# Module 1: Introduction to Data **Analytics**

#### 1. Introduction to Course

This course will introduce you to the core tools and steps used in Data Analytics, including handson learning with:

- Microsoft Excel
- SQL
- 2 Python

You will learn how to analyze, visualize, and understand data to help in informed decision-making.

### 2. What is Data Analytics?

◆ Data Analytics is the process of examining raw data to uncover patterns, draw conclusions, and support decision-making.

#### **o** Purpose:

- · Gain meaningful insights from data.
- Drive informed business decisions.
- · Identify trends and patterns.

#### 3. Why is Data Analytics Important?

#### **W** Helps in:

- · Making data-driven decisions.
- Understanding customer behavior.
- · Detecting fraud or anomalies.
- · Optimizing business operations.
- · Enhancing marketing strategies.

#### A 4. Steps to Analyze Datasets

Each step plays a critical role in ensuring accurate and insightful analysis:

12 Step	○ Description
📤 1. Data Collection	Gathering raw data from different sources like surveys, sensors, logs, databases.
2. Data Storage	Storing data securely in formats like CSV, databases, cloud, etc.
3. Data Processing	Transforming raw data into usable formats (e.g., converting dates, parsing values).
√ 4. Data Cleansing	Removing errors, duplicates, and filling missing values.
📈 5. Data Analysis	Applying techniques to interpret the data (visuals, statistics, patterns).

# X 5. Tools Used in This Course

Tool	Purpose
Microsoft Excel	For quick analysis, charts, pivot tables, basic data cleaning.
SQL (Structured Query Language)	To retrieve, filter, and manage data from relational databases.
2 Python	For advanced analytics, automation, and visualizations using libraries like pandas , matplotlib .

## Key Points to Remember

- ★ Data is an asset Better data leads to better decisions
- ★ Clean data = Reliable results
- ★ Choose the right tool (Excel, SQL, Python) depending on the task
- ★ Always understand the source and structure of your data before analysis
- ✓ Data analysis is an iterative process refining and revisiting is normal