Credible BI Report Planning

Before beginning to build a report, allocate time for planning. Answering these questions before starting will save time and effort, and provide a more efficient solution to the need.

Report Planning Questions

- What data do I want?
- Where does it live?
- What do I want to show?
- Do I want to do math?
- Do I want a subset?
- Do I want to group?
- What do I want it to look like?
- Do I want to map variables?

Charting Questions

- What kind of data is on my chart?
- What am I trying to say with my chart?
- How do I want my chart to look?
- Can I map variables?
- Who will want to use the information?

Where Do I Go from Here?

- Do I need more specific information?
  - Drill up or down
- Do I need additional related information?
  - Drill through
- Do I need additional hierarchical information?
  - Drill Anywhere