

## Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence 11g

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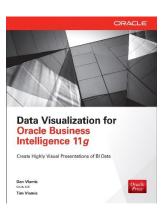
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- Developed more than 200 Oracle BI systems
- Specializes in ORACLE-based:
  - Business Intelligence
  - Data Warehousing
  - Data Mining and Predictive Analytics
  - Data Visualization
- Expert presenter at major Oracle conferences
- Authors of 2015 book "Data Visualization for Oracle BI 11g"
- Co-author of book "Oracle Essbase & Oracle OLAP"
- <a href="https://www.vlamis.com">www.vlamis.com</a> (blog, papers, newsletters, services)
- Beta tester for OBIEE 11g, 12c
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- 25+ years in business modeling, valuation, and scenario analysis
- Professional Certified Marketer (PCM) from AMA
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- Led development team at IRI
- Founded Vlamis Software Solutions 20+ years ago in 1993
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#### **New Book!**



# Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence 11*g*

Create Highly Visual Presentations of BI Data

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## What to expect in the book

- Not a "how to", more of a "what and why to"
- Not every example is perfect
- Writing process (Tim rough draft, Dan challenge and fix)
- Color challenge (gray scale versus color)
- Content challenge (advanced material requires explanation which we didn't have space for)

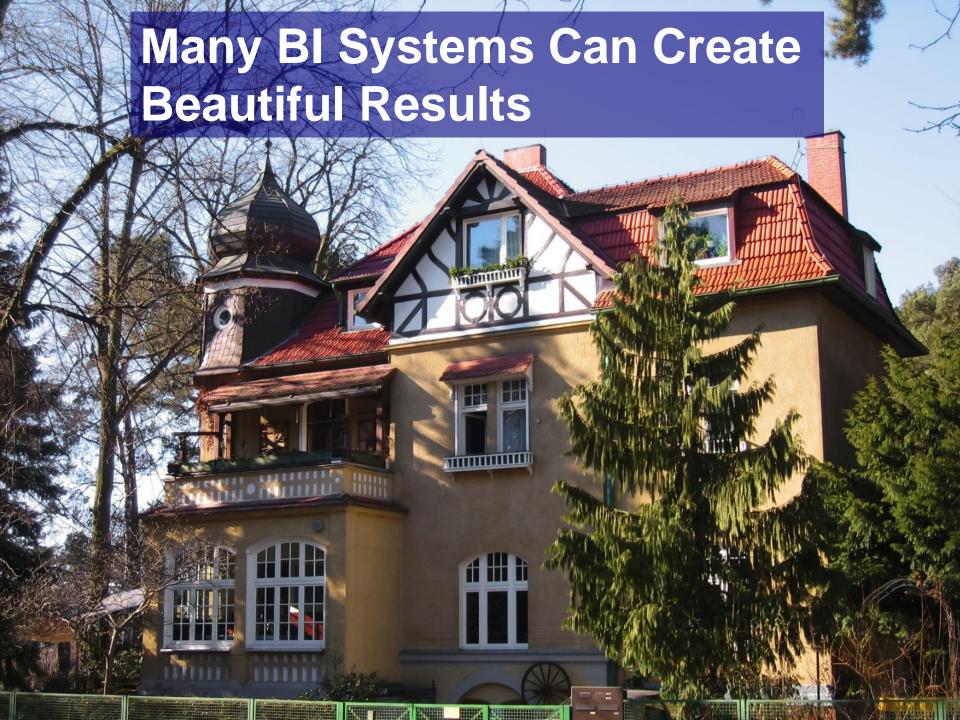




## **Presentation Agenda**

- Human cognition insights
- OBIEE demo
- Table design
  - Best practices
  - When and when not to use
- Graph design
  - Best practices
  - Use cases for different graph types
- Questions from audience at all times







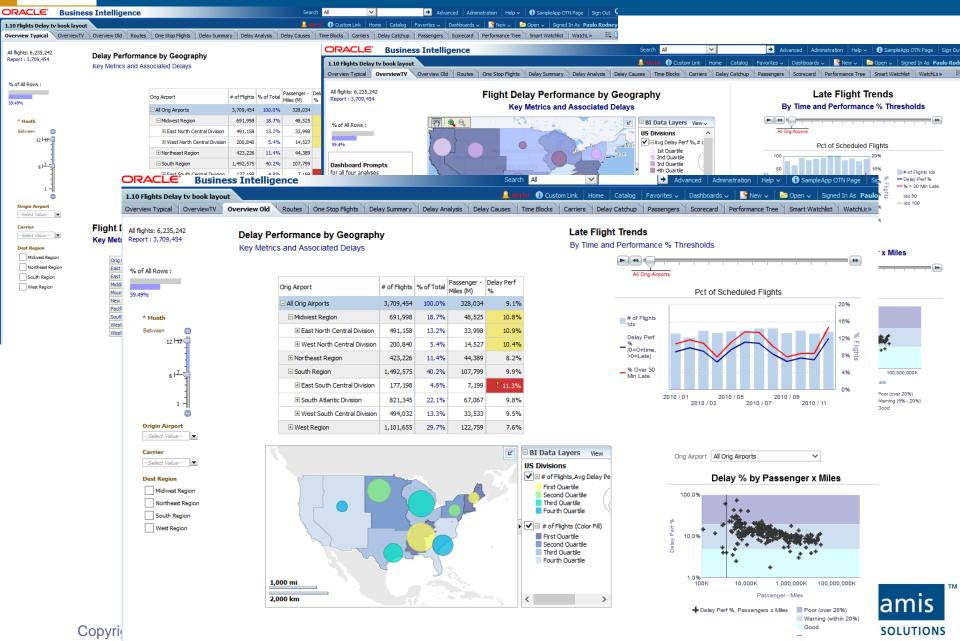


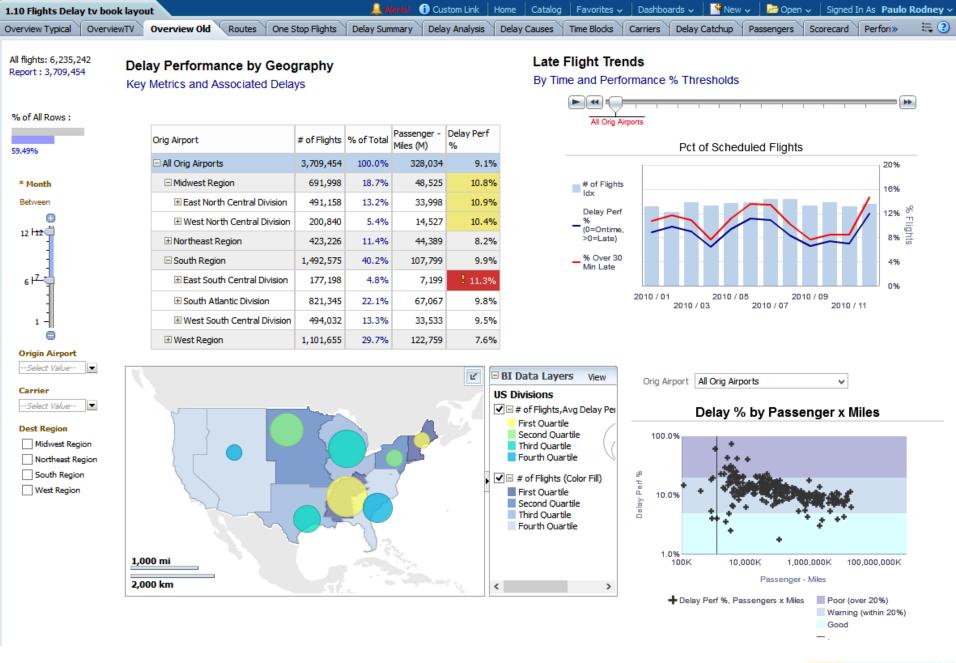


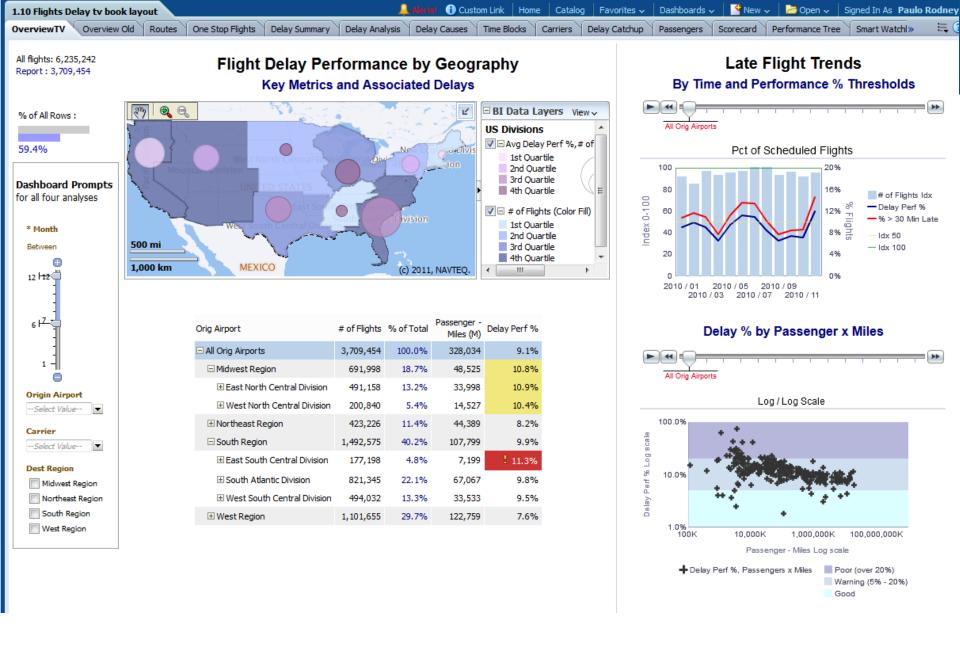




## **OBIEE Demo Content from Chap 1**









## **Best Practice Focus**

- Best practices are objective guides to what is likely to work best.
- Visualizations should be guided by:
  - Human cognition
  - Accurate representations of data
  - Preferred message (consciously designed by visualization developer)
- Visualizations should NOT be guided by:
  - Taste or what looks "good" to one person
  - Entertain users
  - A desire to "fill the white space"

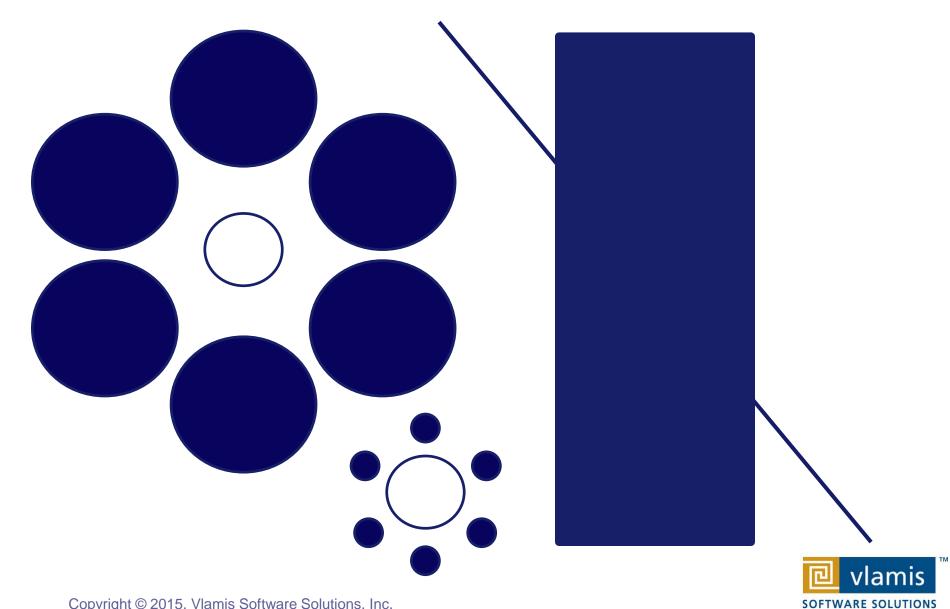


# The Principles of Human Cognition Should Guide BI Dashboard Design



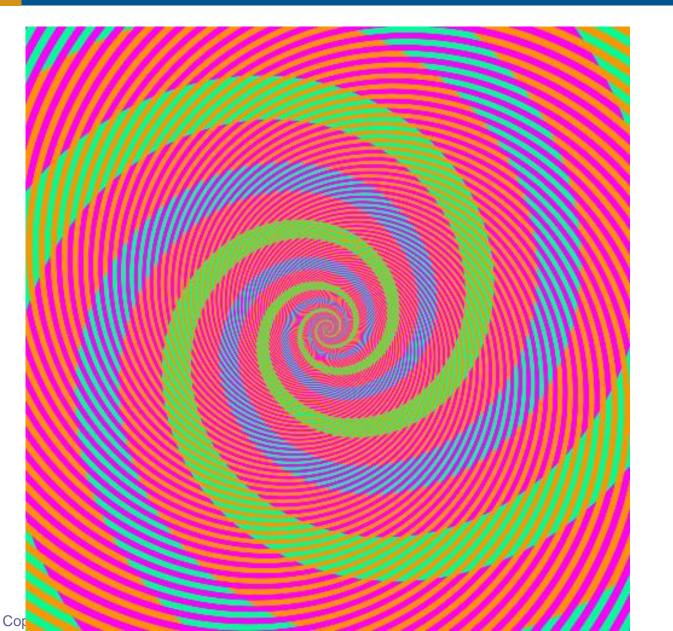


## Classic Optical Illusions





## The Spirals are the Same Color



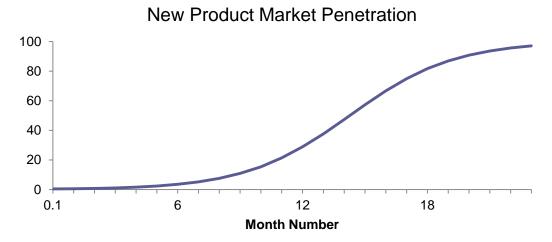






## **Graphs and Tables**

Graphs and Charts depict visual representations and relationships



 Tables show data organized for lookup of specific, precise values or items.

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<b>Grand Total</b>	71,000	\$70,000,000	5,657,221	\$12.37





## **Characteristics of Tables**

- Can present data at drastically different scales.
- Can present very different data types simultaneously.
- Can repeat and include multiple sets of the same data values.
- Are extraordinarily dense and include numerous data relationships without direct distortion of the data itself.
- Tables can present "federated" data from different sources in a single simultaneous view.





## Pivot Table "Needs" Sentence

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## **Keys to Effective Tables**

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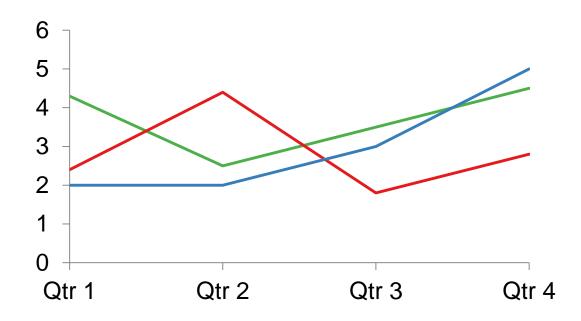
## 7 Keys to Effective Graphs

- Do not use 3-D effects.
- Avoid "stop light" color palette.
- Prefer pastel color palettes and avoid bright colors.
- Eliminate gridlines, drop shadows, and other graphics.
- Enable interaction for "exploration" graphs.
- Prioritize a single message for "explanation" graphs.
- Above all else, show the data!





## **Line Graph**

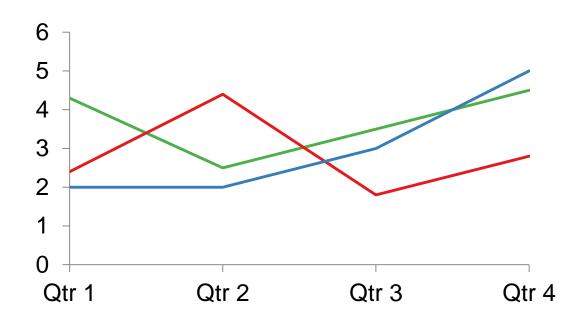


- Show a pattern or progression over a continuous range.
- Can be valued within a range to highlight a particular pattern (careful!).
- Maintain a rectangular shape close to golden proportion.
- Use scale marker lines and ranges for context.





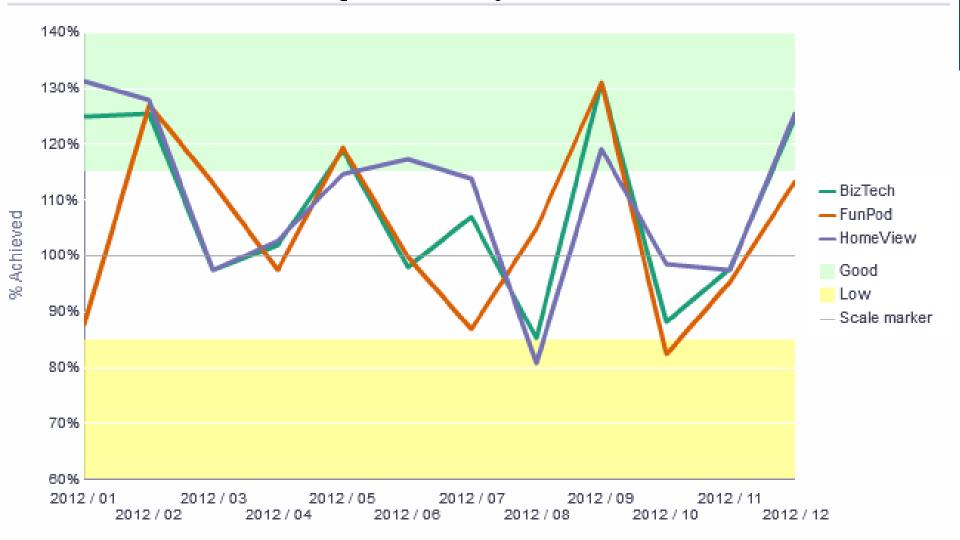
## **Line Graph**



- Use darker versions of standard colors.
- Eliminate grid lines.
- Use zoom function for detailed line graphs.
- Choose curved lines to smooth overall shape.
- Choose stepped lines to emphasize point transitions.



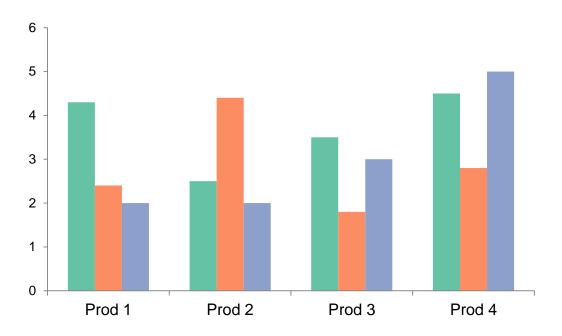
#### Target Revenue % by Brand for 2012







## **Bar Graphs**

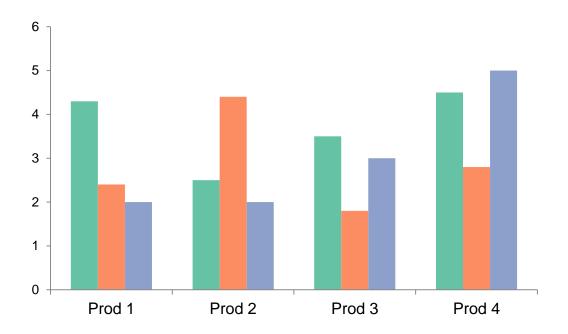


- Show nominal data values in comparison to one another.
- Start with zero.
- If use a logarithmic scale, clearly notate.
- Think through sort order carefully.





## **Bar Graphs**

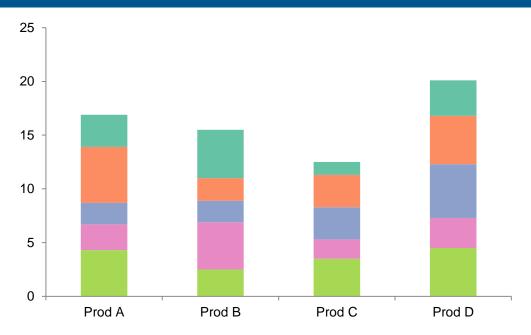


- · Add data labels as interactive rollover.
- Balance colors.
- If change is most important, graph change.





#### **Stacked Bar Chart**

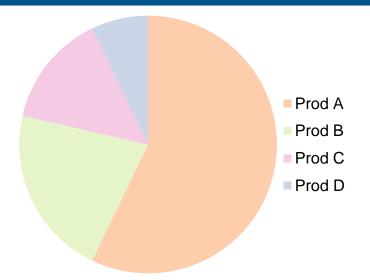


- Somewhat confusing, not great for representing change.
- Total is most clearly represented number.
- Typically stack with largest values on the bottom.
- Single scale can make for interesting intra-bar comparisons.





## **Pie Charts**

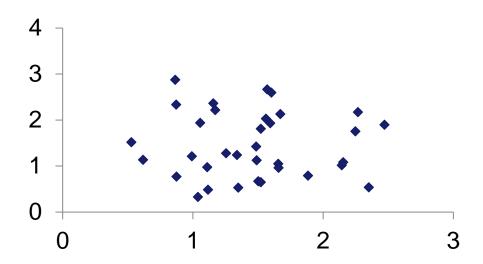


- Typically used for showing parts of whole by percentage.
- Not great for piece to piece comparisons.
- Limit number of pieces.
- Can be interesting to show lots of pies together if significant differences exist.
- Stephen Few hates them.
- Do not use 3-D.





#### **Scatter Plot**

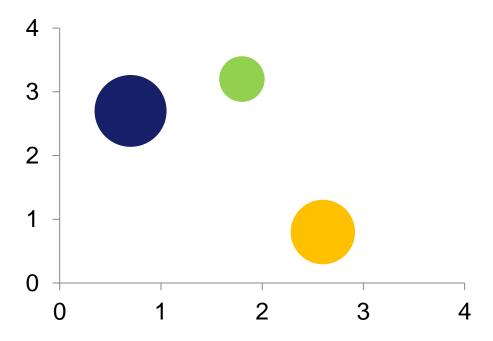


- Shows single data points at the intersection of two values.
- Often depict a large number of discrete data points (hundreds or thousands).
- Useful comparisons of two variables.
- Trend lines are often added.
- Clearly notate if use logarithmic scale(s).





#### **Bubble Chart**

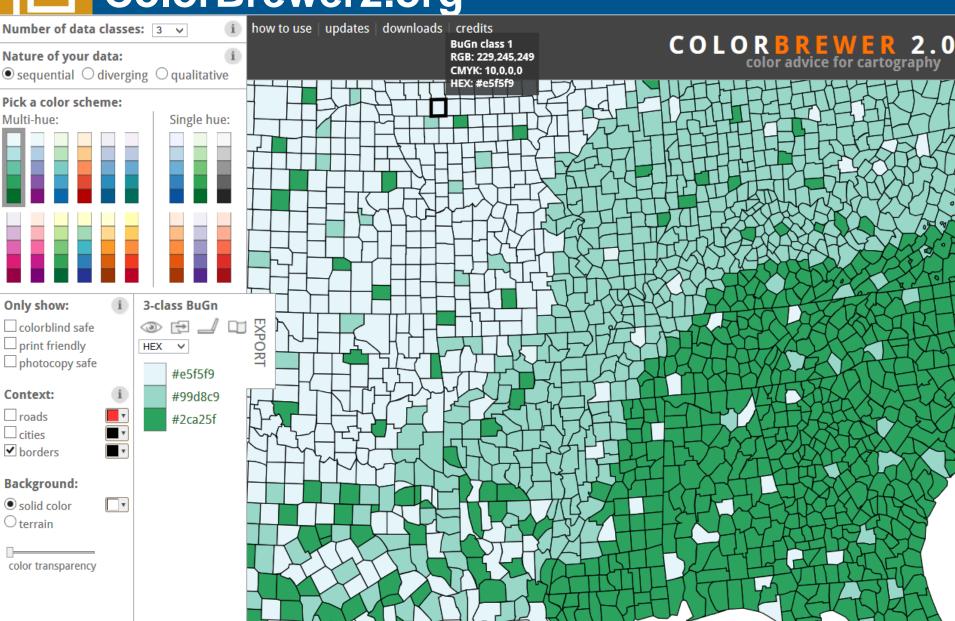


- Special type of scatter plot.
- Size of bubble is related to a third variable.
- Color is related to a fourth variable.
- Reduces number of points that can be depicted.
- Best for depicting approximate values and comparisons.





## ColorBrewer2.org



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Examples

Theory

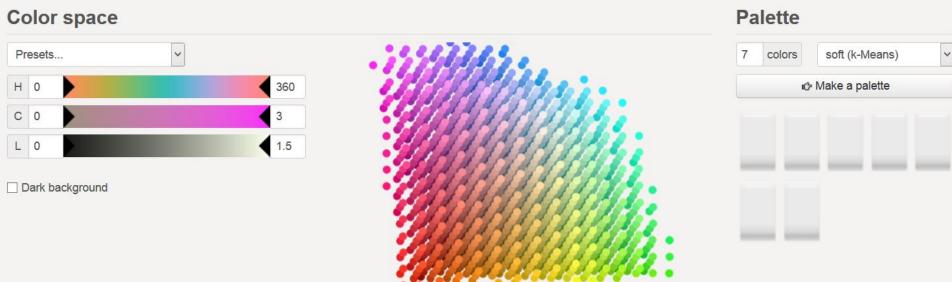
Experiment

Tutorials

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Old version -



GitHub

Issues



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## **Dashboard Definition**

A Dashboard is a visual presentation of current summary information needed to manage and guide an organization or activity.





# **BI Dashboards are Different**

- No mechanical systems needed to move indicators.
- Decisions are not typically made on a secondto-second basis.
- BI dashboards are not primarily single situation or single person devices.





#### **BI Dashboards**

- Role-based.
- Data selection and filtering are extremely important.
- Dashboards support evidenced-based decision making.
- Shared understanding of business situation is a key benefit.
- Content may be individualized.
- Design should be standardized.





#### **OBIEE Dashboard Overview**

- Designed with columns and sections (containers).
- Presentation server is often separate from BI server.
- Dashboards are web-based and are viewed with browsers.
- HTML, XML, and Java coding skills are useful, but not required.





### **Dashboard Principles**

- Promote user interactivity
  - Prompts
  - View and column selectors
  - Hierarchical column drills
  - Column sorts
  - Guided navigation and action links
- Promote data transparency
  - Prompts
  - Filter views
  - Narrative views
  - Master detail linking
- Establish design guidelines for consistency



# Maps

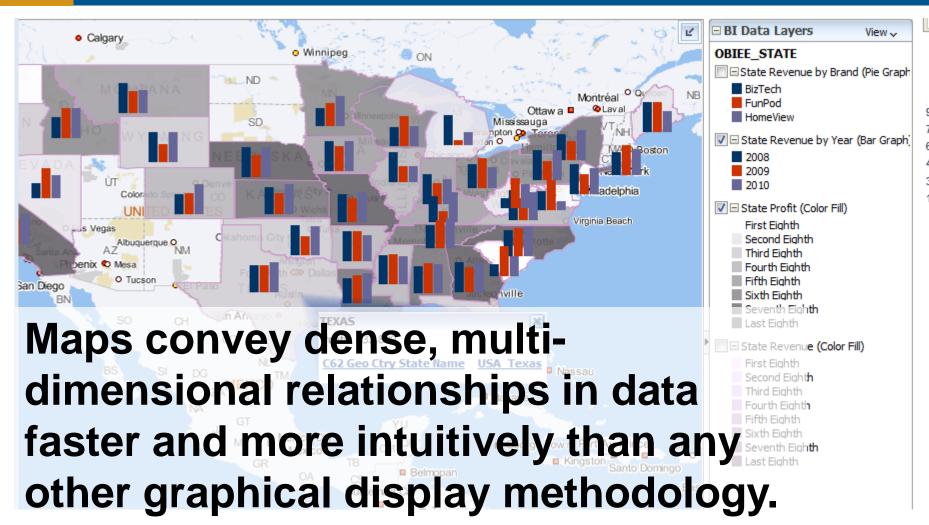
- Humans think spatially
- Types of maps
- Map best practices
- Making meaningful maps
- Built-in data sets
- HERE (NAVTEQ) data sets and POI data
- Sources for additional data sets







### Why Maps are Powerful







### When Are Map Views Useful?

- Visualizing data related to geographic locations.
- Showing or detecting spatial relationships and patterns.
- Showing lots of data in a relatively small area.
- Drilling down from a (map) overview to a detailed report, chart, or graph.
- When is location important? Can the dimension be plotted on a map?





### **Map View Tips**

- Think about what scale to use. Different map scales will reveal different patterns and insights.
- Use Variable marker to display two measures on a map at a point – size and color.
- Avoid overlapping shapes too much.
- Be aware of spatial distortions E.g. Texas is larger than Connecticut.
- Look at color palette. <a href="www.colorbrewer2.org">www.colorbrewer2.org</a>





#### **Map Definitions**

#### FEATURE

- Provide a spatial context: cities, highways, rivers, etc...
- Features of Interest: store location, postal boundaries, pipelines, etc...

#### STYLE

- Define rendering properties for features
- Can control fill color, border color, line thickness, line style and more

#### THEME

- Collection of features
- Typically associated with a spatial geometry layer
- County/state boundaries, major highways, etc...

#### BASEMAP

- A grouping of themes to create a map
- Maps can share themes
- When associating a theme with a map, can specify min scale and max scale (sometimes known as zoom control)

#### MAP

Basemap with additional themes overlain





# **Map Interactivity in OBIEE 11g**

- Display BI data on top of maps
  - Color fill
  - FOI point display
- Interact with other Dashboard Elements
  - Drive map content with dashboard prompts
  - Drive map content through drilling and navigation
  - Drive other dashboard elements through map interactions
- Reveal additional information on maps through mouseovers
- Drill to map detail





### **Map View Formats**

- Color Fill (choropleth)
  - Percentile, Value,
     Continuous binning
  - Dashboard user run-time slider
- Graphs Bar, Pie
  - Adjustable graph size
  - Series by second dimension
- Bubble (variable sized)
  - Min-Max size specification
  - Color specification

- Variable Shape
  - Circle, Triangle, Diamond
  - Customizable
- Image
  - Imported via MapViewer
  - More can be added from MapBuilder
- Custom Point Layer
  - Uses Lat / Long
  - Does not require a Layer Def





#### **Trellis Charts**

- Trellis Layout of Smaller Charts in a grid with Consistent Scales
- Great for finding structures / patterns in complex data

Use 2D Layout to View Multidimensional

Data (like a timeline

-mental animation)





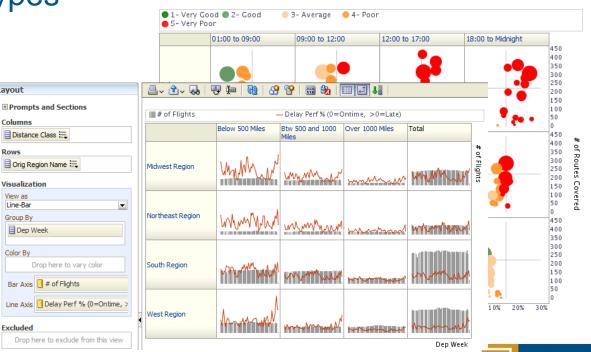
### **Trellis View - Simple**

- Single type of inner visualization
- Common synchronized scale across all graphs

Airlines Delay Performance Matrix

By Distance Group by Departure Time

- Has scale showing by default (can turn off)
- Lots of graph types
  - Vertical Bar
  - Horizontal Bar
  - Line
  - Area
  - Line-Bar
  - Pie
  - Scatter
  - Bubble



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#### **Trellis View - Advanced**

- Pivot table with numbers or graphs in cells
- Each microchart has its own scale and not shown
- Most often used to see trend lines

Distance Class

Orig Region Name 🚟

Columns

Visualization

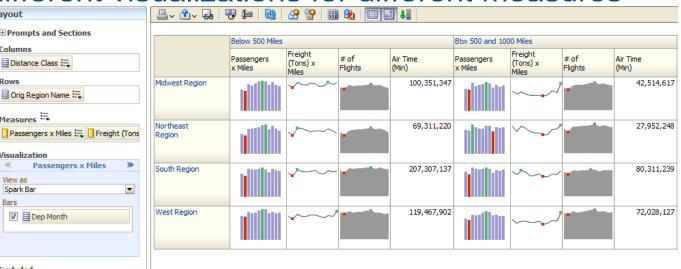
Spark Bar

**Excluded** 

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Drop here to exclude from this view

- No axis description, so across should be time
- Can have different visualizations for different measures
  - Spark bar
  - Spark line
  - Spark area
  - numbers





#### **New Trellis Views**

- Does not require Exalytics but need fast Pres Server
- Can display LOTS of data in compact form
- Capable of dense visualizations
  - Great for snapshot of trending
  - Great for comparing patterns across dimension values
- Two types
  - Simple (shows full graphs per cell)
  - Advanced (sparklines no scales per cell, separate scales)
- Need to think what you're trying to show on a trellis



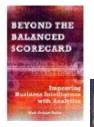


# **OBI Scorecard & Strategy Management**

- Integrated toolset in OBIEE
- Follows "Balanced Scorecard" methodology
- Enables corporate goals and objectives to be monitored and managed

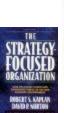
Includes strategy maps, strategy trees, KPI watch lists,

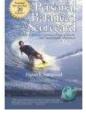












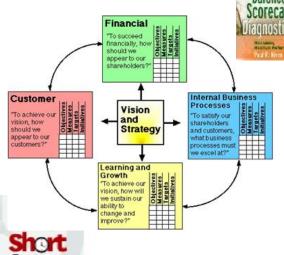








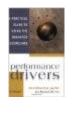


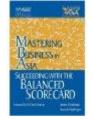


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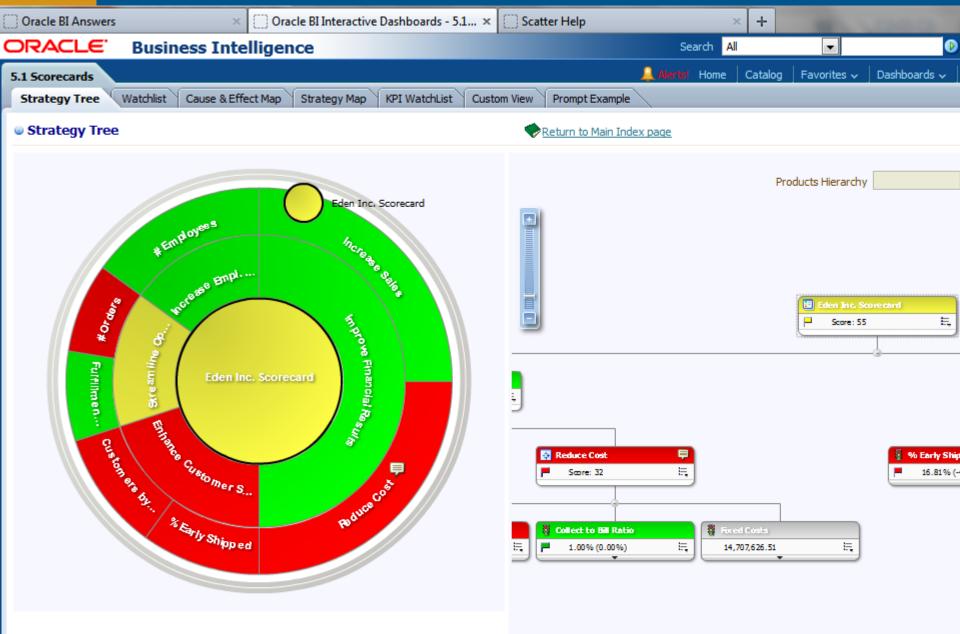






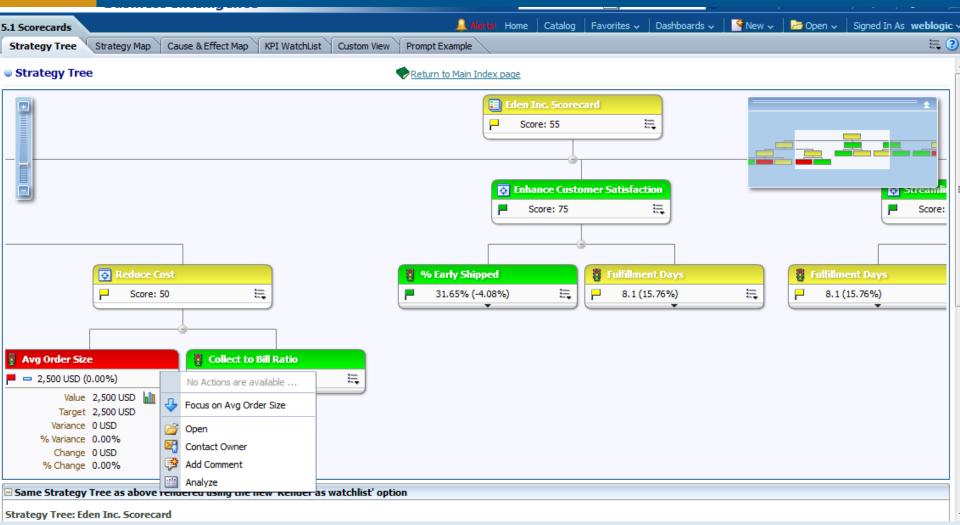


#### **New Contribution Wheel Visualization**



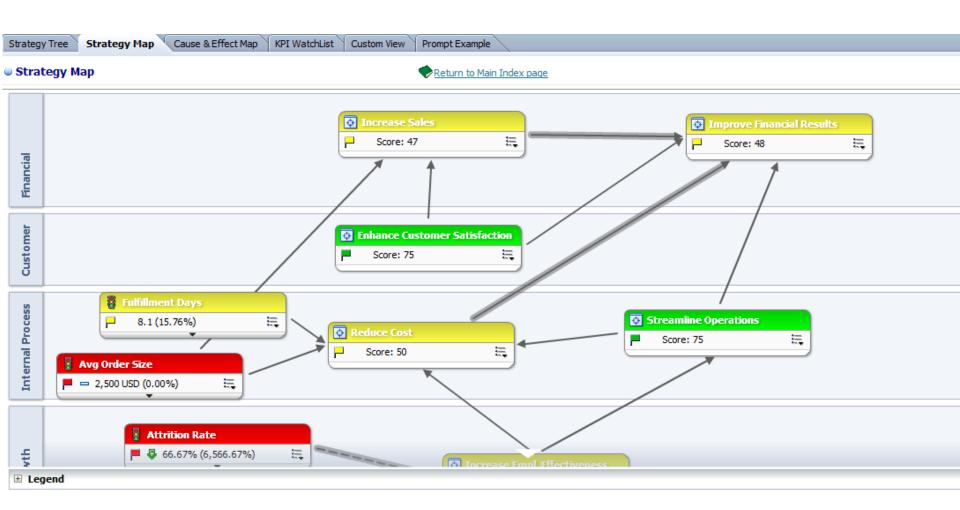


# **Strategy Tree View**





# **Strategy Map View**







#### **General Advice**

- Working with BI Catalog
- Development Standards
- Working with Executives
- Working with IT and DBAs
- Developing Trust in BI Systems
- Getting Started
  - Workshops
  - Assessments
  - Training
  - Metadata Communication and Documentation
- The Long Road

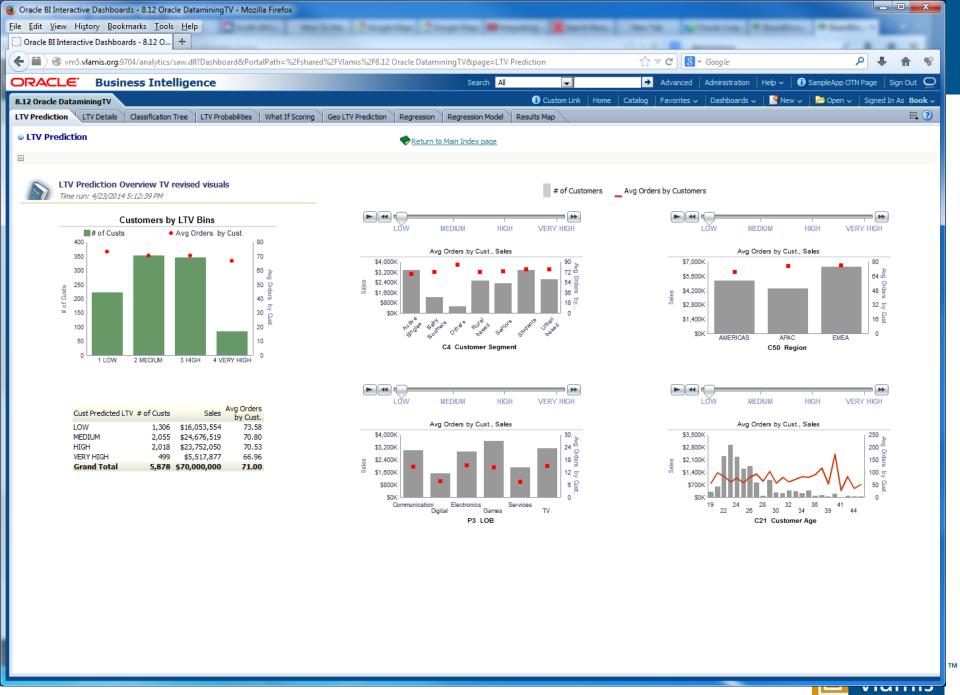


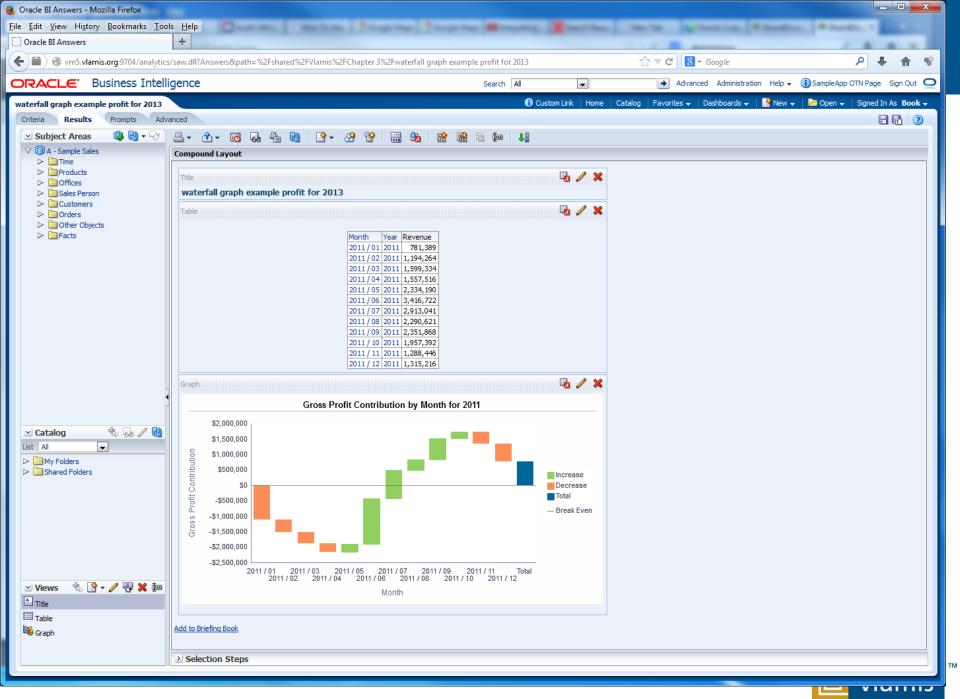


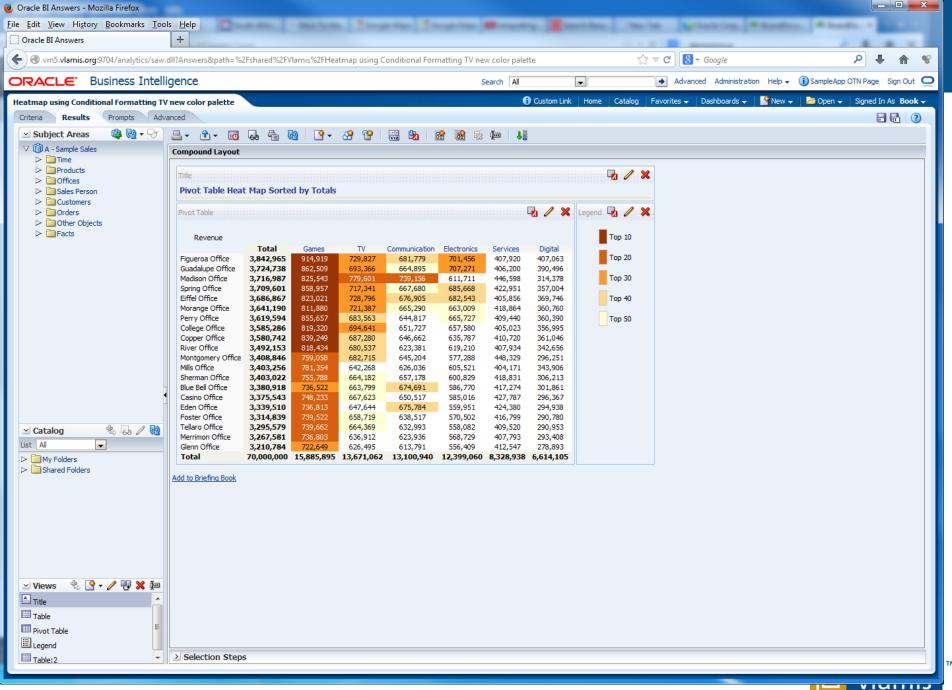
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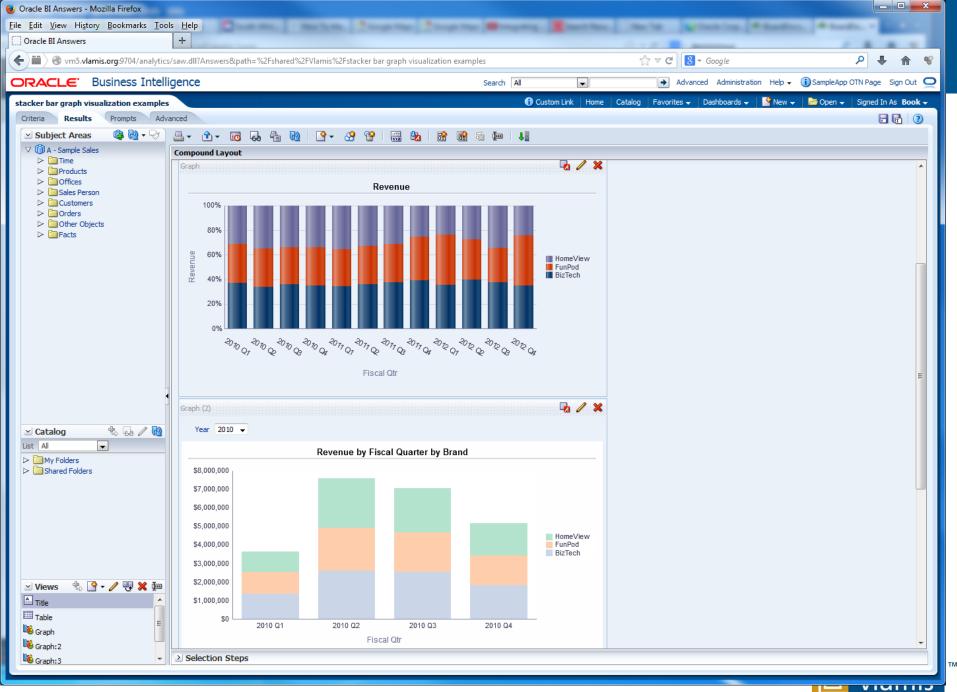


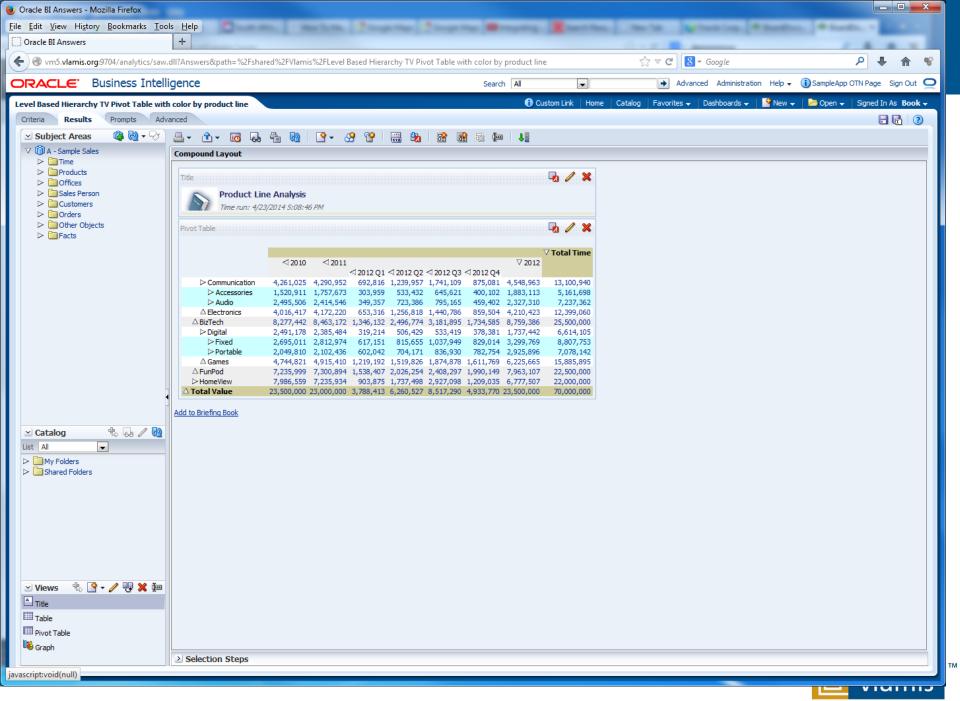


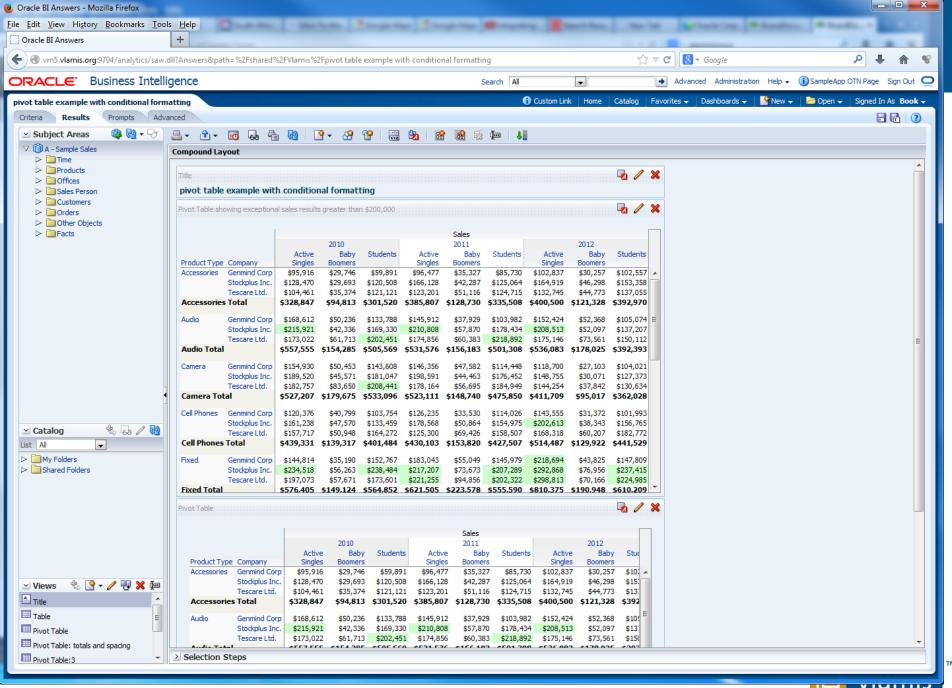


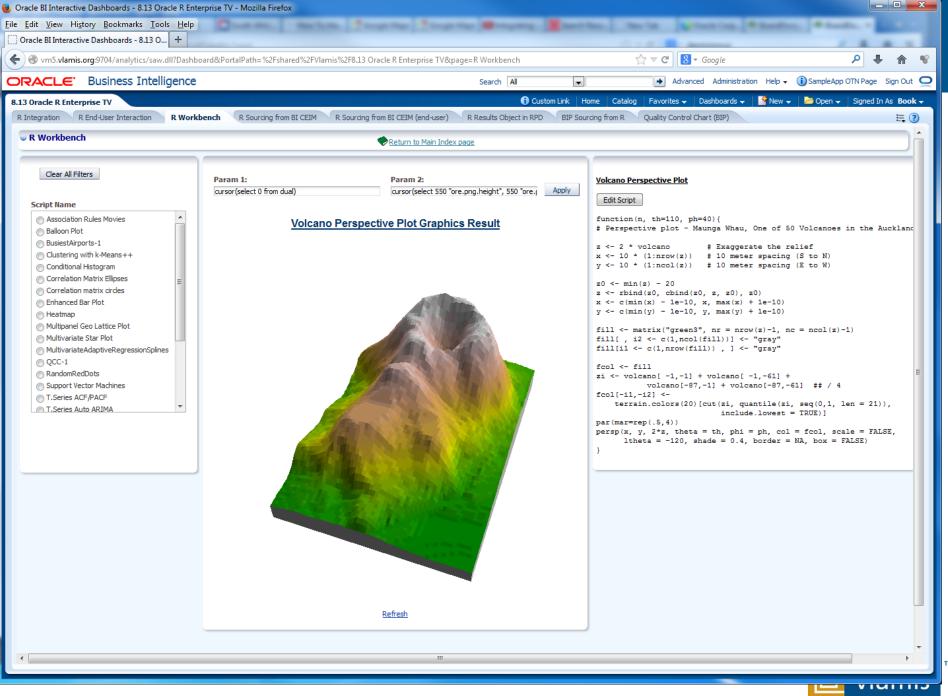














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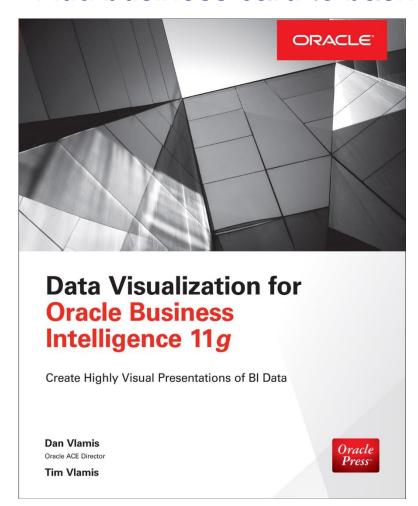
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