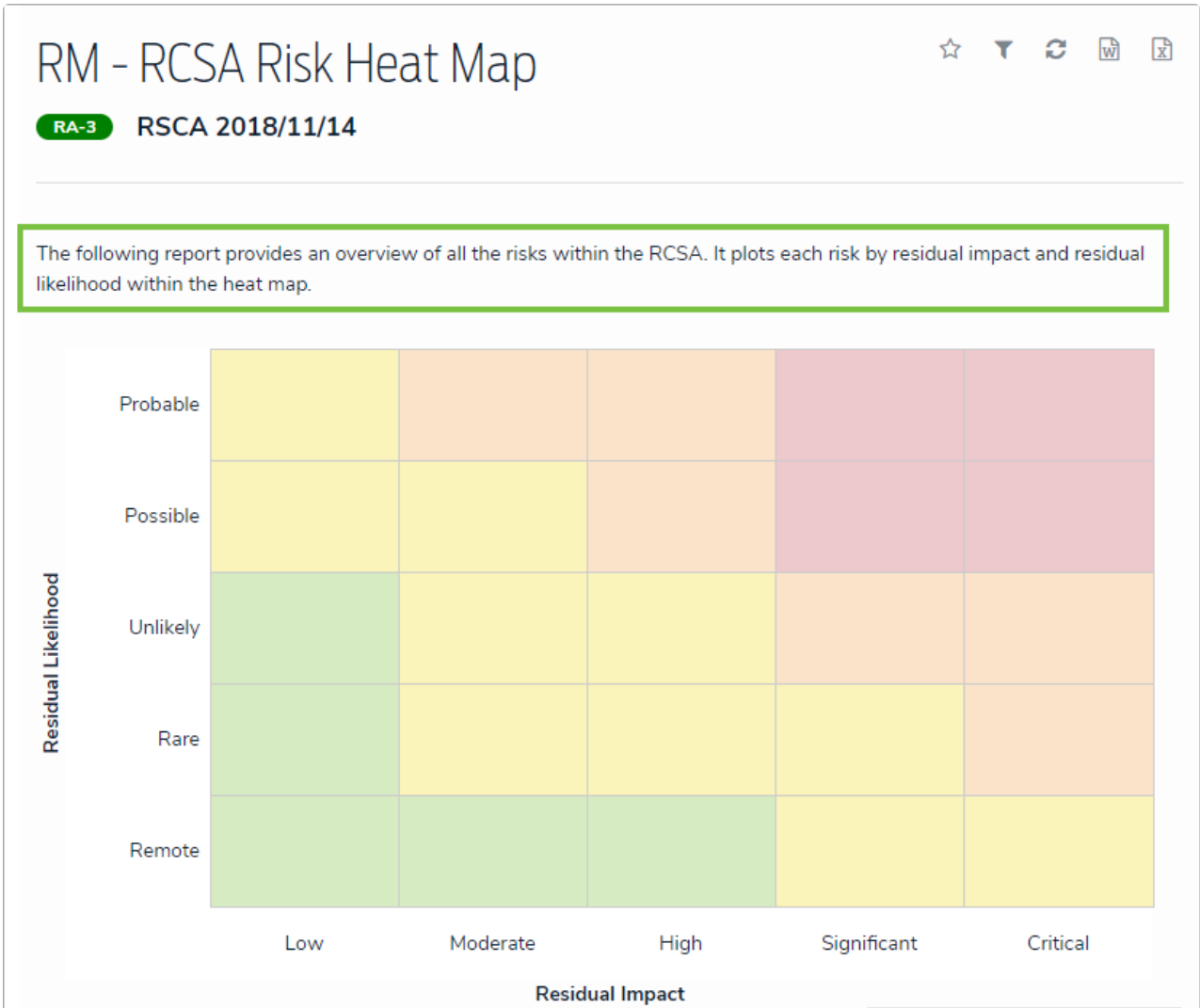


# Add Free Form Text to a Data Visualization

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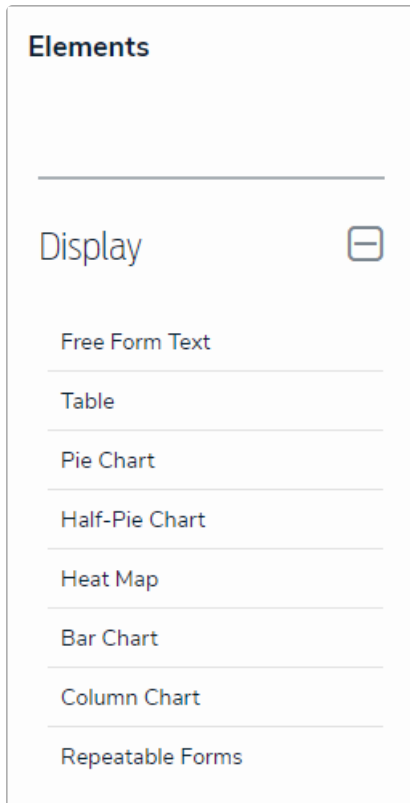
Free form text is a data visualization element that allows you to add additional text, with optional formatting, to a [report](#) canvas.




*Free form text as it appears on a report to end users.*

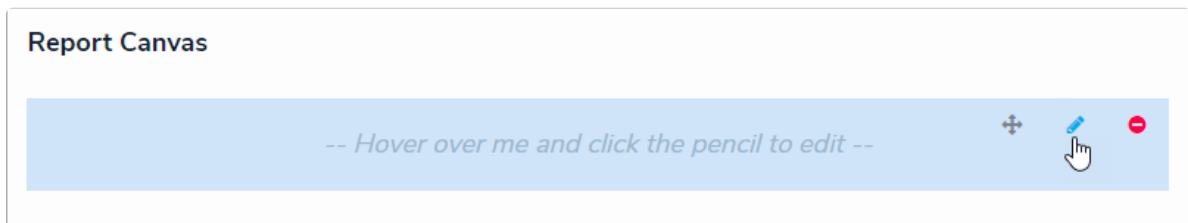
## To add free form text to a report:

1. In the **Elements** section, click the  icon beside **Display** to show the available elements.




*The Elements section.*

2. Drag and drop **Free Form Text** from the **Elements** section to the **Report Canvas**.
3. Hover your cursor over the free form text element, then click the  icon to open the **Edit Free Form Text** palette.



*A new free form text element added to the canvas.*

4. Enter the text in the **Content** field.
5. **Optional:** Apply **Markdown** formatting to the text. To view popular formatting styles, click the  icon next to **Basic Markdown Formatting**.

### EDIT FREE FORM TEXT

Content

## Incidents by Location



▼ Basic Markdown Formatting

HEADERS	EMPHASIS	LISTS		LINKS
# h1	<i>*italic*</i>			<b>inline link</b> [Display text] (http(s)://www.link.com)
## h2	<b>**bold**</b>	<u>Unordered</u>	<u>Ordered</u>	<b>inline link with text</b> [Display text] (http(s)://www.link.com "Link Homepage")
### h3	<del>---strikethrough---</del>	-Item 1	1. Red	
#### h4		-Item 2	2. Green	
		-Item 3	3. Blue	

**images**  
![alt text]  
(http(s)://www.image.com)

DONE

*Free form text styled with Markdown formatting.*

6. Click **Done** when finished.
7. Repeat the steps above to continue adding more free form text elements to the report as needed. Once multiple elements are on the **Report Canvas**, you can rearrange them by hovering your cursor over the element, then clicking the  icon and dragging the element to a new location on the canvas. To delete an element, hover your cursor over it, then click the  icon.