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Leveraging Procurement Vendor Segmentation, Anomaly Detection and Forecasting

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Demo Inspiration

This demonstration will showcase the capabilities of Oracle Data Science/Machine Learning Platform in aiding procurement teams with data-driven decision-making.

Objective is:

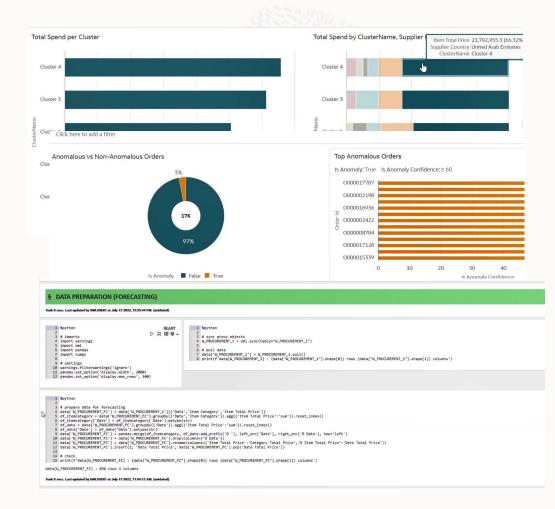
- Classifying vendors or suppliers into different categories based on various criteria to streamline procurement processes
- Identifying unusual or abnormal patterns in spending data
- Forecasting total daily/weekly/monthly procurement spending for each vendor.





Demo Flow

- 1. Summary
- 2. How did we achieve this?
 - Data Discovery & Preparation
 - Modeling
 - Actionable Insights for Business
- 3. Behind the Scenes
 - Oracle Data Science/ML Platform





Target Personas



Procurement manager wants to understand future procurement spendings, any anomalies in spendings and different vendor categories to manage relationships with suppliers effectively



Data scientists wants an end-to-end platform to address data science lifecycle and help procurement decision making process with ML

Summary

At the end of this demo, the questions that procurement manager will be able to answer are:

Vendor Segmentation

How can we categorize and segment our vendors based on their characteristics, performance, or strategic importance?

Which vendors are most suitable for specific procurement needs or categories?

Understanding Anomalies in Procurement Spendings

Are there any unusual or suspicious spending patterns that might indicate abnormal spending?

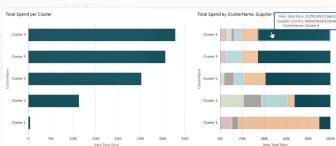
Which procurement transactions exhibit spending patterns that deviate significantly from the norm?

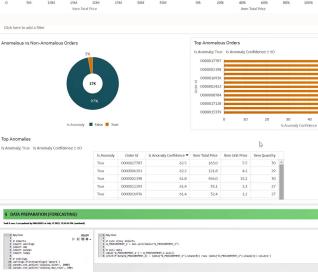
Procurement Spending Forecasting

What will be the expected spending levels for specific procurement categories in the future?

Can we identify potential cost-saving opportunities by analyzing historical spending patterns?

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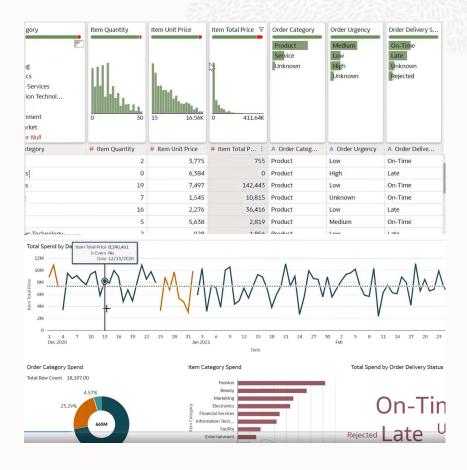
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Initial Data Discovery & Preprocessing

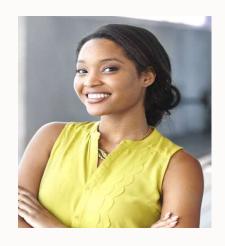


Procurement manager imports data to OAC.
Discovers data that can provide an initial insight about procurement spendings and improves data with her business expertise





Data Preprocessing Cont'd

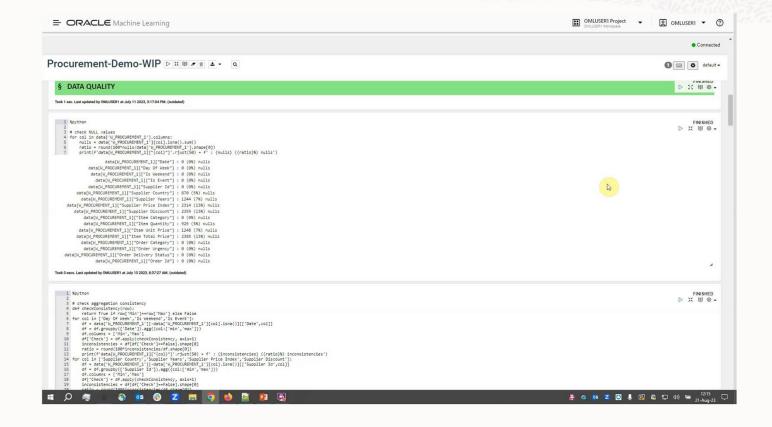


Procurement manager wants to have a high-quality time series data to predict future spendings as a citizen data scientist



Data scientist assesses data quality issues, fix them and shares final time series procurement data with procurement manager

Data Preprocessing Cont'd







Anomaly Detection in Procurement Spendings



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Procurement manager wants to understand anomalies in procurement spendings



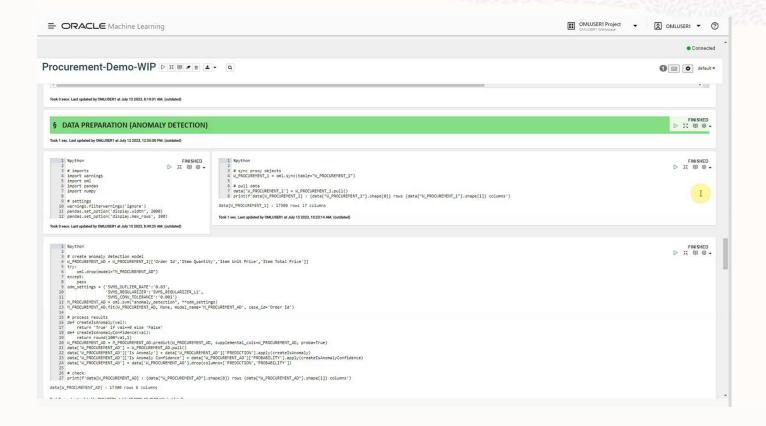
Data scientist creates an Anomaly Detection Model and shares spending anomalies data with procurement manager



Procurement manager analyses anomalies to take immediate action.



Anomaly Detection in Procurement Spendings - Modeling

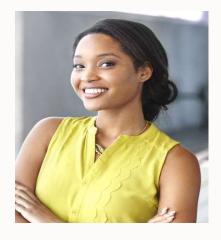




Supplier Segmentation



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Procurement manager wants to segment suppliers based on their characteristics.

She talks to data scientist to create an aggregated data at supplier level.



Data scientist aggregates data at supplier level and shares this final data with procurement manager



Procurement manager builds supplier segments and discovers different suppliers and optimize procurement strategies



Forecasting Procurement Spendings



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Procurement manager wants to predict procurement spendings for each category and day to take proactive actions about spendings. She asks data scientist to prepare a final data to be used in her citizen data scientist environment



Data scientist prepares final data for category-based procurement spending forecasting and shares with procurement manager.



Procurement manager builds spending forecasting models and discover expected spending patterns for the future

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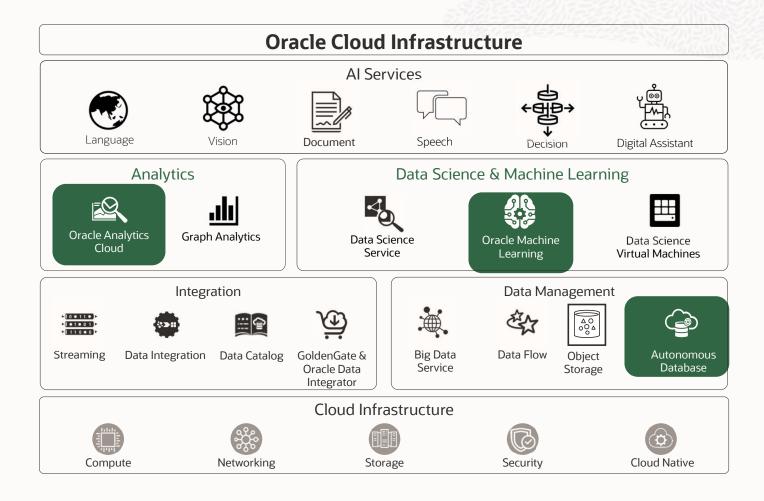


Procurement manager is happy to understand supplier behavior, spending anomalies and forecasting future procurement spendings



Data scientists is happy to have an end-to-end platform for advanced data science requirements

Behind the Scenes: Oracle Data Science Platform



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