

# Data Table Variations: Count Unique Sets

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This tool lets you select the column for which you'd like to count the unique values.

## How Does 'Count Unique Sets' Work?

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Where **Count All** counts all rows in a data table that meet your indicator filters, **Count Unique Sets** looks at the combination of the Count Unique Columns and will count only the **unique** rows defined by those criteria. So, for example, if you have a Training table with a Count Unique set up to look for First Name + Last Name, if you train the same person multiple times, they will only be counted once.

Have a look at the training log below. In this example:

- **Count All** would give the result of 10. There are 10 rows.
- **Count Unique Sets** for the **Trainee** column would give you the result of 4. There are 4 different values in this column:
  - leia@devresults.com
  - chewbacca@devresults.com
  - han@devresults.com
  - luke@devresults.com
- **Count Unique Sets** for both the Trainee *and* Training Type column would give you the result of 6. There are 6 unique pairs of values in the Trainee and Training Type columns:
  - leia@devresults.com / Swordsmanship
  - chewbacca@devresults.com / Launching & Landing
  - han@devresults.com / Launching & Landing
  - han@devresults.com / Swordsmanship
  - luke@devresults.com / Swordsmanship
  - chewbacca@devresults.com / Swordsmanship

# Training Log

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Date	Place	Activity	Trainee	Training Type	Session #	Points Earned
04 May 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	leia@devresults.com	Swordsmanship	2	63
04 May 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	chewbacca@devresults.com	Launching & Landing	2	48
04 May 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	han@devresults.com	Launching & Landing	2	20
03 Jan 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	han@devresults.com	Swordsmanship	1	55
03 Jan 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	chewbacca@devresults.com	Launching & Landing	1	43
03 Jan 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	han@devresults.com	Launching & Landing	1	25
04 May 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	luke@devresults.com	Swordsmanship	2	65
03 Jan 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	leia@devresults.com	Swordsmanship	1	60
03 Jan 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	chewbacca@devresults.com	Swordsmanship	1	52
03 Jan 2014	Tatooine	MFBWY	luke@devresults.com	Swordsmanship	1	58

## Configure a Count Unique Sets Indicator

For basic information about mapping indicators to data tables, first see [Data Source: Populate from a Data Table](#). To create a Count Unique indicator, set the data table Calculation to **Count Unique Sets**.

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**DV-1.4a** # of new trainers trained

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Data Table User Trainings  
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Calculation Count Unique using  
Count All  
**Count Unique** Count Unique Column(s)  
Sum  
Average  
Add column...

Date Column Date

Once you select **Count Unique Sets** in the calculation, this will add some **Count Unique Column(s)**.

By default, if the indicator is set for **Results are reported separately for each activity** the **Activity** column will be added and not removable from the Count Unique Columns. (To remove Activity here, you will need to uncheck the **Results are reported separately for each activity** box in the Disaggregations section.)

If any disaggregations are assigned to the indicator, these will also be automatically added to the **Count Unique Columns**. To remove the disaggregation from the Count Unique Columns, remove it from the Disaggregations section of the indicator.

Also, if you are not using the top-level geography for your site (such as the world or country) as your reporting level, you will also need to include

any columns that uniquely identify your rows. For example, this definition will take the Activity + Trainee First Name + Trainee Last Name to determine uniqueness:

The screenshot shows the configuration page for the indicator '# of new trainers trained' (DV-1.4a) in the DevResults system. The page is titled 'Data Source' and includes the following settings:

- Data Source:**  Enter indicator results directly,  Calculate from a formula,  Populate from a data table
- Data Table:** User Trainings (with a 'View Table Data' link)
- Calculation:** Count Unique using
- Count Unique Column(s):** A table with columns for Activity, Trainee First Name, and Trainee Last Name. A Location dropdown is also present.
- Date Column:** Date

A note at the bottom states: "Data will be associated with the latest date from this column. Add the date column to the count unique columns to distribute data across the dates."

Note: if your indicator is set to report at any **Reporting Level** below your top level, you will need to include a Geography column from your data table in your Count Unique Columns for it to calculate properly. If you don't, you'll see a warning like this:

**Disaggregation**

Disaggregations	Disaggregation	Values	Disable
	<a href="#">+ Add a disaggregation...</a>		<a href="#">Master list of disaggregations</a>
	<input type="radio"/> Results are cross-disaggregated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Results are parallel disaggregated	
Note: this setting will be ignored because there are no disaggregations			
<b>Reporting Level</b>	Results are reported by:		
→	 The current reporting level is more granular than the selected count unique columns. Change your reporting level or select an appropriate geography column in your count unique list.		
→	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Location <input type="radio"/> Commune <input type="radio"/> Canton <input type="radio"/> Entity <input type="radio"/> Bosnia and Herzegovina		
<b>Activities</b>	Is this indicator reported on by specific activities?		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results are reported separately for each activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Targets are set separately for each activity	

To fix this error, simply change your reporting level or add the appropriate geography column to your Count Unique Columns list:

**Calculation**  using

Count Unique Column(s)	
	Activity
	Location
	Trainee First Name
	Trainee Last Name
	<a href="#">Add column...</a>

For the **Dates**, you have two options:

- If you do not include a Date column in your Count Unique Columns list, all data for this indicator will be associated with the most recent date in the Date column.

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**Calculation** Count Unique  using

Count Unique Column(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trainee First Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trainee Last Name
<input type="text" value="Add column..."/>	<input type="text" value="▼"/>

**Date Column** Date

Data will be associated with the latest date from this column. Add the date column to the count unique columns to distribute data across the dates.

- If you want rows to be calculated based on their date and put into differing reporting periods, etc., you must add the Date column to your Count Unique Columns list.

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**Calculation** Count Unique using

Count Unique Column(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trainee First Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trainee Last Name
<input type="button" value="Add column..."/>	

**Date Column** Date  
 Data will be associated with dates from this column.

To see this in action, let's return to our earlier Training Log example:

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If we do not include the Date column in our Count Unique Columns list, all calculations for this indicator will be associated with 04 May 2014, the most recent date in the Date column. **Count Unique** for both the Trainee *and* Training Type column would give you the result of 6 as of 04 May 2014:

- leia@devresults.com / Swordsmanship
- chewbacca@devresults.com / Launching & Landing
- han@devresults.com / Launching & Landing
- han@devresults.com / Swordsmanship
- luke@devresults.com / Swordsmanship
- chewbacca@devresults.com / Swordsmanship

If we **do** include the Date column in our Count Unique Columns list, **Count Unique** for the Trainee, Training Type, and Date column would give you the result of 9:

- leia@devresults.com / Swordsmanship / 04 May 2014
- chewbacca@devresults.com / Launching & Landing / 04 May 2014
- han@devresults.com / Launching & Landing / 04 May 2014
- han@devresults.com / Swordsmanship / 03 Jan 2014
- chewbacca@devresults.com / Launching & Landing / 03 Jan 2014
- han@devresults.com / Launching & Landing / 03 Jan 2014
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- leia@devresults.com / Swordsmanship / 03 Jan 2014
- chewbacca@devresults.com / Swordsmanship / 03 Jan 2014

## Adding Filters

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When using Count Unique, you can add filters as usual. Filters are a way of ignoring any rows of your data table that do not meet the criteria that you define. In this case, the indicator will pull data from the data table only where the **Train the Trainers Training Completed?** column equals **Yes**.

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**Calculation** Count Unique ▼ using

Count Unique Column(s)	
<span>?</span> Activity	
Date	
Location	
Trainee First Name	
Trainee Last Name	
Add column... <span>▼</span>	

**Date Column** Date ▼  
Data will be associated with dates from this column.

**Filters** Train the Trainers Training Completed? ▼ = ▼ Yes ▼ 🗑️  
➕ Add filter

For the data table above, this mapping would give you a result of 4. There are 4 unique pairs of pairs of values in the Trainee and Training Type columns where the Training Type column is set to "Swordsmanship".

## Troubleshooting Tips for Count Unique Columns

- If you don't count per unique date, the calculation results are assigned to the most recent date in the data table.
- If you don't count per unique geography, the calculation results are assigned to the largest geographic division in the system, such as the whole country or the whole world.
- If the indicator is designated to be reported per activity, then the calculation generates separate unique counts for each activity.
- You can still add filters as usual so that the indicator calculation ignores any rows of data that do not meet the filter criteria.

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