# **Creating the Line Chart and Stacked Line Widgets**

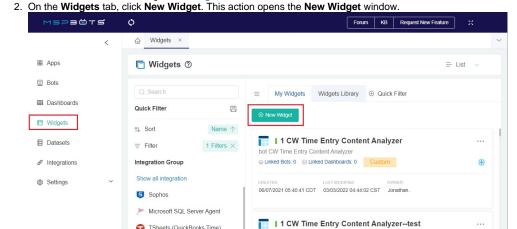
A Line Chart widget is another widget type that MSPbots users can utilize to highlight key data and identify actionable items. It is helpful when you want to v isualize trends in data and measure the impact of these trends on your MSP's operations and goals over time.

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#### How to design a line chart widget

1. On the MSPbots menu, navigate to Widgets.



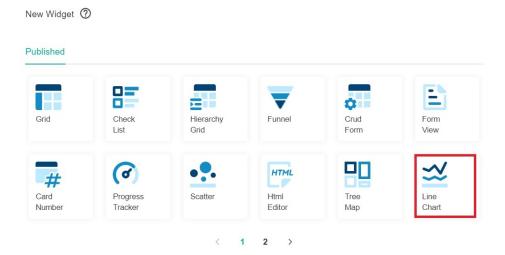
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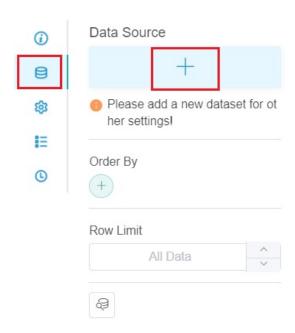
- 4. When the Widget Builder window opens, provide the following:
  - Name Give the widget a Name.
  - Description Provide a short Description.

• Role - Select User or Admin.

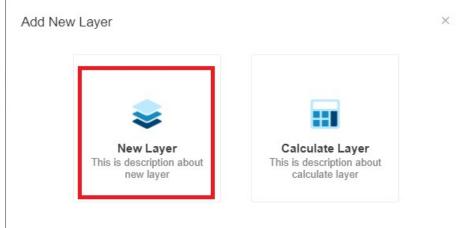


- 5. Click the **Apply** button.6. Go to **Dataset** and click button.

## Widget Builder

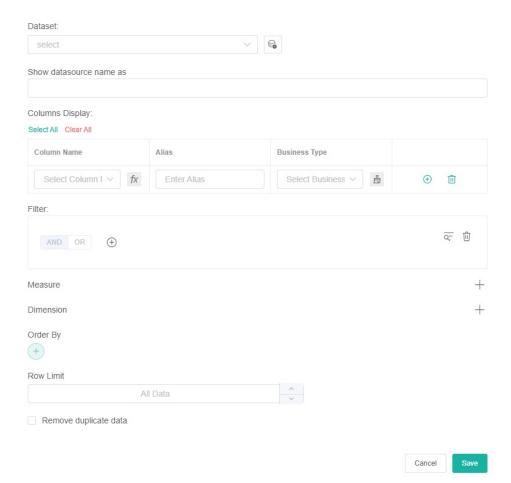


7. When the Add New Layer window appears, click New Layer.



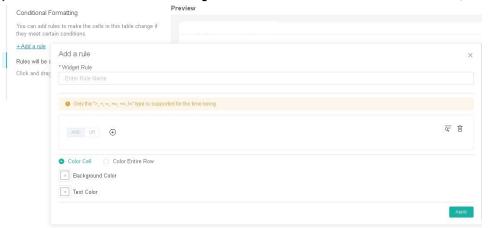
- 8. Do the following on the **Dataset** window:
  - a. Select a dataset to use.

- b. Provide a name for the dataset used.
- c. Add columns by selecting an option from the **Column Name** dropdown list and assigning an **Alias** and **Business Type** for each. Click the 🛟 button to add more rows.
- d. Add filters, measures, and dimensions.
- e. Choose a value for Order By and input a value for Row Limit, if necessary.
- 9. Click the Save button.



- 10. Click Apply. This will show a default preview of the line chart that you created.
- 11. Next, go to Config. Provide data for the following fields:
  - Line Chart Title Provide a title for the data being presented.
  - **Dimension** Select the data for the x-axis (horizontal).
  - Set Goal Provide a preferred set goal, if necessary.
  - Goal Color Select an appropriate color for the set goal.
  - Set Smooth Tick the Set Smooth box to have smooth lines for the line chart.
  - Measure Select the data for the y-axis (vertical) of the bar chart.
  - Dimension Group Select a preferred dimension group from the dropdown list, if necessary.
  - Trendline Select a preferred trendline from the dropdown list, if necessary.
  - **Dimension Name** Provide the name for x-axis of the line chart.
  - Measure Name Provide the name for the y-axis (vertical).
  - · yAxis NameLocation Select a preferred location for the Measure Name (Start, Center, End) from the dropdown list, if necessary.
  - yAxis NameGap Provide a preferred number of gaps for Measure Name, if necessary.
  - xAxis Label Rotate Provide a preferred orientation for Dimension Name, if necessary.

12. If you want to change the text or background color when the fields and measures meet specific conditions, set a conditional formatting rule for your line chart. Go to Conditional Formatting and add rules to define the conditions. Once a rule is set, click Apply on the widget rule window.

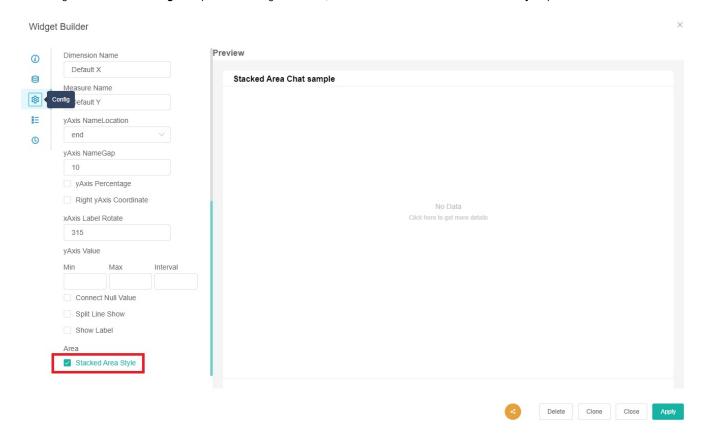


13. Lastly, click Apply on the widget to show a preview of the widget.

### How to create a stacking line widget

Stacked line charts help you visualize the relative contribution of different variables over a specified time. You can create this kind of chart for your widget by following the procedure for creating a line chart and selecting the **Stacked Area Style** option in the MSPbots app Widget Builder.

After filling the fields under Config in Step 11 for creating a line chart, scroll down and select the Stacked Area Style option.



#### Video Instructions

Watch this video or follow the procedure below to create a line chart widget.