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Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence 11g

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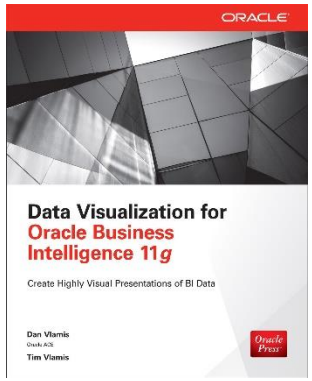
Vlamis Software Solutions

- 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, 2016



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Dan and Tim Vlamis

Dan Vlamis

- Founded Vlamis Software Solutions in 1993
- 25+ years in business intelligence, dimensional modeling
- Oracle ACE Director
- Developer for IRI (expert in Oracle OLAP and related)
- BA Computer Science Brown University

Tim Vlamis

- 25+ years experience in business modeling and valuation, forecasting, and scenario analyses
- Oracle ACE
- Instructor for Oracle University's Data Mining Techniques and Oracle R Enterprise Essentials Courses
- Professional Certified Marketer (PCM) from AMA
- Adjunct Professor of Business Benedictine College
- MBA Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University)
- BA Economics Yale University

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Vlamis Kscope Presentations

Presenter	Session	Time	Title
Tim and Dan Vlamis	Session 1	Monday 8:30 - 9:30 AM	Forecasting, Prediction Models, and Time Series Analysis with Database Analytics and OBIEE
Dan and Tim Vlamis	Session 4	Monday 2:00 – 3:00 PM	Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence 11g
Tim Vlamis and Michael Caskey	HOT-EPM	Tuesday 3:30 – 5:45 PM	Hands-on Training: Integrating Oracle Advanced Analytics into OBIEE Dashboards
Tim Vlamis and Michael Caskey	Session 11	Wednesday 8:30 - 9:30 AM	Starting Smart in Oracle Advanced Analytics
Mark Rittman, Alex Gorbachev and Tim Vlamis	Deep Dive	Thursday	Bringing Oracle Tools to Big Data

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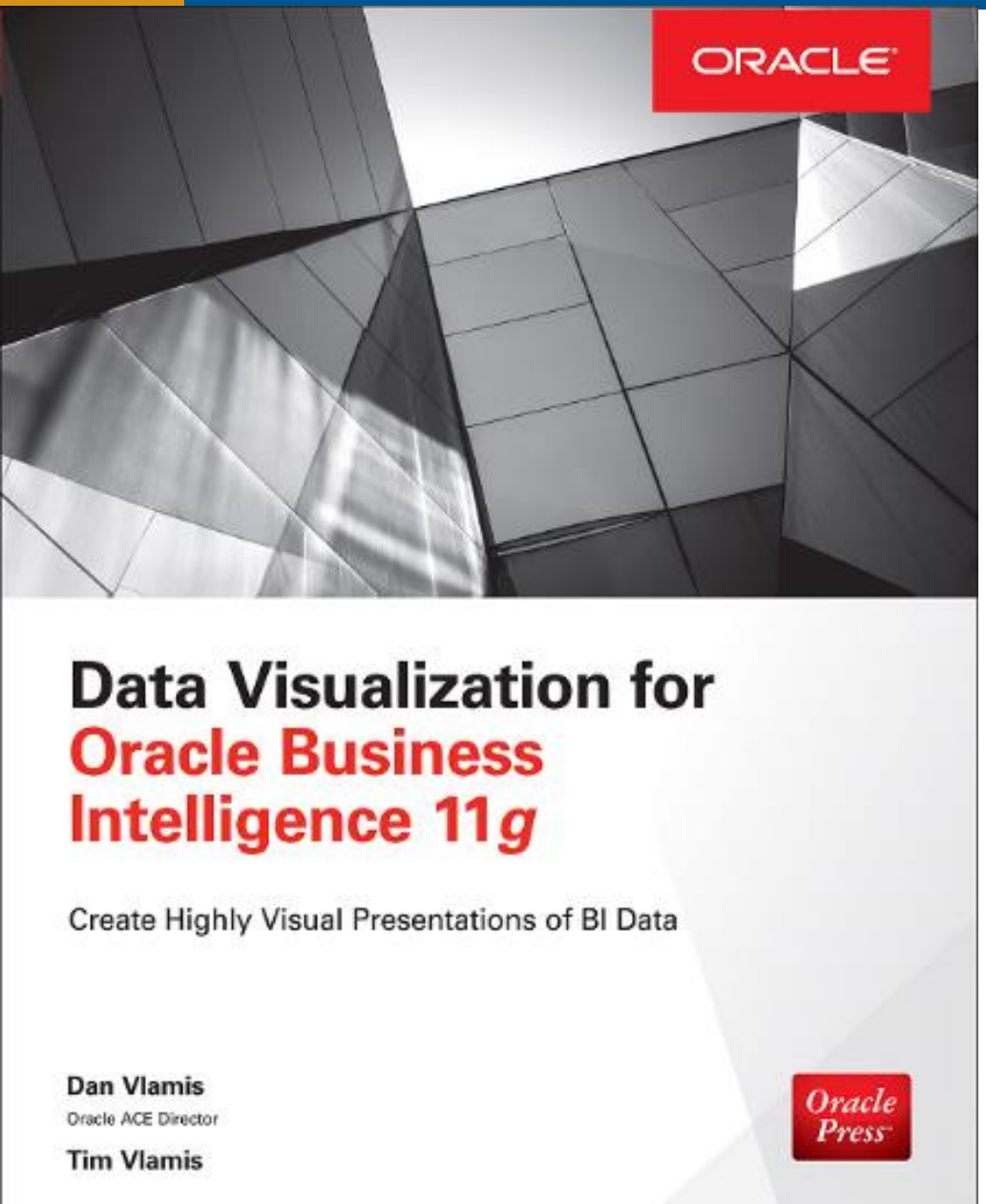
New Book!



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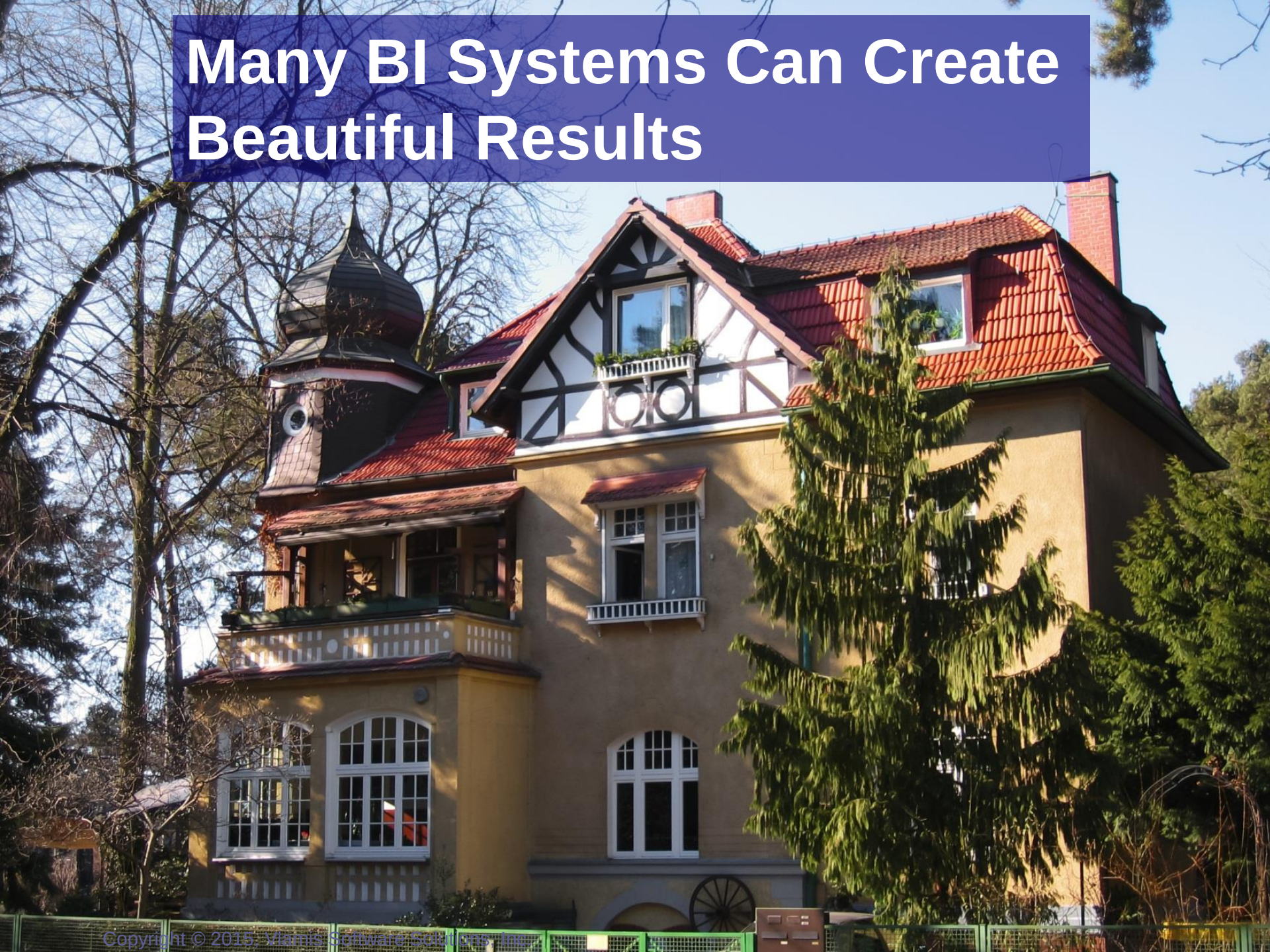
What to expect in the book

- 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)

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

Many BI Systems Can Create Beautiful Results



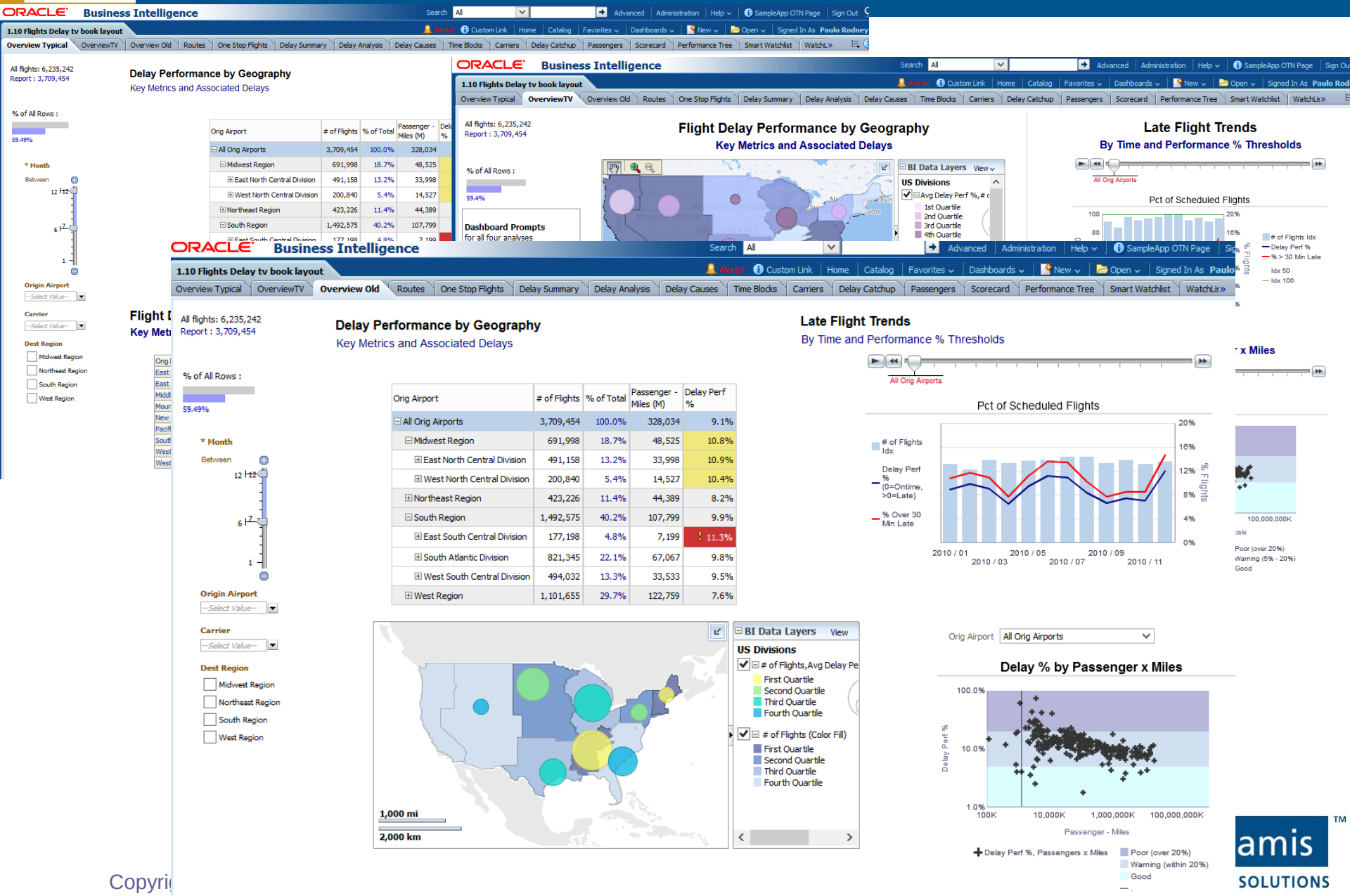
OBI Operates at a Different Scale


Ingredients → Data Quality & Variety

Technique → Data Processing & Prep

Presentation → Data Visualization

OBIEE Demo Content from Chap 1



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All flights: 6,235,242
Report : 3,709,454

% of All Rows :
59.49%

* Month
Between
12 12
6 7
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Origin Airport
--Select Value--

Carrier
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Dest Region
- Midwest Region
- Northeast Region
- South Region
- West Region

Delay Performance by Geography
Key Metrics and Associated Delays

Orig Airport	# of Flights	% of Total	Passenger - Miles (M)	Delay Perf %
All Orig Airports	3,709,454	100.0%	328,034	9.1%
Midwest Region	691,998	18.7%	48,525	10.8%
East North Central Division	491,158	13.2%	33,998	10.9%
West North Central Division	200,840	5.4%	14,527	10.4%
Northeast Region	423,226	11.4%	44,389	8.2%
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East South Central Division	177,198	4.8%	7,199	! 11.3%
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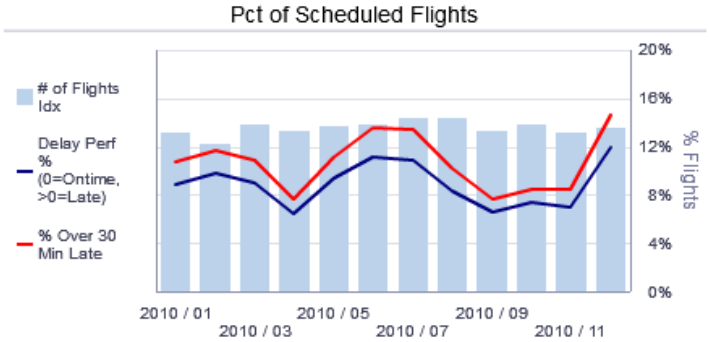
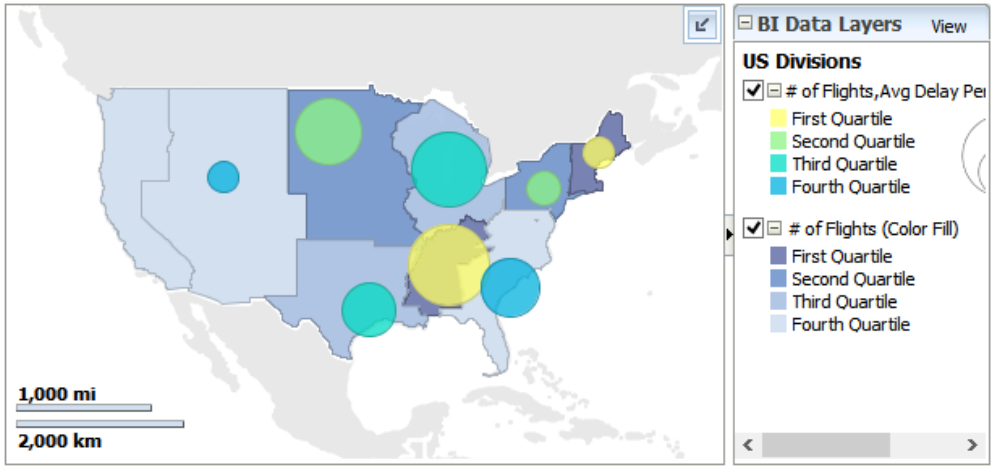
Late Flight Trends
By Time and Performance % Thresholds

All Orig Airports





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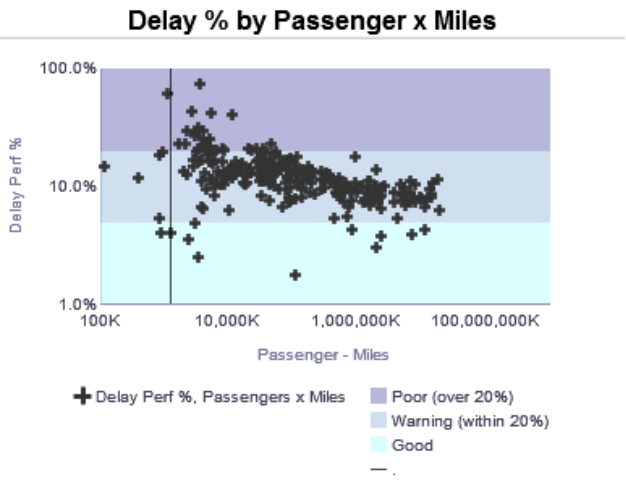

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Dashboard Prompts
for all four analyses

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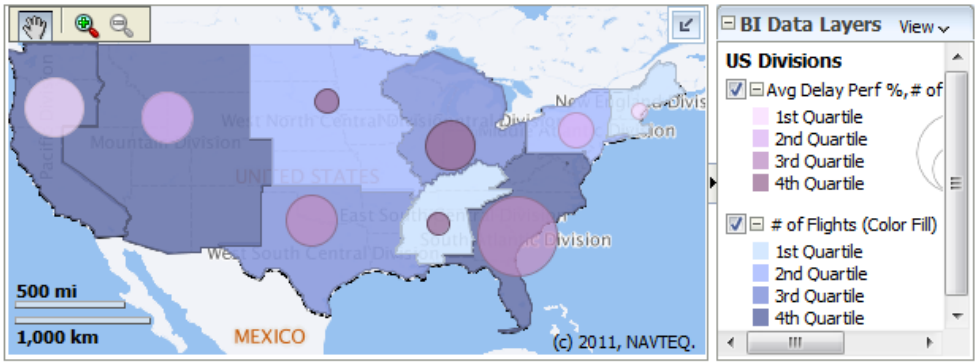
Flight Delay Performance by Geography

Key Metrics and Associated Delays



BI Data Layers View
US Divisions
Avg Delay Perf %, # of
1st Quartile
2nd Quartile
3rd Quartile
4th Quartile
# of Flights (Color Fill)
1st Quartile
2nd Quartile
3rd Quartile
4th Quartile

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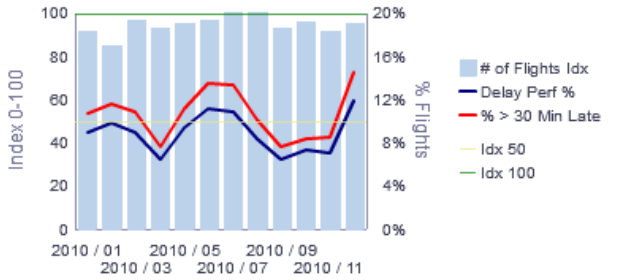
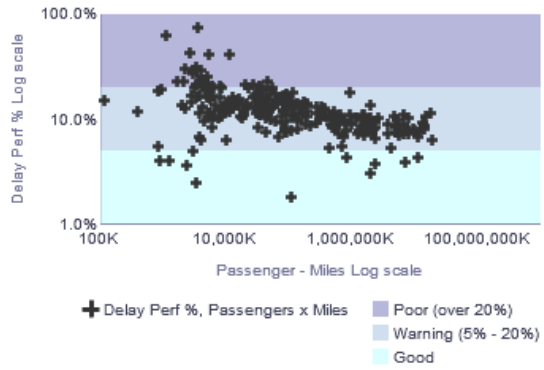


Delay % by Passenger x Miles

All Orig Airports

Log / Log Scale



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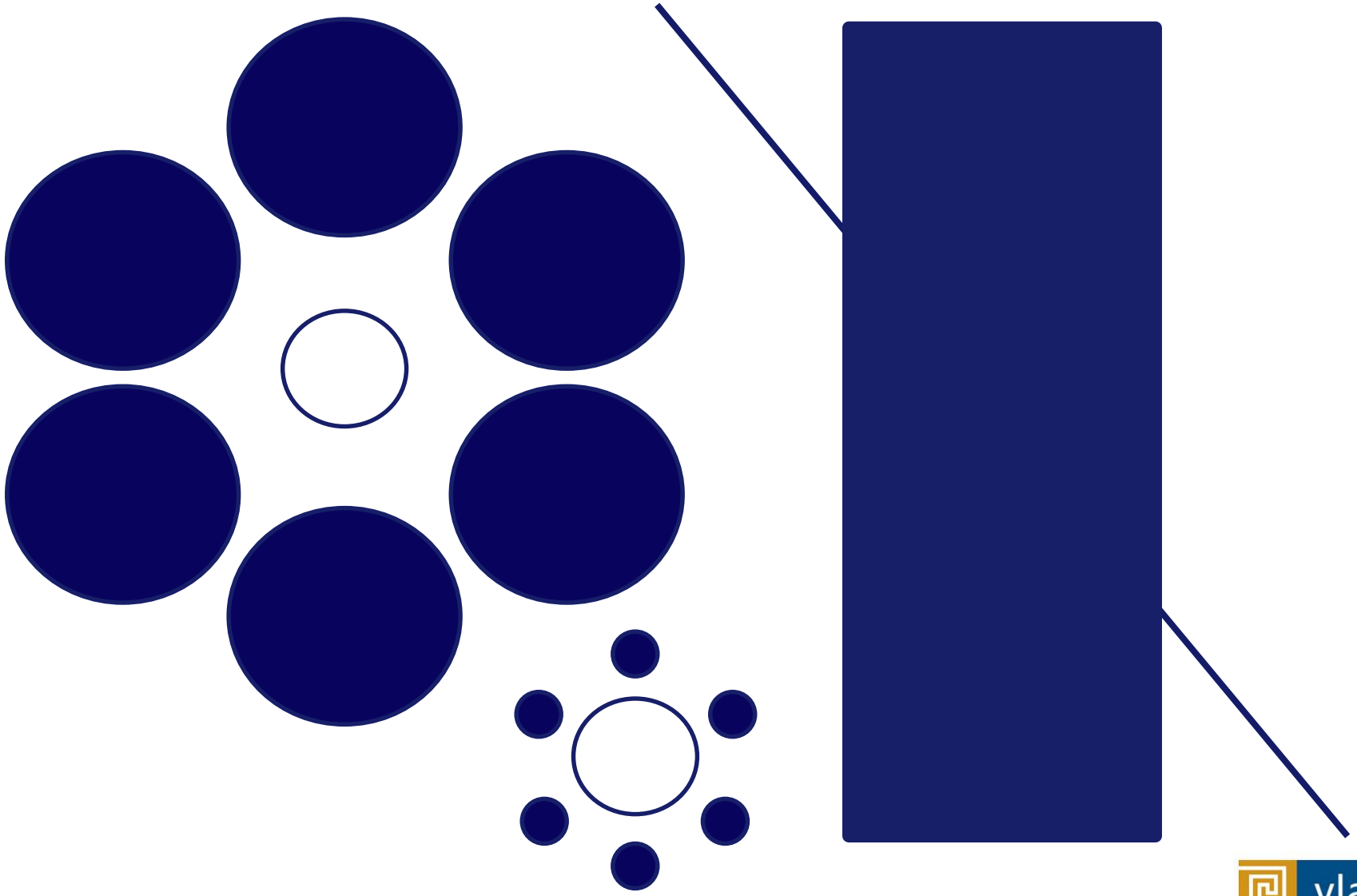
Best Practice Focus

- 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”

The Principles of Human Cognition Should Guide BI Dashboard Design

Classic Optical Illusions



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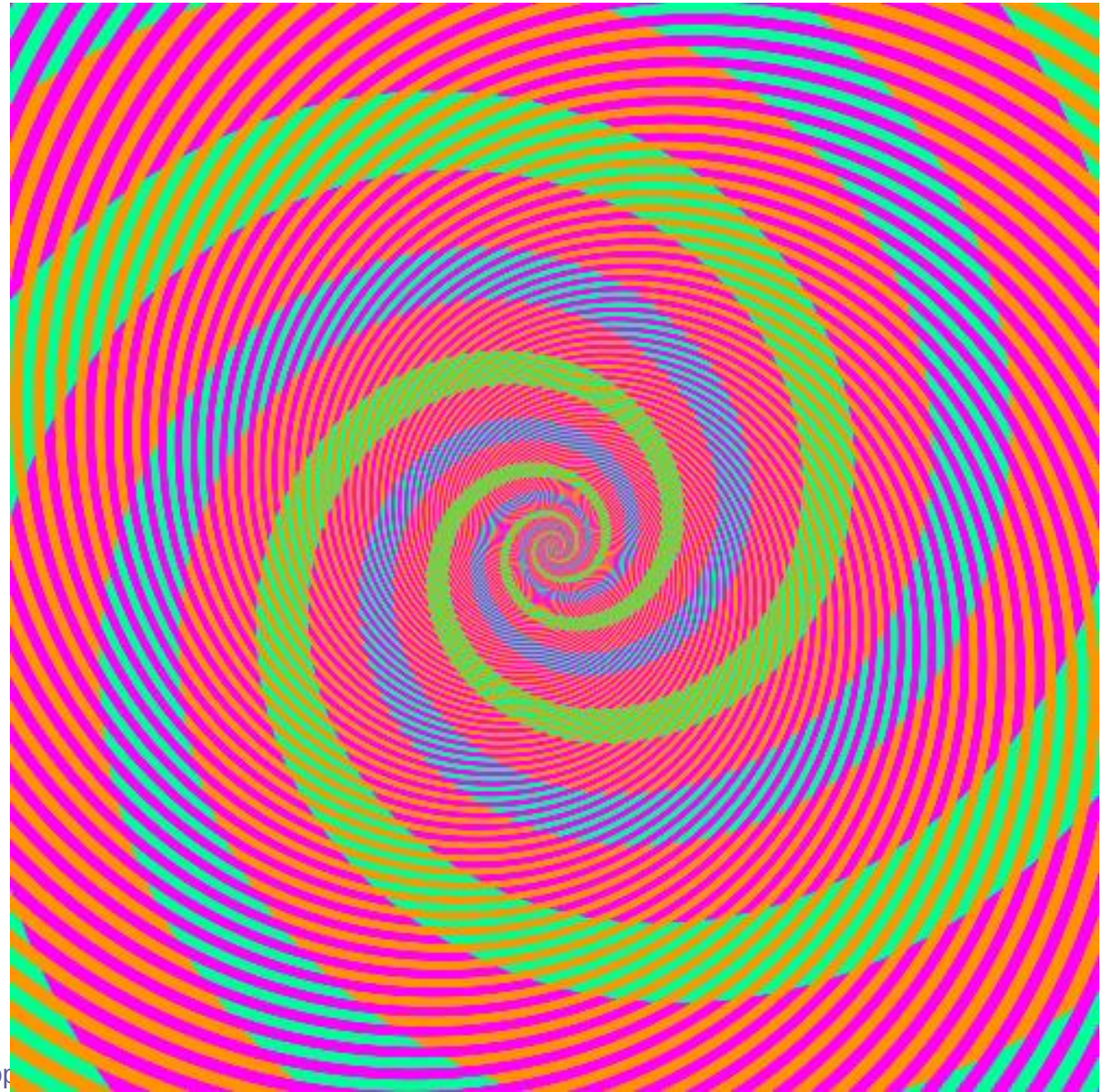
The Spirals are the Same Color



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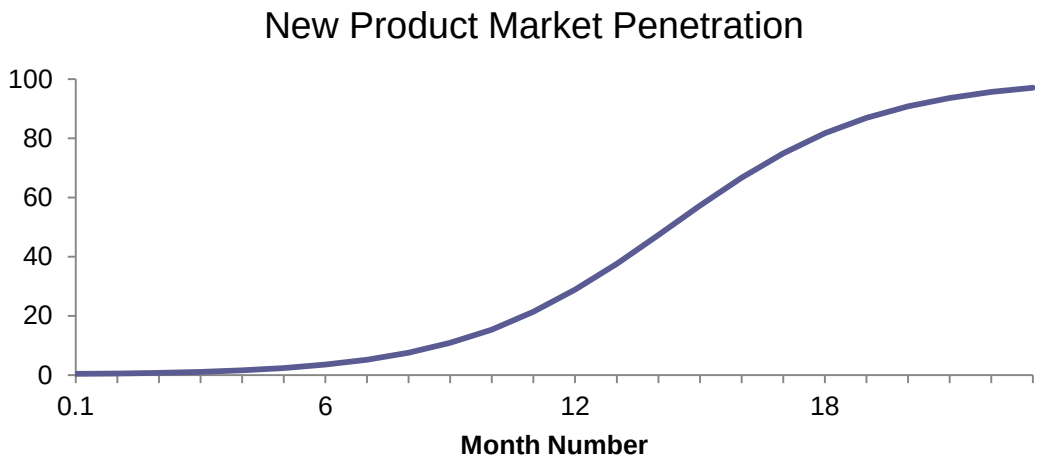
Graphs and Tables

- 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.

Pivot Table “Needs” Sentence

I want to see fact/measure (specifies cell values)
***by** dimension and dimension (defines rows)*
***across** dimension and dimension (defines columns).*

Year 2010

		Sales						
Product Type	Company	Active Singles	Baby Boomers	Others	Rural based	Seniors	Students	Urban based
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	Stockplus Inc.	$128,470	$29,693	$38,455	$68,506	$100,349	$120,508	$111,572
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Accessories Total		**$328,847**	**$94,813**	**$90,064**	**$165,845**	**$257,247**	**$301,520**	**$282,574**
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I want to see Sales (specifies cell values)
***by** Product Type and Company (defines rows)*
***across** Market Segments (defines columns).*

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Keys to Effective Tables

- Prefer smaller tables
- Words are important
  - Enable roll overs for meta data for commonly used tables
  - Write informative titles for tables and column head descriptions
- Make tables clean and easy to read
  - Eliminate unnecessary gridlines
  - Use space (padding) to create groups of data
  - Left justify text cells and Right justify numerical cells
- Make numbers easy to read and understand
  - Judiciously use conditional formatting
  - Avoid putting text in color
  - Align the decimal point for numerical cells
  - Use symbols to denote units of measure (%, $, etc.)
- Enable column and row sorting
- Avoid scrolling (if possible)
- Be transparent about data selection

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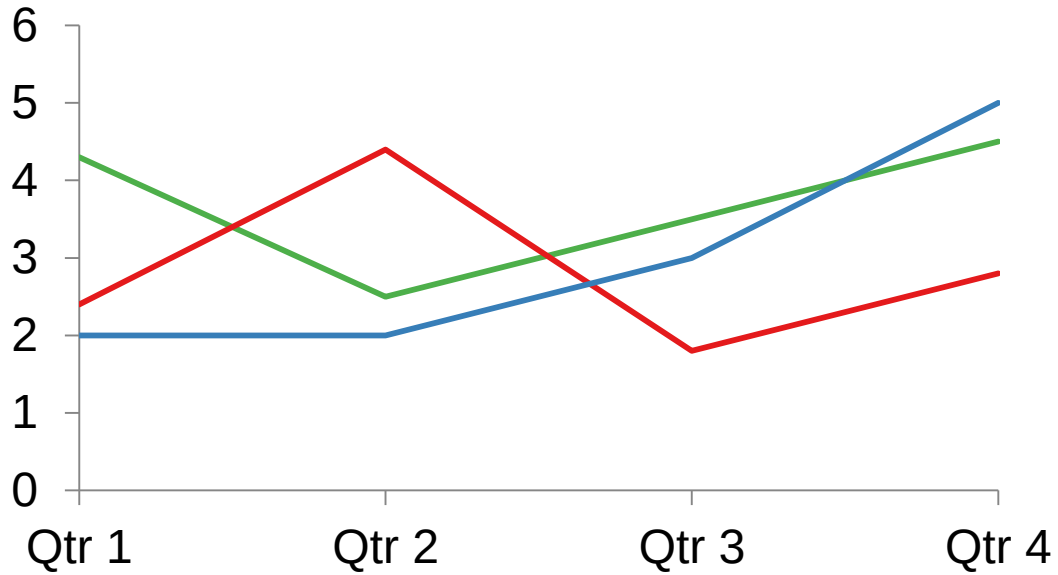
7 Keys to Effective Graphs

- 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.

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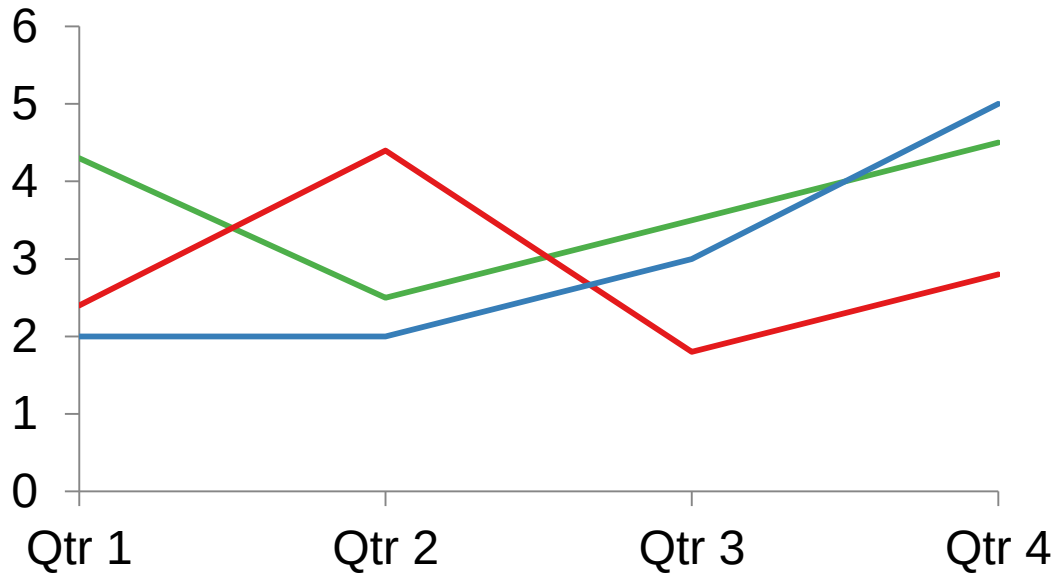

- Use darker versions of standard colors.
- Eliminate grid lines.
- Use zoom function for detailed line graphs.
- Choose curved lines to smooth overall shape.
- Choose stepped lines to emphasize point transitions.

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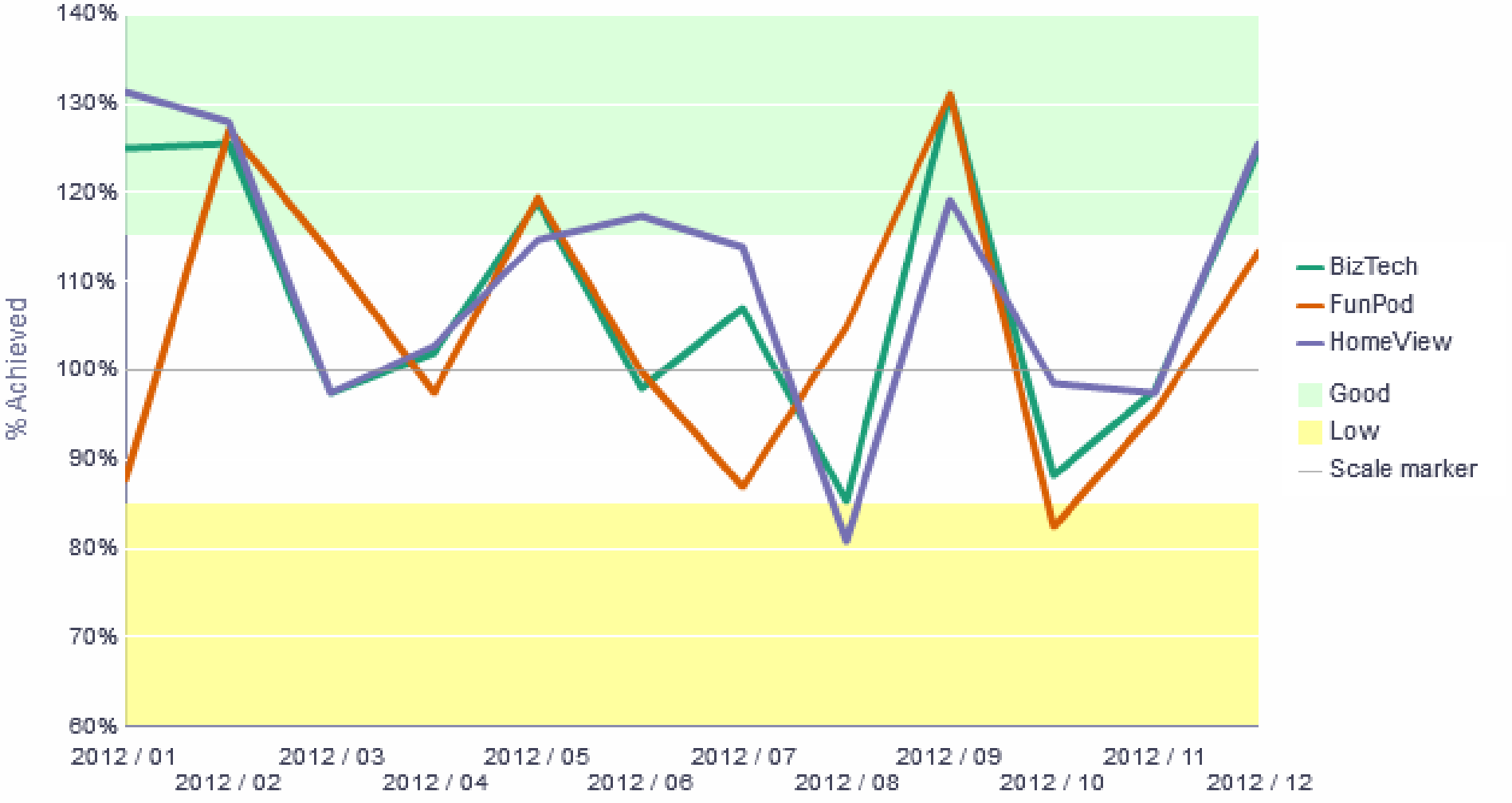
Target Revenue % by Brand for 2012



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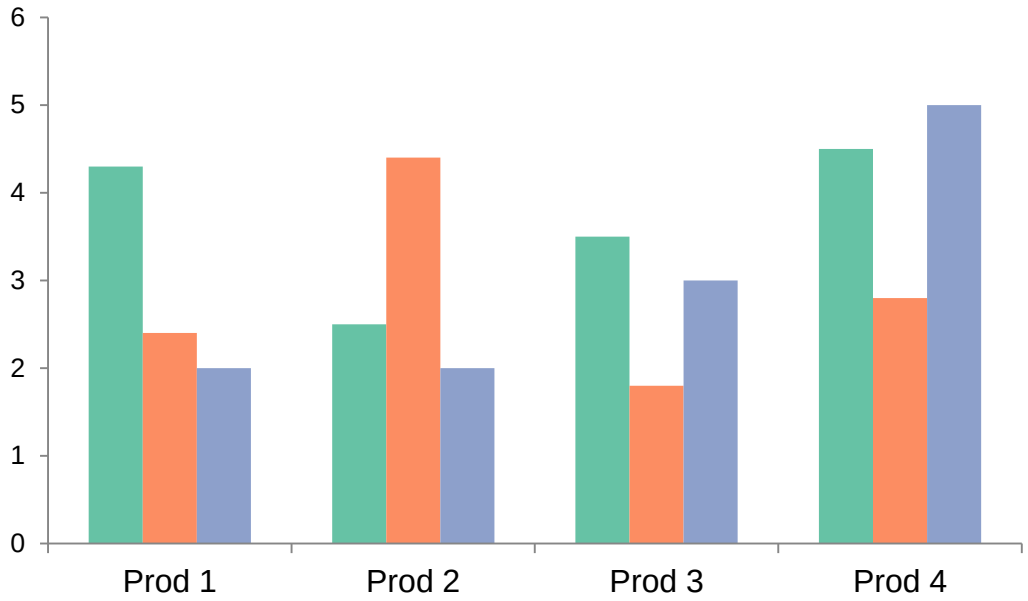
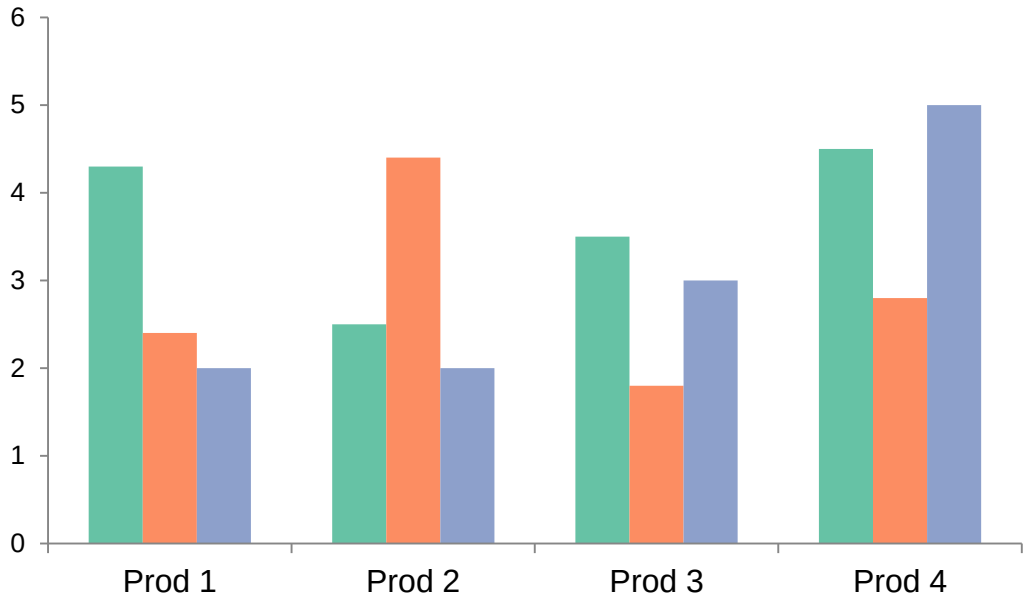
Bar Graphs



- 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.

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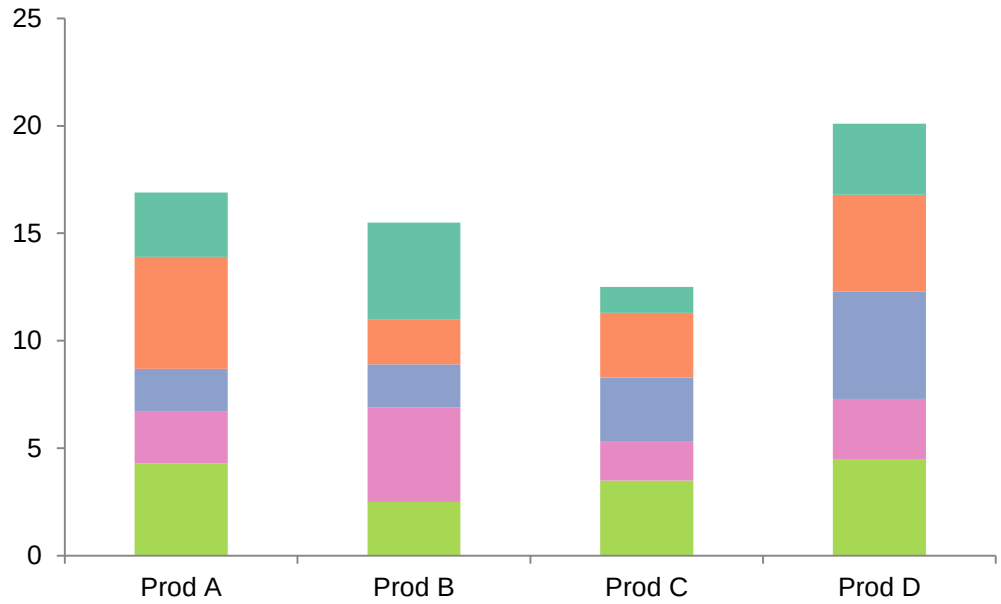
Stacked Bar Chart



- 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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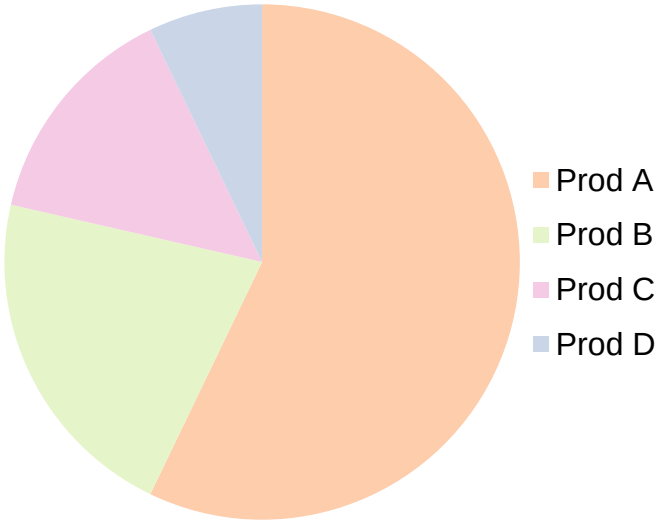
Pie Charts



- 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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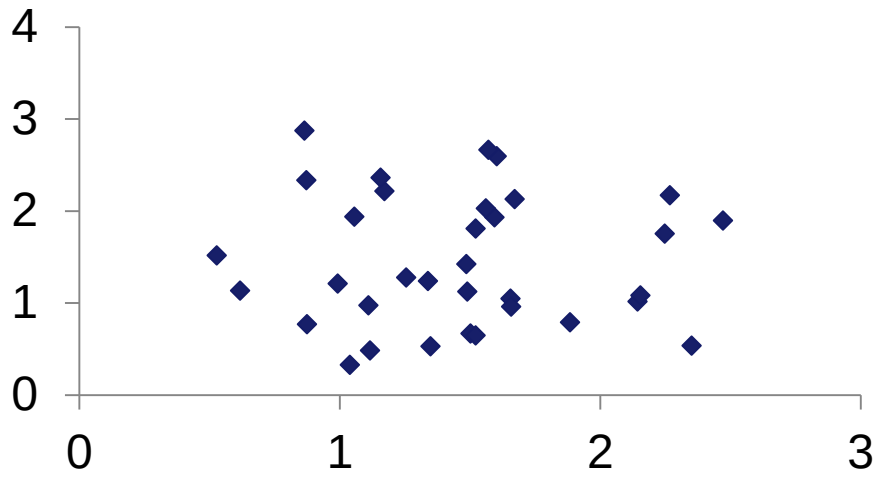
Scatter Plot



- 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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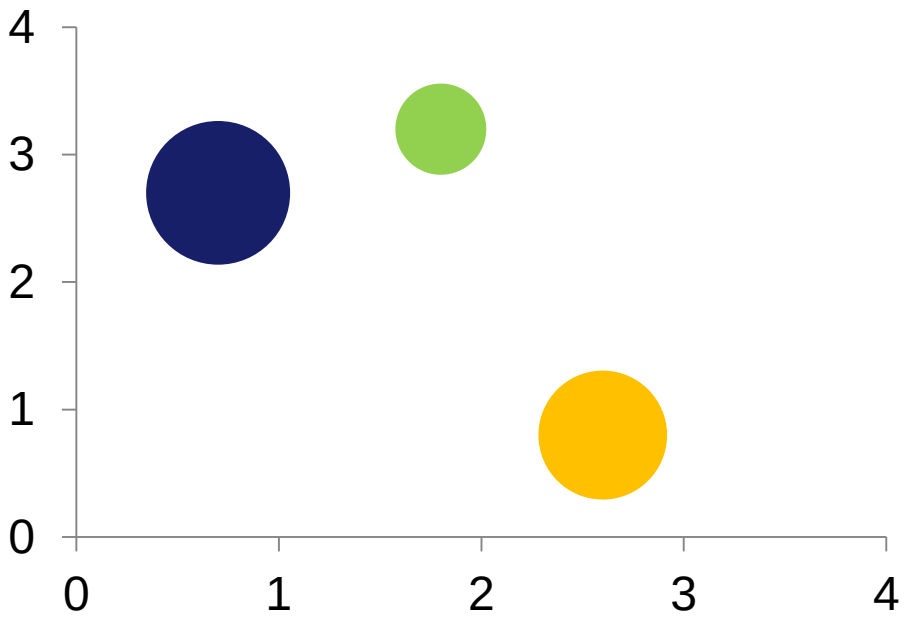
Bubble Chart



- 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.

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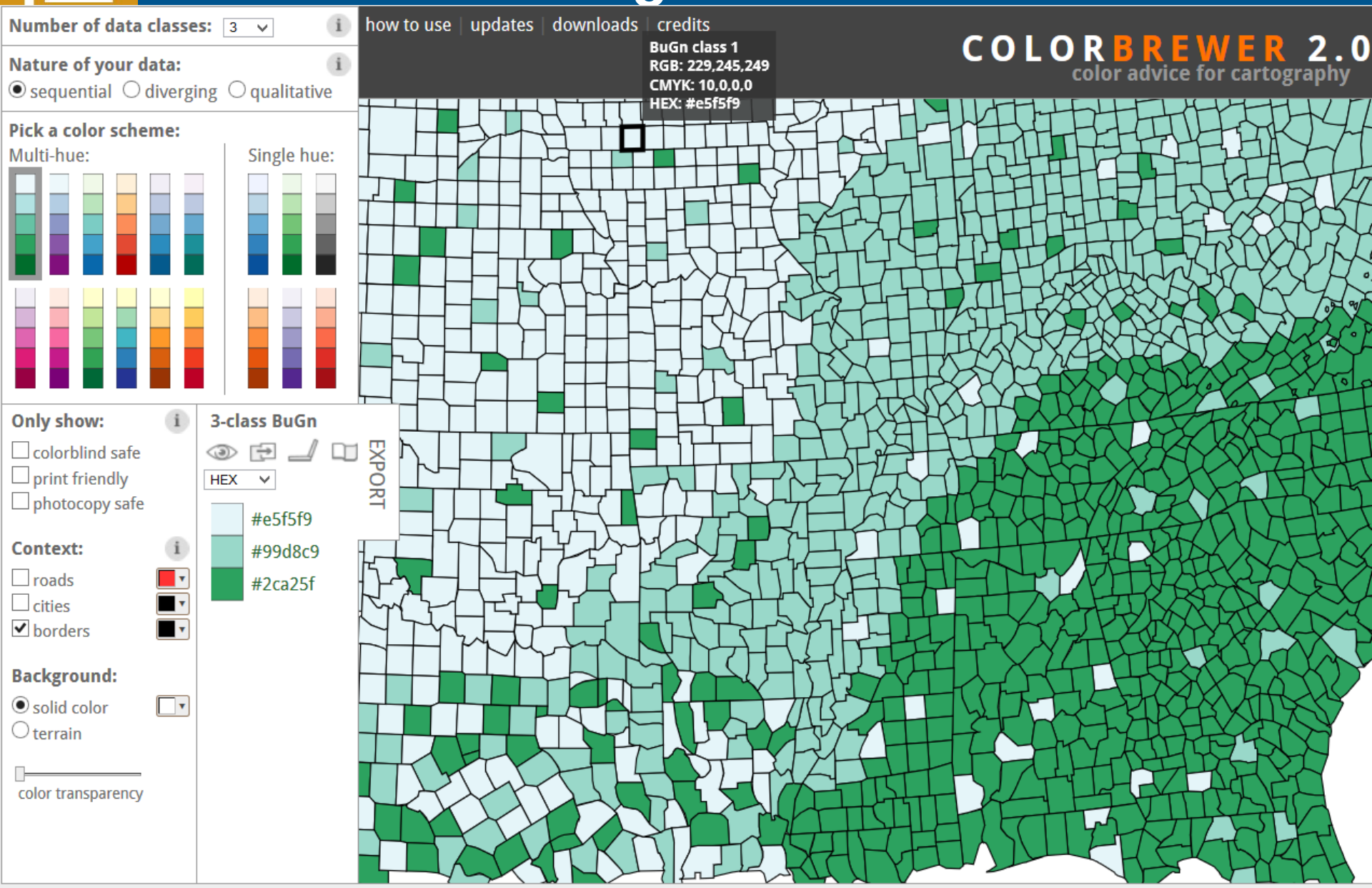

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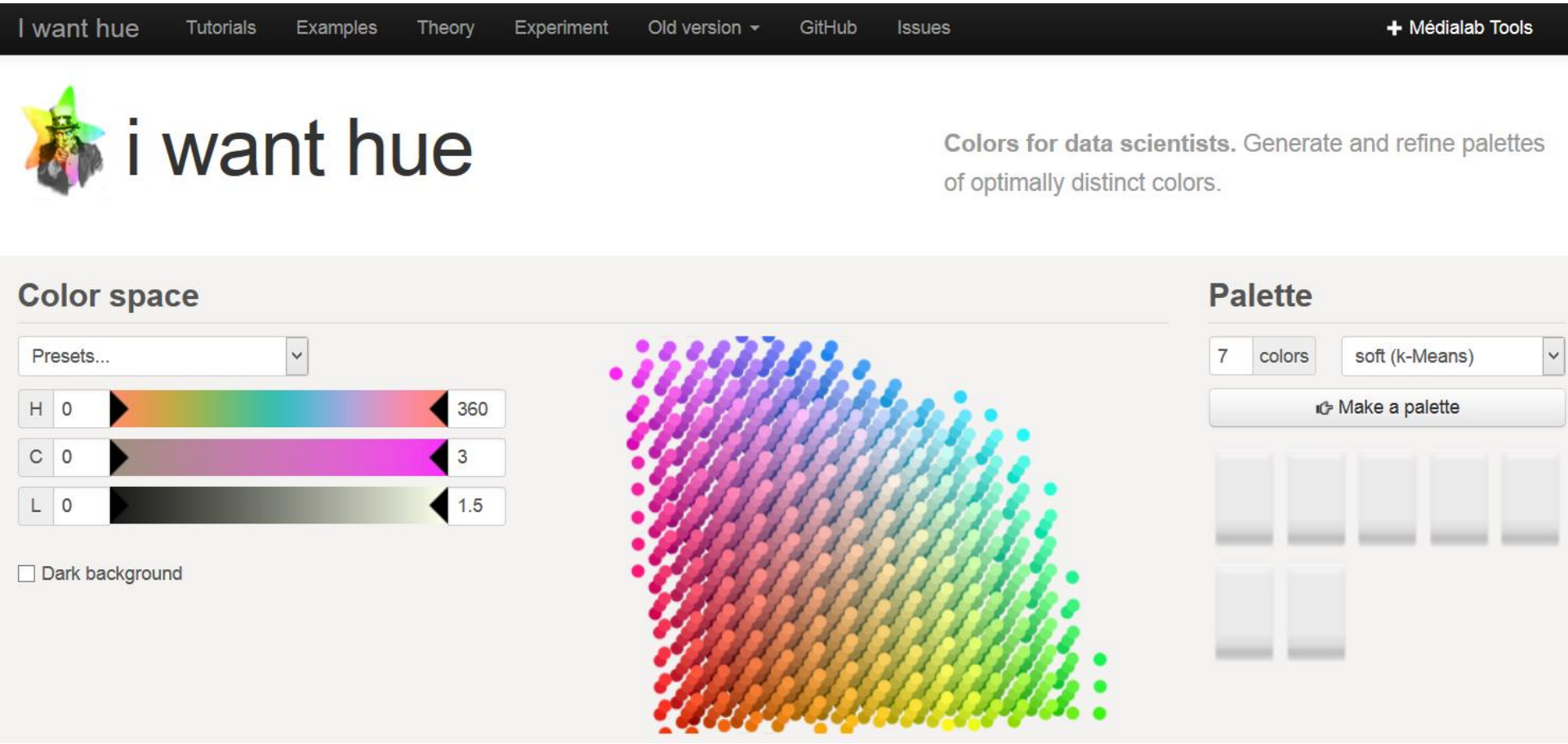

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Dashboard Definition

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

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.

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

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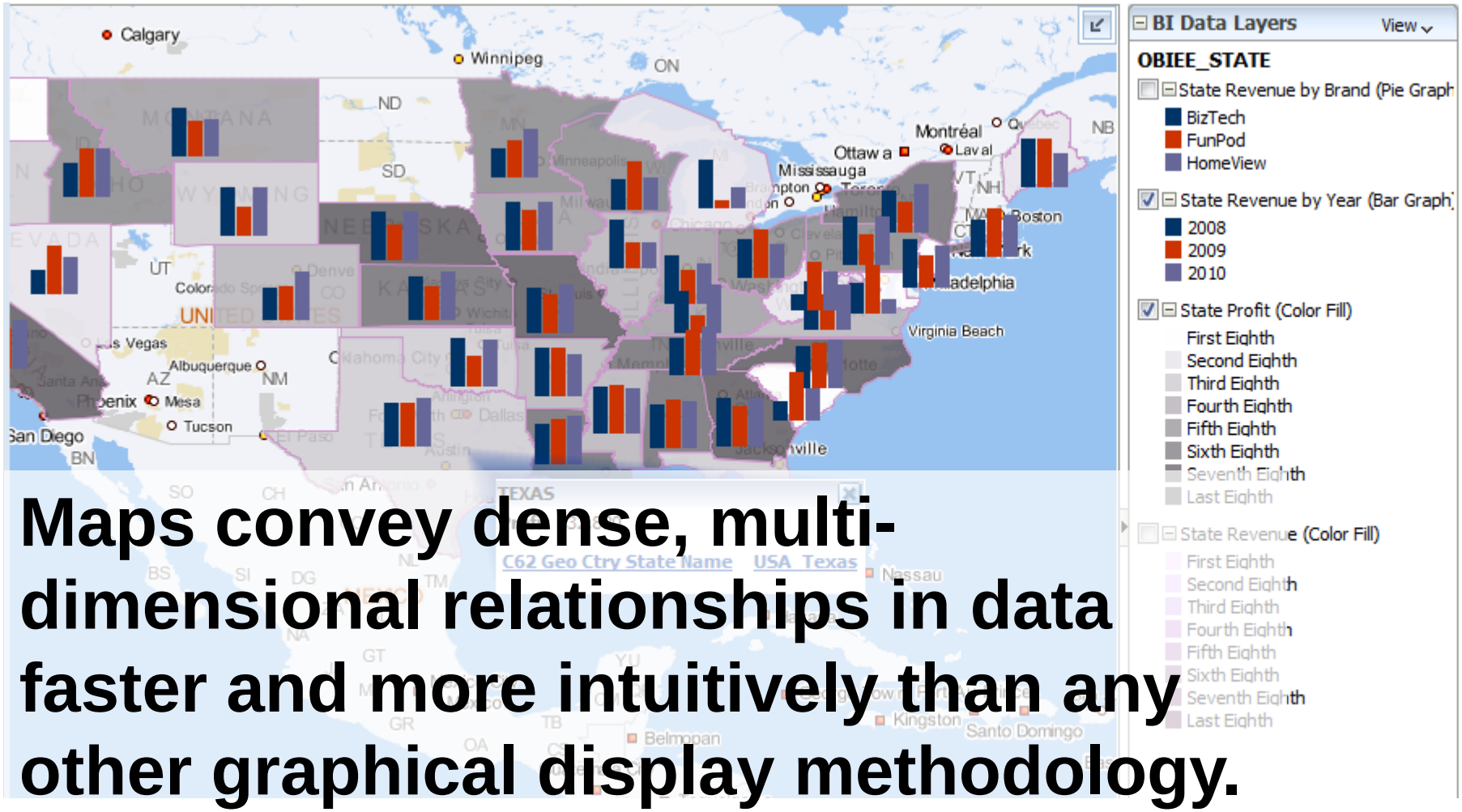
Why Maps are Powerful



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?

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

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

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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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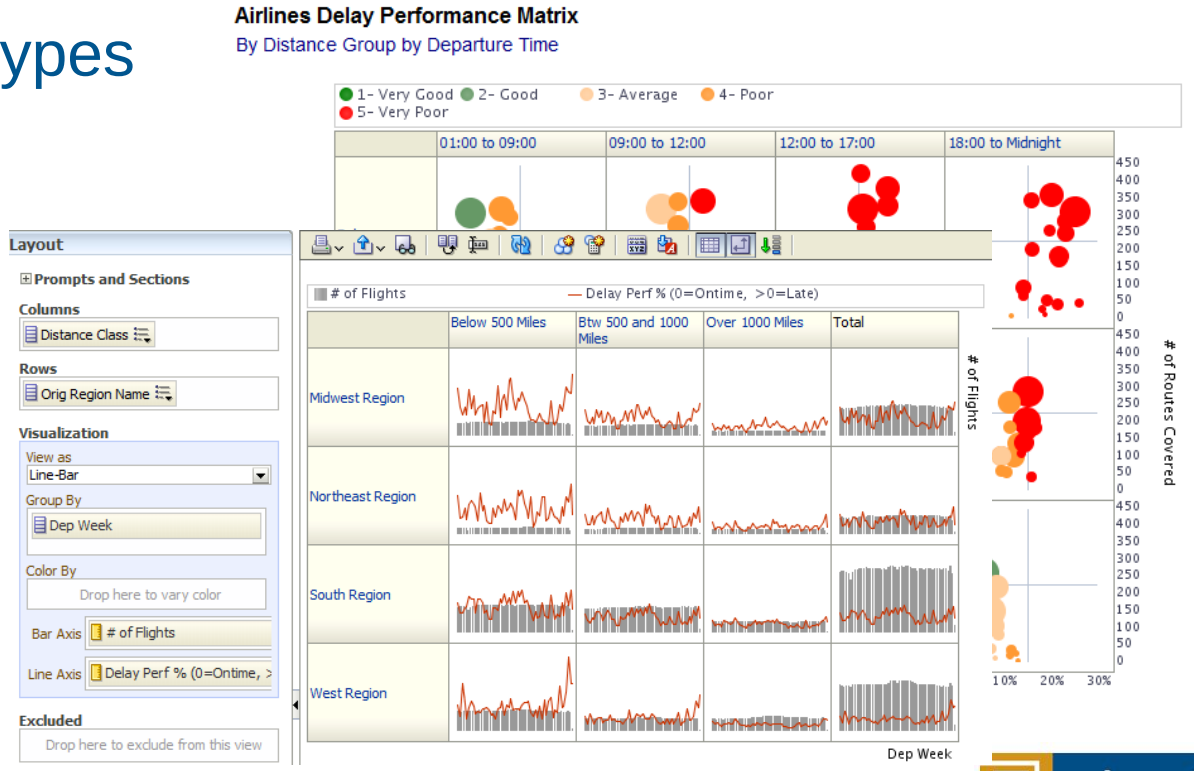
Trellis View - Simple

- 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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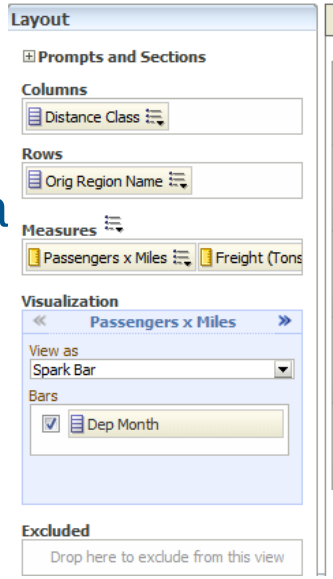
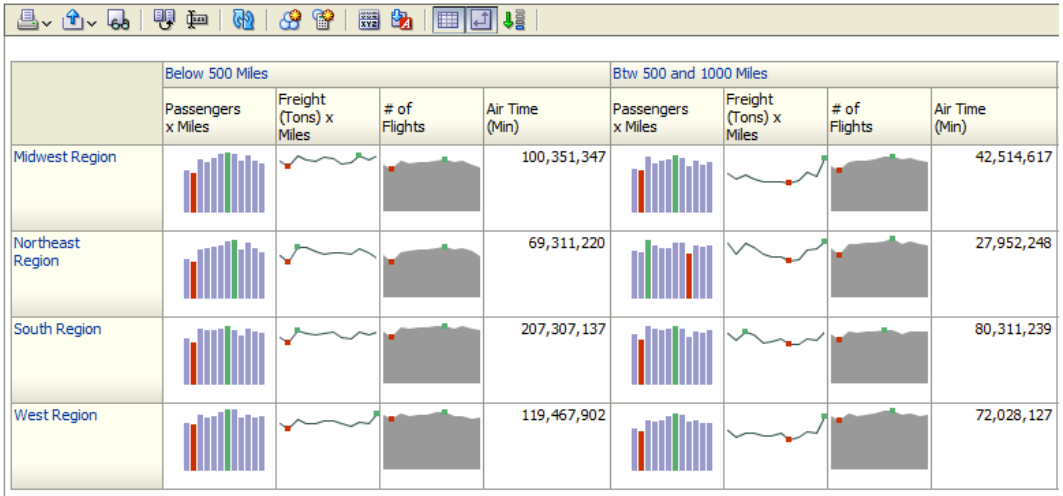
Trellis View - Advanced

- 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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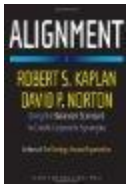
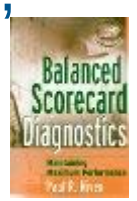
New Trellis Views

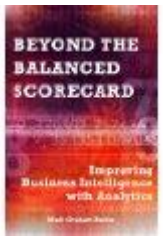
- Does not require Exalytics but need fast Pres Server
- Can display LOTS of data in compact form
- Capable of dense visualizations
  - Great for snapshot of trending
  - Great for comparing patterns across dimension values
- Two types
  - Simple (shows full graphs per cell)
  - Advanced (sparklines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

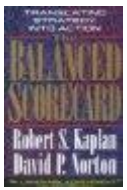
OBI Scorecard & Strategy Management

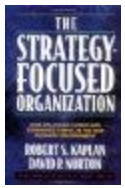
- Integrated toolset in OBIEE
- Follows “Balanced Scorecard” methodology
- Enables corporate goals and objectives to be monitored and managed
- Includes strategy maps, strategy trees, KPI watch lists, and cause and effect maps

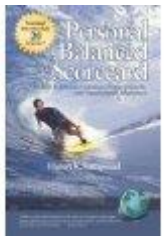


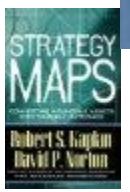


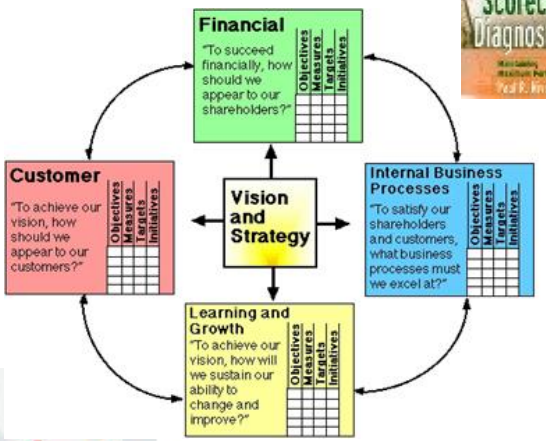


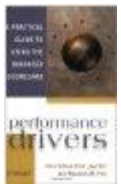


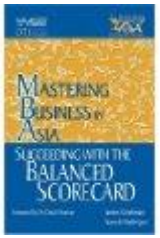


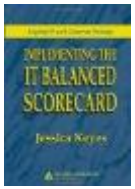


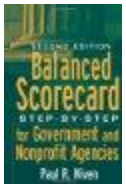


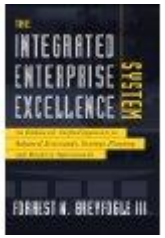












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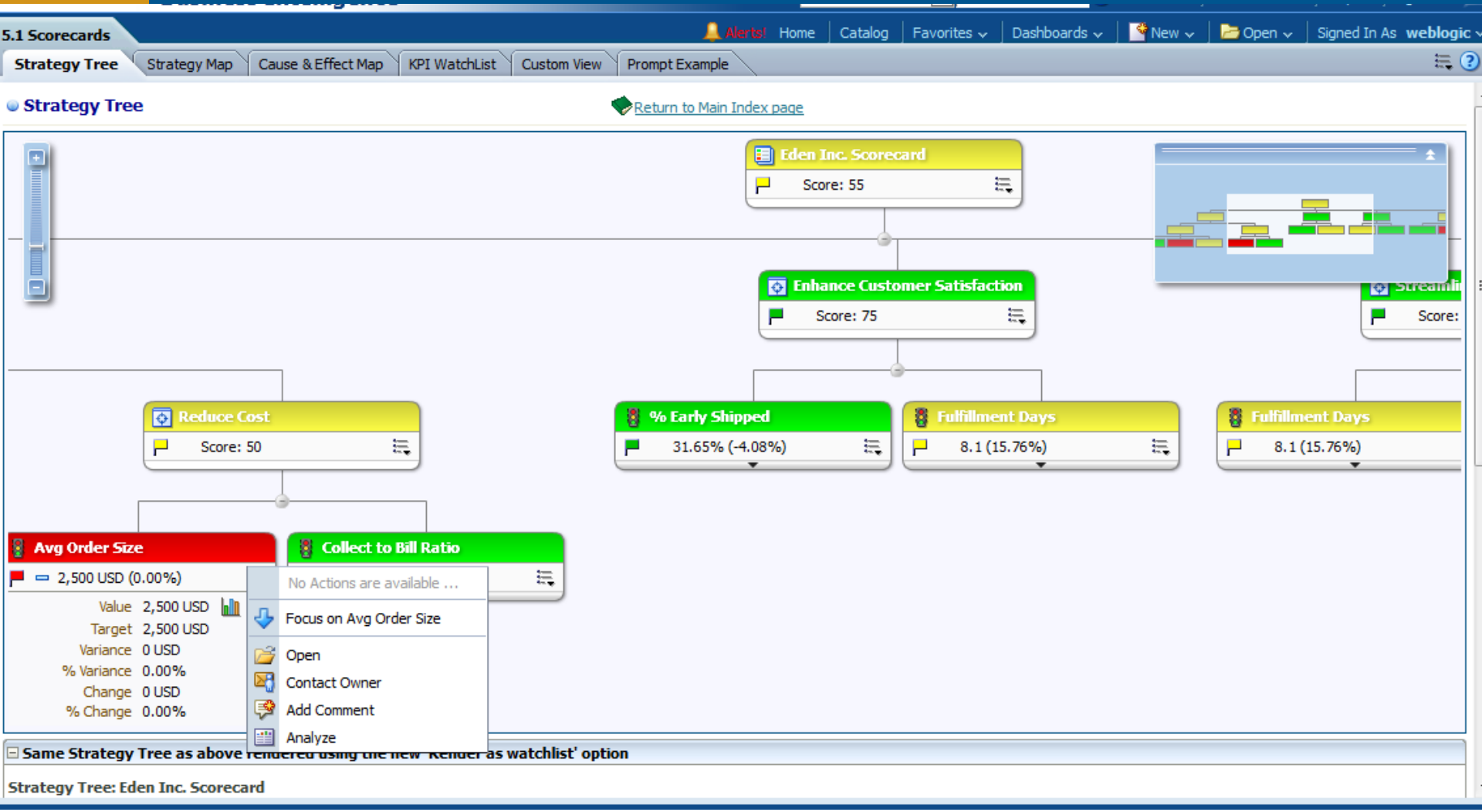
New Contribution Wheel Visualization

Strategy Tree View



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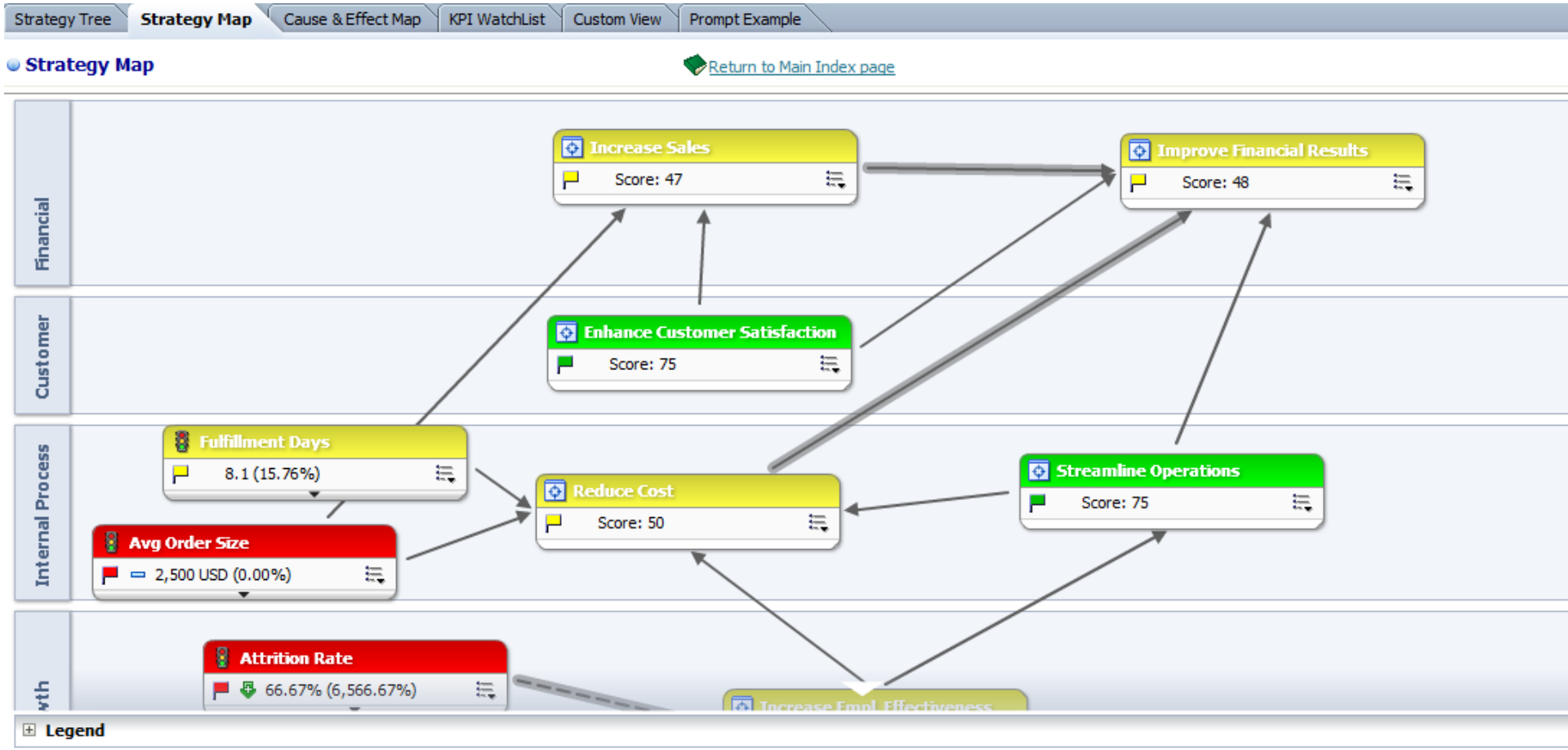
Strategy Map View



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- Working with IT and DBAs
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  - Training
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Where to Start

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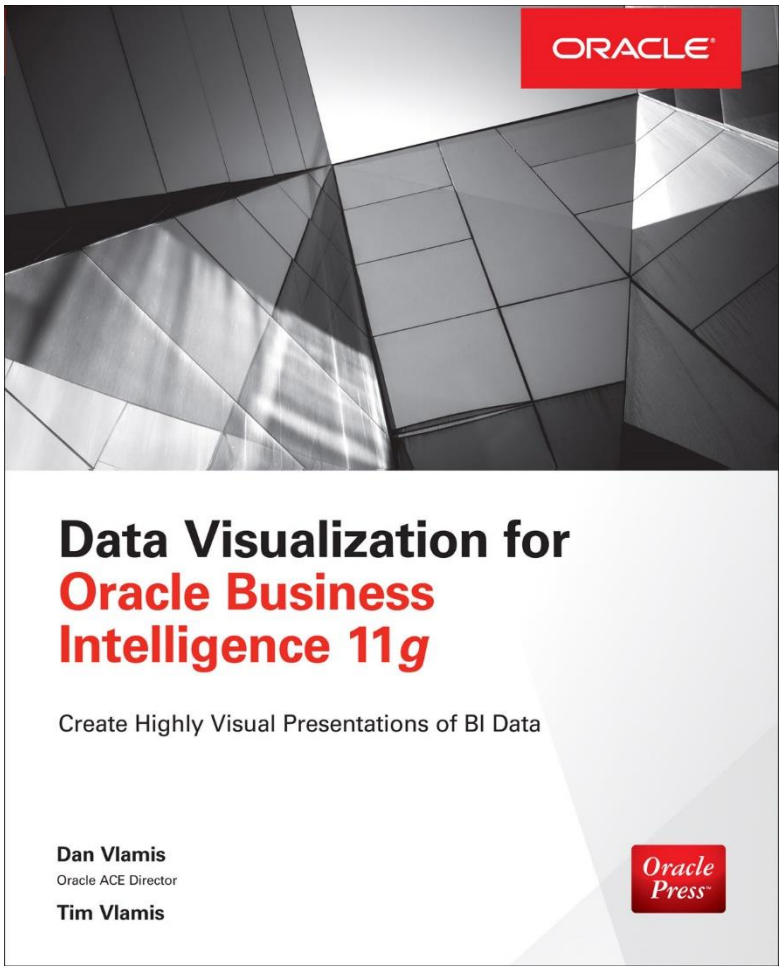

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