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## Leveraging on Data Visualisation & Analytics for Assessment & Innovation

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# SMU Libraries' Vision & Mission

To be a leading research library providing ubiquitous access to information using innovative strategies to drive intellectual exchange and the creation of knowledge.

- The SMU Libraries mission is to enable a culture of life-long learning through collaboration, engagement and outreach.
- It aims to provide seamless access to information using innovative and leading edge technology.
- The Library is committed to delivering exceptional services and building dynamic relationships within the SMU community and beyond.



# Background

### **Culture of Assessment**

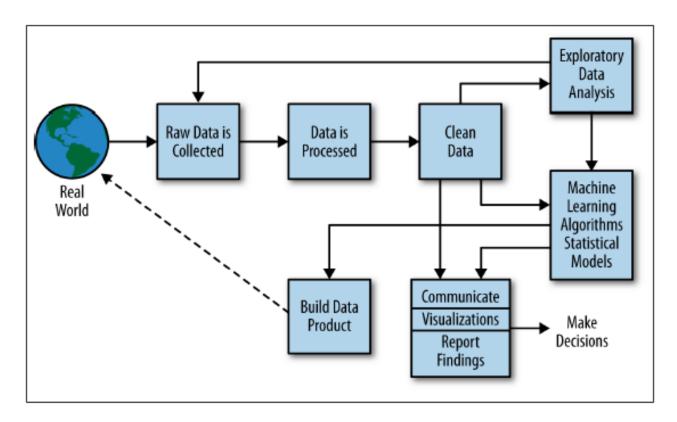
... an organizational strategy requiring decision-making based on "facts, research, and analysis, and where services are planned and delivered in ways that maximize positive outcomes and impacts for customers and stakeholders (Lakos & Phipps, 2004)."

### Lean Six Sigma Foundation

- Initiated in 2013, to date more than 90% of library staff have received the Green Belt certification
- The Lean Six Sigma training provided an introduction to the methods and techniques necessary to implement and sustain a lean culture (a culture of assessment)



## **Data Science Process**

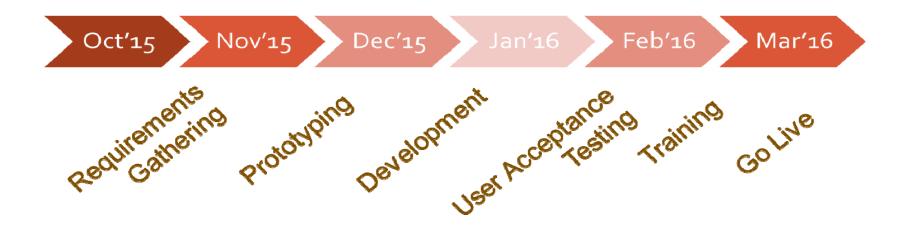


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 The Data Science Process is a framework for approaching data science tasks – collecting, cleaning, exploring, modelling, communicating (O'Neil & Schutt, 2013).



# Library Analytics Project

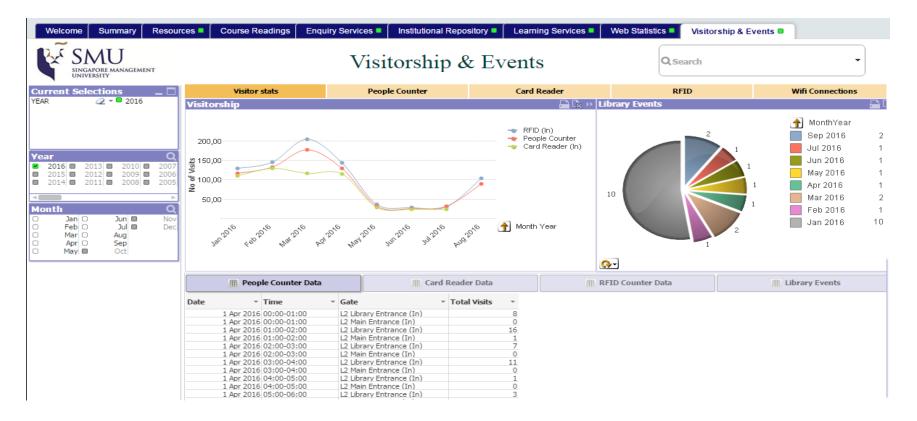


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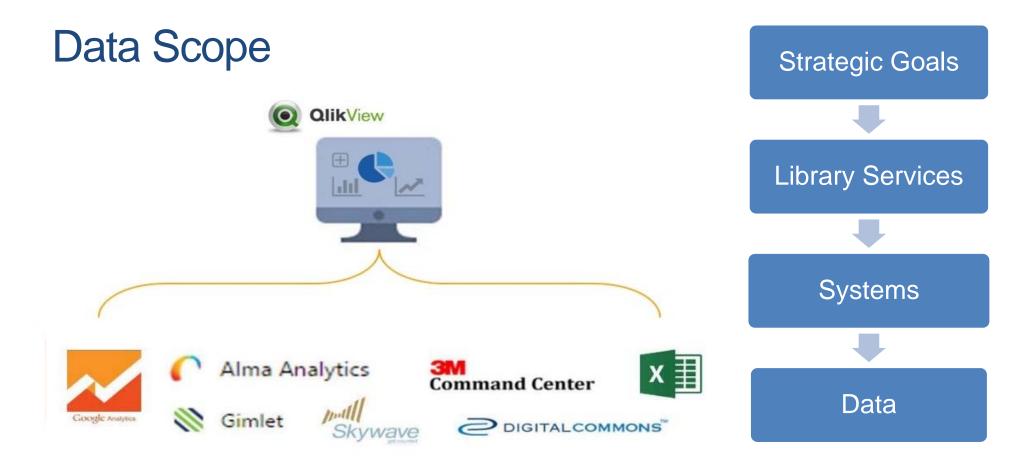
## **QlikView Dashboards**



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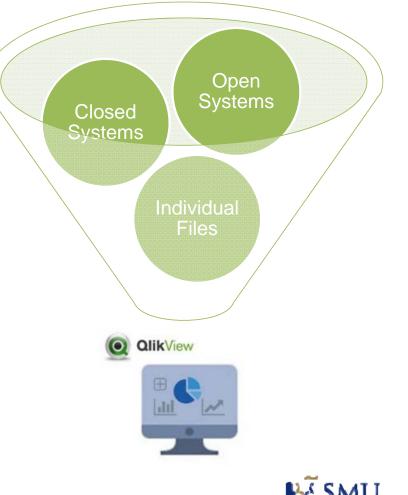
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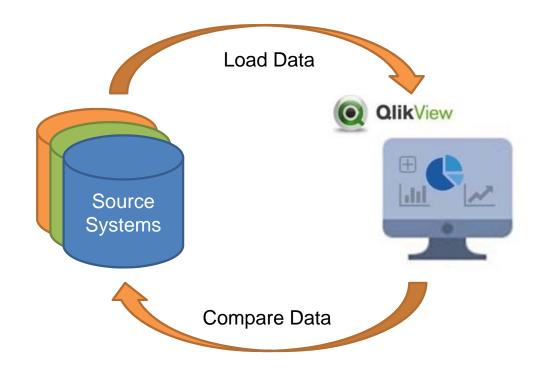
# **Data Collection**

- Review reporting process
- Leverage on same workflow (& manpower)
- Simplify process from reporting generation to uploading datasets



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# **Data Quality**



- Iterative data cleaning cycles
- Comparing loaded data with source data



# Case Study – Space Management

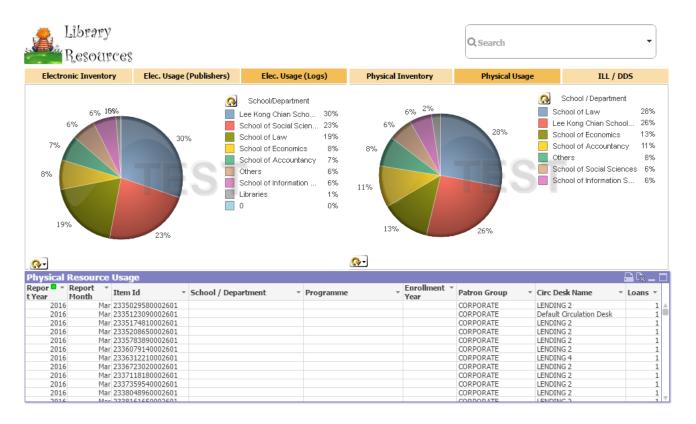


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- Standard Opening Hours vs 24hrs Learning Commons
- Insights on students learning patterns
- More learning spaces in development on campus



# Case Study – Collection Management



- Physical vs Electronic resources
- Usage patterns by different schools
- Useful information for Faculty engagement



# **Benefits**

- Staff have better understanding of the data generated
- Increased awareness of the datasets available
- Easy dashboards access to assess their work areas
- Evidence based approach for work improvements and innovation





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Thank you!