



Dataset

A saved collection of records, built in a custom way to fit your school's needs. You can use datasets in many places across Slate.



DIFFICULTY
Beginner



ESTIMATED TIME
5 minutes



CATEGORY
Database



1. Why this matters

Datasets make your data reusable. Save a set of records once, and use it in rules, forms, roles, emails, reports, and more.



2. Think of it like...

A dataset is like a folder of important information you put together just the way you need it—ready to pull from anytime across Slate.



3. The Big Picture



4. Common Misconceptions

- Changing a dataset does not automatically change underlying data.
- Datasets do not refresh unless used in a context that does.
- More datasets do not always mean better performance.
- Everyone sees the same data in a dataset—security still applies.



5. Key Takeaways

- ✓ They can be created in custom ways to fit your needs.
- ✓ Use datasets throughout Slate—rules, forms, roles, reports, Deliver, and more.
- ✓ Slate provides some datasets for you, and you can create your own (e.g., programs, personnel, etc.).
- ✓ Datasets help keep your Slate instance efficient and consistent.



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