DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION IN AWS

Learn how to perform serverless analysis in AWS using visual data analysis tools- AWS Glue DataBrew and Amazon QuickSight. A data analyst will be able to build an end-to-end data analysis tool following this workshop.

Problem statement:

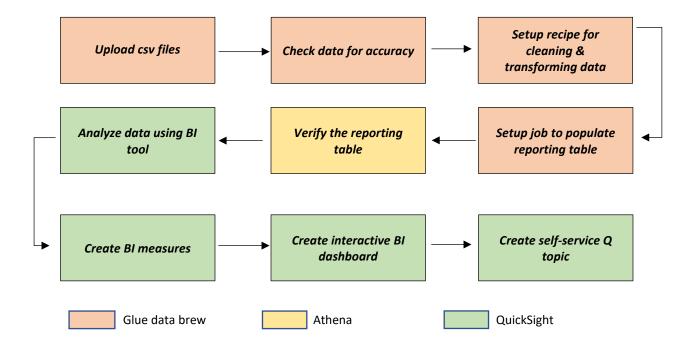
You are a data analyst for Formula 1 business group. You are given several CSV files containing historical race results. Your job is to perform a data analysis- look for any inconsistencies that may exist in the data and provide a self-service BI tool- which a formula 1 enthusiast can ask various questions to get answers from.

The challenge is this data is not ready for data analysis such as 1/ this data is broken into several csv files containing **race**, **results**, **constructors**, **circuits** etc., 2/ there are data quality issues such as unknown values, 3/ some attributes in the data are too granular to perform meaningful analysis; an example is age of the driver.

You are using AWS services to perform these jobs. The objective here is to build a data analysis and visualization tool-

- 1. That can perform initial analysis of the data to check for consistency and accuracy. In case of missing or invalid data for certain fields you should change those values using mathematical functions such as mean value, most frequent values.
- 2. Build BI dashboard to interactively explore formula 1 facts, trends and KPIs. The end users also can to ask ad-hoc questions in natural language to get answers from this tool.
- Setup an end-to-end process to automate data ingestion, data cleaning, data transformation; then populate your final tables with this transformed data and finally refresh the reports.

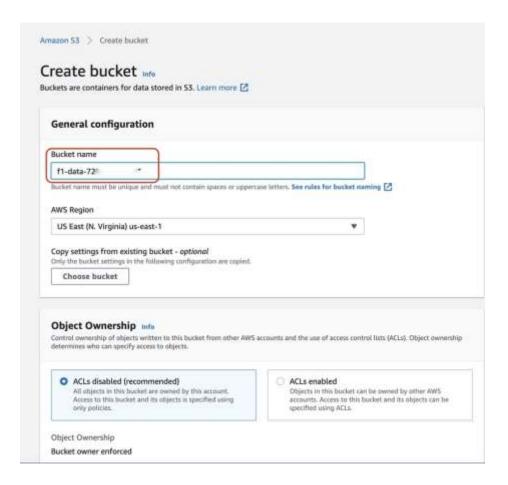
In AWS you can perform the above steps using AWS Glue Databrew, Amazon Athena and Amazon QuickSight. The logical steps to automate the data analysis process is captured in the below diagram-



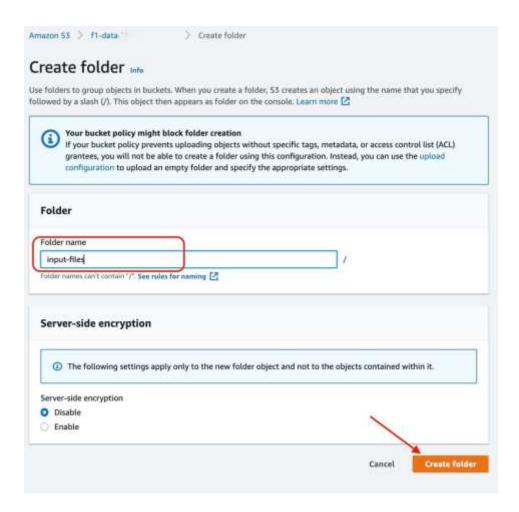
Pre-requisite:

Create an S3 bucket

1. Create an s3 bucket named **f1-data-<AWS-account_number>** to store the CSV files for this workshop.

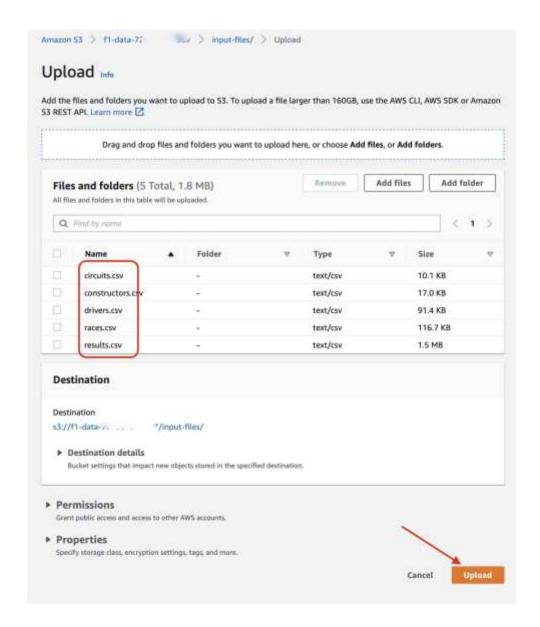


2. Create an S3 folder *input-files*.



3. Upload the below CSV files into the above S3 folder.

https://awspsa-sampledata.s3.amazonaws.com/f1data/results/results.csv https://awspsa-sampledata.s3.amazonaws.com/f1data/races/races.csv https://awspsa-sampledata.s3.amazonaws.com/f1data/constructors/constructors.csv https://awspsa-sampledata.s3.amazonaws.com/f1data/circuits/circuits.csv https://awspsa-sampledata.s3.amazonaws.com/f1data/driver/drivers.csv



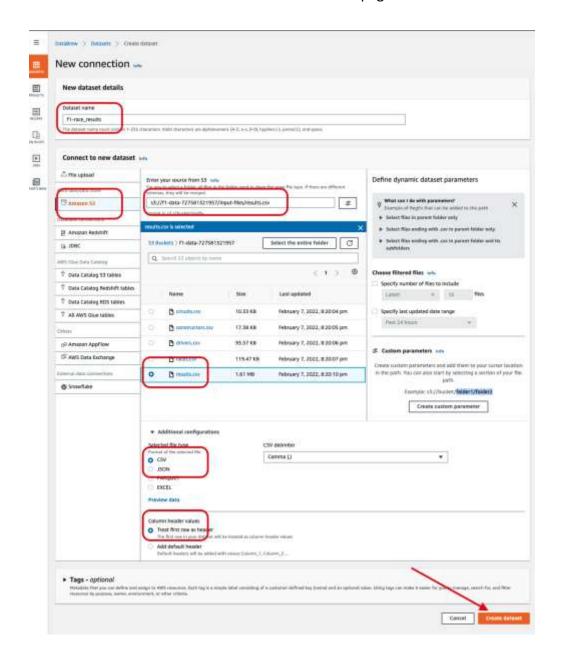
1. Data Preparation

1.1 Create Glue Databrew Datasets

- 1. Navigate to **AWS Glue DataBrew** service by logging into your AWS account. Select the AWS region of your preference; if none mentioned use US East (N. Virginia).
- 2. Click **DATASETS** from the left pane. Click on **Connect new dataset**.
- 3. Enter f1-race-results as Dataset name.
- 4. Select Amazon S3 under Connect to new dataset.
- 5. Enter the below S3 path for Enter your source from S3.

s3://f1-data-<AWS-Account number>/input-files/results.csv

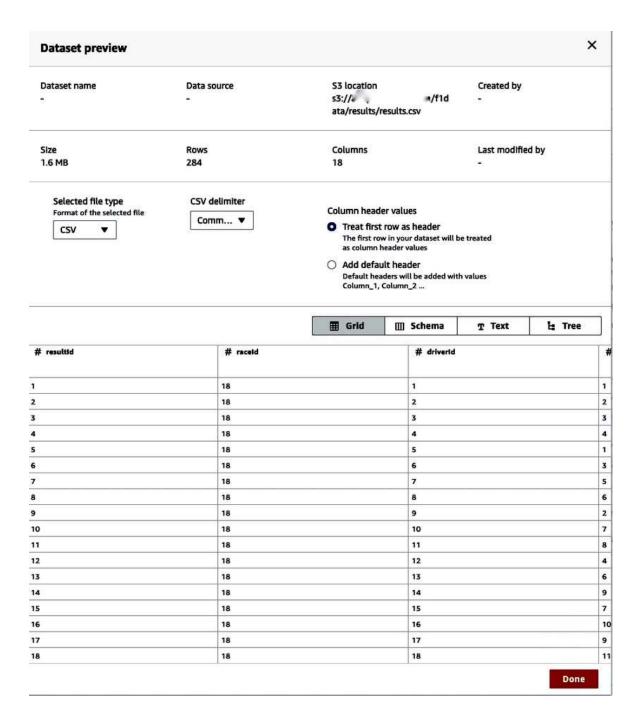
- 6. Scroll down the page until the **Preview data** is visible. Note: you may need to expand the **Additional configurations** if Preview data is not visible.
- 7. Click **Create dataset** in the New dataset details page.



8. (Optional)

Click on Preview data and examine the various fields in the f1-race-results dataset in the Grid format. Make yourself aware of the fields available. Note the below-

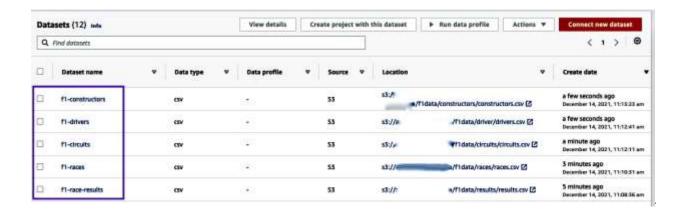
- I. There are various id fields- resultId, raceId, driverId, constructorId
- II. Numerical field names are prefixed with "#" and text field names with "ABC".
- III. Click Done to close the preview screen.



Similarly create datasets- *f1-races, f1-circuits, f1-drivers and f1-constructors.* The S3 locations for these datasets are

- f1-races
- f1-circuits
- f1-drivers
- f1-constructors

At the end of these steps you have 5 datasets created as shown below



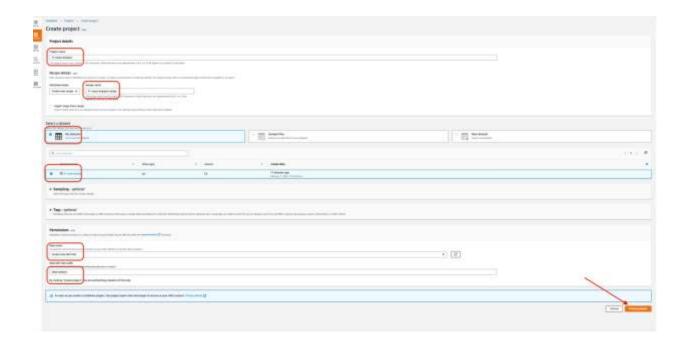
1.2 Create Glue Databrew Project

Now the datasets are uploaded you are ready to check the data for accuracies and then perform data cleaning and transformation. This is essential step before your proceed further for BI analysis as any inaccuracies that may exist in the data may provide inconsistent view of the reports.

Data cleaning and transformation is done in Glue DataBrew project. A Glue DataBrew project is the workspace for data analysis and transformation. When you create a project in Glue DataBrew, it downloads a sample of your dataset(s) and provide you a ways to define steps for cleaning and transforming data, preview transformed data and finally create job that applies the recipe steps on the entire dataset.

In this exercise we will create **f1-races-analysis** project by connecting to the datasets we created earlier.

- 1. Click **PROJECTS** from the left pane. Click on **Connect project**.
- 2. Enter **f1-races-analysis** as **Project name**.
- 3. Check a new recipe is getting created as f1-races-analysis-recipe.
- 4. Under select a dataset click My datasets > f1-race-results.
- 5. Scroll down until Permissions. Under Role name select option Create new IAM role.
- 6. Enter data-analyst as New IAM role suffix.
- 7. Hit Create project.

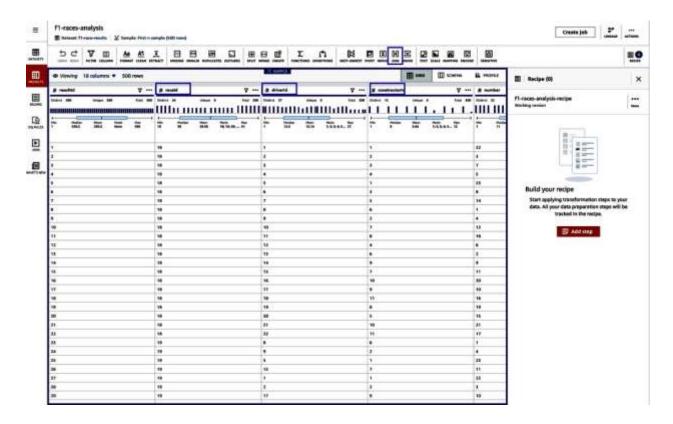


1.3 Working in Glue Databrew Workspace

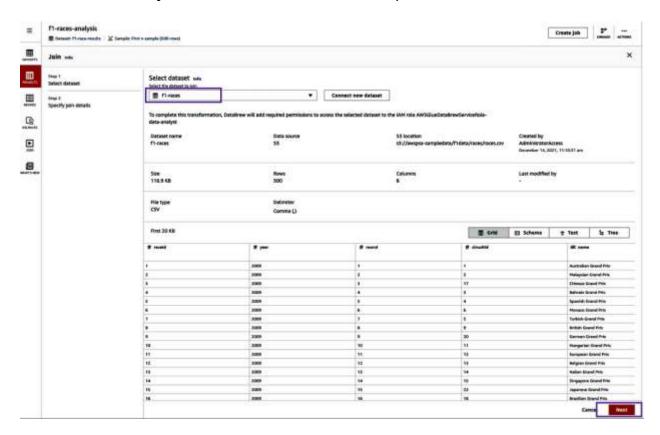
Now a sample data is loaded into you project workspace you are ready to perform data analysis and transformation. First note that the *f1-race-results* dataset alone have missing details on race, drivers, constructors and circuits. We need to join this with the rest of the datasets.

1.3.1 Join datasets

I. In the project workspace identify **JOIN** icon which is located between GROUP and UNION. It will look as two vertical bars and an arrow pointing to the left bar from the right bar.

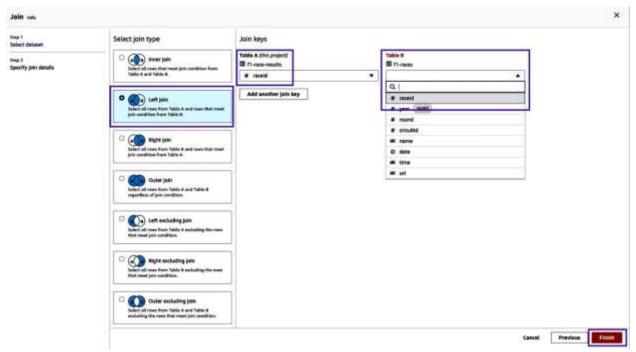


II. Select **f1-races** from the **Select dataset** dropdown. Hit **Next**.

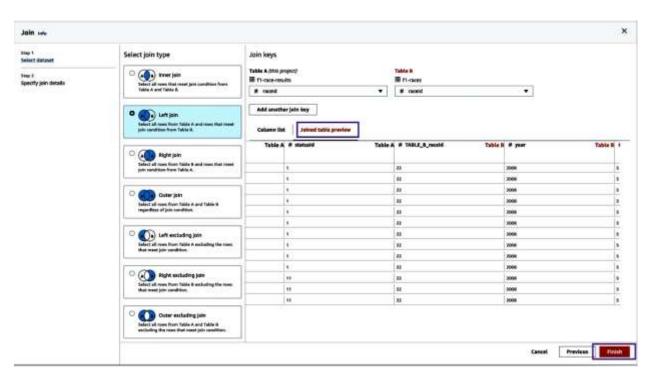


III. This will open up the join defining screen. Click **Left join** as the join type. For the Join keys select the below keys-

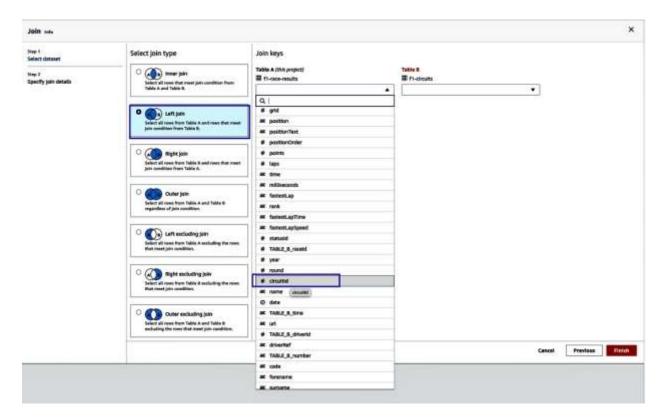
Table A f1-race-results: raceId = Table B f1-races: raceId



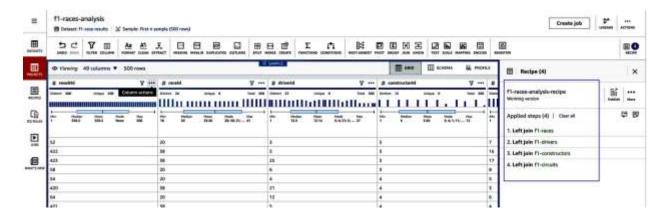
IV. Click **Joined table preview**. Note that the fields from **f1-races** dataset are included in the joined dataset. Hit **Finish**.



V. Apply the similar joins for *f1-circuits*, *f1-drivers*, *f1-constructors*. When you define the join make sure the Table A always shows *f1-race-results*.



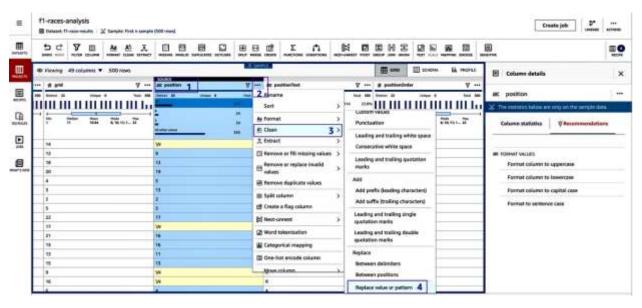
VI. After the 3 joins defined you can verify the recipe steps have appeared.

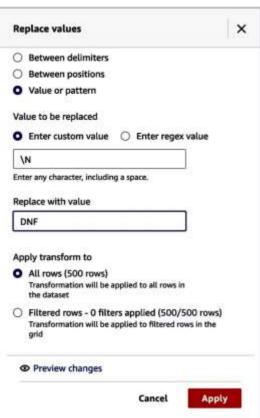


At the end of these steps you have created a joined table in the project workspace combining data from 5 datasets. This table is logical since you have not selected a location where this table will be created. We will do that at later stage.

1.3.2 Clean data

Now let's inspect for any data issues. As we scroll towards right we find the **position** field has values marked as "\N". These are drivers who could not finish the race. Let's replace them as more subtle "DNF" (Did Not Finish) value. This is also evident from the **positionText** field which is marked as "R as retired.

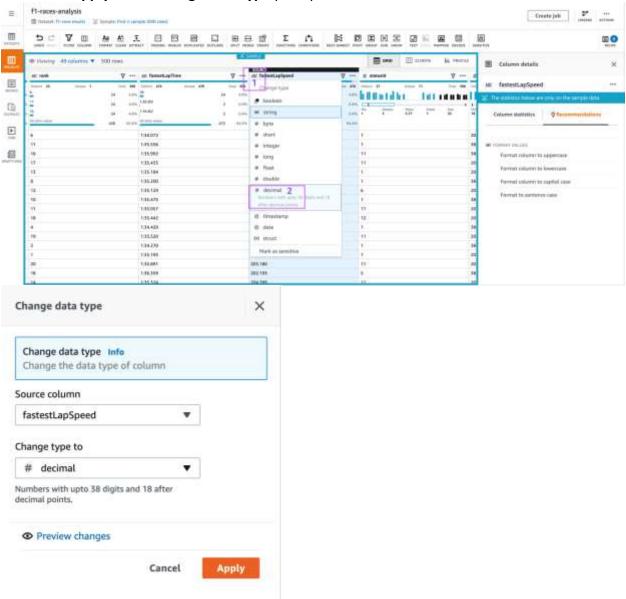




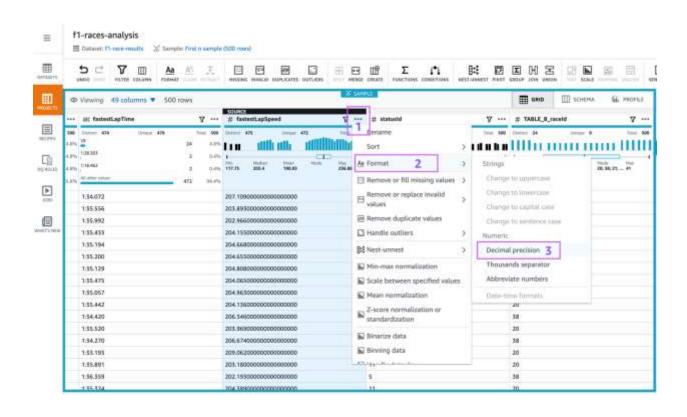
1.3.3 Change Data type

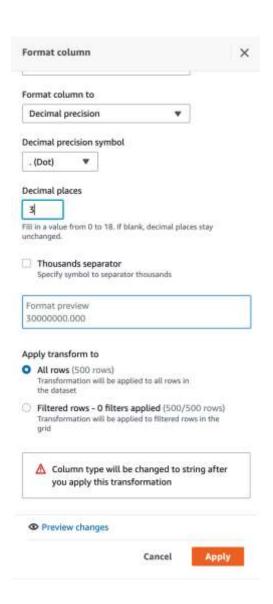
Further scrolling down will reveal that the *fastestLapSpeed* field has been identified as String data type by Glue DataBrew. We will change that to Decimal field.

- 1. Click on "ABC" data type left of the field name fastestLapSpeed.
- 2. Select decimal.
- 3. Hit Apply in the Change data type prompt.



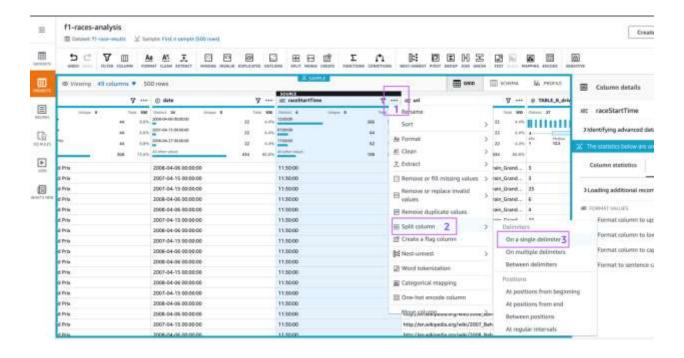
4. After changing the decimal data type the fields is overflowed with spurious 0's upto 18 decimal places. This is not helpful to view results and storing the field values. We will change the decimal precision to 3.

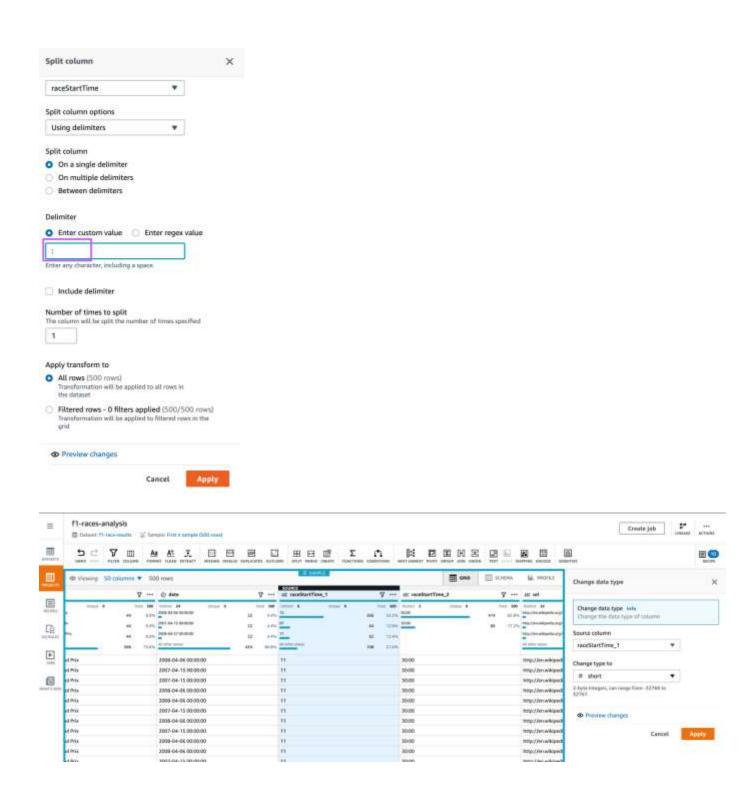




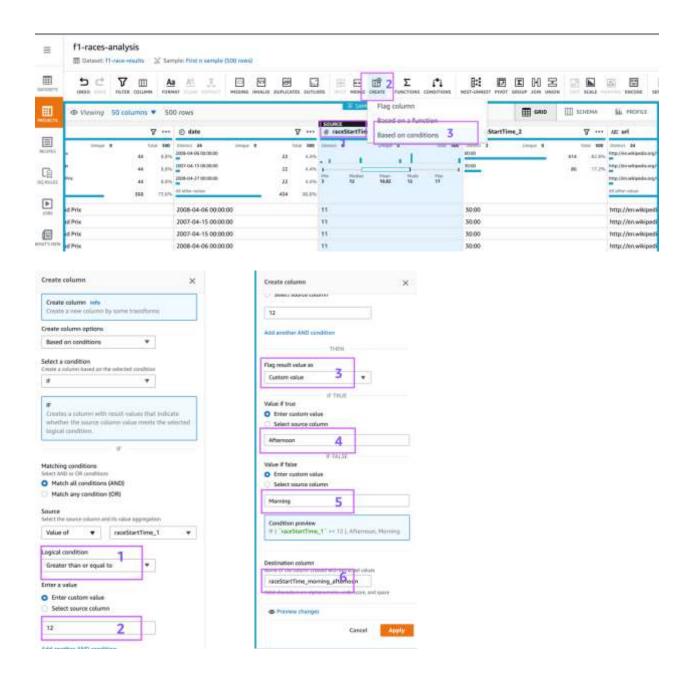
1.3.4 Split Column





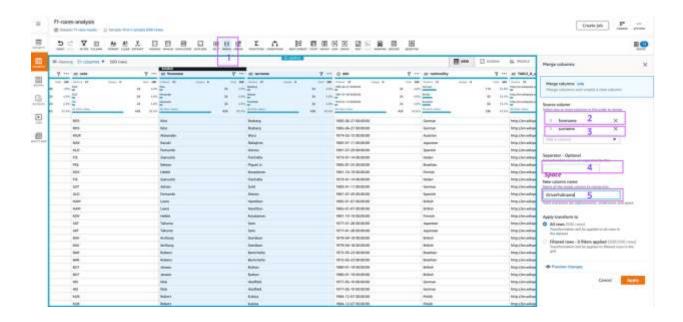


1.3.5 Create Column



1.3.6 Merge Column

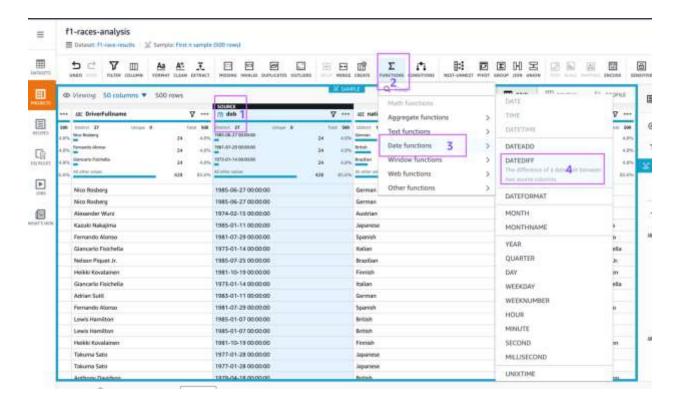
We notice there are 2 fields for driver first name and last name. We will merge these 2 fields into a single *DriverFullname* field.



1.3.7 Date difference Column

An interesting field is driver dob (date of birth), which we can use to extract driver age on the race date.

- 1. Click on *dob* field. This will highlight the field.
- 2. Select **FUNCTIONS** from the top menu options. Under FUNCTIONS we have many options of which we will select **Date functions** > **DATEDIFF**.



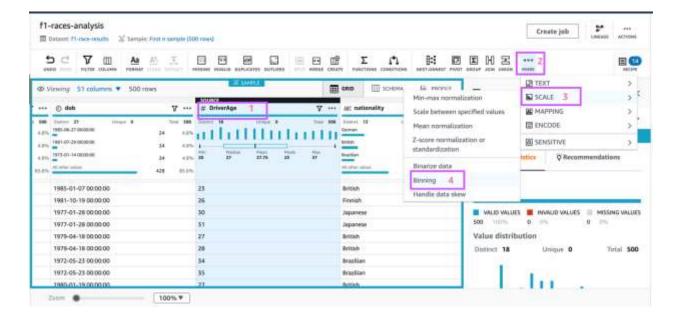
3. For Value 1 choose **Select source column** as **dob**. For Value 2 choose the field **date**. Select "Years" as **Unit** and **DriverAge** as **Destination column**.

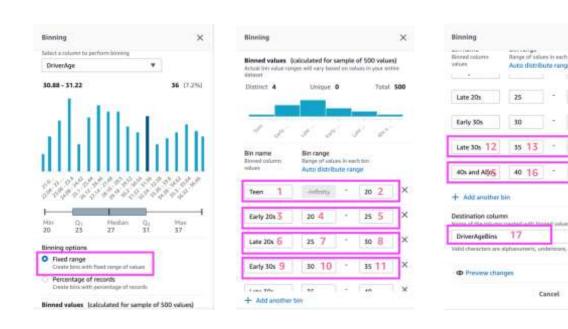


4. Hit Apply.

1.3.8 Binning

Now we have the driver age which is numerical values between 20 and 37. However in many analyses we would like to bucket the ages for the purpose of histogram. This is done by binning function.





1.3.9 Rename columns

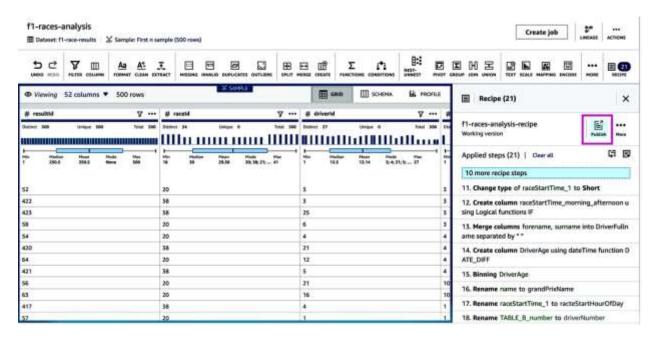
We will rename the below columns
name → grandPrixName
raceStartTime_1 → racteStartHourOfDay
TABLE_B_number → driverNumber
TABLE_B_name → constructorName
TABLE_B_nationality → constructorNationality
TABLE_B_name1 → circuitName

1.3.10 Publish Recipe

Now the transformation steps are defined we are ready to publish this recipe for future use.

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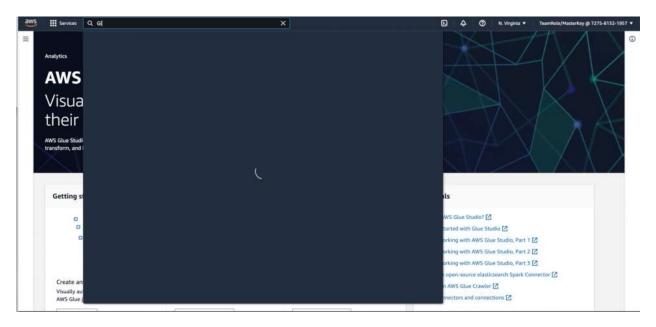


1.4 Create Job

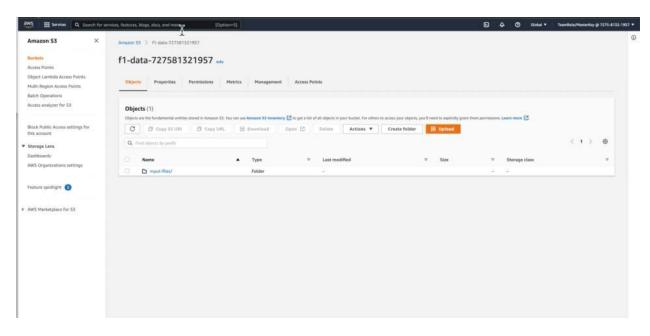
The above transformation steps are used to create a transform job that can be run as and when any new race data comes. The job will output the transformed data into another s3 folder- this folder will be registered as a Data Catalog S3 table by Glue DataBrew.

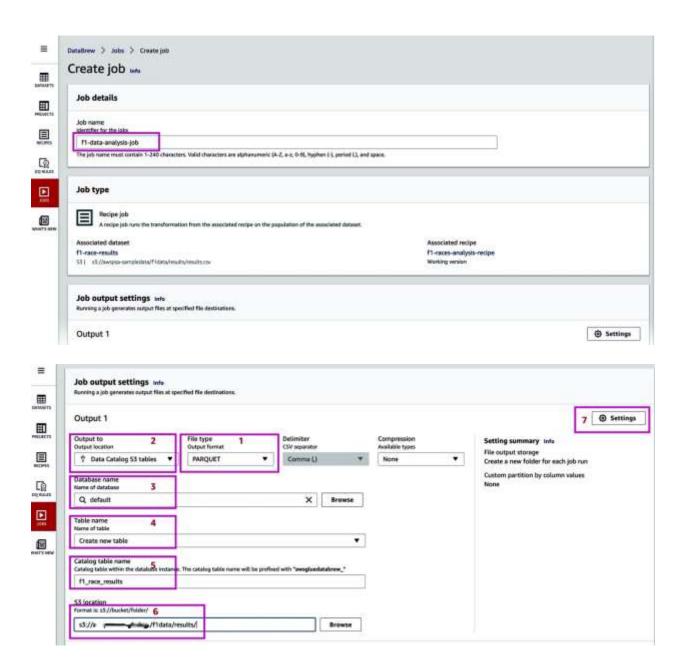
First you need to create a database in Glue if you are using Glue for the first time. If you have Glue database "default" already exists you can skip the below step.

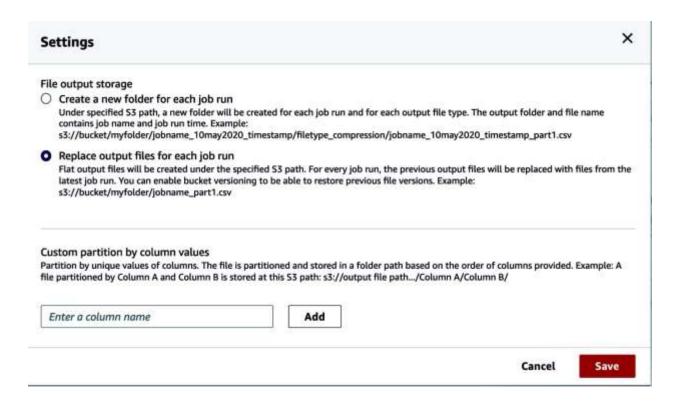
Navigate to service AWS Glue > Glue console > Glue catalog > Databases > Add database

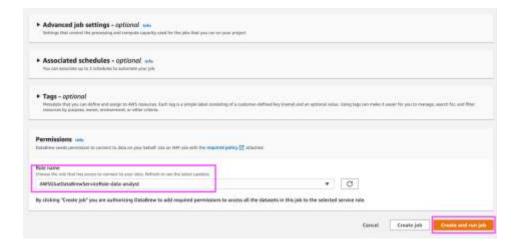


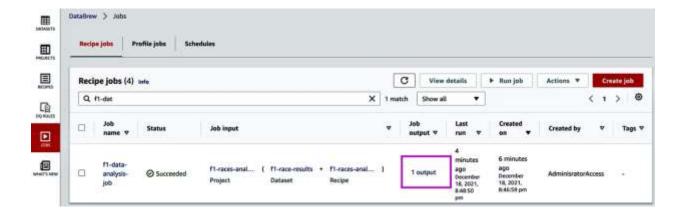
Note: You may also need to attach the "S3FullAccess" policy to the "AWSGlueDataBrewServiceRole-data-analyst" role that was created during Project creation.







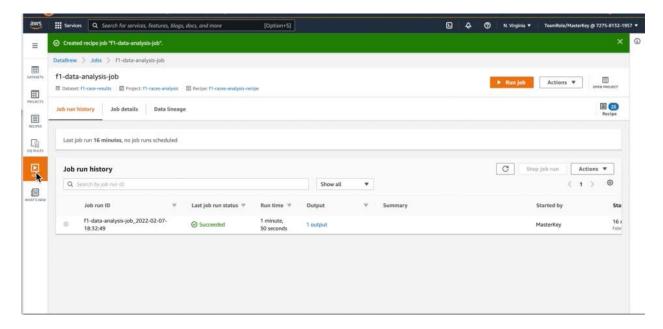


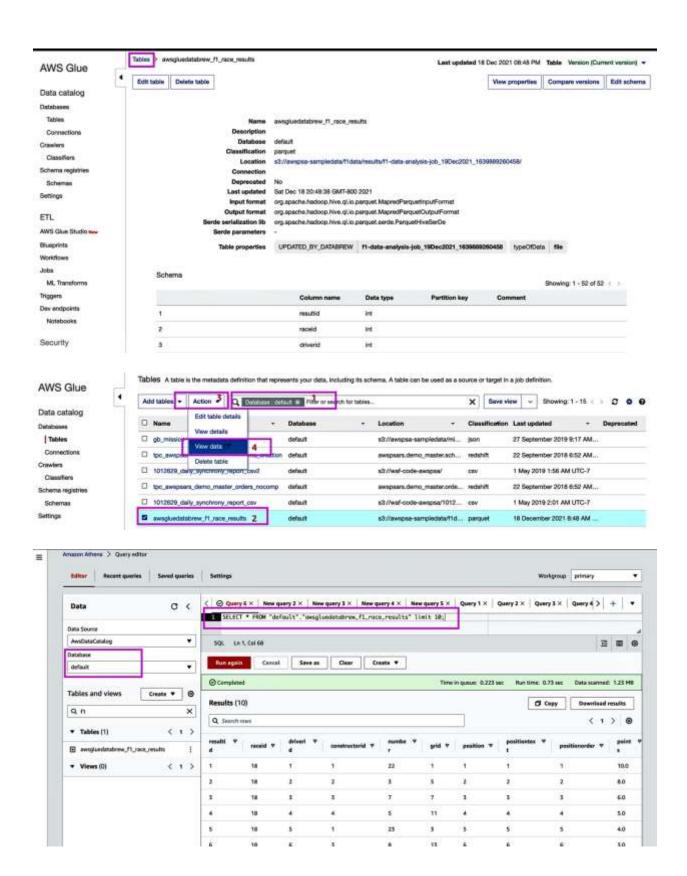




1.5 View output table

Once the Job succeeded you are ready to view the output table and run some query on.



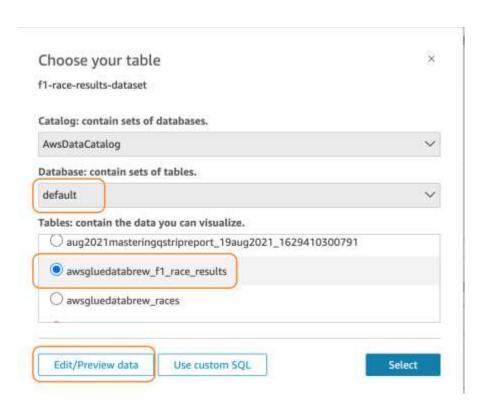


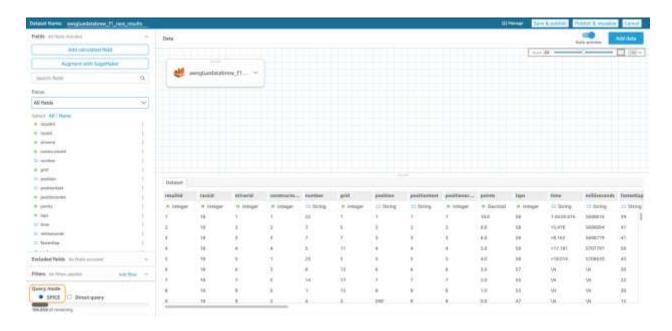
2. Dashboarding in QuickSight

Create dataset

Datasets > New dataset > Athena



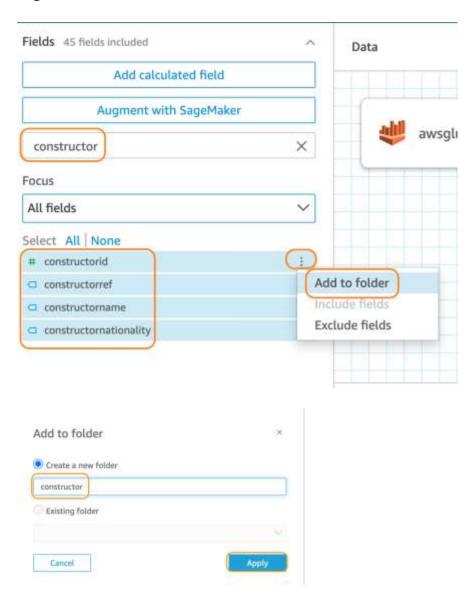


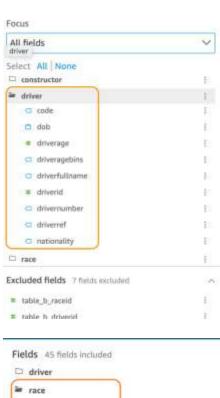


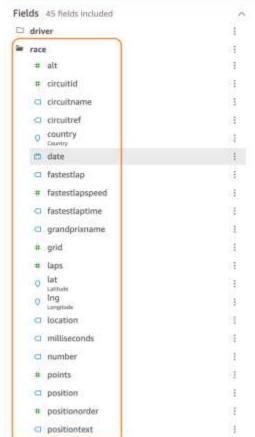
Exclude fields



Organize Fields in Folders







Excluded fields of Belds excluded



Create calculated fields

1. race win

ifelse(positionorder = 1, 1, 0)



2. driver championship points

sumOver(points, [driverid, year], PRE_FILTER)

3. <u>driver championship rank</u>

rank([sum(points) DESC], [year])

4. driver champion name

firstValue(driverfullname, [sum(points) DESC], [year])

5. constructor championship points

sumOver(points, [constructorid, year], PRE_FILTER)

6. constructor championship rank

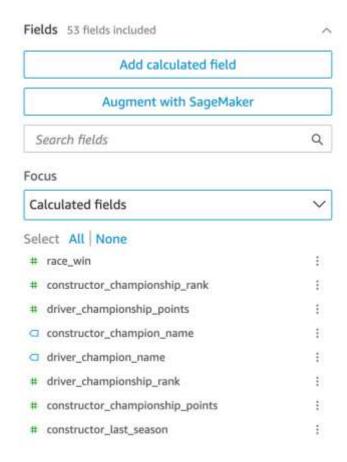
denseRank([{constructor_championship_points} DESC], [year], PRE_FILTER)

7. constructor champion name

firstValue(constructorname, [sum(points) DESC], [year])

8. constructor last season

maxOver(year, [constructorid], PRE_FILTER)



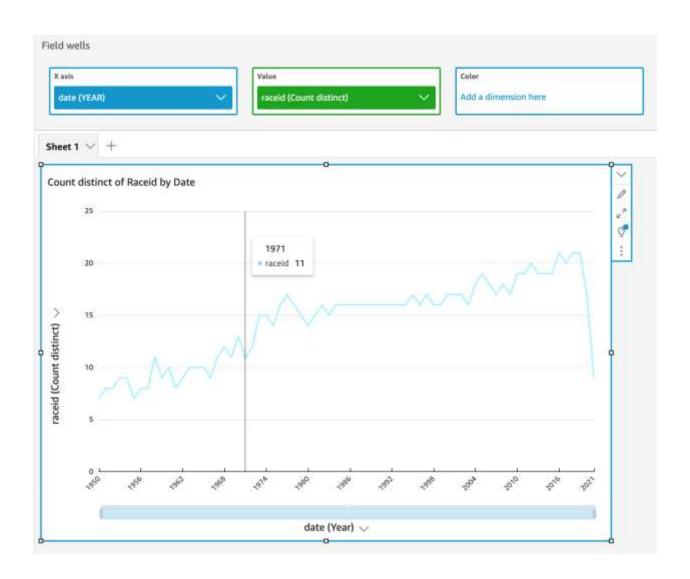


Start analysis

Sheet - Overview

Races over the years

Fields to select: date (YEAR), raceld(Count distinct)



Geo locations where races been played

Points on Map

Fields to select:
lat, lng → Geospatial
racedId(Count distinct) → Size
country → Color



Races in Countries & Circuits

Heat map

Fields to select:

country → Rows

circuitname → Columns

racedId(Count distinct) → Values



Fastest LapSpeed

Clustered bar combo chart

Fields to select:

Country, grandprixname drill down \rightarrow X axis fastestlatspeed (P90) \rightarrow Bar racedId(Count distinct) \rightarrow Lines

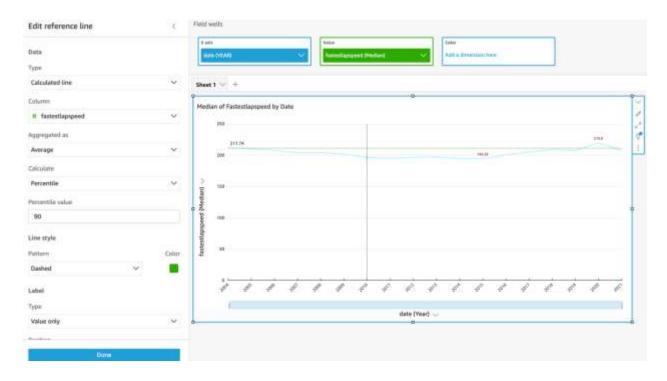


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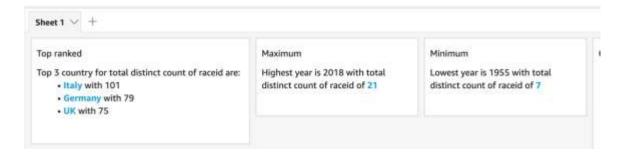
Line chart

Fields to select:

Date(Year) → X axis fastestlapspeed (Median) → Value



Insights



Extras:

KPIs

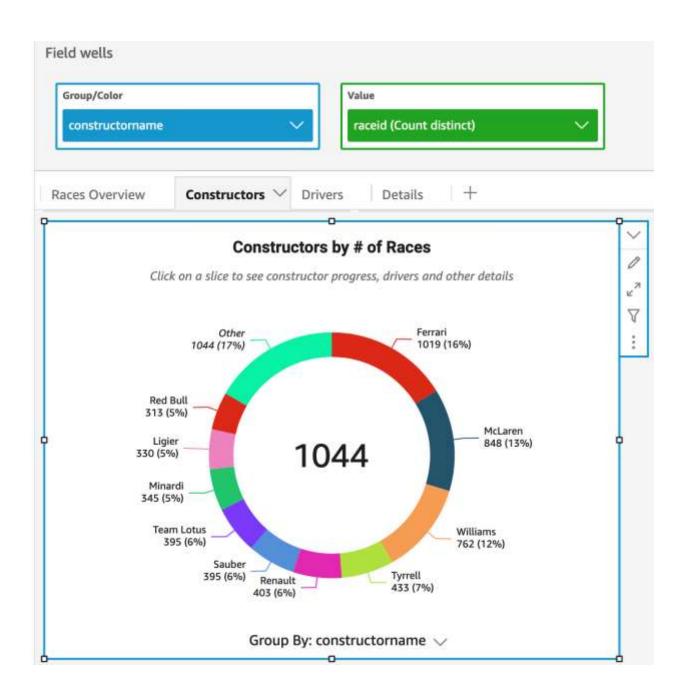
- # of Races
- # of Circuits
- # of Drivers
- # of Championships
- # of Countries

Formatting of Insights, KPIs and Analysis

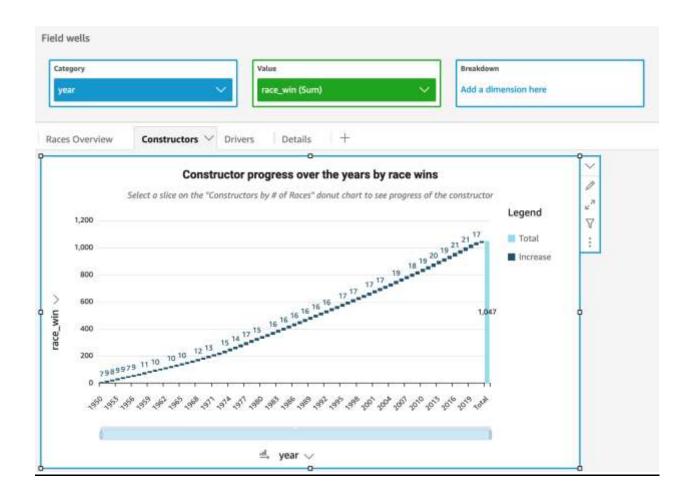


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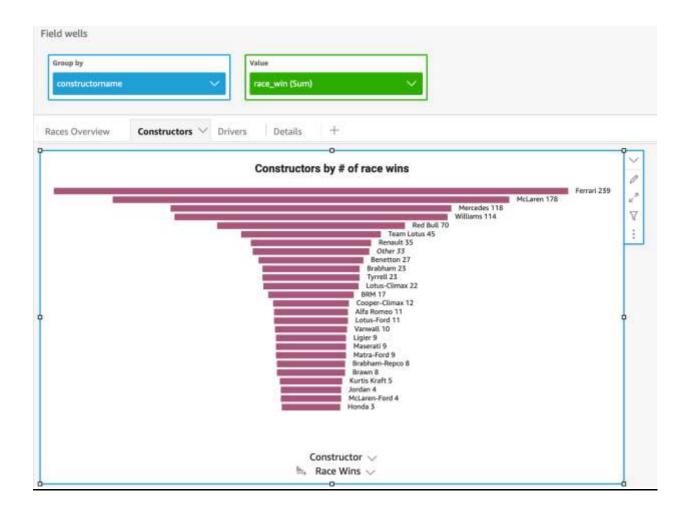
Constructors by # of Races



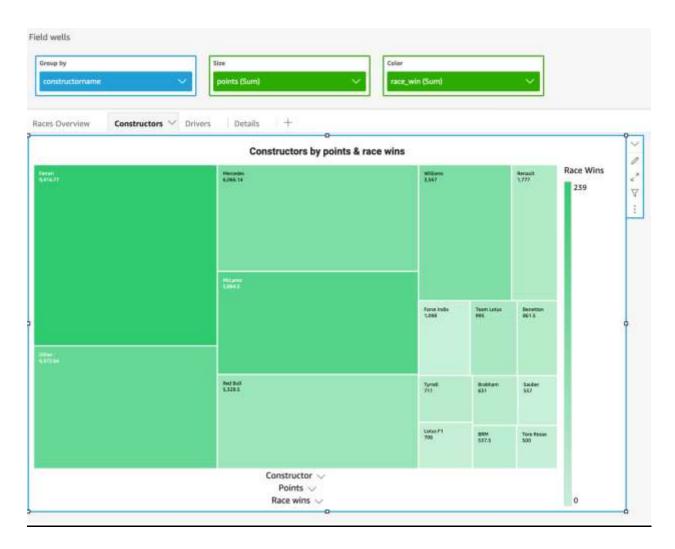
Constructor progress over the years by race wins



Constructors by # of race wins



Constructors by points & race wins



Constructor details

