



# Sigma Input Tables

Building data applications with Write-back and Input Tables

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# The Importance of Data Applications

Let's face it—traditional BI has run its course. It fails to deliver what users truly need for maximum efficiency and effectiveness in their roles. While BI vendors often tout "actionable analytics," the reality is their tools fall short of enabling direct action.

In today's data-driven landscape, organizations spanning diverse industries increasingly rely on multiple data applications to drive decision-making and operational efficiency. These applications empower users to engage with data meaningfully, shifting from static reports to dynamic, real-time data interactions.

Industries such as finance, healthcare, retail, and manufacturing harness data applications to uncover insights, streamline processes, and elevate service delivery. Financial institutions use interactive dashboards to monitor market trends and manage portfolios; healthcare providers leverage data applications to track patient outcomes and refine treatment plans; and retailers employ these tools to analyze consumer behavior and optimize inventory management.

# The Importance of Data Applications

The demand for interactive data applications stems from the need for:

**Real-time insights:** Today's fast-paced organizations thrive on current, actionable information. Our interactive data applications deliver real-time access and analysis, empowering swift, informed decision-making.

**User engagement:** By integrating interactive features like input fields, sliders, and intuitive menus, users effortlessly explore data, conduct hypothetical scenarios, and extract meaningful insights.

**Customization and flexibility:** Every business is unique, requiring adaptable solutions that seamlessly fit their workflows. Our interactive data applications offer customizable experiences, perfectly aligned with specific organizational needs and goals.

**Enhanced collaboration:** Foster teamwork and synergy with our data applications, which unify insights and discussions on a single platform. This collaborative approach ensures cohesive decision-making and shared understanding across teams.

Imagine accessing actionable insights and taking immediate action—all within a single application.

Welcome to Sigma and Write-back. With Sigma, you gain powerful tools to create workflows that turn the vision of actionable data applications into reality.

By bridging traditional BI with the data-driven needs of diverse business users, Sigma empowers organizations to unlock substantial benefits.

<u>Workato</u>, an enterprise automation and integration platform, has streamlined complex workflows and achieved significant productivity gains since adopting Sigma. Learn more about Workato's success story <u>here</u>.

Nick Bunick, Principal at <u>NewView Capital</u>, shared his firsthand experience using Sigma during their due diligence process: "We had the privilege of leveraging Sigma during our due diligence. What impressed us most was how quickly we mastered the platform. Within minutes, we refined projections, visualized historical trends, and collaborated effectively with the Sigma team." Discover more about NewView Capital's journey with Sigma <u>here</u>.

# Addressing an unmet need

Workato, NewView Capital, and <u>numerous other innovators</u> have harnessed Sigma to pioneer new data applications centered around input tables.

Input tables stand as a cornerstone feature in crafting dynamic, interactive data applications—an exclusive hallmark of Sigma.

They serve as the crucial link between static data and user-driven interactivity, empowering users to input, adjust, and manipulate data seamlessly within the application. This capability revolutionizes conventional data analysis, fostering a more immersive and responsive user experience.

Critical attributes of input tables that underscore their indispensability in data applications include:

**User input capabilities:** At Sigma, we empower users to directly input data into our platform, driving real-time calculations, updating visualizations, and triggering workflows. This hands-on approach fosters interactive data analysis and enhances user engagement.

**Data validation:** Data accuracy is paramount. With built-in validation features, Sigma's input tables enforce custom rules and checks to uphold data quality, ensuring reliable insights.

**Real-time updates:** Updates made in Sigma's input tables propagate instantly across the platform, ensuring all stakeholders access the latest data. This dynamic capability boosts responsiveness and maximizes utility.

**Integration with other features:** Our input tables seamlessly integrate with Sigma's controls, visualizations, and external databases. This unified approach empowers users to build robust data applications tailored to diverse analytical needs.

**Customization and flexibility:** Customizable to meet specific requirements, Sigma's input tables offer flexibility in data entry, formatting, and interaction. This adaptability makes them ideal for a wide range of data-driven scenarios.

**Minimize time to production:** Sigma streamlines development cycles by enabling rapid creation and deployment of interactive data forms. This process minimizes reliance on extensive coding or IT support, while upholding stringent security and governance standards.

Across industries, the increasing demand for interactive data applications highlights the critical role of features such as input tables. Sigma's input tables empower user interactivity, ensure real-time updates, and seamlessly integrate, revolutionizing how organizations engage with and extract value from their data.

# Getting started with Sigma Input Tables

## How is data stored?

Before diving in, it's crucial to note: Sigma never stores customer data outside of your cloud data warehouse (CDW). Our Input Tables and Write-back functionality are essential features that empower Sigma data applications to securely send data back to your CDW for storage.

Here are the key points to understand:

- 1. Sigma never stores customer data outside the CDW.
- 2. When using Write-back, data is stored in the CDW only where you specify, as configured in the Sigma administrative interface, shown below.
- 3. Input table data is stored adjacent to other data, allowing it to be joined on key-value pairs if needed.
- 4. Sigma never overwrites data. Instead, it captures every save made by any user of an input table, maintaining a history of changes for tracking purposes.

Having grasped those points, let's dive into configuring Sigma and Snowflake to begin using input tables and discover their versatile applications.

For the most up-to-date details on supported warehouses, see here.

#### Configuring write back

To showcase this, we'll utilize Sigma and Snowflake trial instances.

Our first step involves configuring resources within Snowflake to store data written back to the warehouse from Sigma.

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In Snowflake's interface, logged in as an "**ACCOUNTADMIN**", create a new worksheet and run the following script, which creates a new database and schema and grants the required usage to the role "**ACCOUNTADMIN**":

RUN STATEMENTS AS "ACCOUNTADMIN" AND USE THE "COMPUTE_WH"
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Switch to the newly created or existing database SIGMA_WRITEDB USE DATABASE SIGMA_WRITEBACK;
Create a schema named QUICKSTART within the SIGMA_WRITEDB database: CREATE SCHEMA if not exists MY_DATA_APPLICATIONS;
Grant the ACCOUNTADMIN role usage privileges on the database SIGMA_WRITEDB: GRANT USAGE ON DATABASE SIGMA_WRITEBACK TO ROLE ACCOUNTADMIN;
Grant the ACCOUNTADMIN role usage, create table, create view, and create stage privileges on the MY_DATA_APPLICATIONS schema:
GRANT USAGE, CREATE TABLE, CREATE VIEW, CREATE STAGE ON SCHEMA MY_DATA_APPLICATIONS TO ROLE ACCOUNTADMIN;

After running the script, you should see the result: "Statement executed successfully".

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This script results are a new database and schema to hold input table data in the warehouse:



We can now jump over to Sigma, log in as an "**Administrator**," and configure Write-back using the database and schema we created above:

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OAuth access	Disabled	
Use friendly names	Enabled	
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Once the connection is created, Sigma checks to ensure it is valid. That's it—we are ready to create our data application.

Note: Sigma also supports using OAuth for write back enabled connections to Snowflake

# My first Sigma data application

Occasions arise when gathering even a modest amount of data from a Sigma user proves incredibly beneficial for the business. However, this does come with its own set of challenges:

- Will you have to build a new application to capture the data?
- When is the right time to capture the data?
- Will the users accept another tool?
- Once we have the data, how will it relate to existing warehouse data?
- Many other questions may arise!

Whether you're already leveraging Sigma or still relying on spreadsheets (*when you should be using Sigma*), input tables offer a powerful solution. Imagine creating a Sigma workbook enriched with the capability for users to input small data sets in real-time. Sigma takes care of the complex UI and data operations, seamlessly storing your data in the warehouse.

Within Sigma workbooks, users can choose from three types of input tables. The first two types function much like traditional spreadsheets, making them intuitive to us.



- Empty input tables are blank tables that support data entry in standalone tables independent of existing data. You can edit data at the cell level and add editable rows and columns to construct your table as you see fit. You can also copy/paste values in up to 12,500 cells at once (500 rows and 25 columns).
- 2. **CSV input tables** support data entry in standalone tables; however, they allow you to pre-populate the table with uploaded CSV data (max 200 MB). You can then edit the uploaded data at the cell level and add editable rows and columns to construct your table as you see fit.
- 3. Linked input tables support data entry alongside existing data from other elements in the same workbook. Typically, these existing elements are other data from the warehouse that are related in some way. As a child element, a linked input table includes one or more linked columns that reference data in the parent element.

In all three types, data is written to the CDW as previously described.

Allowing users to add or supplement warehouse data opens a world of possibilities. We will demonstrate how this can be done using a very simple example.

## Example use case

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Consider this scenario: Our accounting team requires real-time shipment status updates and needs to collect comments or notes from the shipping department. However, they're reluctant to grant shipping clerks access to our accounting system. Given our current budget constraints, we're searching for a solution that doesn't involve investing in new software or upgrading existing systems.

SIGMA INPUT TABLES ARE THE SOLUTION

Since Sigma is already in play, we can harness its power to swiftly and effortlessly tackle this issue, all without concerns about extra expenses, developers, or even security and governance.

Users know how to use Sigma, have permissions based on their role, and the data will be stored in the existing warehouse, so all that is handled already. Awesome!

We will use sample data provided to all Snowflake customers and join table data from the warehouse as our source of invoice data. **Note:** Sigma provides all customers a sample dataset as well, but we will use the Snowflake sample so that we can look "under-the-hood" at the Write-back data later. Since the Sigma sample data is hosted by Sigma, we would not be able to do that.

Along the way, we will also expose you to just a few of the many amazing features that Sigma provides.

There are many ways to solve problems with Sigma, and while we don't have space to show them all, we want you to see just how fast and flexible Sigma can be while solving this use case.

1: In Sigma, create a new workbook named "Input Tables - Use Cases"

2: Add a new table element to the page and select (or search for and select) the table in "SNOWFLAKE\_SAMPLE\_DATA" > "TPCH\_SF1" > "ORDERS":

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**Note:** We could have also just asked Sigma to show all the tables named "Orders" across all connections to find it fast!

3: Rename the new table to "Warehouse Data - Read Only" and the page name to "Data."

We want to enrich this data by joining it with the customer information for each order. Click the table to select it and join the additional table as shown below.

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Sigma's source selector lets us search for tables named "customer" and select the one we want.



After clicking on the correct "**CUSTOMERS**" table, we can also prune the list of columns we want to include. We will keep this bare minimum and select just the "**C\_NAME**" column.

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Next, we have the option to adjust the join type, join keys, and examine the matches. Make sure that the Join kets are matching on "**Customer Id**".

In this case, there are 50,004 customers who have no orders. This is normal and expected; click "**Preview Output.**"

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Sigma shows us the lineage to make sure it looks correct (these can become quite complex) and prune the column list further. We don't need many columns for this use case, so we will limit to what is shown below.

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Shipping has requested that we also show the part name so that the clerk can visually verify that while looking at the shipment being final packed.

That is really simple and is just repeating the workflow we just did, adding the two required tables.

We do this by clicking on the "+" icon in the image above.

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We need to add the "LINEITEM" table and the "ORDERS" table, joining them on "Order Key".

To get the actual part name, we need to add the "**PART**" table and the "**PART**" table, joining them on "**PartKey**".

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We have a revised lineage and the six source columns we need for our data application.

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This source data from accounting will operate as the base data for our input table to come. We did this in just a few minutes; the Sigma interface is always working to make your job easier. Click "**Done**".

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23 Quantity		1553505	2016-12-20 08:00:00	8	20.7	United Kingdom	12949	12949
23 Unit Price		1565218	2015-03-11 10:52:02	12	8.67	United Arab Emirates	12739	12739
be Billing Country		1569520	2016-06-09 11:32:00	27	12.85	United Kingdom	17667	17667
he Customer Id	-0	1579135	2018-03-10 08:00:00	7	1.62	United Kingdom	18096	18096
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		1545696	2011-08-09 10:28:02	32	3.64	United Kingdom	15696	15696
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The next step is to add our input table. However, when we add a new linked input table, we will need to select a column to act as a unique identifier.

This will present a problem; most invoices contain more than one line item, so we need to have an identifier that will be unique per row.

Are we out of luck? Do we need to engage a developer? **Nope.** 

A cool feature of Sigma is its ability to enrich warehouse data on the fly, in a user's browser. This allows us to add a column to our source data that will provide the necessary uniqueness to rows, but not alter the warehouse data in any way.

To learn more about how Sigma does this and more to allow us to operate at massive scale without sacrificing performance and keeping costs in check, <u>read this QuickStart</u>.

Let's not add the input table just yet.

4: On the Data page, click to add a new column, name the column "Row Number", and set its formula to:

=RowNumber()

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Drag the column to the first position. You may want to sort the **"Row Number**" column, but it is not required. We can apply styling and formatting to columns as shown below.

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	4	1736514	56354.94	1997-01-17 00:00:00	С
	5	1736641	209573.69	1996-07-18 00:00:00	С
	6	1736743	277317.66	1992-12-24 00:00:00	С
	7	1736743	277317.66	1992-12-24 00:00:00	С
	8	1736838	221631.92	1997-09-14 00:00:00	С
	9	1736928	226949.34	1998-02-11 00:00:00	С
	10	1736932	185358.67	1997-06-08 00:00:00	С
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Now we are ready for our input table.

5: Add a new page to the workbook called "**Shipment Updates**" Add a "**Linked Input Table**" to the page and select the table on our "**Data**" page as shown below.



Select the "**Row Number**" column for the unique identifier and **select all other columns**. Click "**Create Input Table**"

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We now have our first input table ready for the next step.

6: Let's refine the input table a little.

We can rename each column by double-clicking on the column header, to make the name more user friendly. Remember, these changes do not affect the source warehouse data in any way. We can also hide the "**Row Number**" and "**L Partkey**" columns by opening the column menu for each and selecting "**Hide**".

Columns can be centered, formatted as currency and more. For example, the "**Order Date**" column shows the order time and we really don't need that. We can easily truncate that column to just the day.

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	Order 👻	Customer Number 👻	Order Date	Set description		Tota	al Value
1	2386439	Customer#000121384	1995-12-22 00:00	occuesenption	n	\$241	1,455.24
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13	2386918	Customer#000025720	1995-02-04 00:00	Format >		Month	395.19
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15	2386976	Customer#000001903	1994-11-27 00:00	Conditional formatting		Week	103.1:
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# Our input table now looks like this.

	Order 👻	Customer Number 👻	Order Date 👻	Part Name 👻	Total Value 👻	🖉 Text 👻	+
1	2386439	Customer#000121384	1995-12-22	drab slate olive moccasin	\$241,455.24		
2	2386439	Customer#000121384	1995-12-22	floral navy light spring me	\$241,455.24		
3	2386530	Customer#000053437	1992-07-03	honeydew yellow midnight	\$315,522.68		
4	2386530	Customer#000053437	1992-07-03	salmon drab wheat spring	\$315,522.68		
5	2386530	Customer#000053437	1992-07-03	sandy linen royal tomato c	\$315,522.68		
6	2386662	Customer#000092995	1994-05-31	white cornflower linen fire	\$182,705.25		
7	2386722	Customer#000056492	1995-05-20	magenta tan burnished sie	\$248,401.96		
8	2386727	Customer#000029491	1997-11-27	frosted cornsilk metallic tu	\$241,254.84		
9	2386754	Customer#000088033	1994-11-17	beige hot grey yellow pow	\$321,840.74		
10	2386757	Customer#000103489	1996-07-19	forest dodger pink tan bla	\$207,060.27		
11	2386820	Customer#000149207	1997-02-11	medium burlywood chiffo	\$108,898.33		
12	2386820	Customer#000149207	1997-02-11	purple rosy cyan deep ghost	\$108,898.33		
13	2386918	Customer#000025720	1995-02-04	plum coral turquoise sprin	\$314,395.19		
14	2386918	Customer#000025720	1995-02-04	grey chartreuse dim salmo	\$314,395.19		
15	2386976	Customer#000001903	1994-11-27	drab forest lace midnight	\$160,103.13		
16	2386981	Customer#000023182	1997-12-11	drab almond snow steel li	\$163,166.69		
17	2387201	Customer#000109901	1993-06-27	puff frosted lime linen cho	\$318,956,71		

Shipping asked for an easy way to identify the higher value shipments. Since we don't have guidance on what constitutes a "**high value shipment**", we can use column details on the "**Total Value**" column to see what the statistics show us.

Customer Number 👻	Order Date 👻	Part Name 👻	Total Value 👻	⊘ Text 💌	+
Customer#000121384	1995-12-22	drab slate olive moccasin	\$241,455.24		
Customer#000121384	1995-12-22	floral navy light spring me	\$241.455.24		
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\$252,569.97		21	STATISTICS		
\$254,828.07		21	Minimum		\$857.71
\$329,825.01		21	25th percentile		\$128.265.19
\$155,832.34		20	Madian		100 705 04
\$188,214.57		20	Median		\$189,705.24
\$188,963.15		20	75th percentile	:	\$248,145.95
\$197,460.49		20	Maximum	:	\$555,285.16
\$206,757.38		20	Average	:	\$189,034.40
C017 ED6 01		20	Standard deviation		\$83,390.59
			Variance	\$6,953	,990,385.29
				Learn more a	bout Columns

With this data, we can consider values that are significantly above the median and closer to the upper percentiles. Here are a few approaches we can consider.:

# Use 75th Percentile as a Threshold:

The 75th percentile value is \$248,145.95. This indicates that 25% of the orders are above this amount. Using this value as a threshold can be a good indicator of "**high value**" orders.

## Use Maximum Value:

The maximum order value is \$555,285.16. Orders closer to this maximum value can be considered exceptionally high value.

# Use Standard Deviation Above the Mean:

The average (mean) order value is \$189,034.40, with a standard deviation of \$83,390.59. Orders that are one standard deviation above the mean (\$189,034.40 + \$83,390.59 = \$272,425) can be considered high value. This would mean orders above approximately \$272,425 are high value.

We could do this easily by adding a calculated column, and using the Sigma function for <u>standard</u> <u>deviation</u>.

Let's keep it simple for now and use option one. The 75th percentile value is a commonly used threshold for high value, as it naturally divides the top 25% of orders from the rest.

We want to make the interface really simple for the users, so we will add a toggle control that shows only the high value orders, with a single click.

Add a new calculation column and set it's formula to:

# If([Total Value] > 248145.95, True, False)

This formula is pretty self-explanatory but if the value of "**Total Value**" in the adjacent cell is greater than the 75th percentile value (as determined by the column details earlier), the cell is set to "**True**". Otherwise it is "**False**".

<pre>fx If([Total Value] &gt; 248145.95, True, False)</pre> 2						
Order Date 👻	Part Name 👻	Total Value 👻	High Value → +			
1993-01-25	saddle navy orchid goldenr	\$25,446.83	False			
1995-10-23	aquamarine antique dodg	\$233,591.11	False			
1995-10-23	dim beige steel puff sandy	\$233,591.11	False			
1993-10-09	magenta beige lace black l	\$263,200.57	True			
1993-08-02	peach papaya ivory chiffo	\$285,424.38	True			
1993-08-02	cyan indian light dim green	\$285,424.38	True			
1993-08-17	linen olive drab yellow snow	\$154,333.25	False			
1993-08-17	orange metallic orchid dar	\$154,333.25	False			
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Next we add a "Switch control" to toggle the input table, based on "High Value".

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We set the controls "Target" to the input table.

And specify the "High Value" column.

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With the control set to "**True**" we only show the orders that are above the 75th percentile. Notice that the row count is reduced to 1.5M rows from the previous 6M.

We also can hide the "**High Value**" column since users don't need to see it to have it work with the switch control.

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	Order 👻	Customer Number 👻	Order Date 👻	Part Name 👻	Total Value 🔻	
1	2377825	Customer#000098993	1993-10-09	magenta beige lace black l	\$263,200.57	
2	2377991	Customer#000104035	1993-08-02	peach papaya ivory chiffo	\$285,424.38	
3	2377991	Customer#000104035	1993-08-02	cyan indian light dim green	\$285,424.38	
4	2378177	Customer#000032671	1994-04-12	aquamarine goldenrod pin	\$280,596.36	
5	2378177	Customer#000032671	1994-04-12	mint chartreuse cornsilk n	\$280,596.36	
6	2378212	Customer#000103771	1995-05-07	seashell azure smoke ivor	\$268,132.45	
7	2378311	Customer#000121619	1993-03-27	plum smoke aquamarine o	\$275,720.70	
8	2378912	Customer#000001492	1992-11-30	azure seashell metallic wh	\$267,129.22	
9	2379683	Customer#000132212	1997-05-30	midnight steel ivory thistle	\$314,202.74	
10	2379714	Customer#000076711	1997-01-14	blanched puff dark honeyd	\$271,835.02	
11	2379714	Customer#000076711	1997-01-14	navajo magenta blanched	\$271,835.02	
12	2380130	Customer#000065300	1994-07-22	chartreuse navy firebrick h	\$366,394.85	
13	2380167	Customer#000073861	1997-11-30	aquamarine green plum or	\$290,769.00	
14	2380260	Customer#000117818	1995-08-02	tomato royal slate chocola	\$261,274.68	
15	2380482	Customer#000122143	1995-10-26	forest almond papaya oliv	\$308,080.99	
16	2380966	Customer#000070957	1996-10-06	drab seashell bisque sand	\$280,097.20	
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By the way, did you notice that we have been working with around 6 million rows of data like it was nothing. That is the power of Sigma.

We are done with the basic cleanup operation.

7: Now we can add the columns we want shipping to use for capturing the line item status.

Click the "+" after the last column in the input table and add a new "Text" column.

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	Order 👻	Customer Number 👻	Order Date 👻	Part Name 👻	Total Value 👻	<b>Y</b> + ]
1	2377734	Customer#000078581	1993-01-25	saddle navy orchid goldenr	\$25,446.83	
2	2377792	Customer#000133933	1995-10-23	aquamarine antique dodg	\$233,591.11	2
3	2377792	Customer#000133933	1995-10-23	dim beige steel puff sandy	\$233,591.11	Text
4	2377825	Customer#000098993	1993-10-09	magenta beige lace black l	\$263,200.57	
5	2377991	Customer#000104035	1993-08-02	peach papaya ivory chiffo	\$285,424.38	Number
6	2377991	Customer#000104035	1993-08-02	cyan indian light dim green	\$285,424.38	Date
7	2378023	Customer#000018992	1993-08-17	linen olive drab yellow snow	\$154,333.25	
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# Rename the "Text" column to "Status."

We don't want users free-form typing into the status cells, so we can add data validation. This will allow them to select from a predefined list.

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We have the option to drive the validation list from another data source or create a manual list, which we did:

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Now users are required to select from the list of valid choices or none.

	Order 👻	Customer Number 🔻	Order Date 👻	Part Name 👻	Total Value 👻	🖉 Status 👻
1	2377734	Customer#000078581	1993-01-25	saddle navy orchid goldenr	\$25,446.83	
2	2377792	Customer#000133933	1995-10-23	aquamarine antique dodg	\$233,591.11	Order received
3	2377792	Customer#000133933	1995-10-23	dim beige steel puff sandy	\$233,591.11	Order received
4	2377825	Customer#000098993	1993-10-09	magenta beige lace black l	\$263,200.57	Processing order
5	2377991	Customer#000104035	1993-08-02	peach papaya ivory chiffo	\$285,424.38	
6	2377991	Customer#000104035	1993-08-02	cyan indian light dim green	\$285,424.38	Delivered
7	2378023	Customer#000018992	1993-08-17	linen olive drab yellow snow	\$154,333.25	Cancelled
8	2378023	Customer#000018992	1993-08-17	orange metallic orchid dar	\$154,333.25	
9	2378146	Customer#000043321	1993-12-17	tan pale metallic purple pe	\$154,681.91	Returned
10	2378177	Customer#000032671	1994-04-12	aquamarine goldenrod pin	\$280,596.36	emoty
11	2378177	Customer#000032671	1994-04-12	mint chartreuse cornsilk n	\$280,596.36	empty

We also want to track who made the last change, and when. That is simple too.

By opening the menu for the "**Status**" column (since it is last in line, or just use the + icon as shown earlier), we can add the columns for "**Last updated at**" and **"Last updated by**".



After renaming the input table to "**Shipping Status Updates**," we have our solution ready for the shipping department to start using.

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#### Shipping Status Updates

	Row Nu	Invoice Id 👻	Name 👻	Company 👻	Day of Invoice Date 👻	Quantity 👻	Unit Price 🔻	Total Price 👻	Status 👻	Last updated at 👻	Last updated by 👻
1	1	1546837	Malik Porter	Pede Incorporated	2016-09-13	10	\$2.10	\$21.00	Order recieved	2024-06-27 14:58:54	phil@sigmacomputing.com
2	2	1556283	Gemma Wise	Sit Amet LLC	2014-12-09	14	\$1.70	\$23.80	With carrier	2024-06-27 14:59:21	phil@sigmacomputing.com
3	3	1579141	Tarik Bradley	Dui LLC	2018-03-16	17	\$3.03	\$51.51	Cancelled	2024-06-27 14:59:28	phil@sigmacomputing.com
4	4	1542370	Xantha Christensen	Parturient Montes Nascet	2016-06-18	67	\$0.28	\$18.76	Returned	2024-06-27 14:59:30	phil@sigmacomputing.com
5	5	1549522	Josephine Johnson	Suspendisse Institute	2012-10-09	34	\$3.97	\$134.98			
6	6	1548154	Octavius Evans	Rutrum Lorem LLC	2017-04-23	23	\$2.87	\$66.01			
7	7	1564733	Barclay Mcdonald	Purus Gravida Limited	2017-09-24	3	\$2.08	\$6.24			
8	8	1556304	Marny Walton	Malesuada Id Erat Industries	2014-12-09	56	\$1.65	\$92.40			
9	9	1553385	Kirby West	Praesent Luctus Industries	2016-08-22	1	\$2.97	\$2.97			
10	10	1547721	Wesley Davidson	Luctus Industries	2016-02-15	134	\$0.39	\$52.26			
11	11	1544480	Brendan Campos	Habitant Morbi Tristique C	2016-03-30	192	\$0.72	\$138.24			
12	12	1556415	Gemma Hull	Odio A Company	2014-12-09	140	\$5.04	\$705.60			
13	13	1572309	Renee Tucker	Fringilla Donec Feugiat LLC	2017-06-27	3	\$1.47	\$4.41			
14	14	1553220	Dustin Roberts	Et Arcu Consulting	2016-03-10	12	\$0.27	\$3.24			
15	15	1559905	Cathleen Patterson	In Nec Orci Corporation	2016-07-03	1	\$0.83	\$0.83			
16	16	1547871	Cleo Kim	Commodo Limited	2016-07-14	2	\$1.94	\$3.88			
17	17	1564856	Forrest Walls	Feugiat LLC	2018-01-25	Q	\$3.78	\$34.02			

#### Behind the scenes

We want to verify that Sigma Write-back is working.

In the Snowflake interface, after refreshing the "**Databases**" data, we can see that Sigma has indeed created two tables in the location configured in the Sigma connection we set up earlier.



The first table (#1 in the above image) hold the input table columns that are not part of the original source data (ie: the Status column) and the tracking columns, along with other reference columns.

We can use Snowflake to query table #1 and see the five status changes we made in Sigma earlier.

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۲	2	2024-06-28 10:02:25	5.367 -0700		phil@sigmacomputing.com	n	Processing order
	3	2024-06-28 10:02:27	7.140 -0700		phil@sigmacomputing.com	n	Delivered
	4	2024-06-28 10:02:29	9.368 -0700		phil@sigmacomputing.com	n	Cancelled
	5	2024-06-28 10:02:31	1.670 -0700		phil@sigmacomputing.com	n	Returned

The second table contains metadata about every change made to the input table, structurally.

Since this data is stored in the customer's warehouse, it can be joined with other tables as needed, bringing back user-provided data for use in other ways too.

## Inevitable scope creep

Like most software projects, the scope of requirements often changes during development or just after user acceptance testing is underway. Fortunately, with Sigma, that is not a problem at all.

The shipping department has asked for two things, and if they can get them, they will fully accept the solution.

1. They need a way to easily find an order by customer name.

2. The department head wants to see how they are performing. They want to know the turnaround time from invoice date to when the line item is marked "**With carrier.**"

## Filters and controls, Simplified

Let's tackle the first request, adding a filter control. From the "**Customer Number**" column, we select "**Filter**."

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This opens the table's "**FILTERS & CONTROLS**" dialogue. Some users find that the filters icon on the table is not obvious enough and want something more noticeable, so we convert the new filter to a page control.

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Now we have a page control, but quickly realize that a filter against 6M records is somewhat cumbersome to use, so we can change the control to a "**Text Input**" instead.

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Let's give shipping some search power by enabling the user to select from all the available search operators.

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Now, if we search for "**88055**," we get only 46 rows. We could refine this further with more filters, controls, and sortation, but you get just how easily Sigma handled this requirement change.

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3	Customer#000088055	1996-02-01	wheat royal brown lace tur	\$271,106.47	
4	Customer#000088055	1997-08-14	navy floral yellow cornsilk	\$204,344.55	
5	Customer#000088055	1996-03-20	rosy salmon ghost peach	\$71,876.41	
6	Customer#000088055	1996-11-27	olive coral forest smoke br	\$234,953.70	
7	Customer#000088055	1993-06-09	sandy dim deep cornflowe	\$292,539.86	
8	Customer#000088055	1995-10-03	indian magenta bisque bur	\$77,532.94	
9	Customer#000088055	1996-02-01	pale sienna pink chiffon c	\$271,106.47	
10	Customer#000088055	1996-02-01	hot peach magenta royal b	\$271,106.47	
11	Customer#000088055	1993-12-12	rosy royal thistle turquoise	\$101,075.04	
12	Customer#000088055	1996-11-27	white tan sienna deep azure	\$234,953.70	
13	Customer#000088055	1995-10-03	firebrick ivory slate cornflo	\$77,532.94	
14	Customer#000088055	1996-02-01	midnight violet honeydew	\$271,106.47	
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However, shipping has reported that users had difficulty clearing the search control after a search.

# Actions

Sigma supports interactivity through a feature we call actions. In this case, we can simply add a button to the page and set its action to clear the filter control's value. Again, a simple example to make the point about how easy it is.

Add a "**UI element**" > "**Button**".



Configure its action.



Now, when users search, they can reset the input table with a simple and obvious button click.

# Complex calculations, simplified

Restating the second request from shipping: "We want to know the turnaround time from order date to when the line item is marked with carrier".

**Note:** It is important to understand that new columns are not written back on top of the original source data, but rather they are calculated on the fly, in the user's browser. Sigma alpha query handles this operation automatically.

However, input table columns that are not part of the source data are written back to the warehouse upon user save, via Sigma Write-back.

With that in mind, it opens up some interesting possibilities that are enabled by Write-back. Input table data that is written back to the warehouse could potentially be used by other applications too, since they also contain columns that can be joined on (e.g., Order ID, Customer Number, etc.) opening up a world of possibilities.

Now, you may have noticed that the "**Order Date**" column's dates are pretty old; **that is okay**. We will use that to make our point about complex calculations.

Add a new calculation column and name it "Turnaround Time".

Set its formula to:

```
If([Status] = "Delivered", If(IsNull([Last updated at]), "",
Concat(Text(DateDiff("year", [Order Date], [Last updated at])), " years, ",
Text(DateDiff("month", [Order Date], [Last updated at]) % 12), " months, ",
Text(DateDiff("day", [Order Date], [Last updated at]) % 30), " days")), "")
```

For those not used to these types of functions, which are similar to what spreadsheet users use all the time, here is an explanation.

Here's the step-by-step breakdown:

# 1: Check if the "Status" column is "Delivered":

- IF([Status] = "Delivered", ... , "")
- If true, it proceeds to the next condition.
- if false, it returns an empty string.

# 2: Check if "Last updated at" is null:

- IF(IsNull([Last updated at]), "", ... )
- If true, it returns an empty string.
- If false, it proceeds to calculate the date difference and concatenate the result.

# 3: Calculate the date differences and concatenate the results:

Concat(Text(DateDiff("year", [Order Date], [Last updated at])), " years, ", Text(DateDiff("month", [Order Date], [Last updated at]) % 12), " months, ", Text(DateDiff("day", [Order Date], [Last updated at]) % 30), " days")

The results are now easily readable by users.

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1996-01-28	chiffon burlywood wheat b	\$236,694.04	Processing order	•	2024-06-28 17:02:25	phil						
1996-01-28	olive pale steel peru coral	\$236,694.04	Delivered	👻 28 years, 5 months, 29 days	2024-06-28 17:02:27	phil						
1998-03-27	white khaki mint goldenro	\$265,058.12	Cancelled	<b>•</b>	2024-06-28 17:02:29	phil						
1994-10-04	honeydew magenta blue c	\$83,824.87	Returned	•	2024-06-28 17:02:31	phil						
1992-03-04	coral forest bisque dodger	\$104,691.35		<b>.</b>								
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1994-06-01	khaki snow gainsboro red	\$128,762.33		•		- I - I						

Sigma supports a wide range of functions. There is a <u>list of the popular</u> ones along with details on all the available functions as well.

With respect to corporate governance, Sigma also supports centralizing calculations into reusable objects that can be easily added to workbooks. This ensures that calculations are standardized and consistently applied. Sigma calls these metrics; <u>more reading here.</u>

# Clean up and sharing

To wrap up the new data application, we added a few more page controls, a title, dynamic text to show pending shipments and an image.

The last step is to share this with the shipping team.

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After logging into Sigma as the shipping clerk, they are able to see the "**Input Tables – Use Cases**" workbook in "**Shared with Me**" and start working straight away.



Now they can see and update the final version.

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1	5377570	Customer#000146602	1993-11-07	rose yellow coral puff royal	\$166,213.29	False	Order received		2024-06-28 17:02:23	
2	5377602	Customer#000088055	1996-01-28	burlywood chartreuse crea	\$236,694.04	False	Processing order		2024-06-28 17:02:25	
3	5377639	Customer#000079007	1994-05-20	plum light sienna ghost lime	\$103,080.55	False	Delivered	30 years, 1 months, 17 days	2024-06-28 17:02:27	
4	5377733	Customer#000142645	1994-10-04	chiffon cyan peach azure f	\$83,824.87	False	Cancelled		2024-06-28 17:02:29	
5	5377734	Customer#000110305	1996-11-29	deep gainsboro dim coral	\$73,119.22	False	Returned		2024-06-28 17:02:31	
6	5378087	Customer#000066685	1998-07-30	navy cream orchid beige k	\$243,845.28	False				
7	5378178	Customer#000142984	1997-05-04	brown grey lawn tomato s	\$78,936.90	False				
8	5378370	Customer#000027008	1992-12-17	lace red pink linen orchid	\$318,613.08	True				
9	5378498	Customer#000047728	1993-09-30	powder pale violet indian c	\$177,527.94	False				
0	5378662	Customer#000140230	1993-06-29	black peru coral honeydew	\$333,530.61	True				
1	5378819	Customer#000051607	1993-02-24	wheat orange dark honeyd	\$87,979.30	False				
12	5378848	Customer#000003829	1998-01-17	sandy aquamarine green d	\$60,312.99	False				
13	5378912	Customer#000035690	1996-12-19	lawn metallic chartreuse i	\$122,999.48	False				
14	5378982	Customer#000088942	1993-12-15	blue peach misty lemon p	\$71,178.39	False				
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# Conclusion

Unlock the potential of your data with Sigma. Traditional BI models offer static pages, but Sigma liberates cloud warehouse data. With Input Tables, capture insights previously locked in users' minds—no need for additional applications.

Imagine the possibilities!

# Explore more Input Table use cases in our **QuickStart**:

- Forecast Adjustment
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- Data Collection

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