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Here’s an overview of new features and enhancements added recently to improve your Oracle Analytics Server experience. It's organized by the release a specific feature or capability became available.

What's New in 5.9

General

Feature	Description
Deploy Oracle Analytics Server on Oracle Cloud	You can deploy Oracle Analytics Server on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure using a quick-deploy template available on Oracle Cloud Marketplace. See Deploy Oracle Analytics Server Using Oracle Cloud Marketplace.
Customized time-zone setting	Properties that affect the date and time of the system are commonly used in analytics. These properties can drive functions such as rolling periods and date differences, and you can use them to determine when to send notifications. Oracle Analytics provides the ability to use these date-time properties in SQL functions. For instance, you can query for a value this minute and compare that same value to what happened 10 minutes earlier. The **Default Time Zone for Date Calculations** setting allows you to configure your time zone. See Format Options.
Propagate shared folder permissions to associated artifacts	To allow you to effectively manage shared content among users, you can select whether to grant permissions to other users when saving content in shared folders or moving content among shared folders. See Assign Shared Folder and Project Permissions.
Show database model full details in Oracle Analytics inspectors	Oracle Analytics provides explainability about your registered Oracle machine learning models. Outputs describe how the Oracle machine learning model computes the predicted results for each record in the data set and allow you to aggregate these results. See Inspect Registered Oracle Machine Learning Models.

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Show database model full details in Oracle Analytics inspectors - Visualize Database Views	Visualize a registered Oracle machine learning model's views to better understand the model and iteratively improve the model's overall accuracy. See Visualize a Registered Oracle Machine Learning Model's View.
Data Action: Support single/multi selection	You can restrict the invocation of a data action to work only for a single value by setting **Supports Multiple Selection** to Off. You set this when the selection of multiple data points will result in an error (for example, with some third-party REST APIs). See Use Data Actions to Connect to Canvases, External URLs and External Containers.
Data Action: Avoid passing duplicate filters	When you create a data action using multiple data points to filter another canvas, and you return to the original canvas and invoke the data action using different data points, the new expression filter replaces the previous filter on the target canvas. See Create Data Actions to Connect Visualization Canvases.

Visualization

Feature	Description
Ability to add new map backgrounds	You can add a map hosted on a web server as a map background using the Web Map Service (WMS) protocol and XYZ tile layers. See Add Map Backgrounds.
Apply no sort to data	In visualizations, data is always sorted by default. You can use the **Sort By None** option to "unsort" or return the data to its original order. See Sort Data in Visualizations.
Area chart visualization	In addition to the stacked area and 100% stacked area, you can visualize data in an area chart. See Change Visualization Types.
Improved chrome density in the data panel	The data panel across all visualization editors uses horizontal tabs instead of vertical tabs, and the density of the tree content is increased. See Build a Visualization by Adding Data from Data Panel.
Improved progress bar behavior	The blue bars that were previously visible across the screen when data was refreshed have been removed. The data refresh experience is more subtle. Hover the mouse pointer over a visualization to see refresh details or to cancel. See Refresh Data in a Project.
Pass filters between the filter bar and visualizations	Filters for a canvas or project are defined on the top bar, and filters for a visualization are defined on the grammar. You can move a filter from one scope to another. See Change the Scope of Filters Between the Main Filter Bar and Visualizations.
Respect the canvas aspect ratio when exporting	You can select to maintain the canvas aspect ratio, ensuring that the outcome is closest to your intent. See Print a Visualization, Canvas, or Story.
Sort by multiple columns	You can select multiple sort columns for a visualization. You can create nested sorts based on a combination of the attributes and measures in the visualization. See Sort Data in Visualizations.

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Trim spaces on text columns	You can easily trim or remove leading and trailing spaces on text columns using the transform options menu. See Transform Data Using Column Menu Options.
Consistent legend properties across visualizations	The following visualizations have properties (such as location and fonts) added to their legend: Sankey, Network, Tree Diagram, and Chord. See Adjust Visualization Properties.
Image backgrounds for heat maps	Visualize data with heat map layers on your custom image maps. See Apply Map Backgrounds and Map Layers to Enhance Visualizations.
Single header on all pages	The user interface in Oracle Analytics has been enhanced with a single header that helps to maximize your workspace. With the content density provided, you can realize the benefits of your viewing capability with a modernized user interface and improved navigation.
Toggle "Use as Filter" on visualization	Oracle Analytics allows you to interact with content in a dashboard to filter analyses on an individual basis. You can use top-level filters and on-canvas filters to allow your users to decide which filters should be passed and to where. Using breadcrumb details, you can easily see which filters are being applied where. See How the Number of Data Sets Affects Filters.
Spark charts within performance tiles	You can liven up your visualizations with spark charts added to tiles. See Examine Trends with Spark Charts.
Responsive canvas layouts	You can use controls for setting vertical and horizontal scrolling of canvas reports and automatic responsive design across screen resolutions. See Adjust the Visualization Canvas Layout.
On-canvas filters	You can add on-canvas filters that allow users to choose, change, and apply filters to attribute columns within some or all of the visualizations on the canvas. See Add an On-Canvas Filter.
Oracle machine learning models	You can register and use Oracle machine learning models to model, score, and output large data sets on the database. You can register and use Oracle machine learning models from Oracle Database and Oracle Autonomous Data Warehouse connections. See How Can I Use Oracle Machine Learning Models In Oracle Analytics?.
Top/Bottom filters for attributes	Add a Top/Bottom filter for an attribute and then pick the measure. Previously you could only add the Top/Bottom filter for a measure and then pick the attribute. See Apply Top Bottom N Filters.
Bridge reports	You can use the Waterfall visualization to build a bridge report. A bridge report groups data by contributions of each member to the overall variation between values of categories. For example, show the respective contribution of various products to the total sales variation year by year. See Create a Project and Add Data Sets.
Content paging rows setting	You can specify the maximum number of rows you want displayed for content paging in table and pivot table views in analyses and dashboards. See View Options.

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Waterfall visualization enhancements	You can do the following with waterfall visualizations: • Assign custom colors for increase and decrease values. • Configure data labels to show either actual values or variation values.
Improved usability of the Canvas Bar	As you create a project, you have many different tabs of analyses. Explore the improved content density of canvas names for better visibility and quick duplication of a canvas for iterative report creation and testing. As you duplicate or copy canvas tabs, new canvasses are added next to the original and not at the end of the list for ease of accessibility.
Create digitized custom map layers	Easily create custom interactive visualizations from any image. Upload images and create map layers that support defining areas on the images with no-code polygon definitions bound to data interactively. See Use an Image as a Map Background and Draw Map Layer Shapes Onto the Image.
Enhanced map rendering and ability to disable gestures	The performance of map rendering is enhanced including data truncation warnings when using large data sets. You can lock the display of a map and disable interactive gestures for a better experience.
Copy calculation expressions to the Clipboard	Access a simple menu option to copy an entire expression to the Clipboard without opening the formula editor.
Duplicate calculations	Quickly copy and duplicate custom calculations to make backup copies, and to test syntax scenarios quickly.
Flexible and persistent cell sizing in tables and pivot tables	Enhance the clarity of tables and pivot tables. You can control the size of columns and rows for specific data points that need more attention or more room for visibility.
Data Actions to Publisher reports	Create data actions to navigate easily to a Publisher report. See Use Data Actions to Connect to Oracle Analytics Publisher Reports.
Database Advanced Analytics functions in data flows	You can consume advanced analytics functions from Oracle Autonomous Data Warehouse and Oracle Database. These include Dynamic Clustering and Dynamic Anomalies, Unpivoting of columns and rows, and Smart sampling. See Add Analytic Functions to a Data Flow.
Waterfall chart enhancements	You can do the following with waterfall visualizations: • Assign custom colors for increase and decrease values. • Configure data labels to show either actual values or variation values.
Consistent legend properties across visualizations.	The following visualizations have properties (such as location and fonts) added to their legend: Sankey, Network, Tree Diagram, and Chord. See Adjust Visualization Properties Adjust Visualization Properties.
Spatial functions in data modeling.	In the Expression Editor, you can use spatial functions when you model data using Oracle Analytics Developer Client Tool to help you perform geographical analysis. See Spatial Functions. You can't use these spatial functions in self-service mode for visualization projects.

Data Sources

Feature	Description
Impersonation for Kerberos connection	When creating a connection to Hive, you can include the Kerberos authentication type and impersonation details. See Create a Database Connection with Kerberos Authentication.
Enrichments for live data sets	You can leverage enrichments for live data sets along with cached or file-based data sets. See About Data Preparation.

Data Preparation

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Support for database text tokenization in data flows	An advanced text-analytics technique is applied to user data to identify and list the words most frequently appearing within a text data-column. See Support for database text tokenization in data flows.
Support for Database Frequent Item Set (Market Basket) in data flows	Discover relationships in your data by identifying sets of items that often appear together. This data mining technique is known as association rule learning, affinity analysis, and market basket analysis. See Support for database text tokenization in data flows.
Database Advanced Analytics functions in data flows	You can consume advanced analytics functions from Oracle Autonomous Data Warehouse and Oracle Database. These include Dynamic Clustering and Dynamic Anomalies, Unpivoting of columns and rows, and Smart sampling. See Add Analytic Functions to a Data Flow.
Data preparation - enhanced search and replace	Perform advanced search and replace and pattern matching using powerful regular expressions (also referred to as `regex`). See Transform Data Using Replace.
Additional Model Training Output for Clusters	Create more powerful cluster analyses using extended fields that assist in visualizing the output of your model with network charts to see your output (that is, Explainable AI). See Train a Clustering Model in a Data Flow.
Enhanced Oracle Enterprise Performance Management Cloud (EPM) data modeling	Take advantage of the preinstalled Analytic Data Modeling (ADM) driver to create enhanced reports. See Overview to Integration with Planning, Close and Tax Reporting on Oracle EPM Platform.

Oracle Analytics Publisher

Feature	Description
Use self-service analytics data sets	You can use data from self-service analytics data sets to create pixel-perfect reports or to burst reports. See Create a Data Set Using a Visualized Data Set and Use a Visualized Data Set to Add a Bursting Definition to Your Data Model. This feature isn't available when you install Oracle Analytics Publisher as standalone.

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XML data pruning	Data extraction from data sources often includes additional XML elements that aren't used by the report layout. If you enable XML data pruning, Publisher removes the unnecessary data elements and builds the XML structure using only the data fields that are mapped to the layout fields. Data pruning improves performance, especially for extremely large data extractions. See Data Model Properties and Set Output Options.
Dynamic images from Content Server in reports	Use the RTF and XPT templates to include dynamic images from Content Server. See About Images.
XML data chunking for large data sets	If you enable XML data chunking for processing large data sets, then: • You don't need to specify page numbering in the template. The consolidated PDF output includes the page numbers. • You can use the XSL template. See XML Data Chunking.
Additional data model validation messages	Incorporated additional rules and improved query validation messages in the data model help report authors follow best practices. See Data Model Validation Messages.

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