

Work Document

Project Objective:

The objective of this mini project is to perform a comprehensive data analysis on product defects to support Quality Control (QC) processes. Using a structured dataset containing fields such as Defect ID, Product ID, Defect Type, Defect Date, Defect Location, Severity, Inspection Method, and Repair Cost, this analysis aims to:

- Identify the most common types of defects and their locations.
- Evaluate trends in defects over time.
- Assess the severity levels associated with different defects.
- Compare the effectiveness of inspection methods.
- Analyse the impact of defects on repair costs.
- Provide actionable insights to minimize defect occurrence and improve overall product quality.

Title: Quality Control & Defect Analysis

Data Collection:

The dataset used in this project was collected as part of a quality control process in a manufacturing environment. It consists of 1,000 rows of defect-related records stored in a CSV (Comma-Separated Values) format. Each row represents a unique defect identified during the inspection of various products. The dataset includes the following key attributes:

- **Defect-id:** Unique identifier for each defect.
- **Product-id:** Identifier of the product with the defect.
- **Defect-type:** Nature or category of the defect (e.g., Cosmetic, Structural, Functional).
- **Defect-date:** The date when the defect was identified.
- **Defect-location:** Specific location on the product where the defect was found.
- **Severity:** Level of seriousness of the defect (e.g., Minor, Moderate, Critical).
- **Inspection-method:** Method used to detect the defect (e.g., Visual, Automated, Manual).
- **Repair-cost:** Estimated or actual cost incurred to repair the defect.

Data Cleaning:

- Defect dataset contained inconsistency of data, So corrected the data by using PROPER () function.
- The dataset contained duplicate values, so within the power query used “remove duplicates” feature to clear the duplicates.

- The dataset contains the Defect-date column format as “06-06-2024 & 4/26/2024” by using date format changed to DD/MM/YYYY format.
- The columns were containing white spaces by used trim function xl sheet to clear the white spaces.
- Observed some missing values in some columns, so if the column was number column replaced missing values with AVERAGE () function, if it was text column replaced with MODE ().
- Performed date formatting and transformation in Excel by extracting the month from the 'Defect Date' column using built-in functions such as TEXT () and MONTH (). This allowed for monthly trend analysis in dashboard.

Analysis Questions:

1. What are the most frequent defect types?
2. How do defect types and severity levels vary month-wise?
3. What is the average repair cost overall?
4. What does the severity-wise defect analysis reveal?
5. How are defects distributed by location?
6. What is the total number of defects reported?
7. What is the average repair cost across all defects?
8. Which defect types have the highest severity counts?
9. How are defects distributed by inspection method?
10. What is the average repair cost by defect type?
11. Which defect type has the highest repair cost?
12. What is the location-wise distribution of defect types?
13. Which product IDs are associated with different defect types?

Power BI

- Loaded the data into Power BI transformed the data in power query by making first row as header.
- Changed the datatypes according to the column.
- Used Measures and Calculated columns as per requirement for example using Total defects, highest severity count, Total products, Average repair cost and more.
- For calculated columns made use of DAX.

Measures:

1. **Total Products**=DISTINCTCOUNT (defects_data1[Product-id])
2. **Total Defects**=SUM (defects_data1[Defect-id])
3. **Highest Severity Count**=MAXX (SUMMARIZE (defects_data1, 'defects_data1'[Severity], "Severity Count", COUNTROWS('defects_data1')), [Severity Count])

4.**Average Repair Cost**= AVERAGE (defects_data1[Repair-cost])

5.**Count of defects**=DISTINCTCOUNT (defects_data1[Defect-id])

Interactive Filtering with Slicers:

Implemented slicers in the Power BI dashboard to allow users to interactively filter defect data based on:

- **Defect Location:** View and compare defects by specific locations.
- **Severity:** Analyse trends based on severity levels (e.g., Critical, Minor, Moderate).
- **Inspection Method:** Drill down into data based on the method used for inspection (e.g., Automated Testing, Manual Testing, Visual Inspection).

Visualizations Implemented:

1. **Highest Severity Count by Defect Type**
 - Identified which defect types are associated with the highest severity levels to prioritize quality control efforts.
2. **Sum of Product ID by Defect Type**
 - Measured the volume of defective products by category to assess the impact of specific defect types.
3. **Highest Severity Count by Defect Location**
 - Analysed locations contributing the most severe defects to assist in root cause analysis and preventive action planning.
4. **Highest Severity Count by Defect Month and Severity**
 - Monitored monthly trends of severe defects to identify critical periods requiring operational attention.
5. **Sum of Defect ID by Inspection Method**
 - Compared the number of defects detected using different inspection methods to evaluate their effectiveness.
6. **Sum of Repair Cost by Defect Type**
 - Evaluated the cost impact of various defect types to support cost-reduction strategies.
7. **Sum of Defect ID by Defect Month and Defect Type**
 - Analysed defect trends over time categorized by type, helping to detect seasonal or recurring quality issues.
8. **Count of Defect Type by Defect Location**
 - Compared the frequency of defect types across locations to localize quality challenges.

Quality Control & Defect Analysis Dashboard

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Highest Severity Co...

Highest Severity Count by Defect_type

Defect_Type	Highest Severity Count
Structural	100
Functional	80
Cosmetic	60

Inspection_method

Inspection_method	Sum of Repair_cost	Highest Severity Count
Automated Testing	1,49,035.88	104
Manual Testing	1,85,178.29	135
Visual Inspection	1,73,412.98	122
Total	5,07,627.15	358

Sum of Product_id by Defect_type

Defect_Type	Sum of Product_id
Functional	10K
Structural	15K
Cosmetic	10K

Highest Severity Count by Defect_location

Defect_Location	Highest Severity Count	Percentage
Surface	128	35.65%
Component	116	32.31%
Internal	115	32.03%

Highest Severity Count by Defect Month and Severity

Defect Month	Critical	Minor	Moderate
January	50	40	30
February	45	35	25
March	40	30	20
April	35	25	15
May	30	20	10
June	25	15	10
July	20	10	10
August	15	10	10
September	10	10	10
October	10	10	10
November	10	10	10
December	10	10	10

Sum of Defect_id by Inspection_method

Inspection_method	Sum of Defect_id	Percentage
Visual Inspection	178K	35.61%
Manual Testing	171K	34.08%
Automated Testing	152K	30.31%

Sum of Repair_cost by Defect_type

Defect_type	Sum of Repair_cost	Percentage
Structural	176.92K	34.85%
Functional	171.91K	33.86%
Cosmetic	158.8K	31.28%

501K

Total Defects

100

Total products

Sum of Defect_id by Defect Month and Defect_type

Defect Month	Cosmetic	Functional	Structural
January	35K	35K	35K
February	30K	30K	30K
March	25K	25K	25K
April	20K	20K	20K
May	15K	15K	15K
June	10K	10K	10K
July	5K	5K	5K
August	0K	0K	0K
September	0K	0K	0K
October	0K	0K	0K
November	0K	0K	0K
December	0K	0K	0K

Count of Defect_type by Defect_location

Defect_location	Count of Defect_type
Surface	350
Component	320
Internal	300

Defect_location

All

Severity

All

Inspection_method

All

507.63

Average Repair Cost