

# **Tableau Workshop Part 1**

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# Agenda

- Getting Started: What is Tableau?
- Tableau Environment
- Visualizing Data
- Marks & Customizing the View
- Intro to calculations & mapping
- Hands-On

# Learning Objectives

- Participants will be able to walk away with the following:
  - Connecting to data
  - Perform data merger in Tableau
  - Difference between measures and dimensions
  - Data Visualization "Viz"
  - Functions and Calculations
  - Basic maps with Tableau

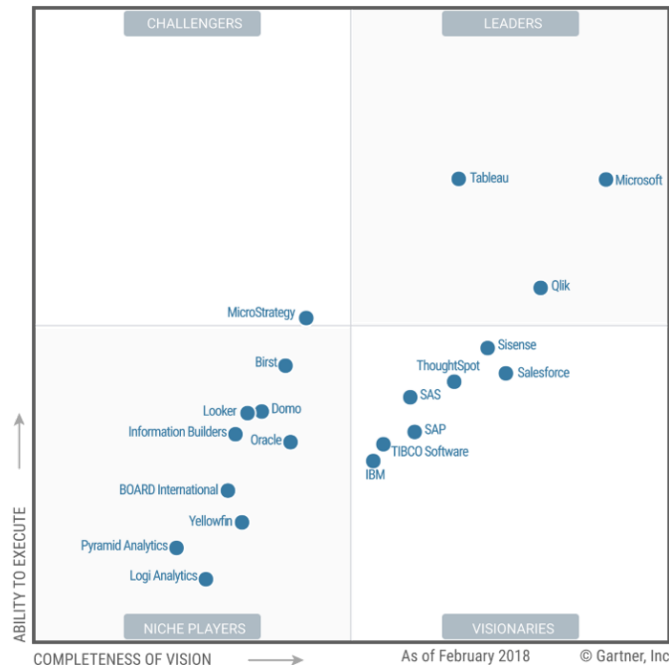
## Getting Started with Tableau



# What is Tableau?

Tableau is one of the fastest evolving business intelligence and data visualization tools.

- It is a tool that connects to a data source, creates visualization ("viz"), and combines/generates multiple visualizations into an interactive dashboard ("dash").



**Figure 1** - Magic Quadrant for Analytics and Business Intelligence Platforms - Source: Gartner (February 2018)

## What Can you do with Tableau?

- List of public projects available for anyone -without data sources- for idea generation.

<https://public.tableau.com/en-us/s/gallery/analyzing-ums?gallery=votd>  
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# Tableau Products

Tableau Desktop	Table Server	Tableau Public	Tableau Public Server
Private	Private	Public	Public
Individual Computer License	<a href="https://tableau.schoolname.edu">https://tableau.schoolname.edu</a>	<a href="https://public.tableau.com">https://public.tableau.com</a>	Public Hosting for Tableau Files
Create and edit visualization	Customized security	Data is stored/accessed through website	Read and Interact with Vizires
License - can grant one year for Academics	Institutional Level	Free	Free and Open Access

# Installing Tableau

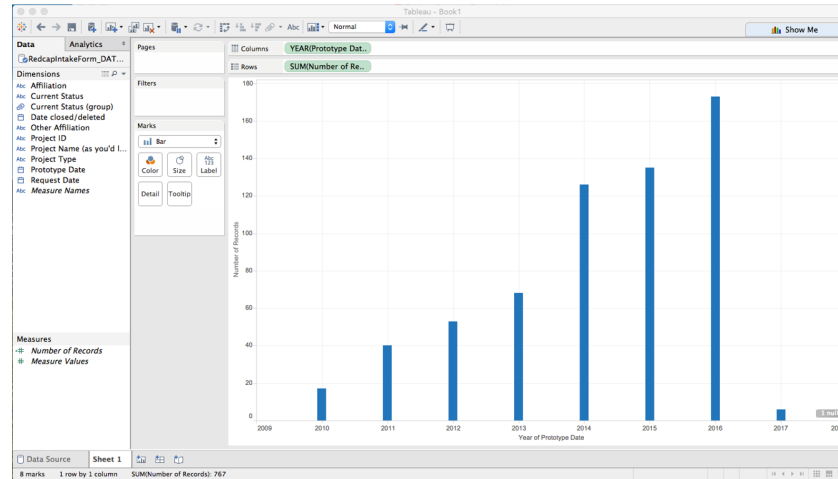
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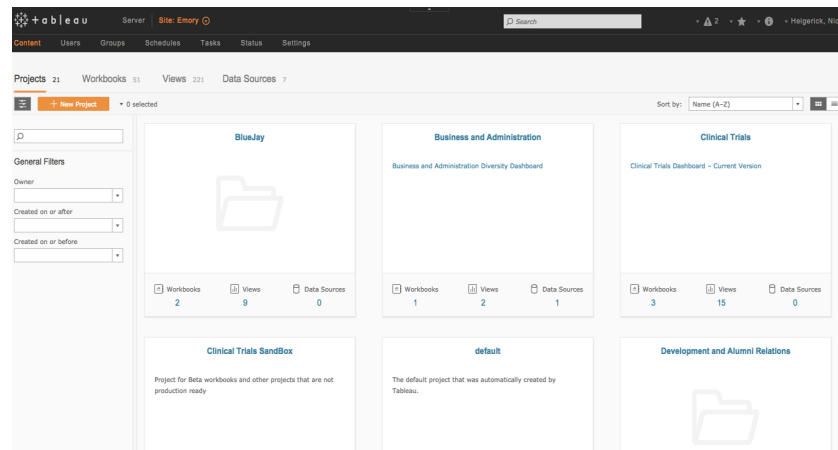
# Tableau File Types

TWB	TWBX	TDE
Tableau Workbook File	Tableau Packaged Workbook	Tableau Data Extract
XML file with visualization	Zip file	Compressed data sources
Does not contain data & Cannot open data files	Contains TWB file & data	

# Tableau Environment



## Desktop



## Server

# Let's Start with Tableau

- Let's use realistic but not real data and see how can visualization using tableau can be really helpful.
- For this session, we will use SyntheaTM, which is an open-source, synthetic patient generator that models the medical history of synthetic patients.
- <https://synthetichealth.github.io/synthea/#about-landing>  
(<https://synthetichealth.github.io/synthea/#about-landing>).
- You can also download the data through the following link:
  - <INSERT BOX HYPER-LINK>

## Data Overview:

Synthea data contains -realistic but unreal- complete medical history, including medications, allergies, medical encounters, and social determinants of health. This data can be used without concern for legal or privacy restrictions.

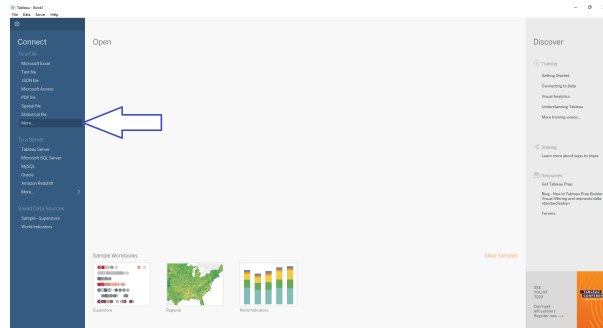
- From Synthea Datasets, we will use:
  - patients.csv
  - observations.csv

### Notes on Variables

- **patients dataset contains:** (wide-format)
  - patient ID, birth date, death date, marital, race, ethnicity, gender, city, state, zip.
- **observations dataset contains:** (long-format)
  - date, patient ID, encounter ID, code, description, value, units, type.

# Connecting to Data:

- Tableau can connect to many filetypes
  - Excel, csv, spatial, statistical
- Download the dataset
- Connect to Data > More... > observations.csv



- Different ways to connect your data:
  - E.g. Box.com integration (demo)

## Two main data types: Dimensions and Measures

- Tableau assigns any fields to Dimensions if they cannot be aggregated. (e.g. categorical data in strings or Booleans)
- Tableau assigns any fields to Measures if they can be measured, aggregated, or used for mathematical operations. (e.g., numbers)
- **Ordinal** data is a categorical, statistical data type where the variables have ordered categories like school grades (1st year for 1, 2nd year for 2, etc.). Tableau will import these as measures but often they make more sense as dimensions.

# Workbooks and Sheets

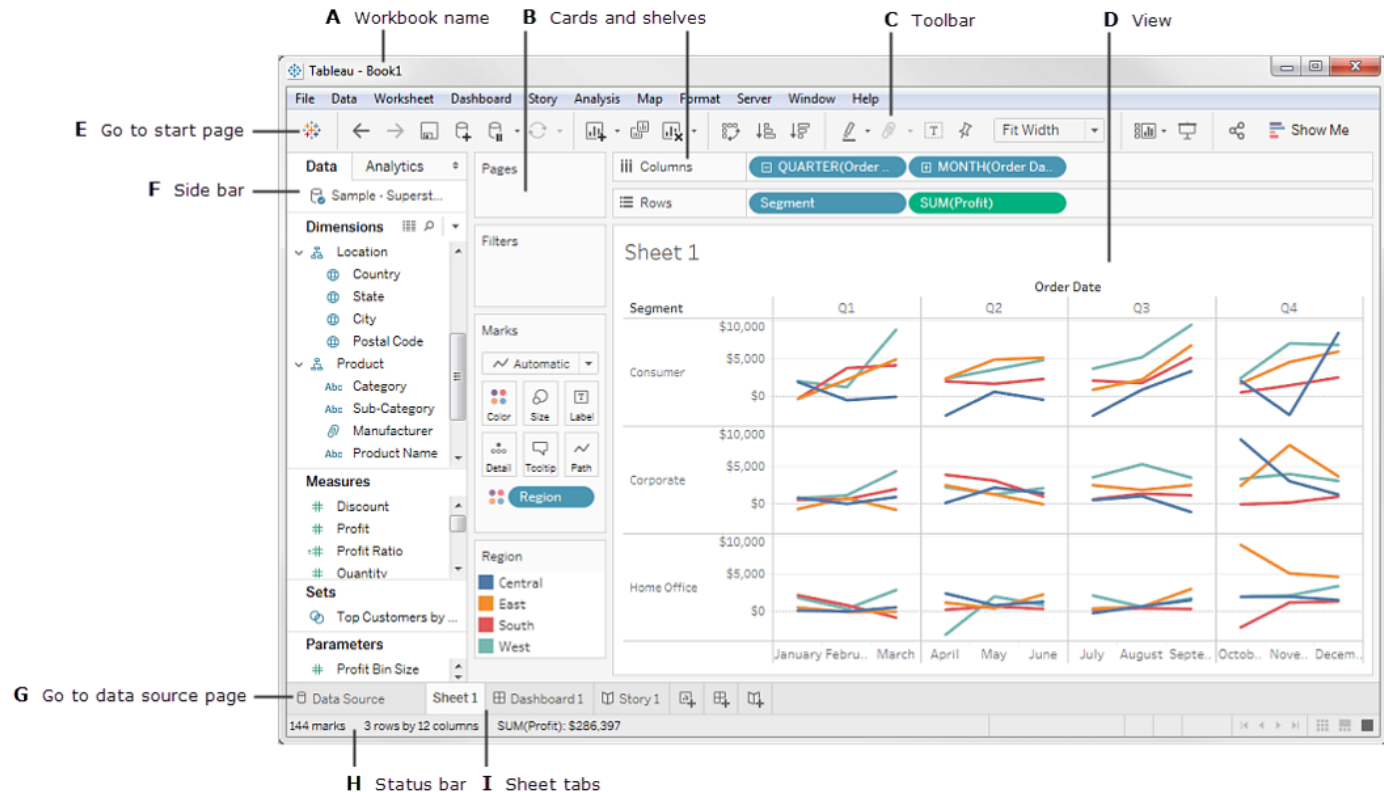
- Tableau uses a workbook and sheet file structure, much like Microsoft Excel. A **workbook** contains sheets in three different kinds:
  - A **worksheet** contains a single view along with shelves, cards, legends, and the Data pane.
  - A **dashboard** is a collection of views from multiple worksheets.
  - A **story** contains a sequence of worksheets or dashboards that work together to convey information.

## Workbooks and Sheets (cont.)

- The difference between a *workbook* (.twb) and *packaged workbook* (.twbx) is that a packaged workbook is meant for sharing and includes the data source and any other files used to make the workbook.
- Sharing Tableau workbook
  - Via Tableau file
  - Via Tableau Server
  - Via Tableau Public



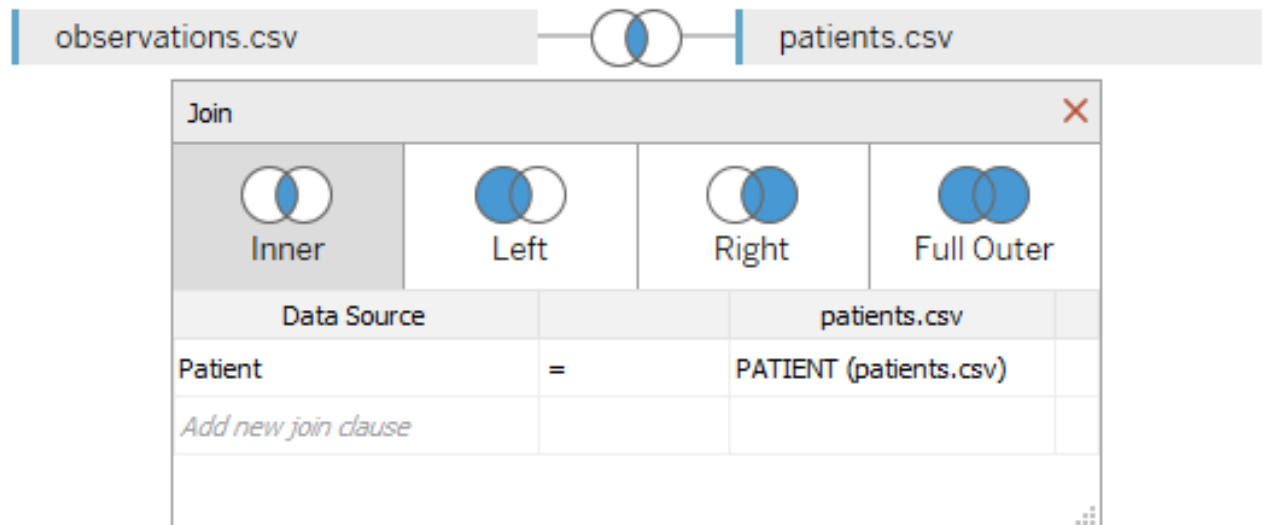
# Worksheet UI



## Worksheet Components

## Add More Data:

- Tableau allows for simple merging based on unique identifiers, in this case, it will be "patient id."
  - Action drag *patients.csv* to data part and choose "inner join."



Inner Join in Tableau

# Visualizing Data

## Visualizing Numerical Data

- Tableau has a collection of charts you can use to visualize numerical data.
  - These include histograms, scatterplots, box-and-whisker plots, and bullet graphs.

## Histogram

- A histogram helps represent the distribution of numerical data.
  - It is similar to a bar chart but it is used to plot frequency of a continuous variable that is divided into bins.
- Action Drag *Gender & Race* into Columns and **Number of Records** into Rows and then click on the histogram in the **Show Me** tab.
- NOTE: You can change the bin size by going to size and change size.

## Scatter Plot

- A scatter plot is good at showing relationships between two numerical variables (measures).
- Action Drag **Description** into **Filters** and Right-click and choose **Diastolic Blood Pressure**
- Action Add *Birthdate* into columns and *Number of Records* into Rows, and choose shape.
- Is there any relationship between birthdate and blood pressure?

## Text Tables

- Text tables aren't the most interesting way to visualize data but they have their time and place.
- Action Add **Gender** into Columns, **Race & Ethnicity & Marital** into Rows.
- Action Then add Number of Records into the **Text** box in the **Marks** area.
- Action Right-click on *Marital* and unmark *Null*
- what is the racial/ethnic features of our sample?

## Bar Chart / Stacked Bars / Pie Chart

- Pie charts are probably the most simple and effective way of presenting categorical data.
- Action Drag **Description** into **Filters** and Right-click and choose **Body Mass Index**
- Action Add *Description* into Rows self.



## **Marks & Customizing the View**

## Color

- Color can be a useful tool in data visualization.
- Action Return to your histogram.
  - To change the color of this chart simply click the Color button in the **Marks** area and choose a new one.
- Action Return to your scatter plot.
  - Changing the color of a chart is nice but changing color based on a variable can be exceptionally helpful
  - Action Drag the **Race** dimension onto Color

## More on Customizing the View

- Size and Shape act the same way as color. You can change them by clicking on them and you can make them change based on a variable by dragging that variable on them.
- Play around with these until you get a scatterplot that you like.
- Label adds a text label to each mark
- Tooltip changes what you read on the tooltip when you hover over a mark.
- Detail adds other variables to the tooltip.

## Aliases & Formatting

- Action Return to your text table (Sheet 3).
- Ethnicity variable can be confusing, you can rename levels through *Right-Click* on *Race* variable and click on **Aliases**, and start editing.
  - Action Right click *Race* and rename.
- Finally, you can click the title to give this chart a name.
  - You could name this Survival by Ticket Class
  - If you rename the sheet at the bottom it will automatically change the title as well.

# Simple Calculation:

- let's calculate life expectancy from our sample data

The screenshot shows the Tableau Desktop interface with a worksheet titled "calculating life expectancy". The data source is "observations.csv". The columns shelf contains "Description", "Birthdate", and "YEAR(Deathdate)". The rows shelf is empty. The marks card is set to "Automatic". A "Describe Field" dialog box is open, showing the details for the calculated field "Life expectancy".

**Life expectancy**

Role: Continuous Measure  
Type: Calculated Field  
Default aggregation: Sum  
Status: Valid

**Formula**

```
DATEDIFF('year', [Birthdate], [Deathdate])
```

The domain for this field has not been loaded. Click "Load" to retrieve.

Buttons: Load, Copy, Close

The background view shows a table with columns: Description, Birthdate, Year of Des., Avg. Lif., Life exp. The data includes various medical conditions and birth/death dates, with corresponding average life expectancy and calculated life expectancy values.

## Life Expectancy Calculation:

- Action choose *Diastolic blood pressure* from **Description** filter.
- Action move *Measure Names* into columns and *Description & Birthdate & Deathdate* into Rows
- Action add *Measure Values* into **Label** in Marks area.
- **From Analysis** Action Choose **Calculated field** and type the following:
  - DATEDIFF('year', [Birthdate],[Deathdate] )
- Action add **Life Expectancy** to Rows.

## Mapping Life Expectancy

- Action move *Longitude and Latitude* to columns and Rows, then choose *Map* from **Show Me**
- Action move *Life Expectancy* into **Color & Size** and *City* to **Label** in *Marks*
- From Size, change size of your circle and same for color.
- For **Treemap** visualization, choose *Treemaps* from **Show Me** section.

**Thank you**

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