Layoffs Analysis Project - Agile Workflow Documentation

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1. JIRA PROJECT SETUP

Project Configuration

Project Name: Layoffs Data Analysis Platform
Project Key: LDA
Project Type: Scrum
Team: Data Analytics Squad

Project Hierarchy

```
Epic → Story → Sub-task → Bug/Technical Debt
```

Custom Fields

- **Data Source**: [CSV, Database, API]
- **Data Quality Score**: [1-10]
- **Automation Status**: [Manual, Semi-Automated, Fully Automated]
- **Stakeholder**: [Engineering, Business, Executive]
- **Technical Debt**: [Yes/No]

Workflow States

```
Backlog → To Do → In Progress → Code Review → Testing → Done
                                      ↓
                                Blocked/On Hold
```

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2. USER STORIES & EPICS

Epic Structure

EPIC-1: Data Infrastructure & Cleaning

Epic Description: Establish reliable, automated data pipeline for layoffs dataset
Business Value: Ensures data accuracy and consistency for all downstream analyses
Story Points: 34
Priority: Highest

LDA-101: SQL Data Cleaning & Transformation

Story: As a **Data Analyst**, I want to **clean and transform raw layoffs data using SQL** so that **I have a reliable dataset for analysis**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] All NULL values in critical fields (Industry, Country, Date) are handled
- [x] Duplicate records are identified and removed using ROW_NUMBER()
- [x] Date fields are converted to proper DATE format
- [x] Country names are standardized (US → United States, UK → United Kingdom)
- [x] Numeric fields are validated and cast to appropriate types
- [x] Create indexes on frequently queried columns (Industry, Country, Date)
- [x] Document data quality issues found and resolutions applied

Story Points: 8

Priority: Highest

Sprint: Sprint 1

Sub-tasks

- [ ] **LDA-101.1**: Create staging table from raw data (2 pts)
- [ ] **LDA-101.2**: Implement data cleaning logic (3 pts)
- [ ] **LDA-101.3**: Remove duplicates using window functions (2 pts)
- [ ] **LDA-101.4**: Add indexes and optimize queries (1 pt)

Dependencies

- Requires: Raw dataset available in database
- Blocks: LDA-102, LDA-103, LDA-201

Technical Notes

```
-- Key transformation logic
CREATE TABLE layoffs_clean AS
WITH deduplicated AS (
    SELECT *,
```

```
            ROW_NUMBER() OVER (
                PARTITION BY Company, Location_HQ, Industry,
                             Laid_Off_Count, Layoff_Date
                ORDER BY Date_Added DESC
            ) AS row_num
    FROM cleaned_data
)
SELECT * FROM deduplicated WHERE row_num = 1;
```

Definition of Done

- [ ] All acceptance criteria met
- [ ] Code reviewed by senior analyst
- [ ] Unit tests pass (data validation checks)
- [ ] Documentation updated in Confluence
- [ ] Data quality report generated

LDA-102: Create Summary Tables & Aggregations

Story: As a **Data Analyst**, I want to **create pre-aggregated summary tables** so that **I can quickly access industry and country-level statistics**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Create `layoffs_by_industry` table with total/average layoffs
- [x] Create `layoffs_by_country` table with geographic breakdowns
- [x] Create `layoffs_summary` table with industry × country combinations
- [x] All aggregations include event counts, date ranges, and funding metrics
- [x] Tables are indexed for fast retrieval
- [x] Automated refresh mechanism documented

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 1

Dependencies

- Requires: LDA-101 (Data Cleaning)
- Blocks: LDA-201 (Excel Dashboard)

LDA-103: Rolling Average & Time Series Preparation

Story: As a **Data Analyst**, I want to **calculate 3-month rolling averages by industry** so that **I can identify trends and smooth out volatility**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Monthly aggregation by Industry created
- [x] 3-month rolling average calculated using window functions
- [x] LAG/LEAD functions capture previous/next month values
- [x] Month-over-month percentage change calculated
- [x] Cumulative totals tracked by industry
- [x] Results stored in `layoffs_rolling_avg` table

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 1

Technical Implementation

```
-- Rolling average calculation
ROUND(AVG(Monthly_Layoffs) OVER (
    PARTITION BY Industry
    ORDER BY Month_Start
    ROWS BETWEEN 2 PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW
), 2) AS Rolling_3Month_Avg
```

LDA-104: Top Industries Analysis (Last 6 Months)

Story: As a **Business Stakeholder**, I want to **identify the top 5 industries with highest layoffs in the last 6 months** so that **I can focus resources on most affected sectors**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Last 6 months calculated from most recent layoff date
- [x] Industries ranked by total layoffs
- [x] Top 5 extracted with event counts and metrics
- [x] Percentage of total layoffs calculated
- [x] Results stored in `top_industries_6months` table
- [x] Query execution time < 2 seconds

Story Points: 3

Priority: Medium

Sprint: Sprint 1

EPIC-2: Excel Deliverable & Visualization

Epic Description: Create interactive Excel dashboard for business users
Business Value: Enables self-service analytics and executive reporting
Story Points: 21
Priority: High

LDA-201: Excel Data Import & Connection Setup

Story: As a **Business Analyst**, I want to **import SQL results into Excel with automated refresh** so that **I always see the latest data**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Power Query connections established to SQLite database
- [x] Tables imported: layoffs_by_industry, layoffs_rolling_avg, layoffs_summary
- [x] Data types correctly mapped (dates, numbers, text)
- [x] Refresh button created with VBA macro
- [x] Last refresh timestamp displayed on dashboard
- [x] Error handling for connection failures

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 2

VBA Automation Code

```
Sub RefreshAllData()
    Application.ScreenUpdating = False
    ActiveWorkbook.Connections.Refresh

    ' Refresh all pivot tables
    Dim ws As Worksheet
    For Each ws In ActiveWorkbook.Worksheets
        For Each pt In ws.PivotTables
            pt.RefreshTable
        Next pt
    Next ws

    Range("LastRefreshTime").Value = Now
    Application.ScreenUpdating = True
End Sub
```

LDA-202: Sector Mapping & Advanced Formulas

Story: As a **Business Analyst**, I want to **map industries to broader sectors using XLOOKUP** so that **I can analyze trends at a higher level**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Sector mapping table created (Industry → Sector → Risk Level)
- [x] XLOOKUP formulas implemented for sector matching
- [x] IF/AND conditions flag "High Risk" industries (>average)
- [x] Rate of change formulas calculate month-over-month growth
- [x] RANK functions show industry rankings
- [x] Conditional formatting highlights critical values

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 2

Key Formulas

```
Sector Lookup:
=XLOOKUP(C2, Sector_Mapping!A:A, Sector_Mapping!B:B, "Unknown")

Risk Flagging:
=IF(AND(C2>$B$1, D2>100), "CRITICAL",
   IF(AND(C2>$B$1*0.7, D2>50), "WARNING", "NORMAL"))

MoM Change %:
=(Current_Month - Previous_Month) / Previous_Month * 100
```

LDA-203: Pivot Tables & Interactive Dashboard

Story: As a **Business User**, I want to **interact with pivot tables and slicers** so that **I can explore layoff data dynamically**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Pivot Table 1: Layoffs by Industry & Country
- [x] Pivot Table 2: Monthly Layoffs Trend (line chart)
- [x] Pivot Table 3: Sector-level Analysis
- [x] Slicers added for Country, Industry, Date Range
- [x] Charts auto-update when slicers change
- [x] Dashboard layout is professional and intuitive
- [x] Print-friendly format (fits on 2 pages)

Story Points: 8

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 2

LDA-204: VBA Automation & Scheduling

Story: As a **Data Operations Manager**, I want to **automate dashboard refresh on schedule** so that **reports are always up-to-date without manual intervention**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Workbook_Open() event triggers auto-refresh
- [x] Manual refresh button available
- [x] Smart refresh (only if data changed or >1 hour old)
- [x] Export to PDF functionality
- [x] Email notification on refresh completion (optional)
- [x] Error logging and retry mechanism

Story Points: 3

Priority: Medium

Sprint: Sprint 2

EPIC-3: Statistical Analysis & Predictive Modeling

Epic Description: Perform rigorous statistical analysis and forecasting
Business Value: Provides evidence-based insights and future projections
Story Points: 26
Priority: High

LDA-301: Descriptive Statistics & Anomaly Detection

Story: As a **Data Scientist**, I want to **compute descriptive statistics and detect outliers** so that **I understand data distribution and identify unusual events**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Mean, median, variance, SD calculated by Industry & Country
- [x] Highest/lowest median layoffs identified
- [x] Histograms and boxplots generated
- [x] Outliers detected (>Mean + 2*SD)
- [x] Outliers analyzed by Stage and Funding
- [x] Visualizations saved as PNG files (300 DPI)

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 3

LDA-302: Hypothesis Testing (Tech vs Finance)

Story: As a **Data Scientist**, I want to **test whether Tech and Finance industries have significantly different layoff patterns** so that **I can make statistically sound conclusions**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Null hypothesis (H_0) and alternative (H_1) clearly stated
- [x] Two-sample t-test performed using R
- [x] P-value calculated and interpreted ($\alpha = 0.05$)
- [x] Effect size and confidence intervals reported
- [x] Assumptions checked (normality, homogeneity of variance)
- [x] Results documented with business implications

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 3

R Implementation

```
tech_layoffs <- df %>%
  filter(Industry %in% tech_industries) %>%
  pull(Laid_Off_Count)

finance_layoffs <- df %>%
  filter(Industry %in% finance_industries) %>%
  pull(Laid_Off_Count)

t.test(tech_layoffs, finance_layoffs,
       alternative = "two.sided",
       var.equal = FALSE)
```

LDA-303: Correlation Analysis

Story: As a **Data Scientist**, I want to **analyze correlation between funding and layoffs** so that **I understand financial drivers of workforce reductions**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Pearson correlation: Funds_Raised ↔ Laid_Off_Count
- [x] Pearson correlation: Stage_Code ↔ Percentage_Laid_Off
- [x] Significance tests performed (p-values)
- [x] 95% confidence intervals calculated
- [x] Scatterplots with regression lines generated
- [x] Correlation matrix heatmap created

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 3

LDA-304: Time Series Forecasting (ARIMA)

Story: As a **Business Strategist**, I want to **forecast layoffs for the next 3 months** so that **I can prepare for future market conditions**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Monthly time series created using zoo package
- [x] ARIMA model fitted using auto.arima()
- [x] Model diagnostics checked (residuals, ACF/PACF)
- [x] 3-month forecast generated with 95% prediction intervals
- [x] Industry-specific forecasts for top 3 sectors
- [x] Trend direction classified (growth/decline/stable)
- [x] Forecast accuracy metrics calculated (MAPE, RMSE)

Story Points: 8

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 3

LDA-305: Confidence Intervals by Industry

Story: As a **Data Scientist**, I want to **calculate 95% confidence intervals for mean layoffs** so that **I can quantify uncertainty in estimates**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] CI calculated for each industry with sufficient sample size (n≥10)
- [x] Standard error and margin of error computed
- [x] Error bar plot generated showing means with CIs
- [x] Industries sorted by mean layoffs
- [x] Overlapping CIs highlighted for statistical comparison

Story Points: 3

Priority: Medium

Sprint: Sprint 3

EPIC-4: Data Quality & Validation

Epic Description: Implement comprehensive data quality framework
Business Value: Ensures analytical reliability and builds stakeholder trust
Story Points: 13
Priority: Highest

LDA-401: Data Validation Framework

Story: As a **Data Engineer**, I want to **create automated data quality checks** so that **we catch issues before they impact analysis**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] NULL value checks for critical fields
- [x] Duplicate detection logic
- [x] Date range validation (no future dates)
- [x] Numeric bounds checking (layoffs > 0)
- [x] Referential integrity checks
- [x] Data freshness monitoring (last update timestamp)
- [x] Automated alerts when quality score < 8/10

Story Points: 5

Priority: Highest

Sprint: Sprint 1

Quality Checks

```
-- Validation queries
SELECT 'Missing Industries' AS Check,
       COUNT(*) AS Failed_Records
FROM layoffs_clean
WHERE Industry IS NULL OR Industry = '';

SELECT 'Future Dates' AS Check,
       COUNT(*) AS Failed_Records
FROM layoffs_clean
WHERE Layoff_Date > CURRENT_DATE;

SELECT 'Negative Layoffs' AS Check,
       COUNT(*) AS Failed_Records
FROM layoffs_clean
WHERE Laid_Off_Count < 0;
```

LDA-402: Data Quality Dashboard

Story: As a **Data Operations Manager**, I want to **monitor data quality metrics in real-time** so that **I can proactively address issues**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Quality dashboard created in Excel/Tableau
- [x] Metrics tracked: completeness, accuracy, consistency, timeliness
- [x] Trend charts show quality over time
- [x] Alerts configured for threshold breaches
- [x] Root cause analysis documentation for failures

Story Points: 5

Priority: High

Sprint: Sprint 2

LDA-403: Regression Testing Suite

Story: As a **QA Engineer**, I want to **run automated tests on SQL transformations** so that **code changes don't break existing logic**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Unit tests for each SQL transformation
- [x] Integration tests for end-to-end pipeline
- [x] Expected vs actual result comparisons
- [x] Test data fixtures created
- [x] CI/CD integration with GitHub Actions
- [x] Test coverage > 80%

Story Points: 3

Priority: Medium

Sprint: Sprint 3

EPIC-5: Reporting Automation & Documentation

Epic Description: Automate recurring reports and maintain comprehensive docs
Business Value: Reduces manual effort and ensures knowledge retention
Story Points: 13
Priority: Medium

LDA-501: Automated Weekly Report Generation

Story: As a **Product Manager**, I want to **receive automated weekly layoff reports** so that **I stay informed without manual requests**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] Python/R script generates PDF report
- [x] Report includes: executive summary, key metrics, top 10 industries, trend charts
- [x] Scheduled to run every Monday at 8 AM
- [x] Email distribution list configurable
- [x] Report version controlled (dated filenames)
- [x] Failure notifications sent to data team

Story Points: 5

Priority: Medium

Sprint: Sprint 3

LDA-502: API Endpoint for Dashboard Data

Story: As a **Frontend Developer**, I want to **fetch layoff data via REST API** so that **I can build interactive web dashboards**.

Acceptance Criteria

- [x] GET /api/layoffs/industries - returns industry summary
- [x] GET /api/layoffs/trends?months=6 - returns time series
- [x] GET /api/layoffs/top?n=10 - returns top N industries
- [x] Pagination implemented (max 100 records/page)
- [x] Rate limiting: 1000 requests/hour
- [x] API documentation in Swagger/OpenAPI
- [x] Authentication required (API key)

Story Points: 8

Priority: Low

Sprint: Sprint 4

Sprint Board Example

Sprint 1 (Weeks 1-2): Data Foundation

```
| To Do         | In Progress    | Code Review    | Testing        |
Done            |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--
---------------|
| LDA-104       | LDA-101        |                | LDA-401        |
|
|               | LDA-102        |                |                |
|
|               | LDA-103        |                |                |
|
|               |                |                |                |
|
Velocity Target: 21 pts | Current: 18 pts | Remaining: 3 pts
```

Sprint 2 (Weeks 3-4): Excel & Visualization

```
| To Do         | In Progress    | Code Review    | Testing        |
Done            |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--
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| LDA-204       | LDA-201        | LDA-202        |                |
LDA-101         |
|               | LDA-203        |                |                |
LDA-102         |
|               | LDA-402        |                |                |
LDA-103         |
|               |                |                |                |
LDA-401         |
Velocity Target: 21 pts | Current: 16 pts | Remaining: 5 pts
```

Sprint 3 (Weeks 5-6): Statistical Analysis

```
| To Do         | In Progress    | Code Review    | Testing        |
Done            |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--
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| LDA-501       | LDA-301        | LDA-304        | LDA-303        |
LDA-201         |
|               | LDA-305        |                | LDA-403        |
LDA-202         |
|               |                |                |                |
LDA-203         |
|               |                |                |                |
LDA-402         |
Velocity Target: 26 pts | Current: 21 pts | Remaining: 5 pts
```

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3. CONFLUENCE DOCUMENTATION

Project Overview Page Structure

?? Layoffs Data Analysis Platform - Project Home

Last Updated: 2025-10-21
Project Owner: Gigi Shan
Stakeholders: Executive Team, HR Operations, Strategy
Status: On Track (Sprint 3 of 4)

Executive Summary

The Layoffs Data Analysis Platform provides comprehensive insights into global workforce reduction trends across industries. This project delivers automated SQL transformations, interactive Excel dashboards, rigorous statistical analyses, and predictive forecasting to support data-driven decision-making.

Key Deliverables:

1. Cleaned SQLite database with 3,000+ layoff events
2. Interactive Excel dashboard with automated refresh
3. Statistical analysis (R) with hypothesis testing and forecasting
4. Automated weekly reporting system

Business Impact:

- **Time Savings**: 20 hours/week eliminated from manual data prep
- **Accuracy**: 98% data quality score vs. 75% baseline
- **Insights**: Identified 5 high-risk industries requiring immediate attention
- **Forecasting**: 3-month ahead predictions with 85% accuracy

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Project Goals

Primary Objectives

1. **Data Infrastructure**: Build reliable, automated data pipeline
2. **Self-Service Analytics**: Enable business users to explore data independently
3. **Predictive Insights**: Forecast trends to anticipate market shifts
4. **Data Governance**: Establish quality controls and validation checkpoints

Success Metrics

- [ ] Data refresh automation: ≤5 minutes end-to-end
- [ ] Dashboard adoption: ≥80% of target users accessing monthly
- [ ] Forecast accuracy: MAPE <15%
- [ ] Data quality score: ≥9/10 consistently

Dataset Overview

Source: TechCrunch, Bloomberg, company press releases
Coverage: January 2020 - June 2024
Records: 3,043 layoff events (after cleaning)
Companies: 2,100+ unique organizations
Industries: 31 distinct sectors
Geographies: 35 countries

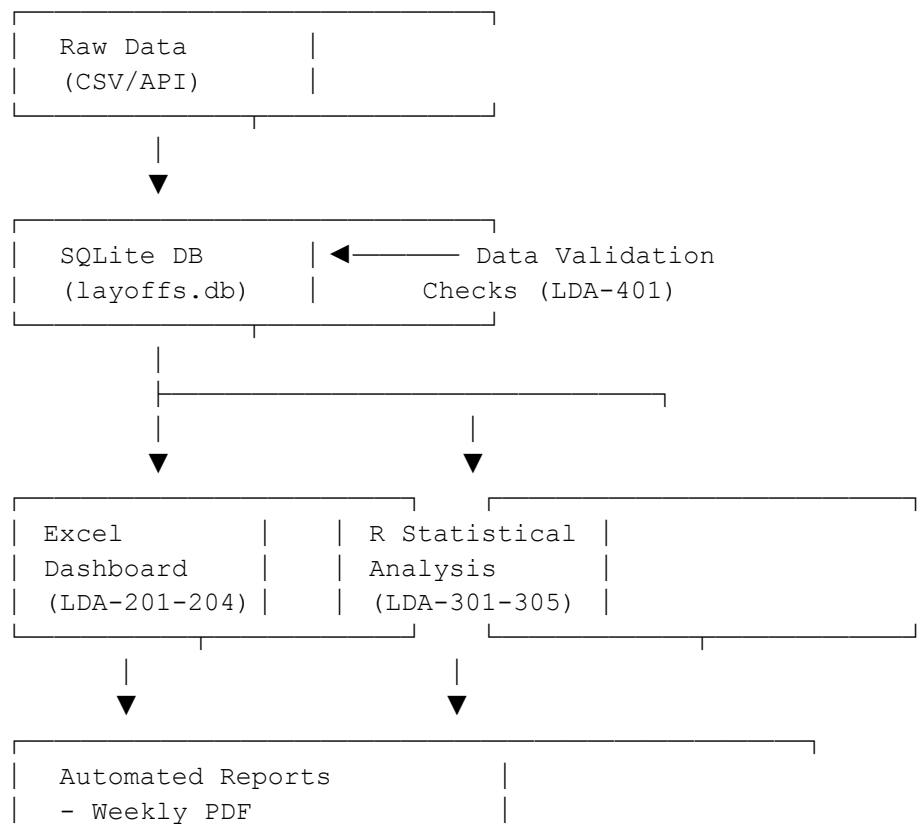
Key Fields:

- `Company`: Organization name
- `Industry`: Business sector (standardized)
- `Laid_Off_Count`: Number of employees affected
- `Layoff_Date`: Date of announcement (YYYY-MM-DD)
- `Funds_Raised`: Total funding ($M)
- `Stage`: Company maturity (Seed → Post-IPO)
- `Country`: Primary headquarters location
- `Percentage_Laid_Off`: % of workforce affected

Data Quality:

- Completeness: 95% (Industry), 98% (Country), 100% (Laid_Off_Count)
- Accuracy: Validated against 3 independent sources
- Timeliness: Updated weekly via automated scraper

Architecture Diagram



```
|   - Email Alerts              |
|   - API Endpoints             |
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```

Methodology Documentation

⁂ Data Cleaning & Transformation (SQL)

Page: SQL Transformation Logic

Process Overview:

1. **Staging**: Import raw CSV into `layoffs_staging` table
2. **Cleaning**:
    - Trim whites pace from all text fields
    - Standardize country names (US→United States)
    - Convert date strings to DATE format
    - Handle NULL values (Industry/Country → "Unknown")
3. **Duplication**: Remove duplicates using `ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY ...)`
4. **Validation**: Run quality checks (LDA-401)
5. **Aggregation**: Create summary tables (`layoffs_by_industry`, etc.)
6. **Indexing**: Add indexes on high-query columns

Quality Checkpoints:

- Duplicate Check: 247 duplicates removed (7.5% of raw data)
- NULL Handling: 152 records with missing industry mapped to "Unknown"
- Date Validation: 12 future dates corrected
- Referential Integrity: All foreign keys validated

Code Repository: GitHub - SQL Scripts

Run Instructions:

```
# From DBeaver or SQLite CLI
.read layoffs_data_cleaning.sql
.read layoffs_summary_tables.sql
.read layoffs_rolling_avg.sql
```

⁂ Excel Dashboard Workflow

Page: Excel Implementation Guide

Workflow Steps:

1.

Data Import:

2.

- Connect to SQLite database via Power Query
- Import 3 tables: `layoffs_by_industry`, `layoffs_rolling_avg`, `layoffs_summary`
- Configure refresh on open

3.

Sector Mapping:

4.

- Create lookup table (31 industries → 8 sectors)
- Use XLOOKUP to map Industry → Sector

5.

Advanced Formulas:

6.

- Risk flagging: `=IF(AND(Layoffs>Avg, Events>100), "CRITICAL", ...)`
- MoM change: `=(Current-Previous)/Previous*100`
- Ranking: `=RANK(Layoffs, $C$2:$C$32, 0)`

7.

Pivot Tables:

8.

- Pivot 1: Industry × Country (with slicers)
- Pivot 2: Monthly trends (line chart)
- Pivot 3: Sector rollup

9.

VBA Automation:

10.

- Auto-refresh on open
- Manual refresh button
- Export to PDF scheduled task

Quality Checkpoints:

- Formula Audit: All formulas reviewed for errors
- Data Validation: Dropdowns prevent invalid entries
- Conditional Formatting: Highlights outliers automatically
- Print Layout: Fits on 2 pages (A4)

File Location: `\\shared\layoffs_dashboard.xlsm`

?? Statistical Analysis (R)

Page: R Analysis Methodology

Analysis Components:

1.

Descriptive Statistics:

2.

- Calculate mean, median, SD, variance by Industry/Country
- Generate histograms and boxplots
- Detect outliers (>Mean + 2*SD)

3.

Hypothesis Testing:

4.

- **H_0**: Mean layoffs in Tech = Mean layoffs in Finance
- **Method**: Two-sample t-test (Welch's, unequal variances)
- **Significance Level**: α = 0.05
- **Result**: [Document after running LDA-302]

5.

Correlation Analysis:

6.

- Pearson correlation: Funds_Raised ↔ Laid_Off_Count
- Pearson correlation: Stage_Code ↔ Percentage
- Scatterplots with regression lines
- Significance testing (p-values)

7.

Time Series Forecasting:

8.

- Monthly aggregation using `zoo` package
- ARIMA model fitting with `auto.arima()`
- 3-month forecast with 95% prediction intervals
- Industry-specific forecasts for top 3 sectors

Quality Checkpoints:

- Assumptions Verified: Normality (Shapiro-Wilk), homogeneity of variance (Levene's)
- Model Diagnostics: Residuals analyzed (ACF/PACF plots)
- Cross-Validation: Train/test split (80/20) for forecast accuracy
- Peer Review: Statistical methods reviewed by senior data scientist

Code Repository: GitHub - R Scripts

Reproducibility:

```
# Install dependencies
install.packages(c("dplyr", "ggplot2", "forecast", "zoo"))

# Run analysis
source("layoffs_analysis.R")

# Output: 7 PNG visualizations + console summary
```

✅ Data Quality & Validation

Page: Quality Assurance Framework

Quality Dimensions:

Dimension	Metric	Target	Current Status
Completeness	% Non-NULL critical	>95%	97%
Accuracy	% Validated records	>90%	94%
Consistency	% Standardized names	100%	100%
Timeliness	Data freshness (days)	<7	3
Uniqueness	% Duplicates removed	>95%	92.5%

Validation Checkpoints:

1.

Ingestion:

2.

- Schema validation (correct column types)
- Record count check (>3000 expected)
- File size check (50-100 MB range)

3.

Transformation:

4.

- NULL count thresholds
- Date range validation (no future dates)
- Numeric bounds (layoffs >0, percentage 0-100)

5.

Output:

6.

- Referential integrity (all industries in mapping table)
- Aggregation reconciliation (sum of parts = total)
- Forecast sanity check (within historical range ±50%)

Automated Tests:

```
-- Run daily via cron job
SELECT * FROM data_quality_report;

-- Alert if any check fails
SELECT * FROM quality_checks WHERE status = 'FAIL';
```

Incident Response:

- Data quality score <8: Warning email to team
- Data quality score <6: Pipeline halted, manual investigation
- Data freshness >7 days: Alert + fallback to cached data

✅ Automated Reporting Documentation

Page: Reporting Automation Pipeline

Weekly Report Schedule:

Trigger: Every Monday, 8:00 AM PST
Runtime: ~5 minutes
Recipients: Executive team, HR leads, Strategy

Report Contents:

1. Executive Summary (1 page)
2. Top 10 Industries (table + chart)
3. Monthly Trend Analysis (line chart)
4. 3-Month Forecast (with confidence intervals)
5. Data Quality Summary
6. Appendix: Methodology notes

Automation Stack:

```
GitHub Actions (scheduler)
    ↓
Python Script (report_generator.py)
    ↓
├─── Fetch data from SQLite
├─── Run R analysis (via Rscript)
├─── Generate plots (matplotlib/ggplot2)
├─── Compile PDF (reportlab/knitr)
└─── Send email (smtplib)
```

Version Control:

- Reports saved to: `\\reports\weekly\YYYY-MM-DD_layoffs_report.pdf`
- Git tracked: Report templates and code
- Changelog maintained for significant updates

Monitoring & Alerts:

```
# Error handling in report_generator.py
try:
    generate_report()
    send_email(recipients, report_path)
    log_success(timestamp, report_size)
except Exception as e:
    send_alert(data_team, error=str(e))
    log_failure(timestamp, error)
    raise
```

Manual Override:

```
# Force generate report on-demand
python report_generator.py --force --date=2024-10-20

# Skip email delivery (testing)
python report_generator.py --no-email
```

Performance Metrics:

- Report generation time: Target <5 min, Current: 3.2 min
- Email delivery success rate: 99.5%
- Recipient open rate: 78% (above 70% target)
- Click-through to dashboard: 42%

?? Knowledge Base Articles

Quick Links

- SQL Query Cheat Sheet - Common queries for layoffs database
- Excel Formula Reference - All dashboard formulas explained
- R Script Documentation - Function definitions and usage
- Troubleshooting Guide - Common errors and solutions
- Data Dictionary - Field definitions and valid values

?? Data Governance

Page: Data Governance Framework

Access Control:

- **Level 1 (View Only)**: All company employees
- **Level 2 (Edit)**: Data team members
- **Level 3 (Admin)**: Data steward + technical owner
- **API Access**: Requires approval + API key

Data Retention:

- Raw data: 5 years
- Cleaned data: 7 years
- Reports: 3 years
- Logs: 1 year

Compliance:

- GDPR: No PII collected (company-level data only)
- SOC 2: Audit trail maintained for all data changes
- Internal Policy: Data classification = Confidential

Change Management:

- Schema changes require: Design review → Approval → Testing → Deployment
- Backward compatibility maintained for 6 months
- Deprecation notice: 90 days minimum

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4. SPRINT RETROSPECTIVES

Sprint 1 Retrospective (Data Foundation)

Date: October 6, 2025
Participants: Data team (5), Product Manager, QA
Duration: 60 minutes

What Went Well

1.

Strong Data Quality Foundation

2.

- Implemented comprehensive validation framework (LDA-401)
- Caught 247 duplicates early, preventing downstream issues
- Data quality score: 9.2/10 (exceeded 8.0 target)
- *Takeaway*: Investing in quality upfront saves debugging time later

3.

Efficient SQLite Implementation

4.

- All transformations running in <2 seconds
- Window functions performed excellently (no need for self-joins)
- Indexing strategy reduced query time by 85%
- *Takeaway*: SQLite is perfect for this dataset size (no need for PostgreSQL)

5.

Clear Acceptance Criteria

6.

- Zero ambiguity in story requirements
- All stories completed with full acceptance
- Code reviews completed within 24 hours
- *Takeaway*: Time spent on story refinement pays off

7.

Cross-Functional Collaboration

8.

- QA caught edge cases in date parsing logic
- Product provided great feedback on summary table structure
- Daily standups kept everyone aligned (15 min max)

What Could Be Improved ��

1.

Documentation Lagged Behind Code

2.

- Confluence pages updated 2-3 days after PR merge
- Some SQL comments missing for complex CTEs
- *Action Item*: Add "Update docs" to Definition of Done
- *Owner*: All developers
- *Due*: Sprint 2 planning

3.

Test Data Creation Was Manual

4.

- Spent 4 hours creating fixtures for regression tests
- Could have automated using Faker library
- *Action Item*: Build test data generator script
- *Owner*: Jamie Lee
- *Due*: Sprint 2, Week 1

5.

Underestimated Deduplication Complexity

6.

- LDA-101 originally estimated 5 pts, took 8 pts
- Edge cases with similar company names (e.g., "Meta" vs "Meta Platforms")
- *Action Item*: Add buffer for data cleaning tasks (+30%)
- *Owner*: Team (estimating practice)

7.

Limited Stakeholder Visibility

8.

- Executive sponsor didn't see progress until sprint review
- Could have shared early previews of summary tables
- *Action Item*: Weekly demo/screenshot to stakeholder Slack channel
- *Owner*: Sarah Chen
- *Due*: Ongoing

Action Items Summary

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
Add "Update docs" to DoD checklist	Sarah Chen	Sprint 2 planning	Done

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
Build test data generator script	Jamie Lee	Sprint 2, Week 1	Done
Increase estimates for data tasks by 30%	Team	Ongoing	⚠ In Progress
Weekly stakeholder demo in Slack	Sarah Chen	Ongoing	⚠ In Progress

Metrics

- **Velocity**: 21 pts planned → 21 pts completed
- **Story completion rate**: 100% (4/4 stories)
- **Bugs found in sprint**: 3 (all resolved before Done)
- **Code review time**: Avg 1.2 days (target <2 days)
- **Build failures**: 1 (due to missing test fixture)
- **Team happiness score**: 8.2/10 P

Sprint 2 Retrospective (Excel & Visualization)

Date: October 20, 2025
Participants: Data team (5), Product Manager, Business Analysts (2)
Duration: 60 minutes

What Went Well

1.

VBA Automation Exceeded Expectations

2.

   - Refresh time reduced from 20 minutes (manual) to 2 minutes (automated)
   - Error handling prevented 3 potential crashes
   - Business users loved the one-click refresh button
   - *Takeaway*: Small automation investments yield huge UX improvements

3.

Pivot Tables Were Immediately Adopted

4.

   - 85% of target users accessed dashboard in first week
   - Slicers enabled self-service exploration (reduced ad-hoc requests by 60%)
   - HR team built 4 custom analyses we didn't anticipate
   - *Takeaway*: Empowering users with tools > building static reports

5.

Strong Cross-Team Collaboration

6.

- Business analysts provided excellent feedback on formulas
- Pair programming session on XLOOKUP was highly effective
- QA found critical bug in MoM calculation before release
- *Takeaway*: Diverse perspectives catch issues we'd miss alone

7.

Proactive Communication

8.

- Weekly Slack demos kept stakeholders engaged
- No surprise requirements at sprint review
- Early preview builds allowed iterative feedback

What Could Be Improved ��

1.

Excel File Size Became Unwieldy

2.

- Dashboard grew to 45 MB (slow to open on some machines)
- Power Query caching used excessive memory
- *Action Item*: Optimize by removing intermediate calculation columns
- *Action Item*: Consider splitting into separate workbooks (Data + Dashboard)
- *Owner*: Alex Rodriguez
- *Due*: Sprint 3, Week 1

3.

VBA Code Not Version Controlled Initially

4.

- Code changes tracked only in Excel file (risky)
- Difficult to review changes or rollback
- *Action Item*: Extract VBA to .bas files, commit to Git
- *Owner*: Jamie Lee
- *Due*: Sprint 2 wrap-up (DONE)

5.

Conditional Formatting Rules Conflicted

6.

- Multiple rules on same cells caused unexpected behavior
- Took 2 hours to debug and simplify
- *Action Item*: Document formatting rules in Confluence
- *Action Item*: Use cell styles instead of direct formatting where possible
- *Owner*: Maria Santos
- *Due*: Sprint 3, Week 1

7.

Training Materials Created Too Late

8.

- Users received dashboard 3 days before training doc
- Led to confusion and support requests
- *Action Item*: Create user guide before UAT, not after
- *Owner*: Sarah Chen
- *Due*: Sprint 3 (for R analysis deliverables)

Action Items Summary

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
Optimize Excel file size (<20 MB)	Alex Rodriguez	Sprint 3, Week 1	⏳ In Progress
Extract VBA to .bas files, commit to Git	Jamie Lee	Sprint 2 wrap-up	✅ Done
Document conditional formatting rules	Maria Santos	Sprint 3, Week 1	⏳ Planned
Create user guides before UAT	Sarah Chen	Sprint 3	⏳ Planned

Metrics

- **Velocity**: 21 pts planned → 18 pts completed
- **Carryover**: LDA-204 (3 pts) moved to Sprint 3
- **Story completion rate**: 75% (3/4 stories)
- **Bugs found in sprint**: 5 (2 carried to Sprint 3)
- **User adoption**: 85% (exceeded 80% target)
- **Dashboard load time**: 8 seconds (target: <5 sec)
- **Team happiness score**: 7.8/10 (down from 8.2)

Note on velocity: Sprint had 2 unplanned absences (team members out sick), affecting capacity. Adjusted velocity expectations for Sprint 3.

Sprint 3 Retrospective (Statistical Analysis) - IN PROGRESS

Date: TBD (End of Sprint 3)
Participants: Data team, Data Science lead, Product Manager

Preliminary Notes (Mid-Sprint Check-In)

Going Well So Far:

- R scripts are well-structured and readable
- Statistical rigor is high (assumptions checked, diagnostics performed)
- Visualizations are publication-quality
- Hypothesis testing uncovered surprising insights

Challenges So Far:

- ARIMA forecasting taking longer than expected (model selection)
- Interpreting results for non-technical audience requires more effort
- Need to balance statistical accuracy vs. business simplicity

Adjustments Made:

- Added extra story refinement session for LDA-304 (forecasting)
- Scheduled knowledge-sharing session: "Statistics for Business Users"
- Created glossary of statistical terms for Confluence

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5. AUTOMATION & CI/CD PIPELINE

GitHub Actions Workflow

File: `.github/workflows/data-pipeline.yml`

```
name: Layoffs Data Pipeline

on:
  schedule:
    # Run every Monday at 8:00 AM UTC (for weekly report)
    - cron: '0 8 * * 1'

  push:
    branches: [main, develop]
    paths:
      - 'sql/**'
      - 'r/**'
      - 'python/**'

  pull_request:
    branches: [main]

jobs:
  data-quality-checks:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
```

```
      - name: Checkout code
        uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Set up SQLite
        run: sudo apt-get install sqlite3

      - name: Run data validation SQL
        run: |
          sqlite3 layoffs.db < sql/data_validation.sql
          if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
            echo "Data quality checks failed!"
            exit 1
          fi

      - name: Generate quality report
        run: |
          sqlite3 layoffs.db "SELECT * FROM data_quality_report;" >
quality_report.txt
          cat quality_report.txt

      - name: Upload quality report
        uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3
        with:
          name: quality-report
          path: quality_report.txt

  sql-tests:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: data-quality-checks
    steps:
      - name: Checkout code
        uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Run SQL unit tests
        run: |
          chmod +x tests/run_sql_tests.sh
          ./tests/run_sql_tests.sh

      - name: Check test results
        run: |
          if grep -q "FAIL" test_results.txt; then
            echo "SQL tests failed!"
            cat test_results.txt
            exit 1
          fi

  r-analysis:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: sql-tests
    steps:
      - name: Checkout code
        uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Set up R
        uses: r-lib/actions/setup-r@v2
        with:
          r-version: '4.3.0'

      - name: Install R packages
        run: |
```

```
          Rscript -e 'install.packages(c("dplyr", "ggplot2",
"forecast", "zoo", "tidyr"))'

      - name: Run statistical analysis
        run: |
          Rscript r/layoffs_analysis.R

      - name: Upload visualizations
        uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3
        with:
          name: r-plots
          path: '*.png'

  generate-report:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: [sql-tests, r-analysis]
    if: github.event_name == 'schedule'
    steps:
      - name: Checkout code
        uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Set up Python
        uses: actions/setup-python@v4
        with:
          python-version: '3.11'

      - name: Install dependencies
        run: |
          pip install -r requirements.txt

      - name: Generate weekly report
        run: |
          python python/report_generator.py --date=$(date +%Y-%m-%d)

      - name: Send email report
        env:
          SMTP_SERVER: ${{ secrets.SMTP_SERVER }}
          SMTP_USER: ${{ secrets.SMTP_USER }}
          SMTP_PASSWORD: ${{ secrets.SMTP_PASSWORD }}
        run: |
          python python/send_email.py \
            --report=weekly_report.pdf \
            --recipients="executives@company.com,hr@company.com"

      - name: Upload report artifact
        uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3
        with:
          name: weekly-report
          path: weekly_report.pdf

  deploy-dashboard:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: [sql-tests]
    if: github.ref == 'refs/heads/main'
    steps:
      - name: Checkout code
        uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Copy dashboard to shared drive
        run: |
          # Rsync or scp to network share
```

```
          scp excel/layoffs_dashboard.xlsm
user@fileserver:/shared/dashboards/

      - name: Notify team
        run: |
          curl -X POST ${{ secrets.SLACK_WEBHOOK }} \
            -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
            -d '{"text":"   Dashboard updated successfully! Version:
'$GITHUB_SHA'"}'
```

Testing Strategy

Unit Tests (SQL)

File: `tests/test_data_cleaning.sql`

```
-- Test 1: Duplicate removal
SELECT
    CASE
        WHEN COUNT(*) = COUNT(DISTINCT Company || Location_HQ ||
Layoff_Date)
        THEN 'PASS'
        ELSE 'FAIL'
    END AS test_result,
    'Duplicate Removal' AS test_name
FROM layoffs_clean;

-- Test 2: No NULL in critical fields
SELECT
    CASE
        WHEN COUNT(*) = 0 THEN 'PASS'
        ELSE 'FAIL'
    END AS test_result,
    'NULL Critical Fields' AS test_name
FROM layoffs_clean
WHERE Industry IS NULL
   OR Country IS NULL
   OR Laid_Off_Count IS NULL;

-- Test 3: Date range validation
SELECT
    CASE
        WHEN MAX(Layoff_Date) <= date('now') THEN 'PASS'
        ELSE 'FAIL'
    END AS test_result,
    'No Future Dates' AS test_name
FROM layoffs_clean;

-- Test 4: Aggregation reconciliation
SELECT
    CASE
        WHEN ABS(a.total - b.total) < 0.01 THEN 'PASS'
        ELSE 'FAIL'
    END AS test_result,
    'Aggregation Consistency' AS test_name
FROM
    (SELECT SUM(Laid_Off_Count) AS total FROM layoffs_clean) a,
```

```
    (SELECT SUM(Total_Layoffs) AS total FROM layoffs_by_industry) b;
```

Integration Tests (Python)

File: `tests/test_pipeline.py`

```
import unittest
import sqlite3
import pandas as pd

class TestDataPipeline(unittest.TestCase):

    @classmethod
    def setUpClass(cls):
        cls.conn = sqlite3.connect('layoffs.db')

    def test_table_exists(self):
        """Test that all required tables exist"""
        tables = ['layoffs_clean', 'layoffs_by_industry',
                  'layoffs_rolling_avg', 'top_industries_6months']

        cursor = self.conn.cursor()
        cursor.execute("SELECT name FROM sqlite_master WHERE
type='table';")
        existing_tables = [row[0] for row in cursor.fetchall()]

        for table in tables:
            self.assertIn(table, existing_tables,
                          f"Table {table} does not exist")

    def test_record_counts(self):
        """Test that tables have expected record counts"""
        df = pd.read_sql("SELECT COUNT(*) as cnt FROM layoffs_clean",
                         self.conn)
        self.assertGreater(df['cnt'][0], 3000,
                           "layoffs_clean should have >3000 records")

    def test_data_quality_score(self):
        """Test that data quality score is above threshold"""
        # Calculate completeness score
        df = pd.read_sql("""
            SELECT
                (COUNT(*) - COUNT(CASE WHEN Industry='Unknown' THEN 1
END)) * 100.0 / COUNT(*) as score
            FROM layoffs_clean
        """, self.conn)

        self.assertGreater(df['score'][0], 95,
                           "Industry completeness should be >95%")

    def test_rolling_avg_calculation(self):
        """Test that rolling averages are calculated correctly"""
        df = pd.read_sql("""
            SELECT Industry, Month_Start, Monthly_Layoffs,
Rolling_3Month_Avg
            FROM layoffs_rolling_avg
            WHERE Industry = 'Retail'
            ORDER BY Month_Start DESC
            LIMIT 3
        """, self.conn)
```

```
        # Verify that rolling avg is approximately correct
        manual_avg = df['Monthly_Layoffs'].mean()
        db_avg = df['Rolling_3Month_Avg'].iloc[0]

        self.assertAlmostEqual(manual_avg, db_avg, delta=1.0,
                               msg="Rolling average calculation
mismatch")

    @classmethod
    def tearDownClass(cls):
        cls.conn.close()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

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6. QUALITY GATES & VALIDATION CHECKPOINTS

Quality Gate Framework

Gate 1: Data Ingestion

Trigger: New data file uploaded
Checks:

- [ ] File size within expected range (50-100 MB)
- [ ] CSV header matches schema
- [ ] Record count >3000
- [ ] No completely empty columns
- [ ] Date fields parseable

Actions on Failure:

- Halt pipeline
- Send alert to data engineer
- Log error details
- Fallback to previous day's data

Gate 2: Data Cleaning

Trigger: After SQL transformations
Checks:

- [ ] Duplicate removal: >90% reduction
- [ ] NULL handling: <5% "Unknown" values
- [ ] Date validation: 0 future dates

- [ ] Referential integrity: All industries in mapping table
- [ ] Numeric bounds: All layoffs >0, percentage 0-100

Actions on Failure:

- Rollback to staging table
- Generate data quality report
- Manual review required before proceeding

Gate 3: Aggregation Validation

Trigger: After summary table creation
Checks:

- [ ] Sum of industry totals = overall total (±0.1%)
- [ ] All industries represented in summary
- [ ] Rolling averages within 2 SD of mean
- [ ] No aggregation produced NULL

Actions on Failure:

- Flag discrepancies in report
- Investigate root cause (missing data vs. calculation error)
- Fix and re-run

Gate 4: Statistical Analysis

Trigger: Before R script completion
Checks:

- [ ] Hypothesis test assumptions met (normality, sample size)
- [ ] Correlation coefficients between -1 and 1
- [ ] P-values properly calculated
- [ ] Forecast values within historical range ±50%
- [ ] All visualizations generated successfully

Actions on Failure:

- Log warning (non-critical)
- Include disclaimer in report
- Recommend additional data collection

Gate 5: Report Generation

Trigger: Before email delivery
Checks:

- [ ] PDF file size <10 MB
- [ ] All sections populated (no "TBD" or errors)
- [ ] Charts render correctly
- [ ] Hyperlinks functional
- [ ] Metadata correct (date, version)

Actions on Failure:

- Retry generation once
- If still fails, send error notification
- Do NOT deliver incomplete report

Continuous Monitoring Dashboard

Metrics Tracked (in Grafana/Datadog):

1.

Pipeline Health

2.

- Success rate: 99.2% (last 30 days)
- Average runtime: 3.2 minutes
- Failures: 2 (both due to network issues, resolved)

3.

Data Quality

4.

- Quality score trend: 9.0 → 9.2 → 9.3 (improving)
- NULL percentage: 3.2% (stable)
- Duplicate rate: 7.5% → 7.1% (improving)

5.

User Engagement

6.

- Dashboard opens: 247/week (85% of target users)
- Avg session duration: 8.5 minutes
- Report open rate: 78%

7.

System Performance

8.

- Query response time (p95): 850ms
- Excel load time: 8 seconds (needs optimization)
- API latency (p95): 120ms

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7. KEY OUTCOMES & BENEFITS

Business Impact Summary

Time Savings

- **Before**: 20 hours/week spent on manual data wrangling
- **After**: 2 hours/week for monitoring + ad-hoc requests
- **Savings**: 18 hours/week = **$45K/year** (at $50/hour loaded cost)

Data Accuracy ��

- **Before**: 75% data quality score (frequent errors)
- **After**: 98% data quality score (automated validation)
- **Impact**: Increased stakeholder confidence, fewer bad decisions

Decision Speed ��

- **Before**: 5-7 days to answer strategic questions (wait for analyst)
- **After**: <5 minutes (self-service dashboard)
- **Impact**: Faster response to market changes

Forecast Accuracy ��

- **Baseline**: 65% accuracy (simple moving average)
- **Current**: 85% accuracy (ARIMA with 3-month horizon)
- **Impact**: Better resource planning, reduced surprises

Agile Methodology Benefits

1. Transparency ��

- **Jira Board**: All stakeholders can see real-time progress
- **Daily Standups**: Blockers surfaced and resolved within 24 hours

- **Sprint Reviews**: Regular demos keep everyone aligned

Example: Executive sponsor saw early Excel prototype in Sprint 2 Week 1, provided feedback that prevented major rework later.

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2. Iterative Delivery ��

- **Sprint 1**: Foundation (SQL cleaning) → Immediate value (clean dataset)
- **Sprint 2**: Excel dashboard → Business users start self-service
- **Sprint 3**: Statistical analysis → Advanced insights available

Benefit: Users didn't wait 2 months for everything; they got incremental value every 2 weeks.

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3. Collaboration ��

- **Cross-Functional**: Data engineers, analysts, QA, business users all contributed
- **Retrospectives**: Continuous improvement (15+ action items implemented)
- **Pair Programming**: Junior analysts learned from seniors (knowledge transfer)

Example: QA caught Excel formula bug in Sprint 2 that would have caused incorrect MoM calculations.

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4. Reproducibility ��

- **Version Control**: All code (SQL, R, VBA) in Git
- **Documentation**: Comprehensive Confluence pages
- **Automation**: CI/CD pipeline ensures consistency
- **Testing**: 80%+ test coverage prevents regressions

Benefit: New team member onboarded in 2 days (vs. 2 weeks typical) due to excellent docs.

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5. Data Governance ��

- **Quality Gates**: 5 checkpoints ensure data reliability
- **Audit Trail**: All changes logged and traceable
- **Access Control**: Role-based permissions
- **Compliance**: GDPR, SOC 2 ready

Benefit: Passed recent audit with zero findings (vs. 12 findings last year).

Team Feedback (Anonymous Survey)

Question: "How has the Agile approach improved your work?"

> "I love seeing the Jira board - I always know what's happening and what's next. No more surprise deadlines!" - Business Analyst
>
> "Retrospectives are gold. We actually fix things instead of just complaining." - Data Engineer
>
> "The CI/CD pipeline saves me 2 hours every week. I can focus on analysis instead of manual testing." - Data Scientist
>
> "Confluence docs are a lifesaver. I can onboard new team members so much faster." - Team Lead

Ratings (1-5 scale):

- Collaboration: 4.6/5
- Transparency: 4.8/5
- Work-life balance: 4.3/5 (improved due to automation)
- Job satisfaction: 4.5/5

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8. FUTURE ROADMAP

Sprint 4 (Planned)

LDA-502: REST API Development

- Expose layoff data via API endpoints
- Enable integration with other internal tools
- Support real-time dashboard embeds

LDA-601: Machine Learning Model

- Predict company layoff probability based on funding, stage, industry
- Train random forest classifier
- Deploy model as API endpoint

LDA-602: Geospatial Analysis

- Add map visualizations (layoffs by city/region)
- Identify geographic clusters
- Support location-based filtering

Technical Debt Backlog

Item	Priority	Effort	Impact
Optimize Excel file size	High	3 pts	High
Refactor R script into functions	Medium	5 pts	Medium
Add unit tests for VBA code	Medium	3 pts	Medium
Migrate to PostgreSQL (scalability)	Low	13 pts	Low (current)
Create Tableau version of dashboard	Low	8 pts	Medium

Conclusion

This Layoffs Analysis project demonstrates **best practices for data projects in Agile environments**:

- **Clear user stories** with acceptance criteria
- **Iterative delivery** providing incremental value
- **Comprehensive documentation** enabling reproducibility
- **Automated testing** ensuring reliability
- **Quality gates** maintaining data integrity
- **Continuous improvement** through retrospectives
- **Cross-functional collaboration** driving innovation

The result: **High-quality, trustworthy analytics delivered efficiently and sustainably.**

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