

Advancing Analytics,  
How we got here and  
where we're going.

Our Journey So  
Far....

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# Increasing Expectations

- Speed – Automation and trust of the data
- Depth & Breadth of Analysis - Connections and ability to deal with larger and more row level data
- Scalability – Live connected models are easier to adjust and add to, such as changing location
- Communication – Visualizations lets the information be more interactive for legislators or the public. Another tool to tell complicated stories

AutoSave Book1 - Excel VanBrown, Nick VN

File Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Add-ins Help Acrobat Power Pivot

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## Connect to data source



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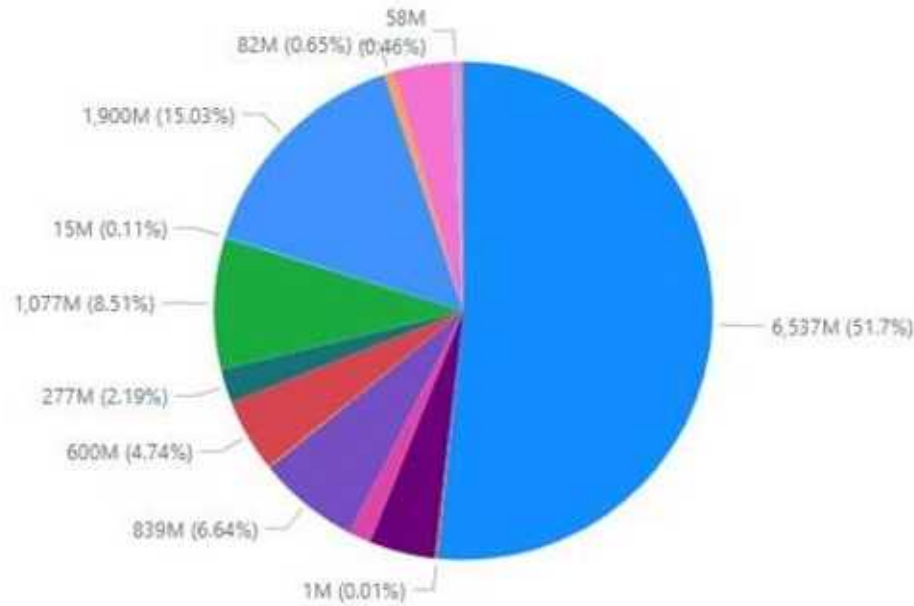
# Database Query



# Microsoft Teams



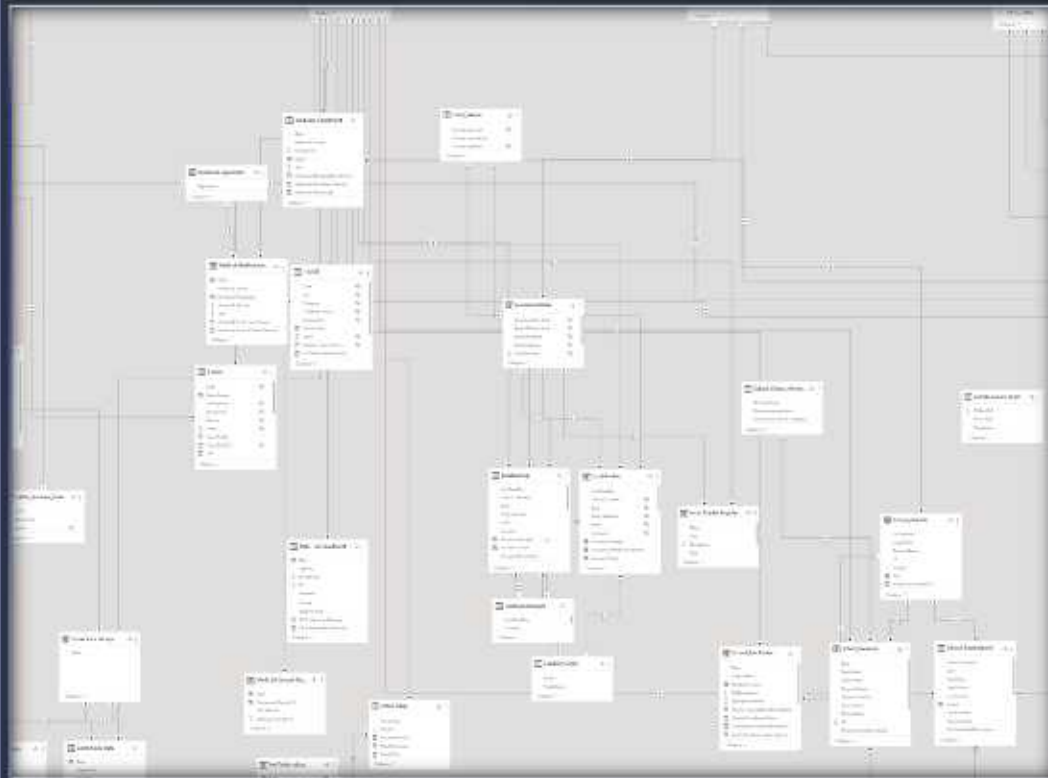
Budget by Source of Authority



FY23 Modified Budget FY23 Expended Budget Percent Expended

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	6,536,771,471	4,855,405,402	74.3%	
Transfer	4,851,535	66,637	1.4%	
Grant	467,463,958	87,036,113	18.6%	
	37,995,660	1,851,018	4.9%	
	179,994,356	119,757,693	66.5%	
	839,166,843	216,481,152	25.8%	
State Bill	10,453,562	194,933	1.9%	
	277,160,805	34,057,605	12.3%	
	1,076,669,895	612,991,507	56.9%	
	14,520,737	5,915,781	40.7%	
	667,470			
	58,086,308	15,501,231	26.7%	
	<b>12,644,728,124</b>	<b>6,416,388,774</b>	<b>50.7%</b>	

# BI Software



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    DISTINCTCOUNT ( 'Calendar'[FiscalYear] ),
    'Calendar'[FiscalYear] >= MinYr,
    'Calendar'[FiscalYear] <= MaxYr,
    ALL ( 'Calendar'[FiscalYear] )
)

VAR Calculation1 =
    CALCULATE (
        X1SqrdsSum - ( X1SumSqrds / FiscalYearsDistinctCount ),
        ALL ( 'Calendar'[FiscalYear] )
    )

VAR X2 =
    CALCULATE (
        SUMX ( 'Calendar', [CPI] ),
        'Calendar'[FiscalYear] >= MinYr,
        'Calendar'[FiscalYear] <= MaxYr
    )

VAR X2SumSqrds =
    CALCULATE (
        SUMX ( 'Calendar', [CPI] ),
        'Calendar'[FiscalYear] >= MinYr,
        'Calendar'[FiscalYear] <= MaxYr,
        ALL ( 'Calendar' )
    ) ^ 2

VAR X2SqrdsSum =
    CALCULATE (
        SUMX ( 'Calendar', [CPI] ^ 2 ),

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# We've Started Seeing Results



Online Tools



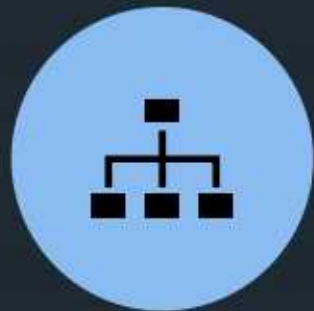
Additional Staff



New Permanent  
Committee



LEGISLATIVE  
CHAMPION



MANAGEMENT



STAFF

“I've come up with a set of rules that describe our reactions to technologies:

Anything that is in the world when you're born is normal and ordinary and is just a natural part of the way the world works.

Anything that's invented between when you're fifteen and thirty-five is new and exciting and revolutionary and you can probably get a career in it.

Anything invented after you're thirty-five is against the natural order of things.”

— Douglas Adams, [The Salmon of Doubt](#)

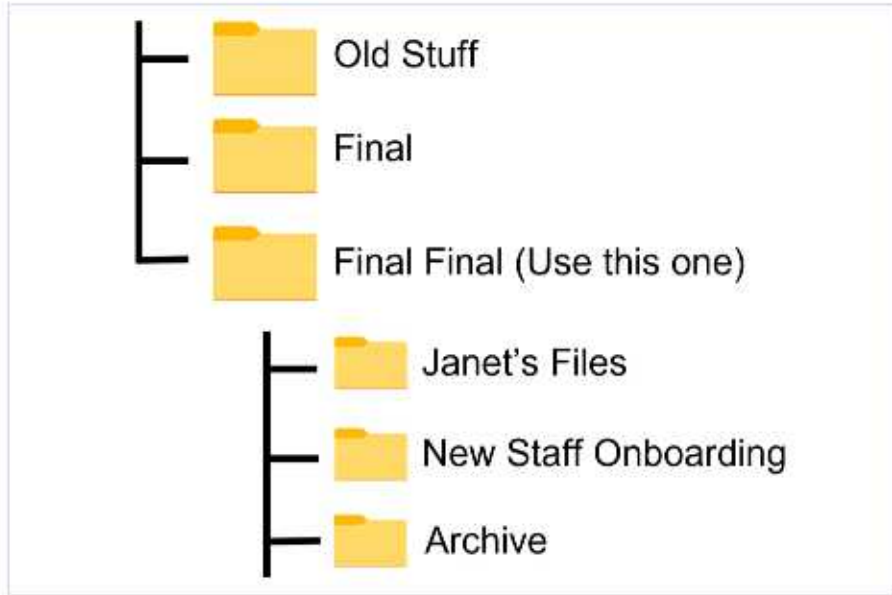
# A Few Lessons

1. Making time to do this work is the trick with all the demands of the normal job.
2. Adding Resources - The deeper we've gone into this the more we realized we have to spread the load a bit.
3. You must start trusting your people, you can't be the expert they are.
4. Involvement in groups outside our typical world.
5. Moved from one-offs to more living products when it makes sense.
6. Relationship with your IT shop must be in good shape, this has been a shared journey for us.

So, What's  
Next?







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Private group

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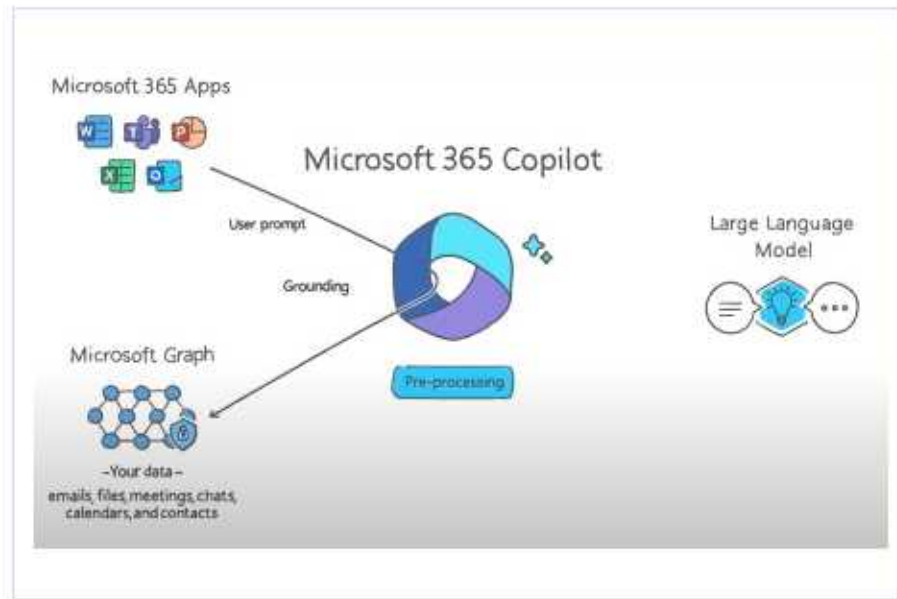
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Temporary A	July 24	Lindsay, Susie
Data	April 25	BenBrown, Nick
Revenue	November 28, 2022	VanBrower, Nick

# Document Library



# Setting up for new tools



## Jobs in U.S. that are likely to have high, medium or low exposure to AI

### High exposure

- Budget analysts
- Data entry keyers
- Tax preparers
- Technical writers
- Web developers



### Medium exposure

- Chief executives
- Veterinarians
- Interior designers
- Fundraisers
- Sales managers



### Low exposure

- Barbers
- Child care workers
- Dishwashers
- Firefighters
- Pipelayers



Note: Occupations are grouped by the relative importance of work activities with low, medium or high exposure to AI.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of O\*NET (Version 27.3).

"Which U.S. Workers Are More Exposed to AI on Their Jobs?"

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Thanks!

