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This page offers Uncodemy's Tableau for data analytics guide as a PDF download. Tableau is a visual analytics tool known for fast exploration. The guide covers its core ideas: connecting to data, dimensions and measures, building charts, calculated fields, filters and parameters, and assembling dashboards with clear design.

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What Tableau is good at

Tableau is a visual analytics platform built around the idea that you explore data by dragging fields onto a canvas and watching charts form immediately. That makes it excellent for asking one question after another and noticing patterns early. Analysts use it to prototype ideas quickly, to build interactive dashboards and to share findings with stakeholders. Compared with a spreadsheet it handles larger data and offers much stronger visuals. Compared with writing code it is faster for exploration, although less suited to complex data preparation, which is best done earlier in SQL or Python.

Key Tableau concepts

Concept	Meaning
Data source	The connection to a file, database or service that supplies data
Dimension	A field that categorises data, such as region or product; usually shown in blue
Measure	A numeric field that is aggregated, such as sales; usually shown in green
Worksheet	A single chart or table
Dashboard	A layout that combines several worksheets with interactivity
Story	A sequence of views used to present a narrative
Calculated field	A new field defined by a formula
Parameter	A user-controlled value that can drive calculations or filters

A workflow for building a Tableau dashboard

1. Connect to the data and check field types and names.
2. Create worksheets that each answer one question.
3. Add filters and parameters that users will actually use.
4. Assemble worksheets on a dashboard and set a clear layout.
5. Add actions so that clicking one chart filters others.
6. Test on the intended screen size, review with a user and publish.

Dimensions, measures and aggregation

A common first confusion in Tableau is how a chart is built from the two field types. Dragging a dimension to rows creates one row per category. Dragging a measure to columns draws a bar for each category, using an aggregation such as sum or average. Changing the aggregation changes the meaning of the chart, so check it deliberately. Dragging a date to columns allows you to move between year, quarter, month and day, which is an easy way to see trends at different scales. Understanding that Tableau always aggregates measures to the level defined by the dimensions on the canvas is the key to predicting what a chart will show.

Examples of calculated fields

Tableau calculations use its own formula language. Field names are examples.

```
// Profit margin
SUM([Profit]) / SUM([Sales])

// Flag high-value orders
IF [Sales] >= 10000 THEN "High" ELSE "Standard" END

// Orders per customer
COUNTD([Order ID]) / COUNTD([Customer ID])
```

Dashboard design habits

- Define the audience and decision first, then choose charts.
- Place key numbers at the top left and keep the layout aligned on a grid.
- Use consistent colour for the same meaning across worksheets.
- Show filters in one place and label them clearly.
- Add tooltips that explain a point without cluttering the chart.
- Design for the screen size where the dashboard will be used.

Tableau and Power BI: how they feel different

Aspect	Tableau	Power BI
Strength	Visual exploration and flexible charts	Data modelling, DAX and Microsoft integration
Learning focus	Dimensions, measures and visual design	Power Query, model, DAX
Free practice option	Tableau Public for public data	Power BI Desktop on Windows
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Common Tableau mistakes

- **Unclear aggregation**, so totals do not match expectations.
- **Too many filters** and dashboard objects.
- **Default charts left unformatted**, with unhelpful titles and legends.
- **Heavy live connections** that make dashboards slow when an extract would do.
- **No documentation** of calculated fields.

Practising with public data

Tableau Public is a free edition for working with public data, which makes it good for building a portfolio piece. Choose an interesting dataset, ask three questions, build one worksheet for each and combine them into a dashboard with a short explanation of what to notice. Remember that anything published to Tableau Public is visible to everyone, so use only data you are allowed to share.

Moving beyond the basics

Once the basics are comfortable, learn level of detail expressions for calculations at a different grain than the chart, table calculations for running totals and ranks, and data blending or relationships for combining sources. Each of these opens analyses that are awkward in other tools, but they should serve a question, not be used to show off.

Extracts, live connections and performance

Tableau can query a data source live or take an extract, a compressed snapshot stored in its own format. Live connections show the latest data but depend on the speed of the database. Extracts are usually faster and reduce load on the source, but they need to be refreshed. For most dashboards on moderate data an extract with a scheduled refresh is a good default. Keep the extract lean by hiding unused fields and filtering unneeded rows, and avoid very large tables in a single dashboard view.

Dashboard review questions

Check	Question
Purpose	Is the audience and decision obvious?
Layout	Is the main KPI at the top left and the layout aligned?
Interactivity	Do filters and actions help, or do they confuse?
Formatting	Are titles, labels, number formats and tooltips clear?
Accuracy	Do totals match a trusted source?

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tableau used for?

Tableau is used for visual exploration of data and for building interactive dashboards that communicate findings to business users.

What is the difference between a dimension and a measure in Tableau?

A dimension categorises data, such as region, while a measure is a numeric value that is aggregated, such as sales.

Is Tableau free to learn?

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