

# Shared Encoding

When you use the same field for color or shape encoding in multiple sheets of your workbook, they will automatically use the same colors and shapes so your workbooks and dashboards are consistent and can be presented as a collection of related views.

For example, in looking at student data you may have a "Gender" field. When you place this field on the color shelf the default colors are used.

You can edit the encodings by double-clicking the legend or by right-clicking the field in the Data window and selecting **Edit Encodings**.

However, what if you always want to use pink and blue for the female and male values? You can specify it once, and any time you use that field on the color shelf throughout the rest of the workbook it will use the correct colors.

Shape encodings are also shared across multiple sheets in the workbook.