

Visualizing the Present & Predicting the Future

#### Introduction

- Big Data is an important asset for organizations
- Massive amounts of data are produced by Organizations on a daily basis
- Business professionals are expected :
- 1) to know how to use Big Data
- 2) to make better business decisions
- 3) to Identify potential risks
- Skill that is vital is Data Visualization
- Top 3 Platforms/Tools for Visualizing Data are Tableau, Microsoft, Qlik

- Automobile Manufacturing Company
- Production & Sales throughout the world
- Automobile Industry is a Complex & highly competitive business
- New & small player
- Popular brands with high customer satisfaction

To Survive amidst the competition HMC must fully understand

- Their markets
- Customer base
- Cost to keep profit margins +ve

#### Miranda Albany:

- Senior Cost Analyst at HMC
- Follows a data driven approach for decision making

#### **Problem:** Company has grown so quickly

- Massive amounts of data have started to accumulate quickly
- Miranda is having a difficult time keeping up
- To complicate matters there is a growing need for reporting analysis

#### Miranda's Communication Routine

- She communicates with the executive team on a weekly basis
- To convey vital info reg marketing strategies, sales targets, production needs
- She feels her info is "Lost in translation" as executive team struggles to digest the numbers

- Miranda handpicks D&A consulting firm to help her sort this problem
- She hired D&A because of their automotive industry expertise
- They were specialists in data analysis & Visualization
- Miranda assigns Meghan Martinez & Adam Green to work with D&A on this project
- Meghan is a Senior Staff Accountant with 2 years of work ex
- Adam is a young aggressive individual who began with the company 8 months ago straight outta college

### D&A Consulting Group

#### **About D&A Consulting Group**

- Started by Doug Chan & Arlo Paxton 5 years ago
- Both graduated from the same Uni 15 years ago with Accounting degrees
- Worked at different Accounting firms
- Real passion was to teach clients to make better decisions

## D&A Consulting Group

#### D&A's collaboration with HMC

- Excited about the opportunity to work with HMC
- They have assigned their automotive industry expert, Kevin Lydon as Project lead
- Kevin will team up with D&A new hire, Jan Morrison

#### About Kevin Lydon

- Has been with D&A nearly as long as it's existence
- Kevin was an IT Engineer at Rambler
- Too good of an opportunity to pass up working for D&A

## D&A Consulting Group

#### **D&A Team Approach**

- Jan is excited and apprehensive on her first client assignment
- Kevin is enthusiastic about mentoring Jan
- Equally excited on the potential improvement of HMC

#### About Jan:

- Technically competent and has experience in manufacturing environment
- No formal training in data analytics
- Limited experience with data visualization software
- Hoping to learn a lot from Kevin