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Introduction & Project Plan

The reliance of businesses on data analytics to make key decisions has been a noticeable itend in the past few years. A study has shown that the market size of business intelligence and data analytics software applications is projected to grow from \$15.3 billion in 2021 to over \$18 tillion by 2026 (Valishery, 2022). Owing to this, the assessment and decision-making of opening new branches, prioritizing certain money saving services, and their impact on the performance of the bank must be conducted using data inferences. Therefore, this report will aim to employ data analytics and charting techniques to dissect the feasibility of opening a few branch in one of Manchester, London, and Liverpool. Moreover, it will analyze the performance of various money saving services offered in these branches along with their impact on the deposit value of the branches to decide on the prioritization of a high-performing money saving service which will benefit the bank monetarily.

Project Delivery Plan

The project delivery plan will be based on the SEMMA framework. This framework stands for sample, explore, modify, model, and assess (Wiemer et al., 2019). In the context of what is required for this project, this framework will be highly useful because of how it enables the employer to understand various analytical stages. The project will be specifically delivered based on this framework because it would ensure effective data analysis and assessment which would then lead toward action based on the interences made through the data.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the Role of an Analytical Framework

The first KPN for this project will be customer volume. This is primarily because customer volume remains vital for adjudging the feasibility of a city among Manchester, London, and Liverpool for

opening new branches. The second KPI would be the performance of different money saving services across these branches which will help in understanding the most feasible money saving service for the bank. Lastly, the impact of these services on the deposit value of the branch will help in assessing the overall implications of them. The implementation of the SEMMA framework would help in isolating all these KPIs and assessing them individually contributing to a space where better strategy can be crafted to enhance them.

The Role of Data Analytics in Improving Business Performance for Darcy & Bennet (D&B)

A study by Aydiner et al. (2019) showed that the adoption of business analytics had a positive impact on business process performance ultimately resulting in better firm performance. Similarly, Darcy & Bennet can benefit from this since data analytics would help the company understand possible avenues for expansion. This will be both in terms of initiating new branches and prioritizing certain money saving services. Therefore, data analytics can improve business performance by inculcating a better decision making process which would ultimately result in monetary success and the maintenance of a sound brand image.

Data Quality Issues and Remedies

Generic Data Quality Problems, Their Identification, and Remedies

1. Missing Data

Missing data is the data that could not be found in a study or was assumed to be collected by the end of the study but did not happen (Pham et al., 2024). This can be a major issue since it can lead to biased datasets leading to false inferences. It can be identified by performing checks for default values or NaN. Nevertheless, profiling tools are used nowadays for this purpose. Data analysts or scientists an use imputation methods to predict missing data in the case of low percentage of missing data or remove the entire section to reduce bias (How to deal with missing data).

2. Hidden Data

Hidden data is the data that is not visible in the standard settings and can often be misleading by painting a different picture (Dubois, 2009). It can be identified by activating special settings. In many cases, it may not be visible but there will be traces in the form of slack space or the labeling of data as 'bad'. Using different extensions and software to decode hidden data can help in eliminating the false inferences that may arise as a result.

3. Duplicate Data

Duplicate data is the data that is repeated which leads to a detrimental effect on classification accuracy (Kolcz et al., 2003). The easiest way to identify the presence of duplicate data is by employing data de-duplication tools which automate the process since it can take a long time if done manually. Various to-duplication methods can be used to remove this data. These include Ovid multifile search, Refworks, Mendeley, and Endnote, all of which operate in different ways (Kwon et al., 2015).

4. Inconsistent and Unstructured Data

Inconsistent data refers to the contradictory nature of a dataset where the data provided throughout the dataset contradicts itself. In different systems, this can be identified differently by employing certain functions. For example, in R programming language, it can be done by using the recoding function (Handling inconsistent data, 2023). This problem can be solved through standardizing the dataset and using normalization techniques.

Unstructured data refers to the data that is not compiled according to a predefined format. This form of data leads to difficulties in data analysis (Castellanos et al., 2017). The use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning tools help in the identification of unstructured data (Castellanos et al., 2017). Techniques such as tokenization, stepping, n-gramming, and step word removal can be employeed to overcome the issue for different formats (Kota & Deshpande, 2019).

5. Outliers

They are the data that differs significantly from the other values present in a dataset (What are outliers in the data?, 2019). Outliers in the data can be identified using techniques such as scatter and box plots (What are outliers in the data?, 2019). It can also be identified when analyzing the data through personal observations and can be picked up by data analysts. Outliers can be removed or also separately analyzed in specific cases to account for them in final inferences.

6. Erroneous Data

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Erroneous data is the data that must be rejected by the system and is deemed invalid (Testing-Advanced programming techniques). The identification of this data can be conducted through the performance of various tests to ensure that such data doesn't exist in the dataset (Testing-Advanced Programming techniques). If such data is identified, it can be removed or corrected using appropriate input software.

Obsolete Data

When a new stream of data in a particular field is established, the previous data becomes observet which is propelled by IoT systems (Alieksieiev et al., 2018). Identifying obsolete data is easy with the information available on the web and constant reviews can help establish this. Obsolete data can be removed and new data can be introduced into datasets to ensure relevant data analysis.

Problems in the Dataset of D&B, Their Identification, and Resolution

1. Negative Values in the Dataset

<u>Problem</u>: A glaring problem that was identified in the dataset of D&B bank were the negative values. The presence of negative values can be for many reasons but it has been found to have consequences for statistical analysis (Sadler, 2021).

<u>Identification</u>: This problem was identified during the data validation phase where it was found that these negative values existed in the "Customer Volume" and "Deposit Value" sections. An example of this is the presence of the "-" sign in the "Customer Volume" section and "£0" in the "Deposit Value" section in row 9 and 308 of the dataset among other examples.

<u>Resolution</u>: The rows bearing this problem were nullified by perceiving "-" as 0 and eliminating their role from the overall statistical analysis so that they don't have negative consequences on the overall process.

2. Incorrect City and Year Entries

<u>Problem</u>: There were numerous instances where incorrect entries correlating to the year and the city name were found.

<u>Identification</u>: This problem was detected while reviewing the data where one problem was picked up and by reviewing the whole data, it was established that there many such problems that existed within the dataset. Examples of incorrect city names can be found by the repetitive listing of London as "Lon". The rows 81,134, and 135 are a few examples of this trend. When it comes to the year entries, an example is the listing of 2022 as 2042 in five consecutive rows from 213 to 217.

<u>Resolution</u>: The problem was resolved by using the Find and Replace function in Excel and correcting the "Lon" entries to London while correcting the listing of 2042 to 2022.

3. Use of abbreviations for savings services categories

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<u>Problem</u>: The problem of inconsistencies in naming was found in the dataset when review the savings services categories.

<u>Identification</u>: The problem was identified while reviewing the data to form an analysis where inconsistencies in naming were detected. For example, the category "Cash Management Accounts" was listed as Cash MA, the category "Money Market Accounts" was listed as Money MA. The abbreviation ISA was also used for "ISA Accounts". The use of these abbreviations was observed in rows 102, 174, and 184 among many other.

Resolution: Using the Find and Replace option, all of these abbreviations were replaced with their trail category names.

Data Analysis

Table A: Annual Customer Volume and Deposit Value Trends by City from 2020-2022

Customer volume and deposit value are two key metrics to measure the success of a business. Therefore, the following table will reflect on these metrics by providing monthly and yearly data across a 3-year period ranging from 2020 to 2022.

		Custom	er Volume		Deposit	Value (£)	
Voor	Month	Londo	Liverpo	Manchest	Londo	Liverpo	Manchest
Year	WIOIITII	n	ol	er	n	ol	er
	1	322	390	593	£1,075	£1,280	£1,743
	2	330	423	614	£586	£1,380	£1,629
	3	371	475	2577	£1,005	£1,723	£2,398
	4	394	553	738	£1,585	£1,934	£2,869
	5	377	441	664	£1,157	£1,776	£2,005
2020	6	358	494	721	£1,200	£1,810	£2,163
2020	7	(393)	592	803	£1,421	£1,547	£2,485
	8	451	557	838	£1,555	£1,760	£2,662
1	8	366	438	679	£853	£1,119	£2,202
\sim	10)	377	539	603	£1,112	£1,679	£1,986
•	N	309	528	615	£966	£1,770	£2,218
	12	348	554	809	£1,455	£1,368	£2,076
		4396	5982	8454	£13,96 7	£19,146	£26,436
2021	1	313	397	555	£1,020	£1,255	£1,877

Across	3 Years	13634	19504	27654	£42,70 5	£61,728	£89,144
4		5039	6856	10284	£14,81 4	£21,501	£33,378
	12	343	584	891	£1,193	£1,542	£3,245
,	11	467	570	980	£1,193	£1,953	£3,232
	10 0	33	540	914	£1,070	£1,603	£3,099
	9	249	5 82	892	£1,188	£1,770	£2,611
	8	316	727	1207	£1,559	£2,439	£3,776
2022	7	432	617	1078	£1,439	£2,173	£3,481
	6	447	546	806	£1,270	£1,960	£2,630
	5	388	646	718	£1,166	£1,570	£2,475
	4	517	677	825	£1,417	£2,091	£2,835
	3	446	497	P 17	£1,184	£1,720	£2,194
	2	355	431	607	£1,040	£1,470	£1,991
	1	396	440	598	5 £1,098	£1,210	£1,810
		4199	6666	8916	£13,92	£21,081	£29,330
	12	312	646	745	£1,131	£2,042	£2,765
	11	394	594	788	£1,006	£1,776	£2,486
	10	361	551	737	£1,157	£1,702	£2,454
	9	269	523	690	£1,274	£1,680	£2,341
	8	403	708	899	£1,186	£1,804	£2,82)
	7	402	607	774	£1,596	£2,246	£2,382
	6	314	539	766	£1,037	£2,039	£2,667
	5	392	484	807	£1,032	£1,573	£2,526
	4	457	682	822	£1,206	£2,314	£2,601 (
	3	318	451	696	£1,263	£1,174	£2,538

Annual Growth

Manchester showcased annual growth both in terms of customer volume and depositively which indicates that branches in the city have attracted customers. Liverpool remains second in terms of this while London ranks last as it also showed decreasing trends in customer volume and deposit value from 2020 to 2021.

• Customer attraction and retention

The deposit value of Manchester increased from £26,486 in 2020 to £33, 378 in 2022. This is an indication of how the branch has managed to attract customers and also deploy effective strategies to retain them. On the contrary, London has digressed in this regard since its deposit value decreased from 2020 to 2021 and only noticed a slight increase in 2022. Liverpool plays a mediating role in this regard as it has not progressed immensely as compared to Manchester but shown some growth.

Table B: Comparison of Saving Services Performance using Quarterly Results of Three Years

This table will provide quarterly data from 2020-2022 of the performance of money saving services offered by the bank based on customer volume and deposit value.

Customer Volume

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Cash	Cortificato	High-yield	ISA	Money	Tradition
managemen	s of deposit	savings	account	market	al savings
t accounts		accounts	S	accounts	accounts

	Q1	286	450	596	905	785	1274	\$
202	Q2	338	416	650	923	854	1559	
202	Q3	343	438	827	1058	876	1576	N N
U	Q4	276	433	665	1098	865	1346	
		1242	1737	2738	3983	3380	(57/54)	
	Q1	320	307	684	718	877	1213	
202	Q2	385	492	746	953	1072	1616	
1	Q3	386	404	884	1004	1057	1541	
1	Q4	380	465	737	1010	936	1601	
		1470	1667	3050	3685	3941	5970	
	Q1	276	353	702	931	824	1402	
202	Q2	269	540	796	1213	1233	1569	
202	Q3	384	629	755	1349	1292	1991	
	Q4	443	571	823	1/11	1072	1651	
		1372	2093	3077	4604	4420	6613	
Acro Year	ss 3 s	4084	5496	8865	12271	11740	18336	
L		Deposit V	alue (£)		I	1		

		Cash	Cortificato	High-yield	ISA	Money	Tradition
		managemen	c of doposit	savings	account	market	al savings
		t accounts	3-or nehazir	accounts	S	accounts	accounts
	Q1	£1,392	£1,890	£911	£1,607	£1,915	£5,104
20	, Q2	£1,757	£2,280	£1,559	£1,947	£2,722	£6,233
	Q3	£1,574	£2,124	£1,361	£1,816	£2,399	£6,331
Ŭ	Q4	£).742	£2,095	£1,375	£1,847	£2,372	£5,200
		£6,462	£8,389	£5,206	£7,217	£9,407	£22,868
	Q1	£1,628	£2,110	£1,292	£1,499	£1,935	£5,033
20	2/ 02	£1,539	£2,229	£1,367	£2,669	£2,681	£6,508
	Q3	£2,099	£2,558	£1,597	£1,942	£2,787	£6,345
	Q4	£1,963	£1,874	£1,741	£2,118	£2,531	£6,292
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		£7,229	£8,770	£5,997	£8,228	£9,934	£24,178
	Q1	£1,664	£2,079	£1,235	£1,728	£1,836	£5,175
202	Q2	£2,025	£2,457	£1,797	£2,257	£2,941	£5,935
202	Q3	£2,067	£2,734	£1,946	£2,507	£3,449	£7,733
	Q4	£1,868	£2,714	£1,812	£2,546	£2,562	(£6,62)
		£7,624	£9,984	£6,790	£9,038	£10,787	£25,470
Acro Year	oss 3 s	£21,315	£27,142	£17,993	£24,483	£30,128	£72,516

Table B: Benchmark comparisons of saving services categories performance covering customer volume and deposit value by quarter, by year and across the 3 years period

• Performance of money saving services

The most high-performing service is the traditional savings account as it has shown progress throughout 2020 to 2022 both in terms of customer volume and deposit value. While traditional savings account is far ahead than the rest in terms of customer preference, some other well-performing services include ISA accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit as they have shown significant deposit value and customer volume. The sustainable trends across these services highlight their reliability and growing customer preferences for them.

• Quarterly analysis to analyze seasonal trends

The general trends have shown that the customer volume and deposit value tend to increase from Q1 in Q2 and Q3 and then undergo a decrease in Q4. The increase in revenue in Q2 indicates the strength of the foundation laid by the bank in Q1. The end of Q2 sees an evaluation of goal progression which if done effectively leads to good Q3 performances. Moreover, the performance

in this quarter also increases due to tax implications. The reason for the slump in Q4 is most likely the holiday season and other annual closures.

 Table C: Quarterly Comparison of Customer Volume and Deposit Value by Bank Branches in

 Three Cities

The table will present quarterly data of customer volume and deposit value correlating to branches in three cities.

		Custom	er Volume	2	Deposit Value (£)			
	City	Londo	Liverpo	Manchest	Londo	Liverpo	Manchest	
	City	n	ol	er	n	ol	er	
	Q1	1023	1288	d984	£2,665	£4,384	£5,770	
	Q2	1129	1487	2123	£3,942	£5,520	£7,037	
2020	Q3	1210	1587	2320	£3,828	£4,425	£7,349	
2020	Q4	1034	1621	2027	£3,533	£4,818	£6,280	
		1306	5082	8454	£13,96	£10 116	£76 136	
		4370	3782	0434	7	\$17,140	\$20,430	
	Q1	895	1334	1888	£3,302	£3,908	£6,287	
	Q2	1163	1705	2395	£3,274	£5,925	£7,794	
2021	Q3 (51974	1838	2363	£4,055	£5,729	£7,544	
2021	Q4	1067	1790	2270	£3,294	£5,520	£7,705	
	26	4199	6666	8916	£13,92	£21,081	£29,330	
<u> </u>	QI	1197	1368	1922	£3,322	£4,400	£5,995	
10000	Q2	1352	1869	2399	£3,852	£5,621	£7,940	
ZULA	Q3	1297	1926	3177	£4,185	£6,382	£9,868	
$\sum 2$	Q4	1193	1694	2785	£3,455	£5,098	£9,576	

		5039	6856	10284	£14,81 4	£21,501	£33,378
Across 3	Years	13634	19504	27654	£42,70 5	£61,728	£89,144

 Table C: Benchmark comparisons of customer volume and deposit value between bar

 branches by quarter, by year and across the 3 years period

• Performance Insights

Manchester shows great results and growth corresponding to customer volume and deposit value which is also seen in Table A. Liverpool does not show huge numbers when it comes to customer volume compared to Manchester, however, it is still able to show promising deposit value numbers pointing to a valuable customer base. London shows no growth trends which is also visible in Table A which is indicative of the lackluster performance in the city.

• Quarterly trends

Increase in performance across all cities can be observed in Q2 and Q3 while a decline is observed in Q4 which is down to the reasons discussed in inferences made for Table B while discussing quarterly trends.

Data Charting

Chart(A: comparison of deposit value trends across bank branches over time

The following table will cover the deposit value of bank branches in Manchester, Liverpool, and London.



Chart A: Comparison of deposit value trends across bank branches over time

The chart shows that the deposit value of Manchester has grown between the period of 2020 to 2022 and also showed increasing trends within. Compared to this, Liverpool and London fall way behind. Although the deposit value of Liverpool branches has not taken off, it still remains a better-performing city than London.

Chart B: Saving service category performance comparisons between bank branches

Chart B will showcase the performance of different service categories across branches in the three cities under discussion.



Chart B: Saving service category performance comparisons between bank branches

Crafted on the dataset of Table B, this chart highlights and further emphasizes the strong performance of traditional saving accounts from 2020 to 2022 which makes it the best performance money saving service for the bank. The ISA accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit category showed strong customer uptake demonstrating customer trust in these services.

Chart C: Impact of the Expansion and Renovation Done in the Manchester Branch of the Bank and Comparison with Other Two Bank Branches This chart will demonstrate the impact that renovation has had on the Manchester branch of the bank while comparing it with the other two branches.



Chart C: Impact of the Expansion and Renovation Done in the Manchester Branch of the Bank and Comparison with Other Two Bank Branches

The chart shows that Manchester observed a steep increase in its customer volume and deposit value following the renovation. Liverpool and London also showed some increase during 2022 but it isn't hugely noticeable. Owing to this, the better performance of Manchester branches can be attributed to the renovation of these branches.

Conclusions & Recommendations

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To conclude, the most feasible city to open new bank branches is Manchester owing to the high customer volume and deposit value observed in branches across the city. The best money saving service inferred through tables and charts is traditional savings account due to its high deposit value. The renovation of branches in Manchester had a positive impact on their performance which can be incurred through the relevant tables and charts. It is recommended for D&B to enhance their data analytical frameworks to ensure better decision-making. It is also recommended to decrease their reliance on physical branches since it is vital to emerge according to modern trends. The bank must also focus on the renovation of its branches since it is proven to have a positive impact on performance.

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