

# Glossary

## Data Analytics

### Terms and Definitions



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*\*Areas in this glossary are intentionally empty, as we haven't covered key terms and definitions that fall under certain letters just yet. As the program progresses, the glossaries will populate with many more items.*

## A

**Analytical skills:** Qualities and characteristics associated with using facts to solve problems

**Analytical thinking:** The process of identifying and defining a problem, then solving it by using data in an organized, step-by-step manner

## B

## C

**Context:** The condition in which something exists or happens

## D

**Data:** A collection of facts

**Data analysis:** The collection, transformation, and organization of data in order to draw conclusions, make predictions, and drive informed decision-making

**Data analyst:** Someone who collects, transforms, and organizes data in order to draw conclusions, make predictions, and drive informed decision-making

**Data analytics:** The science of data

**Data design:** How information is organized

**Data-driven decision-making:** Using facts to guide business strategy

**Data ecosystem:** The various elements that interact with one another in order to produce, manage, store, organize, analyze, and share data

**Data science:** A field of study that uses raw data to create new ways of modeling and understanding the unknown

**Data strategy:** The management of the people, processes, and tools used in data analysis

**Data visualization:** The graphical representation of data

**Database:** A collection of data stored in a computer system

**Dataset:** A collection of data that can be manipulated or analyzed as one unit

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## F

**Formula:** A set of instructions used to perform a calculation using the data in a spreadsheet

**Function:** A preset command that automatically performs a specified process or task using the data in a spreadsheet

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**Gap analysis:** A method for examining and evaluating the current state of a process in order to identify opportunities for improvement in the future

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**Query language:** A computer programming language used to communicate with a database

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**Root cause:** The reason why a problem occurs

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**Stakeholders:** People who invest time and resources into a project and are interested in its outcome

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**Technical mindset:** The ability to break things down into smaller steps or pieces and work with them in an orderly and logical way

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**Visualization:** (Refer to data visualization)

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