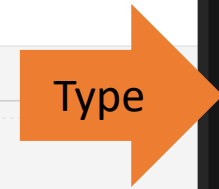
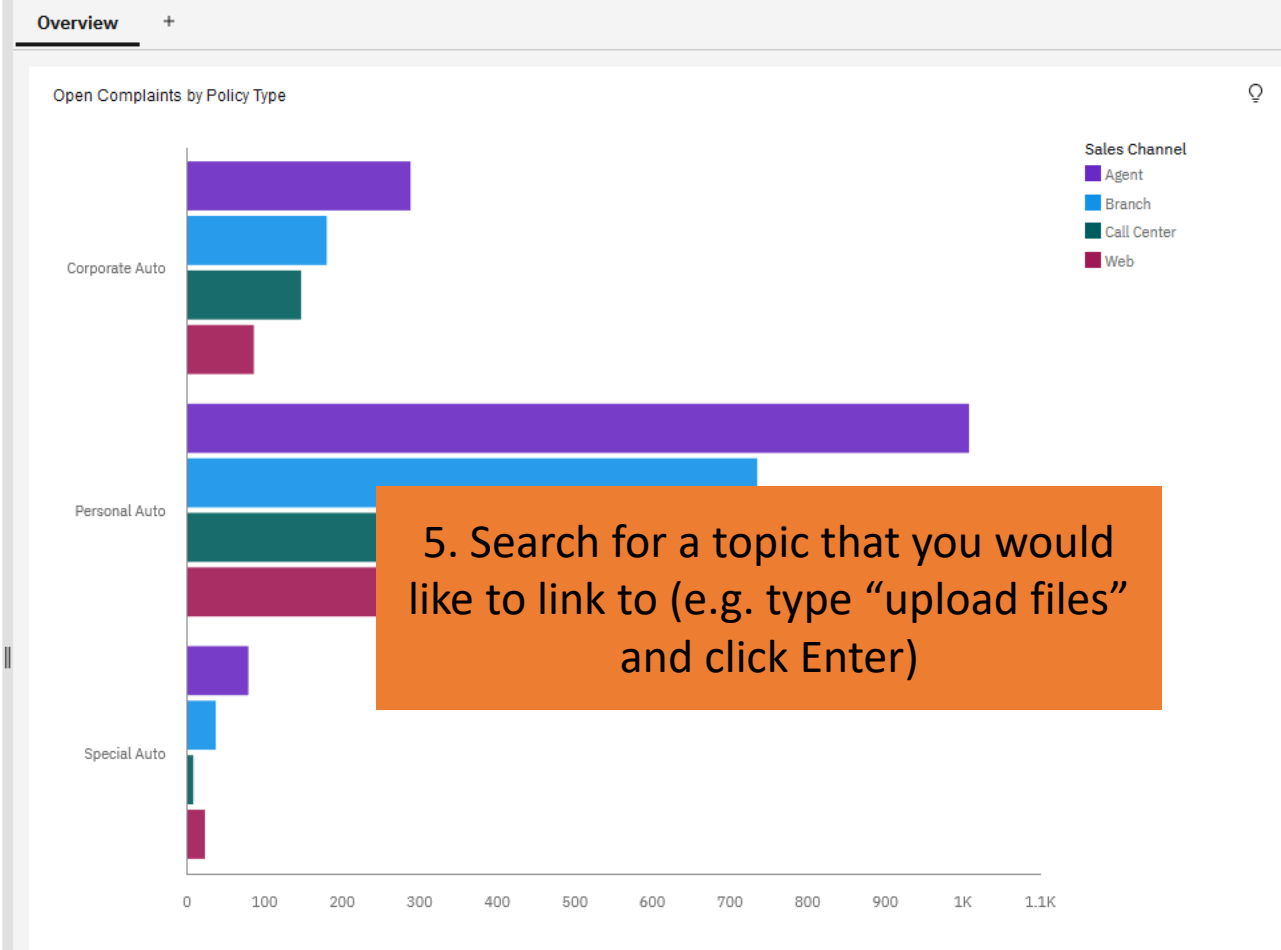


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5. Search for a topic that you would like to link to (e.g. type "upload files" and click Enter)

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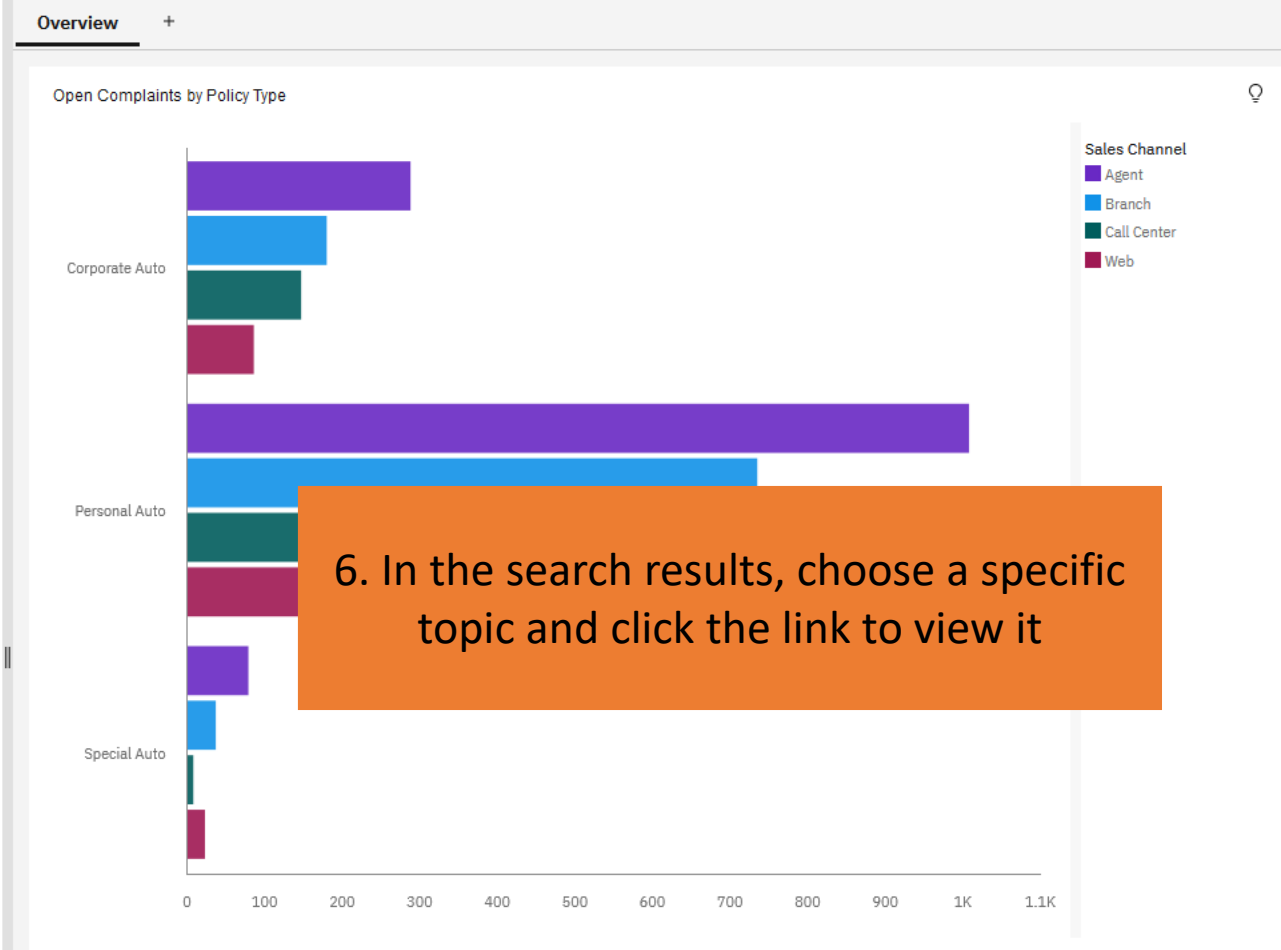
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6. In the search results, choose a specific topic and click the link to view it



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Back Search results

- Uploading files**  
You can upload supported file types that are stored in any location to which your computer has local or LAN access.
- Uploaded files**  
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- Updating data in uploaded files**  
You can replace or append data in an uploaded file with data from a different file.
- Upload files and launch components at the same time**  
Use Quick upload to upload files to IBM® Cognos® Analytics with Watson 11.2.0 and simultaneously start a data module, exploration, dashboard, or notebook.
- Uploading external notebooks**  
You can upload Jupyter Notebooks (.ipynb or .zip extension) that were created in a Jupyter environment outside of IBM Cognos Analytics.
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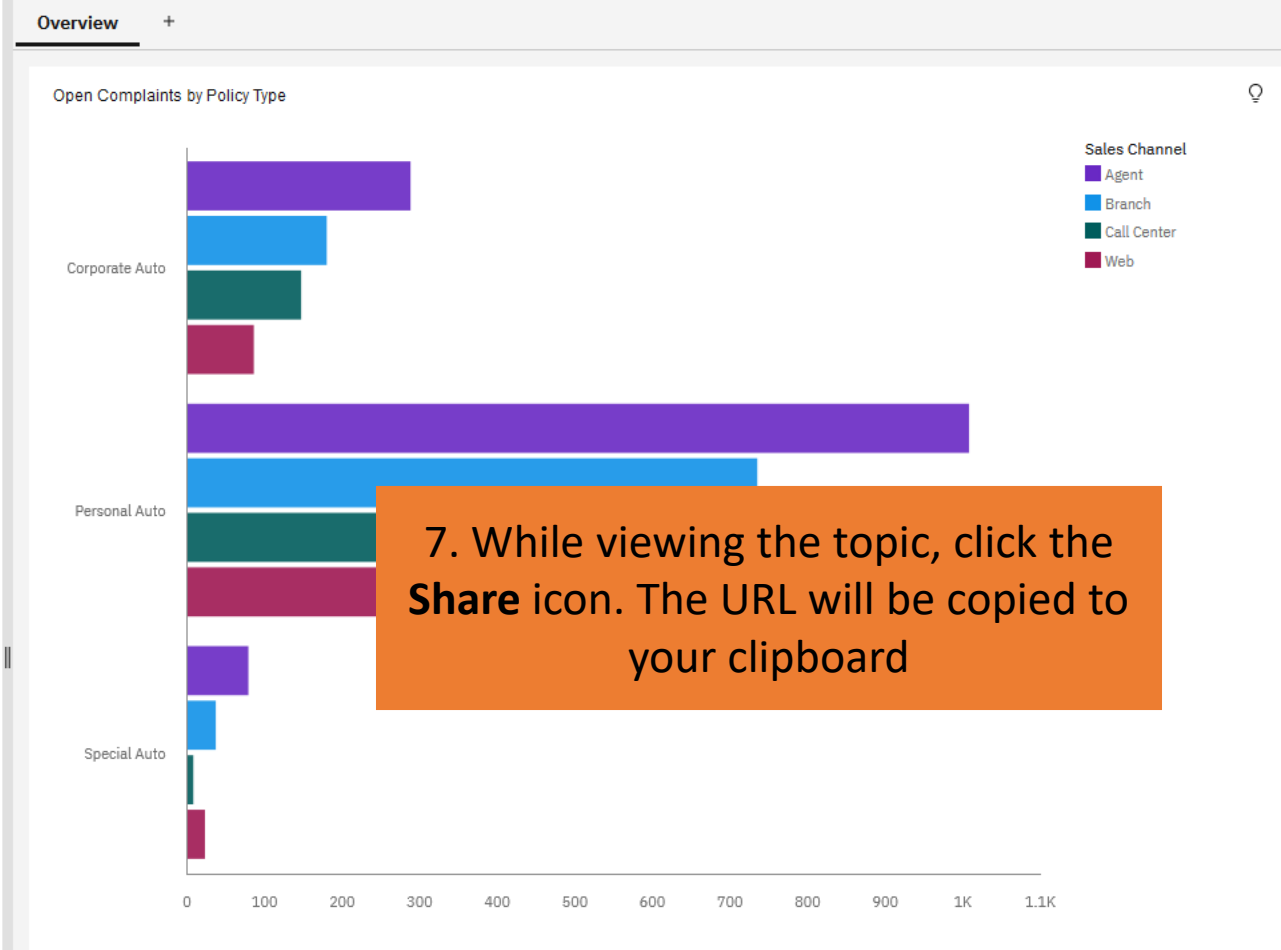
Not the answer you're looking for?

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7. While viewing the topic, click the **Share** icon. The URL will be copied to your clipboard

Enter the link URL in the p

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
← Back **Click** [Share icon]

### Updating data in uploaded files

You can replace or append data in an uploaded file with data from a different file.

The column names and data types, and the order of columns must be identical in both files. An empty file, which is a file that contains a header but no data, cannot be used for the update.


#### Procedure

1. In **Team content** or **My content**, locate the uploaded file that you want to update.
2. From the file context menu , choose one of the following options:
  - **Replace file**  
This option replaces all rows of data in your uploaded file with rows of data from the file that you select.
  - **Append file**  
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**Tip:** While the file is being updated, progress and error messages are displayed.

**Parent topic:** [Uploaded files](#)

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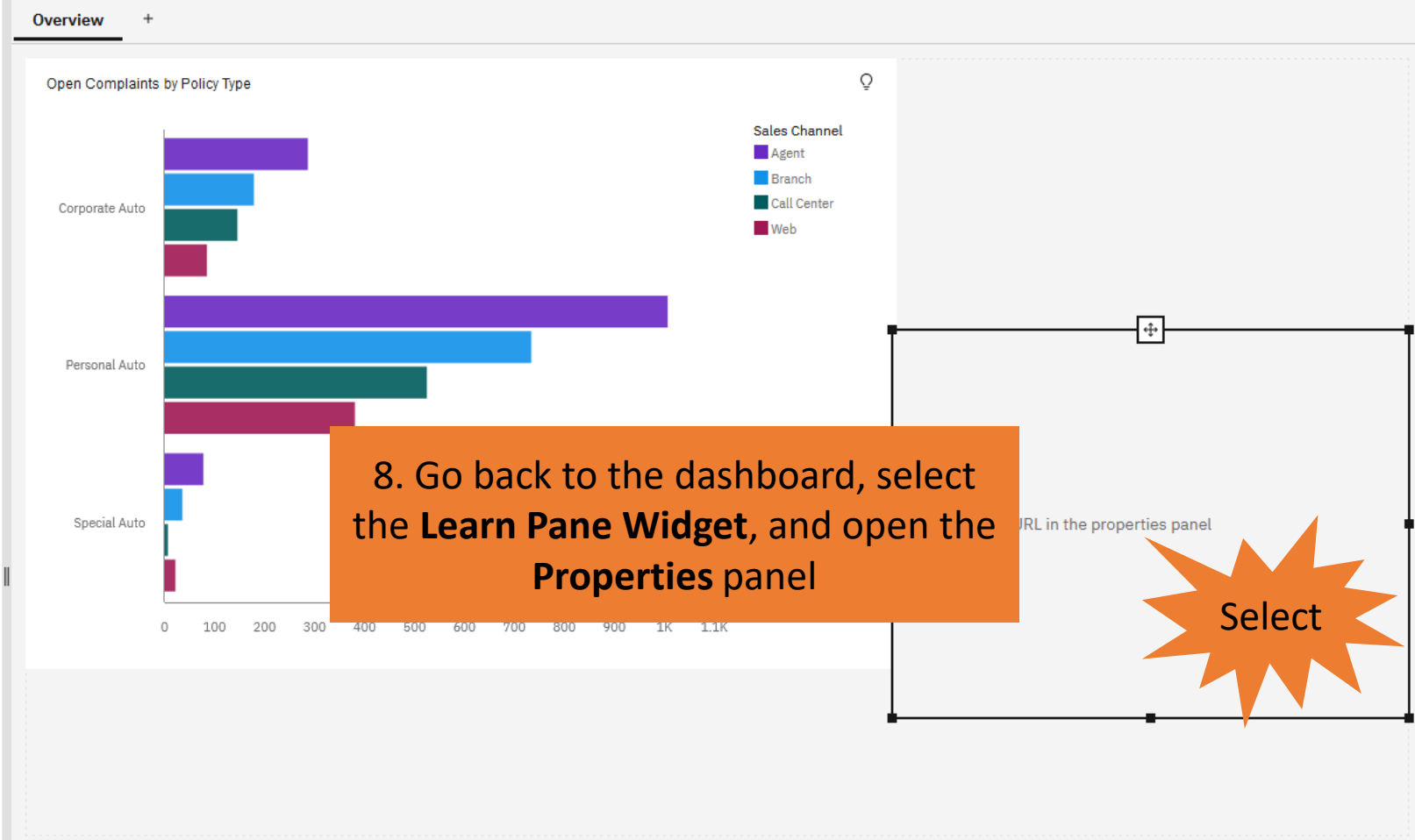




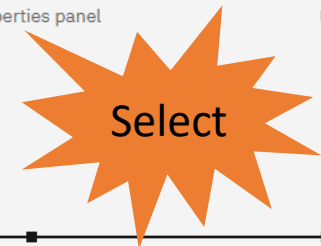
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8. Go back to the dashboard, select the **Learn Pane Widget**, and open the **Properties** panel



Properties

View options

Link: \_\_\_\_\_

Label: \_\_\_\_\_

Styles None

Custom CSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Open in new window

Appearance

Layout

Position

X	Y
62.61 %	34.89 %

Size

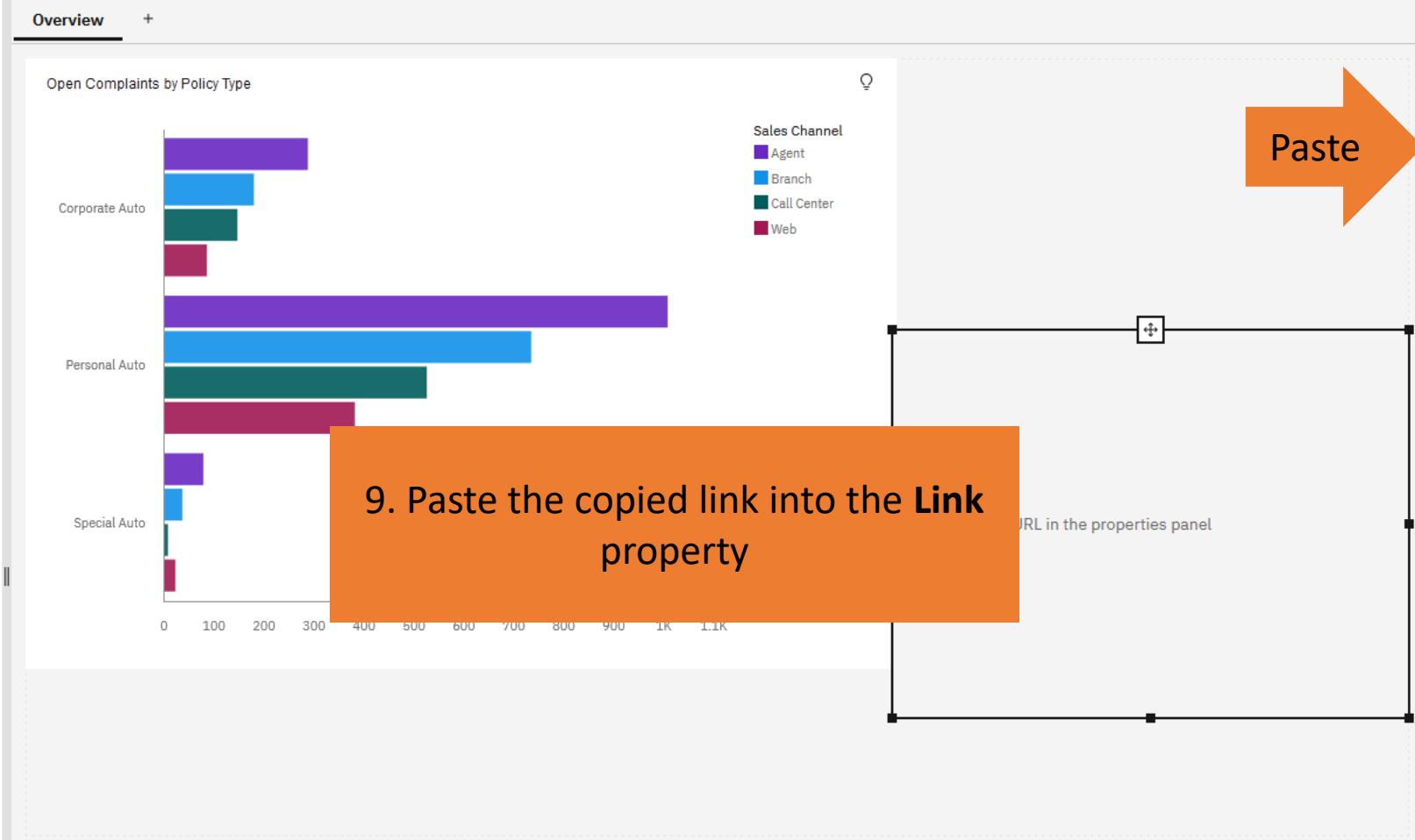
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9. Paste the copied link into the **Link** property

### Properties

**View options**

Link: [joc/t\\_gtsd\\_upload\\_files\\_updates.html](joc/t_gtsd_upload_files_updates.html)

Label: \_\_\_\_\_

Styles: None

Custom CSS: \_\_\_\_\_

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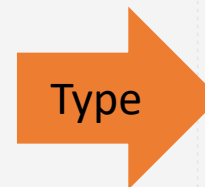
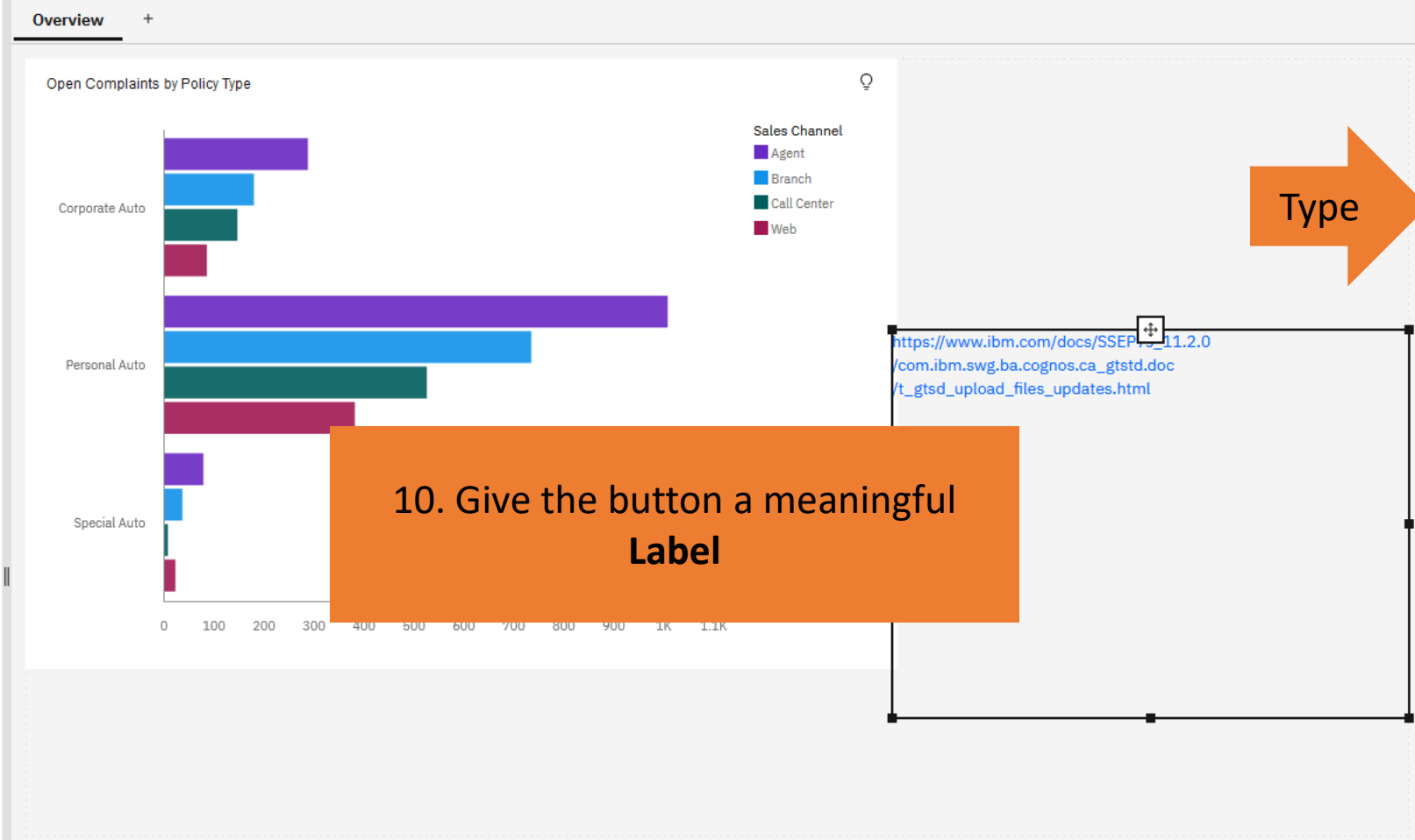
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10. Give the button a meaningful Label

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### Properties

**View options**

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Label: How to replace files

Styles: None

Custom CSS:

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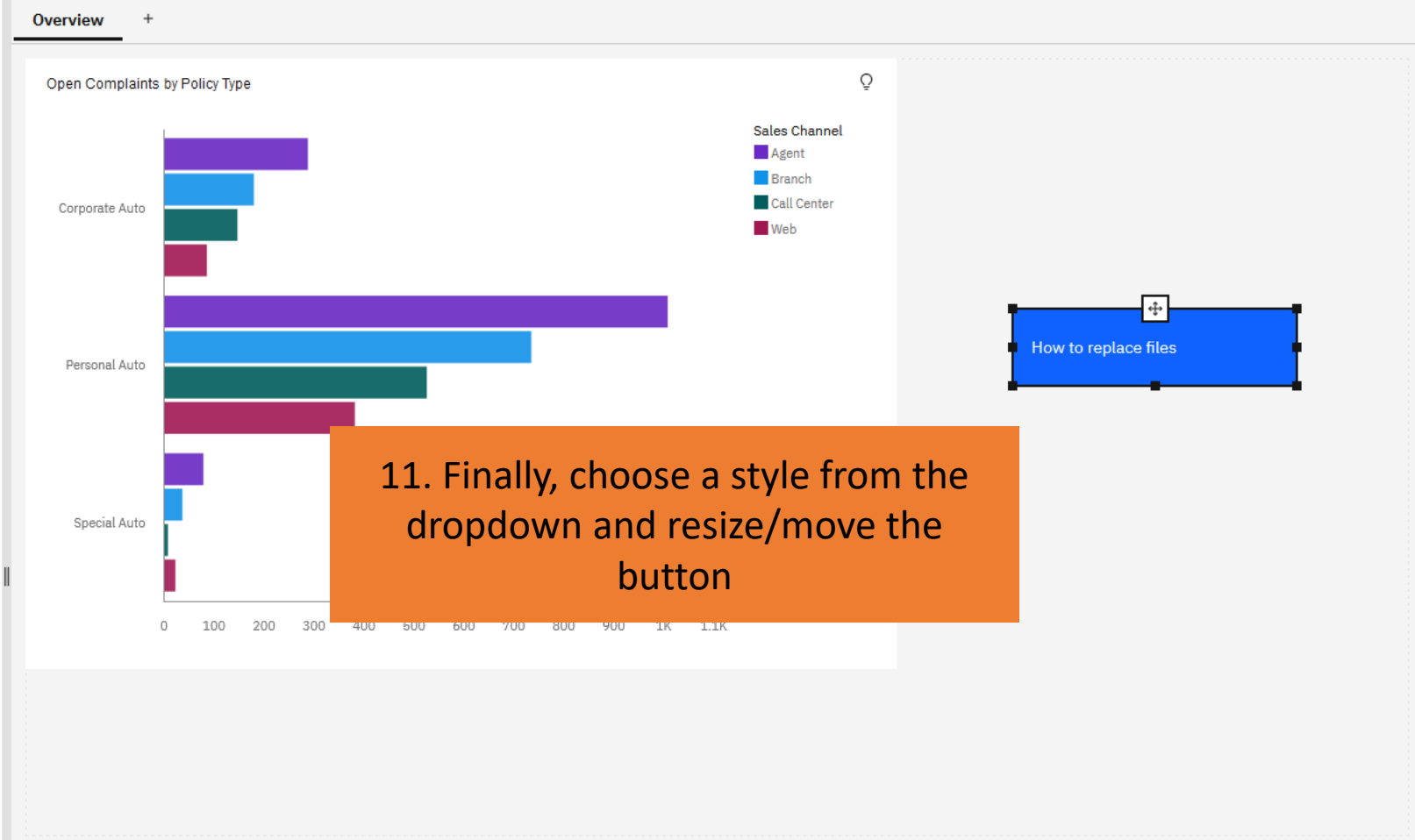
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Label: How to replace files

Styles: Primary

Custom CSS:

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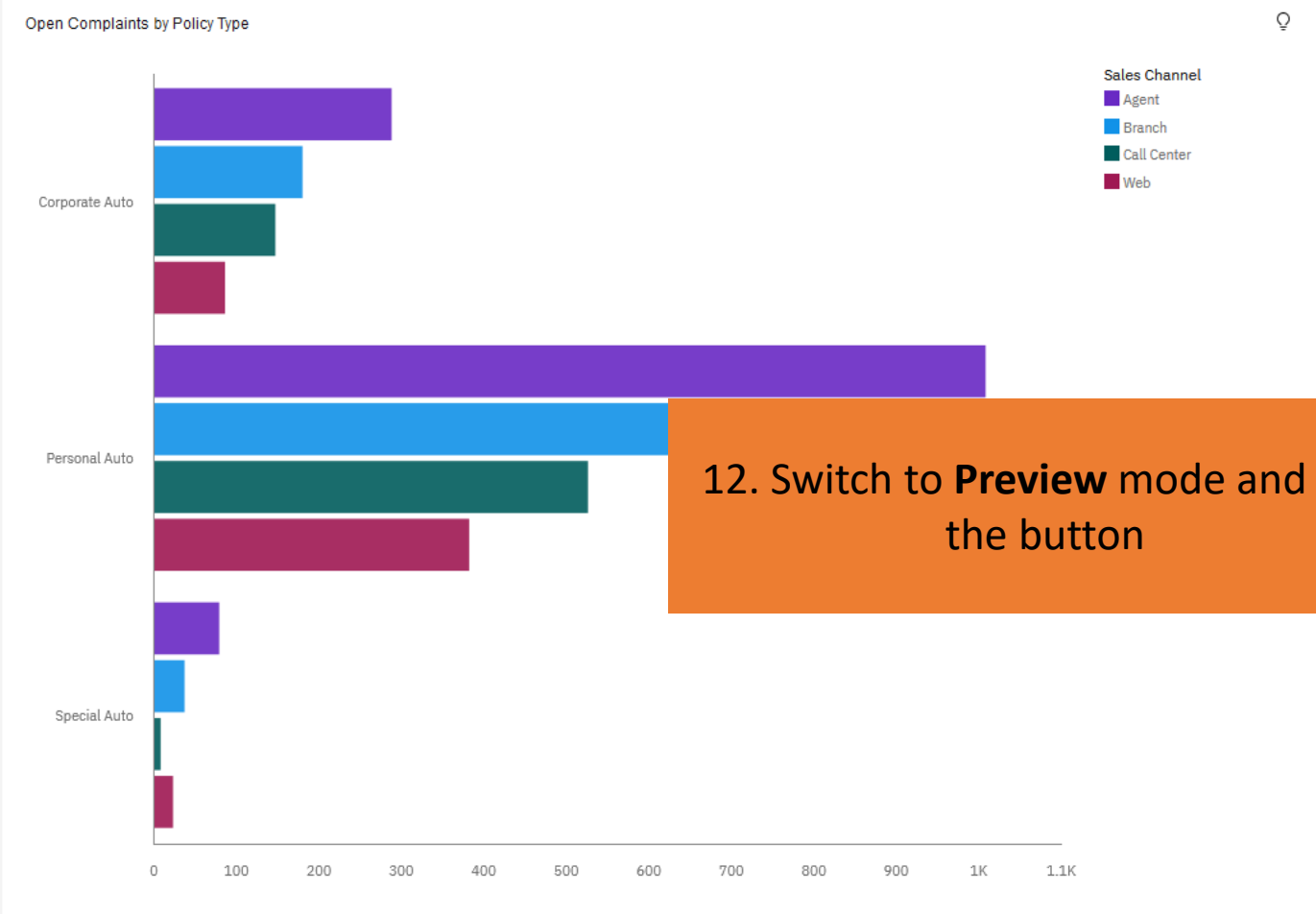
Layout

Position

X	Y
71.34 %	32.16 %

Size

Width	Height
20.57 %	9.94 %



12. Switch to **Preview** mode and test the button

How to replace files

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
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