Tableau 9 Upgrade

We completed the upgrade to version 9 in our Tableau Server development and test environments. We have reached out to our tableau community members and have asked them to test their developed workbooks. At this time, no workbooks can be published to the Production environment until we complete the upgrade which is slated for August 22. To find out more about Tableau Desktop V9 click on the link below:

What's New in Tableau Desktop

2015 Tableau Conference

There's still plenty of time to register for this year's tableau Conference in Las Vegas, NV October 19 – 23. For more information check out the conference site:

http://tc15.tableau.com/

Interested in Joining the BICoP?

If you're not a member already and you are interested in receiving the BICoP monthly newsletter and communications regarding business Intelligence submit an email to bicp@yale.edu and we will gladly include you!

Quick Links:

Data Visualization Documents:
Best Practices for Telling Great Stories

Visual Analysis Best Practices

Tableau Community:
http://community.tableau.com/welcome

Tableau Newsletters:
http://www.tableau.com/about/newsletters

Upcoming BICoP Events

Data Visualization

Are you interested in learning more about data analysis and visualization? Richard Horne and Deepti Pradhan from the Prospect Research team in the **Yale Office of Development** will discuss their use of Rapid Insight and Tableau to enable prospecting for donors, and for tracking that information. They will discuss the rationale for their approach as well as highlight the challenges along the way, and how they overcame them. Please join this discussion which will be held at 1:30 on Thursday August 13, 25 Science Park, room 125. Click this LINK to register.

Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS)

While many of you are familiar with Workday Reporting, Brio, and Tableau, there are other BI tools in the industry. **SSRS** enables users to quickly and easily generate reports from Microsoft SQL Server databases. It can be useful for more tabular, operational reporting, or highly formatted reports. The Data and Decision Support Services team is analyzing this product and seeing how it has been used at Yale. We are planning to stand up a shared environment that we can all leverage. In addition, we will look at training opportunities through the vendor's offerings. We shall keep you posted on our progress.

Tableau Training Recommendations

Next Month's Course Offering

We will be hosting a lunch and learn on the topic of **Working with Data Connections in Tableau**. We will go over topics such as how to create a new data connection, the two types of data connections, using filtering with data connections, and when to user server data connections. We will send out a communication on this training opportunity after it is scheduled. We hope that you will attend this informational session.

What's Next…Blending Data & Training

We have been listening to you as part of our Tableau client assessments and there is a need to provide a data preparation tool for our power users. We are beginning the process of evaluating tools that could help blend data from multiple data sources. In addition, we are planning a virtual training curriculum to help empower our community of BI developers.

Increase your Tableau skills through the use of their expert trainers. Block some time on your calendar and sign up for free online courses to expand your Tableau knowledge. Don't get frustrated if you can't figure it out, see if there is an online class on the topic that you need. Based on client feedback, we recommend that you try some of the following classes: Getting Started with Data, Editing Data Connections and Data Sources, and Connecting to Google Analytics. Link to Tableau Training Videos

Did you know that Tableau provides Quick Start Guides on the following topics: Data Sources and Connections, Visual Analysis, Calculations, and Dashboards and Stories. Check out the guides by selecting this Link.

Knowledge base articles are always helpful to read as well. Check out a specific topic that interests you as well. Knowledge Base Articles