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Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence 11g

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- Started in summer of 2006
- BIWA Summits since 2007, first one near DC, rest in CA
- BIWA Summit 2015 took place Jan 27-29, 2015 at Oracle HQ
- Focus on Advanced Analytics, Big Data, BI, DW, EPM, IoT
- Managed by Volunteer Board Members and Oracle Advisors

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and Spatial

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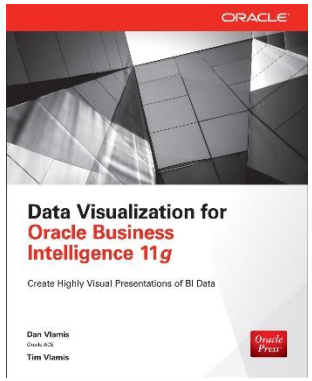
Vlamis Software Solutions

- Vlamis Software founded in 1992 in Kansas City, Missouri
- Oracle Gold Partner, Oracle University Partner
- 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”
- www.vlamis.com (blog, papers, newsletters, services)
- Beta tester for OBIEE 11g, 12c
- Conference chair for BIWA Summit 2014, 2015



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Tim and Dan Vlamis

- Tim (business analyst and academic guy)
- 25+ years in business modeling, valuation, and scenario analysis
- Professional Certified Marketer (PCM) from AMA
- Active Member of NICO (Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems)
- Adjunct Professor of Business, Benedictine College
- MBA Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University)
- BA Economics Yale University

- Dan (OLAP expert and career IT guy)
- 25+ Years in business intelligence/executive information systems
- Led development team at IRI
- Founded Vlamis Software Solutions 20+ years ago in 1993
- Author, speaker, Oracle ACE Director
- BA Computer Science Brown University

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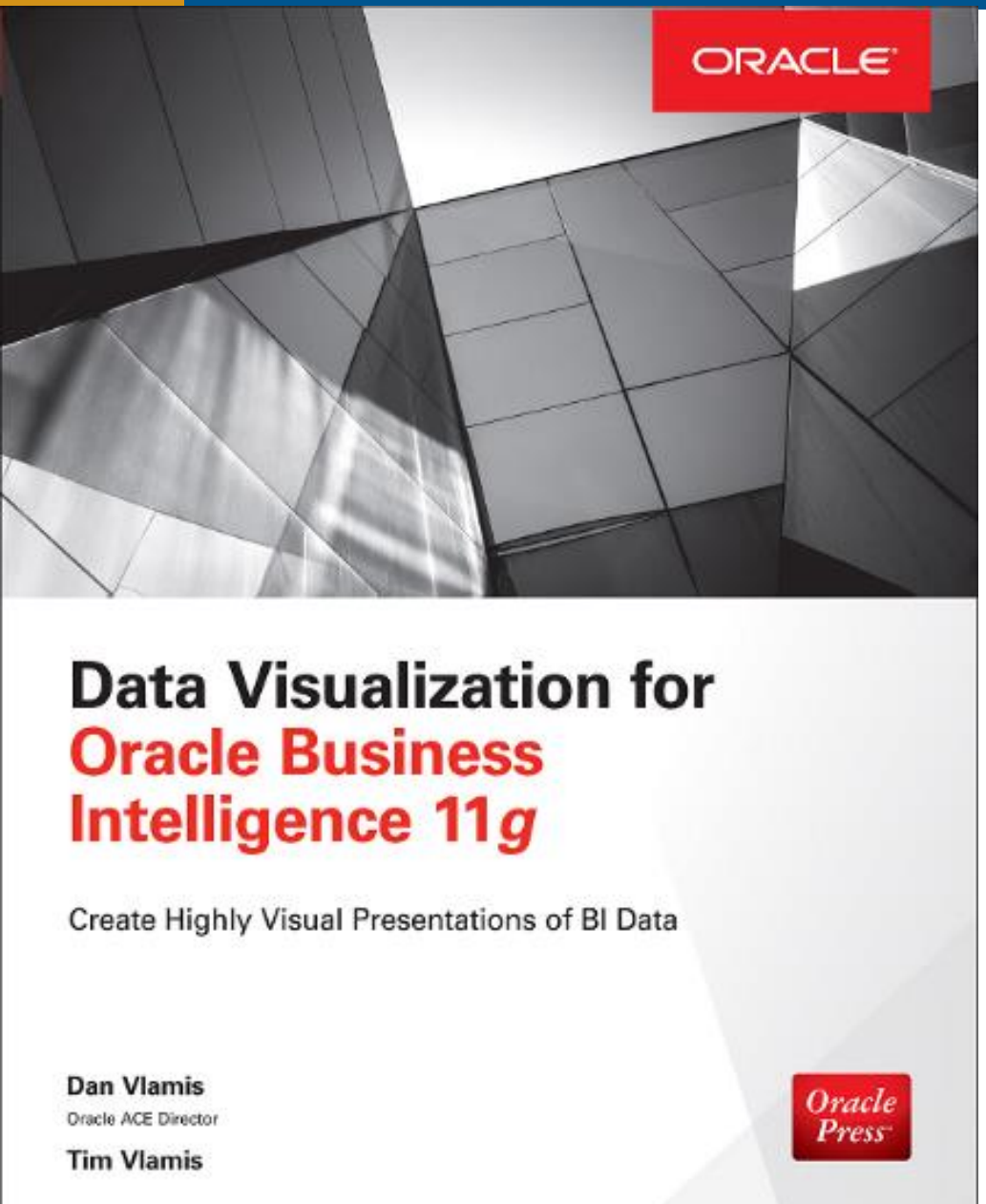
New Book!



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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)

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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

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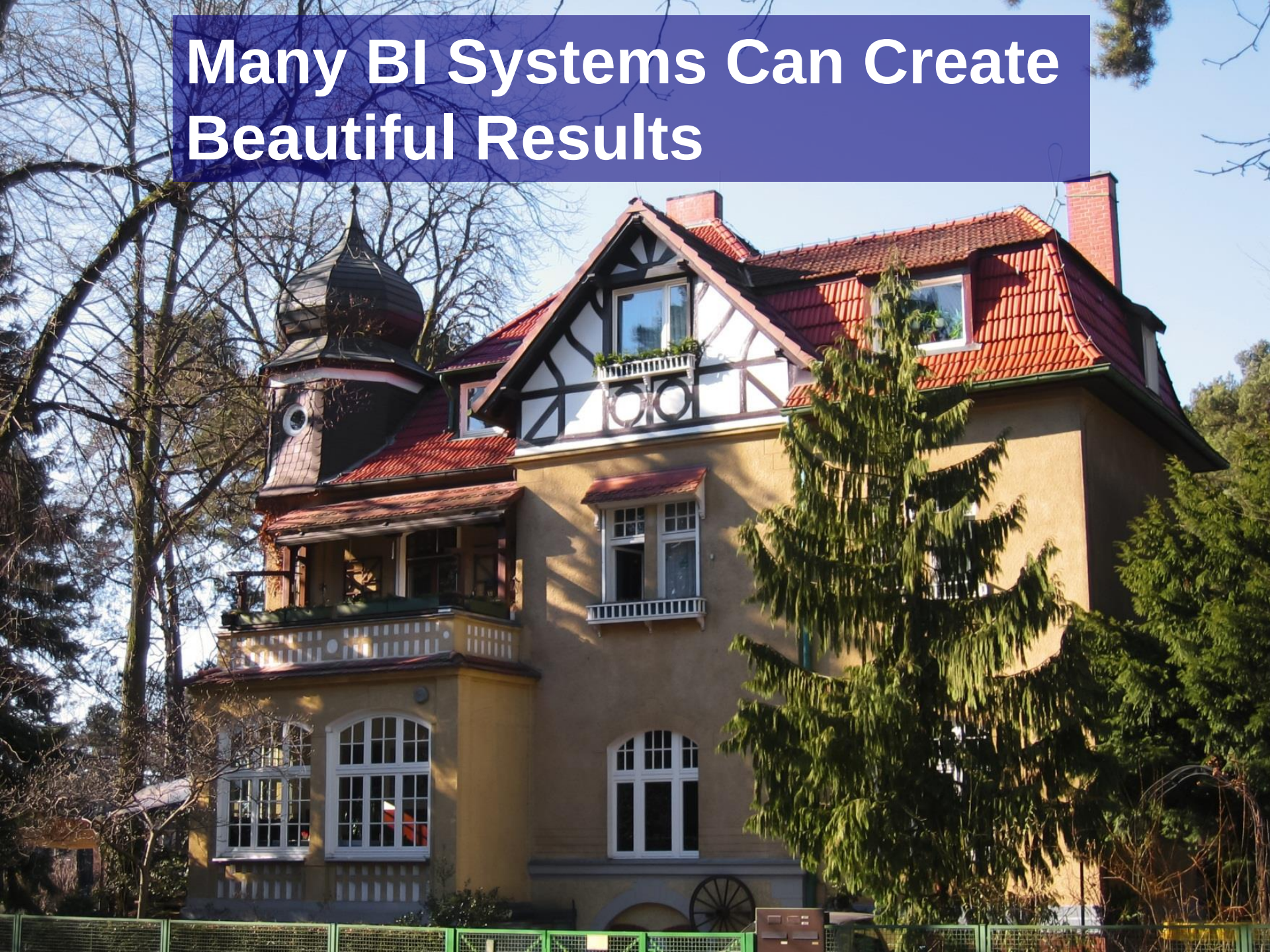
Many BI Systems Can Create Beautiful Results



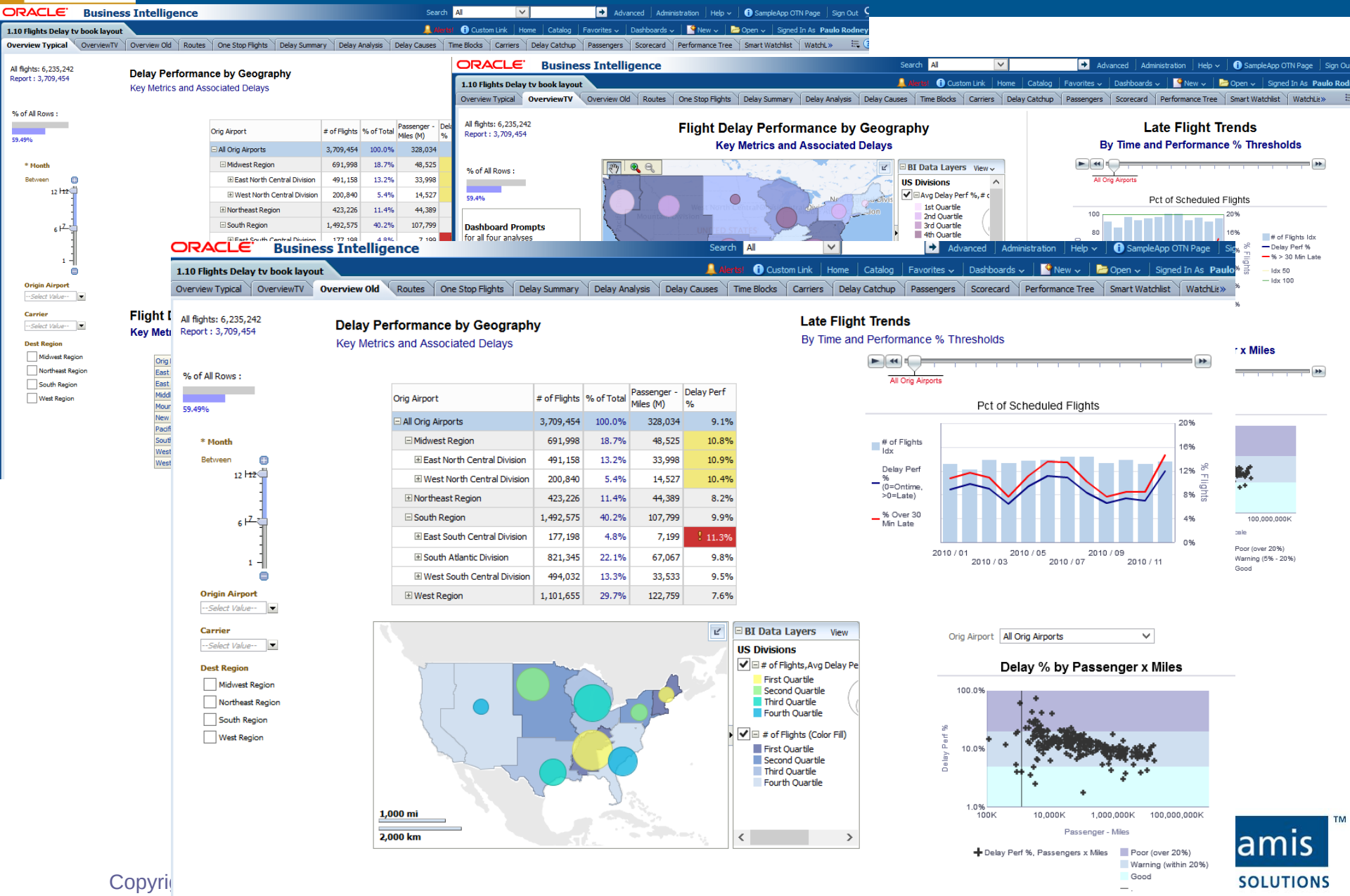
OBI Operates at a Different Scale

Ingredients → Data Quality & Variety

Technique → Data Processing & Prep

Presentation → Data Visualization

OBIEE Demo Content from Chap 1



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Delay Performance by Geography

Key Metrics and Associated Delays

Orig Airport	# of Flights	% of Total	Passenger - Miles (M)	Delay Perf %
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Late Flight Trends

By Time and Performance % Thresholds

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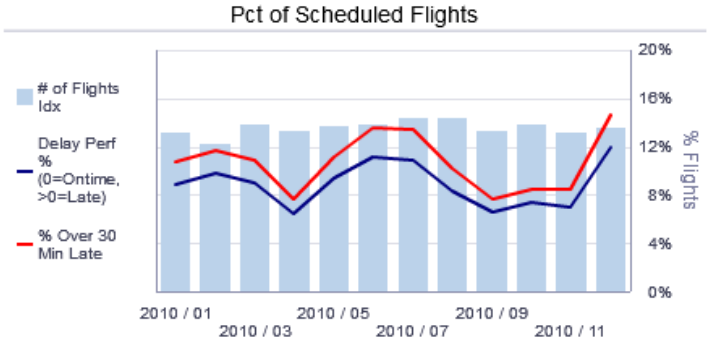

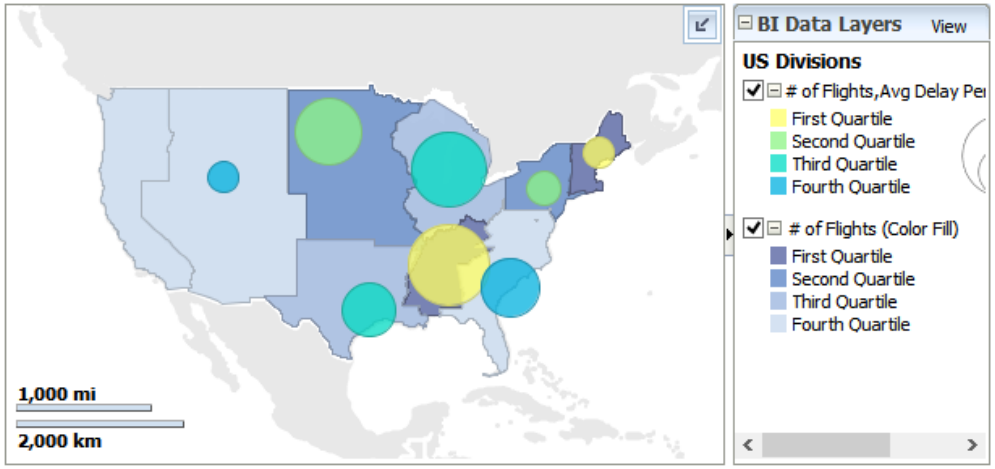

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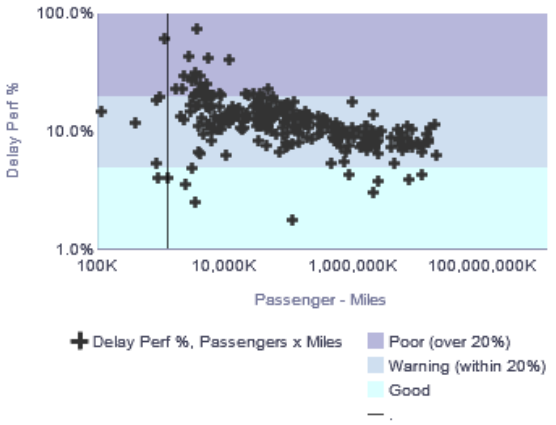

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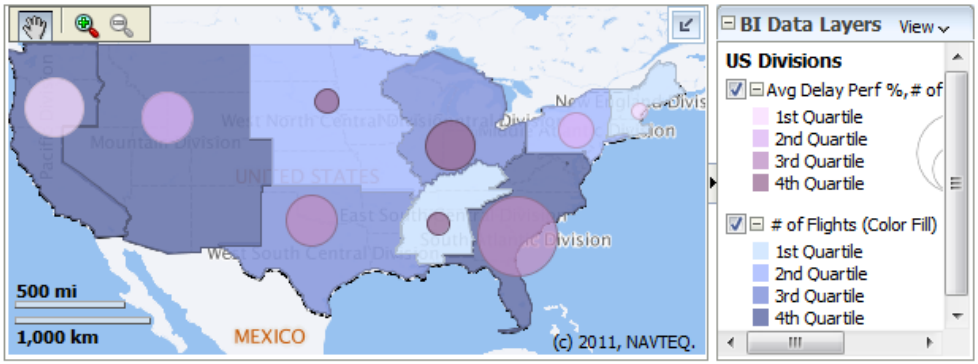

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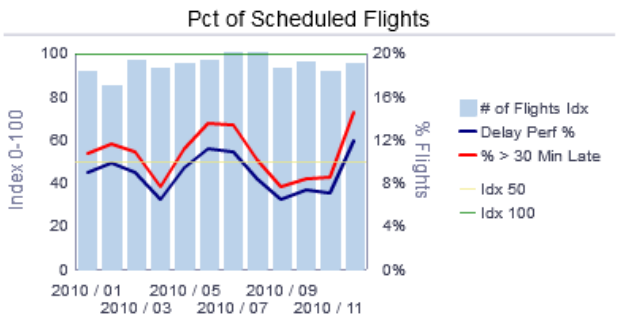

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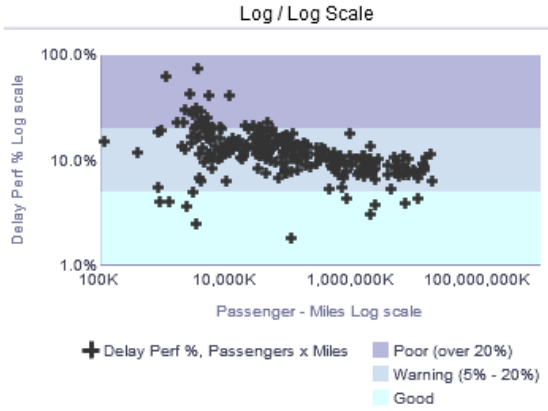

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Best Practice Focus

- 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”

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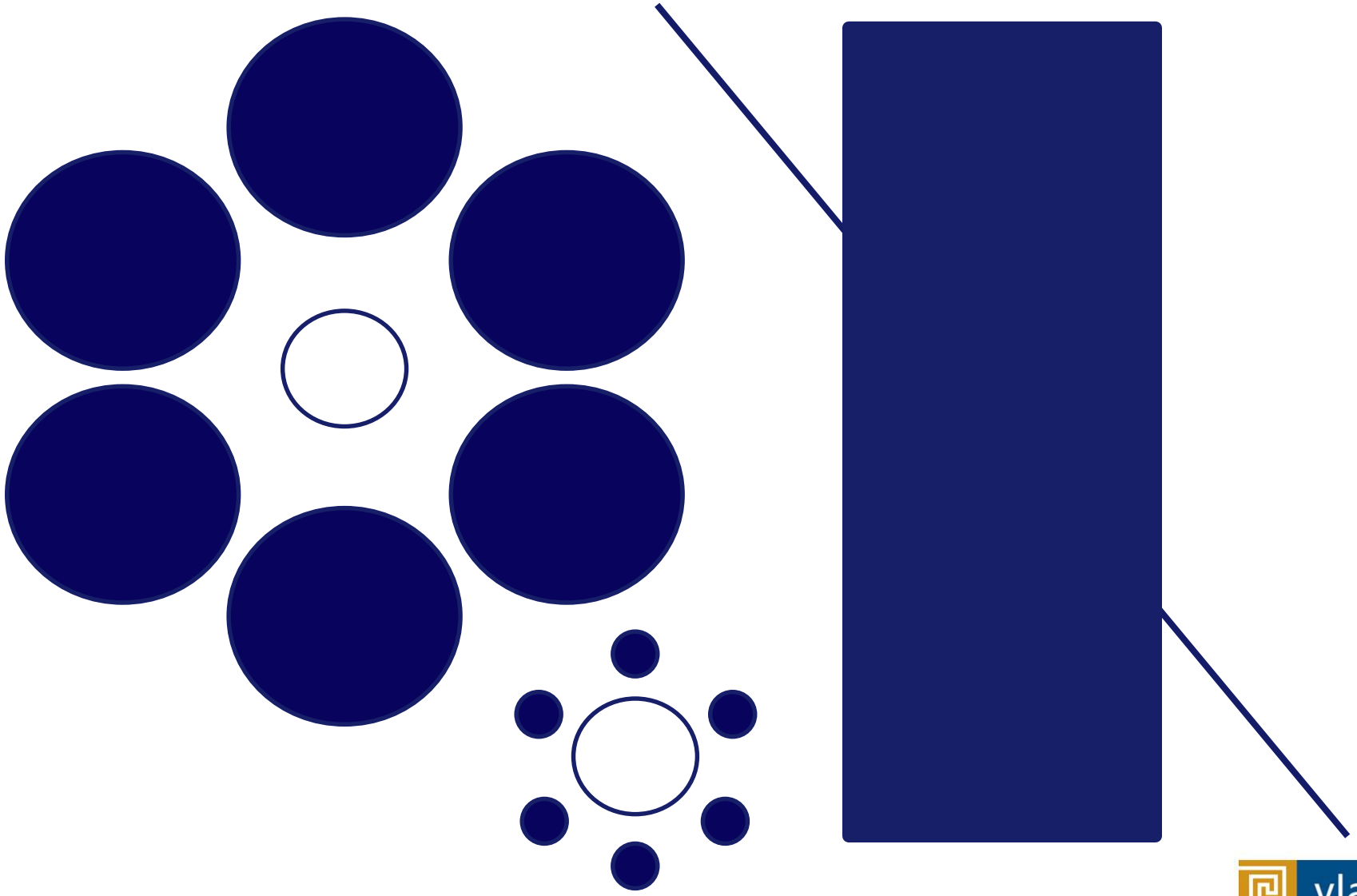
The Principles of Human Cognition Should Guide BI Dashboard Design

Classic Optical Illusions



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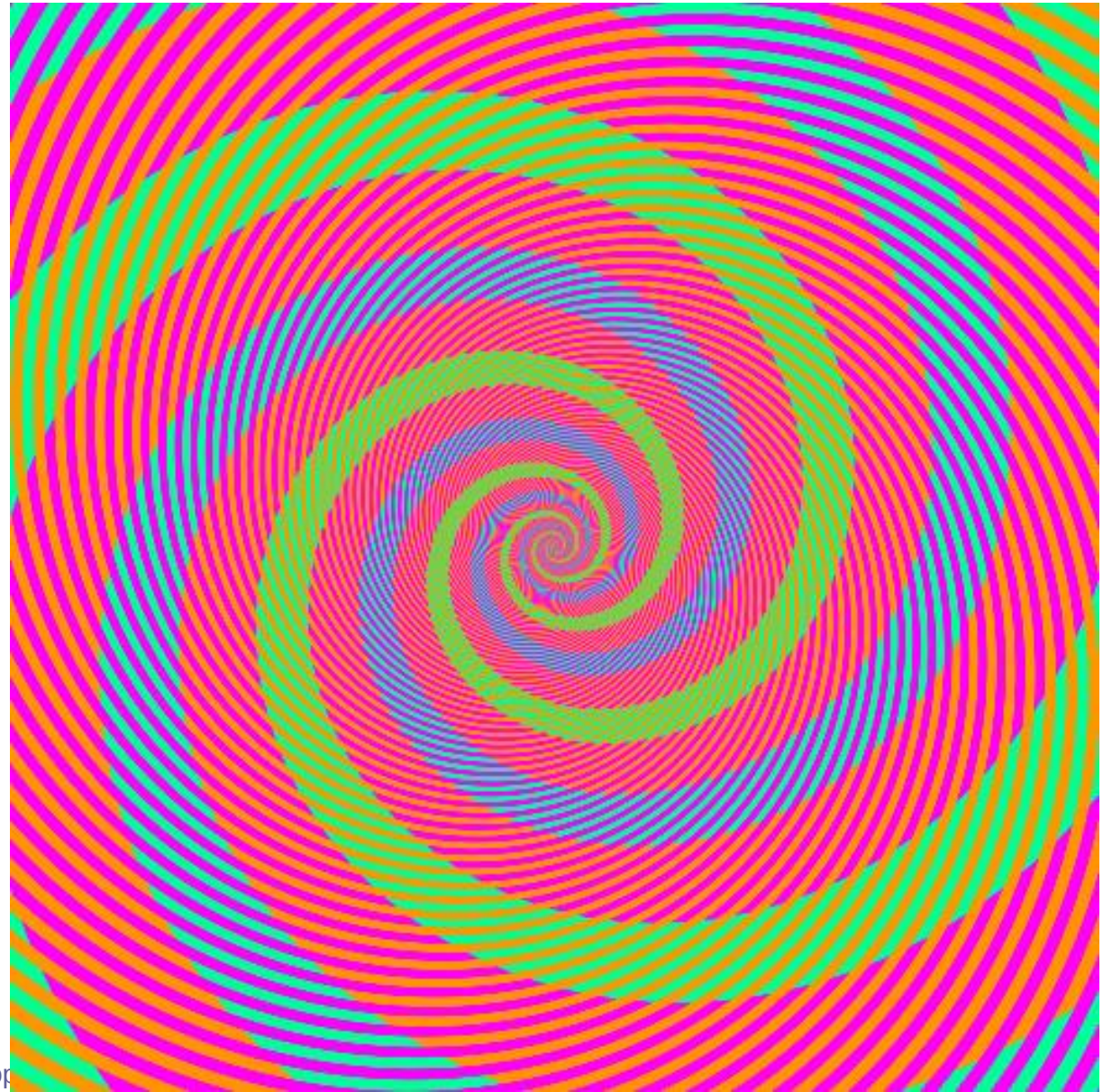

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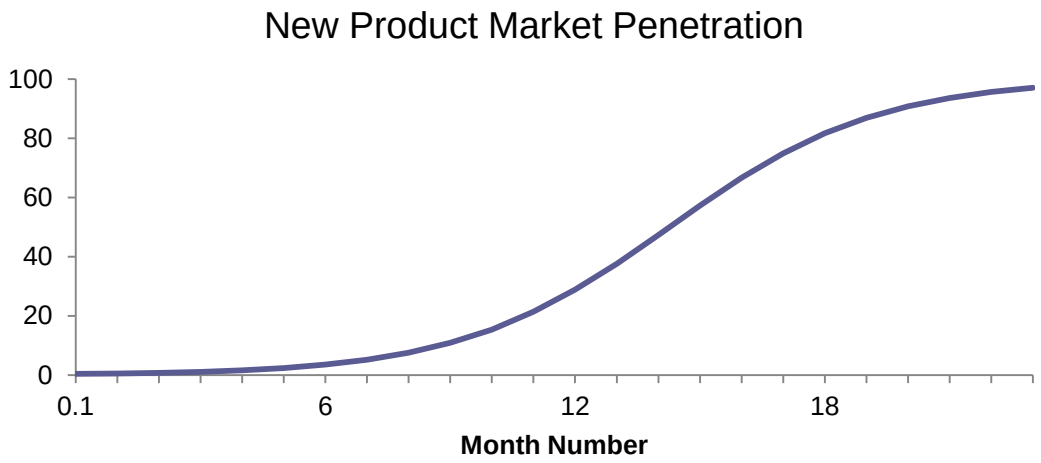
Graphs and Tables

- Graphs and Charts depict visual representations and relationships



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

Order Type	No of Orders	Sales	Billed Quantity	Actual Unit Price
Express	13,980	$14,027,034	1,117,199	$12.56
Secure	29,347	$28,513,745	2,326,540	$12.26
Standard	27,673	$27,459,221	2,213,482	$12.41
Grand Total	**71,000**	**$70,000,000**	**5,657,221**	**$12.37**

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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.

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Pivot Table “Needs” Sentence

I want to see **Sales** *(specific selected values)*
by *Product Type and Company (define rows)*
across *Market Segments (define columns).*

Year 2010

		Sales						
Product Type	Company	Active Singles	Baby Boomers	Others	Rural based	Seniors	Students	Urban based
Accessories	Genmind Corp	$95,916	$29,746	$23,710	$40,947	$60,397	$59,891	$77,722
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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!

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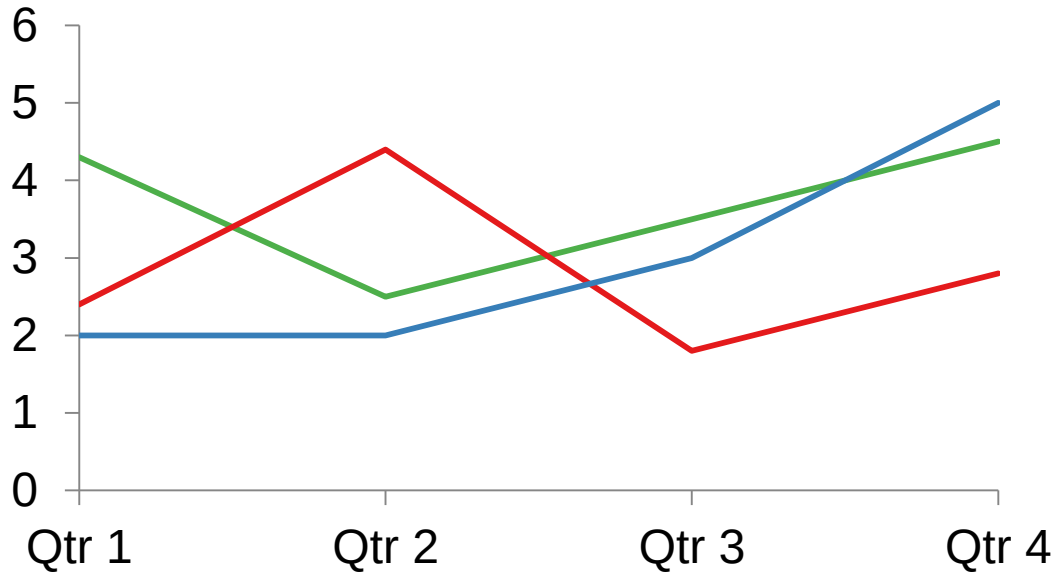
Line Graph



- 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.

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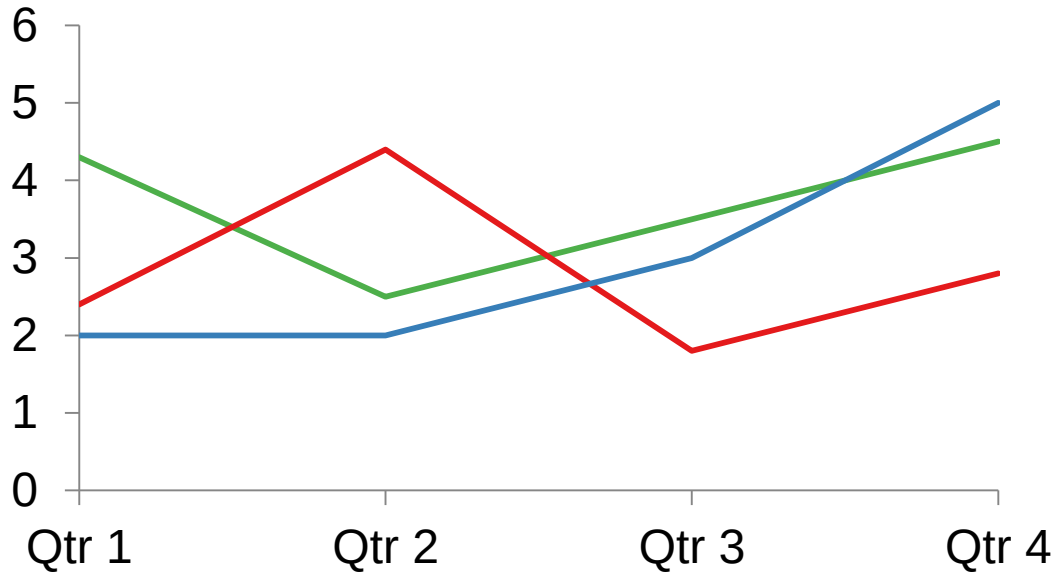

- Use darker versions of standard colors.
- Eliminate grid lines.
- Use zoom function for detailed line graphs.
- Choose curved lines to smooth overall shape.
- Choose stepped lines to emphasize point transitions.

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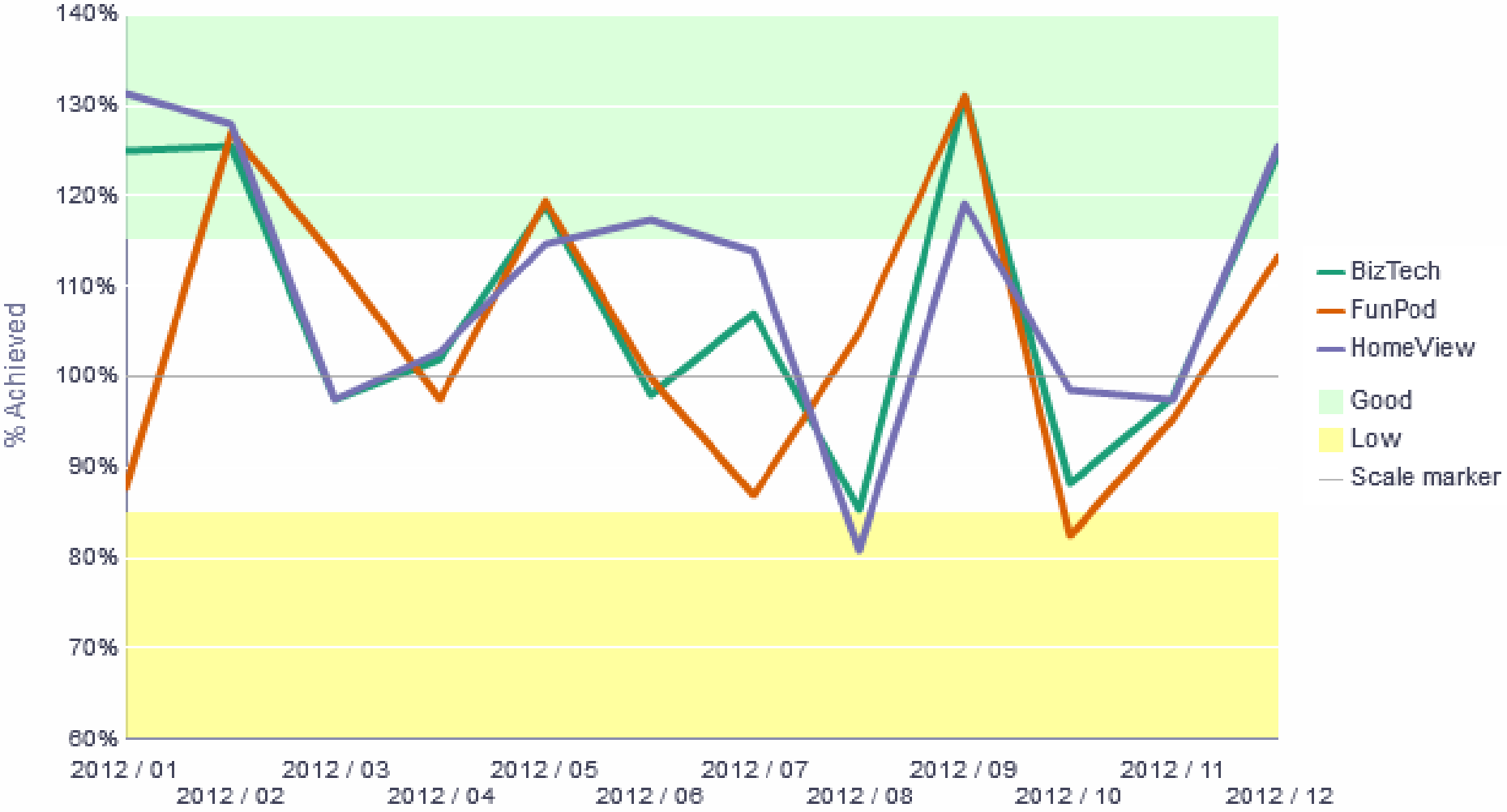
Target Revenue % by Brand for 2012



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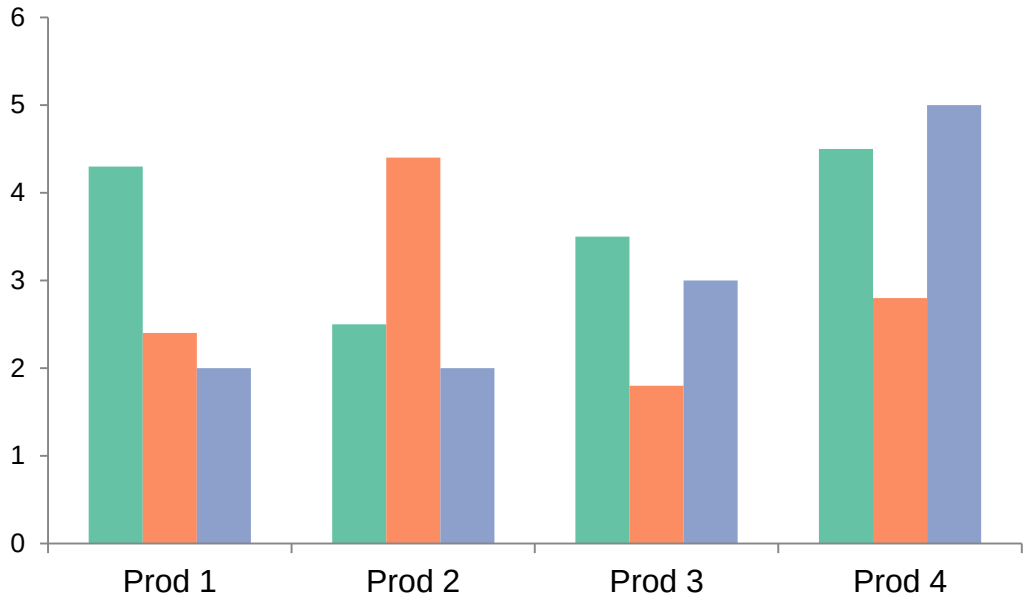

- Show nominal data values in comparison to one another.
- Start with zero.
- If use a logarithmic scale, clearly notate.
- Think through sort order carefully.

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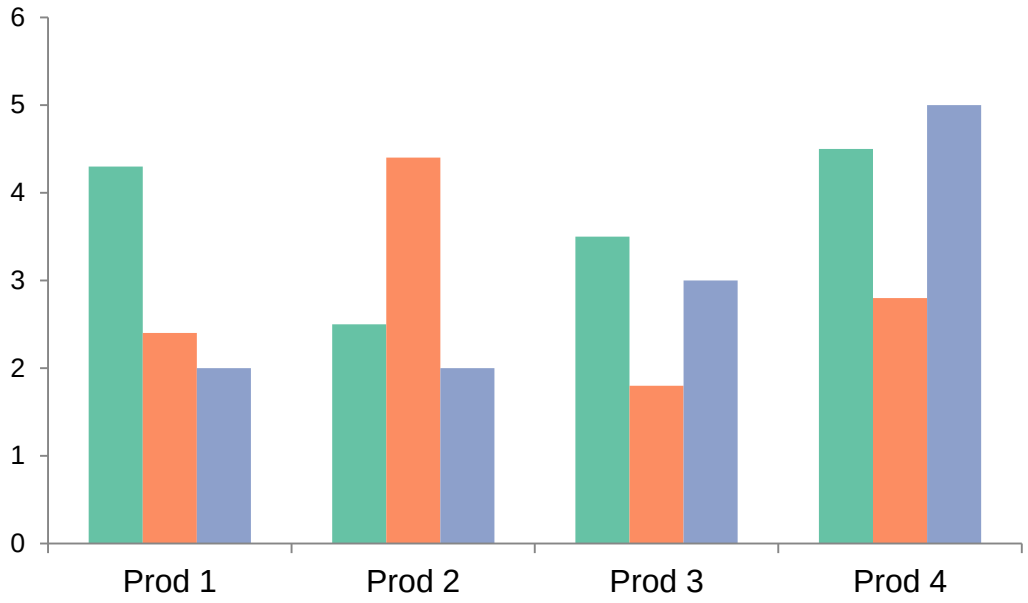

- Add data labels as interactive rollover.
- Balance colors.
- If change is most important, graph change.

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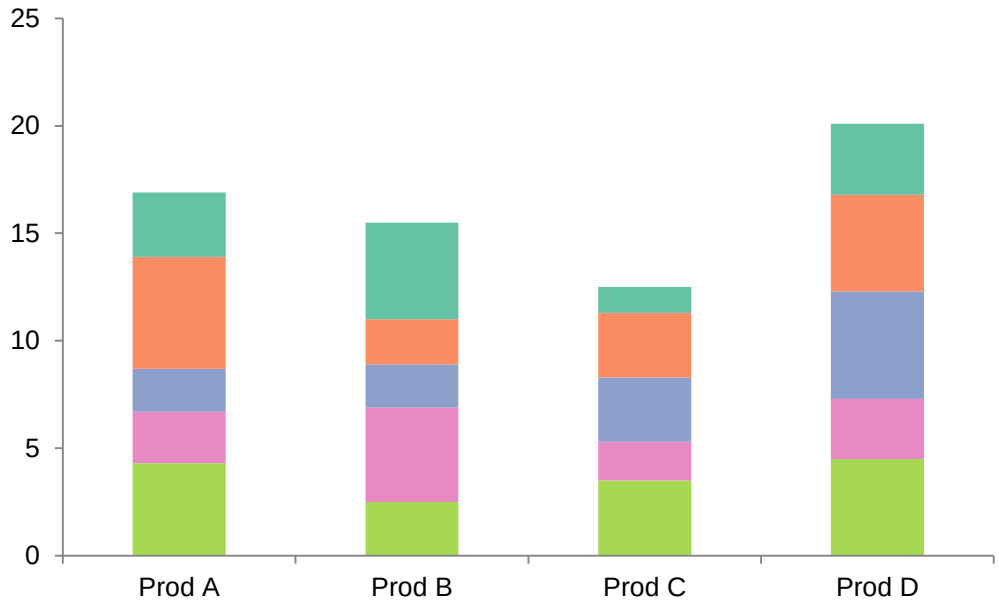
Stacked Bar Chart



- 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.

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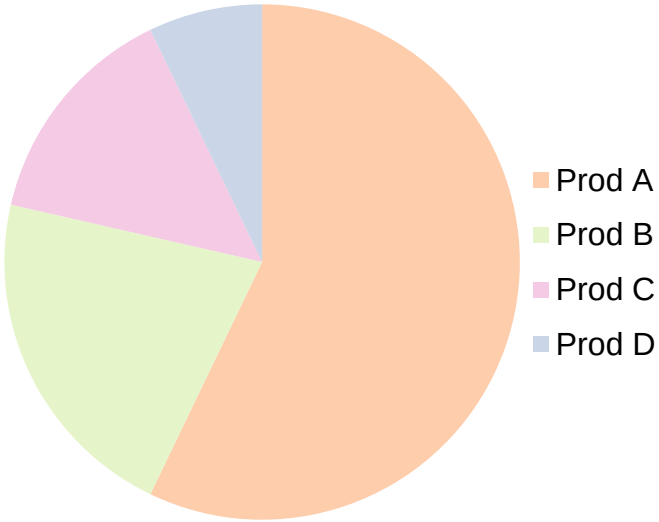
Pie Charts



- 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.

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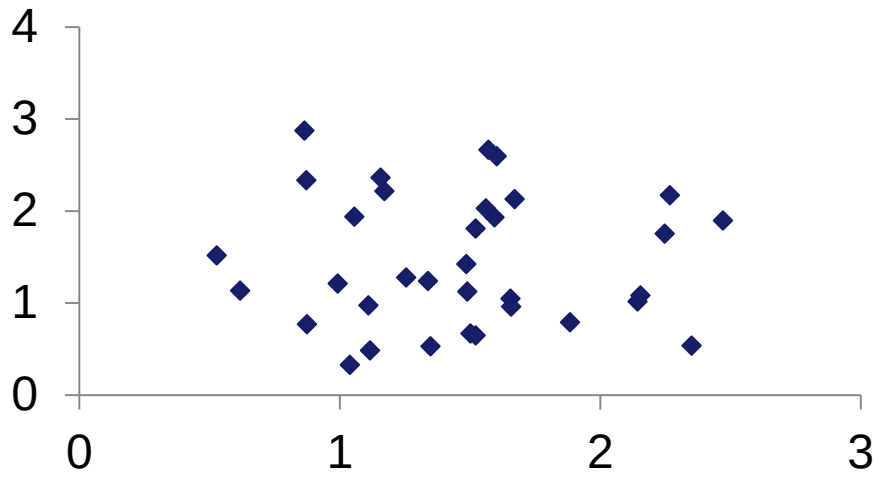
Scatter Plot



- 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).

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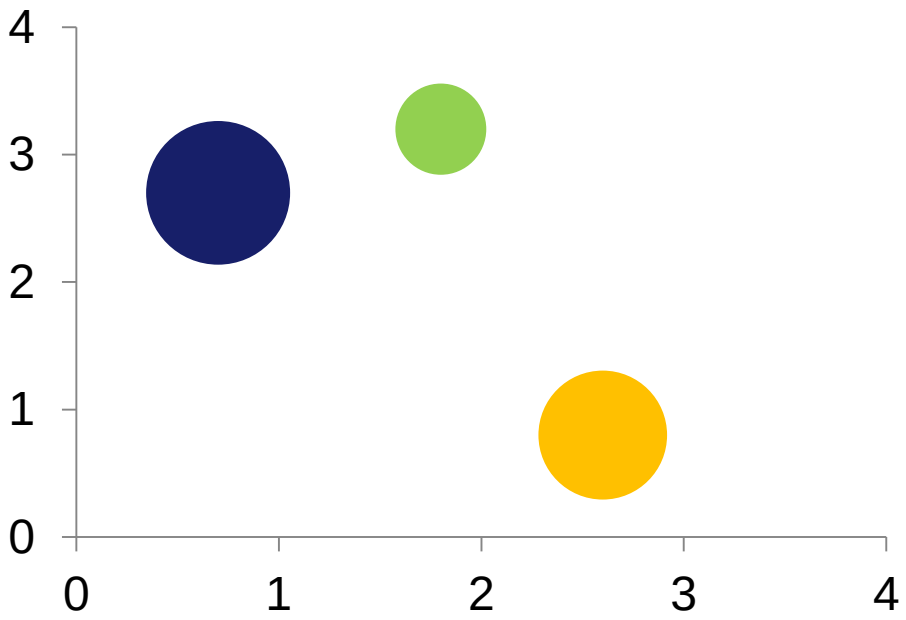

- Special type of scatter plot.
- Size of bubble is related to a third variable.
- Color is related to a fourth variable.
- Reduces number of points that can be depicted.
- Best for depicting approximate values and comparisons.

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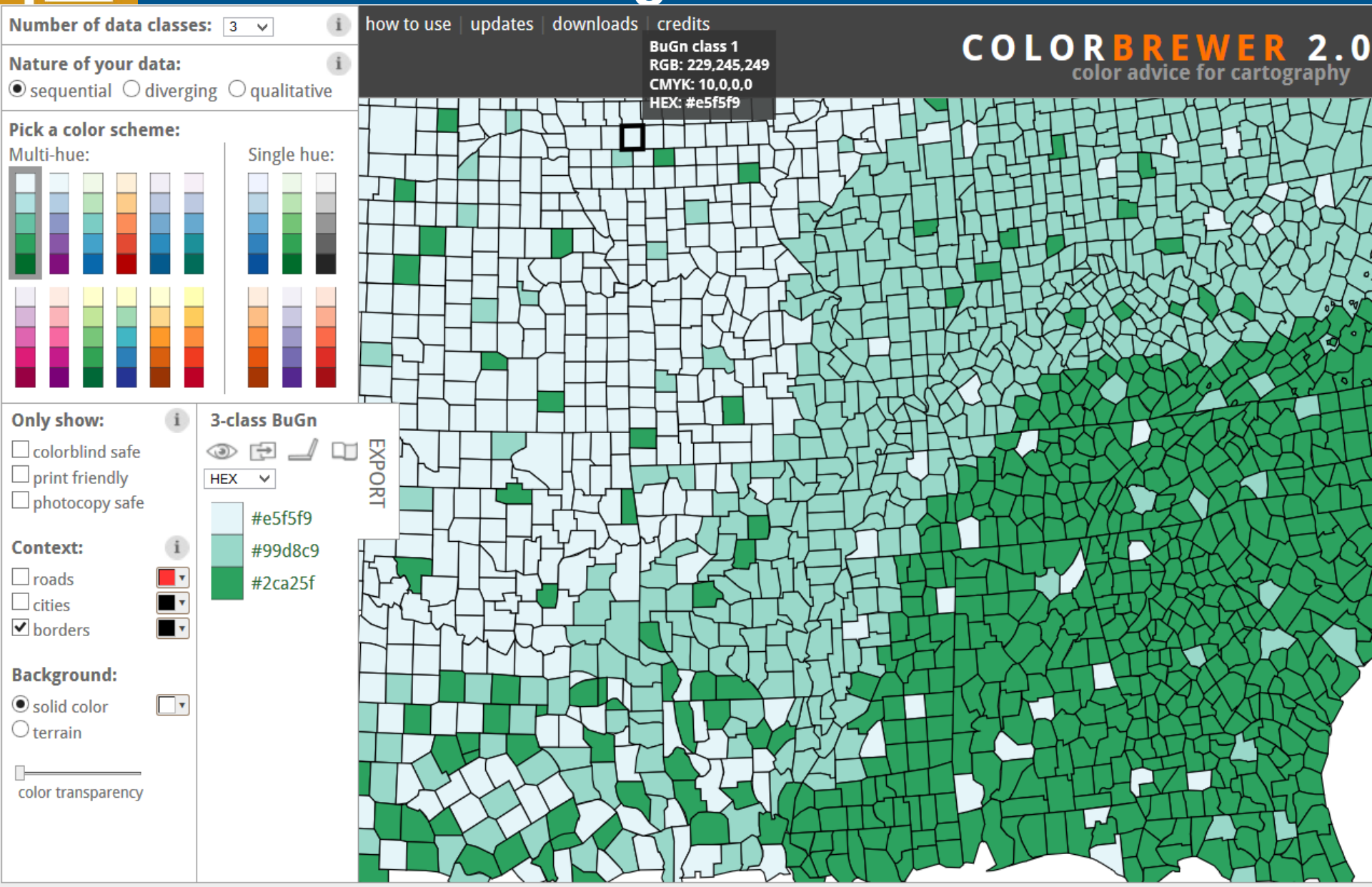

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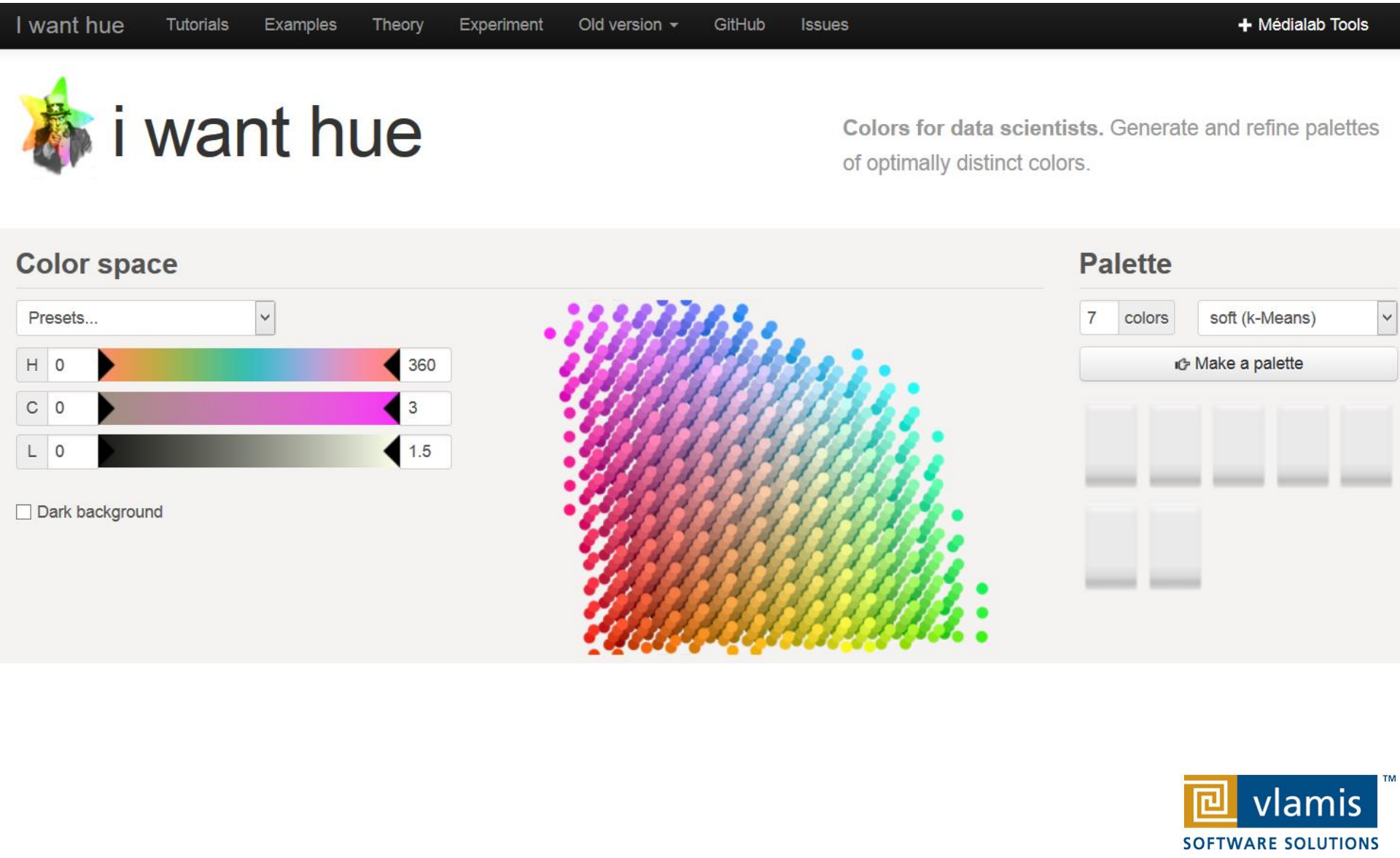

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Dashboard Definition

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

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BI Dashboards are Different

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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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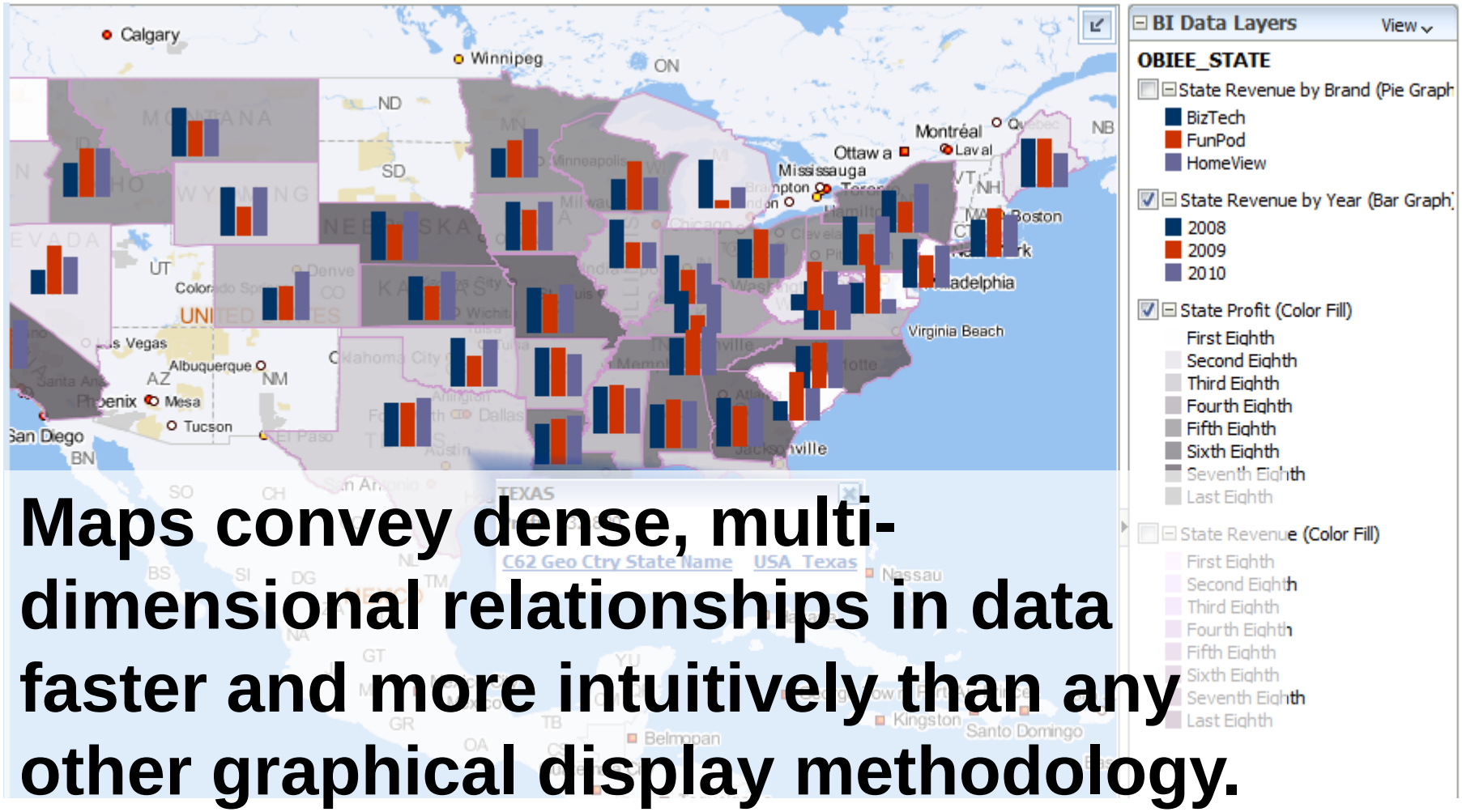
Why Maps are Powerful



Maps convey dense, multi-dimensional relationships in data faster and more intuitively than any other graphical display methodology.

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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?

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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. www.colorbrewer2.org

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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

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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

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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

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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*)

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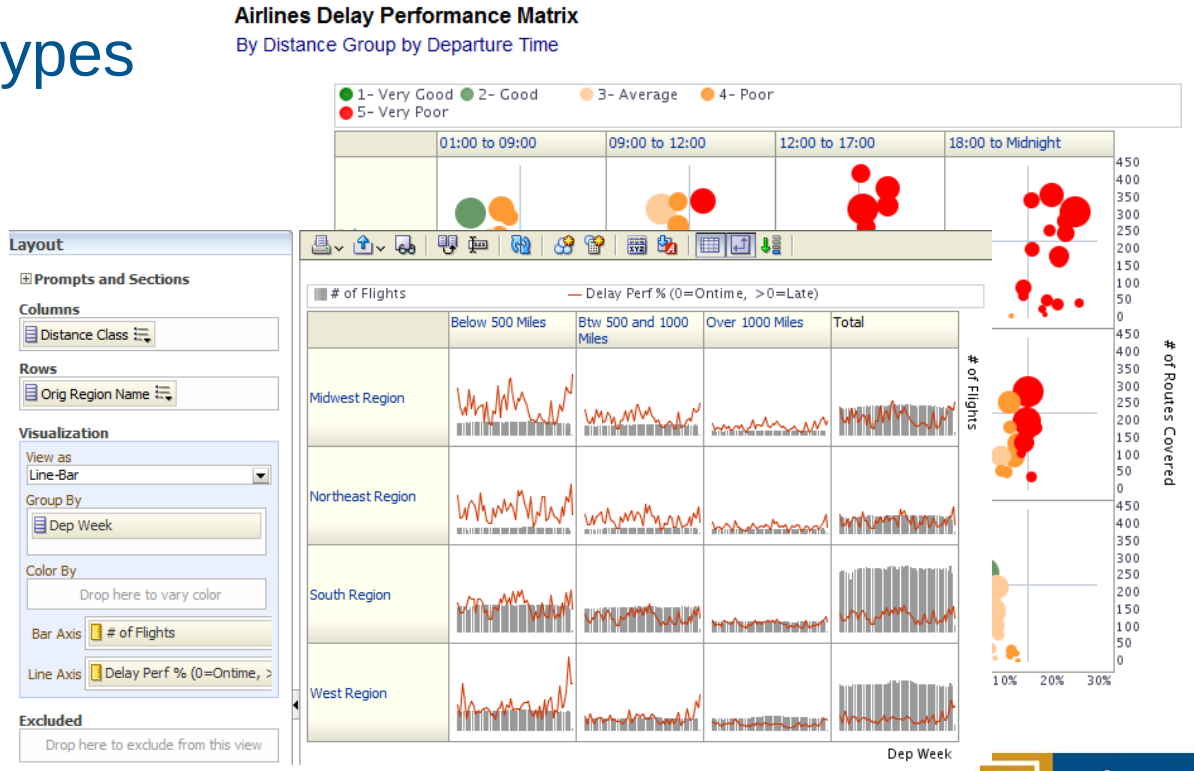
Trellis View - Simple

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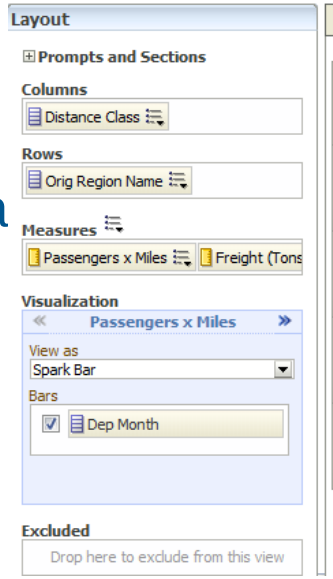
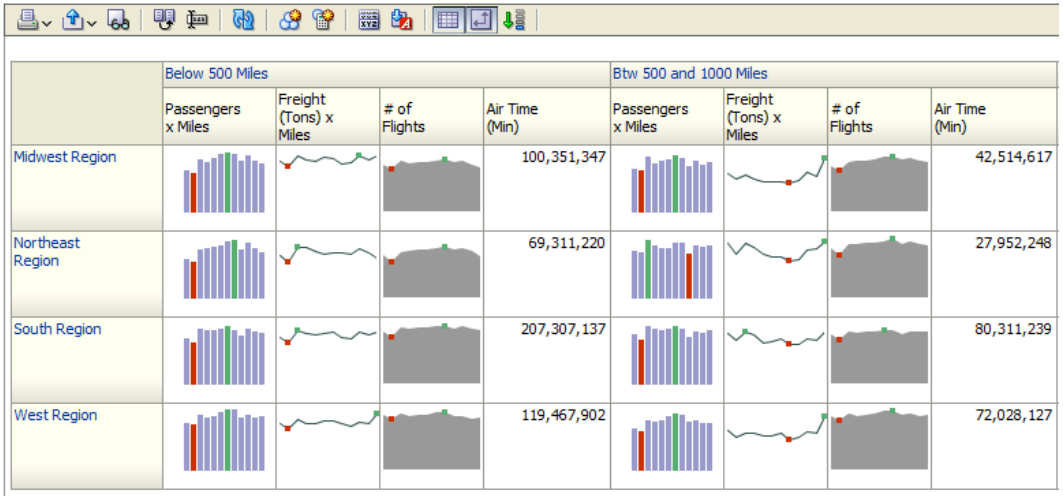
Trellis View - Advanced

- Pivot table with numbers or graphs in cells
- Each microchart has its own scale and not shown
- Most often used to see trend lines
- No axis description, so across should be time
- Can have different visualizations for different measures
  - Spark bar
  - Spark line
  - Spark area
  - numbers





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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

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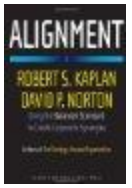
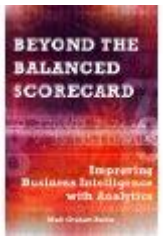
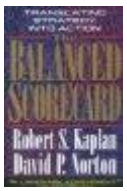
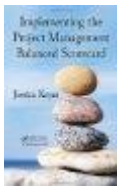
OBI Scorecard & Strategy Management

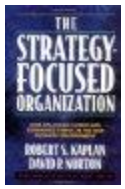
- Integrated toolset in OBIEE
- Follows “Balanced Scorecard” methodology
- Enables corporate goals and objectives to be monitored and managed
- Includes strategy maps, strategy trees, KPI watch lists, and cause and effect maps

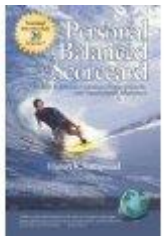


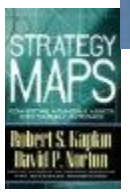


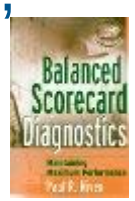


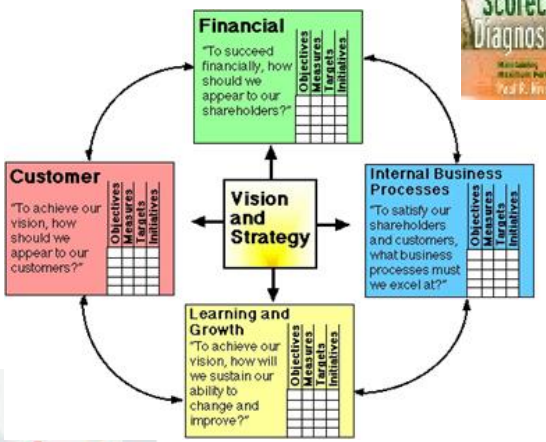


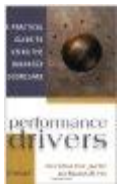


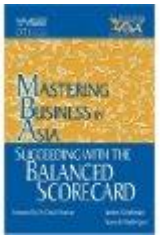


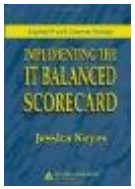


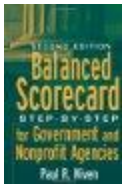


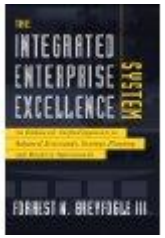












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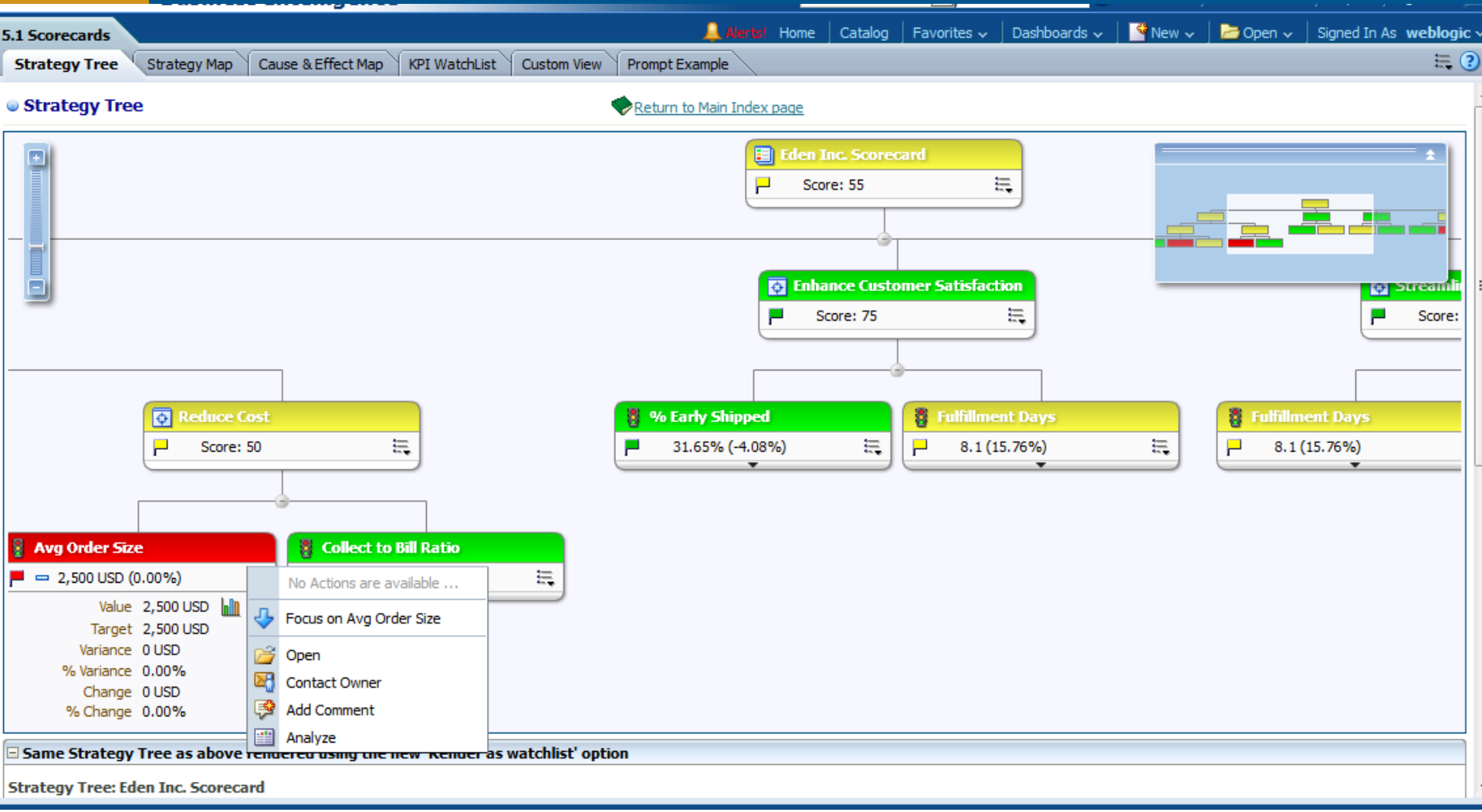

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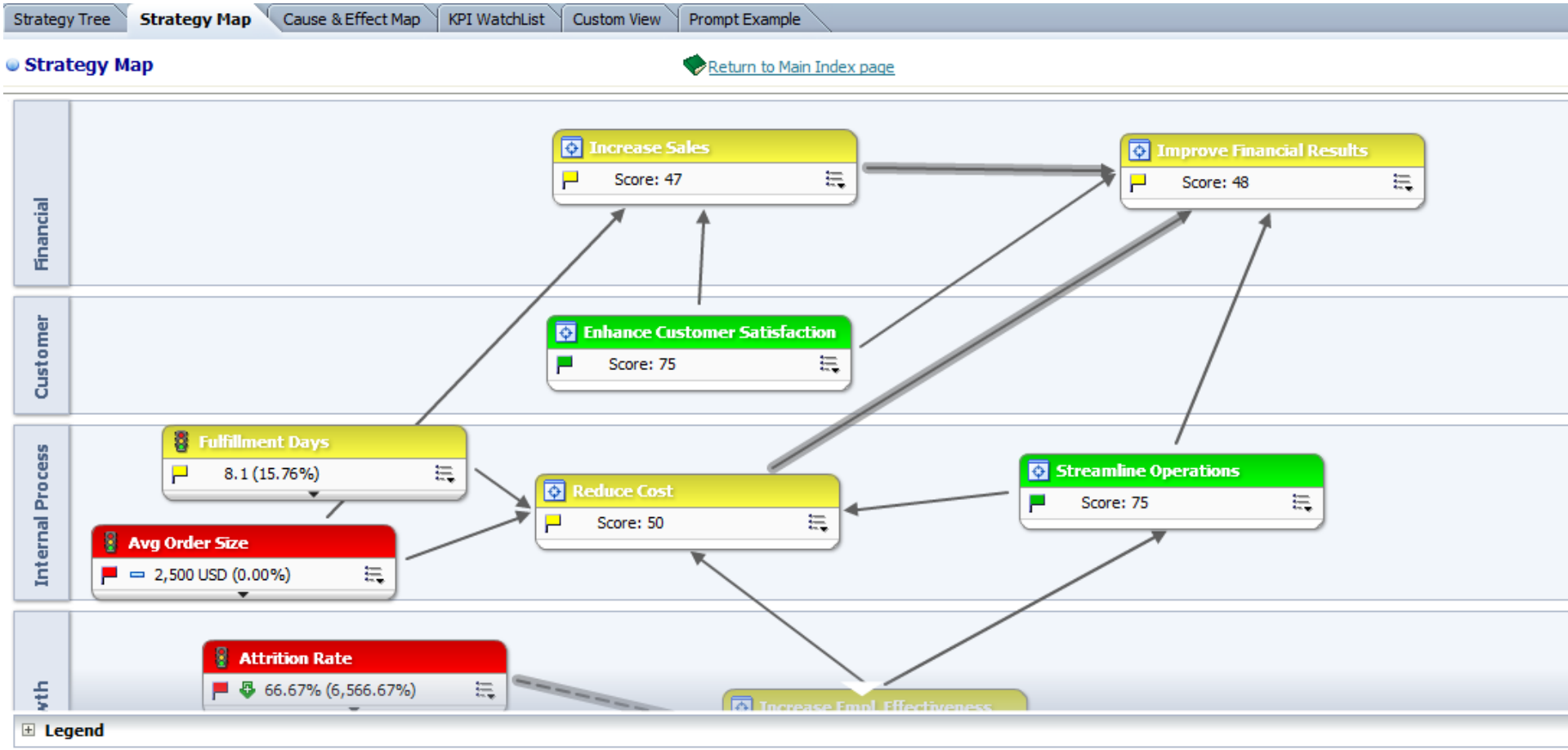

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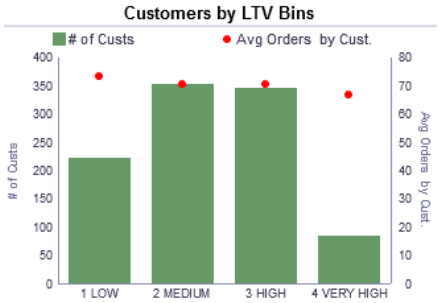

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LOW	1,306	$16,053,554	73.58
MEDIUM	2,055	$24,676,519	70.80
HIGH	2,018	$23,752,050	70.53
VERY HIGH	499	$5,517,877	66.96
Grand Total	**5,878**	**$70,000,000**	**71.00**

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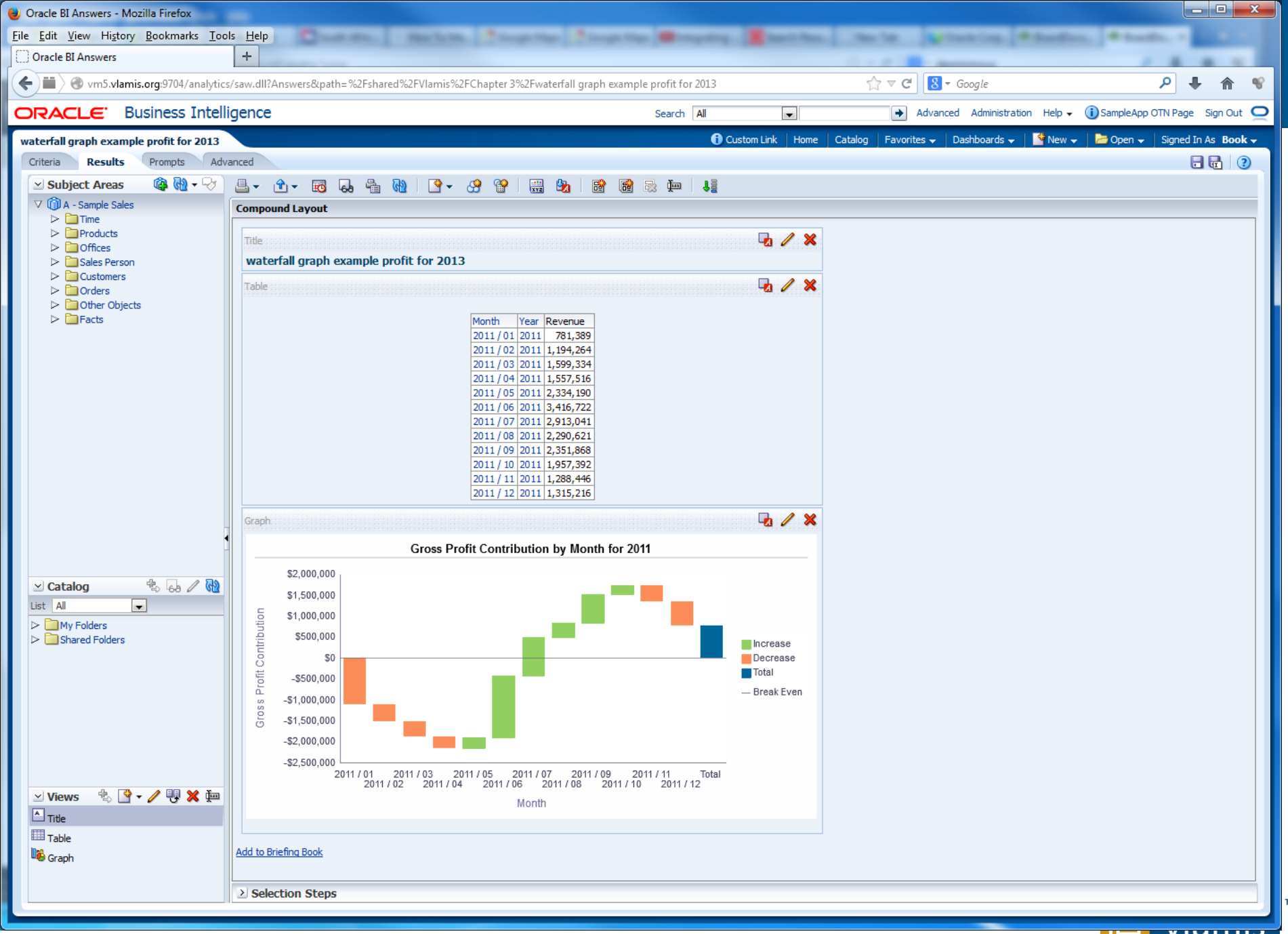

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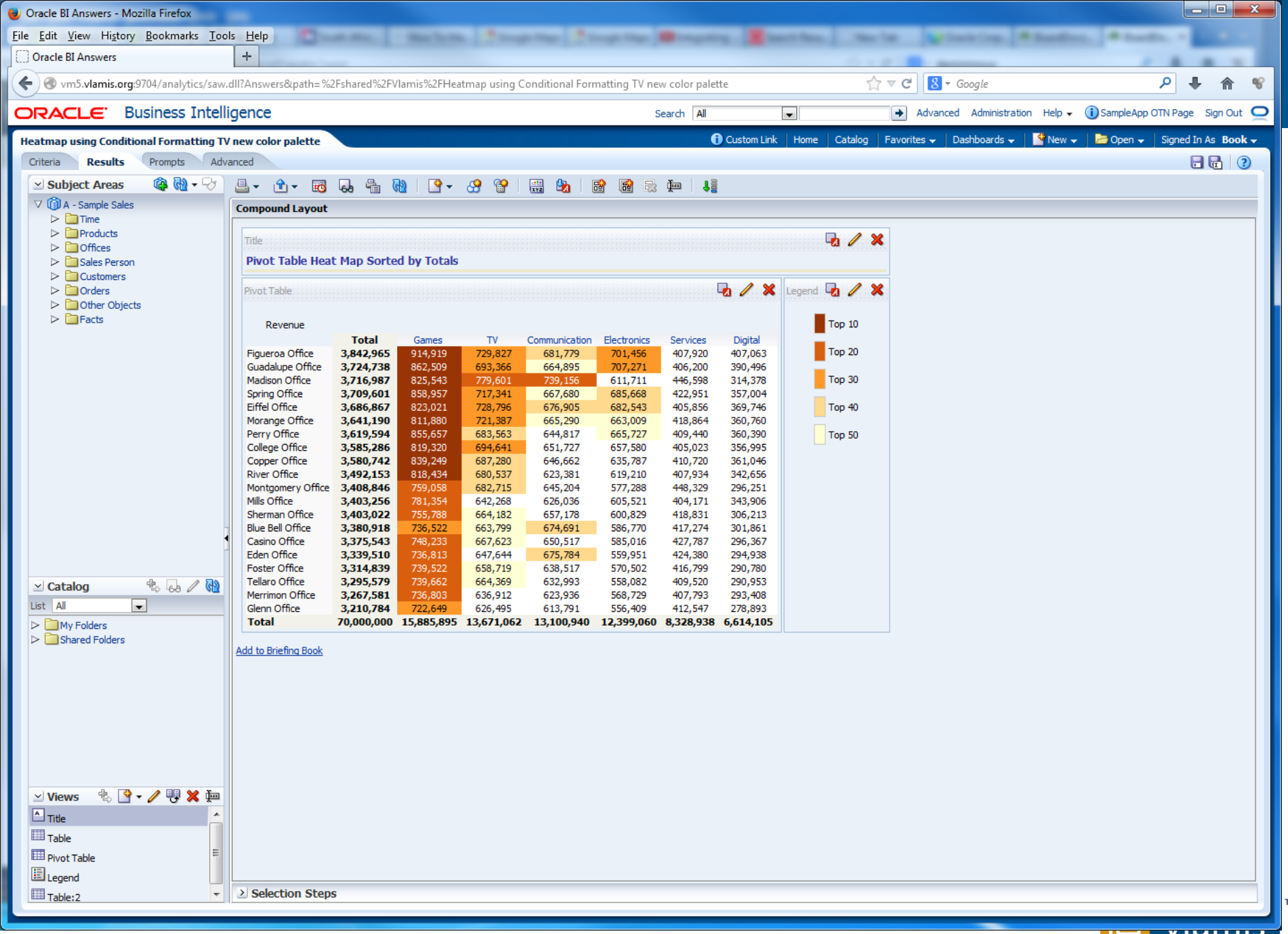

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Guadalupe Office	**3,724,738**	862,509	693,366	664,895	707,271	406,200	390,496
Madison Office	**3,716,987**	825,543	779,601	739,156	611,711	446,598	314,378
Spring Office	**3,709,601**	858,957	717,341	667,680	685,668	422,951	357,004
Eiffel Office	**3,686,867**	823,021	728,796	676,905	682,543	405,856	369,746
Morange Office	**3,641,190**	811,880	721,387	665,290	663,009	418,864	360,760
Perry Office	**3,619,594**	855,657	683,563	644,817	665,727	409,440	360,390
College Office	**3,585,286**	819,320	694,641	651,727	657,580	405,023	356,995
Copper Office	**3,580,742**	839,249	687,280	646,662	635,787	410,720	361,046
River Office	**3,492,153**	818,434	680,537	623,381	619,210	407,934	342,656
Montgomery Office	**3,408,846**	759,058	682,715	645,204	577,288	448,329	296,251
Mills Office	**3,403,256**	781,354	642,268	626,036	605,521	404,171	343,906
Sherman Office	**3,403,022**	755,788	664,182	657,178	600,829	418,831	306,213
Blue Bell Office	**3,380,918**	736,522	663,799	674,691	586,770	417,274	301,861
Casino Office	**3,375,543**	748,233	667,623	650,517	585,016	427,787	296,367
Eden Office	**3,339,510**	736,813	647,644	675,784	559,951	424,380	294,938
Foster Office	**3,314,839**	739,522	658,719	638,517	570,502	416,799	290,780
Tellaro Office	**3,295,579**	739,662	664,369	632,993	558,082	409,520	290,953
Merrimon Office	**3,267,581**	736,803	636,912	623,936	568,729	407,793	293,408
Glenn Office	**3,210,784**	722,649	626,495	613,791	556,409	412,547	278,893
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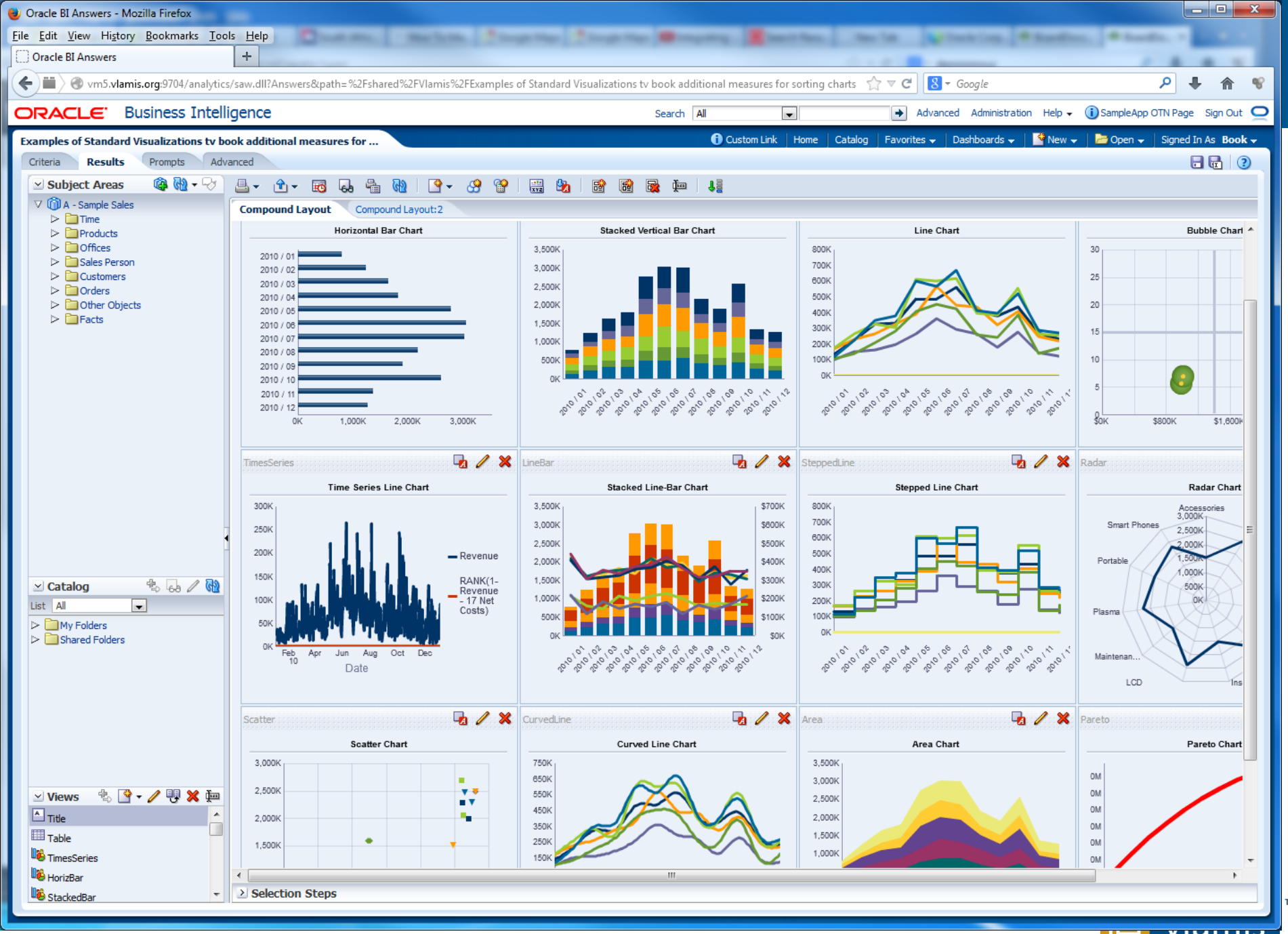

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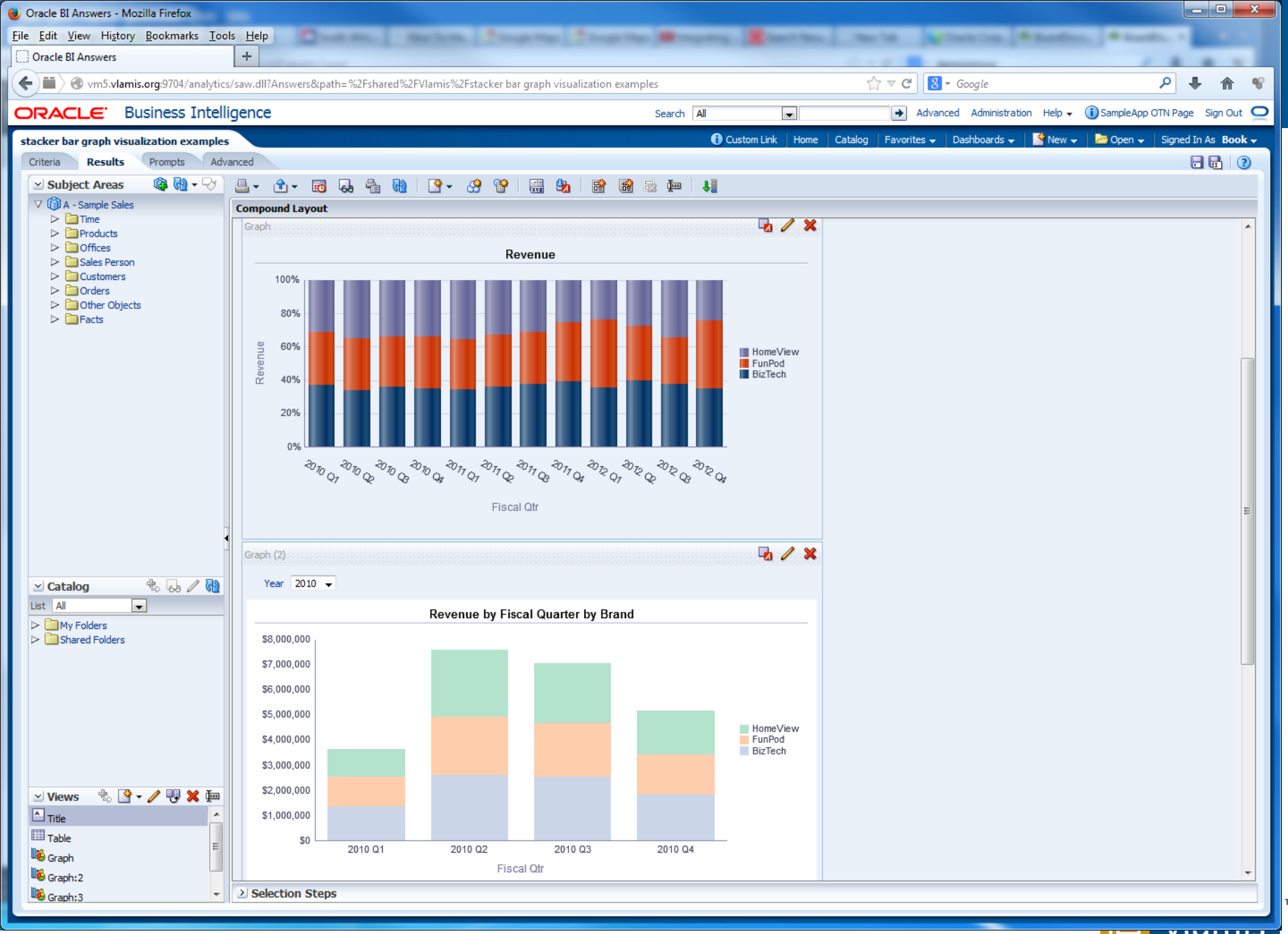

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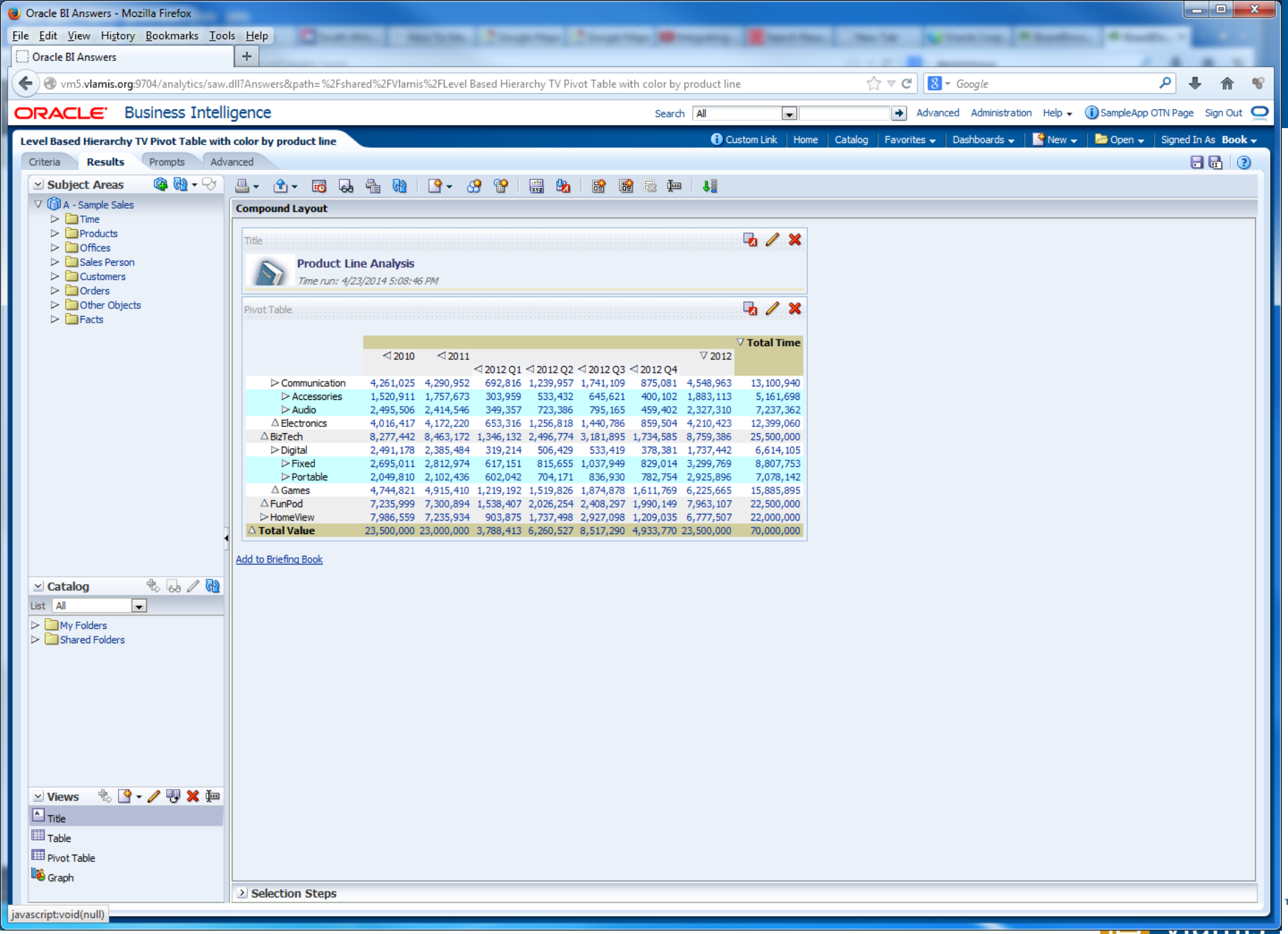

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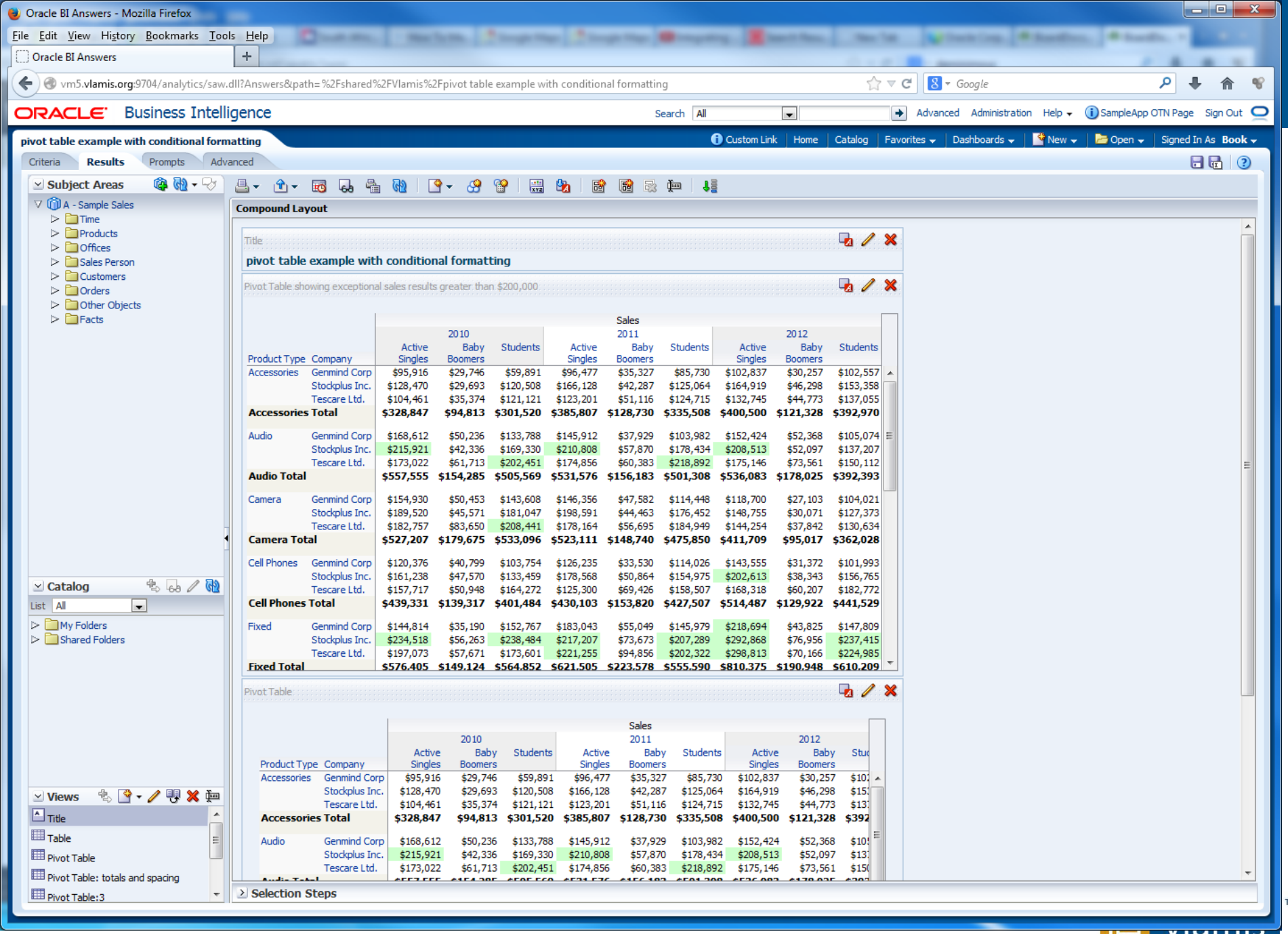

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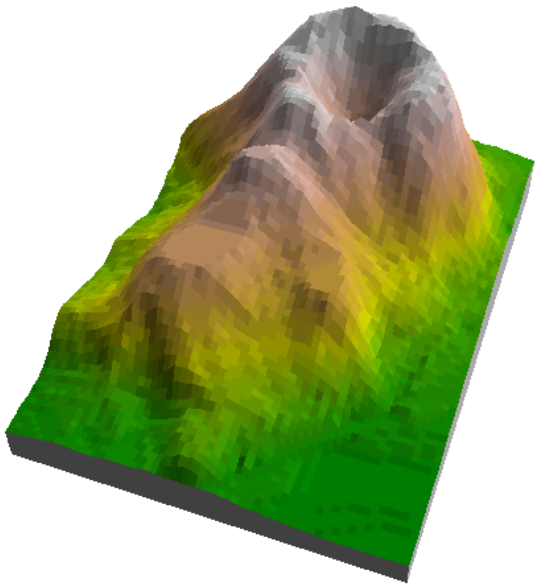

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Volcano Perspective Plot

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function(n, th=110, ph=40){
# Perspective plot - Maunga Whau, One of 50 Volcanoes in the Aucklanc

z <- 2 * volcano        # Exaggerate the relief
x <- 10 * (1:nrow(z))   # 10 meter spacing (S to N)
y <- 10 * (1:ncol(z))   # 10 meter spacing (E to W)

z0 <- min(z) - 20
z <- rbind(z0, cbind(z0, z, z0), z0)
x <- c(min(x) - 1e-10, x, max(x) + 1e-10)
y <- c(min(y) - 1e-10, y, max(y) + 1e-10)

fill <- matrix("green3", nr = nrow(z)-1, nc = ncol(z)-1)
fill[ , i2 <- c(1,ncol(fill))] <- "gray"
fill[i1 <- c(1,nrow(fill)) , ] <- "gray"

fcol <- fill
zi <- volcano[ -1,-1] + volcano[ -1,-61] +
          volcano[-87,-1] + volcano[-87,-61]  ## / 4
fcol[-i1,-i2] <-
    terrain.colors(20)[cut(zi, quantile(zi, seq(0,1, len = 21)),
                           include.lowest = TRUE)]
par(mar=rep(.5,4))
persp(x, y, 2*z, theta = th, phi = ph, col = fcol, scale = FALSE,
      ltheta = -120, shade = 0.4, border = NA, box = FALSE)
}
```

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