

# FROM DATA TO ACTION

#### SPENT HOURS BUILDING AN AWESOME REPORT



NO ONE USES IT





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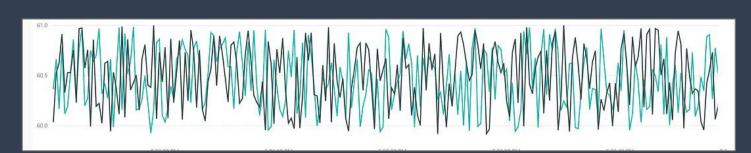
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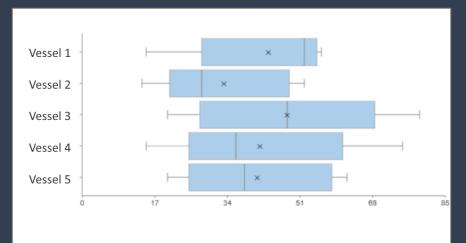
- Guiding the user
- Relevance
- Usability

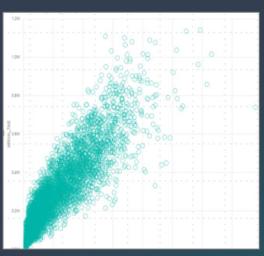
You don't need everything!



# Why care?











#### **Treasure hunt**

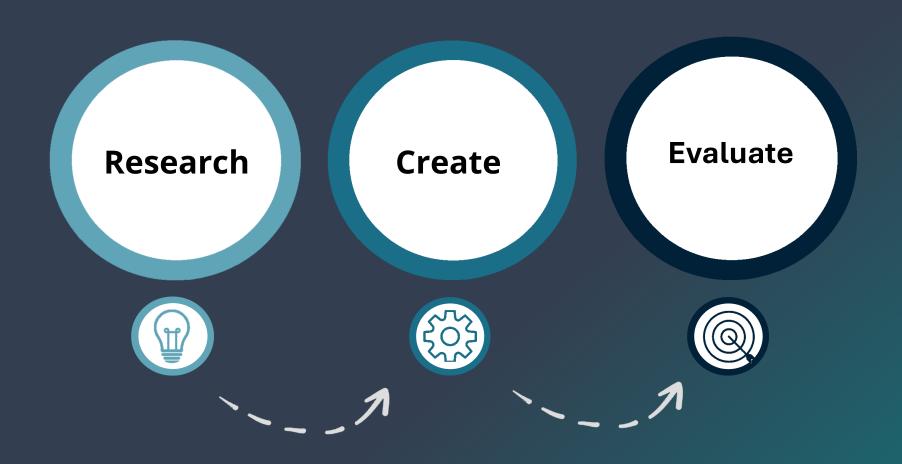
The answer is in there

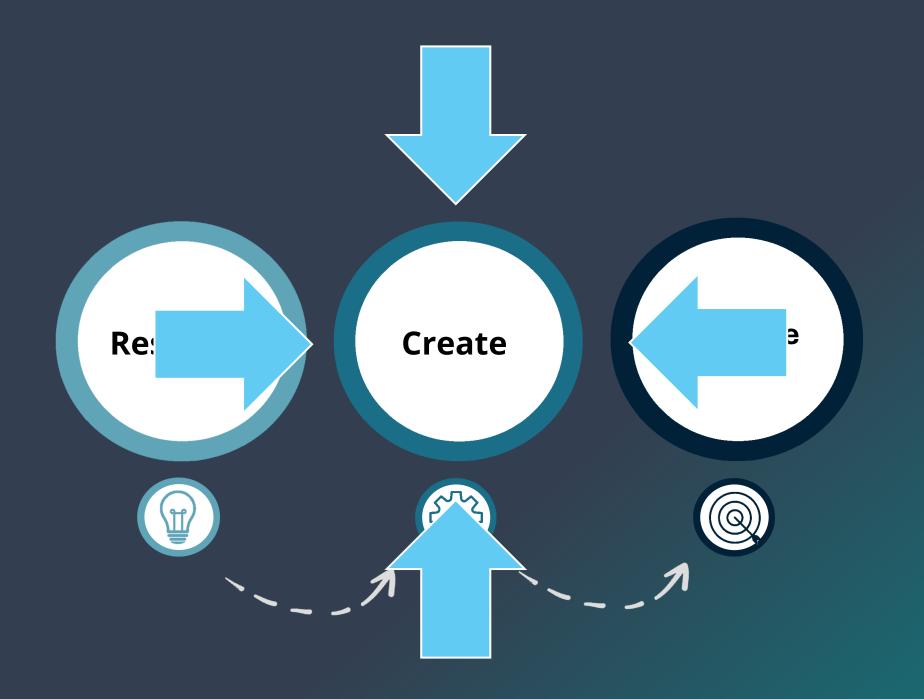
(somewhere...)

"Everybody knows this, right?"



#### From data to action!





# Research

Who, What & Why?

#### The audience

• Who is the audience?

What is the experience level?

What actions do they want to take and why?

What's the process?

How is the report used?



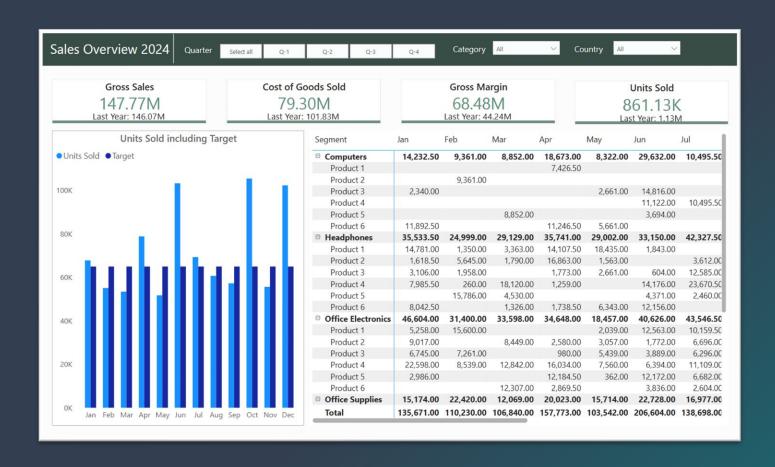
### Why do we need to know?

Visual without meaning

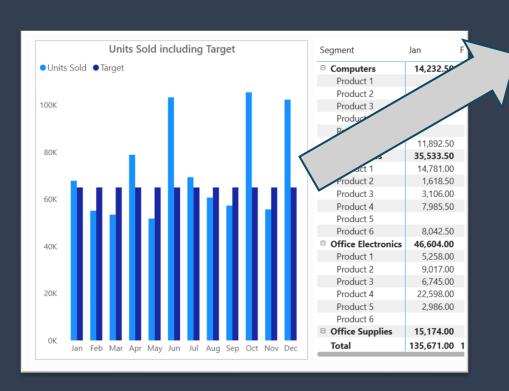
no purpose.

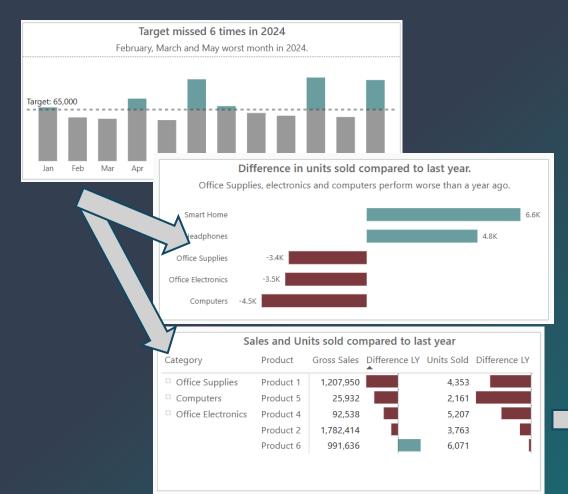


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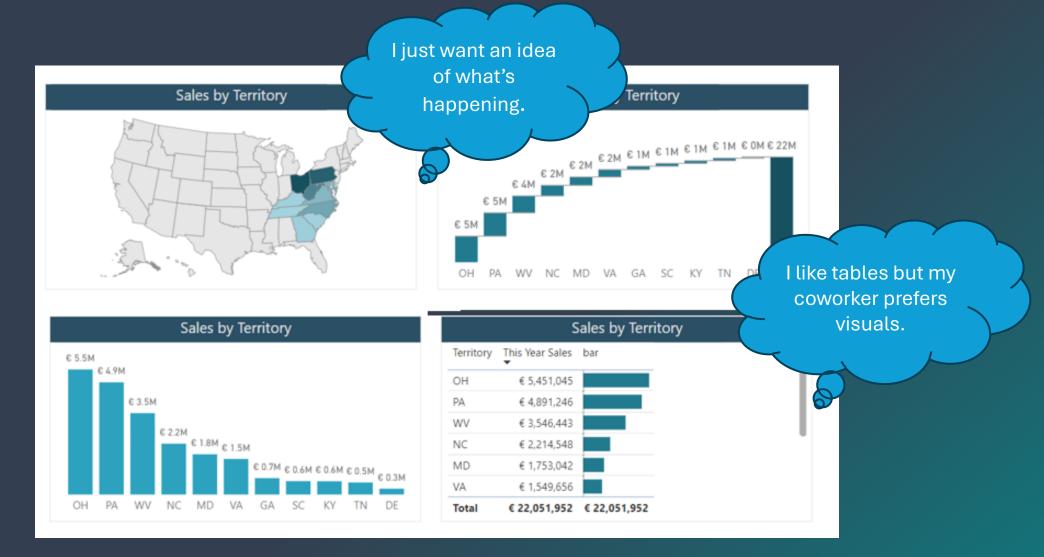




# Design

Context, Simplicity & Relevance

#### Perfect visual?



# Small changes – huge effect

	Sales Diffe	rence TY vs L	by Produc	ct
Category	Gross Sales	Difference LY	Units Sold	Difference LY
Office Electronics				
Product 4	€ 15,468,394	-583,396.53	88,790	-31,303.00
Product 6	€ 12,043,158	1,804,151.16	40,983	-15,084.50
Product 5	€ 10,276,638	5,093,043.05	51,091	-2,640.50
Product 1	€ 7,302,443	-502,078.43	47,291	-8,067.50
Product 2	€ 7,082,499	-313,509.85	30,822	-10,722.00
Product 3	€ 5,204,885	-1,438,575.67	33,837	16,389.00
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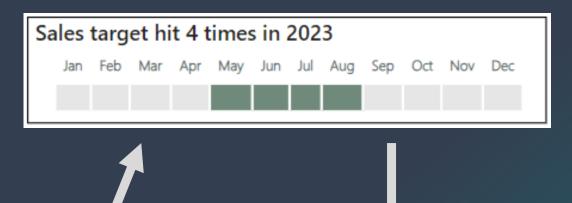
# Adding Context

Legend & Colour coding

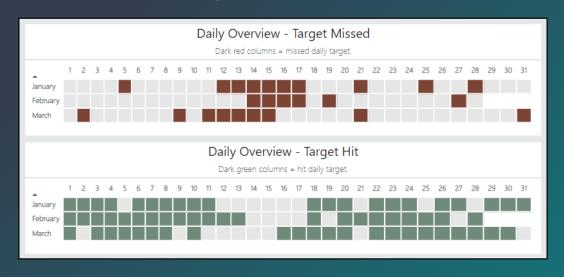




# Simplify

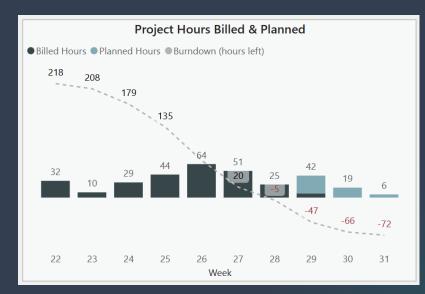


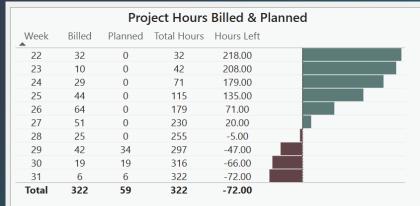




#### Table vs Visual

Project Hours Billed & Planned								
Week	Billed	Planned	Total Hours	Hours Left				
22	32	0	32	218.00				
23	10	0	42	208.00				
24	29	0	71	179.00				
25	44	0	115	135.00				
26	64	0	179	71.00				
27	51	0	230	20.00				
28	25	0	255	-5.00				
29	42	34	297	-47.00				
30	19	19	316	-66.00				
31	6	6	322	-72.00				
Total	322	59	322	-72.00				





# Simple & relevant

Conditional Formatting										
Category	Product	Gross Sales	Sales LY	Sum of Units Sold	Units Sold LY					
□ Computers	Product 1	49,128	459,198.71	4,094.00	29,191.50					
	Product 2	732,090	2,457,246.88	9,216.00	24,811.00					
	Product 3	2,256,856	905,136.92	7,796.00	23,129.00					
	Product 4	128,796	2,875,448.87	11,091.50	40,892.00					
	Product 5	69,627	1,117,383.93	5,845.00	16.219.00					
	Product 6	85,214	633,802.59	7,233.00			Conditio	nal Formatti	ng	
□ Headphones	Product 1	8,318,254	4,999,939.70	40,525.50	Category	Product	Gross Sales	Sales LY	Sum of Units Sold	Units Sold LY
	Product 2	6,714,356	3,353,474.59	35,383.50	□ Computers	Product 1	49,128	459,198.71	4,094.00	29,191.50
	Product 3	5,797,674	2,992,397.84	30,872.50		Product 2	732,090	2,457,246.88	9,216.00	24,811.00
	Product 4	9,216,325	8,204,704.54	66,659.50	□ Headphones	Product 3	2,256,856	905,136.92	7,796.00	23,129.00
	Product 5	4,868,096	5,166,997.55	34,364.00		Product 4	128,796	2,875,448.87	11,091.50	
	Product 6	7,796,254	4,066,131.34	36,423.00		Product 5	69,627	1,117,383.93	5,845.00	16,219.00
□ Office	Product 1	7,302,443	7,804,521.13	47,291.00		Product 6	85,214	633,802.59	7,233.00	27,021.00
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	Product 3	5,204,885	6,643,460.68	33,837.00		Product 2	6,714,356	3,353,474.59	35,383.50	
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	Product 5	10,276,638	5,183,595.39	51,090.50		Product 4	9,216,325	8,204,704.54	66,659.50	52,427.50
	Product 6	12,043,158	10,239,006.92	40,982.50		Product 5	4,868,096	5,166,997.55	34,364.00	34,317.00
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						Product 5	10,276,638	5,183,595.39	51,090.50	53,731.00
						Product 6	12,043,158	10,239,006.92	40,982.50	56,067.00

# Evaluate



# Continuous process

- Involve the audience early on
- Don't stop directly after implementation
- Evaluate with the actual audience



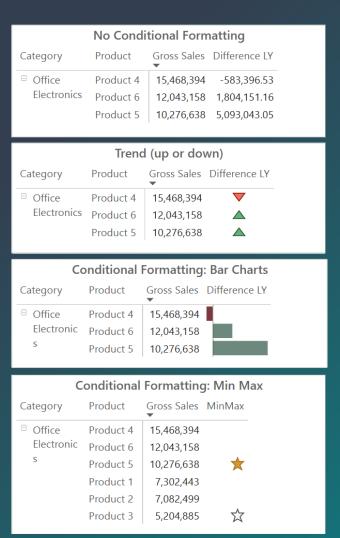
### Assumptions

- Don't assume that what worked last time will work this time.
- Proactive approach
  - How have processes changed?



#### What if it doesn't work?

- Avoid adding unnecessary data, filters, or options.
- Provide guidance.



#### Takeaway

- Talk to the end user!
- Understand the processes.
- · Guide the end-user.
- Evaluate continuously!

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