Getting Started with Spark

Spark is your AI analyst in Alchemer Dashboard. Ask questions about your data in plain language, and Spark answers with charts and written summaries that you can refine and pin to your dashboards.

> Spark requires the Advanced Dashboard add-on. To learn more about access, see Alchemer Dashboard Permissions Overview.

Ways to use Spark

- **The Spark chat space:** Select **Spark** in the top navigation, just to the left of **Overview**, to open a full-page chat that saves your conversations. To learn more, see Using the Spark Chat Space.
- **The Overview page:** Ask a quick question from the Spark prompt bar at the top of the **Overview** page.
- **Charts:** Edit, drill into, and explore the charts Spark creates, as described below.

In the chat space, choose **Quick Search** for a fast answer to a specific question, or **Deep Analysis** when you want Spark to dig deeper with a multi-step analysis. Using the Spark Chat Space covers both in detail.

> **Good to know:** Want a whole dashboard instead of a single chart? SparkViz builds complete dashboards from a prompt in the dashboard editor. See Getting Started with SparkViz.

Work with Spark charts

To make it easier to understand how Spark answers your questions, we surface the search query information in the form of the Chart title and search tokens used to construct the Chart. When you ask a follow-up question, Spark highlights the changes it made in search tokens to answer your question. You can also hover over formulas to see how they're calculated, and edit them within Spark.

To edit an AI-generated Chart in Spark click **Edit** next to the search tokens. The **Edit Chart** modal opens. When finished editing, click **Done editing** or **Discard changes**.

You can click a point on the Chart to drill down by different attributes directly from a Chart in a conversation or while in edit mode

You can see sample rows of the underlying Worksheet to get a sense of what columns are in the dataset and how the sample rows look by clicking **Preview data**. Note that Preview data is not available for Worksheets with chasm or fan traps.

Spark treats successive questions in a conversation as a follow-up. If you want to ask a question to start a new analysis, click the **Reset** button. On the Home page, reset lets you start from a fresh question on the selected data source. On a Dashboard, reset takes you back to the original visualization.

Coach Spark

Coach Spark Within a Conversation

You can give Spark feedback on any answer without leaving your conversation. Under each answer, you'll find these icons:

- **Thumbs up:** Tell Spark the answer was helpful and correct.
- **Thumbs down:** Tell Spark the answer missed the mark.
- **Copy response:** Copy the answer so you can paste it into an email, a chat, or a document.
- **Double check response:** Ask Spark to verify its last answer. Spark sends "Please double check the last response" in the conversation and runs the analysis again.

> **Good to know:** All four icons appear in the Spark chat space. When you ask Spark a question from the prompt bar on the **Overview** page, only thumbs up and thumbs down are available.

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