Data Fluency Inventory

* What are the findings of your data product author skills?

Generally, my data product authoring skills are strong. That said, this survey showed me some deficiencies and blind spots I need to address to maximize my ability to deliver high-quality insights. One thing I could improve is reducing the heads-up information to the minimum necessary to answer the question and allowing the user to dig deeper if desired.

* Summarize the findings of your ability to effectively communicate with data

The survey showed me some blind spots. A typical request for me is data retrieval and visualization based on a specific request. I will process some queries and make a few charts. I should add a way to highlight variance upfront instead of leaving that up to the end user. Doing that could speed up the downstream process and expedite action plans.

* Recommend at least three actions you can take to strengthen/improve your communicating with data skills

One I just mentioned. I could add more explicit visuals displaying where outliers exist. Second, I could reduce the amount of unnecessary information displayed on first-level charts and graphs leaving some of the information for deeper dives as warranted. Finally, I’ve never considered the audience of my audience as a thing to be regarded. This is an interesting concept that never popped up in a salient way for me. I will keep this in mind going forward.

* What is one key lesson you will remember from DS735 to improve your communicating with data skills?

There is always room for improvement when it comes to communication. I didn’t use a lot of tools to improve my writing. I passed longer chunks of text through Hemingway as a way of trimming fat but didn’t use it to shape habits. Grammarly and the Review tab in Word have helped progress my writing habits. I will continue to use these tools to improve.