Paper Summary

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Title: Enhancing Enterprise Decisions through Organizational Data Mining

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DOI: 10.1080/08874417.2002.11647049

Year: 2002

Publication Type: Journal

Discipline/Domain: Information Systems / Data Mining

Subdomain/Topic: Organizational Data Mining (ODM), Decision Support, CRM

Eligibility: Eligible

Overall Relevance Score: 85

Operationalization Score: 80

Contains Definition of Actionability: Yes

Contains Systematic Features/Dimensions: Yes

Contains Explainability: Partial

Contains Interpretability: Partial

Contains Framework/Model: No

Operationalization Present: Yes

Primary Methodology: Mixed Methods (Conceptual framing + industry survey)

Study Context: Industry adoption of Organizational Data Mining across sectors

Geographic/Institutional Context: USA; University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Target Users/Stakeholders: Executives, decision-makers, analysts, CRM managers

Primary Contribution Type: Conceptual elaboration + empirical industry survey

CL: Yes

CR: Yes

FE: Yes

TI: Partial

EX: Partial

GA: Yes

Reason if Not Eligible: n/a

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Contextual Background: Focuses on how ODM transforms raw data into actionable knowledge to imp

Geographic/Institutional Context: USA; UNC Greensboro

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Primary Methodology: Mixed methods (conceptual explanation + survey of 106 industry practitioners)

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General Summary of the Paper

This paper defines Organizational Data Mining (ODM) as the strategic use of data mining tools to transfor

Eligibility

Eligible for inclusion: **Yes**

How Actionability is Understood

Actionability is understood as the transformation of data into "valuable actionable knowledge" that directly

> "Organizational Data Mining (ODM) is defined as leveraging data mining (DM) tools and technologies to

> "ODM… enhances an organization's ability to identify, analyze, and implement an optimal decision." (p.

What Makes Something Actionable

- Timeliness and relevance of information

- Value to decision-making (strategic advantage)

- Contextual fit to organizational goals and environment

- Clarity and interpretability for decision-makers

- Feasibility of implementation (supported by resources, technology, and processes)

- Derived from integrated sense-making, knowledge-making, and decision-making processes

How Actionability is Achieved / Operationalized

- **Framework/Approach Name(s):** Organizational Data Mining (ODM) methodology (integrating sense-

- **Methods/Levers:** CRM systems, customer intelligence tools, OLAP, market-basket analysis, clusterir

- **Operational Steps / Workflow:** Data acquisition → data integration (internal + external) → analytical |

- **Data & Measures:** Customer profiles, transaction data, demographic data, web clickstreams, financia

- **Implementation Context:** Cross-industry; especially banking, e-commerce, retail, healthcare

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> "The most critical factors… are garnering the sponsorship of an executive… and preparing the data for

Dimensions and Attributes of Actionability (Authors' Perspective)

- **CL (Clarity):** Yes — Information must be interpretable for decision-makers.

- **CR (Contextual Relevance):** Yes — Insights must be relevant to organizational environment and goa

- **FE (Feasibility):** Yes — Requires appropriate infrastructure and resources.

- **TI (Timeliness):** Partial — Mentioned as critical for competitive advantage but not fully elaborated.

- **EX (Explainability):** Partial — Techniques like decision trees aid interpretability; ANN less so.

- **GA (Goal Alignment):** Yes — Must support strategic competitive advantage.

- **Other Dimensions Named by Authors:** Integration with organizational knowledge management proce

Theoretical or Conceptual Foundations

- Choo's *Knowing Organization* model (sense-making, knowledge-making, decision-making)

- Knowledge management literature

- Decision support system theory

Indicators or Metrics for Actionability

- ROI via cost/benefit analysis

- Customer retention rates

- Profitability improvements

- Market share changes

- Project outcome vs. expectations

Barriers and Enablers to Actionability

- **Barriers:** Underutilization of external data, low data warehouse integration, insufficient knowledge inf

- **Enablers:** Executive sponsorship, quality data preparation, CRM integration, multiple ODM techniqu

Relation to Existing Literature

The paper builds on knowledge management theory and prior data mining studies but shifts emphasis to

Summary

Nemati and Barko (2002) conceptualize ODM as the deliberate application of data mining within a knowle

Scores

- **Overall Relevance Score:** 85 — Strong explicit definition of actionability, multiple systematically linke

- **Operationalization Score:** 80 — Clear process and tools described; lacks fully formalized framework

Supporting Quotes from the Paper

- "ODM… enhancing the decision-making process by transforming data into valuable actionable knowledg

- "Sense-making… Knowledge-making… Decision-making… integrated… to the selection and implement

- "The most critical factors… are garnering the sponsorship of an executive… and preparing the data for

- "Underutilization of… external data… presents an opportunity to improve the quality, consistency, and re

Actionability References to Other Papers

- Choo, C.W. *The Knowing Organization*

- Groth, R. *Data Mining: A Hands-on Approach for Business Professionals*

- Banasiewicz, A.D. (2000) "Keeping Your Best Customers Through Brand Loyalty"