

Week 1: Data Analysts meet?

## The Six Data Analysis Phase



### 1) Ask

- to define a problem to be solved.
- to help focusing on the actual problem and avoid any distractions.
- to make sure you fully understand the stakeholder's expectations.



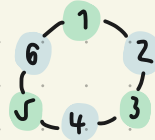
### 2) Prepare

- what metrics to measure?
- locate data in your database.
- create security measures to protect that data (policy agreement)



### 3) Process

- to clean up your data (get rid of possible errors, inaccuracies, and inconsistencies)
- to use spreadsheet functions to find incorrectly entered data.
- to use SQL functions to check for extra spaces.



### 4) Analyze

- to perform calculations.
- to combine data from multiple sources.
- to create table with your results.



### 5) Share

- to make more informed decisions via Graphs or Dashboards.
- to share results with stakeholders.



### 6) Act

- to act on your data.
- to provide your stakeholders with recommendations based on your findings.



## Six Problem Types

Data Analysts typically work with these:

- 1) Making Predictions → carrot → vegetable
- 2) Categorizing things → assigning items to categories
- 3) Spotting sth. unusual
- 4) Identifying themes → grouping them into broader themes (In a User Study, examples of themes)
- 5) Discovering connections
- 6) Finding Patterns

## \* SMART Questions \*

Avoid asking questions that:

- ✗ Close-ended Questions (answer with yes/no)
- ✗ Vague & Lacks content
- ✗ Leading Questions ???

Bias,  
Unfair  
to some  
groups in



Asking questions that's SMART

- ✓ S (Specific)
- ✓ M (Measurable)
- ✓ A (Action-Oriented) → encourage change
- ✓ R (Relevant)
- ✓ T (Time-bound) → specify time to be studied.

SMART  
Question



## Week 2: Data, Report, Dashboard

### Data

- Small Data**
  - specific metrics, short defined time
  - usually organized and analyzed in spreadsheets.

### Big Data

- large, less-specific, cover longer time period
- usually organized and analyzed in Databases
- \* Needs to be broken into smaller pieces in order to be organized & analyzed effectively

- 3V
- Volume: Amount of data
  - Variety: Different kinds of data
  - Velocity: How fast data can be processed
  - Veracity: Quality and Reliability of the data
- Some data analysts consider a fourth V.

### Metric

a single, quantifiable type of data that is used for measurement.

## Report vs. Dashboard

### Pros

- represents high-level historical data
- easy to design
- pre-cleaned & sorted data

### Cons

- Lack of continual maintenance
- no visual appealing
- Static

### Pros

- Dynamic, Interactive
- suitable when sharing information across many peoples promptly

### Cons

- Labor-intensive design (a lot of effort)
- can lead to misunderstanding (if it's not well-designed)

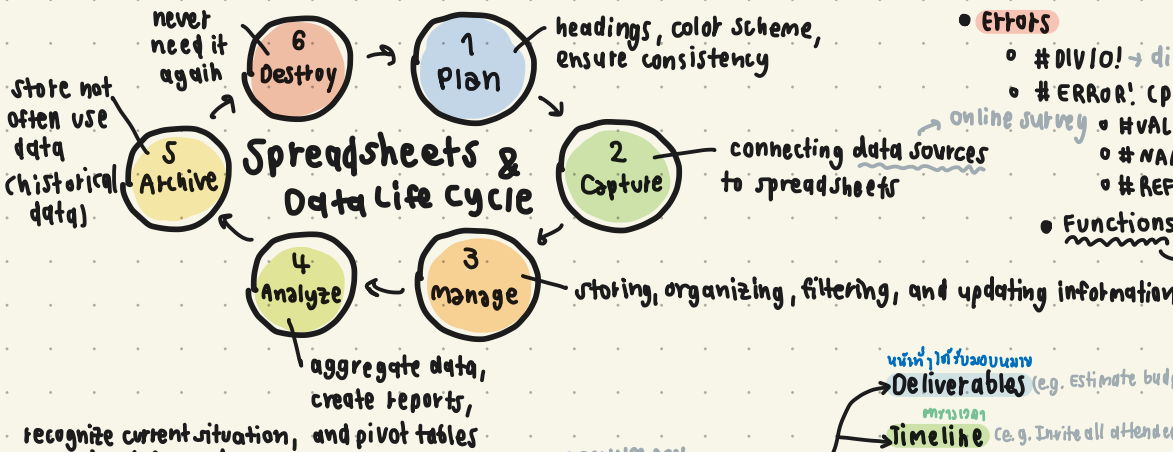
### Return on Investment (ROI)

cost of an investment to the net profit over a period of time.

## Week 3: Spreadsheets

helps doing calculations faster using operators  
e.g. sum, Average, min, max, Data Ranges D2:D4

- Cell References (C2 E3 D8)
  - Absolute Referencing (\$) such as \$A\$10
- operators (+, -, ×, ÷)
- Formulas is a set of instructions to perform calculation. e.g. 310
- Errors
  - #DIV/0! → divide value in a cell by a empty cell
  - #ERROR! (parsing error) → not correctly place the order
  - #VALUE!
  - #NAME
  - #REF! → accidentally deleted row/col
- Functions e.g. sum(), is a preset command to perform a specific process



## Structured thinking

**Problem Domain** → Specific area of analysis that encompasses every activity affecting / affected by the problem.  
Need to understand this first! \*\* before discovering the story. (whole image)

**Scope of Work (SOW)**  
\* define work, understand different to

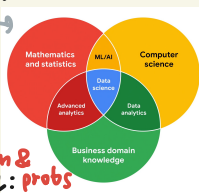
- Deliverables** (e.g. Estimate budget for an event)
- Timeline** (e.g. Invite all attendees by June 1)
- Milestones** (e.g. Confirm list of employees who will attend)
- Reports** (e.g. Employee feedback after the training)

## Week 4: Communication



**Stakeholder** → hold stakes on what you are doing, invest time & resources to a project.  
e.g. vice President, Executive, CCEO

- Executive team** → provides strategic and operational leadership to the company. → **Primary Stakeholders**
- Customer-facing team** → who interacts with customers. Company ↔ CFT ↔ Customer
- Data science team** → who interacts with data. → **Secondary Stakeholders**



\*\* **Clear Communication** to avoid confusion & Before communicate: probs

- who your audience is?
- what they already know?
- what they need to know?
- How you can communicate that effectively to them?

### Meeting

- stay focused & be on time & prepare in advance
- pay attention and Ask for clarification if needed
- Take Notes, provide takeaway messages
- Have Engagement in meeting

### Sample Agenda

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting attendees: Elton, Oscar, Olivia, Kira, Pedro

Reason for meeting: Project orientation. Set goals and draft timelines for the project.

**Goals**

- Read the meeting agenda
- Review project goals
- Plan project timelines

**Questions**

- Does anyone have any suggestions for the agenda?
- What sources of data have been identified and which variables will be tracked?
- What is the earliest milestone the team can schedule? What progress would the milestone mark?

**Next steps**

- What should we address in the next meeting?

like what you did in Com Strat