

Futrix User Training Course

Audience

This course is designed for end users who want to use Futrix for Business Intelligence.

Course Description

This one-day course focuses on using Futrix via web browser software to drill into data, derive and manipulate information, do comparisons, query and interrogate data sources.

Prerequisites

There is no prerequisite knowledge required for this course. It would be useful to be familiar with using Internet Explorer for internet browsing and using a mouse (clicking, double-clicking). You are not expected to have prior Futrix experience or SAS software knowledge.

Objectives

When you have completed this course you should be able to:

Fundamentals

- understand what Futrix does and does not do
- understand the basic terminology

Getting Started

- enter and exit Futrix
- understand the components of the main analysis window
- navigate the on-line help system
- swap between tables, charts and combinations

Producing Tables and Charts

- understand the difference between detail level filters and aggregate level filters
- alter the filtering criteria that describes the subset of data the viewpoint represents
- directly define the structure of a table
- directly define the structure of a chart

Interaction in Tables and Charts

- distinguish between the different areas within tables and charts
- interact directly with the tables and charts
- fine-tune the viewpoints and interactively change:
 - the filtering of dimension values
 - the dimensions used for classification
 - the measures used
 - display summary row/ columns

Data Navigation

- understand and use drilling
- interactively exclude dimension values
- quickly remove filtering for a specific dimension
- change dimension values to navigate through the data at the same level of detail
- jump or drill from one data source to another

Saving, Printing and Exporting

- understand saved viewpoints
- save personal, group and global viewpoints
- open an existing viewpoint
- create and manage personal folders to organize viewpoints
- rename and delete saved viewpoints
- manage menus
- print viewpoints
- export viewpoints

Dashboards

- understand the difference between split analysis streams and dashboards
- create a dashboard
- edit the attributes of a dashboard
- open a viewpoint from the menu into a dashboard cell
- drill into a single viewpoint within a dashboard
- edit a dashboard using design mode

Analysis Techniques - General

- understand and use calculated measures
- understand and use filtered measures

Analysis Techniques - Tables

- understand and use sorting in tables
- understand and use traffic lighting
- understand and use alerts
- understand and use calculated dimension values
- understand and use relative measures
- understand and use cumulative measures

Analysis Techniques - Charts

- understand and use sorting
- understand and use relative chart mode

Customizing Viewpoints

- edit dimension attributes
- edit measure attributes
- edit data source attributes
- edit viewpoint attributes

Environment Customization

- customize the Futrix environment to personal preferences

Advanced

- understand and use banding dimensions
- understand and use the "View Detail Data" facility
- understand the relationship between tables and charts