# Introduction to Data Analytics

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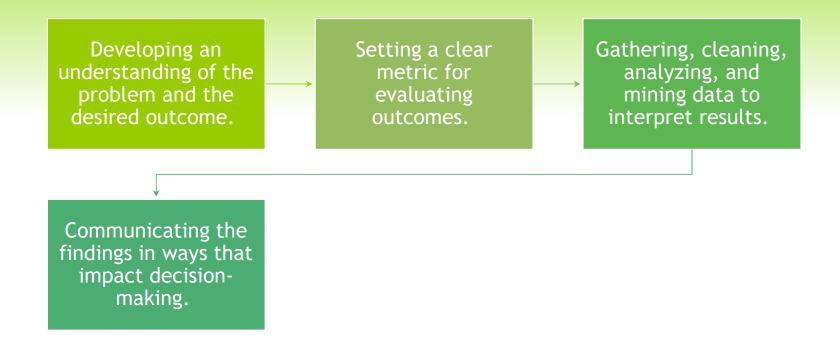
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# What is Data Analysis

#### Data analysis helps businesses to

- Understand their past performance and informs their decision-making for future actions
- looking for patterns in financial transactions to detect fraud, using recommendation
- Engines to drive conversion, mining, social media posts for customer voice or brands personalizing their offers based on customer behavior analysis, business leaders realized that

# Data analysis process



### **Data Sources & Structure**





**BIOMETRICS** 



HOUSEHOLD DATA IN THE CASE OF IOT DEVICES



**STRUCTURED** 



UNSTRUCTURED

# Modern Data Ecosystem













Data Analyst Ecosystem

Gather Data

Clean Data

Mine Data

Visualize Data

# **Primary Types of Data Analysis**



Descriptive Analytics helps answer questions about what happened over a given period



Diagnostic analytics helps answer the question. Why did it happen?



Predictive analytics helps answer the question, What will happen next?



Prescriptive Analytics helps answer the question, What should be done about it?

# Types of Data Analysis Activity

A company is interested in being able to forecast the weather using meteorological data and predicting the increase in water demand in a particular city or region. Predictive Analysis

An insurance company is interested in gathering more information on its customers such as their age, genders, and nationalities.

# Types of Data Analysis Activity

Netflix wants to continue to recommend new shows/movies to their users (actionable predictions) using data gathered on their choices, purchases, or website navigation based on their clicks.

An unusually high number of people have been admitted to the ER over a short span of time at a local hospital.

# Data professionals

- Data engineers
- Data analysts

Data scientists

Business analysts

Business intelligence or BI analysts

# A Day in the Life of a Data Analyst

#### Acquiring

Acquiring data that best serves the use case.

Preparing and analyzing data to understand what it represents.

#### Interpreting

Interpreting and effectively communicating the message to stakeholders

#### Ensuring

Ensuring that the process is documented for future reference and repeatability.

# Data Analyst Required Skills



Technical skills: spreadsheets, statistical tools, visualization tools, programming and querying languages, and the ability to work with different types of data repositories and big data platforms.



Soft Skills: include the ability to work collaboratively, communicate effectively, tell a compelling story with data, and garner support and buy-in from stakeholders. Curiosity to explore different pathways

# A Day in the Life of a Data Analyst Activity

What do you think a day in the life of a Data Analyst would look like in the following roles?

Data analyst

**Data Scientist** 

**Data Engineer** 

**Business Analyst** 

**Fraud Analyst** 





#### Structured

Data that follows a rigid format and can be organized neatly into rows and columns is structured data.

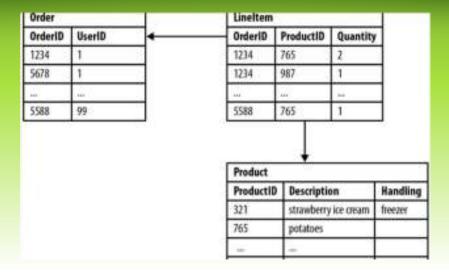
This is the data that you see typically in databases and spreadsheets, for example.

**Dates** 

Phone numbers

ZIP codes

Customer names



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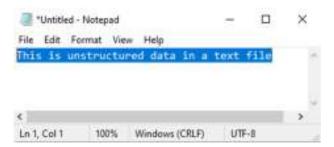
### **Unstructured Data**

Complex, and mostly qualitative information that is impossible to reduce to rows and columns.









#### Semi-structured Data

Semi-structured data is a mix of data that has consistent characteristics and data that doesn't conform to a rigid structure.

For example, emails.

An email has a mix of structured data, such as the name of the sender and recipient, but also has the contents of the email, which is unstructured data.



#### Sources of Data

Data sources have never been as dynamic and diverse as they are today

Relational Database

Non-Relational Database

**APIs** 

Web Services

**Data Streams** 

**Social Platforms** 

**Sensor Devices** 

# Data Repositories: Breakout Room Activity 10 min

A data repository is a general term used to refer to data that has been collected, organized, and isolated so that it can be used for business operations or mined for reporting and data analysis.

**Databases** 

Data warehouses

Data marts

Data lakes

Big data stores.

# **Big Data Processing Tools**

The Big Data processing technologies provide ways to work with large sets of structured, semistructured, and unstructured data so that value can be derived from big data.

Apache Hadoop Apache Hive Apache Spark

# Any questions