## PROJECT FINAL REPORT & MODEL

## **Notes on preparing Final Project Reports**

- Pay attention to the length.
  - Eight pages (max) of report body
  - Two pages (max) of appendix
  - The cover page and the Table of Content (not necessary) are not counted in the 8+2 limit
  - If you have more charts and tables, leave them in your Excel file and refer to them in the report
- If a user manual is needed, include it as a separate document. You can share this with your client.
- Describe the client well. Who is it? What is the business? What is their size? Number of employees or revenue?
- Describe the **problem** as quantitatively as possible.
- Quantify benefits quantitatively as well: What is its impact in terms of revenue, manpower or time spent?
- If possible, include client feedback in the appendix.

## **Excel Model Guidelines**

- Protect formulas. The client shouldn't accidentally overwrite formulas. Use cell protection + lock sheets.
- If a **password** is used, include it in the report so that I can test your model.
- Keep the number of visible sheets to a minimum.
  - One team used VBA to keep only the sheet that the client is working on visible.
  - Another team had a Client-mode and a Dev-mode
- Test your model on multiple machines, 64 bit, 32 bit, Windows, Mac. One team lost points for inadequate testing because the model failed to run on my machine (64-bit Mac OS).

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See the Rubrics posted for more details.