

OPERATIONAL EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD TEMPLATE

Overall Operational Health		Production Metrics		Supply Chain Management		Maintenance and Reliability		Process Efficiency	
Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE)	88%	Units Produced last week	15,000	Inventory Turnover Ratio	8.5	Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)	320 hours	3.5 Sigma Quality Level	4.8 Near 6-Sigma
Downtime Percentage	6%	Scrap Rate	2%	Supplier On-time Delivery Rate	95%	Mean Time to Repair (MTTR)	4 hours	Process Lead Time	2.5 days
Production Yield	95%	Cycle Time (minutes per unit)	32.0	Lead Time Variability	10%	Preventive Maintenance Completion Rate	92%	Bottlenecks Identified	Identified bottlenecks in Assembly Line B
Process Efficiency Index	0.92	First Pass Yield	85%	Stockout Incidents in the last month	2	Critical Equipment Health Index	85%	Process Redesign Initiatives	3 processes streamlined for efficiency
Quality Defect Rate	2%	Utilization Rate	75%	Raw Material Cost Variance	-1.2%	Predictive Maintenance Success Rate	90%	Employee Suggestions Implemented	35 suggestions implemented this quarter
Health and Safety		Energy and Environmental Impact		Technology and Innovation		Employee Performance and Engagement		Executive Messages and Insights	
Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR)	0.75 incidents per 100,000 hours worked	Energy Consumption Reduction	Achieved 12% reduction in energy consumption	Automation Implementation	Implemented robotic automation in Packaging Department	Employee Training Hours	480 hours of training completed this quarter	Brief Message from COO / Operations Leadership	
Near Miss Reporting Rate	5 near misses reported this month	Water Usage Efficiency	Reduced water usage by 20%	Innovation Projects Launched	4 innovation projects started this quarter	Employee Engagement Score	82%	"Our operational excellence initiatives continue to drive efficiency and quality across the organization."	
Safety Training Completion	100% of employees completed safety training	Waste Recycling Rate	75%	Technology Upgrades	Upgraded data analytics software for real-time process monitoring	Cross-Training Implementation	Cross-trained 25% of employees across different departments	Summary of Key Insights	
Ergonomics Improvement Initiatives	Implemented ergonomic improvements in Assembly Line A	Carbon Emission Reduction Initiatives	Implemented LED lighting, resulting in 8% reduction in carbon emissions	Digital Twin Implementation	Piloted digital twin technology in Production Planning	Employee Feedback Utilization	Implemented process changes based on employee feedback	"Q3 showed strong improvements in production yield, maintenance efficiency, and safety performance."	
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)	0.15 incidents per 100,000 hours worked	Sustainability Certifications Achieved	Obtained ISO 14001 certification	Cost Savings from Technology Initiatives	Achieved \$150,000 in cost savings from technology-driven process improvements	Actionable Recommendations			"Focus on further reducing downtime and optimizing supply chain processes to ensure sustained operational success."

1. Title Page (Basic)

Purpose: Establish context and ownership.

Include:

- Dashboard title (clear and outcome-oriented)
- Organization / Project name
- Analyst name
- Tools used (e.g., Excel, Power BI, Tableau)
- Date and version

Example:

Sales Performance Dashboard – Q4 FY2025

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2. Executive Summary (Basic → Intermediate)

Purpose: Provide decision-makers with a quick, high-level understanding.

Write in 6–10 concise lines covering:

- Business objective of the dashboard
- Key metrics tracked
- Major insights or trends
- High-level recommendation or outcome

Best Practice:

Avoid technical language. Focus on *what changed, why it matters, and what to do next*.

3. Business Objective & Problem Statement (Basic)

Purpose: Define *why* the dashboard exists.

Structure:

- Background context
- Business question(s)
- Scope and limitations

Example:

- Objective: Monitor monthly sales performance across regions.
- Key Questions:
 - Which regions are underperforming?
 - What products drive revenue growth?

4. Stakeholder & Audience Definition (Intermediate)

Purpose: Align insights with decision-makers.

Include:

- Target audience (Management, Operations, Finance, HR)
- Decision level (Strategic / Tactical / Operational)
- Expected actions from the dashboard

Tip:

Dashboards for executives emphasize KPIs; operational dashboards emphasize granular trends.

5. Data Sources & Data Description (Basic → Intermediate)

Purpose: Establish data credibility.

Include in a table format:

- Data source (ERP, CRM, Excel, SQL, API)
- Time period covered
- Number of records
- Update frequency

Optional (Intermediate):

- Data assumptions
- Known data quality issues

6. Data Preparation & Transformation (Intermediate)

Purpose: Explain how raw data became analysis-ready.

Cover briefly:

- Data cleaning steps (missing values, duplicates)
- Transformations (date hierarchies, calculated fields)
- Data modeling (fact & dimension tables, joins)

Example Tools Mention:

- Power Query
- SQL
- Python / Pandas

7. Key Metrics & KPIs Definition (Intermediate)

Purpose: Ensure clarity and consistency.

For each KPI, define:

- KPI name
- Formula
- Business meaning
- Target or benchmark

Example:

- KPI: Revenue Growth %
- Formula: $(\text{Current} - \text{Previous}) / \text{Previous} \times 100$
- Insight: Measures sales momentum

8. Dashboard Design Structure (Intermediate)

Purpose: Explain dashboard layout logic.

Describe:

- Sections (Overview, Trends, Drill-downs)
- Filters & slicers used
- Navigation flow

Design Principles to Mention:

- Minimalism
- Consistent color coding
- Logical hierarchy (KPIs → trends → details)

9. Visualization Explanation (Intermediate → Advanced)

Purpose: Justify chart selection.

For each visual:

- Chart type (Bar, Line, Map, Table, KPI card)
- Why this chart was chosen
- What insight it delivers

Example:

- Line chart used to show monthly sales trends over time.
- Heatmap used to compare regional performance intensity.

10. Insights & Analysis (Core Section – Advanced)

Purpose: Convert visuals into business intelligence.

Write in bullet points:

- Key trends
- Anomalies or outliers
- Comparisons (MoM, YoY, Region-wise)
- Root cause hints (if possible)

Best Practice:

Every insight should answer “So what?”

11. Business Impact & Recommendations (Advanced)

Purpose: Drive action.

Include:

- Impact on revenue, cost, efficiency, or risk

- Data-backed recommendations
- Priority level (High / Medium / Low)

Example:

- Increase inventory for Product X in Region A due to sustained demand growth.
- Re-evaluate pricing strategy in underperforming segments.

12. Interactivity & Advanced Features (Advanced)

Purpose: Demonstrate technical maturity.

Mention if applicable:

- Drill-through pages
- Dynamic filters
- Tooltips
- Row-level security
- Scheduled refresh

13. Limitations & Assumptions (Advanced)

Purpose: Maintain analytical transparency.

Include:

- Data gaps
- Time lag issues
- External factors not considered
- Model assumptions

14. Conclusion (Basic)

Purpose: Reinforce value.

Summarize:

- Dashboard usefulness
- Key outcomes

- How it supports decision-making

15. Appendix (Optional – Advanced)

Purpose: Support without clutter.

May include:

- Detailed calculations
- Data dictionary
- SQL / DAX logic (high-level)
- Additional charts

Professional Writing Tips

- Use business language, not tool-centric language.
- Avoid describing *how to click*; explain *what it means*.
- Keep visuals central, text supportive.
- Align insights with business goals.