**Learning Log: Reflect on the data analysis process**

**Instructions**You can use this document as a template for the learning log activity: Reflect on the data analysis process. Type your answers in this document, and save it on your computer or Google Drive.

We recommend that you save every learning log in one folder and include a date in the file name to help you stay organized. Important information like course number, title, and activity name are already included. After you finish your learning log entry, you can come back and reread your responses later to understand how your opinions on different topics may have changed throughout the courses.

To review detailed instructions on how to complete this activity, please return to Coursera: [Learning Log: Reflect on the data analysis process](https://www.coursera.org/learn/foundations-data/supplement/A6amf/learning-log-reflect-on-the-data-analysis-process).

| **Date:** <enter date> | **Course/topic:** Course 1: Foundations: Data, Data Everywhere | | |
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| **The data analysis process so far** | In reviewing the data analysis process so far, you have already performed a lot of analysis tasks!   * You **asked** an interesting question, and defined a problem to solve through data analysis so you can answer that question. * You thought deeply about what data you would need, and how you would collect it in order to **prepare**. * You **processed** your data by organizing and structuring your data in a table, and then moving it to a spreadsheet. * You **analyzed** your data by inspecting and scanning it for patterns. * You **shared** your first data visualization: a bar chart. * After completing all the other steps, you **acted**: You reflected on your results, made decisions, and gained insight into your problem--even if that insight was that you don’t have enough data, or that there were no obvious patterns in your data. Remember, negative results count just as much as positive results in data analysis. | | |
| **Reflection:** | Write 2-3 sentences (40-60 words) in response to each of the questions below. | | |
| **Questions and responses:** | * Which part(s) of the data analysis process did you enjoy the most? What did you enjoy about it?   *With my current experience working on an analytics project, my favorite part of the data analysis process is* ***process****, because it presents so many interesting challenges. I’m a fan of the mentality that the simplest solution is the best one, and if it turns out not to be a solution, you add complexity. I frequently find that the simplest thing doesn’t work, and there are always little quirks like missing data, recording artefacts, and the sheer size of some of the files involved. It’s as if the problem keeps coming back to life, and I find if quite fun.*   * What were some of the key ideas you learned in this course?   *The data analysis process, the data lifecycle (which I found interesting, as a bit of a hoarder myself, it’s neat that data destruction is built in), the existence and purpose of tools such as spreadsheets, SQL, and Tableau, and general persistence.*   * Are there concepts or portions of the content that you would like to learn more about? If so, what are they? Which upcoming course do you think would teach you the most about this area?   *I’ve reviewed the upcoming materials, and I’m interested in all of it.*   * Now that you’ve gained experience doing data analysis, how do you feel about becoming a data analyst? Have your feelings changed since you began this course? If so, how?   *I actually began this course last year, but I was doing it for the wrong reasons. I was working with the startup of a friend of mine in Canada, and it was very fast paced, so he wanted me to go through this certificate at breakneck speed. I ended up having a difference in opinion over the lack of detail in our business plan, so I left the company. Now, I’ve returned, and I’m working at a consistent pace to complete this certificate. Most importantly, I’m here for my own reasons this time: to put myself in a position to enter this useful, lucrative industry, to pay off my debts, and to make use of the math skills I so painfully acquired in college.* | | |