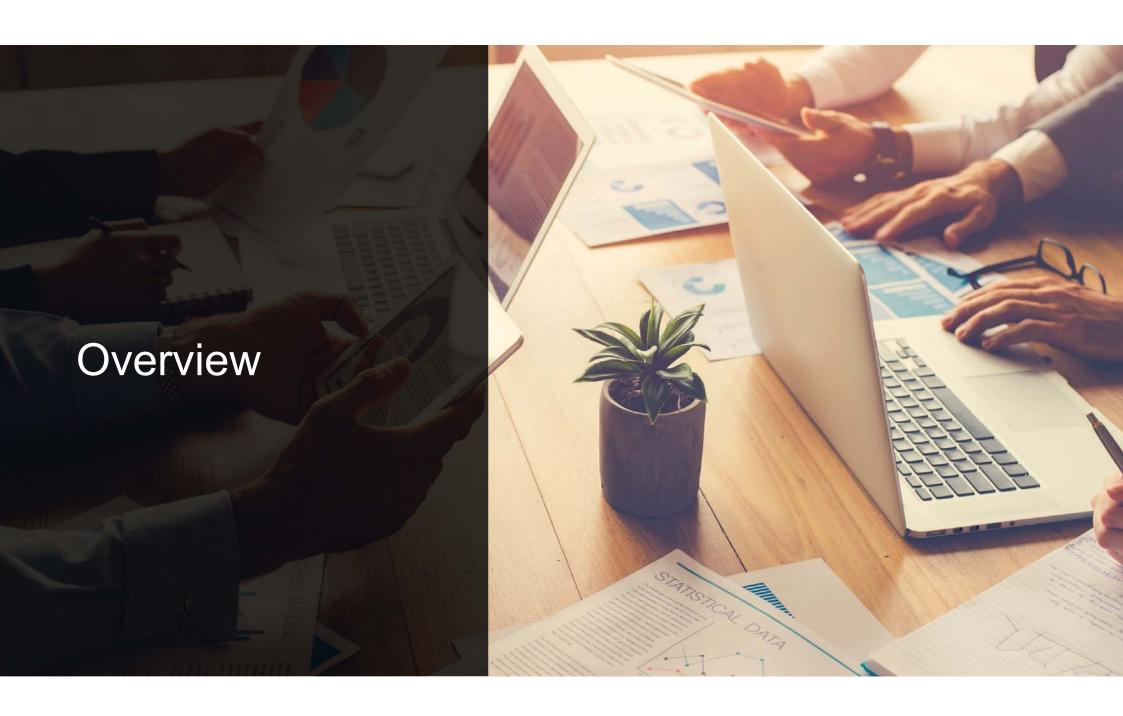


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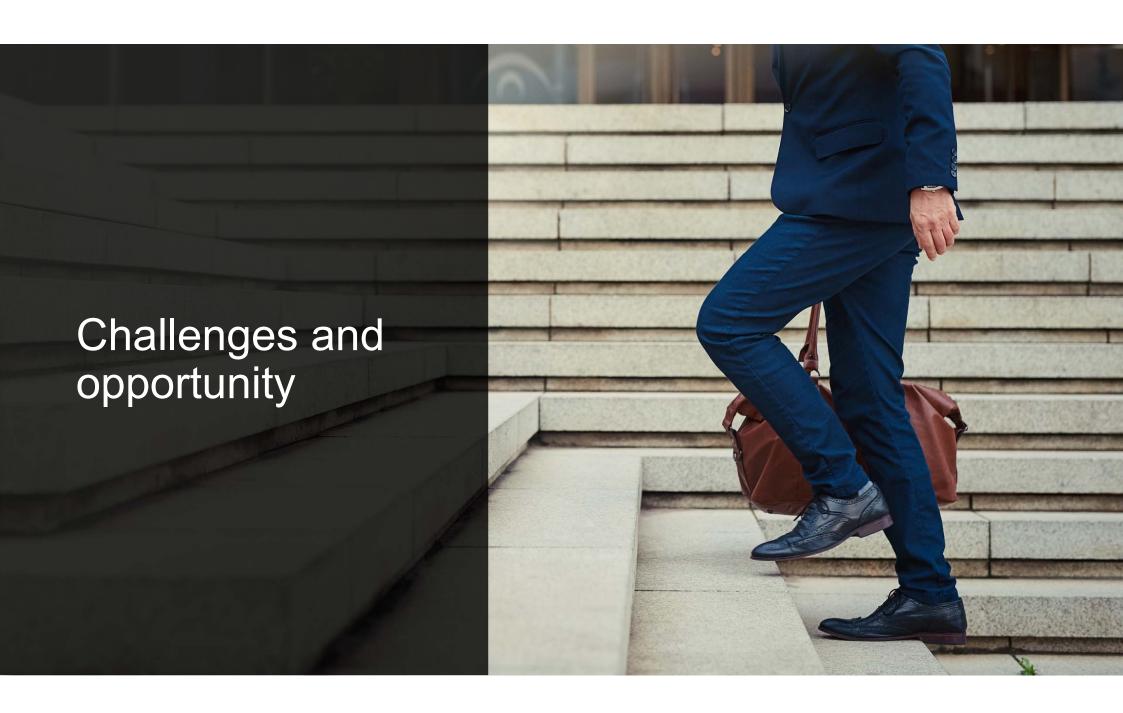




Overview



- 1. Addressing the <u>challenge and opportunity</u> of embedding data analytics into your audit program
- 2. Making the most of organizational data available:
 - Reporting the right data sets
 - Greater level of assurance
 - Strategic decision making
- 3. Engaging the business in using data analytics beyond the internal audit function (culture of <u>real-time information</u>)
- 4. Delivering audit findings with substance using numbers to <u>tell the story</u>







Basic	 Ad hoc analytics with limited repeatable solutions Basic tools (e.g. spreadsheets etc.)
Intermediate	 Some standardization of methods Some repeatable analytics
Advanced	 Standard methods and training Advanced tools and analytical techniques



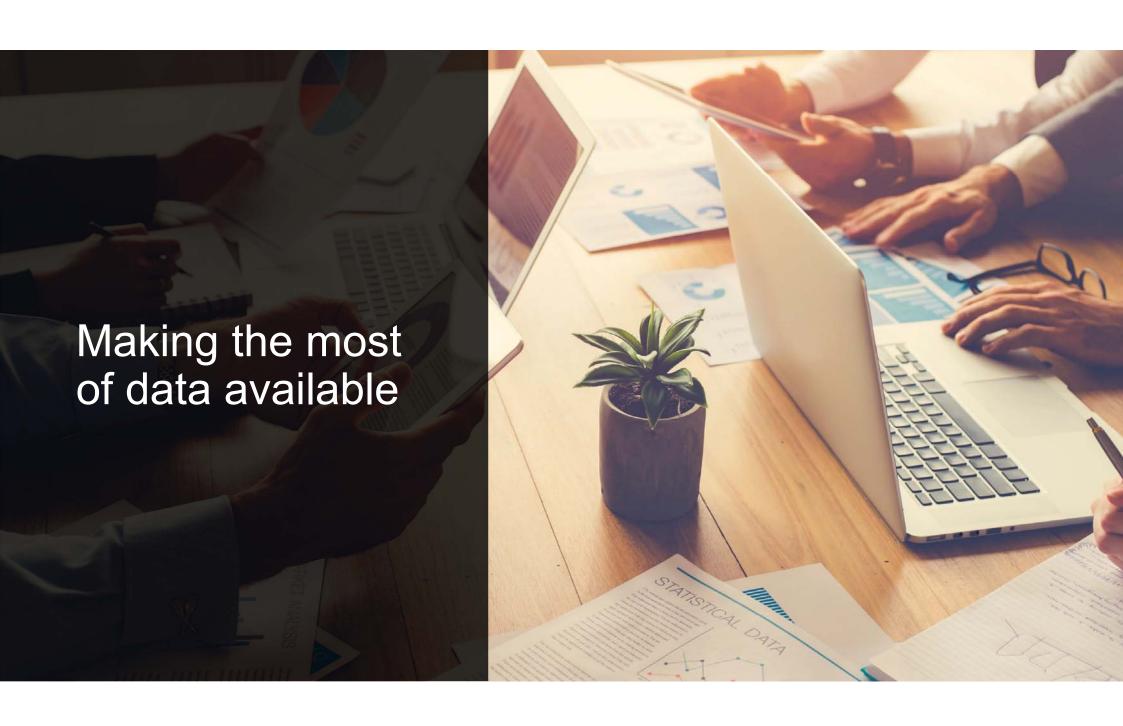


100% coverage of data population	Efficient auditing
Continuous audit coverage	Improved audit quality
Replacing sampling techniques	Better fraud detection capabilities
Early warnings or alerts to management	Customer service - delivering on ARIC needs/wants
Identify outliers that were previously undetected	Better understanding of subject matter and Council
Increase effectiveness of reporting (data visualization)	"High impact" reporting





Inadequate analytical know-how	Council systems not mature enough to use data analytics
Inadequate technical know-how	Data quality
Data privacy concerns	Technical problems
Cost	Too much data, where to start?
Lack of compelling business case (cost-benefit)	Lack of support (executive, ARIC, others)
Inability to integrate data analytics into decision-making	Data analysis limitations
Combining multiple data sets	Other organizational priorities



What data is available?



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Financial systems (general ledger, payroll, rates, A/R, A/P)

Asset management systems and GIS

IT system logs

Point of sale systems for retail

Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework

Security systems (swipe cards)

Almost every business unit's operating system (childcare, waste collection, planning approvals, customer service)

Big data - census data, other publicly available ABS data

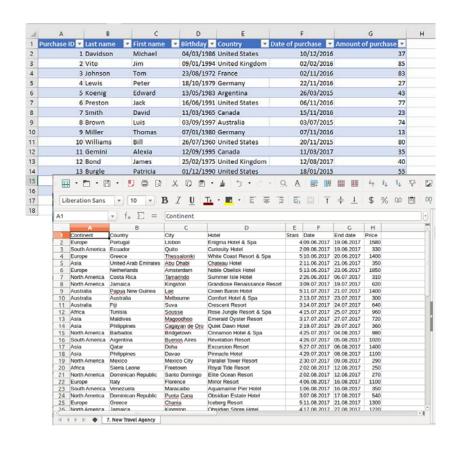
Questions to ask about data



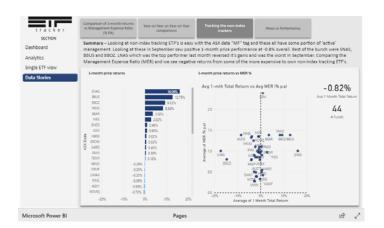
- 1. Data quality consider internal controls (data entry and review), previous audits
- 2. Data tidy up what data do I want vs. what is actually in the data set
- 3. Extractable vs. manual how to start automating analysis of manual processes
- 4. Outlier analysis how we can set up our dashboards to show us insights quickly

Example: table vs graphical





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Reporting techniques



- 1. Traffic lights and dashboarding
- 2. Data visualization a picture is worth a thousand words
- 3. Data first, then description (if necessary)
- 4. Keep it short tell the story
- 5. Set the scene

Data analytics options

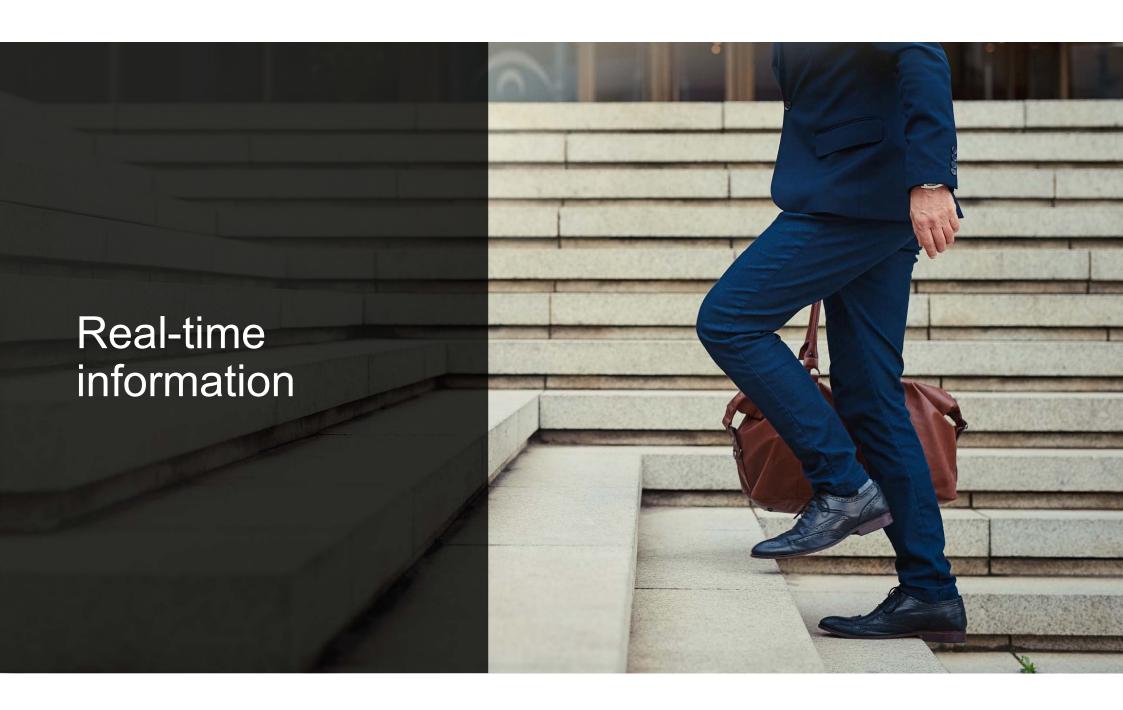


Bespoke

- Flexible
- Greater level of data skills required
- Lower cost (to begin)
- More maintenance required
- E.g. Power BI, Qlik, Tableau

System powered

- Recent improvements
- Less data scientist skills required
- Less flexible
- Cost-benefit analysis required
- E.g. Mindbridge



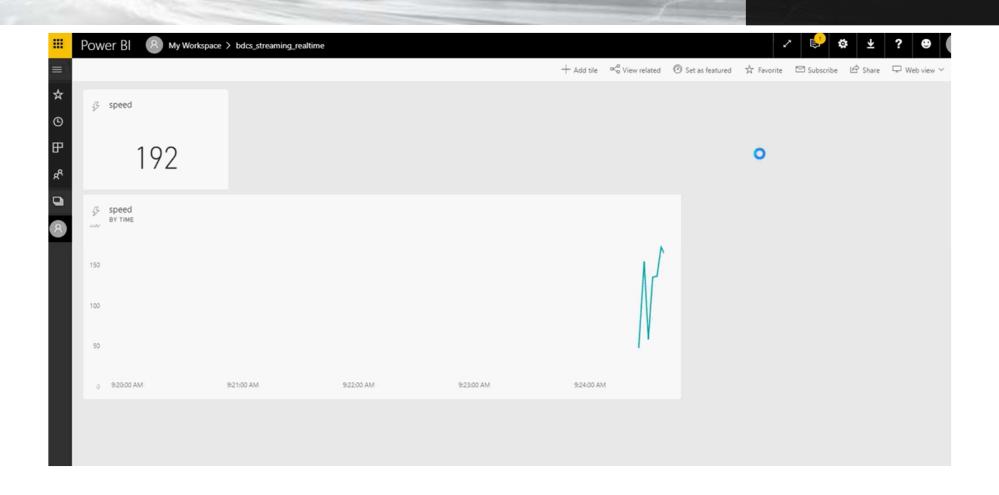
Real-time or Live

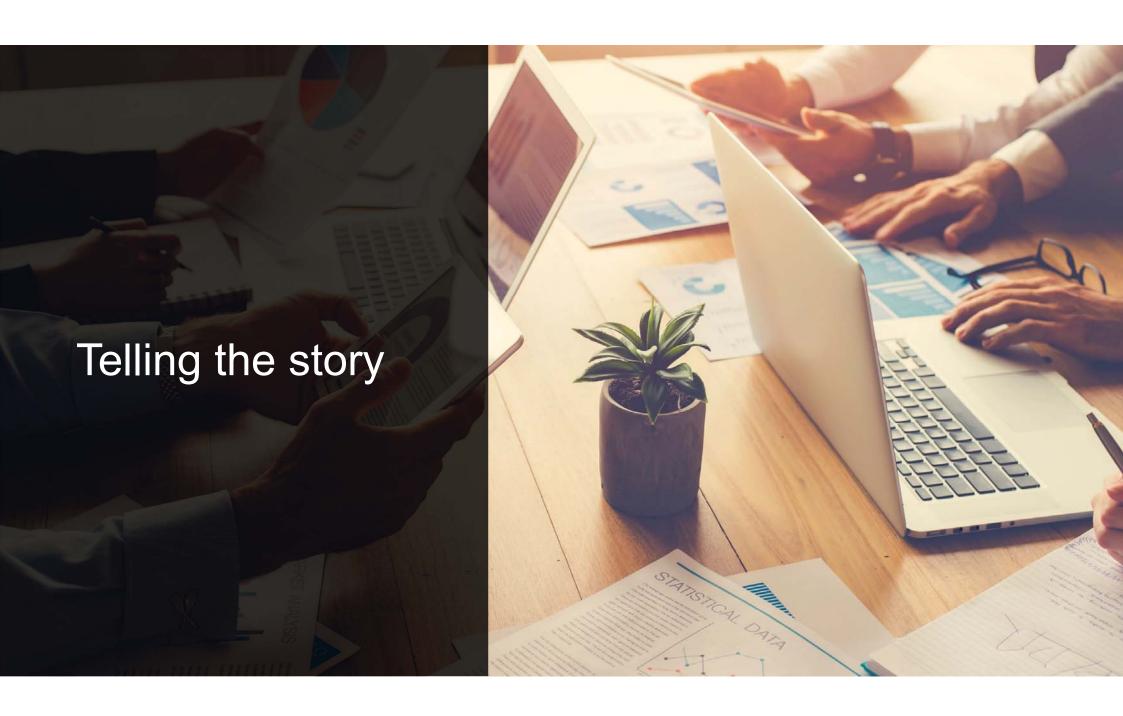


- Typically, real-time in Data Analytics world means streaming data LIVE
- In some cases, improving from getting old data (hours old, days old) to something faster is good enough
- Best examples are being able to see snapshots of data across all of your systems in one spot – e.g. Management Dashboard
- Single app dashboard vs Multi-App
- Example

Real-time in Power BI



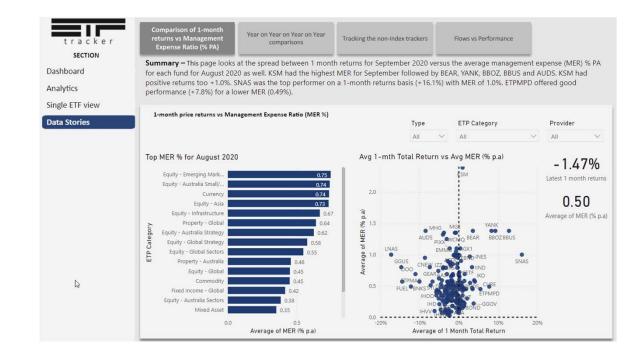








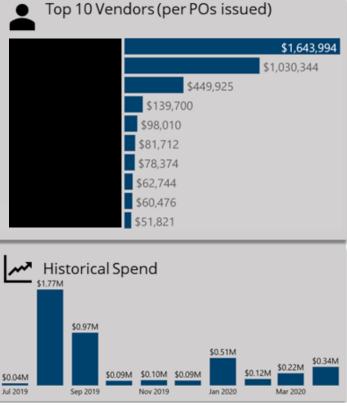
- Analytics can be more than dashboards
- Can use mix of graphics and text to tell data-driven stories (in this example we're using Power BI)
- Can also auto-generate content using NLG software (e.g. Arria NLG)

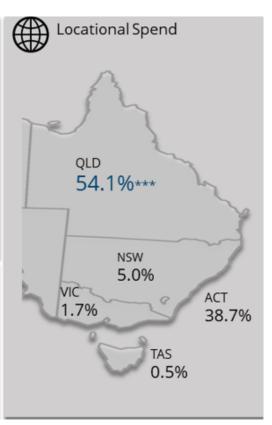


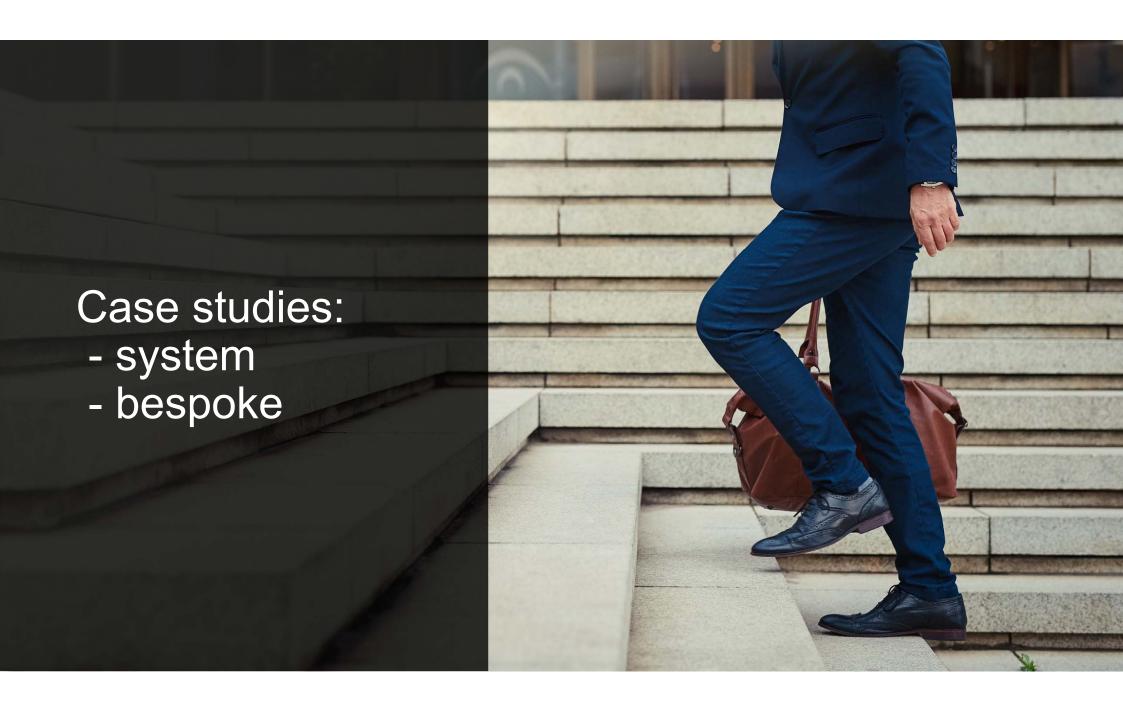
What story does this tell?











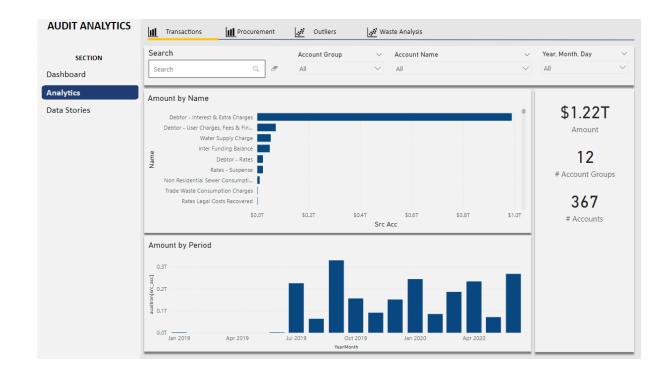
Mindbridge case study



Power BI for Councils



- Example showcasing Power BI on example Local Government dataset
- User has ability to search across accounts using filters
- Charts are completely interactive showcasing top spend categories across time periods









Thank you

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