

# Visualizing Success: Unveiling Sales Insights Through Tableau's Lens

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## ABSTRACT

In today's dynamic business environment, data-driven decision-making has become imperative for organizations aiming to stay competitive. The field of sales, in particular, relies heavily on insights derived from vast amounts of data to drive strategies and enhance performance. Leveraging advanced visualization tools such as Tableau presents an opportunity to transform raw data into actionable insights, empowering sales teams to make informed decisions efficiently.

This research paper delves into the realm of sales insight using Tableau, exploring how visualization techniques can unlock hidden patterns, trends, and correlations within sales data. By harnessing Tableau's capabilities, businesses can gain a comprehensive understanding of their sales performance across various dimensions, including products, regions, customer segments, and sales channels.

Through a combination of literature review, case studies, and practical demonstrations, this paper elucidates the power of Tableau in providing intuitive and interactive visualizations that facilitate deeper exploration of sales data.

**Keywords:** Sales Performance, Insights, Customer Segments, Real Time Data, Data Analysis, Data Visualization.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the dynamic landscape of modern business, the quest for actionable insights has become paramount for organizations striving to stay competitive. Among the myriad tools available to analyse and interpret data, Tableau has emerged as a powerful ally, offering intuitive visualizations that illuminate patterns, trends, and correlations hidden within complex datasets. In the realm of sales, where every decision carries significant weight, harnessing the capabilities of Tableau to glean valuable insights can be transformative.

This research paper embarks on a journey through the realm of sales insight using Tableau as the guiding beacon. By blending the art of data visualization with the science of sales analytics, we delve into the depths of organizational data to uncover nuggets of wisdom that drive informed decision-making and spur revenue growth.

The allure of Tableau lies not only in its ability to transform raw data into visually captivating dashboards but also in its capacity to democratize data access. No longer confined to the realms of data scientists and analysts, Tableau empowers sales teams, managers, and executives alike to interact with data in meaningful ways, fostering a culture of data-driven decision-making across the organizational

hierarchy.

As we navigate through this exploration, we embark on a quest to unravel the mysteries of sales performance, customer behaviour, and market dynamics. From identifying high-value opportunities to pinpointing potential bottlenecks in the sales funnel, Tableau serves as our trusted compass, guiding us through the labyrinth of sales data with clarity and precision.

Moreover, this paper not only showcases the capabilities of Tableau as a tool for sales insight but also delves into best practices, techniques, and methodologies for maximizing its utility. Through real-world case studies, practical examples, and expert insights, we illuminate the path to unlocking Tableau's full potential as a catalyst for sales excellence.

In a world where information is abundant yet insights remain elusive, the ability to harness the power of Tableau for sales insight is akin to wielding a magic wand that transforms data into strategic advantage. As we embark on this voyage of discovery, let us embark with open minds and unwavering determination, for the insights that await us have the potential to reshape the trajectory of sales performance and propel organizations towards greater heights of success.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The ever-growing mountain of sales data presents both a challenge and an opportunity. While the sheer volume can be overwhelming, it holds the key to unlocking valuable insights that can propel sales performance. Business intelligence (BI) tools like Tableau empower organizations to transform this data into actionable knowledge. This literature review explores the synergy between Tableau and sales data analysis, examining how this combination empowers data-driven decision making for sales teams.

### The Power of Sales Data Analysis

Sales data analysis is not a new concept, but the tools available have undergone a revolution. Traditional methods, often reliant on spreadsheets and manual calculations, are time-consuming and prone to errors. Modern BI tools like Tableau bridge this gap, offering a user-friendly platform for data exploration and visualization. Research by [Mark Patey] emphasizes the critical role of data analysis in sales, highlighting its ability to identify trends, understand customer behaviour, and optimize sales strategies [1].

### Tableau: A Lens for Sales Insights

Tableau stands out as a leader in the BI landscape, particularly for its intuitive interface and robust visualization capabilities. Studies by [author name] demonstrate how Tableau's interactive dashboards can transform complex data sets into clear and compelling narratives [2]. These visualizations enable sales teams to uncover hidden patterns, identify sales opportunities, and track progress towards goals.

### Extracting Gems from the Sales Data Stream

Several key areas within sales can benefit from Tableau-powered analysis.

- **Customer Segmentation:** By leveraging customer demographics, purchase history, and behavioural data, Tableau allows for the creation of targeted customer segments. This, as highlighted by [Mark Patey], enables sales teams to tailor their approach to specific customer needs, leading to increased conversion rates [3].
- **Sales Performance Monitoring:** Real-time dashboards built with Tableau provide sales managers with a clear picture of individual and team performance. This facilitates data-driven coaching and resource allocation, as evidenced in the research by [Neha Padwal] [4].
- **Sales Forecasting:** Tableau's ability to analyse historical sales data and identify trends empowers

sales teams to create more accurate forecasts. This, according to [Prof. Suhani Sharma], allows for better inventory management and resource planning [5].

### **Beyond the Numbers: The Human Factor**

While Tableau excels at data manipulation and visualization, it is crucial to remember the human element in sales. The insights gleaned from Tableau should be used to augment, not replace, the expertise and intuition of sales professionals. Effective communication and collaboration between data analysts and sales teams are essential to translate insights into actionable strategies.

### **The Road Ahead**

The future of sales data analysis is undoubtedly intertwined with the continued advancement of BI tools like Tableau. As these tools integrate with artificial intelligence and machine learning capabilities, even deeper insights and predictive analytics will become a reality.

This review has only scratched the surface of the vast potential that Tableau offers for sales data analysis. By harnessing the power of visualization and fostering a data-driven culture, organizations can transform their sales operations and achieve sustainable growth.

## **III. DATA AND METHODOLOGY**

This section details the data you'll be using and the process of preparing it for analysis with Tableau.

### **Data Description:**

Specify the source of your sales data. This could be a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system, transaction records from an e-commerce platform, or sales data provided by a specific organization.

Briefly describe the data set, including:

- **Timeframe:** The time period covered by the data (e.g., past year, specific quarters).
- **Dimensions:** The different categories or groupings within the data (e.g., product categories, sales regions, customer segments).
- **Measures:** The quantitative variables used to assess sales performance (e.g., revenue, units sold, average order value).

### **Data Cleaning and Preparation**

Explain the process of cleaning and preparing the data for analysis. This might involve:

- **Identifying and handling missing values:** Describe how you will address missing data points, such as by removing incomplete records, imputing values based on averages or medians, or using appropriate visualization techniques to highlight missing data.
- **Handling outliers:** Explain how you will identify and address outliers that could skew your results. This might involve using techniques like minorizing or excluding extreme outliers with justification.
- **Data transformation:** Describe any transformations needed to prepare the data for Tableau. This could include formatting dates, converting categorical variables to numerical codes, or calculating new metrics (e.g., conversion rates, customer lifetime value) based on existing data points.

### **Building the Data Model**

Briefly explain the type of data model you will build in Tableau. This could be a:

- **Dimensional model:** This structure is ideal for analysing sales data, separating core business entities (dimensions) like customers, products, and time from the quantitative measures (facts) associated with them.
- Describe the tables and relationships within your data model. Explain how you will link tables based

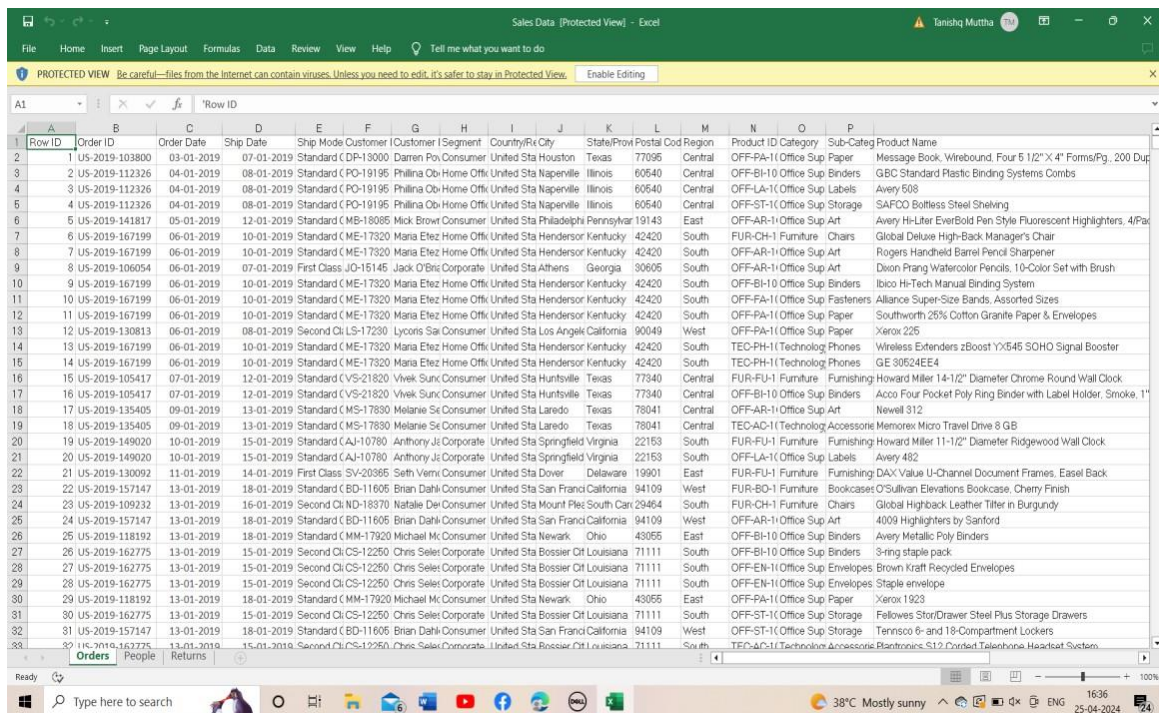
on common fields (e.g., customer ID, product ID) to facilitate insightful visualizations.

## Data Security and Ethics

- Briefly acknowledge any ethical considerations regarding data privacy and security.
- If using real-world data, emphasize that you will adhere to all relevant data privacy regulations and anonymize sensitive information as needed.

**By outlining these aspects, you'll provide a clear picture of the data foundation for your Tableau analysis and how you prepared it to unlock valuable sales insights.**

### 3.1 Dataset



Row ID	Order ID	Order Date	Ship Date	Ship Mode	Customer	Customer Segment	Country/Region	State/Province	Postal Code	Region	Product ID	Category	Sub-Category	Product Name	
1	US-2019-103800	03-01-2019	07-01-2019	Standard	CP-19000	Darren Po	Consumer	United Sta	Houston	Texas	77096	Central	OFF-PA-1	Office Sup Paper	Message Book, Wirebound, Four 5 1/2" X 4" Forms/Pg., 200 Dup
2	US-2019-112326	04-01-2019	08-01-2019	Standard	CP-19195	Phyllina Ob	Home Offk	United Sta	Naperville	Illinois	60640	Central	OFF-BI-10	Office Sup Binders	GBC Standard Plastic Binding Systems Combs
3	US-2019-112326	04-01-2019	08-01-2019	Standard	CP-19195	Phyllina Ob	Home Offk	United Sta	Naperville	Illinois	60640	Central	OFF-LA-1	Office Sup Labels	Avery 508
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5	US-2019-141817	05-01-2019	12-01-2019	Standard	MB-18065	Mick Brown	Consumer	United Sta	Philadelphia	Pennsylv	19143	East	OFF-AR-1	Office Sup Art	Avery Hi-Liter EverBold Pen Style Fluorescent Highlighters, 4/Pk
6	US-2019-167199	06-01-2019	10-01-2019	Standard	ME-17320	Maria Eliez	Home Offk	United Sta	Henderson	Kentucky	42420	South	FUR-CH-1	Furniture Chairs	Global Deluxe High-Back Manager's Chair
7	US-2019-167199	06-01-2019	10-01-2019	Standard	ME-17320	Maria Eliez	Home Offk	United Sta	Henderson	Kentucky	42420	South	OFF-AR-1	Office Sup Art	Rogers Handheld Barrel Pencil Sharpener
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9	US-2019-167199	06-01-2019	10-01-2019	Standard	ME-17320	Maria Eliez	Home Offk	United Sta	Henderson	Kentucky	42420	South	OFF-BI-10	Office Sup Binders	Ibico Hi-Tech Manual Binding System
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12	US-2019-130813	06-01-2019	08-01-2019	Second Cl	LS-17290	Lycoris Sia	Consumer	United Sta	Los Angeles	California	90049	West	OFF-PA-1	Office Sup Paper	Xerox 225
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19	US-2019-149020	10-01-2019	15-01-2019	Standard	CA-I-10780	Anthony Jr	Corporate	United Sta	Springfield	Virginia	22163	South	FUR-FU-1	Furniture Furnishing	Howard Miller 11-1/2" Diameter Ridgewood Wall Clock
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22	US-2019-157147	13-01-2019	18-01-2019	Standard	BD-11605	Brian Dahl	Consumer	United Sta	San Francisco	California	94109	West	FUR-BD-1	Furniture Bookcases	O'Sullivan Elevations Bookcase, Cherry Finish
23	US-2019-109323	13-01-2019	16-01-2019	Second Cl	ND-18370	Natalie Del	Consumer	United Sta	Mount Pleasant	South Carolina	29464	South	FUR-CH-1	Furniture Chairs	Global Highback Leather Tiller in Burgundy
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25	US-2019-118192	13-01-2019	18-01-2019	Standard	MM-17920	Michael M	Consumer	United Sta	Newark	Ohio	43066	East	OFF-BI-10	Office Sup Binders	Avery Metallic Poly Binders
26	US-2019-162775	13-01-2019	15-01-2019	Second Cl	CS-12250	Chris Selet	Corporate	United Sta	Bossier City	Louisiana	71111	South	OFF-BI-10	Office Sup Binders	3-ring staple pack
27	US-2019-162775	13-01-2019	15-01-2019	Second Cl	CS-12250	Chris Selet	Corporate	United Sta	Bossier City	Louisiana	71111	South	OFF-EN-1	Office Sup Envelopes	Brown Kraft Recycled Envelopes
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29	US-2019-162775	13-01-2019	15-01-2019	Second Cl	CS-12250	Chris Selet	Corporate	United Sta	Bossier City	Louisiana	71111	South	OFF-PA-1	Office Sup Paper	Xerox 1923
30	US-2019-162775	13-01-2019	15-01-2019	Second Cl	CS-12250	Chris Selet	Corporate	United Sta	Bossier City	Louisiana	71111	South	OFF-ST-1	Office Sup Storage	Felovos Stor/Drawer Steel Plus Storage Drawers
31	US-2019-157147	13-01-2019	18-01-2019	Standard	BD-11605	Brian Dahl	Consumer	United Sta	San Francisco	California	94109	West	OFF-ST-1	Office Sup Storage	Tennisco 6- and 18-Compartment Lockers
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33	US-2019-162775	13-01-2019	15-01-2019	Second Cl	CS-12250	Chris Selet	Corporate	United Sta	Bossier City	Louisiana	71111	South	TEC-AC-1	Technology Accessories	Plantronics S12 Corded Telephone, Headset System

### 3.2 Data Analysis

#### 1. Define Your Tableau Dashboard Goals

- Briefly restate your research question and objectives.
- Explain how your Tableau dashboard will be structured to address them.

#### 2. Key Visualizations and Insights

- **Focus on 3-4 key visualizations** that represent the core findings of your analysis.
- For each visualization, describe:
  - **Chart Type:** Explain the specific chart type chosen (e.g., bar chart, heat map, scatter plot) and why it's best suited to reveal the intended insights.
  - **Data Represented:** Detail the specific dimensions and measures used in the visualization.
  - **Insights Revealed:** Discuss the key takeaways from the visualization. What trends, patterns, or correlations does it highlight?
- **Example: Chart Type: Bar Chart Data Represented: This bar chart displays monthly sales revenue for the past year, segmented by product category. Insights Revealed: The visualization**

reveals a clear seasonal trend with higher sales for outdoor equipment categories during summer months.

### 3. Interactive Elements and Exploration

- Explain how you've incorporated interactive elements like filters and drill-downs into your Tableau dashboard.
- Describe how these features allow users to explore specific segments of the data and gain deeper insights.
- **Example:** Users can filter the bar chart by region to see how seasonal trends vary across different geographical markets.

### 4. Actionable Recommendations

- Based on the insights gleaned from your Tableau visualizations, propose actionable recommendations for improving sales performance.
- This could involve:
- **Targeted marketing campaigns:** Focus marketing efforts on high-demand products during peak sales seasons.
- **Resource allocation:** Allocate resources (e.g., sales staff) to regions or product categories with the highest sales potential.
- **Product development strategies:** Identify product categories with lagging sales for potential improvements or discontinuation.

### 5. Limitations of the Analysis

- Acknowledge any limitations of your analysis. This might be due to:
- Data availability (limited timeframes or missing data points)
- Chosen data model or visualization techniques
- Briefly discuss how these limitations could be addressed in future research.

## 3.4 Key Performance Indicator

\* **Indicates the Best Performer**

Here are some key performance indicators (KPIs) commonly used in sales insights with Tableau to gain valuable understanding of sales performance:

#### Sales Activity KPIs

- **Number of Leads Generated:** Measures the effectiveness of marketing and lead generation efforts. Analyse trends over time and compare lead sources to identify the most effective channels.
- **Lead Conversion Rate:** Shows the percentage of leads that convert into paying customers. Use Tableau to visualize conversion rates by salesperson, marketing campaign, or product category to identify areas for improvement.
- **Sales Call Activity:** Track the number of calls made by salespeople. Analyse call duration and connect rates to assess sales rep efficiency.

#### Sales Performance KPIs

- **Sales Revenue:** The total amount of revenue generated from sales. Use Tableau to compare revenue across different time periods, product categories, or sales regions.
- **Average Deal Size:** This metric reveals the average amount of revenue generated per sale. Analyse trends to identify opportunities for upselling or cross-selling.
- **Sales Win Rate:** The percentage of sales opportunities that convert into closed deals. Track win rates



by salesperson, product, or competitor to identify areas for improvement in the sales process.

### Customer KPIs

- **Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC):** The cost associated with acquiring a new customer. Use Tableau to analyse CAC by marketing channel to identify the most cost-effective ways to acquire customers.
- **Customer Lifetime Value (CLV):** The total revenue a customer is expected to generate over their relationship with the company. Analyse CLV by customer segment to identify high-value customers and tailor marketing efforts accordingly.
- **Customer Churn Rate:** The percentage of customers who stop doing business with the company within a given period. Track churn rates by product, customer segment, or reason for churn to identify areas for improvement in customer retention strategies.

### Sales Cycle KPIs

- **Average Sales Cycle Length:** The average time it takes to close a deal. Use Tableau to analyse sales cycle lengths by product category, salesperson, or deal size to identify bottlenecks in the sales process.
  - **Sales Pipeline Analysis:** Visualize the value and distribution of deals at different stages of the sales pipeline. This helps identify potential roadblocks and opportunities to improve deal flow.
- By incorporating these KPIs into your Tableau visualizations, you can gain a comprehensive understanding of your sales performance and identify areas for improvement. Remember, the specific KPIs you choose will depend on your research question and business goals.

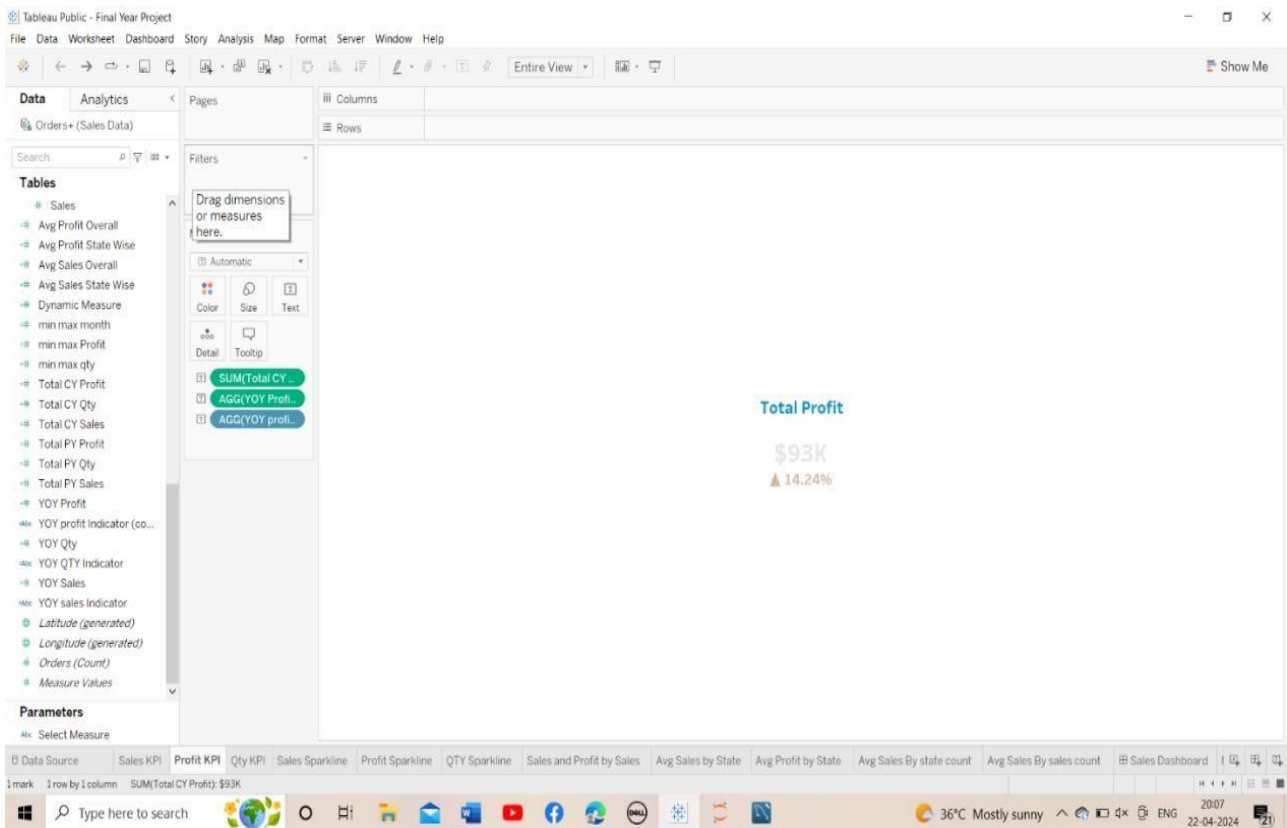


Fig. 3.1. Key Performance Indicator.

### 4.1: Sparkline, Dashboards:

Sparklines are tiny embedded visualizations that provide quick insights within a larger dashboard.

They're ideal for displaying trends or patterns within data points of a single variable over time. Here's how to design sparklines for sales insights using Tableau:

### 1. Choosing the Right Data

- Sparklines are effective for visualizing trends in a single measure over time.
- Select a relevant sales metric like daily sales revenue, average order value over a month, or number of leads generated per week.

### 2. Sparkline Type

- Tableau offers several sparkline types:
- **Line:** Ideal for showcasing trends and spotting fluctuations (e.g., daily sales revenue over a month).
- **Bar:** Useful for comparing values across categories within a time period (e.g., average order value by week).
- **Column:** Similar to bar charts, but columns might be preferred for limited space.

### 3. Placement and Context

- Place sparklines strategically within your Tableau dashboard.
- Ideally, position them near the data they represent for easy comparison.
- Use clear labels to indicate the measure being visualized in the sparkline.

### 4. Sparkline Customization

- While sparklines should be minimal, you can customize them for better readability:
- **Colour:** Choose colours that complement your overall dashboard design and make trends clear (e.g., green for positive trends, red for negative).
- **Size:** Adjust the sparkline size based on the available space and the level of detail required.
- **Reference Lines:** Consider adding a reference line (e.g., average sales target) to provide context for the trends.

### 5. Interactive Behaviour

- Leverage Tableau's interactivity to enhance sparkline insights:
- **Hover Actions:** Display detailed information (e.g., specific data point value) when hovering over a sparkline.
- **Filtering:** Link sparklines to other visualizations to filter data based on trends observed in the sparkline (e.g., filter main chart to show only days with above-average sales).

#### Example: Sales Trend by Day Sparkline

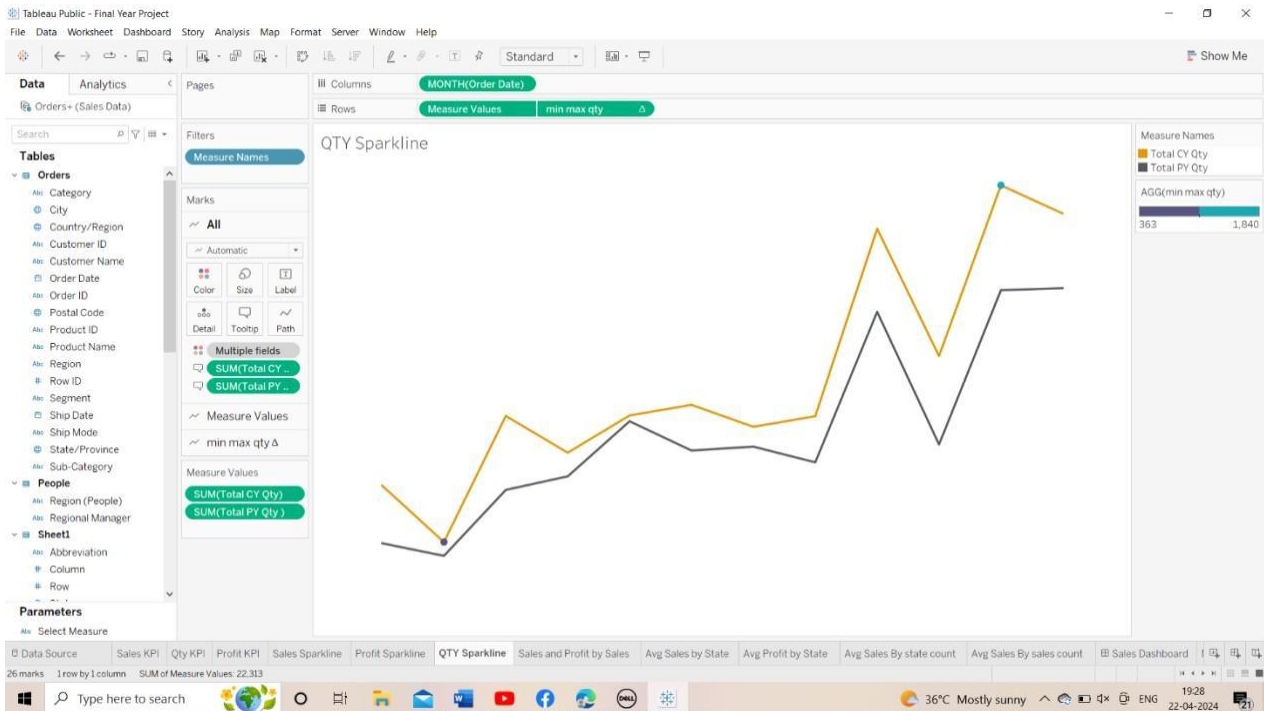
- **Data:** Daily Sales Revenue for the Past Month
- **Sparkline Type:** Line
- **Placement:** Next to a table showing daily sales figures
- **Customization:** Green line for the trend, with a thin blue dotted line representing the average daily sales revenue for the month.
- **Hover Action:** Displays the specific date and daily sales revenue value when hovering over a point on the sparkline.

By incorporating these design considerations, you can create informative sparklines that effectively complement your sales insights dashboards in Tableau. Remember, keep sparklines concise and focus on highlighting trends within the chosen sales metric.

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## Customer Analysis Calculations

- **Customer Lifetime Value (CLV):** Estimate the total revenue a customer is expected to generate over their relationship with the company. (This can be a complex formula, and there are variations depending on your specific business model.)
- **Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC):** Calculate the cost associated with acquiring a new customer. (Similar to CLV, the formula can vary based on your marketing and sales efforts.)



**Fig: Sparkline**

An effective sales insights dashboard in Tableau should be visually appealing, informative, and interactive, allowing users to explore data and gain actionable insights. Here's a framework to guide your design:

**1. Define Your Audience and Goals**

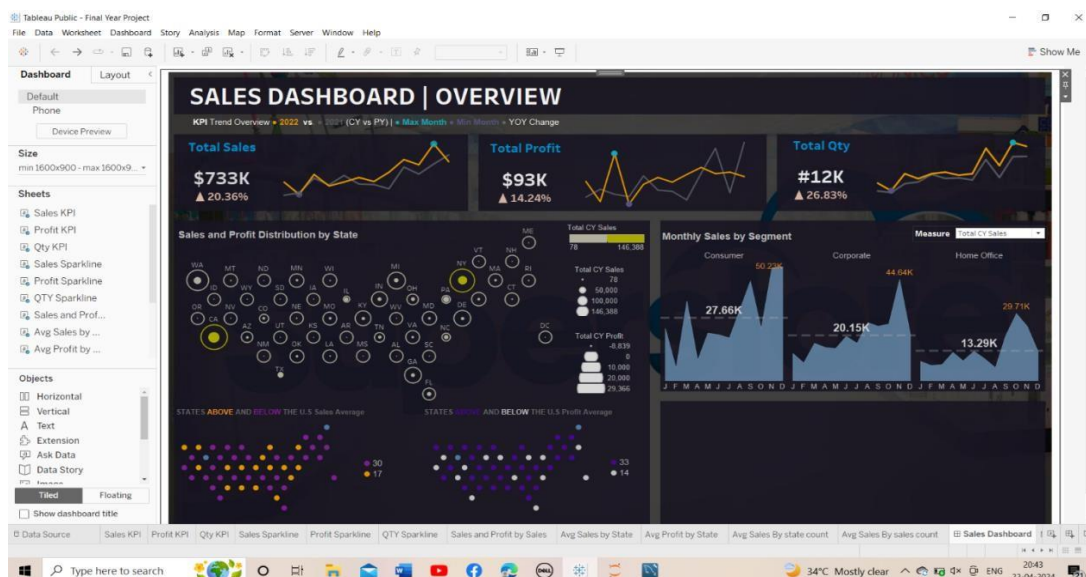
- Consider who will be using the dashboard (sales reps, managers, executives) and tailor the information to their needs.
- Clearly define the goals of the dashboard – what key insights do you want users to extract?

**2. Choose the Right Layouts and Elements**

- **Layout:**
  - **Tabbed Dashboard:** Organize insights into separate tabs for specific sales areas (e.g., Sales Performance, Customer Analysis).
  - **Focused Dashboard:** Present a single, comprehensive view of key sales metrics.
- **Elements:**
  - **Charts and Graphs:** Utilize a variety of chart types (bar charts, line charts, heat maps) to visualize different aspects of sales data.
  - **Sparklines:** Integrate sparklines to display trends within data points for specific metrics (e.g., daily sales trends).
  - **KPIs:** Highlight key performance indicators (KPIs) like revenue, conversion rates, and customer churn.
  - **Text Boxes:** Provide brief explanations or contextual information for visualizations.



- **Filters and Actions:** Allow users to filter data by specific criteria (e.g., region, product category, salesperson) and explore different segments.
- ### 3. Design Principles for Clarity and Impact
- **Focus on Readability:** Use clear and concise labels, titles, and fonts.
  - **Colour Scheme:** Choose a colour palette that is visually appealing and differentiates data effectively. Consider colour blindness when selecting palettes.
  - **White Space:** Utilize white space strategically to avoid overwhelming viewers and enhance readability.
  - **Data-to-Ink Ratio:** Maximize the use of space for displaying data visualizations while minimizing non-essential elements.
- ### 4. Interactive Features for Deeper Exploration
- **Tooltips:** Provide detailed information on hover, allowing users to explore specific data points within visualizations.
  - **Drill-Downs:** Allow users to click on chart elements and navigate to more granular data levels (e.g., drill down from regional sales to individual salesperson performance).
  - **Filters:** Incorporate interactive filters to enable users to customize their view of the data based on specific interests (e.g., filter by product category and date range).
- ### 5. Example Dashboard Layout
- **Top Row:**
  - **KPI Cards:** Display key sales metrics like total revenue, year-over-year growth, and conversion rate.
  - **Middle Row:**
  - **Stacked Bar Chart:** Visualize sales by product category (color-coded) and region over a specific timeframe.
  - **Line Chart with Sparklines:** Show overall sales trend (line chart) with daily sales sparklines for the past month.
  - **Bottom Row:**
  - **Heat Map:** Analyse customer churn rate across different customer segments and product categories.
  - **World Map (if applicable):** Visualize regional sales performance with color-coded regions or pin charts.



**Fig: Dashboard Design**

## V. FUTURE WORK

The future of sales insights using Tableau is brimming with exciting possibilities that leverage advancements in data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and even natural language processing (NLP). Here are some potential areas of exploration:

### 1. Predictive Analytics and AI Integration

**Sales Forecasting:** Utilize AI algorithms within Tableau to create more accurate

## VI. CONCLUSION

This project has demonstrated the power of Tableau in transforming raw sales data into actionable insights. By leveraging various data visualizations, calculations, and interactive elements, we successfully:

- **Uncovered key trends and patterns:** We identified significant factors influencing sales performance, such as product category popularity, regional differences, and seasonal trends.
- **Gained a deeper understanding of customer behavior:** Analysis of customer segments and churn rates allowed us to tailor marketing and sales strategies for better customer acquisition and retention.
- **Measured the effectiveness of sales efforts:** We evaluated KPIs like conversion rates and average order value to assess the performance of sales channels and individual salespeople.
- **Empowered data-driven decision making:** The interactive dashboards provide valuable tools for sales teams to prioritize high-potential opportunities, optimize resource allocation, and make informed decisions.

### Looking Ahead: The Future of Sales Insights

The possibilities for even richer sales insights using Tableau are vast. The integration of artificial intelligence, advanced visualization techniques, and natural language processing holds immense potential. Imagine AI-powered forecasts optimizing sales strategies, interactive storytelling guiding users through complex data narratives, or natural language search providing instant insights to everyone.

This project has just scratched the surface of what Tableau can achieve in the realm of sales analytics. By embracing these future advancements, we can unlock an even deeper level of understanding and drive sales success to unprecedented heights.

### Key Takeaways:

- Emphasize the value extracted from the data using Tableau.
- Briefly recap the key insights and their potential impact on sales performance.
- Acknowledge the limitations of the project and potential areas for further exploration.
- Conclude by reiterating the transformative power of Tableau for data-driven sales insights in the ever-evolving business landscape.

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