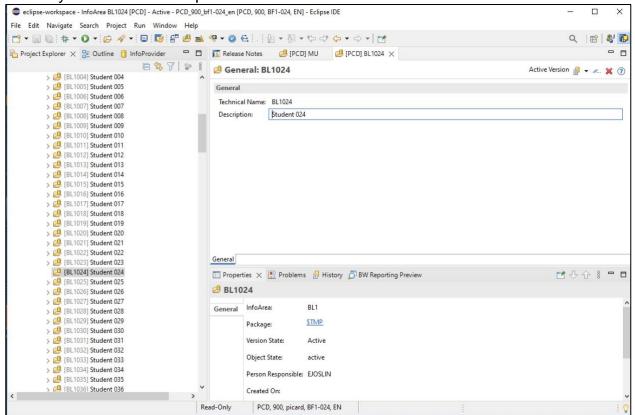
Question 1: Insert a screenshot of your student InfoArea (folder) for this semester. What is your InfoArea technical name? What is your InfoArea description?

What is your InfoArea technical name? BL1024

What is your InfoArea description? Student 024



Question 2: Are you permitted to edit or delete objects in the MU0 InfoArea? NO

Question 3: Are you permitted to edit or delete objects in InfoAreas that do not belong to you? NO

Question 4: Create a list of all key figures, then the dimensions. Within each dimension, list the characteristics.

Key figures:

- Customer: dimensions: Sales Organization(characteristic), Currency Key(Unit), MU0 Customer(characteristic)
- Measures: dimensions:MU0 Net Sales(Key Figure), MU0 Sales Quantity(Key Figure), MU0
 Discount(Key Figure), MU0 Revenue(Key Figure), Cost of Goods Manufactured(Key Figure)
- Order: dimensions: OrderNumber(characteristic) , Ordeitem(characteristic)
- Product: dimensions: Unit of Measure(unit), Material(characteristic)

Question 1: What is a data source?

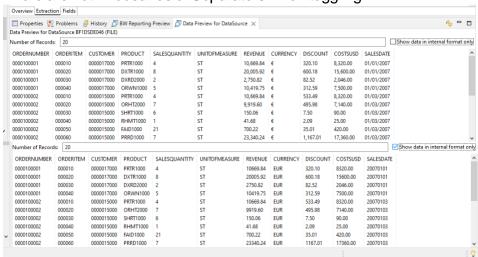
- 1) as a preparation for the loading process into the data acquisition layer of SAP BW4/HANA 2.0.
- 2) A data source refers to any location or system from which data can be retrieved. It serves as the origin of data for analysis, reporting, or other purposes. Data sources can include databases, files, APIs, web services, spreadsheets, and more.

Question 2: You have created a data source for sales data. What do you think is the destination of this data in terms of the snowflake schema? Why?

In the context of the snowflake schema, sales data typically flows from the fact table (which contains transactional data) to related dimension tables. By connecting the fact table to these dimension tables, the snowflake schema ensures a normalized and structured representation of sales data.

Question 3: Go to the Data Preview and toggle the Show data in internal format only flag. Comment on the revenue formats when you toggle.

There are not Thousands of Separators when toggling.

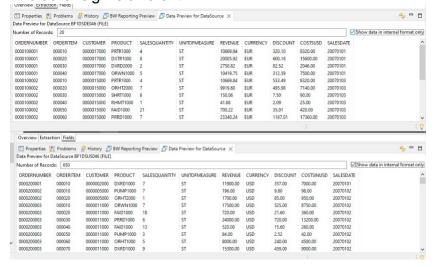


Question 4: What is the internal format for salesdate?

Salesdata Internal Data Type: CHAR e.g. 20160530

Question 5: What are the differences of US data as compared to the data from Germany?

The dollar sign is different.



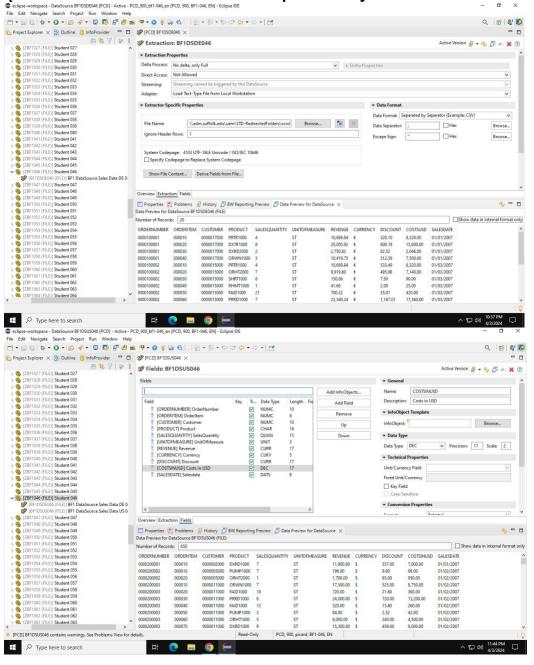
Question 6: Why did we have to create two data sources, one for DE and one for US? Because the data are different, we need to create a separate DataSource for US.

Question 7: What is the unit of measure of sales quantity? ST, Stone.

Question 8: Are any characteristics mapped to the data source fields yet? Why? Why not? Only Product used CHAR format because the product name is composed of English letters.

Question G: How many sales transactions do we have for US? How many for DE? Based on the CSV file, there are 14,450 sale transactions in US, 18,517 in DE

Question 10: Insert screenshots of the preview of your data in the two datasources.



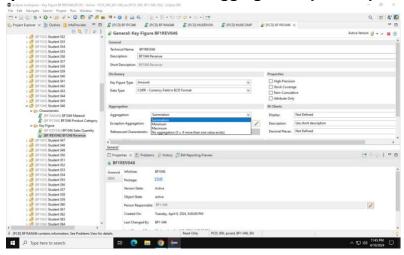
Question 1: What type of InfoObject is Revenue?

CURR - currency field in BCD Format

Question 2: Why does revenue not have an Exception Aggregation?

Because they used Aggregation as summation.

Question 3: What are other Aggregation options apart from summation?

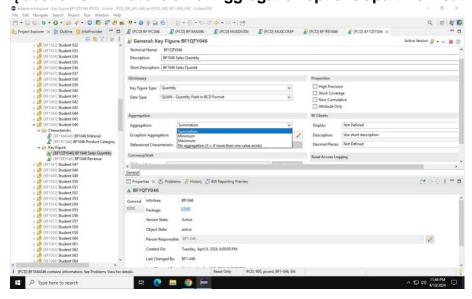


Question 4: What type of InfoObject is Sales Quantity?

QUAN – Quantity

Question 5: Why does Sales Quantity not have Exception Aggregation? Because they used Aggregation as summation.

Question 6: What are other Aggregation options apart from summation?



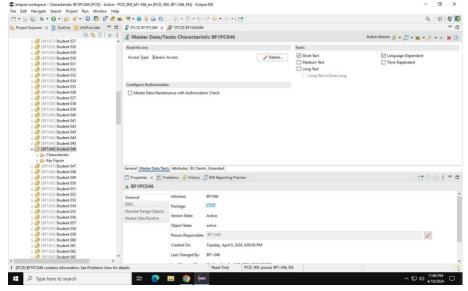
Question 7: What type of InfoObject is Product Category? Characteristic.

Question 8: Is the Product category Language Dependent?

Yes, it is.

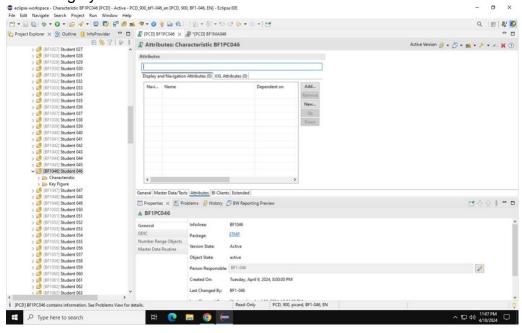
Question G: Is the Product Category Time Dependent?

No, it is not. The concept of time dependency does not directly apply to the product category. It remains consistent across time and does not change based on temporal factors.



Question 10: Does Product Category have attributes?

Product category does not have any attributes in our case, this table can be used to ensure referential data integrity.



Question 11: Why did you enter the Product Category as 3 characters long?

In the preceding step, the product category characteristic was limited to be of type character and length 3.

Question 12: What type of InfoObject is Material?

The material characteristic should be of type character and be length 18.

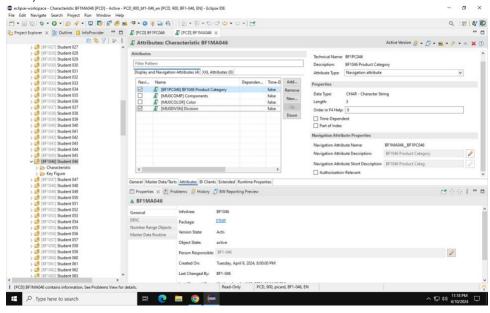
Question 13: Is the Material text Language Dependent? Yes, it is.

Question 14: Is the Material text Time Dependent?

No, it is not. It is Language Dependent.

Question 15: Does Material have attributes? If yes, what are they?

Yes, it has.



Question 16: What is meant by Navigation Attributes?

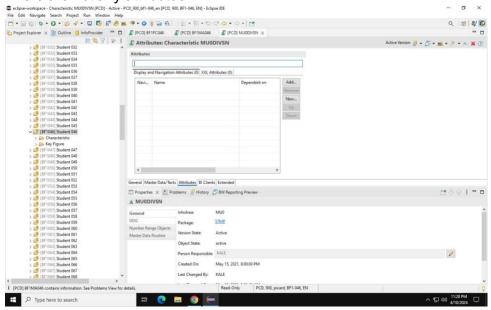
They can be used in the same way as characteristics to define queries. At the InfoObject level (attribute maintenance of the characteristic).

Question 17: Are any attributes time dependent?

No, there are not any attributes time dependent.

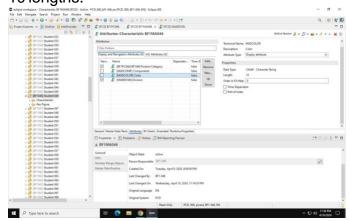
Question 18: How many attributes does Division have?

There are not any attributes.

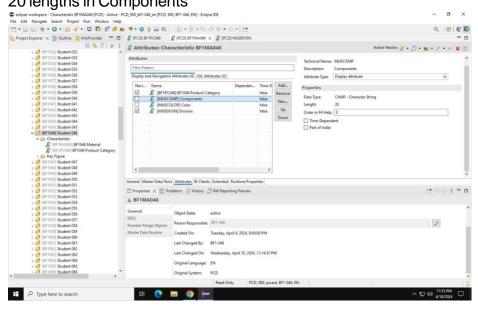


Question 1G: What is the length of the color attribute?

10 lengths.



Question 20: What is the longest material key can we have in our data warehouse? 20 lengths in Components



Question 1: Explain why we need 6 fields for material (shown above). Hint: Refer to Exercise 3.2 – Modeling Basics.

The columns are separated by 5 semicolons. Therefore, there are 6 columns in the csv file needing 6 fields.

Question 2: Why did the system not add a Hierarchy node? Hint: Refer to Exercise 3.2.

Since all nodes have the same depth, hierarchy nodes would make no sense.

Question 3: In the mapping (rules) Figure 21 above, explain why the left table and right table have different icons for the fields.

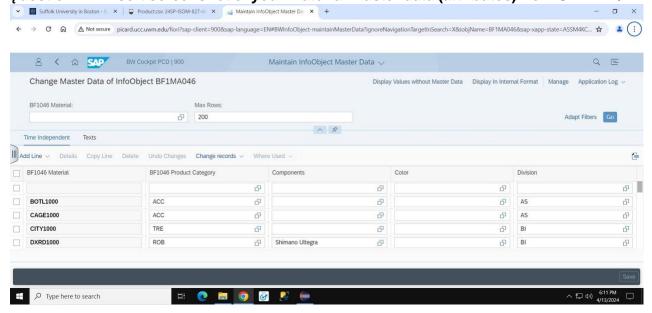
The left are Data source characteristics while the right is Info Object characteristics.

Question 4: Explain why the Material Description is not connected to anything.

There are only 5 characteristics in the info object table so 1 data source characteristic was bound to be left out. In this case, Material Description does not have a counter part, because the material characteristic in the info object table relates to the Material Number.

Question 5: In this task, what part(s) of the E, T, L did you implement for material? Explain. I extracted and loaded the material data into SAP. I loaded the material attribute data into SAP.

Question 7: Insert screenshot of your material master data (attributes) from SAP BW/4HANA.



Question 8: Click on the Texts tab. Why are there no texts?

They have not been loaded into SAP yet.

Question G: Why Is there medium text but no short or any other text fields?

The Master Data only has medium text length.

Question 10: In the mapping figure above, why are only material description and material number connected (and not the rest of the fields on the left side)?

They need to be connected for their identifiers. The other connections are not needed.

Question 11: What rule are we implementing for the language key for material description? A constant rule (English language)

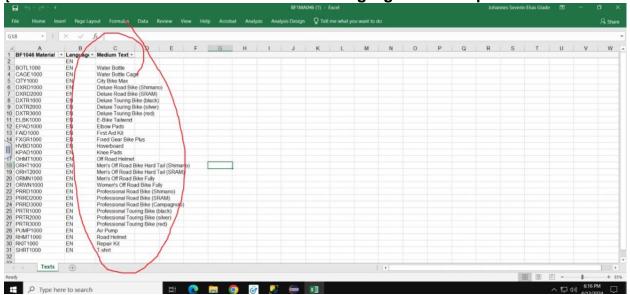
Question 12: Are there any non-English material descriptions? Why?

No because of the constant rule.

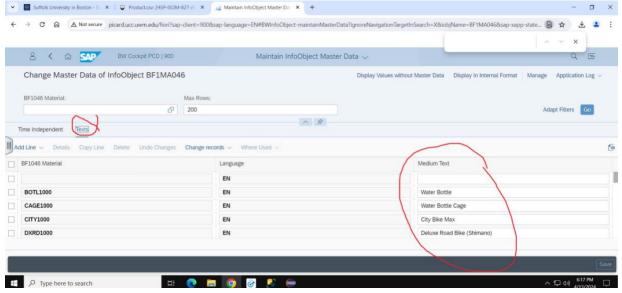
Question 13: Why is the description Medium in length?

Length was set to medium.

Question 14: Insert a screenshot of the csv file. Highlight the texts part of It.



Question 15: Insert a screenshot of your material master data. Highlight the text part of It.

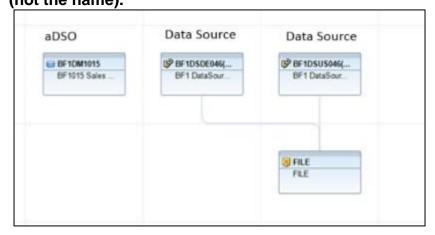


Question 1: What is the difference between a field and an InfoObject?

Fields hold values that represent specific attributes of an entity while InfoObjects represent characteristics.

Question 2: What is the advantage of using InfoObjects instead of fields in an aDSO? Using InfoObjects provides standardized data attributes, ensuring consistency and simplifying maintenance.

Question 3: Insert a screenshot of your Data Flow and label each box with the type of object it is (not the name).



Question 4: Why did we choose Direct Assignment for Customer?

To map the customer ID directly to the corresponding InfoObject without any transformation or lookup.

Question 5: Can one source object be mapped to multiple target objects? Provide an example. Yes, revenue was mapped to revenue and net sales.

Question 6: Why does the Cost of Good Manufactured not need a currency key? It is already in USD.

Question 7: What will be the final currency of Net Sales?

USD because the currency key is added.

Question 8: Explain, in detail, the transformation rule for Sales Organization.

Since Sales Organization is a time-dependent attribute of customer, the Lookup rule type is used. By adding customer and salesdate, the lookup rule can accurately transform the sales organization.

Quesiton G: Why does the Sales Data aDSO need two transformations? One for each data source.

Question 10: Why is the ordernumber a field and not an InfoObject?

It is a unique identifier that does not need any attributes that InfoObjects provide.

Question 11: Why did you have to execute two DTPs?

One for each data source

Question 12: What would happen if you executed a DTP twice by mistake?

It can cause duplicate data.

Question 13: What is the source object of the DTP?

The source objects are the DE and US sales data.

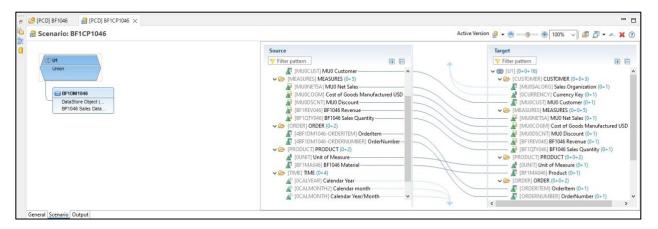
Question 14: What is the target object of the DTP?

The target object is the aDSO

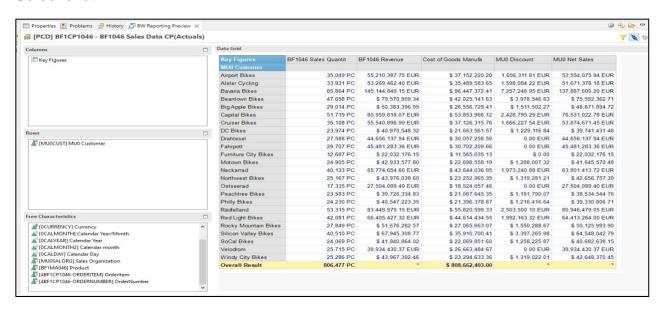
Question 15: In these DTP, what type of data are we loading (in the context of the snowflake schema)?

Structured data

Screenshot1-



Screenshot2-



Question 1: What is the difference between an aDSO and a composite provider?

An aDSO is primarily used for storing and managing detailed transactional data in an SAP BW environment. It allows for the storage, retrieval, and updating of transactional data. On the other hand, a Composite Provider is a virtual object that combines data from various sources, including aDSOs, and is used mainly for reporting and analytics purposes. It allows for complex data modeling, integrating data from multiple objects into a unified structure for analysis and reporting.

Question 2: Is the data in a composite provider persistent?

No, the data in a Composite Provider is not persistent. A Composite Provider in SAP BW is a virtual object that does not store data physically. Instead, it integrates and harmonizes data from different sources in real-time or on-demand for reporting and analysis. This approach allows for flexibility and up-to-date reporting without the need for physical data storage within the Composite Provider itself.

Question 4: List the process (at least 10 steps) of building and populating a BW/4HANA 2.0 data warehouse. Refer to all previous exercises in Chapters 3 and 4.

The process of building and populating a BW/4HANA 2.0 data warehouse involves several steps, such as:

Defining the data model.

Creating InfoObjects for characteristics and key figures.

Loading transactional and master data.

Building and using Advanced DataStore Objects (aDSOs) for data storage.

Developing Composite Providers for data integration.

Implementing data transformation and transfer processes.

Configuring and using extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) processes.

Setting up virtualization layers for data reporting.

Activating and validating the loaded data.

Using tools like Analysis for Excel for data analysis and reporting.

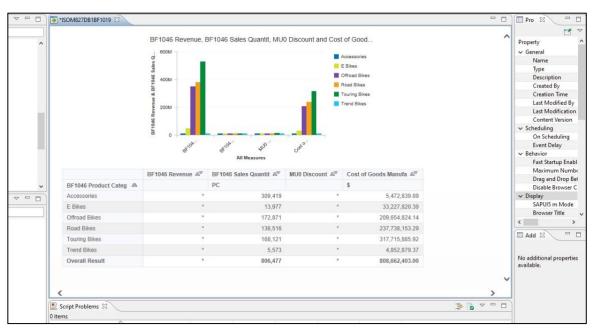
These steps encompass the comprehensive process of organizing, storing, and preparing data for effective business intelligence and reporting in SAP BW/4HANA.

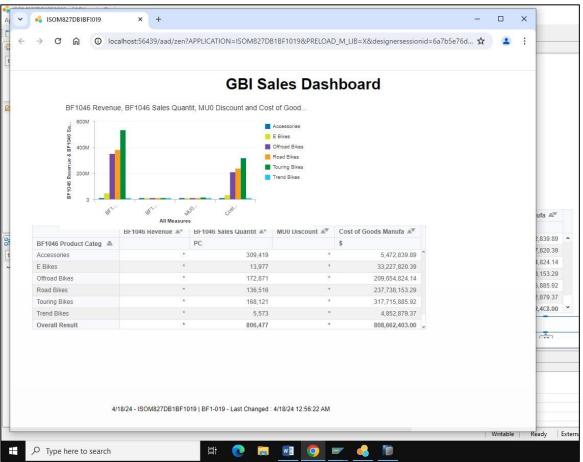
Question 5: Now that you have modeled, built, and populated a data warehouse in SAP BW/4HANA 2.0, list one advantage to snowflake schemas that we had discussed in class but did not implement in our data warehouse.

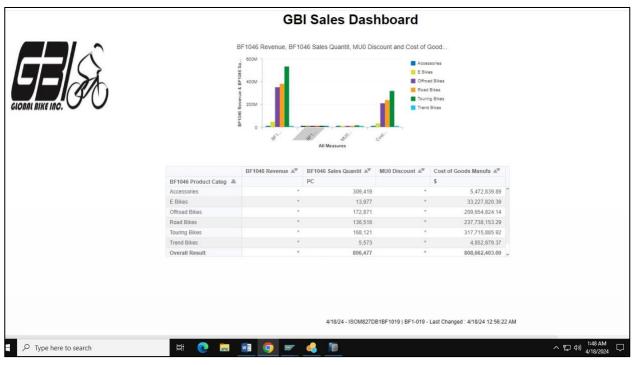
One advantage to snowflake schemas discussed in class but not implemented in our data warehouse is the normalization of data. This reduces redundancy and improves data integrity. In a snowflake schema, data is divided into additional tables through normalization, leading to less duplication and a clear structure. This can enhance guery performance and data quality.

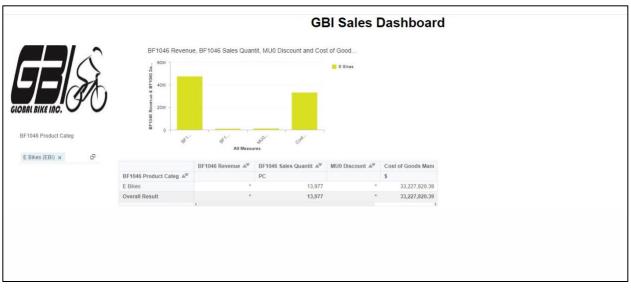
Benchmark 6 Reflection:

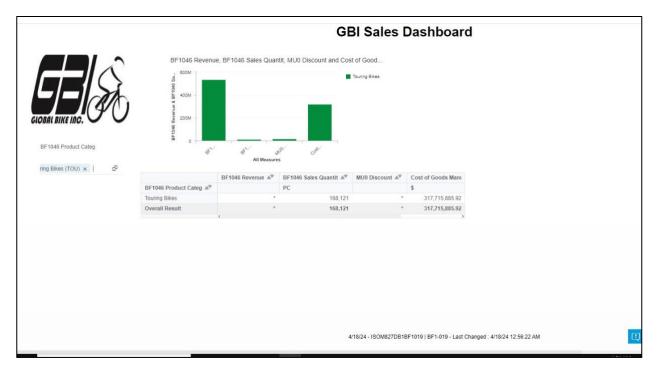
In benchmark 6, we gained insights into Composite Provider-based reporting in SAP BW. The goal was to merge various data sources for reporting. The process involved using data from aDSOs and others, with the outcome being detailed reports. Challenges included data integration and mastering Composite Providers. My experience was positive, reflecting the comprehensive and powerful nature of SAP tools for data integration and analytics.



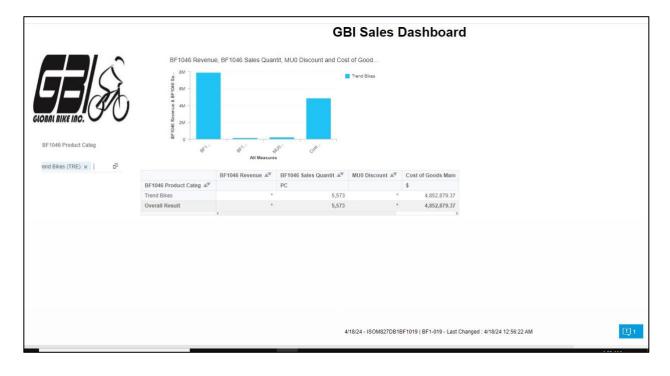


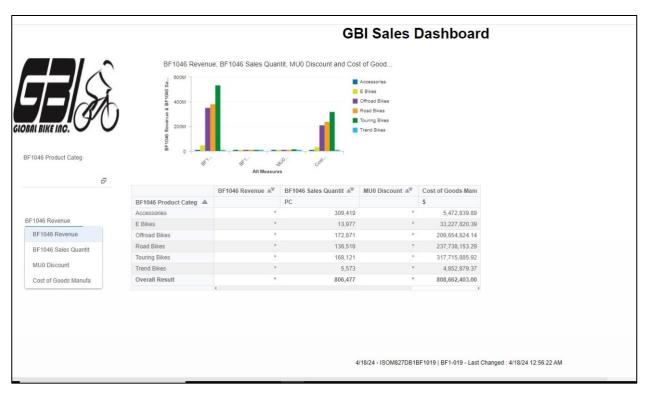


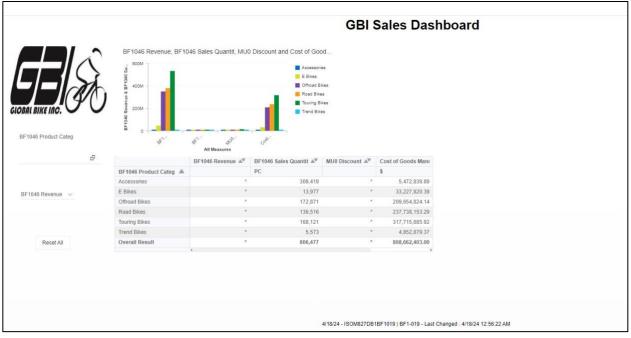




Q1 G2 - As shown in the screenshot, the highest Revenue is for the product category "Touring Bikes" and the lowest discount is for "Trends Bike".







Question 1: Based on the results, it appears that Triple Exponential Smoothing was able to fit the data well as make a good forecast. Why do you think it worked this well?

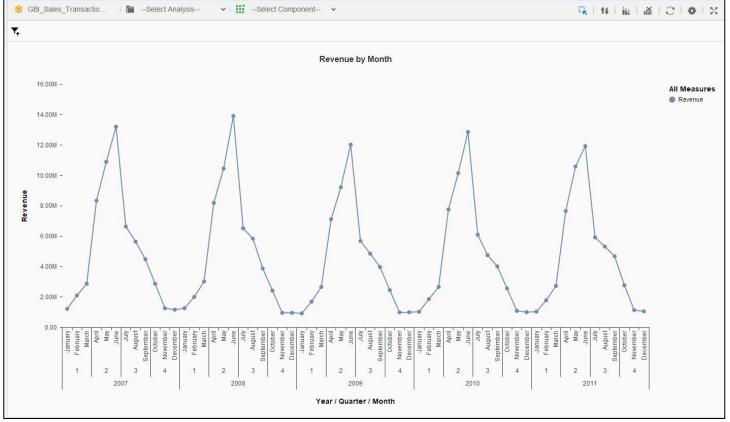
Triple Exponential Smoothing was able to fit the data to make a good forecast because it was able to take the previous data we had attributed to USD revenue and forecast it based of monthly values in previous years/months. Thus, we are seeing a similar trend line that gradually rises to the summer months, when people are most likely to buy bicycles, and then decrease afterword.

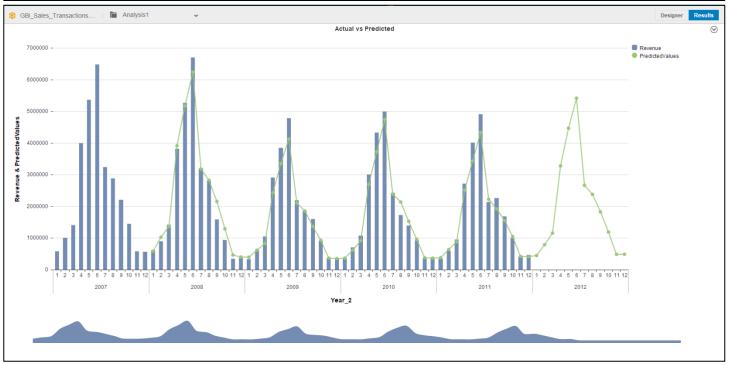
Question 2: Would single or double exponential smoothing have worked for this GBI sales data? Why or why not?

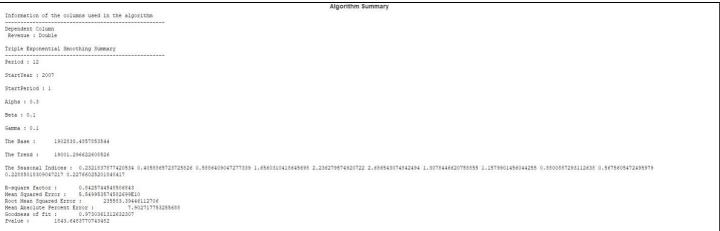
Single Exponential Smoothing would not have helped us in determining a predictive model for the following year for GBI sales as it does not take into account trends or seasonal factors that Triple Exponential Smoothing does so precisely. Arguably, Double Exponential Smoothing can be used for GBI sales as it is looking at a trend analysis about the data we are providing. However, it would not be as accurate compared to Triple Exponential due to the seasonal factor that is so heavily prevalent in GBI sales.

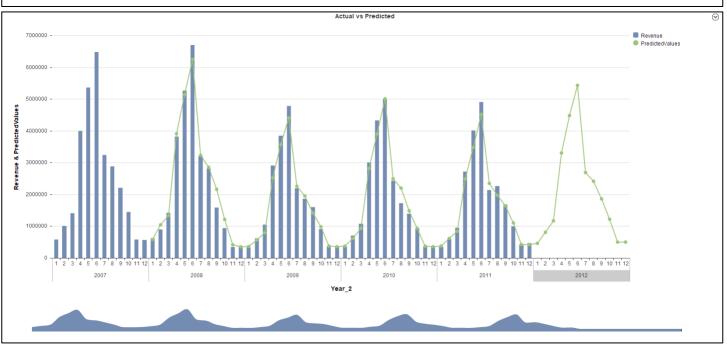
Question 3: Explore the results tab to find the R-square factor. What is the R-square factor telling you about the model? Also look for Goodness of Fit. Comment on it as well.

The R-square factor is based on a scale of 0-1, explaining the variability of the data. We see that the R-square factor of 0.84257 run by the Triple Exponential Smoothing model is on the higher end. Helping us determine that the data we are being shown is reliable and a more accurate forecasting model. Also, the Goodness of Fit we observed is 0.973036, using an alpha of 0.03. This determines how our actual values compare to the predicted values the model had predicted.









Algorithm Summary Information of the columns used in the algorithm Revenue : Double Triple Exponential Smoothing Summary Feriod : 12 StartPeriod : 12 Alpha : 0.5 Beta : 0.1 Gamma : 0.1 The Sease : 1937847.481494153 The Trend : 19796.697382669732 The Seasonal Indices : 0.2341818121338438 0.40826550993772983 0.5844055666146899 1.637495951019928 2.2010737645189975 2.6424195040269334 1.295173079854366 1.1513074543744466 0.0785463032397061 0.5714019813605214 0.2311341852746699 0.2237115952531217948420 Revenue : 50.9815533301155566 Reas Square factor : 0.6915533301155566 Reas Square factor : 1.94736.233127948420 Root Mean Squared Error : 1.94730.20374681335 Root Mean Squared Error : 1.94730.20374681335