User Focused Data Visualization and Storytelling

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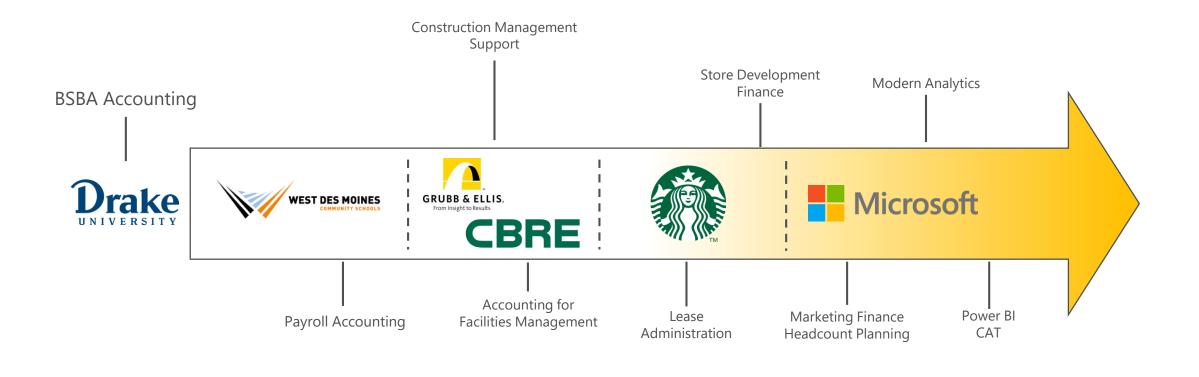


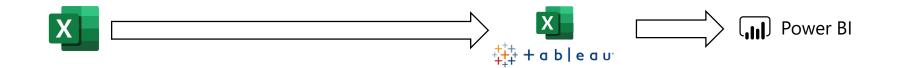




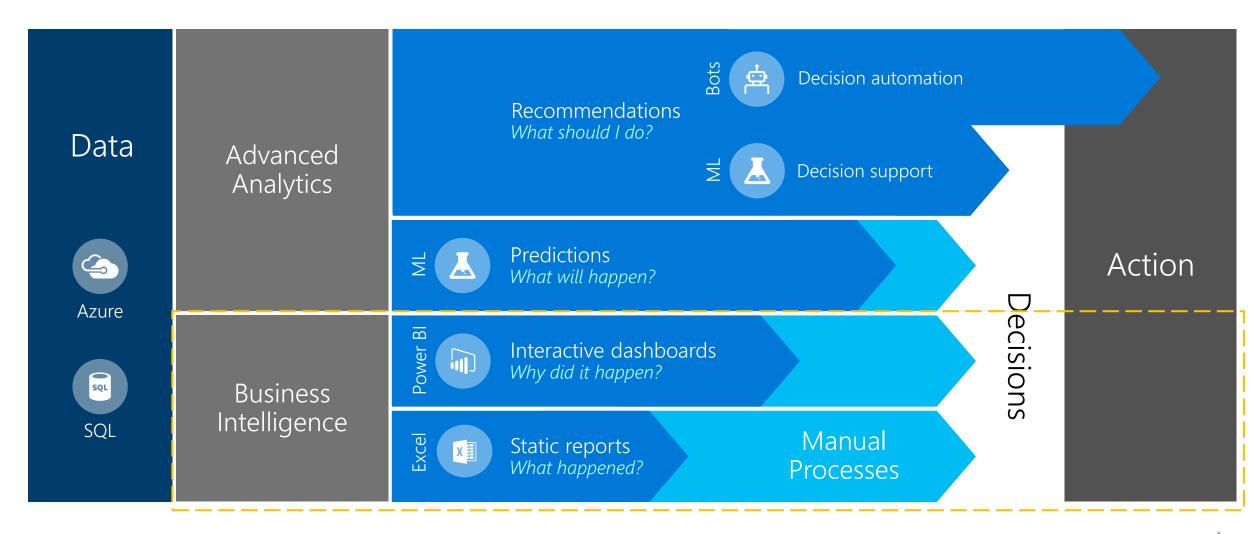
- Modernization of Reporting
- Goals and High-Level Tips
- Best Practices for Visuals
- Effective Design Elements
- Report Redesign

Career Path and Modernization of Reporting





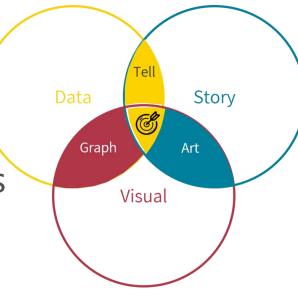
Modern Reporting



Value

Goals of Storytelling through Data Visualization

- Transfer of Information that can be easily interpreted
- Provide depth for end users to ask and answer questions
- Motivation for data-driven decisions
- Repeatable and Consistent Connected to business process



Getting Started – Tips for Success



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- Know you Audience
- Know your Platform
- Test your Assumptions
- Fail Fast

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- Iterate Often
- Avoid overwhelming end users



Polling Question

Which of the Following is a Goal of Story Telling through Data Visualization?

- a) Automated Reporting
- b) Providing insights to leadership
- c) Transfer of Information that can be easily interpreted

Best Practices in Visualization

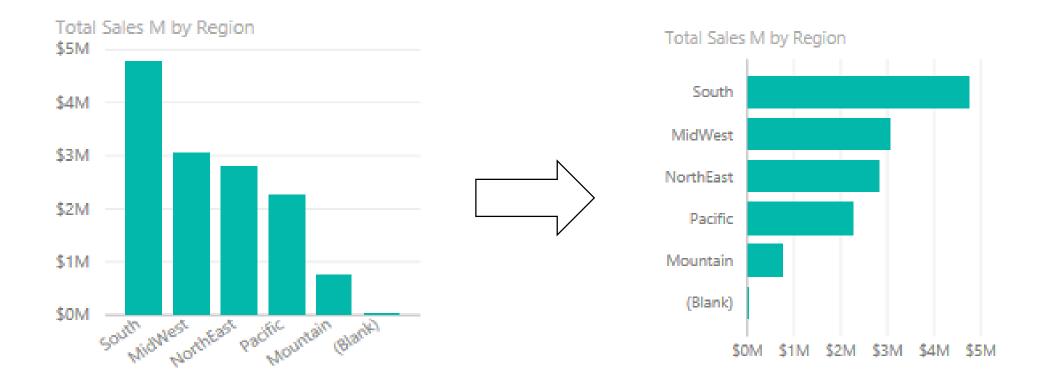
Get Familiar with your Toolbox

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Column Chart Do's and Don'ts



Column Chart vs Bar Chart



When you have too many elements to display in a column, the bar chart can be easier to scroll



- Make sure units are correct
- Add title for clarity

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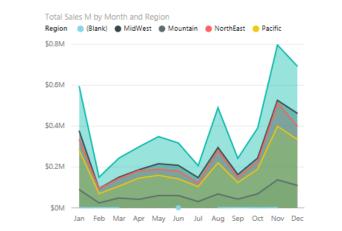
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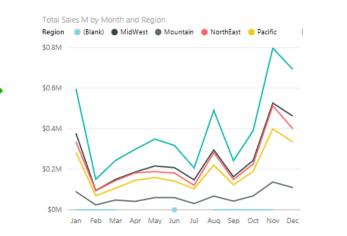
Total Sales

\$14M

- Choose right precision levels
- Consider use of colors to draw attention to KPIs that matter most

Line Chart Do's and Don'ts





• Choose Area Charts sparingly (when # of series < 5)

• Too many colors can be distracting

• Often Line charts are the safer option

Table/Matrix Do's and Don'ts



Segment	Revenue	%
		Growth
Convenience	\$354,839,877	31.889%
Extreme	\$7,369,823	41.175%
Moderation	\$306,267,892	33.767%
Productivity	\$118,451	17.172%
Regular	\$1,792,558	9.956%
Select	\$206,289	337.485%
Total	\$670,594,889	32.791%

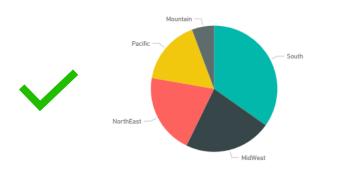
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Total	\$670,594,889	33%

- Reduce precision
- Use muted background color
- Choose the right font size
- Sort Table based on KPIs
- Consider using conditional formatting

Pie Chart Do's and Don'ts

Total Sales M by State

Bad Pie chart



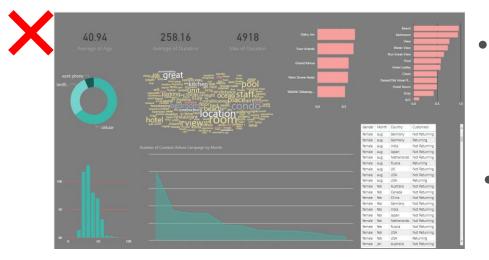
Good Pie chart

 Do not have more than 3-5 categories (if you have more then put a slicer and choose a default)

• Include data labels

• Choose appropriate colors

Volume of Visuals



- Avoid overwhelming end users by limiting visuals
- Find Natural breaks in report topics to separate content



This will also help with Query performance

Polling Question

Which of the Following would be a good candidate for use of a Line Graph?

- a) Sales by Region
- b) Sales by Month
- c) Expenditure by Account Type

Effective Design Elements and Application

Effective Design Elements

• Margins

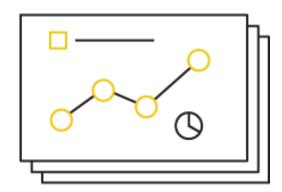
- Coloring
- Distribution
 Consistency
- Alignment

• Accessibility

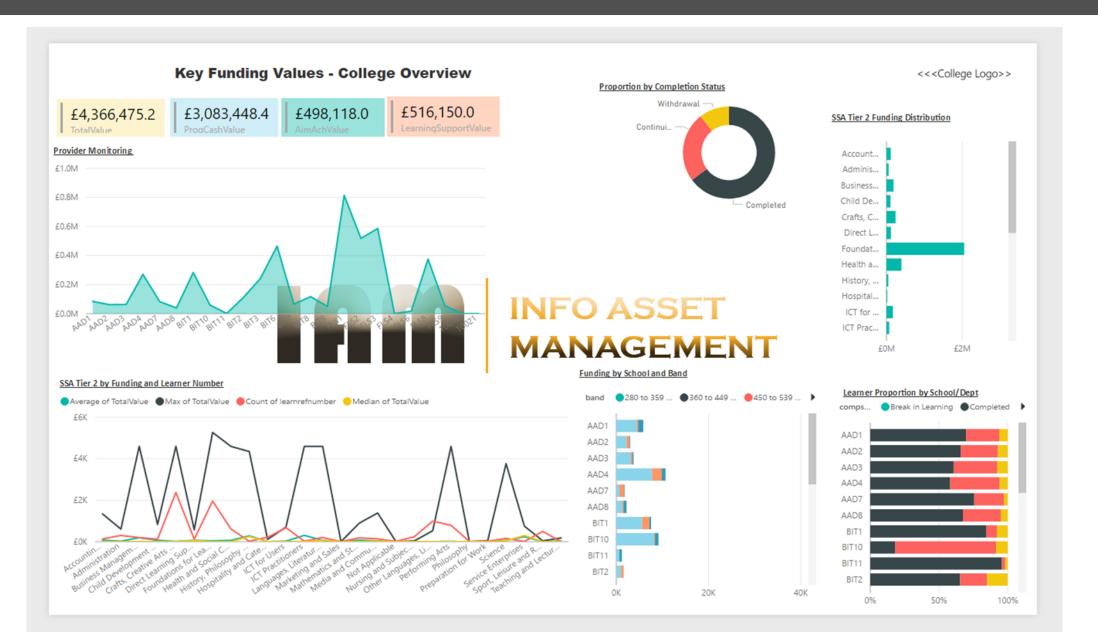
• Branding/Targeting

• Backgrounds

Performance



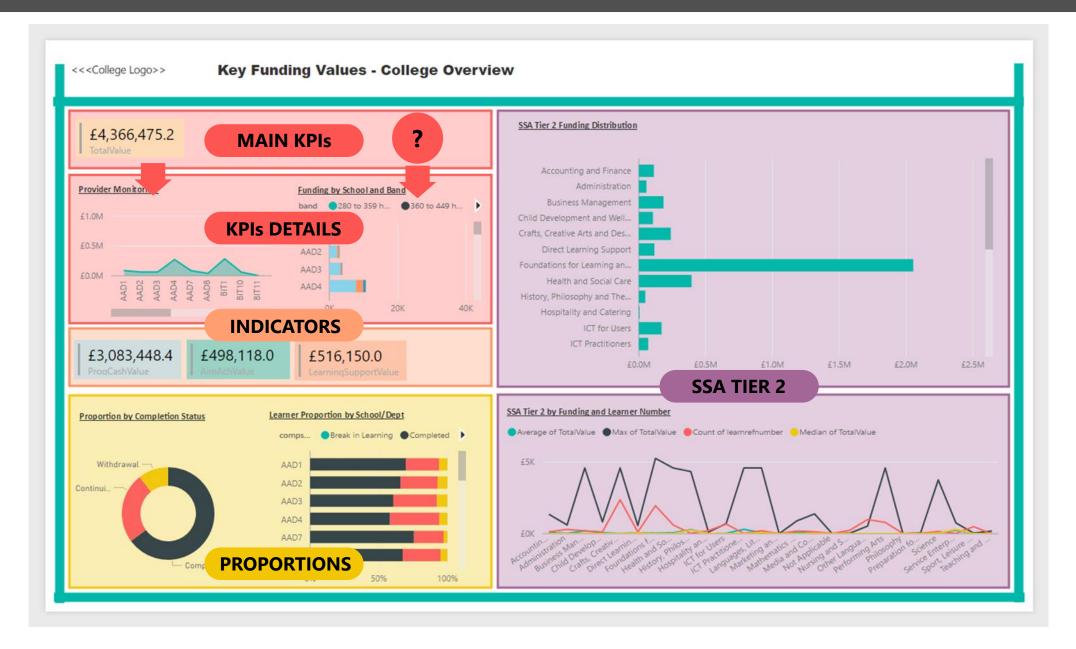
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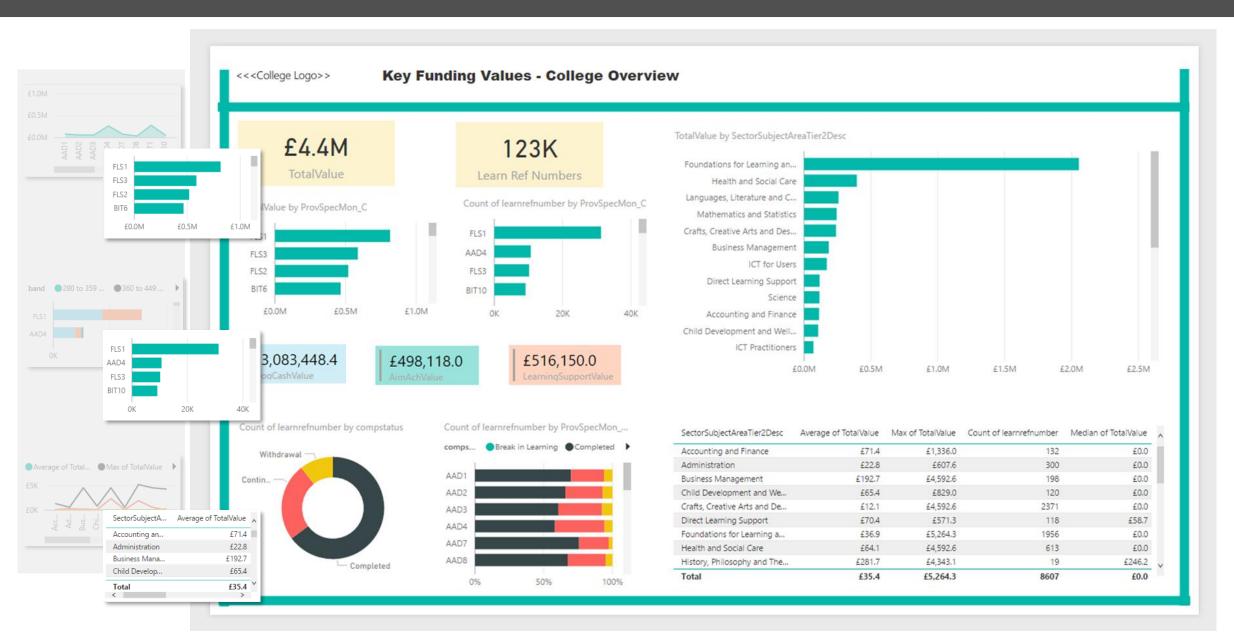
Margin



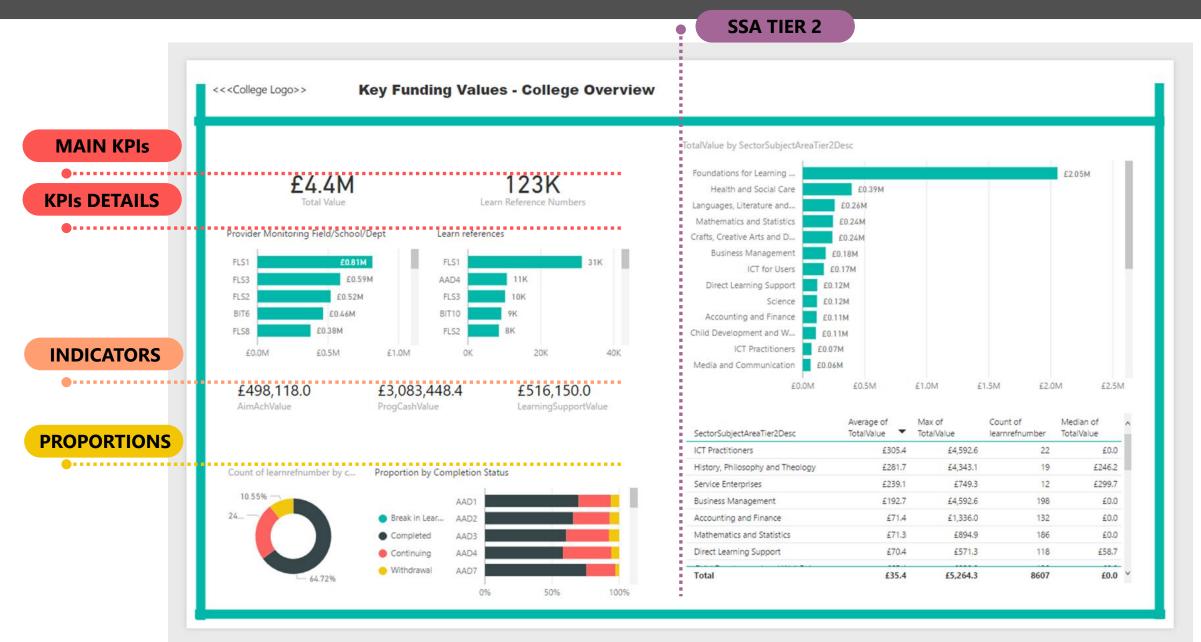
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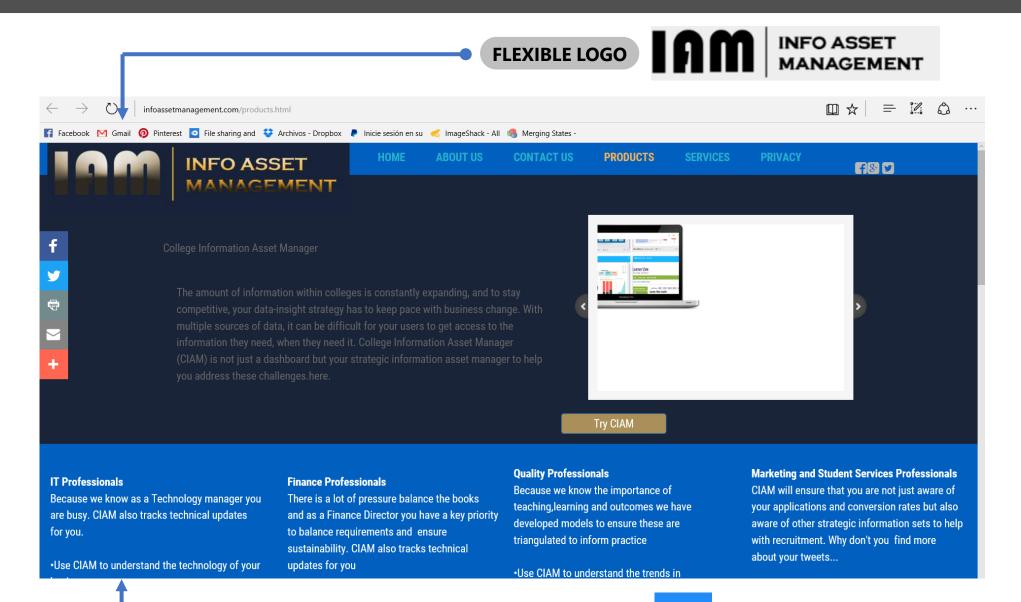
Visualizations



Alignment

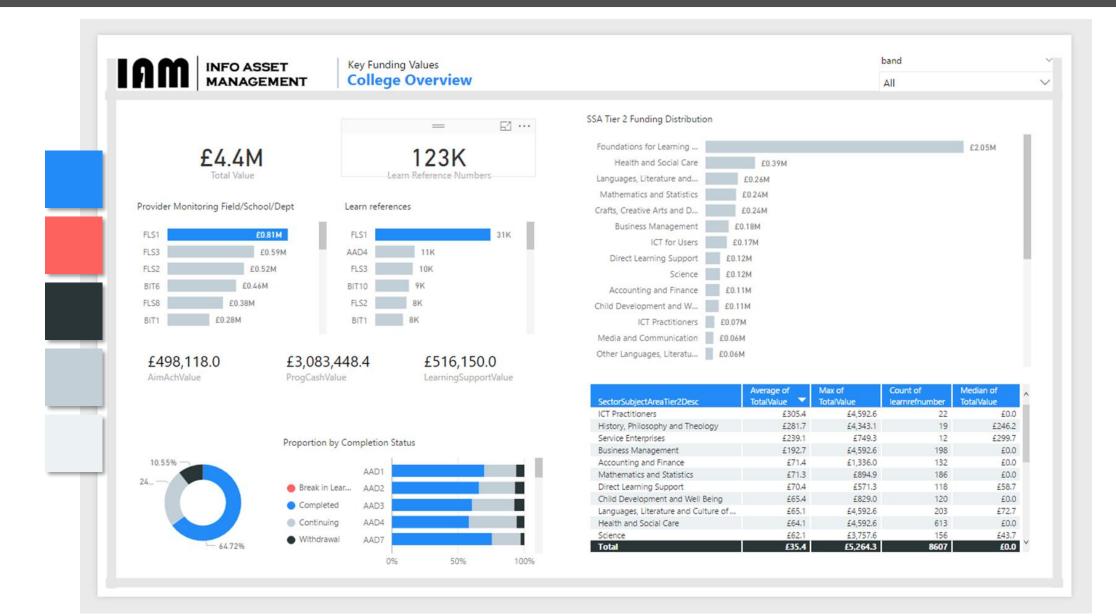


Branding/Targeting

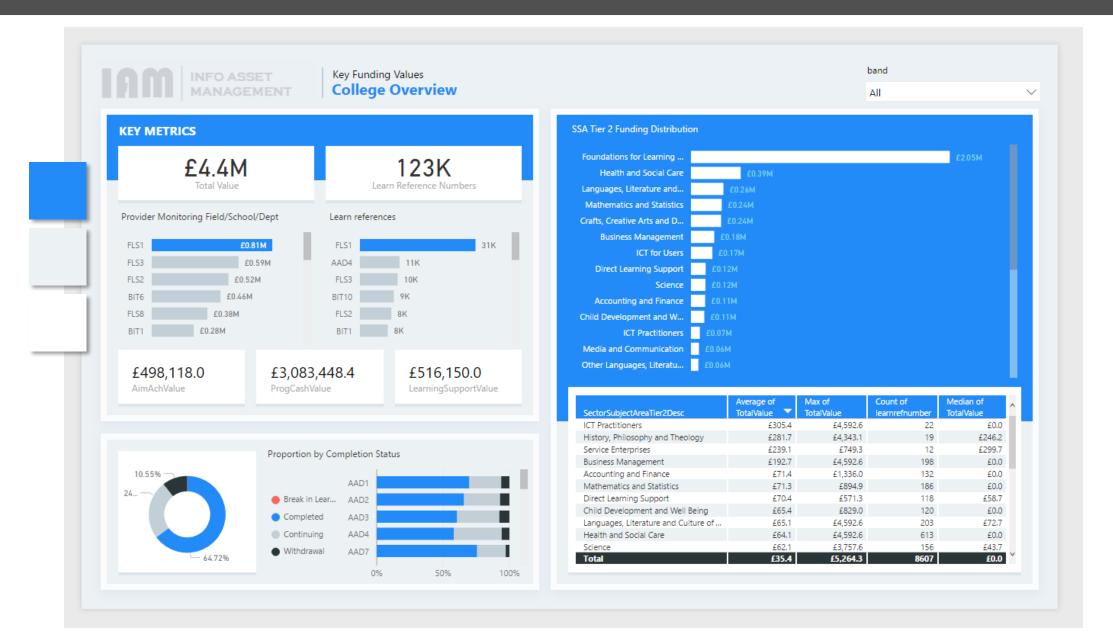


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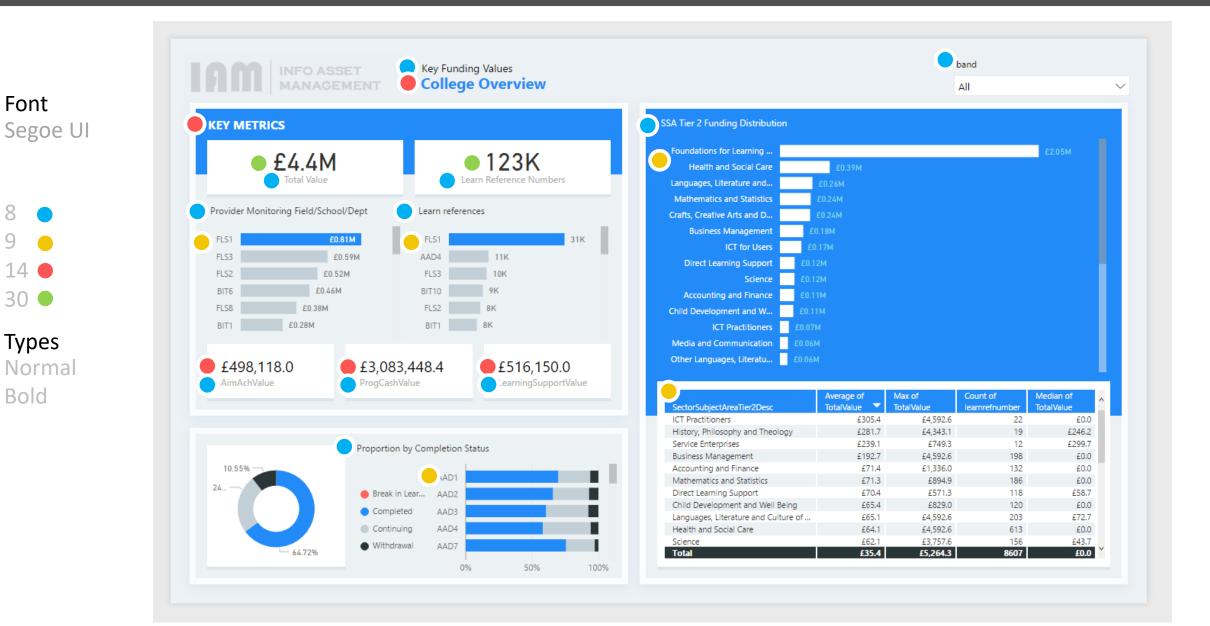
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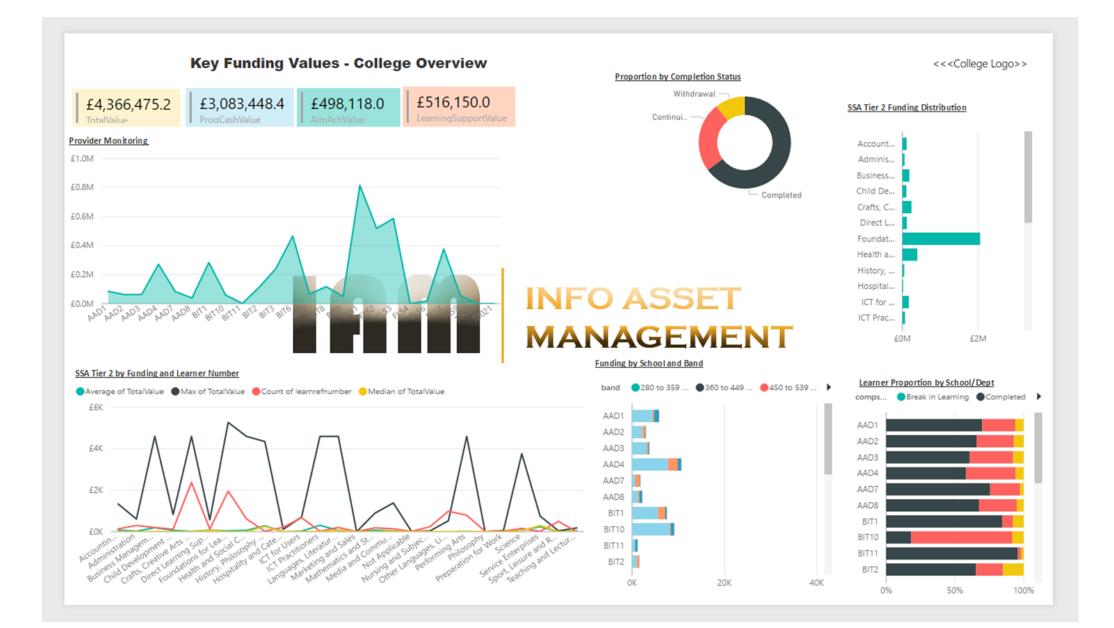
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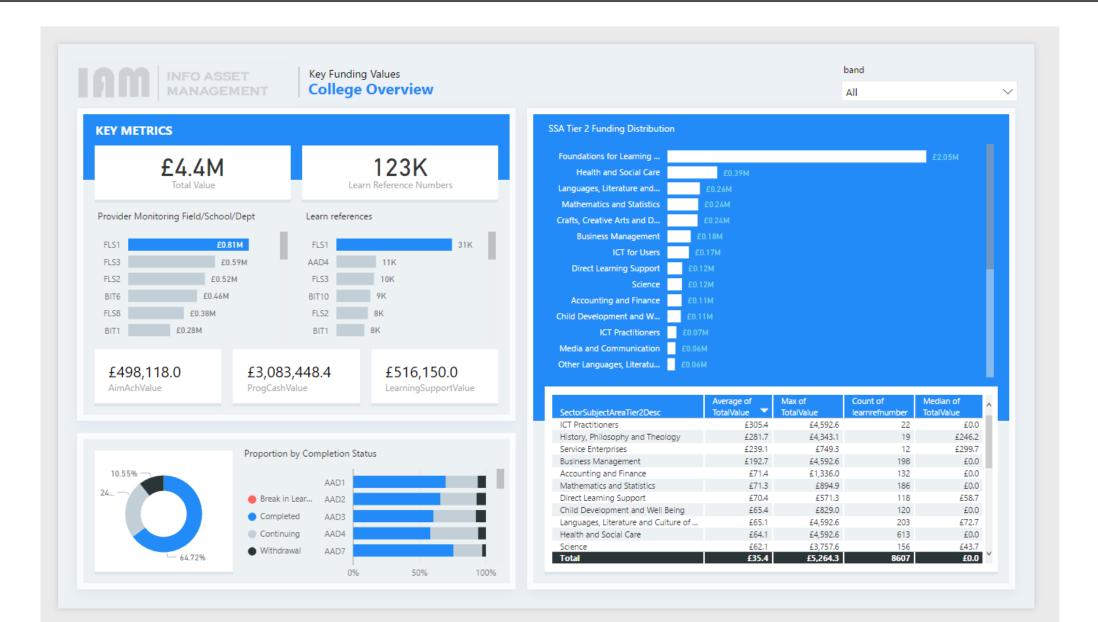


Consistent Fonts



Before





Polling Question

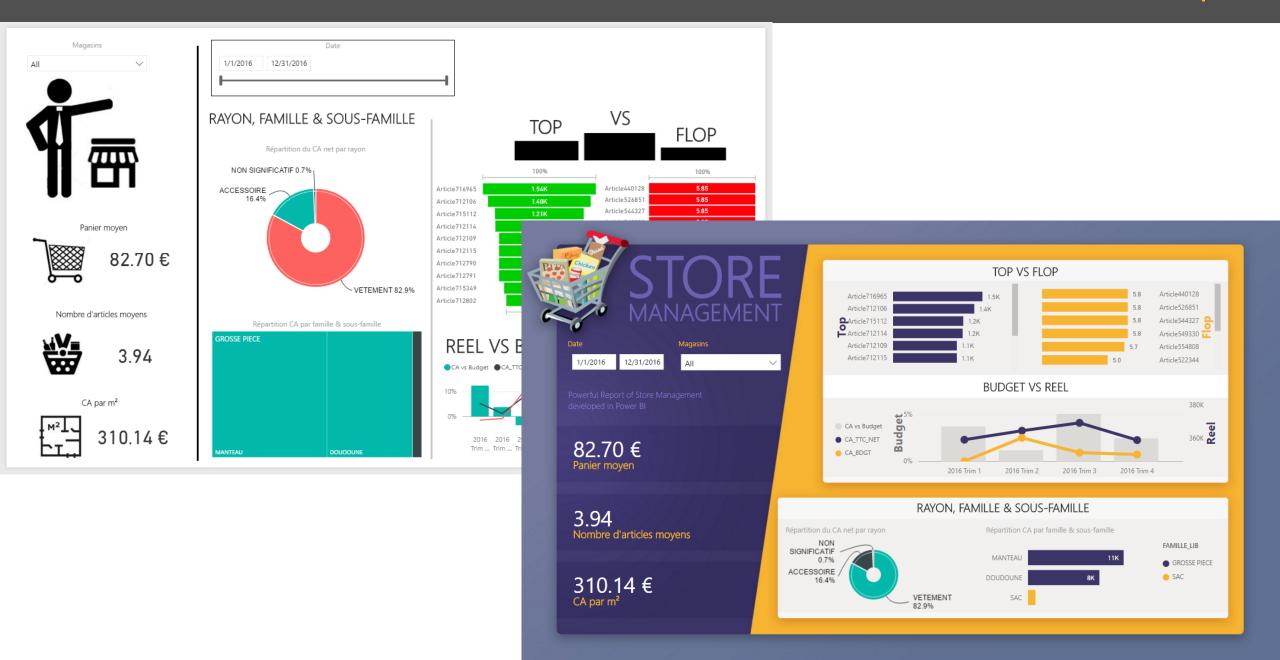
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- a) True
- b) False

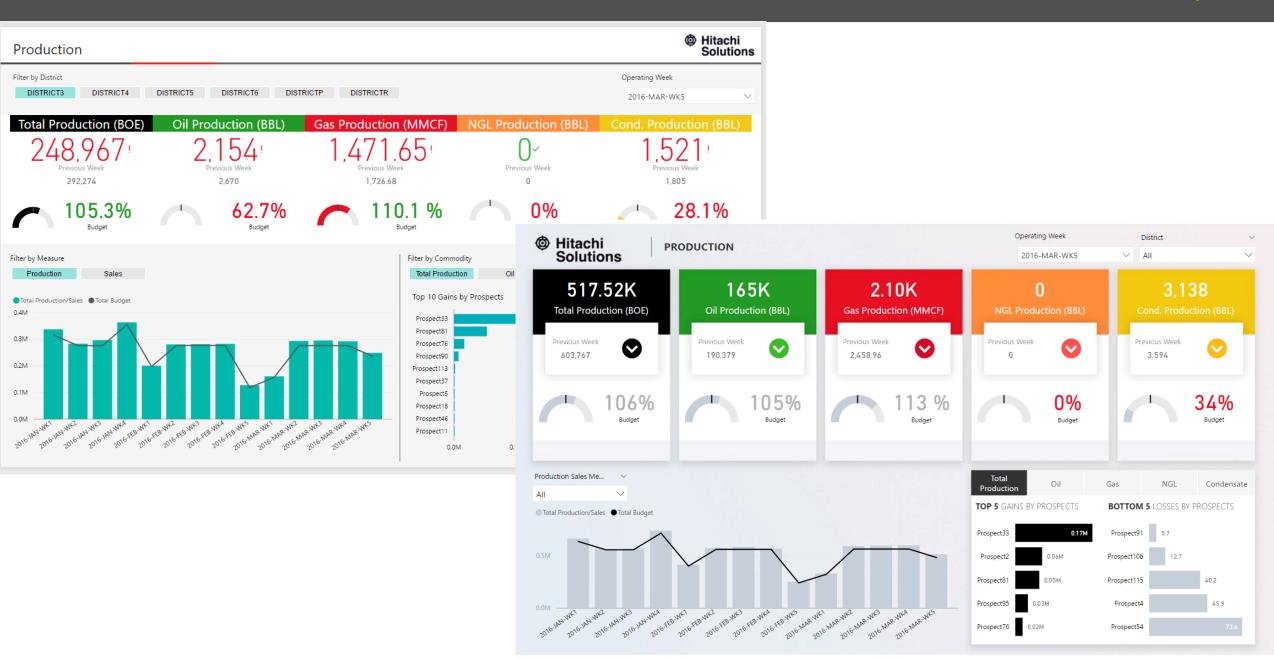
Examples



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Polling Question

A report that follows these best practices will:

- a) Clearly convey information without distraction
- b) Lower the risk of misinterpretation
- c) Provide consumer with the ability to make better informed decisions
- d) All of the above

Q&A



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