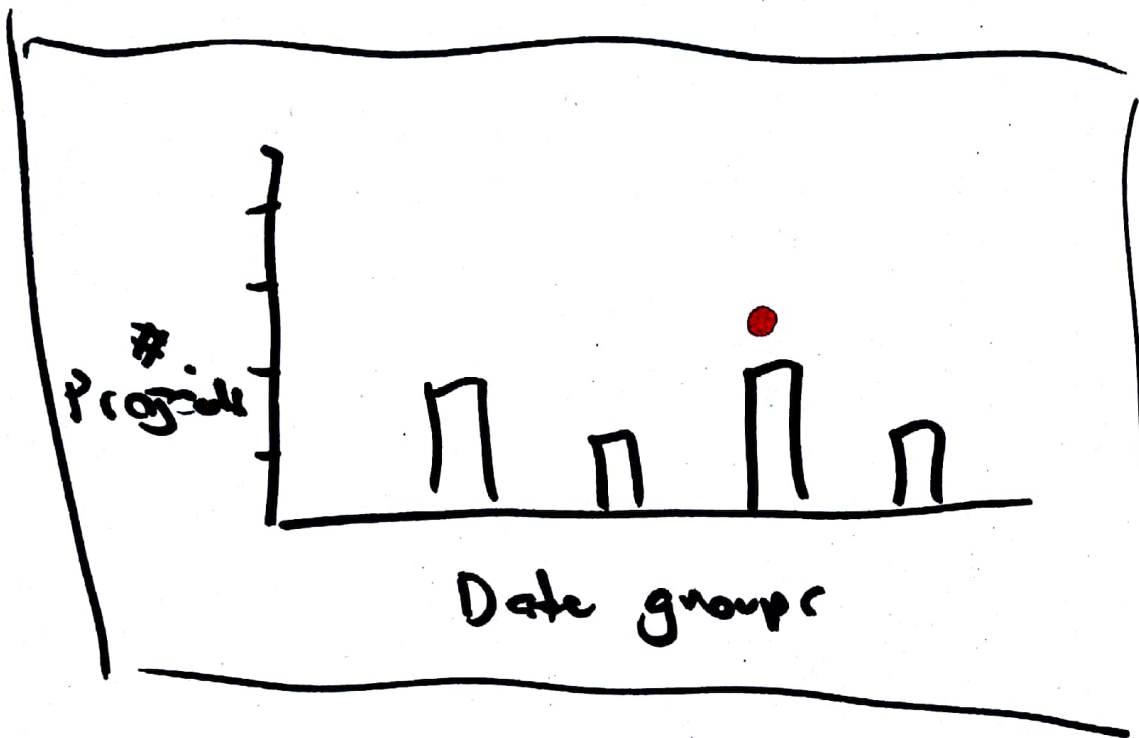


# 1. Outline Dashboard in Tableau

Create text block with  
viz titles and answer:

- Helps see . . . .
- Highlight values when . . . .
- Data needed.
- Target Audience(s)

## 2. Mockup paper drafts



Create simple paper drafts  
to have a conversation around

Show -

- Axis types
- Color use
- Highlight "Dots" and reason

### 3. Discuss with audience

Meet with the audience,  
Show them the WHOLE  
dashboard outline. Get their  
opinion of priority. (your focus  
order should  
be driven here)

#### THEN

Discuss the mockup with  
them. Capture and refine -

- The question the users answers
- How they tell "abnormal"  
and "Interesting" values
- What trends and reference  
lines are important.

## 4. Prototype

Build a prototype. This will confirm -

- You have the data
- You can represent it like the mockup.

### THEN

Discuss with the audience if it is answering THEIR question(s).

Are the right points highlighted for discussion?



## 5. Polish

Finalize the viz and put it on the dashboard.

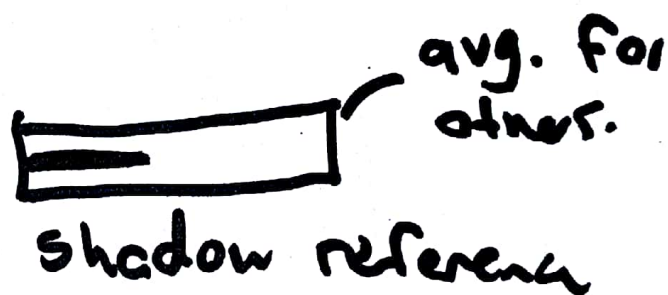
- Axis clear?
- Tooltips useful?
- Title clear and useful.
- Color, shape, size legends?
- Highlight dots explained in tooltip?

...

# Tips for action viz'

1. Must show values compared to some reference.

eg. - Trend (prior periods)  
- Background shadow



2. Must have a way to highlight "interesting"

