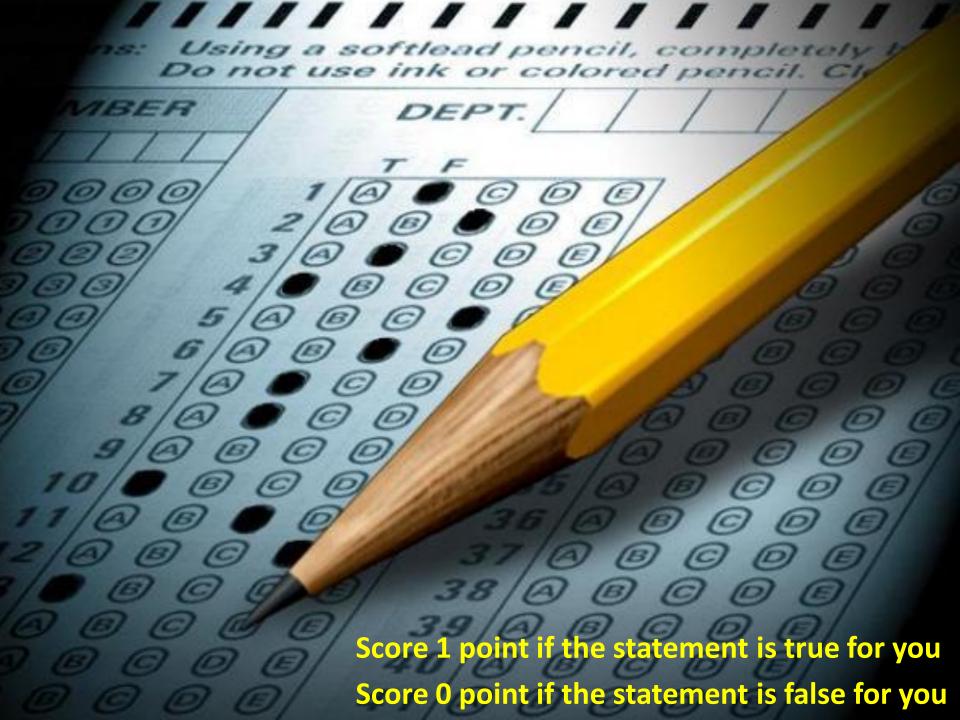
Data Driven: How Creating a Deeply Analytical Approach Drives Success

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All of our producers look at their key game metrics on a daily basis



Running A/B Testing and understanding statistical significance is a core competency of most of our producers and marketers



We match marketing acquisition data with monetization data



We understand Lifetime Value of our customers at a granular level (country, traffic source, demographic, etc.)



We have a dedicated BI department that provides extensive automated analytics across all of our games



Our CEO and other key leaders in the organization believe BI and analytics are an essential capability and a key point of competitive differentiation



Bonus Point

Our producers are trained in the Poisson probability distribution and its practical applications in low volume hour by hour probabilistic determination of the likelihood of systemic game issues that may have been recently introduced.



What's Your Score?

0= "Math is Hard" 7= Data Driven



Analysis of prior metrics presentations



Today...

Disclaimers
Key Background & Issues
8 Practical Strategies
Q&A





Garbage In, Garbage Out



A

B







KEY BACKGROUND & ISSUES



Our business is not Enron

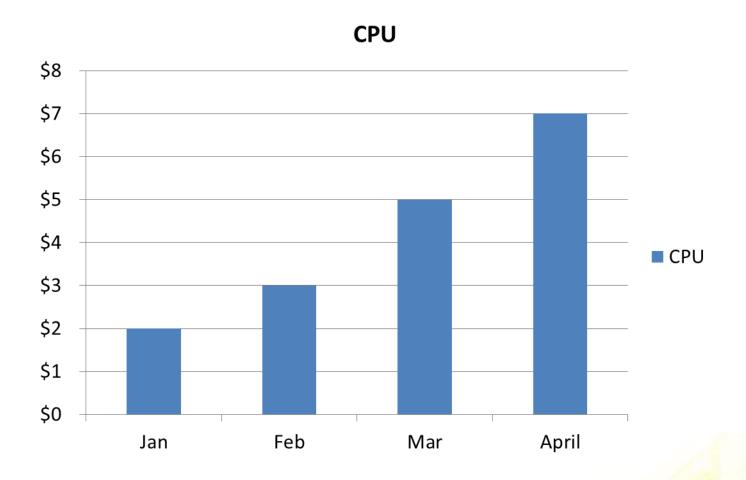
Fraudulent Revenue – Fraudulent Costs



Our business is relatively simple

(ARPU – CPU) x Users = Profit

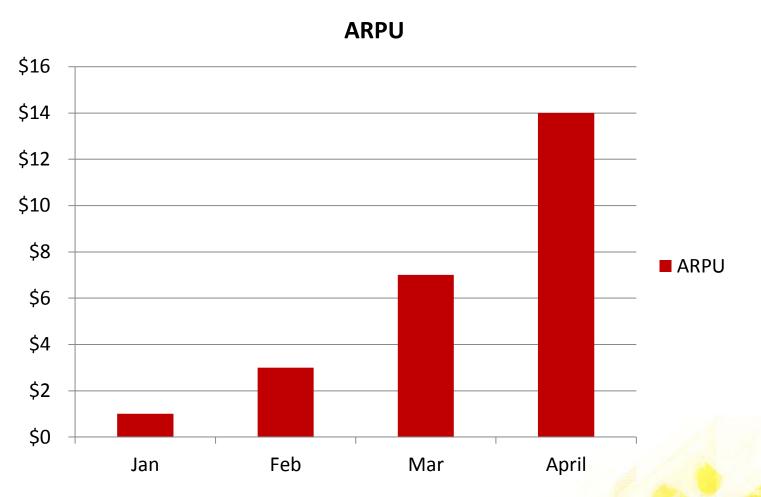
Quiz Question



Good or Bad?



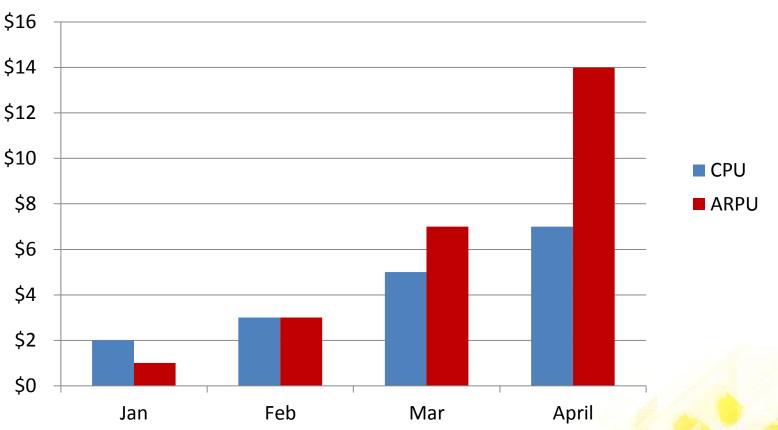
1st Month Cohort Data





ARPU vs CPU

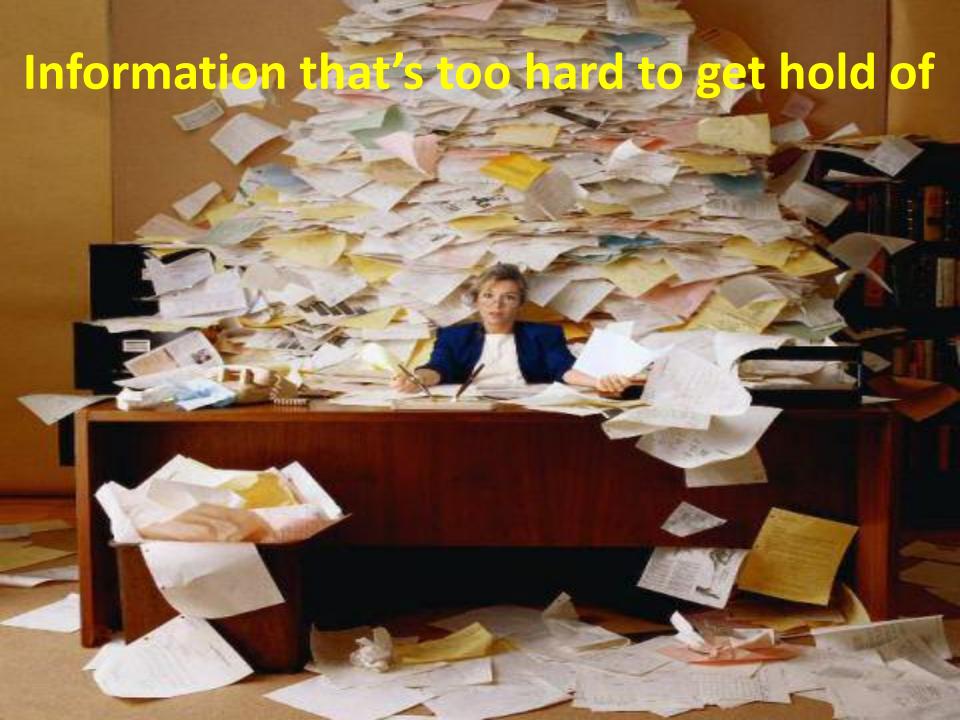
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Make sure you see the full picture







...unless it has the power to change a decision

Organization Readiness & Acceptance

8 PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR A DATA DRIVEN ORGANIZATION



Make Analysis Everyone's Job



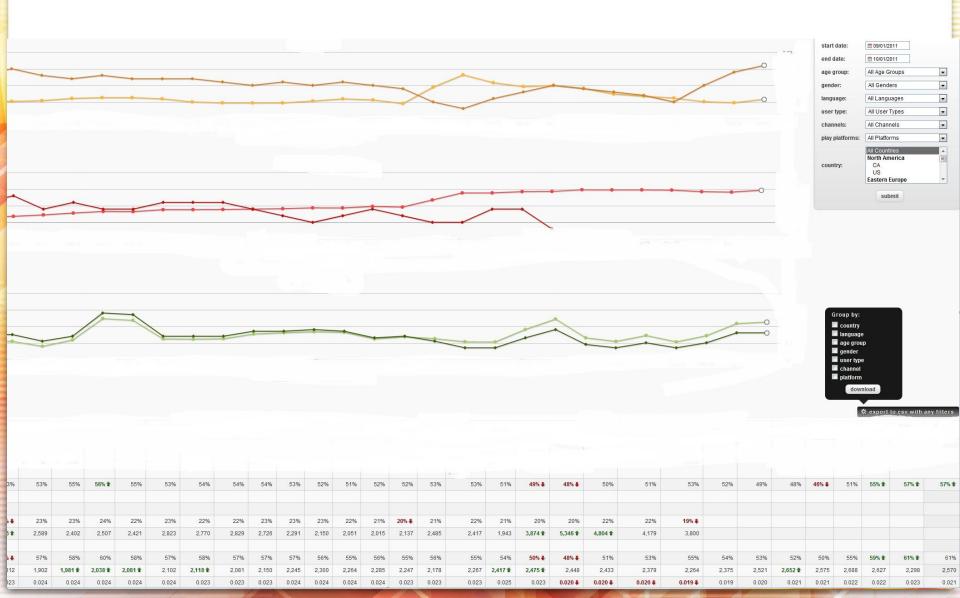
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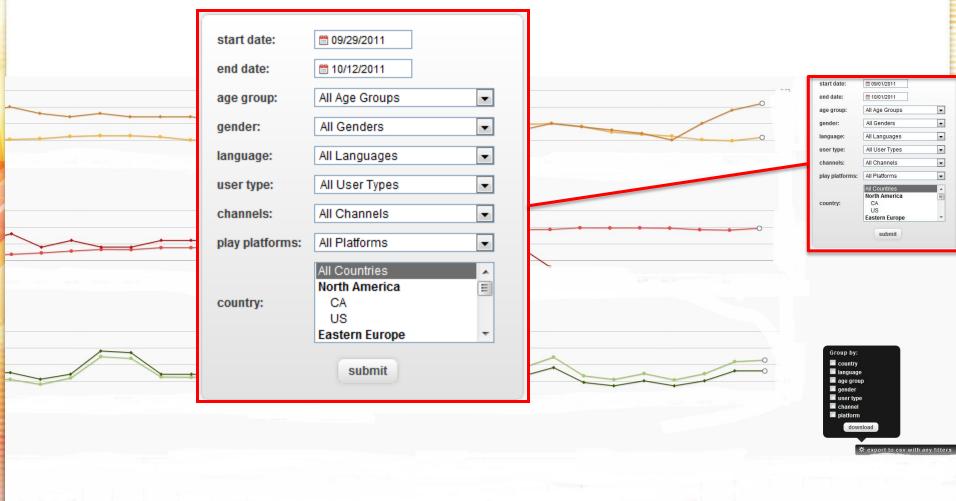
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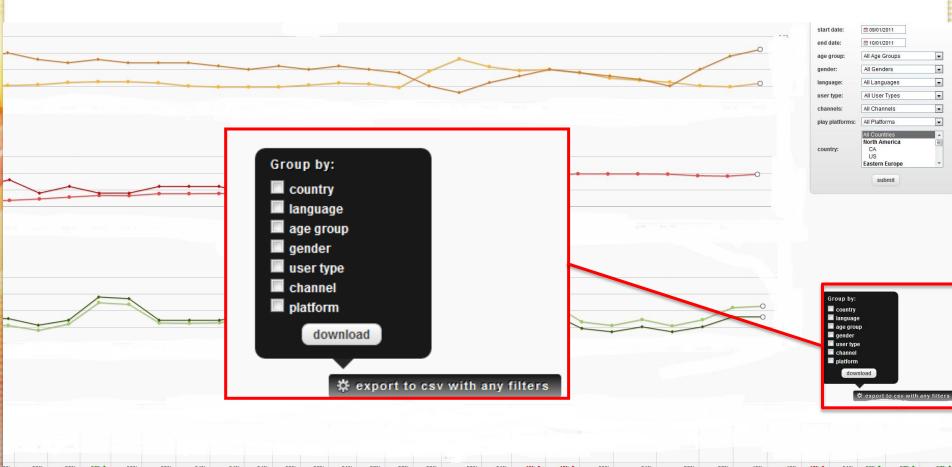
3. Invest in Tools



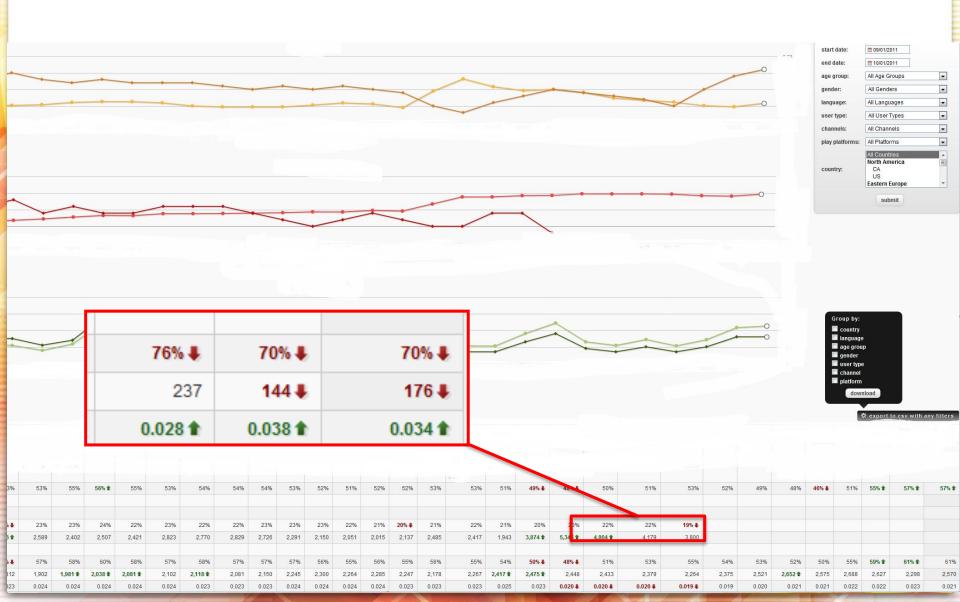




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8. Make sure it comes from the top



It's not just the data, stupid!



Q&A

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