



# Augmented Analytics

## *Carpe Datum*

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# Agenda

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- **Introduction**
- **Augmented Analytics Explained**
- **Augmented Analytics Benefits**
- **Use Case**

# ABOUT NCR

**\$6.9B**

Trailing 12 month  
revenue



**1,270**

PATENTS HELD  
BY NCR

**20,000+**

SERVICE  
PROFESSIONALS  
in 90 countries  
around the world



**34,000**

PROFESSIONALS



**7th**

MOST REPUTABLE  
BRAND IN  
TECHNOLOGY



**15M+**

DIGITAL BANKING  
USERS



**TOP 100**

TECHNOLOGY  
INNOVATORS

**100,000+**

SITES USING  
Aloha Platform



**8M**

SERVICE  
REQUESTS  
REMOTELY  
RESOLVED

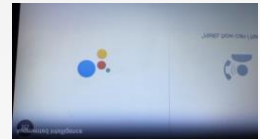


**136 years** as  
a technology  
innovator

## Scenario – AI technology being helpful!

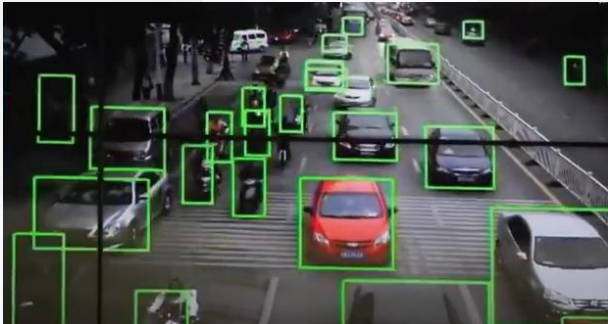
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- It is August 15, 2020 and you are juggling a million things!
- You really need a haircut as you are going to be on a video call
- You ask your 'virtual assistant' to call and make your appointment between 10 am and noon.



# Scenario – AI technology with extreme outreach

- Facial recognition is widely used
- Cameras are linked to personal profiles



- What if this technology isn't used responsibly?
- What if your face can be matched with your location data?

# What is Augmented Analytics?

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- Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven analytics
- Automates insights using natural-language generation and machine learning by looking at the entire analytics process
- Find insights faster by working with the data in a more natural way.
- Forces us to be smarter about the data we are collecting to automate insights and make better business decisions

# Traditional BI vs. Augmented Analytics

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## Traditional BI Analytics

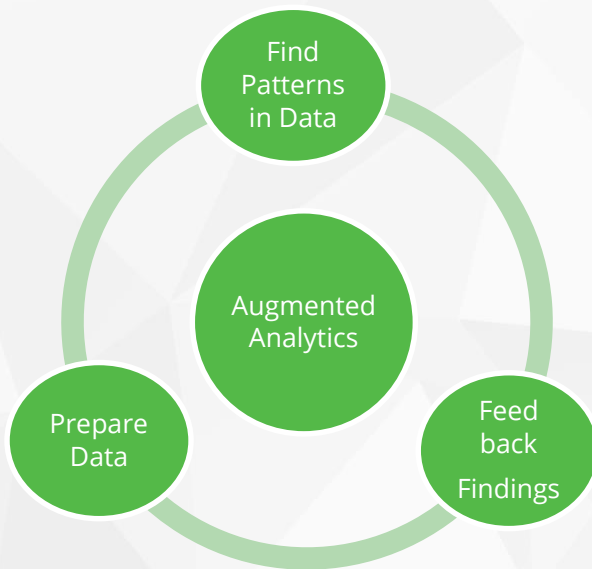


# Augmented Analytics

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- *Natural language queries*
- *Algorithms find relevant patterns*
- *Models are autogenerated*

- *Algorithms detect schemas and catalog and recommend enrichment, data lineage and metadata.*



- *Insights are narrated in natural language*
- *Visualizations focus users on what is actionable.*
- *Feedback loop on findings*



# Augmented Analytics

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Rapidly analyze all data across all possible dimensional combinations and quickly identify factors that are contributing or distracting from the growth of your company



# Augmented Analytics Use Cases

## *Anomaly Detection*

- Detect anomalies automatically
- Discover outliers causing the anomaly



# Augmented Analytics Use Cases

## *Trend Detection*

- Save time by automatically identifying trends



# Augmented Insight Delivery

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## *Insight Delivery*

- Track the result of actions
- Measure effectiveness of the outcome



# Cognitive Computing

- Cognitive Computing is the ability to analyze, interpret, reason and learn and simulate human intelligence
- Cognitive Computing applications include **speech recognition, sentiment analysis, and facial profiling**
- Cognitive computing moves big data analytics from data-driven to value-driven

# Natural Language Processing

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Natural language processing (NLP) is a field of AI that gives machines the ability to read, understand and derive meaning and context from human languages



# Natural Language Processing Explained

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With natural language processing, a computer can recognize written and spoken words and put it in the ***right context, like conversing with a person***



# Practical Application of NLP: Pre-Trained Models

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## Open API's GT3

This large-scale transformer-based language model has been trained on 175 billion parameters

## Google's BERT

NLP model developed by Google in 2018 performance on 11 NLP tasks including the very competitive Stanford questions dataset

## Microsoft's CodeBERT

Built upon a bidirectional multi-layer neural architecture for code search & code documentation generation

## ELMo

This is deep contextualized word representation that can model syntax and semantic of words as well as their linguistic contexts



# **What is Natural Language Generation (NLG)?**

- Software that translates structured data into “narratives” that explain data in a human-like manner at a rapid pace
- NLG platforms automatically create linguistically rich descriptions of insights found in data
- Makes information easier to understand and more engaging

# Natural Language Generation Models

## Markov Model

The Markov chain was one of the first algorithms used for language generation. This model predicts the next word in the sentence by using the current word and considering the relationship between each unique word to calculate the probability of the next word

## Recurrent neural network (RNN)

Neural networks are models that try to mimic the operation of the human brain for language generation.

## LSTM

Long short-term memory (LSTM) was introduced. Though similar to RNN, LSTM models include a four-layer neural network

## Transformer

Transformer consists of a stack of encoders for processing inputs of any length and another set of decoders to output the generated sentences

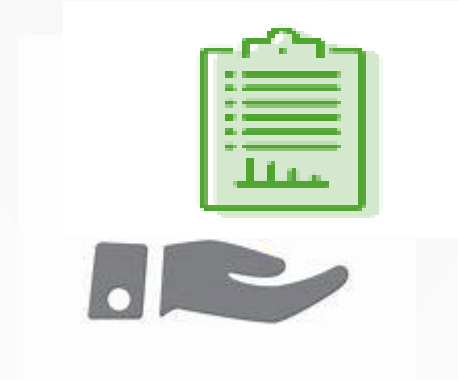
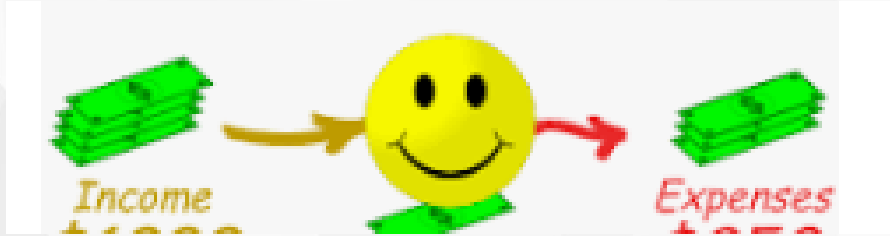
## **Why NLG?**

Natural language generation is ideal for increasing data literacy in the organization

Data is generated and consumed at a rapid pace

***Carpe Datum*** – seize the data and scale your Analysis!

# Augmented Analytics Use Case- our journey



***POC: Automated Commentary on dashboards that measure performance of sales and revenue***

# Use Case Overview

## Automated Commentary Writing in NLG Tool

- Analysts spend time preparing commentary in preparation for monthly management review meetings
- Researched natural language generation tools that could be used to auto generate commentary on frequently used data visualizations

# Forrester

## THE FORRESTER NEW WAVE™ Natural Language Generation For Analytics Q4 2018



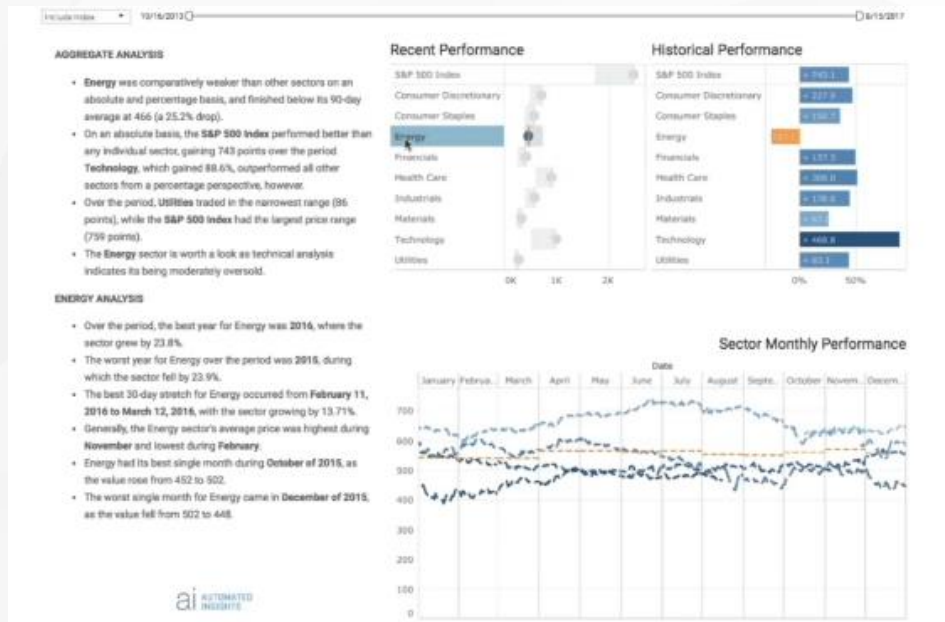
# Problem Resolution

- How to reduce time to insight and action for dashboard
- How to eliminate misinterpretation and incorrect action



# Let your data tell the story

- Generate dynamic narrative that is part of the data viz
- Narrative is highly contextual and reads like the expert that sat down and wrote it
- Enhance the current dashboard's usability





# Conclusions

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*Carpe Datum!*

*Create compelling Data Visualizations!*

*Use NLG to makes data easy to understand!*



# THANK YOU!

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