

Default a date filter to show the latest date value

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When filtering on a date field it is often desirable to default the date filter to automatically default to the latest date every time a workbook is opened.

Previously this could be done by adding the date field as a filter and selecting 'Top' from the filter options, selecting Top 1 and then applying the Date field and Maximum as the options.

Since Tableau version 10.0 there is actually a far easier way of achieving the same outcome. When adding any discrete date field as a filter Tableau provides you with a helpful tick box at the bottom of the filter window 'Filter to latest date value when workbook is opened'.

By ticking this box you will automatically be filtering your workbook to show the latest date value everytime it is opened. You can do this with any of the discrete date formats; for example Year, Month, Month Year, Week Number, Date etc.

