Data & Data Structures

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Policies and Procedures

There are many things that are important to both morally and legally abide to when handling data especially if it is sensitive or personal information. Some of the necessary steps to take when handling data include being in line with data protection law as well as a company's data protection policies which will vary depending on the nature of work at that organization. Organizations will often have their own policies and written procedures to follow when working which will specify more specifically the responsibilities of each person according to their role (ICO, 2023).

It is also important for everyone who is working with data to be aware of different ways that data can be mishandled so that the necessary steps can be taken to keep it safe. It is important to maintain confidentiality by keeping "sensitive information private and secure" (Irwin, 2023). Do not allow anyone who is not authorised to see the data to access it. Marinating the integrity of of the data means guaranteeing that the data remains accurate and protecting it from being corrupted. Finally making sure that the data is available when needed and that it isn't at risk of being lost (for example when the network is down) (Irwin, 2023).

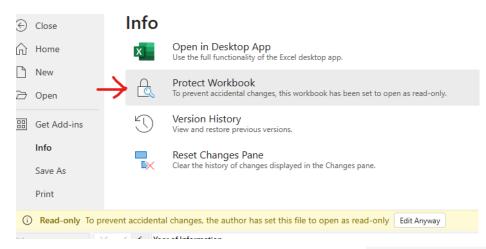
When part of a company it is likely that there is a cyber security specialist who is mainly responsible for keeping information secure, however keeping data secure is the responsibility of everyone regardless of the role. Being aware of and following internal standards and external regulations as a preventative action to avoid any mishandling of data is an obligation for anyone who handles that data (internal standards are good practice and external regulations need to be followed by law) (Agarwal, 2022). Anyone who has access to data has the potential to misuse it, even if they do not do so purposefully, this is why it's important to be aware of data security measures and to follow them.

GDP Task - Excel

Set a password to protect the workbook

It is worth mentioning that password protecting a workbook is not possible using the Excel web version. If you would like to password protect your workbook this is something that can be done in the paid full version app which can be downloaded onto your computer

However, on the online version you can take some steps to protect your workbook!



Protect Workbook

When you click on:

- 1) File
- 2) Info
- 3) Protect Workbook

This will prevent any accidental changes when you open the document. When you close and re-open the document, it will open as 'Read-only', and from there you can click on 'Edit Anyway' to start editing the

document again.

Password Protect Worksheet

You can password protect your worksheet by clicking

- 1) Review
- 2) Manage Protection
- Click the toggle under 'Protect Sheet' so that it's on
- 4) Click the arrow next to 'Sheet Protection Password' and in this textbox you can enter in a password to protect your worksheet

Once you've entered a password (make sure it's one you remember as it is not possible to recover the password!) your sheet will have a lock symbol next to it:



This popup will come up if you try to edit the sheet:

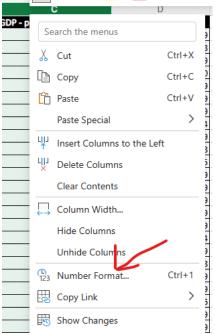
This sheet is protected. Some parts may be view-only and can't be changed.

Under the same 'Manage Protections' tab where you set the password is where you can enter your password so that you are able to edit the sheet again.





Highlight column C and change the data to display in British Pound Symbol



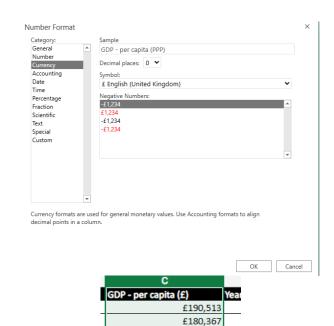
Once you have the number format menu you can select the type of data that you have in the column from the categories.

- Select 'Currency' from the list of categories
- Click on the dropdown menu under 'Symbol' and select '£ English' which will apply the pound symbol to your data
- You can also change the decimal places to what works best for your data. For this instance I have picked 0.
- Click 'OK' when you are happy with your format

Once you have done that the data will have the £ symbol and the number of decimal spaces that were specified.

- 1) Select column C by clicking on it
- 2) Right-click to bring up the menu
- 3) Select 'Number Format'

This will bring up the number format menu



£123,965 £115,874 £97,341 £90,044 £86,781 £84,600 £81,798 £71,549 £70,800 £68,628

Turn the GDP sheet into a table

Data in your worksheet can be turned into a table using pivot tables. This can also be used to isolate certain data on your table and turn them into charts.



Start by highlighting all of your data that you would like to be brought over to the pivot table.

You can do this by selecting the top left box and then pressing 'shift' 'ctrl' and then clicking the left and then right arrow key. This will select all of your data and it will be highlighted like this.

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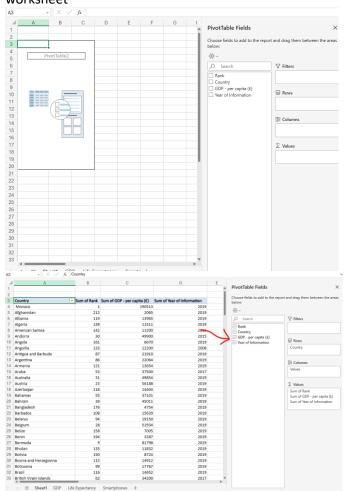
You can then create a pivot table by selecting:

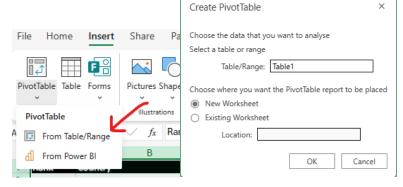
- 1) Inserts
- 2) PivotTable
- From Table/Range (this is the range that has been highlighted)

Then a 'Create PivotTable' window will pop up.

- 4) Click on new worksheet
- 5) OK

This will open a pivot table on a new worksheet





You can find your new worksheet using the tabs at the bottom of the screen.

When you open the tab it will be blank with a menu on the left where you can select pivot table fields.

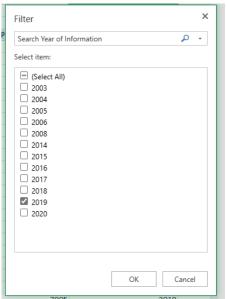
To create a table including all the data from your sheet, click on the checkbox for all the fields and then you will have a table!

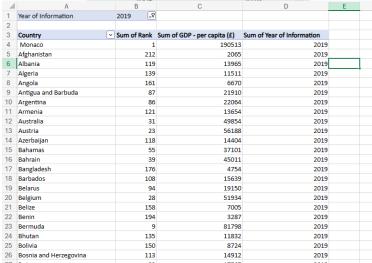
Filter the table to display only the information for 2019

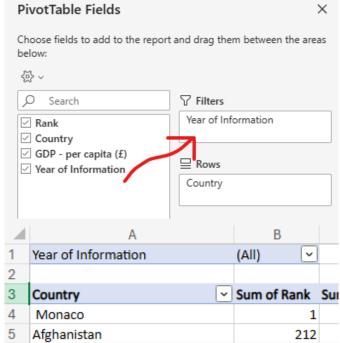
Under your Pivot Table field list you can add a filter so that you are able to filter your data to show what's most helpful.

To only display information from 2019 I first dragged over year of information to the filter box.

There will now show a drop-down menu on your table where you can filter by year of information.



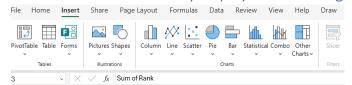




When you click on the dropdown arrow this box will pop up where you can select or deselect the years which you want included in your table. As a default it will select everything so here I have deselected everything except for 2019. Click okay at the bottom of the box when you are happy with your selection.

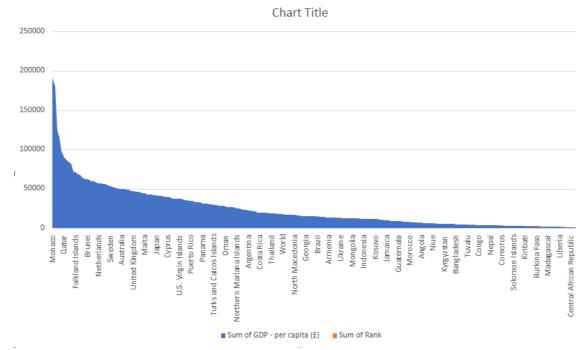
Now only data from 2019 will show on your table.

Create a chart that will only display the following data 'Rank, Country and GDP – per capita (PPP)'.

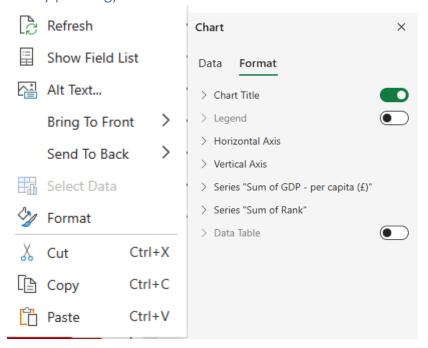


For my chart I went under other charts and selected an area chart as I believe this is the best chart to use for this visualisation.

This chart shows the countries on the horizontal axis sorted in order of rank (ascending) and GDP on the vertical axis.

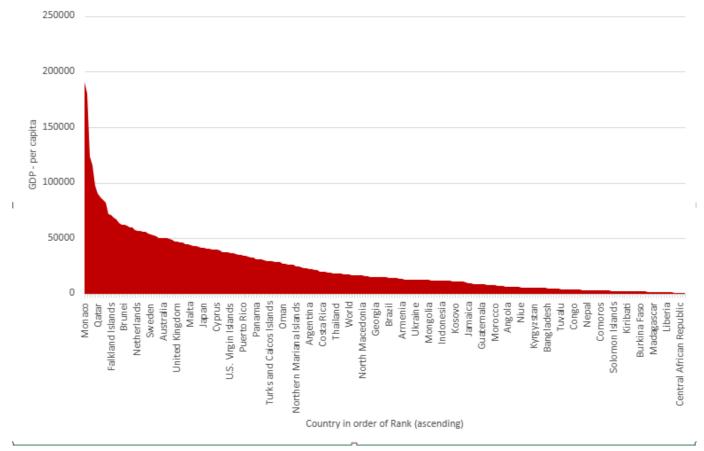


Using your creative skills edit the chart (a. Add a title, b. add X and Y axis label, c. make the chart visually pleasing)



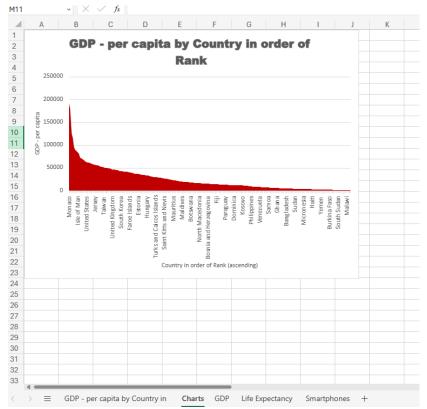
To make the chart more visually appealing and to add more information so that it is clearer, I edited the format of the chart. You can find the options to format the table by right clicking on the chart and clicking on 'format'. This will bring up a menu of options on the right of the screen where we can edit the chart in each category.





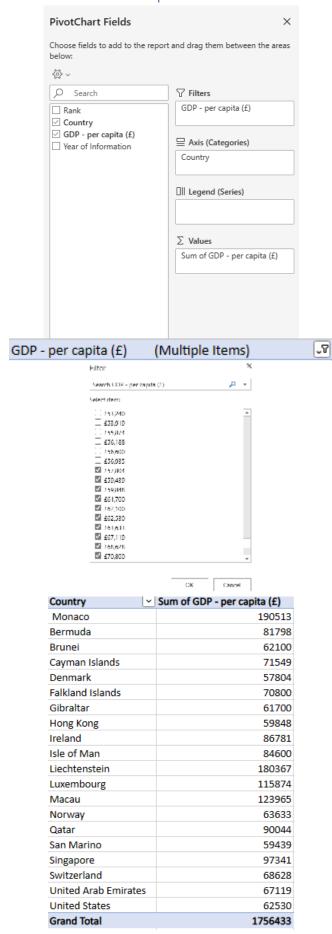
Above is my final chart. I have added a title with a clear and bold font. I have added labels on both axis so that each one is clear, I have also changed the colour of the chart to red

Move the chat to a new sheet tab and label with a suitable name



Now that I am happy with the chart I have moved it to a new sheet. You can add a new sheet by clicking the '+' at the bottom of the page. I copied the chart from the pivot table and added it to this new sheet. I've titled this sheet 'Charts'. Any new charts that I create can be added to this sheet and now I can view all of my charts in one place if I wish to present them.

Create a sort for the top 20 countries

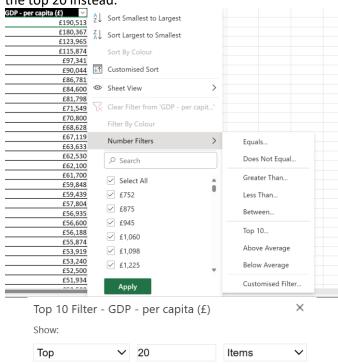


To filter the top 20 countries on a pivot table:

- Go to your Pivot table field and drag GDP over to Filter
- 2) An arrow will come up above your table. Click on this arrow
- 3) A list of the GDPs will come up. Here you can select the top 20. When you are happy click 'OK'
- 4) Your table is now left with only the data for the countries which are in the top 20 for GDP

NOTE:

On the main GDP sheet you can find the top 20 in an easier way where you can click on the filter arrow for the GDP column. Using the number filter select 'Top 10' and you can edit in the menu that pops up to look at the top 20 instead.



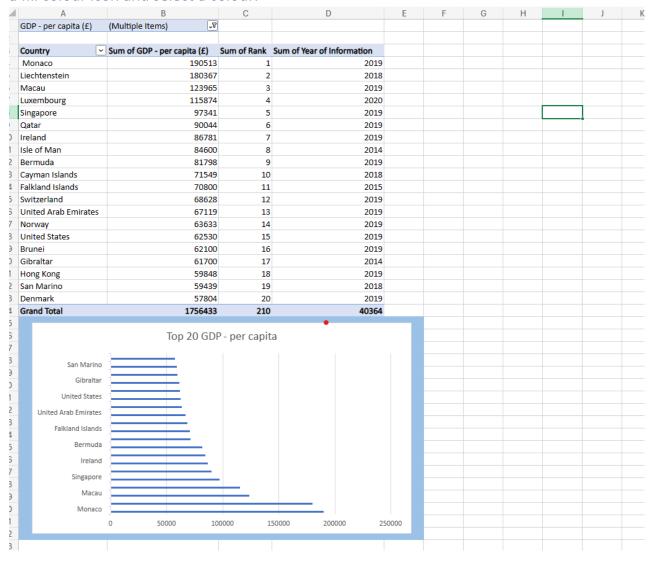
OK

Cancel

Next create a new bar chart to display the 20 highest ranking countries from your sort and then move the chart to be underneath the table

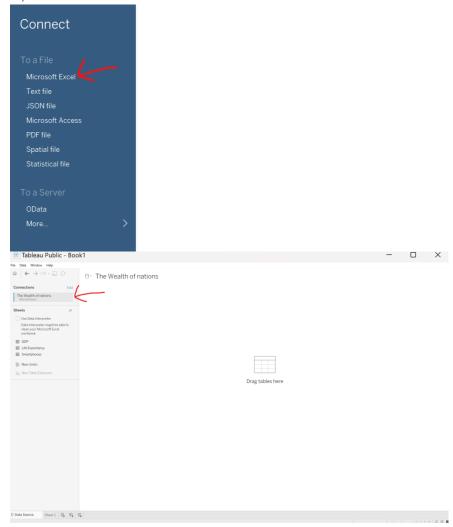
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Luxembourg		11587	4 4	2020				\top
Singapore		9734						+
Qatar		9004						+
reland		8678						+
		8460						+
Isle of Man								+
Bermuda		8179						+
Cayman Islands		7154						+
Falkland Islands		7080						+
Switzerland		6862						_
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Norway		6363	3 14	2019				
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GDP Task - Tableau

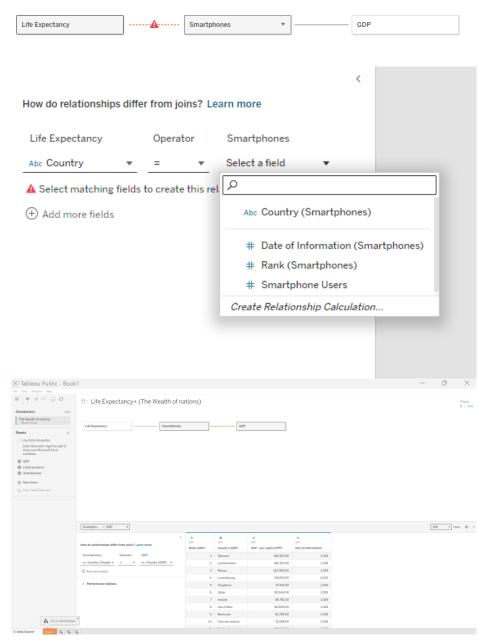
Import Data



When you open Tableau there is a menu on the left side which gives you the option to import data into Tableau. An Excel file is being used in this case to click on Microsoft Excel and select the file from the computer to import it.

When you have imported the file it should show on the left of your screen under 'connections' and below that a list of sheets which the data can be accessed from.

Set Relationships



You can select the data sheets that you wish to access by draging them into main part of the screen. Once all 3 which are being used have been dragged over it will come up with a warning symbol in-between. Click on the warning symbol and you will be able to select the matching fields. In this case for the 3 datasets 'Country' is a column that all of them have in common. Once that has been selected for each error then the sheets will be able to work together in the visualisations.

Check Data Types



The data types can be seen at towards the bottom right of the screen. There will be a table showing the data which Tableau has gotten from the Excel file.

The symbols above each column represent what type of data Tableau sees. Here you can check that it has been recognized as the correct datatype and change it if not by clicking on the symbol and choosing the correct one.

# Smartphones Rank (Smartphones)	Smartphones Country (Smartphones)	# Smartphones Smartphone Users	# Smartphones Date of Information (S
1	1,598,360,000	1,598,360,000	2,020
2	1,281,971,713	1,281,971,713	2,020
3	385,573,398	385,573,398	2,020
4	327,577,529	327,577,529	2,020
5	284,200,000	284,200,000	2,020
6	256,116,000	256,116,000	2,020
7	167,371,945	167,371,945	2,020
8	165,615,000	165,615,000	2,020
9	165,405,847	165,405,847	2,020

Here is a table showing the different symbols and what datatype each of them represents.

Icon	Data type
Abc	Text (string) values
	Date values
色	Date & Time values
#	Numerical values
Τ F	Boolean values (relational only)
•	Geographic values (used with maps)
2	Image role (used with image link URLs)
⊕ 2±	Cluster Group (used with Find Clusters in Data 🖾)

Source: (help.tableau.com, n.d.)

Client Requirements – Tableau

The client is colour blind and requested you to bear this in mind when building your dashboard. The client is only interested in the top 20 highest ranking countries. All your visuals should be for the top 20 highest ranking countries.

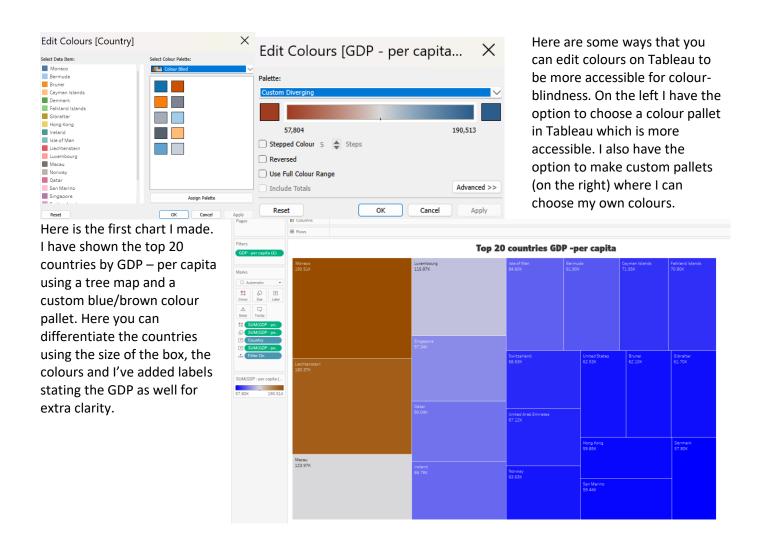
Creating charts

When creating the visualisations according to the client requirements there are a few things to consider. The client mentioned only being interested in the top 20 highest ranking countries. For each of the categories on the spreadsheet (GDP, Life Expectancy and Smartphones) there is a different top 20. Also some of the top 20 in GDP

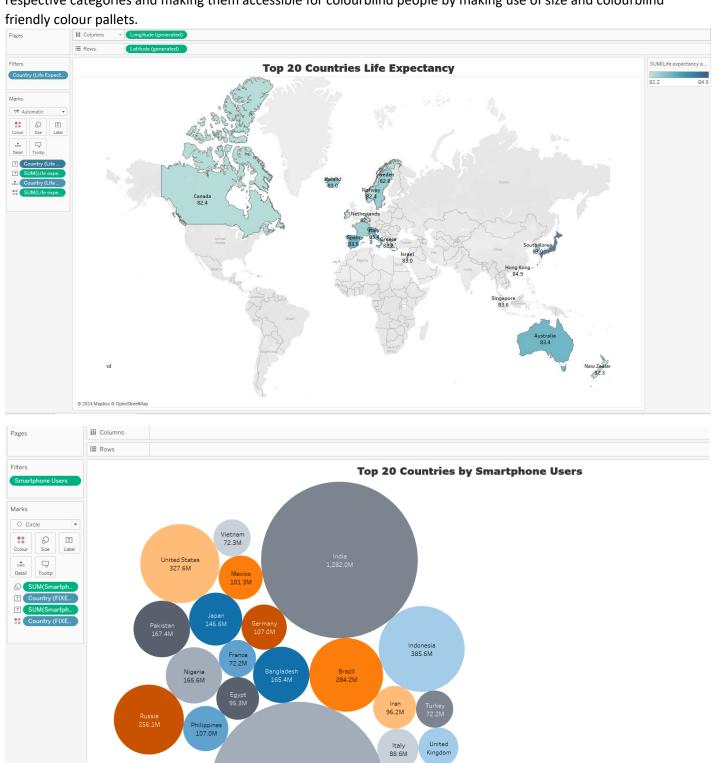
have no data for the other category, so it doesn't give anything to compare against. In a situation with a client, it would be useful to ask for clarification as to which category of top 20 they wish to see (or is this for all categories) and to fill in any missing data where possible.

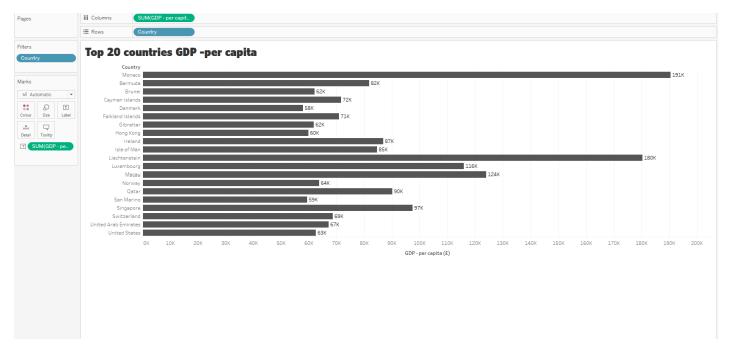
When it comes to catering a visualisation to be accessible for people who are colourblind, there are a few things to consider here as well, especially if being able to tell the difference between the colours is important to fully understanding the chart. One way to cater for this is to avoid making charts which rely on being able to differentiate colour to understand them. Using other tools such as size and labels for example can be accessible and understood the same between those with colour-blindness and those without.

When making use of colour may be useful, there are a few ways of doing this which may be useful to a person who is colourblind. There are several types of colour-blindness so if this is for a specific person it is useful to ask which type of colour-blindness affects them. Otherwise, there are some general rules that you can follow. Red/green colour-blindness is the most common, so avoiding using these colours together can be helpful. Red, green and orange to some people can appear to be brown, so they aren't helpful to differentiate categories. There are some colourblind friendly pallets such as, blue/orange, blue/red and blue/brown which can be seen more easily for those with partial colour-blindness. Otherwise making use of different shades can be a good way to differentiate different data clearly to everyone (Tableau, n.d.).



Following I have shown the rest of my Tableau visualisations. Each of them only includes the top 20 countries in their respective categories and making them accessible for colourblind people by making use of size and colourblind friendly colour pallets.

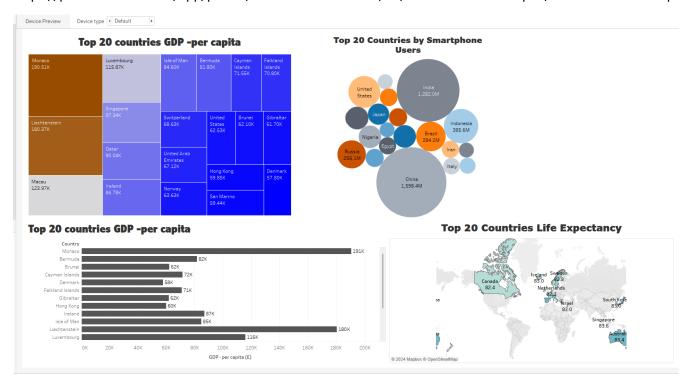




Building the Dashboard

Here is my final dashboard with all of those visualisations put together. You can have a closer look at my dashboard on my Tableau public website below:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/emma.kaas.andersen/viz/WealthofNationsTop20/WealthofNationsTop20



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