Adding Pie Charts to Filemaker Layouts

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These notes document a simple way to generate and display pie charts in Filemaker 15 layouts and reports, using several numerical fields on that layout. This is a handy alternative to using related records to produce the pie charts.

Here is an example of the use of this method:



Here is the table design showing the calculated fields. The field DELIMITED_STAR_PC is calculated from three fields in the layout. These three values will be used to generate the pie chart.

Fi	eld Name	Туре	Options / Comments (Click to toggle)
\$	DELIMITED_STAR_NAME	Calculation	= "5*" & ¶ & "2*-4*" & ¶ & "0*-1*"
ŧ	DELIMITED_STAR_PC	Calculation	= If(PC5>0;PC5;0)& ¶ & If(PC4_2>0;PC4_2;0) & ¶ & If(PC0_1>0;PC0_1;0)
ŧ	GROUP	Text	Indexed
ŧ	GROUP_NCAP	Text	Indexed
ŧ	NCAP	Text	
ŧ	PC0_1	Calculation	= If(TOTAL_RATINGS>0;STAR1_0/TOTAL_RATINGS)
ŧ	PC4_2	Calculation	= If(TOTAL_RATINGS>0;STAR4_2/TOTAL_RATINGS)
ŧ	PC5	Calculation	= If(TOTAL_RATINGS>0;STAR5/TOTAL_RATINGS)
ŧ	STAR1_0	Number	
ŧ	STAR4_2	Number	
ŧ	STAR5	Number	
ŧ	TOTAL_RATINGS	Number	

The important element is the inclusion of the return character, which can be dragged from the list on the right of the Calculation window:



This places a line feed in the field which, in this case, can be displayed as 3 rows on the layout as in the above example (display in the layout is optional).

With the layout in editing mode select INSERT/CHART from the menu and the Chart Setup window is displayed. For "Data Source" select "Current Record (delimited data)". This only works for a field that has values delimited by the return character.



For "Chart" select Pie as the type. You can then select the delimited fields for Category Labels and Slice Data:

Chart Setup	Unread Read
	Chart
	Title
	Type Pie 🗘
	Category Labels
	group_stats_by_ncap_TABLE::DELIMITE
	Slice Data
	group_stats_by_ncap_TABLE::DELIMITE ····
	Show Legend
	▼ Options
	Show values on chart
	Percentages
	Fixed number of decimals: 0 0
	Actual values
	Data Type Number 🗘

Now when you save the Layout the pie chart should appear and it will dynamically change when the source fields in the layout change, as shown below.

STAR1_0	4	Used for creating pie chart		Kov
STAR4_2	3	5* 2*-4* 0*-1*	.562518 753	5 stars 2-4 stars 0-1 stars
STAR5	9			
L_RATINGS	16			

That's it!

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