

Cached Dependent Filters

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In order to ensure that User Prompt filter value selection is as easy as possible for the user, it's a good idea to cache your filters, creating lists, rather than prompting them to enter values manually. It's also helpful to create dependencies between filters that are related.

For example, if you have a Product Type and Product Code filter, making the Product Code dependent on Product Type will allow the user to nominate a type, and only see the products that belong to that type, rather than the whole list.

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In this example we have created a dependency structure based on Camp locations: **Camp Region > Camp Country > Camp Name**

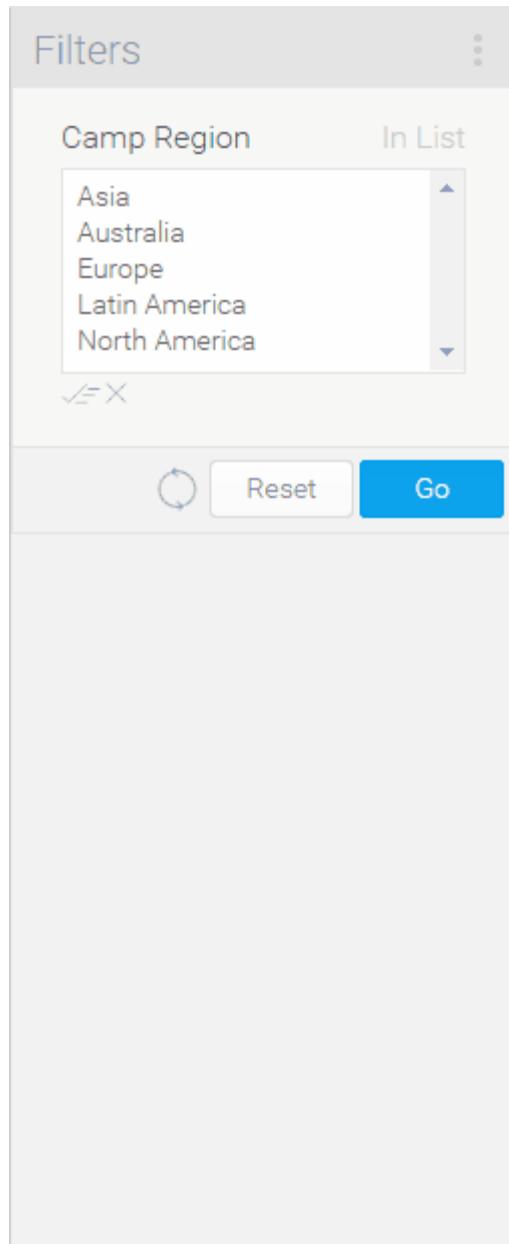
1. Select a **Region = Asia** to see a list of countries we have records for in Asia.

2. Select **Region = Europe** to see a list of countries we have records for in Europe.

3. Select **Camp Country = Spain** to see a list of camps we have records for in Spain, Europe.

4. Select **Camp Country = Germany** to see a list of camps we have records for in Spain, Europe.

5. Select **Camp Country in Austria, Germany, Spain** to see a list of camps we have records for in Austria, Germany, or Spain, in Europe.



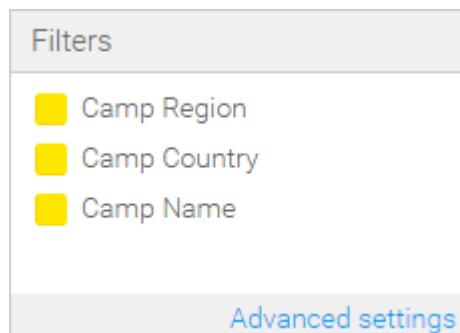
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1. Add the required filters to your report

- a. Make sure the filters are listed in order of dependency; this will make it clearer to the user
- b. Leave the filters as User Prompt so they are available for the user

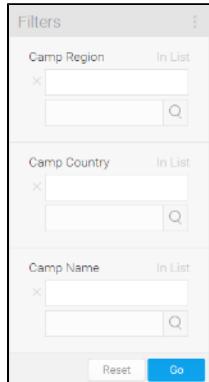
In this example, we've used the **Camp Region**, **Camp Country**, and **Camp Name** as filters, all set to **In List** in order to allow the user to select multiple values if required.



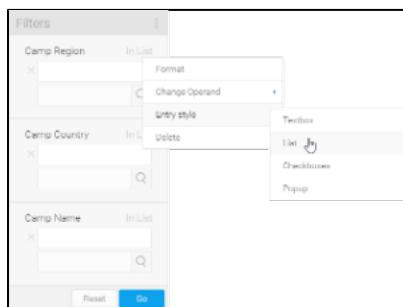
2. Proceed to the Output step of the report builder



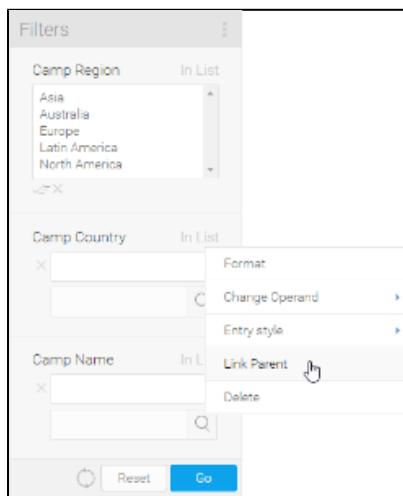
3. Here, you should see all of your filters displayed as User Prompt with no pre-defined values of any kind.



4. Set the first filter in your structure to use **List** as the **Entry Style**. What this does is change the filter to display **cached** values.

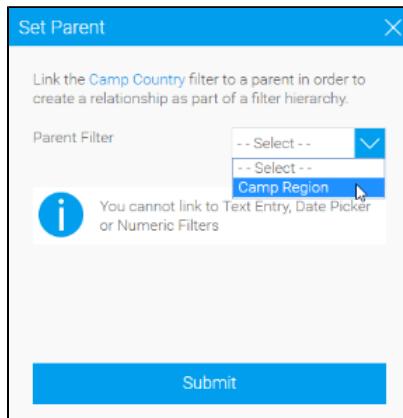


5. Now, on the second filter, click on the **Link Parent** option.



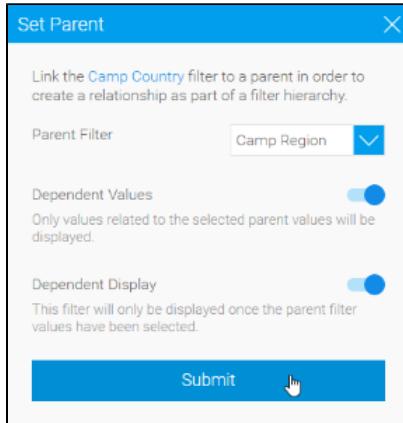
6. In the **Set Parent** window, select the first filter in your structure. In this case we set **Camp Country**'s parent to be **Camp Region**.

Note: if you don't see the filter you need as the parent in the drop down list your first filter has not been cached correctly or is an incompatible type.



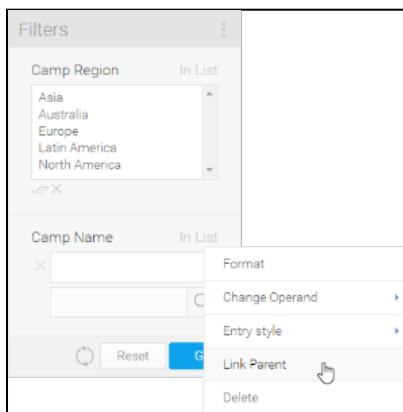
7. Once you have defined the parent, you will be able to select the dependency options. In this case we set both to **on**.

- a. **Dependent Values:** this means that your child filter's list of values will change to only display values related to the items selected in your parent filter's list.
- b. **Dependent Display:** this means that your child filter (**Camp Country**) will not be displayed at all until you have selected at least one value in the parent (**Camp Region**).



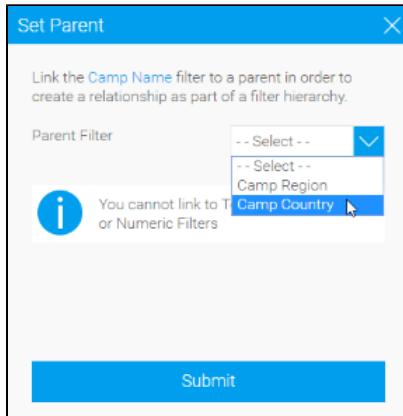
8. **Submit** your selections.

9. Now, on your third filter, click on the **Link Parent** option.



10. In the Set Parent window, select the second filter in your structure, the one directly above the current filter. In this case we set **Camp Name**'s parent to be **Camp Country**.

The reason we select **Camp Country** as the parent, rather than **Camp Region**, is to ensure any selections the user makes in the Country filter have an effect on the **Camp Name** Filter. Setting the dependency this way will mean that **Camp Name** inherits the **Camp Country** dependency on **Camp Region** automatically.



11. Define your dependency options and submit your selections.

Set Parent

Link the **Camp Name** filter to a parent in order to create a relationship as part of a filter hierarchy.

Parent Filter: Camp Country

Dependent Values: Only values related to the selected parent values will be displayed.

Dependent Display: This filter will only be displayed once the parent filter values have been selected.

Submit

12. You will now see your **Camp Region** filter.

Filters

Camp Region In List

- Asia
- Australia
- Europe
- Latin America
- North America

Reset Go

13. Make a selection on the **Camp Region** filter and you will see your **Camp Country** list appear with values related to the region(s) you selected.

Filters

Camp Region In List

- Asia
- Australia
- Europe
- Latin America
- North America

Reset Go

Camp Country In List

- Austria
- Germany
- Spain
- Finland
- France

14. Make a selection on the **Camp Country** filter and you will see your **Camp Name** list appear with values related to the country(ies) you selected.

Filters

Camp Region In List

- Asia
- Australia
- Europe
- Latin America
- North America

Reset Go

Camp Country In List

- Austria
- Germany
- Spain
- Finland
- France

Camp Name In List

- Mt St Saur
- Mt Tremblant
- Hoblegama

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