

# **GLOBAL SALES DATA ANALYTICS**

**A PROJECT REPORT**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Project Overview

Shopping online is currently the need of the hour. Because of this COVID, it's not easy to walk in a store randomly and buy anything you want. So, this project is done to try to understand a few things like, Customer Analysis and Product Analysis of this Global Super Store.

If you want to achieve your sales goals month after month, then guesswork and intuition aren't your best friends. You need to perform a strategic sales analysis and get cold, hard data.

## 1.2 Purpose

By the end of this Project, you will:

1. Know fundamental concepts and can work on IBM Cognos Analytics.
2. Gain a broad understanding of plotting different visualizations to provide a suitable solution.
3. Able to create meaningful Visualizations and Dashboard(s).

Regular sales data analysis provides an understanding of the products that your customers are buying and helps you dissect why they are behaving in a certain way. You can also find patterns in your lead conversions and drop offs. All of these aspects enable you to optimize you.

## **2 LITERATURE SURVEY**

### **EXISTING PROBLEM**

Crafting a good sales pitch from sales data analysis can be difficult. Getting the right data, hitting the right client pain points, crystallizing why your services are better than the competitors, all takes hard work. Honing your sales pitch to an art takes time, and even with a perfect picture, new clients take time to acquire. One of the best ways we've found to build a good sales pitch is to use data you already have. In the digital world, there is no shortage of data, which translates into no shortage of potential competitive insights and advantages. With databases, data warehouses, corporate intranets, best practice sharing, web analytics, voice of the customer information, and QA or Six Sigma data, you are well-poised for discovering good information.

### **Problem Definition Statement**

The overall purchase power of the consumer and also sales capacity of company. Unavailability of products equally between the consumers. There is no proper distribution of products among the customer The customers are not getting the products they prefer. By hearing out to the consumers and collecting their user preference data. Data analytics and data visualization is used for this.

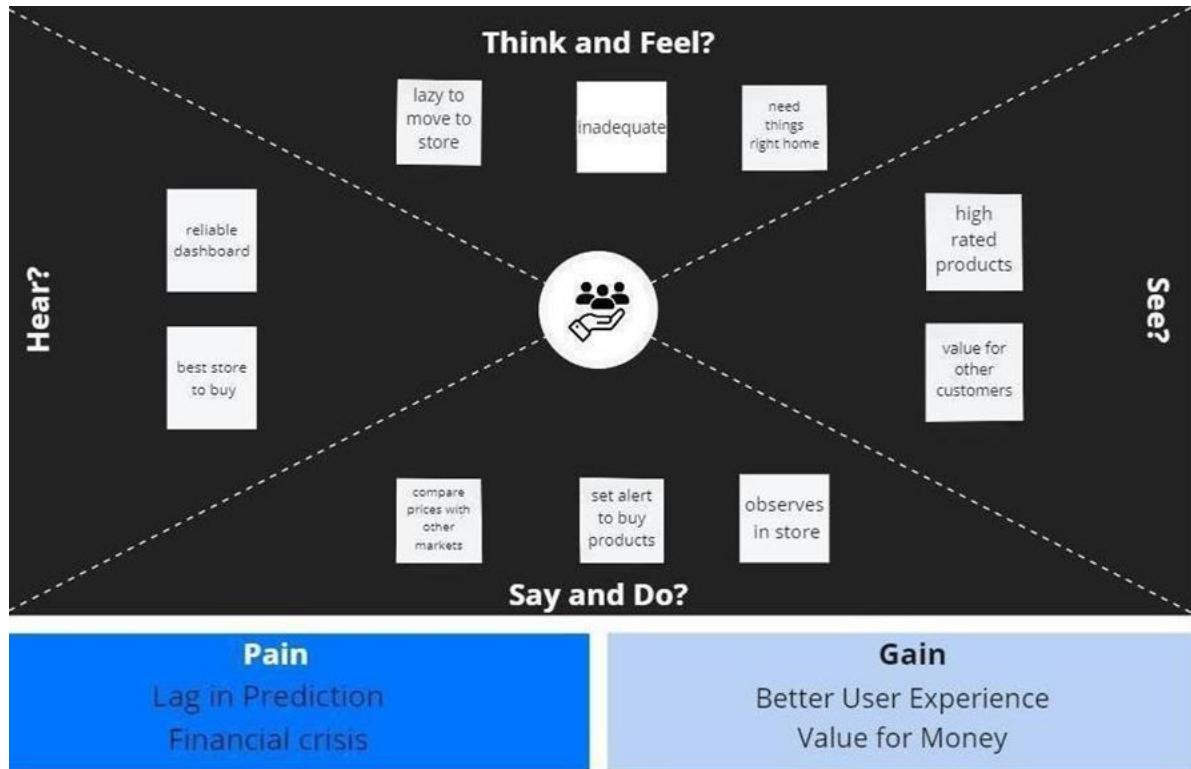
### 3 IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

#### Empathy Map Canvas

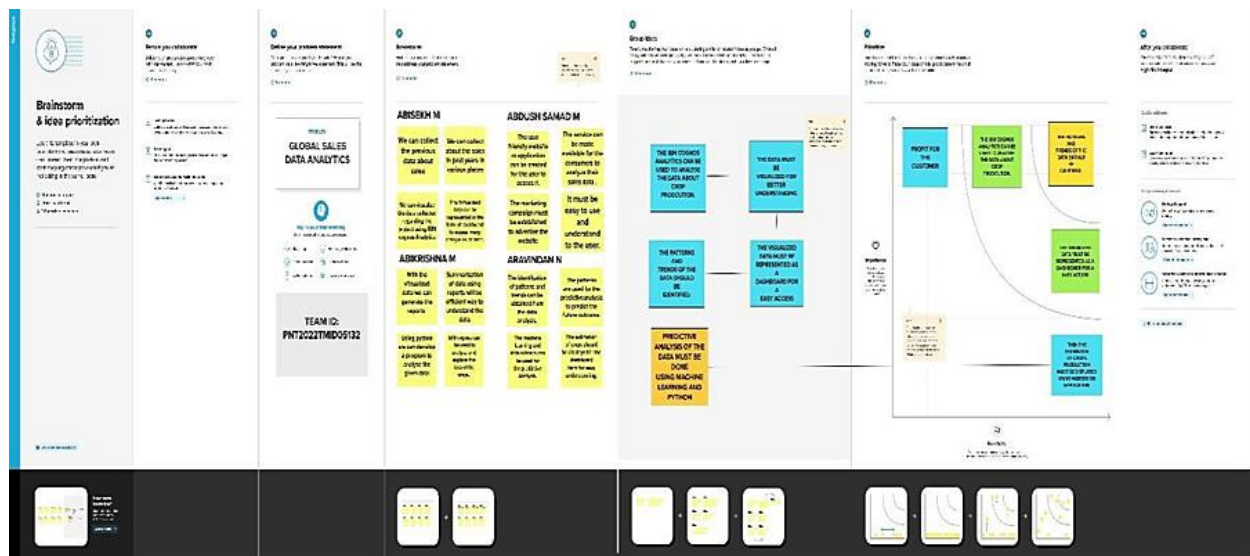
An empathy map is a simple, easy-to-digest visual that captures knowledge about a user's behaviors and attitudes.

It is a useful tool to help teams better understand their users. Creating an effective solution requires understanding the true problem and the person who is experiencing it. The exercise of creating the map helps participants consider things from the user's perspective along with his or her goals and challenges.

#### Example:



# Ideation & Brainstorming



Key rules of Brainstroming To run a smooth and productive session Stay in topic. Listen to others uDefer judgment. Encourage wild ideas A GO for volume. a If possible, be visual Mogul Pranav P Manibalan B egg Sales analytics refers to the technology and processes used to gather sales data and gauge sales

## proposed solution

Project team shall fill the following information in proposed solution template.

S.No.	Parameter	Description
1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	Sales include all the actions involved in the product sale, consumer service and business service. For the sales and marketing team to review their performance data visualization techniques called sales analytics is used. In sales analytics, technology is used to collect and use the sales data to produce productive results and they are in turn used to identify and optimize the sales. Various attributes are used to plan an efficient sales model which will benefit both customer and business.
2.	Idea / Solution description	Developing web application that would take all data and do analysis and give reports for visualization of data in a dashboard to identify trends for future analysis.

3.	Novelty / Uniqueness	During the analysis, extraction of new features will be done. With that, more understanding can be made and we can come up with better decisions which will increase the salesperson's profit.
4.	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	This sales data analytics improves the firms sales and future visions. and also Customer should know the available products and nearest location of the shops which gives the idea to customer for purchase.
5.	Business Model (Revenue Model)	basic model: minimal analysis dashboard subscription: reports on future prediction
6.	Scalability of the Solution	the solution will be scalable even when the organisation productivity goes down



# problem solution fit

Project Title: GLOBAL SALES DATA ANALYTICS

Project Design Phase-I - Soluon Fit Template

Team ID: PNT2022TMID54007

Define CS, fit into CC	<b>1. CUSTOMER SEGMENT(S)</b> <span>CS</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A Bussiness owner who would like to understand more about his bussiness performance in global scale.</li> </ul>	<b>6. CUSTOMER CONSTRAINTS</b> <span>CC</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No online payments available buy directly from us.</li> <li>✓ Need to check input file structure before uploading.</li> </ul>	<b>5. AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS</b> <span>AS</span> <small>Which solutions are available to the customer who has this problem?</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The competition perform analytics and display Dashboard with autogenerated insights.</li> <li>✓ Out product provides facility to add manual insight to the analytics performed.</li> </ul>	Explore AS, differentiate
	<b>2. JOBS-TO-BE-DONE / PROBLEMS</b> <span>J&amp;P</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Determine input file structure.</li> <li>✓ What analysis to perform to be useful and how to perform them ?</li> </ul>	<b>9. PROBLEM ROOT CAUSE</b> <span>RC</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Customer satisfaction</li> <li>✓ Product rating</li> <li>✓ Product prices</li> <li>✓ Availability</li> </ul>	<b>7. BEHAVIOUR</b> <span>BE</span> <small>What behaviour does the customer have to solve the problem?</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Collecting sales data and using office software to analyze it</li> <li>✓ Un-intuitive way of analyzing data and lot of manual labour</li> </ul>	
Identify strong TR & EM	<b>3. TRIGGERS</b> <span>TR</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have you ever felt that you are unwaer of how your bussiness is performing ?</li> <li>✓ Have you ever had a decision fatigue ?</li> </ul>	<b>10. YOUR SOLUTION</b> <span>SL</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Creating an Interactive Dashboard.</li> <li>✓ Providing details about the sales</li> <li>✓ Responsive Design for every screen size.</li> <li>✓ Manual insight for each interaction.</li> </ul> <p>One time payment.</p>	<b>8. CHANNELS of BEHAVIOUR</b> <span>CH</span> <b>8.1 ONLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Using third party services with automated insights and subscription based service to analyze data</li> </ul>	Identify strong TR & EM
	<b>4. EMOTIONS: BEFORE / AFTER</b> <span>EM</span> <small>How does the customer feel before and after the solution?</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ BEFORE : Anxiety, Decision fatigue, Lazyness</li> <li>✓ AFTER : Clear mind, Peacefullness</li> </ul>		<b>8.2 OFFLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Using office software to analyze complex data in un-intuitive way</li> </ul>	

## 4 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

### Functional requirement

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution

FR No.	Functional Requirement (Epic)	Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task)
FR-1	User Registration	Registration through Form Registration through Gmail Registration through LinkedIn
FR-2	User Confirmation	Confirmation via Email Confirmation via OTP
FR-3	Collects Data	Providing CSV file Authentic Datasets
FR-4	Cleans the given Data	Prepares data for EDA purpose
FR-5	Visualisation of Data	Identifying trends in given data Accurate visualisation of provided numbers
FR-6	Create Dashboard	Analysation of the dataset's Key performance indicator
FR-7	Reporting	The reporting function helps users have complete control over their business. The real-time reporting collects current information and displays the data on an intuitive user interface.

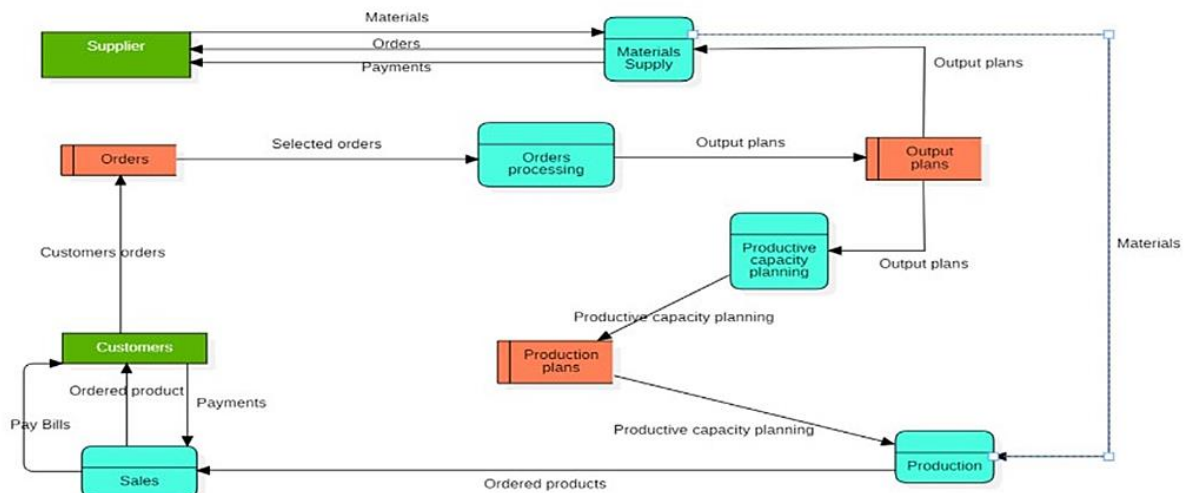
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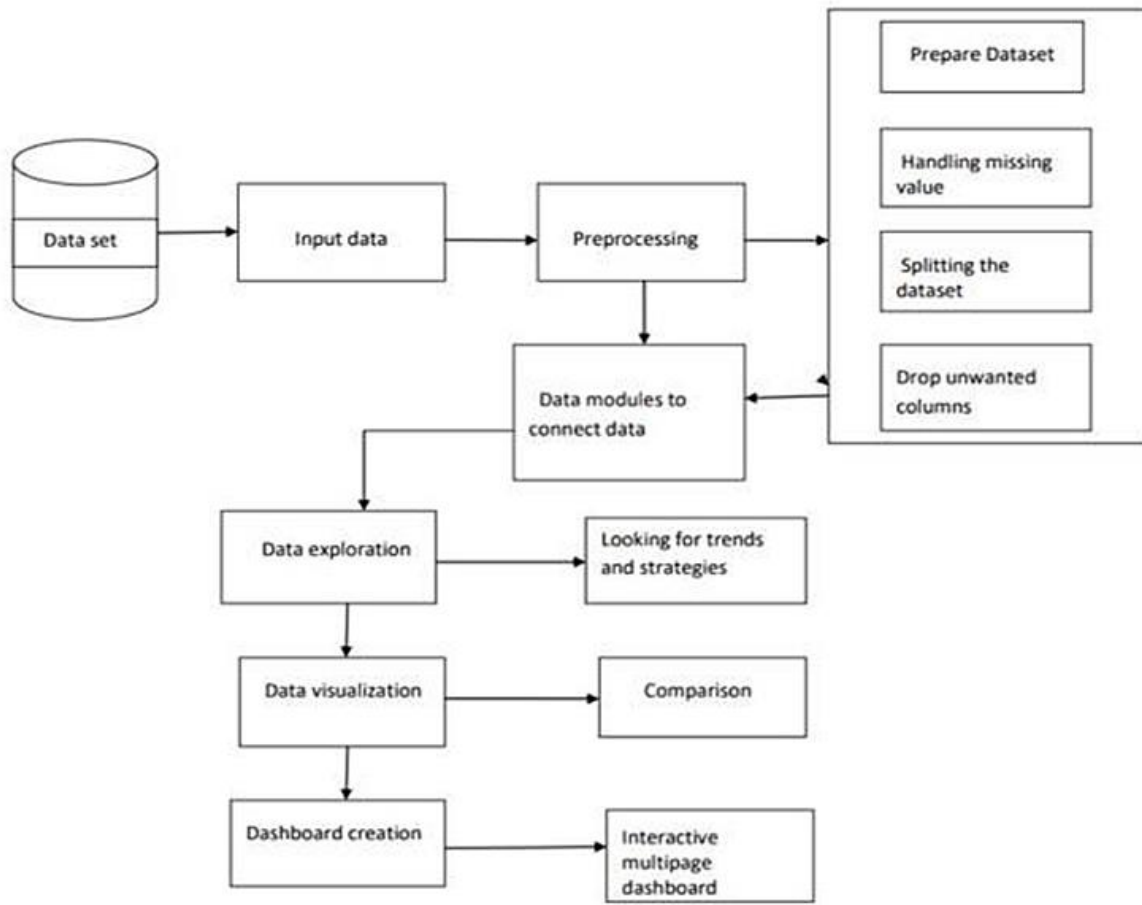
NFR No.	Non-Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-1	Usability	It should be easier to understand the insights for the customers.
NFR-2	Security	The data is protected from unauthorized access.
NFR-3	Reliability	App could be run offline while server maintenance takes place. Server traffic would not be an issue.
NFR-4	Performance	Requires minimum system requirements, hence could be accessible in many devices with faster loading time.
NFR-5	Availability	Server is online 24/7 hence users could use the app at any time. App will work offline as well/
NFR-6	Scalability	Dashboards/Templates are very much Scalable, the user can modify the metrics whenever they want.

## 5 PROJECT DESIGN

Data Flow Diagram



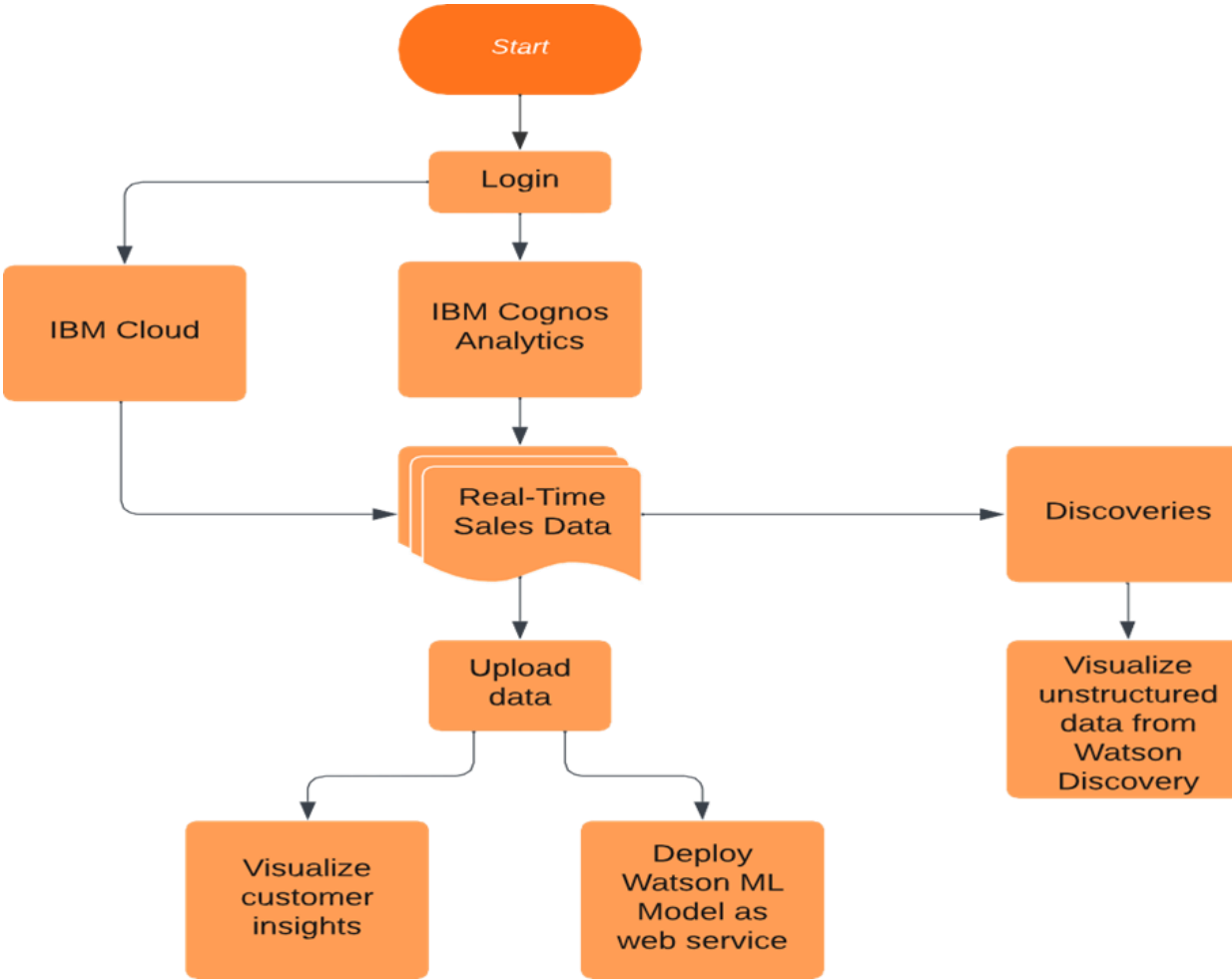
## Solution & Technical Architecture



**Solution Architecture:** Solution architecture for Global Sales Data Analytics consists of the following.

1. Users must authenticate themselves using the device.
2. Data to be gathered include sales data and customer data.
3. Data cleaning to remove empty and duplicate data.
4. IBM Cognos Analytics with Watson is IBM's cloud analytics platform used.
5. Data must be submitted and then prepared before being linked to relationships. • Our user interface is provided with integration with Cognos analytics.

Architecture and data flow of the Global Sales Data Analytics



## 6 Project Planning & Scheduling

### Sprint Planning & Estimation

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	2	High	Abikrishna M, Abhishek M
Sprint-2	Dashboard	USN-2	As a user, I can enter my sales information to clean it up and get it ready for analysis, and I can also locate my information to perform a business analysis.	3	High	Aravindan N, Abdush Samad M
Sprint-3	Customer Care	USN-3	As a user, I can enter my sales information to clean it up and get it ready for analysis, and I can also locate my information to perform a business analysis.	2	Low	Aravindan N, Abikrishna M, Abdush Samad M
Sprint-4	Administrator	USN-4	As an admin, I can modify the user interface to meet the needs of the users.	3	High	Aravindan N, Abdush Samad M, Abikrishna M, Abhishek M

### IBM Cognos Analytics:

Create a Cognos Analytics account and login using the respective credentials.

### Download the Dataset:

<https://www.kaggle.com/apoorvaappz/global-super-store-dataset>

The Global Super Store Dataset is downloaded from Kaggle and observed.

## Analyzing the dataset:

Except the postal code column, there are no missing values in the dataset.

## Uploading the dataset:

Upload Global\_Superstore.csv file in Cognos Analytics with Watson.

## Understanding the dataset:

### Sprint Delivery Schedule

Sprint	Total Story Points	Duration	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date (Planned)	Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date)	Sprint Release Date (Actual)
Sprint-1	7	6	24 Oct 2022	14 Oct 2022	7	29 Oct 2022
Sprint-2	5	6	31 Oct 2022	15 Nov 2022	5	05 Nov 2022
Sprint-3	3	6	07 Nov 2022	18 Nov 2022	3	12 Nov 2022
Sprint-4	5	6	4 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022	5	19 Nov 2022

## Preparing the dataset:

1. Once the data is loaded, it needs to be cleaned and processed.
2. Prepare calculations of year, month and day fields and create related navigation paths.
3. Create a few more calculations – target sales, min sales range, max sales range and mid sales range.

## Data cleaning and Data Pre-Processing:

Removing the null values

## **Data Calculations:**

Create calculation to make the data prepared.

1. Extracting year from order date column.
2. Extracting month from order date column.
3. Extracting day from order date column.
4. Creating calculation for target sales.

## **Explore the data:**

Explore the data and create relationships among the data.



# 7 CODING & SOLUTION

## Database Schema

Build the following

visualizations

Global Superstore

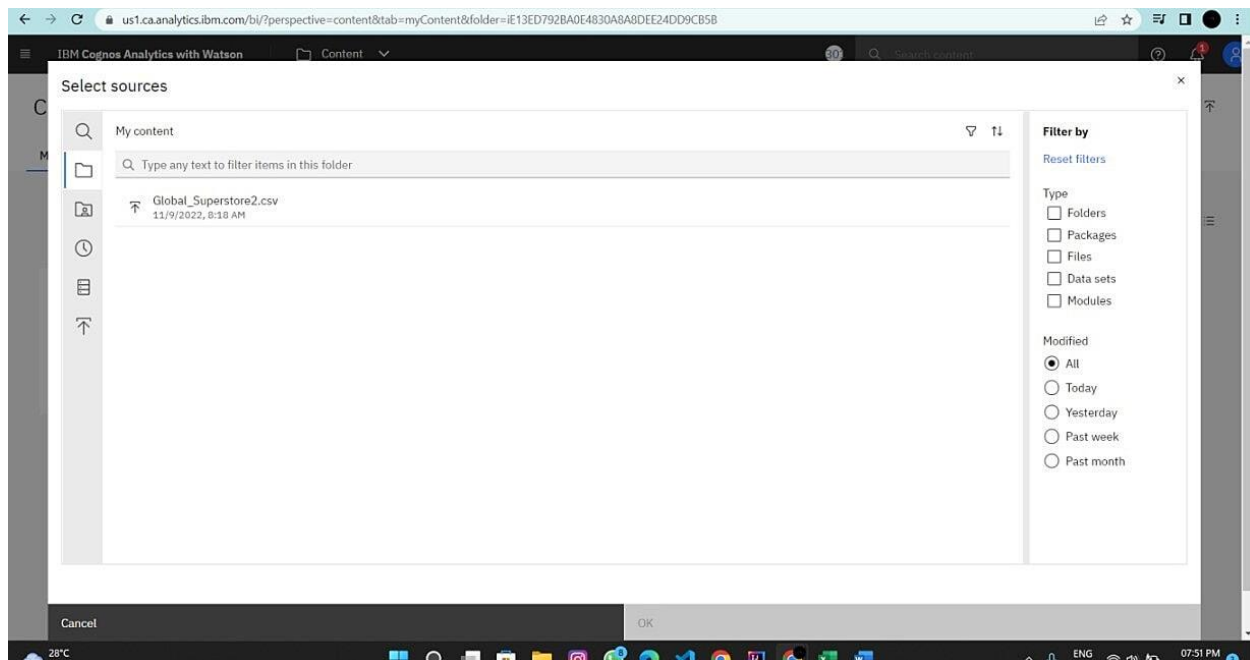
Data Upload.

1. Global Superstore Data Prep.
2. Date Calculations and Navigation path.
3. Segment wise Sales, Profit and Qty.
4. Use Pie to showcase Sales by Order Priority and Sales by Market.
5. Use a Tree Map to present Sales by Sub-Category
6. Using a Bar chart present Sales by Region by the Sales Order.
7. Present Regional Sales using Map Country points -- Showcase Top 10 countries.
8. Present Sales (Bar), Profit (line) by Sub-Category using Line and Column Chart.
9. Sales vs Profit Scatter Plot with Sub-Category points and Region in Colour.
10. Sales and Profit Forecast by Month Country as Region and Region as Filter.
11. Sales vs Profit forecast by Month by Order Priority.
12. Show the Min, Max, and Avg Sales by Sub-Category using the Box plot.
13. By setting a 10% extra Target for Sales Present Segment-wise Sales use Bullet Chart.
14. Present Sales using Hierarchy Bubbles by Market / Region.
15. Using a Legacy Map Present Sales vs Profit by Country / Region.
16. Showcase Quantity Sold by Radar Chart across various Regions.
17. Present Monthly Sales by Sub-Category using Waterfall chart.

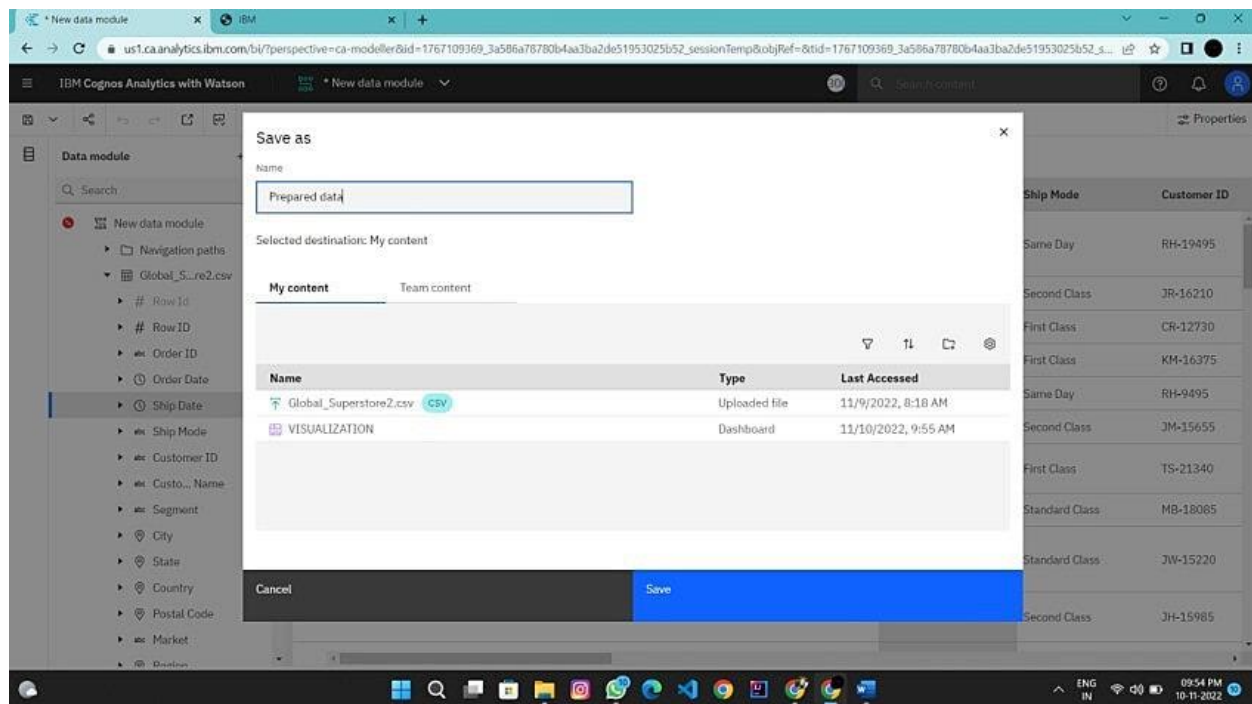
18. Present Sales Vs Profit of Countries by Word Cloud.

19. Sales dashboard with Summary Cards.

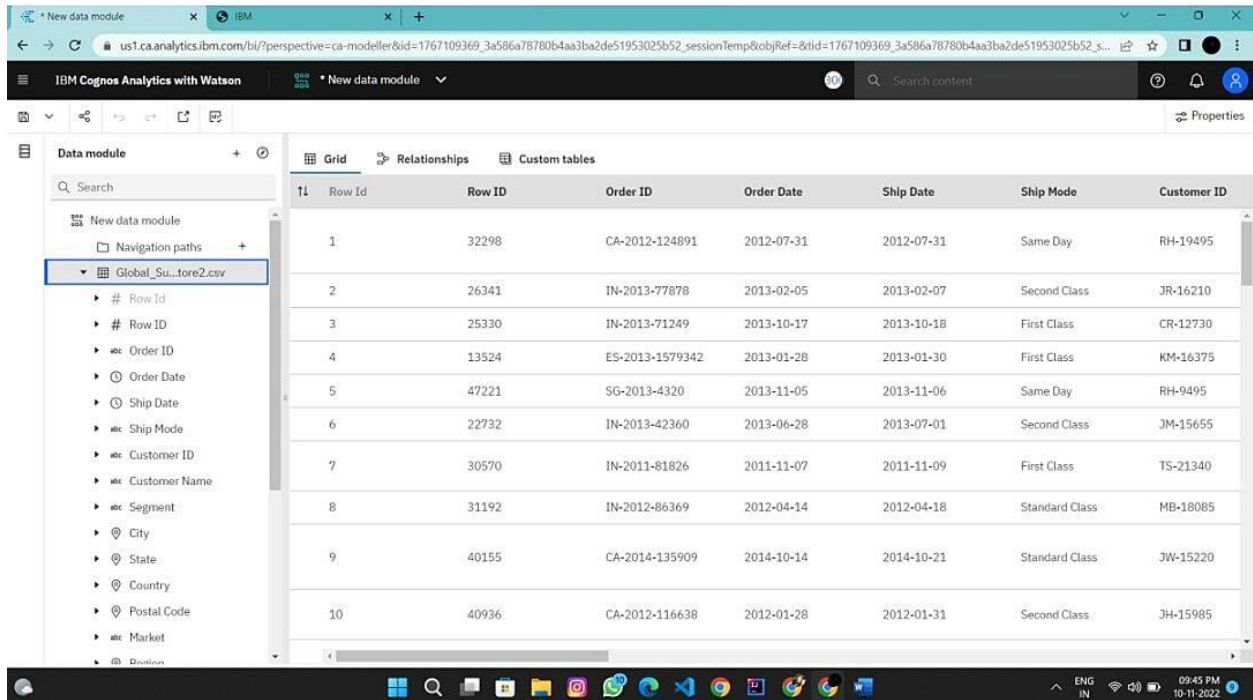
## Global Superstore Data Upload



## Global Superstore Data Prep



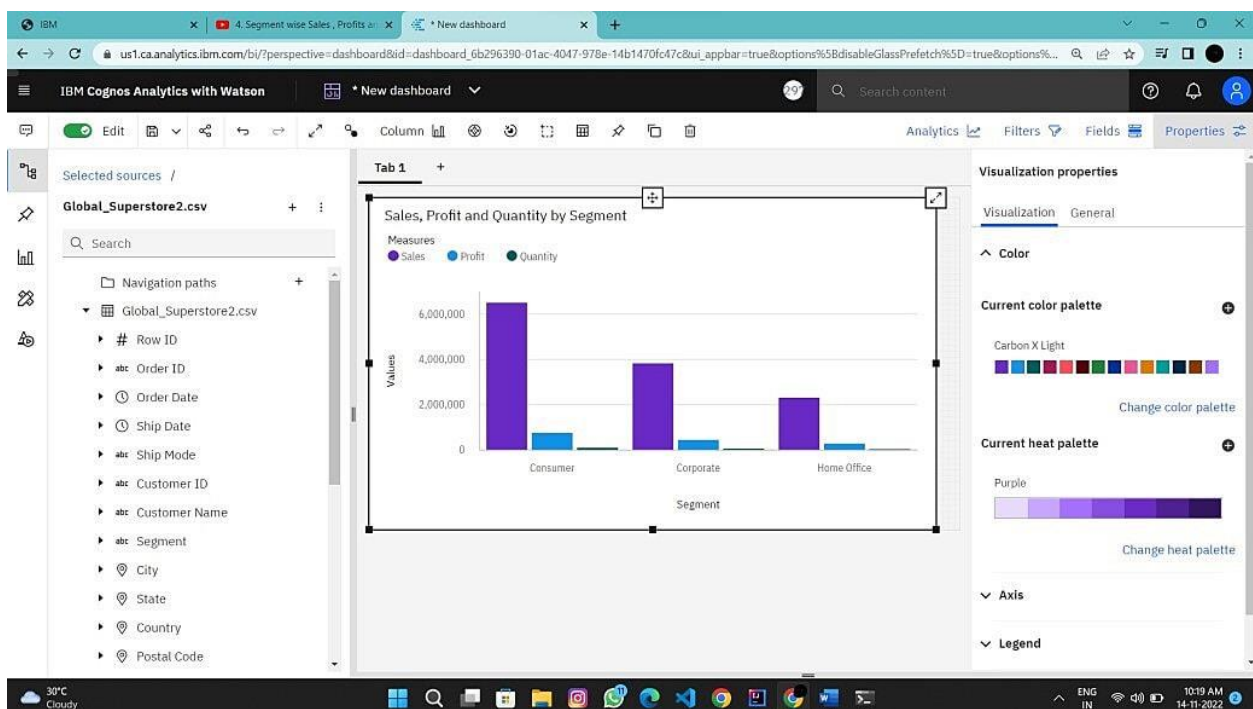
## Date Calculations and Navigation path



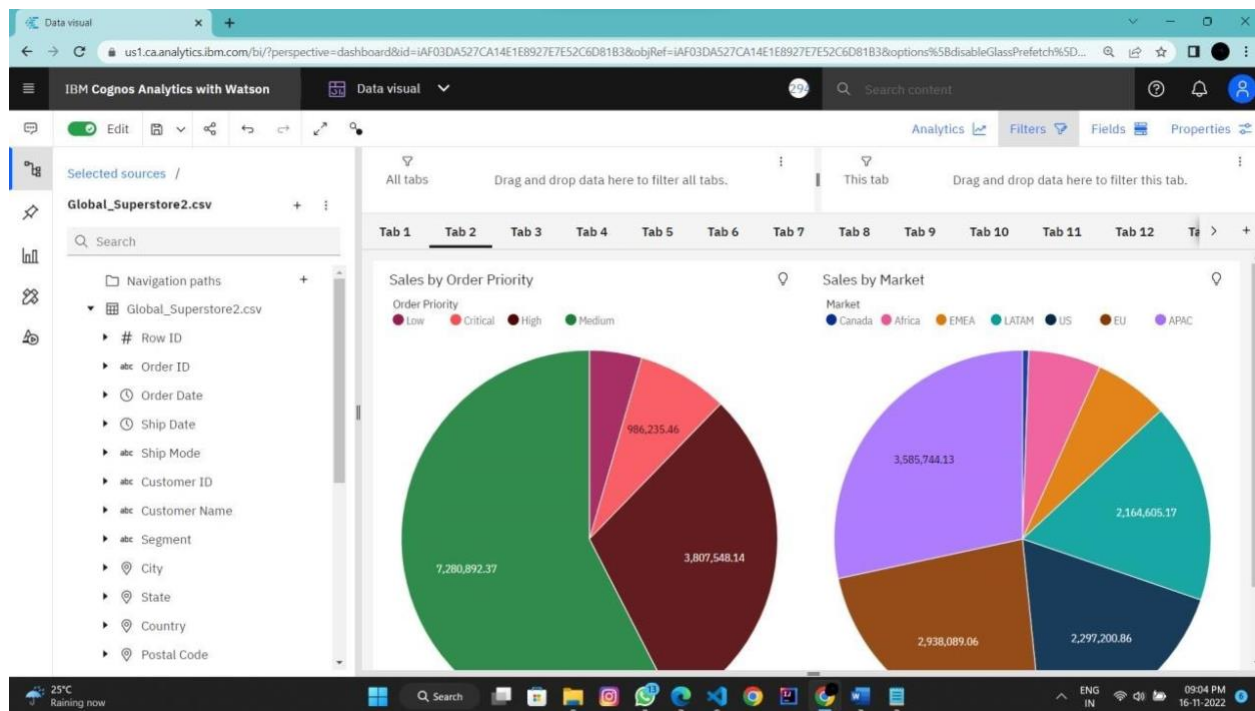
The screenshot shows the IBM Cognos Analytics interface with a data table. The table has columns: Row ID, Order ID, Order Date, Ship Date, Ship Mode, and Customer ID. The data is as follows:

Row ID	Order ID	Order Date	Ship Date	Ship Mode	Customer ID
1	CA-2012-124891	2012-07-31	2012-07-31	Same Day	RH-19495
2	IN-2013-77878	2013-02-05	2013-02-07	Second Class	JR-16210
3	IN-2013-71249	2013-10-17	2013-10-18	First Class	CR-12730
4	ES-2013-1579342	2013-01-28	2013-01-30	First Class	KM-16375
5	SG-2013-4320	2013-11-05	2013-11-06	Same Day	RH-9495
6	IN-2013-42360	2013-06-28	2013-07-01	Second Class	JM-15655
7	IN-2011-81826	2011-11-07	2011-11-09	First Class	TS-21340
8	IN-2012-86369	2012-04-14	2012-04-18	Standard Class	MB-18085
9	CA-2014-135909	2014-10-14	2014-10-21	Standard Class	JW-15220
10	CA-2012-116638	2012-01-28	2012-01-31	Second Class	JH-15985

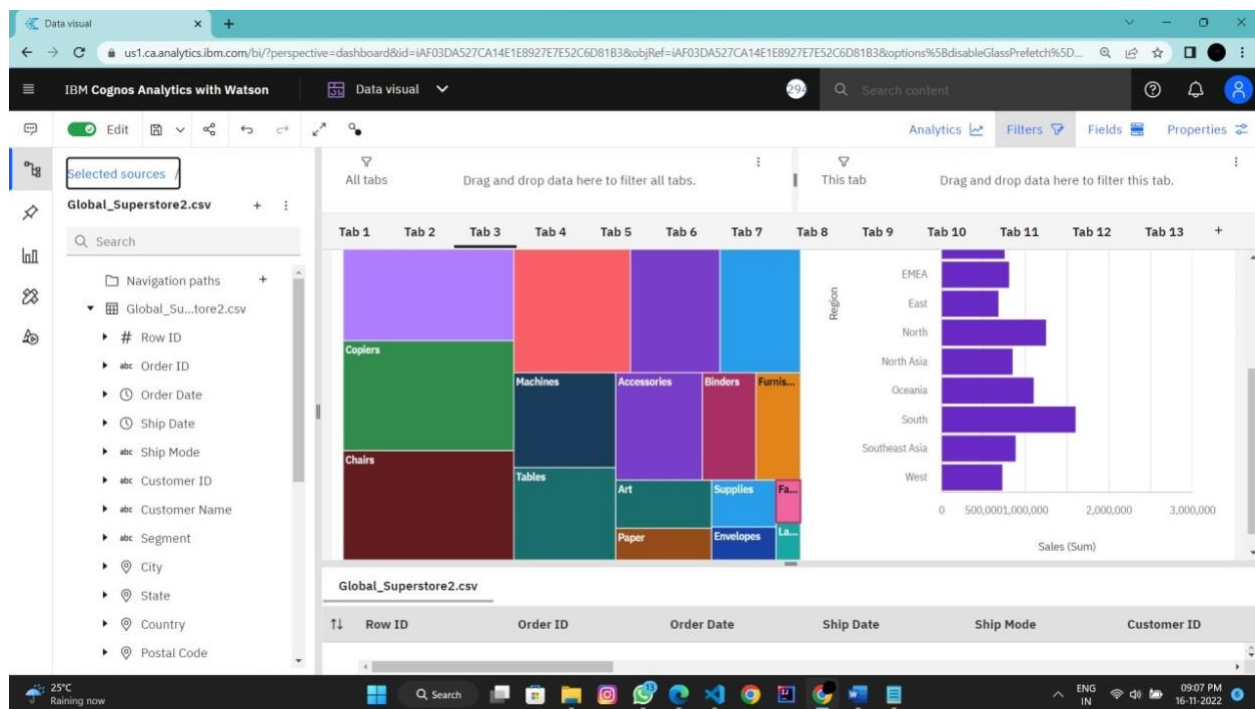
## Segment wise Sales, Profit and Qty



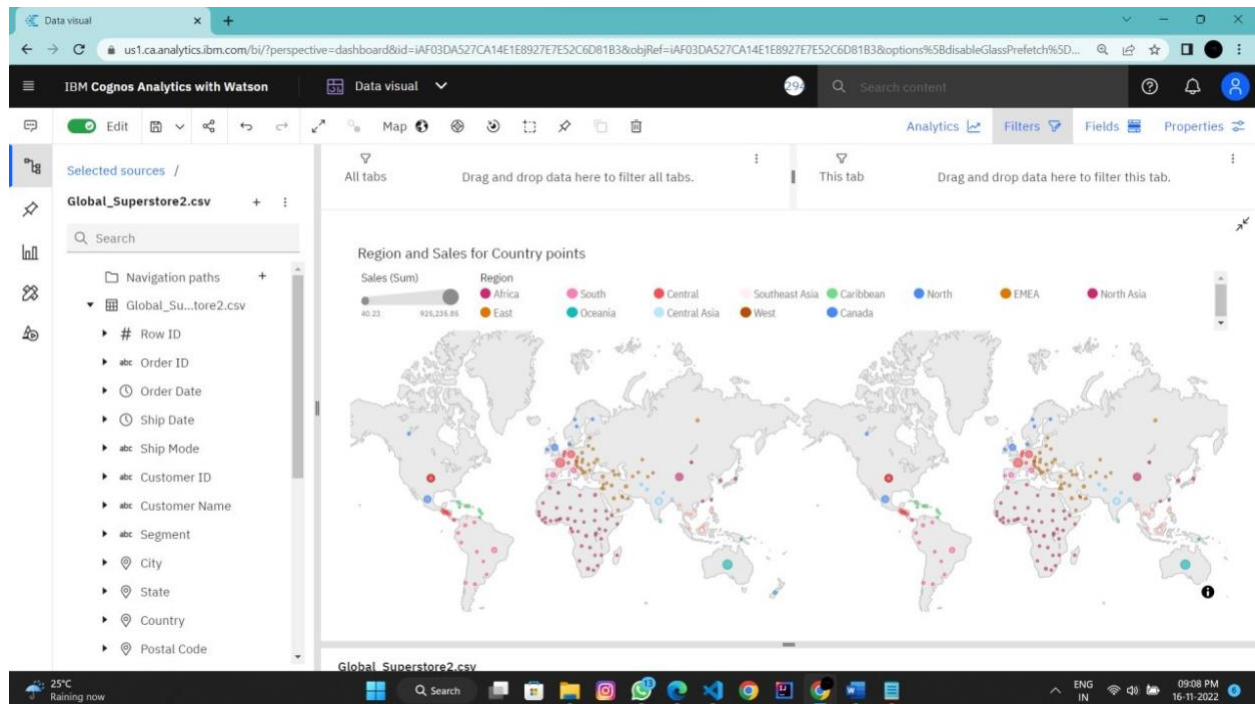
## Use Pie to showcase Sales by Order Priority and Sales by Market



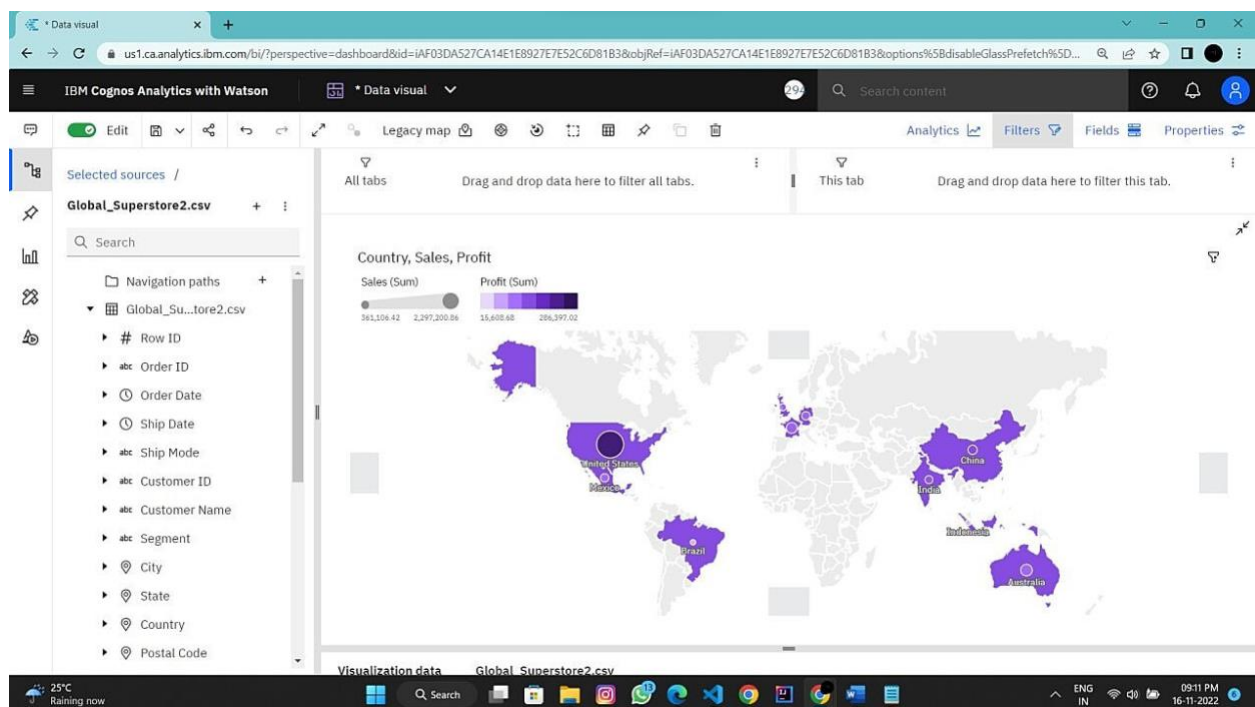
## Use a Tree Map to present Sales by Sub-Category



Using a Bar chart present Sales by Region by the Sales Order

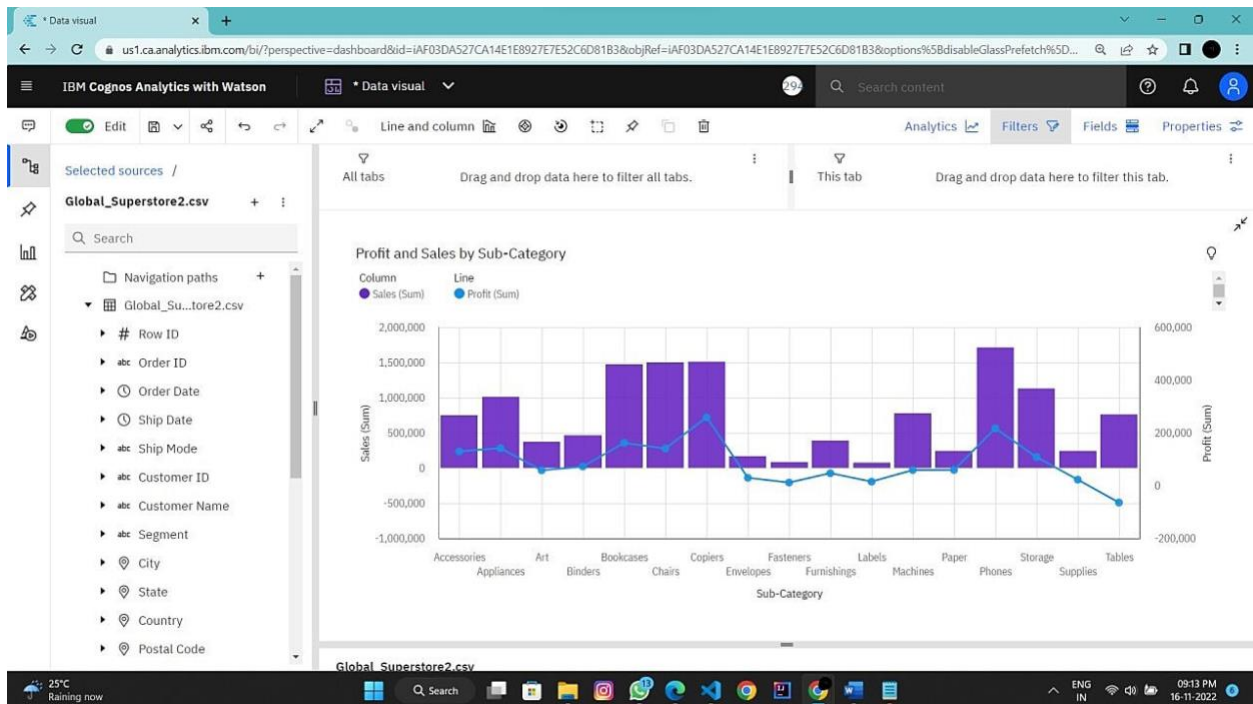


Regional Sales using Map Country points

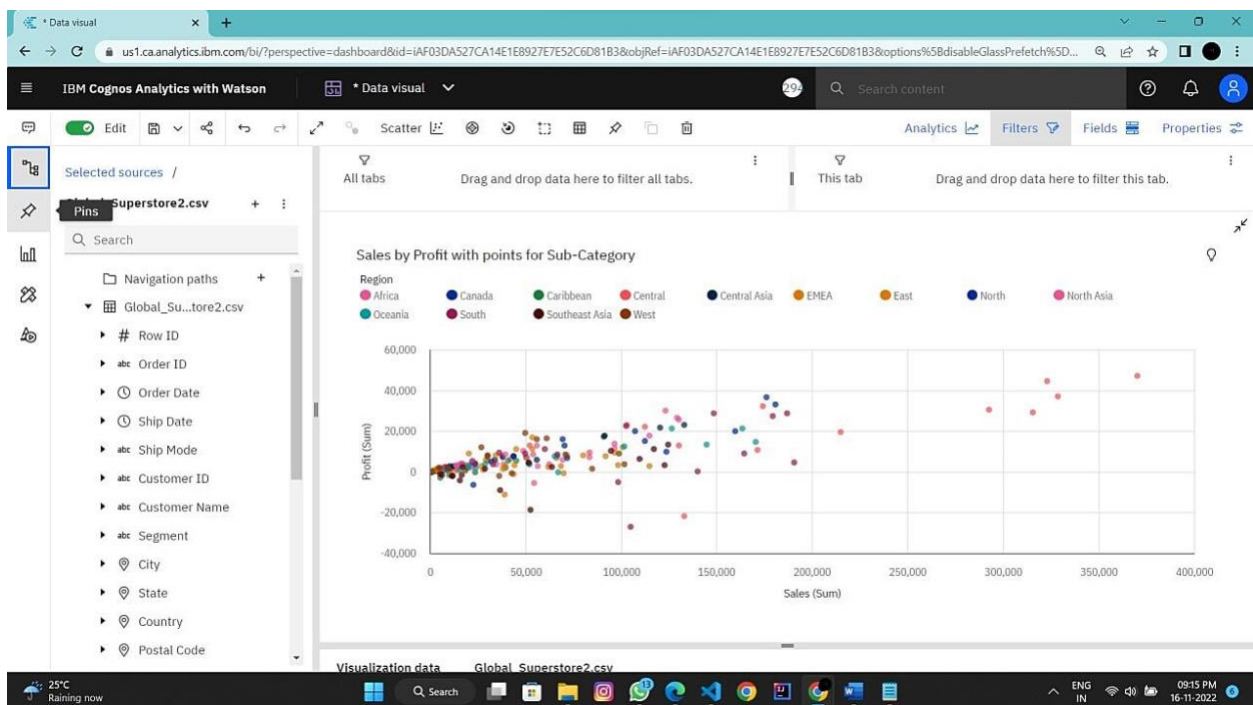




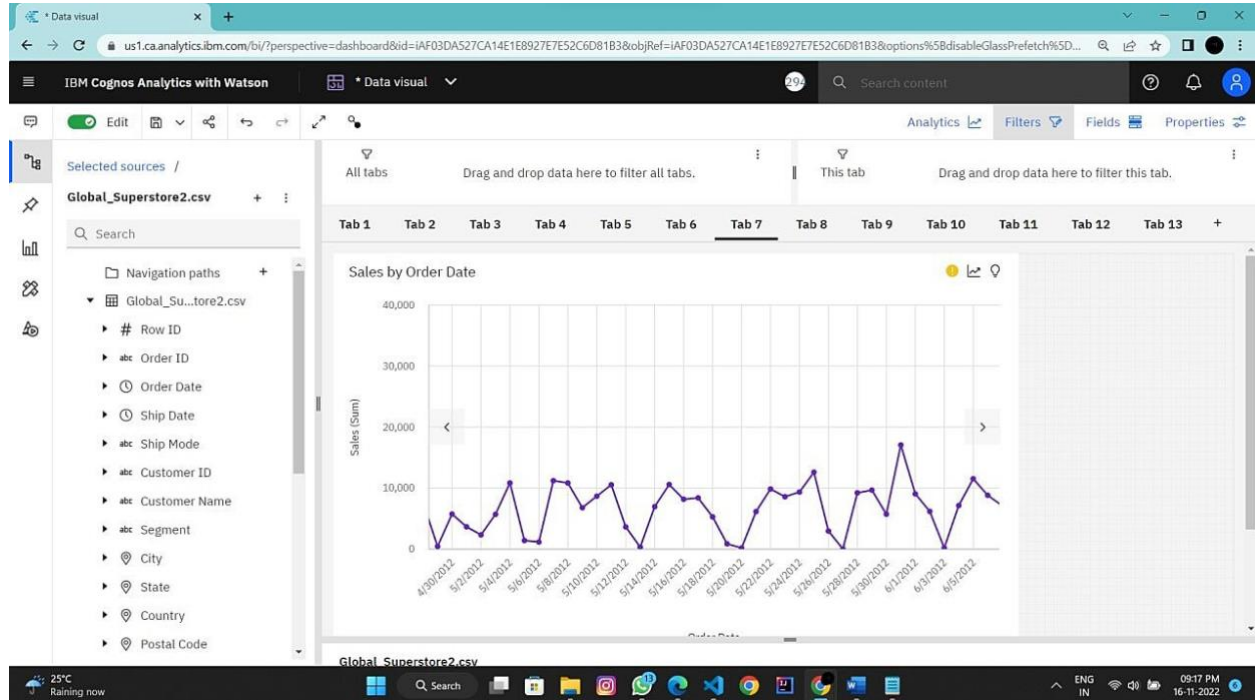
## Sales (Bar), Profit (line) by Sub-Category



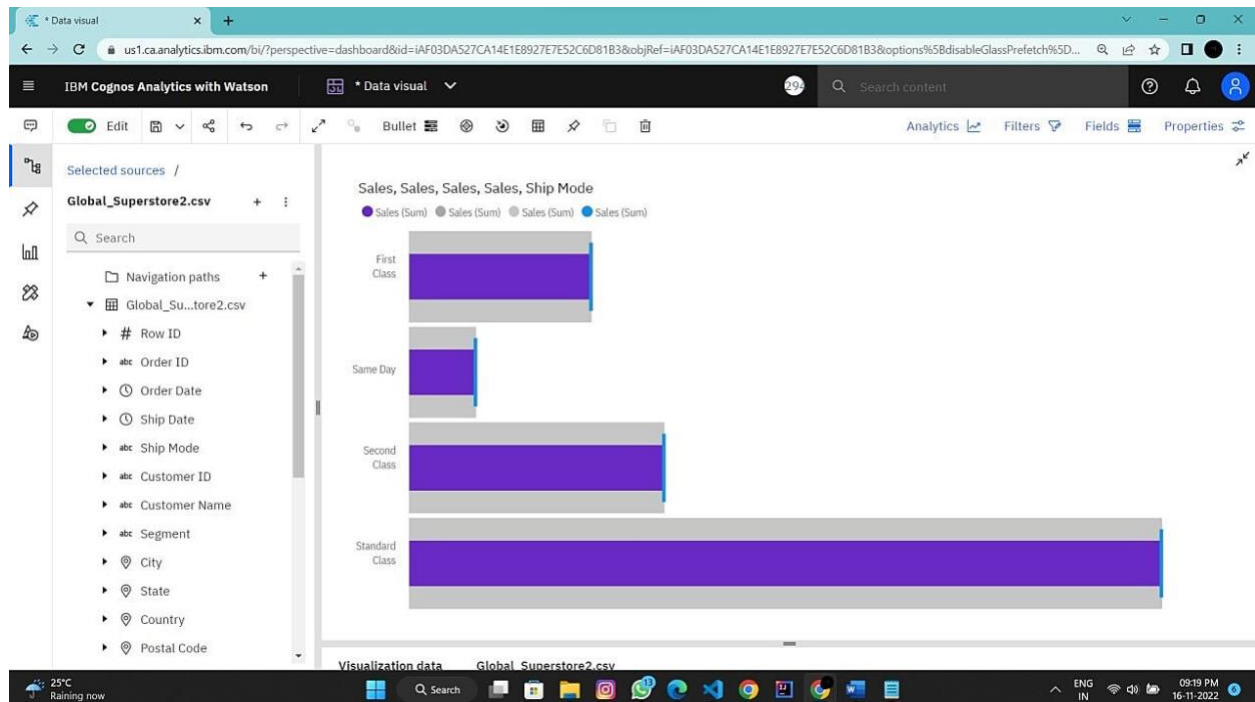
## Sales vs Profit Scatter Plot with Sub-Category points



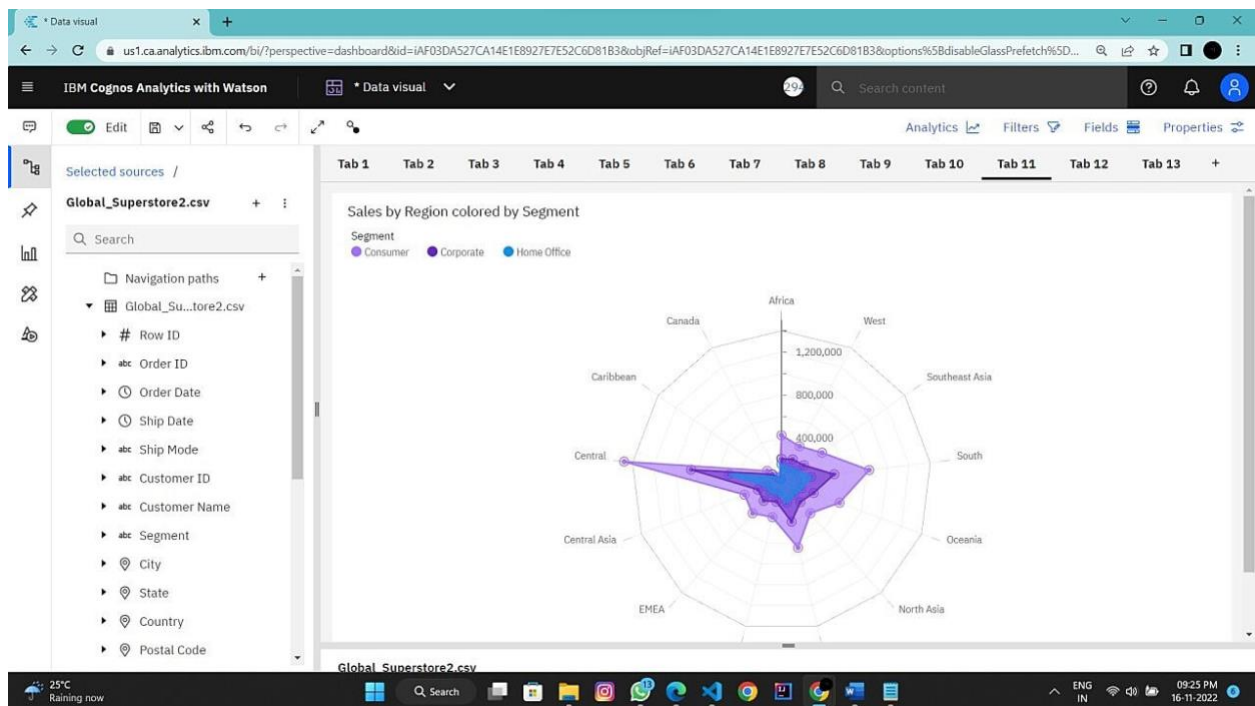
## Sales vs Profit forecast by Month by Order Date



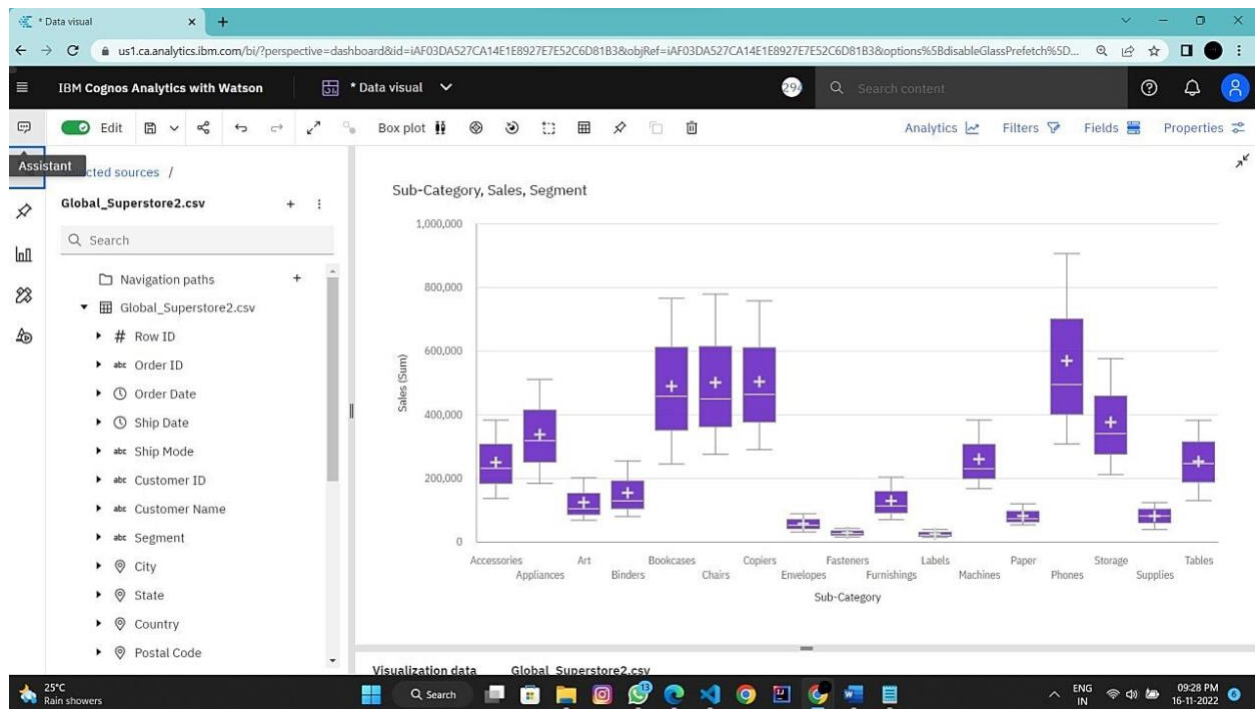
## Target For Sales Present Segement Wise Sales Using Bullet Chart



## Radar Chart across various Regions

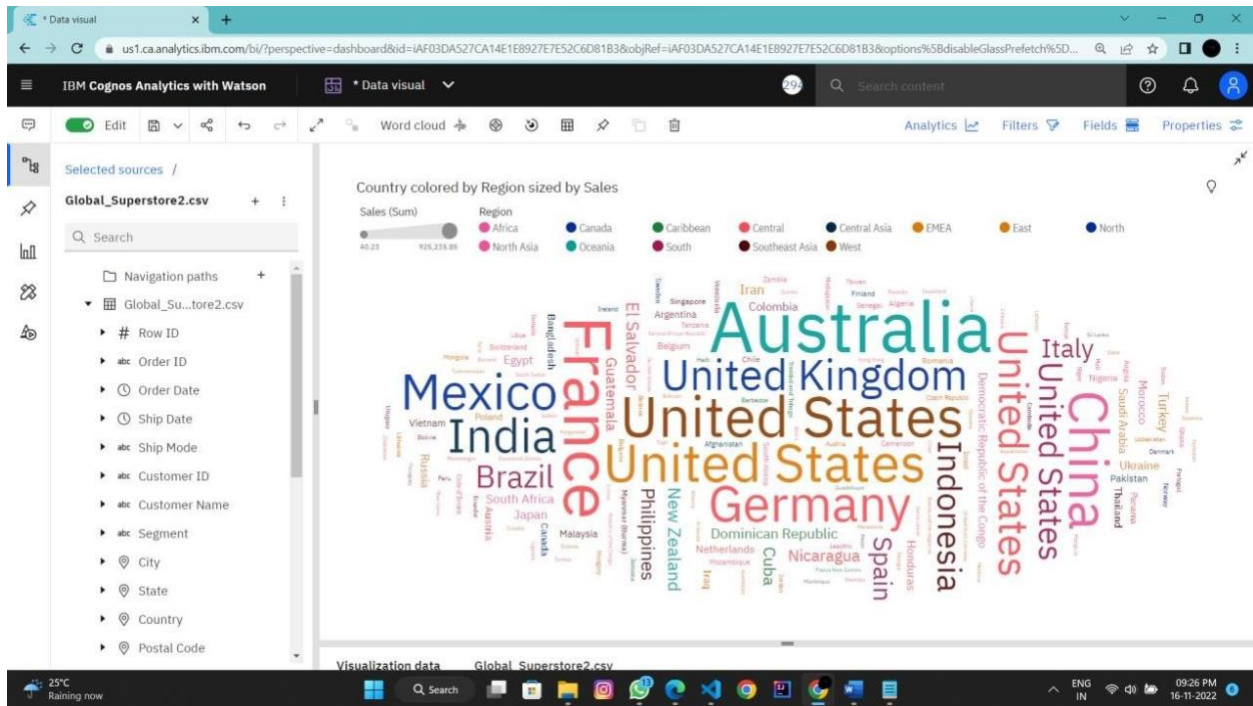


## Show the Min, Max, and Avg Sales by Sub-Category using the Box plot

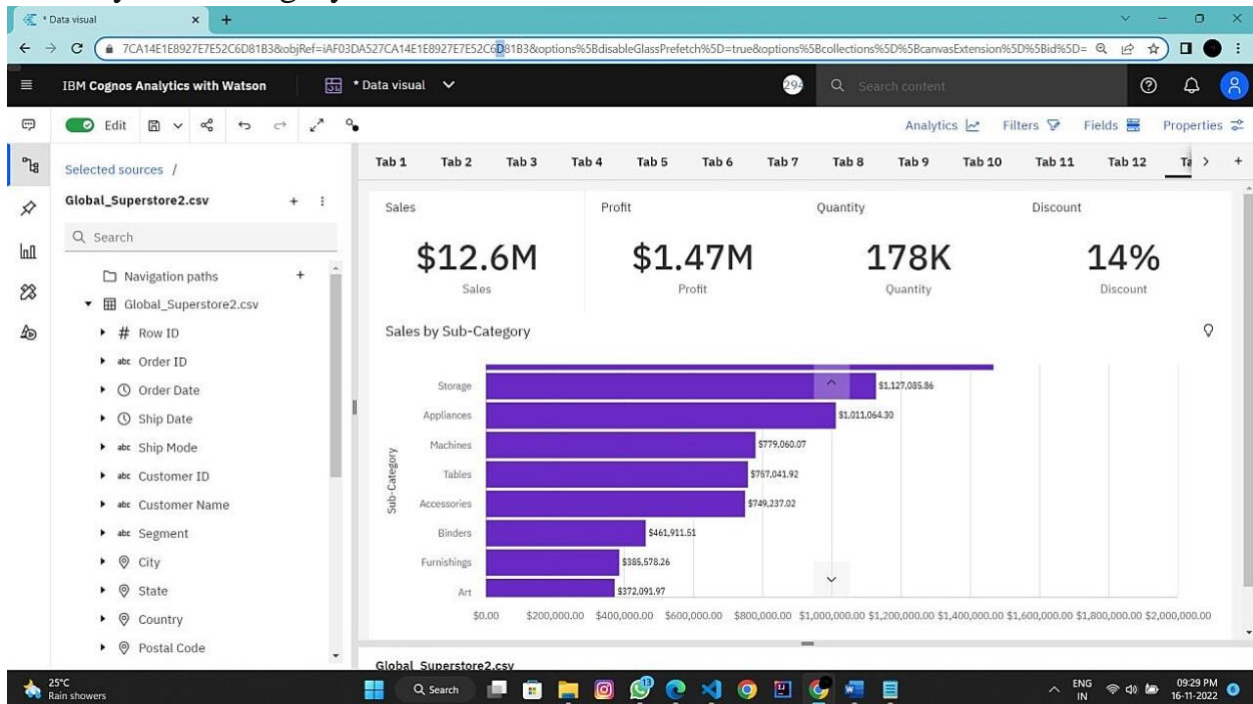




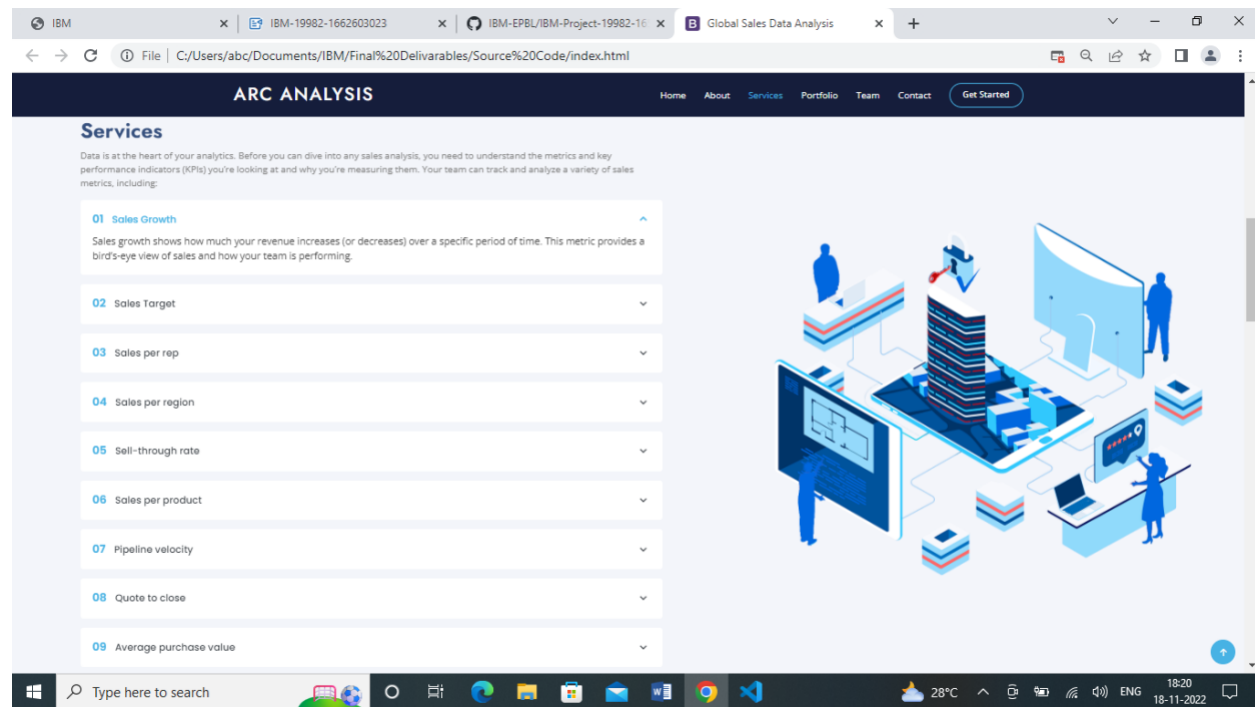
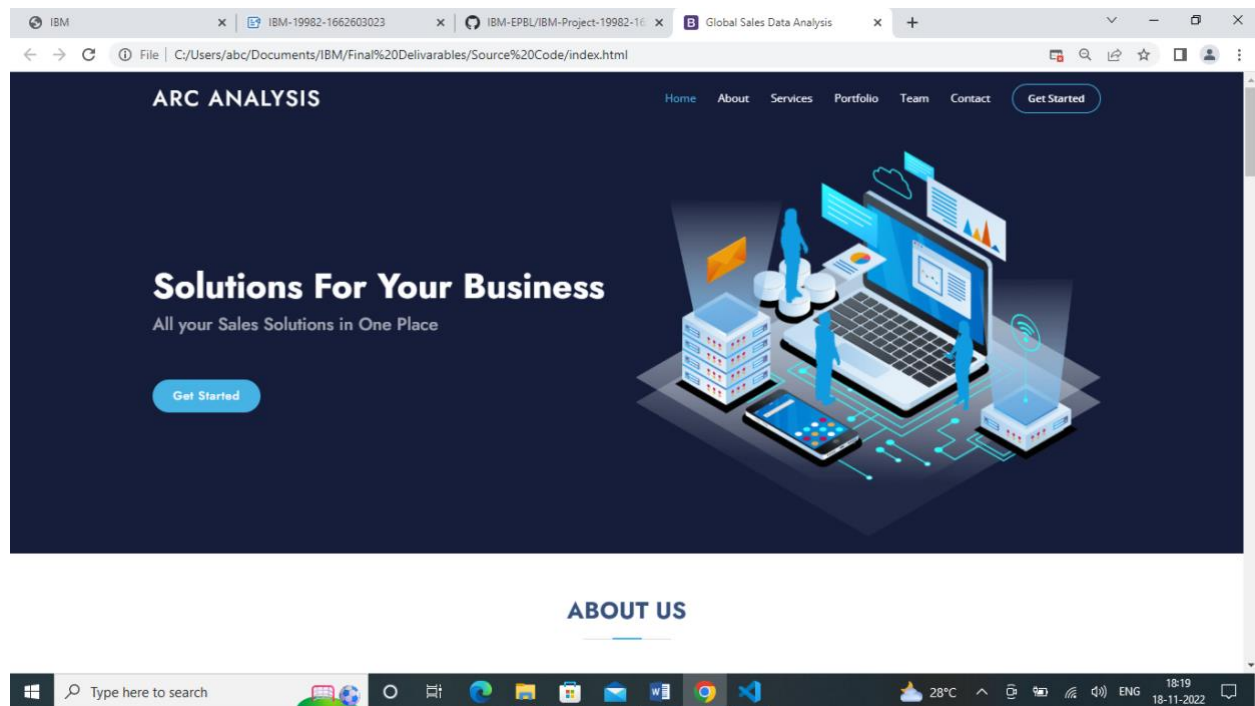
## Country Colored by Region sized by Sales



## Sales by Sub-Category



# WebPage



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## **8 RESULT**

### **Performance Metrics**

This dashboard is created to understand a few things like, Customer Analysis and Product Analysis of the Global Super Store. This can be achieved by hearing out to the consumers and collecting their user preference data So that purchasing power will increase and beneficiary for both retailers and consumers.

## **9 ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES**

### **ADVANTAGES**

1. purchasing power will increase and beneficiary for both retailers and consumers.
2. IBM Cognos analytics helps in building the dashboard and creating the exploration.

### **DISADVANTAGES**

3. A little bit confusing to choose the type of exploration

## **10 FUTURE SCOPE**

Sales analytics refers to the use of technology to collect and use sales data to derive actionable insights. It is used to identify, optimize, and forecast sales. It uses different metrics and KPIs to plan an efficient sales model that generates higher revenue for the business

This dashboard is a responsive dashboard, so as we update the csv file uploaded in the IBM Cognos dashboard updates automatically so that this dashboard can be utilized in future also.

This dashboard is also having forecast exploration which enables to predict future sale

## **11 CONCLUSION**

By implementing this analytics solution, the company brought their competitive and sales data reporting in-house, cut costs and increased the accuracy of their reporting and analysis. As the company moves forward with this new solution, their sales reporting costs will most likely be reduced by 50 to 70%. They are now able to analyze raw data themselves, respond more quickly to changes in market trends and perform root cause analysis to determine those shifts in the market. By securing quicker access to their data with the new solution, the company was also able to reduce the risk associated with delayed responses to changes in their markets.

With the new solution, the company can now process sales reports faster than the outsourced solution, reducing turnaround time between 50% to 60%. The reporting needs of the company have been streamlined, consolidating over 10 reports into the centralized dashboard solution. The company's competitive analysis group is also able to more quickly respond to internal data requests given they have the ability to pull the information themselves. With this quicker response, the company is better able to react to changes in the market and predict opportunities for its sales force. The business also experienced an increase in the overall understanding of their sales data throughout the organization. The company now has great flexibility in the presentation of their sales and competitive data, while also being able to integrate sales data with other key data points for the organization