

Business Data Analytics: A Decision-Making Paradigm



BEHIND EFFECTIVE DECISION MAKING THERE IS DATA AND METRICS, BUT ABOVE ALL THERE IS GREAT ANALYSIS

Predicted Need of Corporates

| | Today's Work | Tomorrow's Work 3-5 years | % Report Increase |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Elicitation and Collaboration | 100% | → Business/Data Analytics | 80% |
| Requirements Analysis | 98% | Product Management | 67% |
| Solution Evaluation | 72% | Customer Journey Mapping | 63% |
| Business/Data Analytics | 71% | Solution Evaluation | 62% |
| Monitoring | 69% | Design Thinking | 61% |
| Requirements Life Cycle Management | | | |
| Testing | 62% | Organizational Change | 60% |
| Business Case Development | 60% | Business Architecture | 59% |

Source: Business Analysis in the Age of Digital Transformation Report



What we will cover

- What is Business Data Analytics
- 5 Domains of Business Data Analytics
- Business data analytics capabilities for the organization



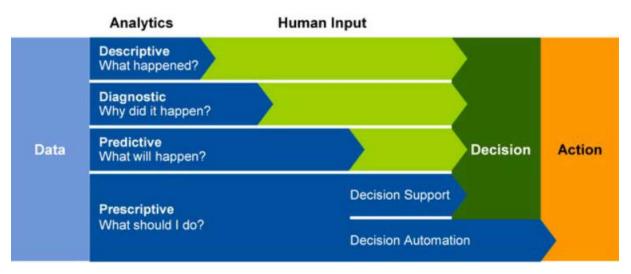
Business Data Analytics

"a practice by which a specific set of techniques, competencies, and procedures are applied to perform continuous exploration, iteration, and investigation of past and current business data for the purposes of obtaining insights about a business that can lead to improved decision-making."

IIBA® Introduction to Business Data Analytics: A Practitioner's View (2019)



4 Types of Analytics Capability



Source: Gartner (October 2014)



5 Practice Domains

Identify Research Questions

Framing the research question that business analytics will be used to answer. Align to business imperatives.

Source Data

Determining what data is needed to answer the research question and assessing its quality. Solve the right problem!



Analyze Data

Determining how data analysis will be performed including which models and mathematical techniques will be used. Make sense of the data!

Use Results to Influence **Decision Making**

Use results from analytics to help the business make informed decisions.

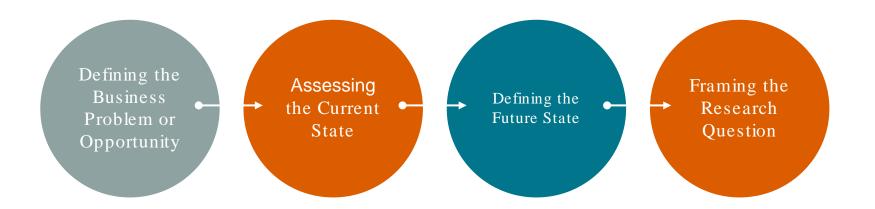
Interpret and Report Results

Using the results from data analytics to glean insights and determine how best to communicate the outcomes.



Identify Research Question Activities







Source the Data Activities

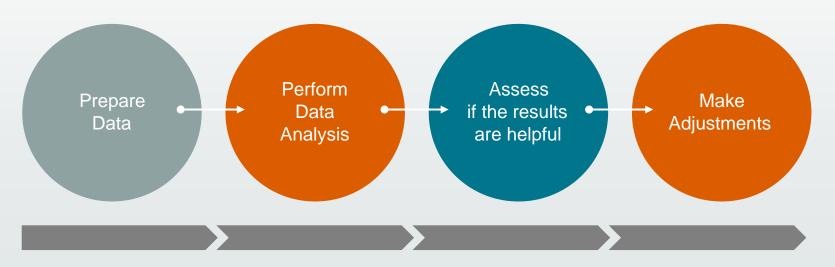


Data Needed? Determine what data is needed to answer the question Identify what data is collected and which is still needed Data Exists? Timing? Make decisions on how/when to collect data & what to scrub Quality? Assess the quality of the data collected – explore the data Adjust Approach? Make changes to the acquisition approach as needed



Analyze the Data





Consider creating a hypothesis and experimenting with data



Interpret and Report Results







Interpret and Report Results - BA Activities

Identify and understand stakeholders Plan stakeholder communication **Determine communication needs** Derive insights from data Document/communicate findings from completed analysis



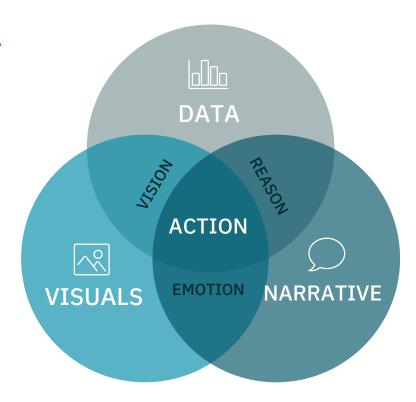
Storytelling with Data

Data Storytelling

- Start with the Business
 Question or Need
- Create a Plot for your story
- Understand Your Audience

Data Storytelling Tips & Tricks

- Simplicity
- Connection
- Visualizations
- Context





Making Sense of Data with Visualizations

What is the right graph for the story and situation What does the audience need to know Avoid Clutter- Keep it simple Focus the Audience attention with visual perception Derive insights from data - highlight important stuff End with a 'call to action' of what audience is to do



Data Driven Decision Making Activities

Business Perspectives to Consider

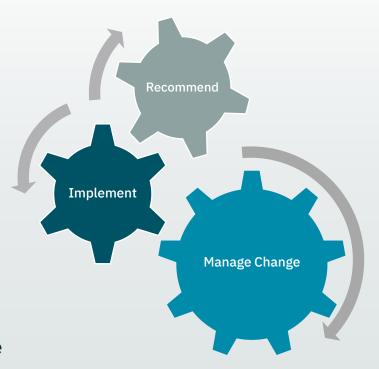
- Stakeholder assessment
- Current and emerging state in the market

Focus on Business Aspects

- It is about business problem solution
- It is NOT about the data, or the math or just a summary of findings

Presenting Findings

- Focus on crafting the message in business context
- Think about each stakeholder perspective





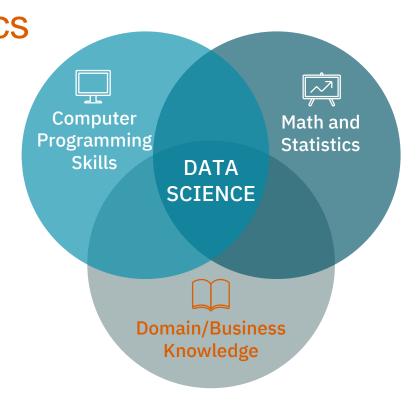
Improving data analytics capabilities with business analysis

Balance between business experience and analytics results for effective business decisions through a more collaborative approach.

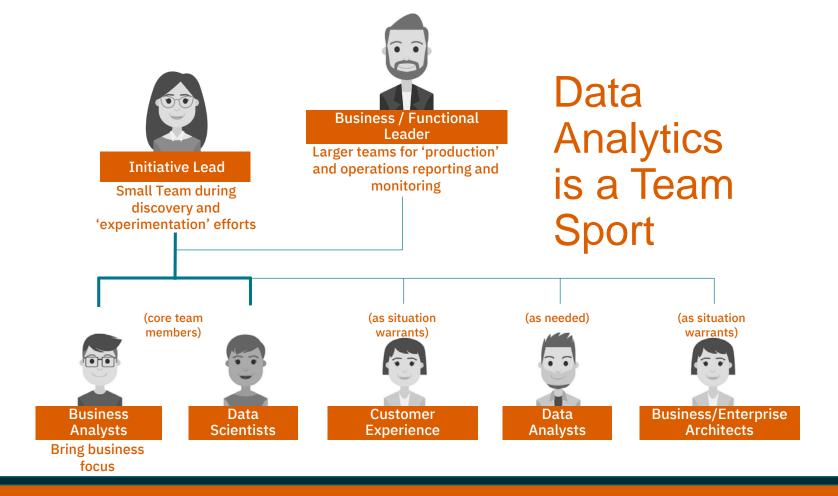
Examples of sources of learning:

https://thedataliteracyproject.org

https://www.coursera.org/specializations/introduction-data-science









Tools and skills for business analysis in the data science age

The new-age BA or B(A)A



Not just a 'requirement guru'



Draws insights from data



Storyteller - Builds narratives inclusive of data



Adept at visualization



Drives evidence-based decision making



Takes a human-centric approach



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