

PENS Project Learning Analytics

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The training briefly describes aspects of the Tableau platform and how visual analytics can be used.

Emphasis is given on sharing good practice of how learning analytics are used to produce dashboards representing emerging patterns of behaviour, and activity.

Outline



- The need for visual analytics
- Using Tableau
- Examples of learning analytics

From papers to digital





Drowning in Data





Too much of Data



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Traffic of Data





Social networks





Data Sources



Major Data Sources for Bigdata



Light in the end of tunnel









Data Collections





Data Storage





Cloud Storage





Data Analysis







- **Data analysis** is a process of inspecting, cleansing, transforming and modelling the data with the goal of discovering useful information, informing conclusion and supporting decision-making.
- Data analysis has multiple facets and approaches, including different techniques.
- **Data mining** is a particular data analysis technique that focuses on statistical modelling and knowledge discovery for predictive rather than purely descriptive purposes, while **Business Intelligence (BI)** covers data analysis that relies heavily on aggregation, focusing mainly on business information.
- **Data integration** is a precursor to data analysis and data analysis is closely linked to Data Visualization and Data Dissemination.

ETL Process



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- ETL stands for Extract, Transform, Load and refers to the process of transferring data from one location to another. In addition to migrating data from one database to another, it also converts (transforms) databases into a single format that can be utilized in the final destination.
- The ETL Process became a popular concept in the 1970s and is often used in Data Warehousing.
- The ETL Process is preparing data for Analysis and Visualizations.

ETL Process





Data Cleaning





Data Cleaning



Data Cleansing (or Data Scrubbing) is the action of identifying and then removing or amending any data within a database that is:

- Incorrect
- Incomplete
- Duplicated

And under the <u>GDPR</u>:

- Irrelevant
- Unnecessary

Data Cleaning Check list



DATA CLEANING CHECKLIST



Data Visualization



DATA VISUALIZATION



Why is data visualization important



Because of the way the human brain processes information, using charts or graphs to visualize large amounts of complex data is easier than poring over spreadsheets or reports. Data visualization is a quick, easy way to convey concepts in a universal manner – and you can experiment with different scenarios by making slight adjustments.

Data visualization can also:

- Identify areas that need attention or improvement.
- Clarify which factors influence learner behaviour.
- Help you understand which learning activities to place where.
- Predict learning activity and behavioural patterns.



- Tableau is a very effective tool to create interactive data visualizations very quickly. It is very simple and user-friendly.
- Tableau can create complex graphs giving a similar feel as the pivot table graphs in Excel. Moreover, it can handle a lot more data and quickly provide calculations on datasets.
- Users can create visualizations quickly and switch between types easily to find the model that best represents the message.
- It is extremely easy to integrate with multiple data sources and the user interface is well-organized.
- It can create visualizations for a large amount of data without crashing.



Introduction to Tableau

Tableau Home page





Tableau's Connections



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Tableau Joins





SQL Joins





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Dimensions & Measures



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- Dimensions contain qualitative values (such as names, dates, or geographical data). Dimensions are used to categorize, segment, and reveal the details in our data. Dimensions affect the level of detail in the view.
- Measures contain numeric, quantitative values that you can measure. Measures can be aggregated. By dragging a measure into the view, Tableau by default applies an aggregation to that measure.



Tableau represents data differently in the view depending on whether the field is discrete (**blue**), or continuous (**green**).

Continuous and discrete are mathematical terms.

- **Continuous** means "forming an unbroken whole, without interruption".
- **Discrete** means "individually separate and distinct.

Continuous vs Discrete







FILTERING DATA


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- Filtering data means to set conditions so that only certain data is displayed. It is done to make it easier to focus on specific information in a large dataset or in a table of data.
- Filtering does not remove or modify data; it simply changes which rows or columns appear.



- Tableau performs a numbers of filters on the view in a very specific order; this is called the Order of Operations. Filters are executed in the following order:
 - 1. Extract filters
 - 2. Data source filters
 - 3. Context filters
 - 4. Filters on dimensions (whether on the Filters shelf or in filter cards in the view)
 - 5. Filters on measures (whether on the Filters shelf or in filter cards in the view)



- Extract filters
 - Extracts are saved subsets of data that are used to improve performance or to take advantage of Tableau functionality that is not available or supported in your original data.
 - After data extraction, the total amount of data can be reduced by using filters and configuring other limits.



- Extract filters
 - After the creation of an extract, the data can be refreshed from the original data source.
 - By refreshing the data, there are 2 options:
 - either do a full refresh, which replaces all of the contents in the extract,
 - or an incremental refresh, which only adds rows that are new since the previous refresh.



Extract filters

• The primary method to create an extract of the data





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- Data source filters
 - You create filters on a data source, in order to reduce the amount of data in the data source.
 - Are really useful for restricting the data that users can see when you publish a workbook or a data source.



Data Source filters

• The primary method to create a data source filter





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- Context filters
 - Improve performance If you set a lot of filters or have a large data source, the queries can be slow. You can set one or more context filters to improve performance.
 - Create a dependent numerical or top N filter –
 You can set a context filter to include only the
 data of interest, and then set a numerical or a top
 N filter.







- Filters on dimensions (whether on the Filters shelf or in filter cards in the view)
 - Dimensions contain <u>discrete</u> categorical data, so filtering this type of field generally involves selecting the values to include or exclude.



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- Filters on measures (whether on the Filters shelf or in filter cards in the view)
 - Measures contain <u>quantitative</u> data, so filtering this type of field generally involves selecting a range of values that you want to include.







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Additional Filtering



• Filter dates

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曲	Range of Dates
#	Years
#	Quarters
#	Months
#	Days
#	Week numbers
#	Weekdays
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#	Count
#	Count (Distinct)
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- Select to Keep or Exclude Data in your View
 - You can filter individual data points (marks), or a selection of data points from your view.
 - To filter marks from the view, select a single mark (data point) or click and drag in the view to select several marks.

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- Apply filters to Multiple worksheets
 - When a filter is added to a worksheet, by default it filter applies only to the current worksheet.
 Sometimes, however, this filter have to be applied to other worksheets in the workbook.
 - You can select specific worksheets to apply the filter to or apply it globally to all worksheets that use the same data source or related data sources.

Sort Data







- Why Data Sorting is important?
 - Data sorting is the process that involves arranging our data into some meaningful order to make it easier to understand, analyse or visualize them.
 - When working with research data, sorting is a common method used for visualizing data in a form that makes it easier to comprehend the story the data is telling.

Sort Data



- There are many ways to sort data in a visualization:
 - Sort data on an axis
 - Sort specific fields in the visualization
 - Sort data using the toolbar
 - Sort data using headers or legends
 - Create a nested sort

Sorting Data



Sort from an Axis



Sorting Data



Sort from an Axis







Sort from specific fields in the visualization



Sorting Data



Sort Data using Toolbar






Sort Data using headers or legends



Sorting Data



Sort by Drag and Drop



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Sorting Data



Create an Nested Sort



Sorting Data



Create an Non-Nested Sort





Group your Data

• On Tableau 'Groups' are used for:

- to combine related members in a field
- correcting data errors
- answering "what if" type questions



• Combine related members in a field





Correcting data errors

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'What if' type questions





How to create a Group

There are various ways to create a group.

- By creating a group from a field in the **Data** pane.
- By selecting data in the view and then clicking the group icon.



- Group by selecting data in the view
- In the view, select one or more data points and then, on the tooltip that appears, click the group icon.





Group by selecting data in the view







• Group from a field in the Data pane

 In the Data pane, right-click a field and select Create → Group.



Group from a field in the Data pane





Group from a field in the Data pane

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Ungroup

Rename

Include 'Other'



Include an Other Group

The Include Other option is useful for

- highlighting certain groups
- comparing specific groups against everything else.



Include others





Does not include others









- Sets are used to compare and ask questions about a subset of data. Sets are custom fields that define a subset of data based on some conditions.
- Two types of sets:
 - Dynamic
 - Interactive



Create a dynamic set





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Sets

- Wigh Sales & Profit
- Top Customers



- Create a fixed set
- The members of a fixed set do not change.
- A fixed set can be based on
 - a Single Dimension or
 - Multiple Dimensions.







Create Set			×				
Name: Set 2 Members (2 total):							
Category	Sub-Category	Year of Order Date					
Technology	Machines	2016					
Technology	Phones	2016					
Separate members by , Technology, Machines, 2016							
Copy OK Cancel							



Show In/Out members in a set

In most cases, when you drag a set to the visualization, the set will be displayed using the In/Out mode.

- This mode separates the set into two categories:
- In The members in the set.
- Out Any members that are not part of the set.



Show Members in a set

Showing the members in the Set automatically adds a filter to the view that includes only the members of the set.







Combine Sets

You can combine two sets to compare the members.

When you combine sets you create a new set containing:

- either the combination of all members, just the members that exist in both,

- or members that exist in one set but not the other.



Combine Sets





Combine Sets

Create Set [Set 3]	\times				
Name: Customers 2016 & 2017					
How would you like to combine the two sets?					
Sets: Customers (2016) Customers (2017)	•				
 All members in both sets Shared members in both sets Customers (2016)" except shared members Customers (2017)" except shared members 					
Separate members by East, Green Tea, 2012 OK Cancel					

Group vs Set









Group vs Set



• The differences between Groups & Sets

- The most significant difference is that sets are dynamic while groups are not.
- Sets offer greater flexibility as they are linked to a condition.
- Groups have only one dimension while with sets you can group across multiple dimensions
- Sets can be combined
Group vs Set



• The differences between Groups & Sets

 Sets are more complex but offer greater flexibility.

VS

 However, many times a group will do the job if the flexibility offered by the set is not really necessary for what you are doing. **Group vs Set**



- The differences between Groups & Sets
 - A great advantage of sets is that the data within can be exported very easily and used from the business.

VS

- Groups do not offer this advantage.

Group vs Set



- The differences between Groups & Sets
 - With sets you can choose "IN/OUT" or "Show Members in Set".

VS

– Groups the only option is **group/ungroup**.



- Sets are extremely useful when comparing one group of things against another because of their flexibility.
- For example: A dimension member can only belong to a single category in a group. Using sets, that same dimension value ("Cats") could exist in many sets like: "Mammals", "Furry Things", "Pets".



- Sets can be referenced directly in a calculation, and since they imply a filter, they can be quite useful in a hierarchy.
- For example: You might drop a set into a hierarchy so that when someone opens that level of the hierarchy up, the values are pre-filtered by what the set does.







- What Parameters are?
- Parameters are dynamic values that can replace constant values in Calculations, Filters, and Reference Lines.
- Parameters can be more dynamic and interactive by using them in Parameter Actions.



• Parameters are used:

- In Filters
- In Reference lines
- in a Calculation







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- When a calculated field is created, a new field (or column) in the data source is created, the values or members of which are determined by a calculation that you control.
- This new calculated field is saved to the data source in Tableau, and can be used to create more robust visualizations.



- Calculations are used:
 - To Segment data
 - To Convert the data type of a field, such as converting a string to a date.
 - To Aggregate data
 - To Filter results
 - To Calculate Ratios



Types of Calculations

There are three main types of calculations:

- Basic calculations
- Table calculations
- Level of Detail (LoD) expressions



Basic Calculations

Basic calculations allow you to transform values or members at the data source level of detail (a rowlevel calculation) or at the visualization level of detail (an aggregate calculation).



Basic Calculations





Basic Calculations

Cost	×
[Sales]-[Profit]	
	▶
The calculation is valid.	1 Dependency - Apply OK











Table Calculations

Table calculations allow you to transform values at the level of detail of the visualization only.

Table calculations are a special type of calculated field that computes on the local data in Tableau. They are calculated based on what is currently in the visualization and do not consider any measures or dimensions that are filtered out of the visualization.



Table Calculations

Table calculations are used for a variety of purposes, including:

- Transforming values to rankings
- Transforming values to show running totals
- Transforming values to show percent of total
- Addressing and Partitioning







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Basic Calculations vs Table Calculations



- Table Calculations and Calculated Fields are similar in the sense that they both use functions to compute the results.
- The difference is how and where the computing takes place, where the result is saved and if it can be reused in more worksheets.



- Table Calculations are simpler and their scope is more limited compared to Calculated Fields.
- Calculated fields are much more diverse enabling deeper analysis.





Level of Detail (LoD) expressions

LOD Calculations allows to compute values at the data source level and the visualization level (like basic calculations).

However, LOD calculations give more control on the level of granularity.



- Level of Detail (LoD) expressions
 They can be performed at:
 - a more granular level (INCLUDE),
 - a less granular level (EXCLUDE),
 - or an entirely independent level (FIXED)
 with respect to the granularity of the visualization.



INCLUDE

INCLUDE level of detail expressions compute values using the specified dimensions in addition to whatever dimensions are in the view.

INCLUDE can be useful when you want to calculate at a fine level of detail in the database and then re-aggregate and show at a coarser level of detail in your view.



INCLUDE

Sales by State			×
<pre>{INCLUDE[State]:SUM(Sales) }</pre>			
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The calculation is valid.	2 Dependencies -	Apply	OK







• EXCLUDE

EXCLUDE level of detail expressions declare dimensions to ignore from the view level of detail.

EXCLUDE can be useful for 'percent of total' or 'difference from overall average' scenarios. They are comparable to such features as Totals and Reference Lines.


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• EXCLUDE

Exclude Region

{EXCLUDE[Region]:SUM([Sales])}

The calculation is valid.



OK









FIXED level of detail expressions compute a value using the specified dimensions, without reference to the dimensions in the view.

FIXED level of detail expressions do not consider the view level of detail, the calculation only uses the dimension referenced in the calculation.



• FIXED

Sales by Region			×
<pre>{FIXED[Region]:SUM([Sales])}</pre>			
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The calculation is valid.	1 Dependency -	Apply	OK



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LOD expression syntax

A level of detail expression has the following structure:

{[FIXED | INCLUDE | EXCLUDE] < dimension
declaration > : < aggregate expression>}



Ad-Hoc Calculations

Ad-hoc calculations are calculations that you can create and update as you work with a field on a shelf in the view.



- Ad-hoc calculations are supported on the Rows, Columns, Marks, and Measure Values shelves;
- they are not supported on the **Filters** or **Pages** shelves.













Tips for Calculations









- Which calculation is right for my analysis?
 - Depends on the needs of your analysis and the question you need to answer.
 - When trying to decide, consider the following questions



 Q1: Do you already have all the data values you need on the visualization?





 Q2: Does the granularity of the question match the granularity of the visualization or the granularity of the data source?





 Q3: Do I need Ranking, Inter-row calculations, Moving calculations or Recursion?







Tips for Learning How to Create Calculations

There is no easy way to know exactly how to create the perfect formula; it takes **practice and research**.



- Tips for Learning How to Create Calculations
 - Know your question or purpose. If you know the type of data you need, this can help you choose the correct function, as well as format your formula properly.
 - Learn Tableau functions. There are many different functions available. Each type serves a different purpose.



- Tips for Learning How to Create Calculations
 - Learn how to format calculations. Once you are familiar with the different types of Tableau functions and their purpose, make sure to learn how to format calculations using the proper syntax.
 - Learn from other examples.

Examples of data analytics in Intelligent Environments



- Smart sensor data
- Augmented reality (Google Glass) data
- Personalised assessment data
- Student presentation data

Smart Sensors





Smart Sensors





Smart Sensors



Expresions for Roles/Personalities



Google Glass Smart Lab



Google Glasses responses by Role



SOBs



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			On-Time	Kinaesthetic
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			On-Time	
	16 October 2017	20 October 2017	Late	
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Element 5 - Twitter	4 December 2017	8 December 2017	Late	
	12 December 2017	15 December 2017	Late	
	8 January 2018	12 January 2018	Late	
	15 January 2018	19 January 2018	Late	
	22 January 2018	26 January 2018	Late	
	29 January 2018	2 February 2018	Late	
	5 February 2018	9 February 2018	Late	
			On-Time	
Element 2 - Group Presentation	15 January 2018	19 January 2018	On-Time	
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Group Presentations





Questions





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