

Visualization and Storytelling - Advanced Skills for Communicating with Data

Course Outline

Day 1

1. Data Visualization Fundamentals

1.1 Data Visualization Concepts

- Data Visualization Today
- o Data Visualization Components
- Visual Cues
- Coordinate Systems
- Measurement Scales
- Visual Context

1.2 Fundamentals of Visualization

- Data Visualization Methods
- Data Visualization Standards
- Visualization with Purpose
- o Data Visualization Development

1.3 Visualization Techniques

- o Visualization Techniques
- Visualizing Comparisons
- Visualizing Proportions
- Visualizing Relationships
- Visualizing Patterns

1.4 Visualization and BI

- o Visualization and BI
- Analytics
- Visual Reporting
- o Infographics
- Data Storytelling

1.5 Tools and Resources

- Data Visualization Tools
- Best Practices in Visualization

Day 2 - Morning

2. Trend Spotting and Pattern Spotting

2.1 Visual Language

- o About Language
- o The Language of Images
- Data Visualization Language

2.2 Data Visualization Concepts

- o Charts and Graphs
- o Data
- o Visual Composition

2.3 Quick Reading of Data Visualizations

- Finding Context
- Looking at the Data
- Quick Read Process

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2.4 Critical Reading of Data Visualizations

- First Glance
- o The Source of the Chart
- You and the Chart
- Reading the Chart

Day 2 - Afternoon & Day 3 - Morning

3. Data Storytelling

3.1 Data Storytelling Basics

- o The Power of Stories
- Data Story Examples
- o Flash Stories #1
- The Nature of Stories

3.2 A Data-Driven Business Story

- Business Need
- o Data Selection
- Data Analysis
- Visualizing the Story
- Telling the Story

3.3 Story Crafting

- o The Dynamics of Stories
- Story Framing
- Kinds of Stories
- Stories that Stick
- Stories that Work
- Flash Stories #2

3.4 Storytelling Media

- o Images
- o Words
- o Infographics
- o Animations
- o Video
- o Exercise Crafting a Story of Data Breaches

Day 3 – Afternoon

Workshop

- Working with Your People, Projects, Processes and Data
- Choose from the following list of topics for a tailored workshop: (Recommended time allotted for workshop activities is at least a half day)

Data Visualization Design

- Work with one or more client selected visualization cases
- o Groups to work systematically through the design process
- o Each group develops and presents their visualization

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Data Storytelling

- Frame the story
- o Build the narrative
- o Tell the story

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