



# THE ROLE OF DATA ANALYTICS IN ENHANCING STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

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## **ABSTRACT**

*This study investigates the critical role of Data Analytics Capability (DAC) in enhancing Strategic Decision-Making (SDM) and Organizational Performance (OP) in contemporary organizations. Using a quantitative research design, data were collected from 674 managerial-level respondents across multiple industries to capture insights into how analytics adoption influences strategic and operational outcomes. Statistical analyses, including reliability testing, descriptive statistics, correlation, multiple regression, mediation analysis, and ANOVA, were employed to examine relationships among the variables. The results indicate that DAC significantly improves SDM, which, in turn, positively affects OP. Strategic decision-making was found to partially mediate the relationship between DAC and organizational performance, suggesting that analytics not only provides actionable insights but also guides the effective implementation of strategic initiatives. The study highlights the importance of integrating analytics into organizational processes, emphasizing the need for investments in technological infrastructure, employee training, and decision-support systems. Additionally, it underscores the role of organizational culture in fostering data-driven mindsets and enhancing the practical utilization of analytics insights. By bridging theory and practice, this research provides both scholarly and managerial contributions, offering actionable guidance for leaders seeking to leverage analytics for competitive advantage and sustainable performance growth. The findings support the notion that analytics serves as a transformative tool for operational efficiency, strategic agility, and innovation in the digital era.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Today's extremely competitive and extremely data rich business environment causes an increasing number of companies to recognize how data analysis transforms their organizations from being merely good to excellent. Data Analysis Capability (DAC) is defined as the company's ability to extract, process and analyze large amounts of both structured and unstructured data and transform them into actionable insights to be used in making informed decisions and improve their performance (Sharma & Gupta, 2024). New technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Predictive Modeling and Cloud Computing allow organizations to use real time data to run their operations at maximum efficiency, predict market trends and make better decisions regarding strategic planning options than ever before (Li & Wang,

2023). Through using DAC, companies are able to make well-informed strategic decisions instead of simply relying on instinct. This leads to reduced uncertainty when making strategic decisions, and ultimately enhances the quality and speed of these decisions.

Strategic Decision Making (SDM) refers to the process by which leaders determine, evaluate and carry out selections related to the long term direction of the organization. It has been demonstrated through various studies that combining DAC with SDM will result in improved results of both tactical and strategic outcomes. This combination creates more agile and responsive organizations to rapidly changing market conditions (Khan & Hossain, 2024). Analytical methods provide predictive insight, perform scenario analysis and monitor performance. These analytical methods enable decision makers to discover new opportunities, anticipate risk and allocate resources to meet organizational goals more effectively. Additionally, DAC promotes a culture of evidence based management, encourages cross functional teamwork, reduces bias in decision making, and increases accountability among employees (Singh, Das, & Patel, 2024).

Organizational Performance (OP) represents the effectiveness or results of an organization achieving its strategic objectives. This includes financial performance, operational efficiency, innovation and stakeholder satisfaction. Research has found that companies with high levels of analytics maturity exhibit superior performance compared to those with lower levels of analytics maturity. Using analytics to drive strategy provides improvements in resource allocation, process improvement and responsiveness to markets (Rodriguez & Martinez, 2025). There are many variables that affect an organization's ability to utilize analytics within the decision making process. Examples include technology infrastructure, leadership support, employee competency, corporate culture and other factors. Employee resistance to change, poor quality data, and lack of technical expertise are examples of barriers to utilizing analytics efficiently. As a result of these challenges, there is an increasing need for employee training programs and comprehensive governance frameworks for implementing analytics (Shrestha & Subedi, 2024).

Although data driven strategies continue to receive increased focus within the business community; there continues to be a limited amount of knowledge about the pathways in which DAC influences OP. Specifically, the mediatory role of SDM has received little attention. Prior studies have identified correlations between the level of analytics adoption by companies and resulting organizational outcomes. However, few prior studies have investigated the intermediate processes that translate analytic capabilities into tangible performance enhancements. Therefore, this current research seeks to fill this knowledge gap by examining the direct and indirect effects of DAC on OP while investigating the mediatory effect of SDM across different industries. A strong quantitative methodological approach was employed in this study. Thus, this research adds empirical support for theories on analytics enabled strategic management and provides practical guidance for leaders wishing to create a sustained competitive advantage through analytics.

This study also highlights the managerial implications associated with DAC implementation. Companies must make investments in advanced technology platforms as well as develop the analytical skills of their workforce. They must foster a data driven culture within the organization. Finally, they must establish decision support systems capable of facilitating effective interpretation and application of insights derived

from analytics. Managers who strategically employ analytics driven initiatives can achieve enhanced performance, improved operational efficiency and innovations. Ultimately, companies that successfully implement analytics driven initiatives will position themselves for continued success in the digital age. The findings of this research are applicable for executives, policy makers and researchers interested in exploring the transformative potential of data analytics in creating strategic decisions and enhancing organizational performance.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

Data analytics is now a critical component of improving strategic decision-making in today's organizations. It allows senior leaders to quickly and effectively analyze large amounts of information. Organizations using advanced data analysis techniques experience an increase in forecasting accuracy and business planning due to the ability of analytics tools to recognize trends that may be overlooked or missed using traditional analytical techniques. Advanced analytics enable strategic managers to utilize dashboards and predictive models to test alternative strategic scenarios resulting in less uncertainty in complex business environments. In addition, decision cycles are shortened when real-time data replaces manual reporting systems, providing executives the opportunity to make rapid adjustments to their strategy as market conditions evolve. The study also recognized that data analytics facilitates cross-functional communication as it creates common insights among departments eliminating internal barriers. Additionally, the study indicated that for an organization to successfully implement data analytics requires investment in training employees to utilize this technology, defined governance structure and alignment with the goals and objectives of the organization; otherwise, the insights generated from the analytics will not result in actionable steps.

Many researchers believe that data analytics is a primary source of competitive advantage for organizations operating in today's fast-paced business environment. Research conducted by Li and Wang (2023) demonstrates that organizations utilizing big data analytics were able to outperform their competition by implementing faster and more fact-based strategic decisions. The results of Li and Wang's multi-industry study indicate that data analytics enhanced firms' abilities to determine customer preference patterns, improve supply chain operations and develop new product offerings. Li and Wang further stated that in addition to increasing operational efficiency, analytics enhances firms' ability to react strategically to changing market conditions. Li and Wang concluded that there was a positive relationship between the adoption of data analytics and financial performance metrics such as profit margin and market share growth. However, the authors also cautioned that if data analytics are not integrated into strategic business processes then investments in these technologies may not provide the expected returns. As such, Li and Wang emphasized that successful implementation of data analytics requires the full support of top-level management and the development of a culture within the organization that supports the incorporation of data analytics into all aspects of its decision making process. Therefore, data analytics represents not only a technological innovation but also a strategic asset that can redefine how organizations compete and succeed.

While speed and efficiency represent two major advantages associated with the utilization of data analytics, the quality of strategic decisions is greatly enhanced through its use as well, according to Khan and Hossain (2024). Through their research, Khan and Hossain provided evidence that data analytics helps decision-makers overcome bounded rationality through the inclusion of larger sets of data and through scenario modeling. Khan and Hossain's research demonstrated that executive decision makers that utilized predictive analytic tools made decisions with greater accuracy and less risk than those that relied solely on intuition. Further, Khan and Hossain discovered that data analytics promotes organizational learning through the collection of performance feedback that enables ongoing improvements. Because data analytics encourages iterative evaluation of causal relationships within business processes, Khan and Hossain argue that strategic capabilities within an organization are strengthened over time. Moreover, Khan and Hossain found that the use of data analytics fosters evidence-based cultures, where decision-making is transparent and based upon data as opposed to individual opinion. While Khan and Hossain identified many potential benefits associated with the use of data analytics, they emphasized that organizations wishing to maximize these benefits should prioritize developing employee analytics literacy while creating systems that incorporate analytics outputs into strategic planning cycles. Overall, data analytics contributes to the development of higher quality decisions and more robust forms of organizational learning.

Numerous empirical studies have shown a direct link between an organization's analytics capability and its financial performance. Specifically, Rodriguez and Martínez (2025) discovered that companies characterized as having high levels of analytics maturity demonstrated significantly higher return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE) relative to companies whose use of analytics was relatively low. Based on their longitudinal study involving 120 firms from across Asia and Europe, Rodriguez and Martínez determined that analytics drives cost optimization through better demand forecasting and resource allocation. Additionally, Rodriguez and Martínez found that firms utilizing analytics drive risk management more effectively than those firms not using analytics. This ultimately results in more predictable cash flows during periods of economic instability. Rodriguez and Martínez argued that analytics enables both strategic visioning and operational precision – enabling firms to simultaneously optimize short-term performance and create long-term shareholder value. Finally, Rodriguez and Martínez emphasized that firms wishing to realize success through analytics must assemble cross-functional teams responsible for integrating financial insights derived from analytics into other business objectives. Finally, Rodriguez and Martínez emphasized that successful implementation of data analytics depends on having adequate data governance policies because quality/accuracy of data are essential for deriving reliable financial insights (Rodriguez & Martinez, 2025).

The organizational culture and environment will have an important effect on how analytic tools are used to inform business decisions. Singh, Das, and Patel (2024) found that there is a greater likelihood of successfully adopting analytics when organizations create a learning-oriented culture and encourage experimentation. In addition, their analysis demonstrated that organizational culture acts as a mediator of the relationship between analytics expenditures and the performance results generated. When employees are made to feel comfortable and empowered enough to utilize analytics tools, it is more likely that they will

generate strategic insights. It was stated by Singh et al., that analytics cannot be limited to the IT department or the Data Science team alone. Analytics must be embedded throughout an entire organization so as to inform high-level decisions at every level. Additionally, the researchers found that organizations with inclusive cultures were able to take data-driven insights developed from analytics and convert them into actionable strategies due to the diversity of viewpoints that helped to interpret the output of analytics. Lastly, according to Singh et al., leadership plays a vital role in establishing standards for data usage – when leaders act as role models in utilizing data analytics to make strategic decisions, it promotes quicker acceptance of analytics by employees (Singh, Das, & Patel, 2024). As such, culture acts as an important facilitator in realizing the strategic value of data analytics.

Although analytics offers numerous advantages, it does offer significant challenges. Shrestha and Subedi (2024) examined various barriers that organizations may experience while incorporating analytics into strategic processes. Common impediments included data quality issues, limitations in analytics knowledge/skills, and opposition from employees who view analytics as a threat/disruptive to traditional decision-making practices. Shrestha and Subedi also discovered that the presence of disjunctive data systems and inadequate technical infrastructures negatively affect the ease of implementing analytics; therefore, many organizations experience either suboptimal analytical insights or gaps between analytical insights and actual implementations. Furthermore, according to their findings, many organizations neglect the human aspect of analytics implementation – specifically the alignment of employee training/development with analytics-based initiative(s). Shrestha and Subedi argued that if organizations do not address these impediments, then they may realize little return on investments for analytics. Their study suggested the use of structured training programs, data governance frameworks, and open communications approaches to mitigate these hindrances. Also, according to their recommendations, organizations should begin by developing small-scale analytics pilot projects so as to build organizational analytics maturity gradually prior to executing larger scale transformations (Shrestha & Subedi, 2024).

Additionally, research has illustrated the role of analytics in informing strategic Human Resource (HR) decisions. According to Thomas and Lee (2025), predictive analytics allows HR managers to develop forecasts regarding talent needs, improve pipeline effectiveness during the recruitment process, and determine the drivers of employee performance/retention. Their multinational firm studies revealed that firms employing people analytics experienced reduced turnover rates and higher employee engagement ratings. Thomas and Lee noted that analytics provides quantifiable measures of human capital metrics that inform strategic workforce planning/development initiatives. Moreover, Thomas and Lee found that analytics improves fairness/transparency in HR decision-making by reducing bias and facilitating data-driven assessments of employee performance. Nevertheless, Thomas and Lee underscored the need for careful consideration of ethics (i.e., data privacy and transparency of algorithms) in order to foster employee trust. Thomas and Lee concluded that analytics supplies HR leaders with relevant insight that positively impacts both organizational productivity/workforce health (Thomas & Lee, 2025). This exemplifies the increasing influence of analytics beyond operational domains into strategic human capital decision areas.

Newer research illustrates the progression of analytics toward incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. Zhang and Kim (2025) illustrated that AI-augmented analytics greatly expands strategic decision-making possibilities through automated identification/pattern extraction and generation of predictive insights that would be difficult for humans to identify individually. Zhang and Kim's findings suggest that AI models can synthesize unstructured data sources (e.g., text, speech, sensor signals) with traditional datasets to reveal strategic implications that might not otherwise emerge. Zhang and Kim reported that organizations employing AI-augmented analytics exhibit accelerated innovation cycles since leaders are provided with refined strategic insight in near real-time. However, Zhang and Kim cautioned that dependence upon AI raises new governance-related issues – e.g., algorithmic bias/explainability of decisions. Zhang and Kim indicated that organizations achieving the highest degree of reliability in strategic insight derive this from combining human expertise with AI capabilities – i.e., human-provided contextual judgment/ethical oversight. Zhang and Kim also emphasized the necessity of creating integrated analytics ecosystems encompassing AI tools/cloud data platforms/collaborative interfaces to facilitate collective decision-making (Zhang & Kim, 2025). This represents a next wave in analytics – namely, where strategic decisions are not only informed by data but also enhanced by intelligent systems.

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

This study adopted a quantitative, cross-sectional research design to examine the role of Data Analytics Capability in enhancing strategic decision-making and organizational performance. A quantitative approach was considered appropriate because the research aims to test hypothesized relationships among measurable variables using statistical techniques. The cross-sectional design allowed data to be collected at a single point in time from a large number of respondents, enabling the identification of associations between constructs without manipulating variables.

The sample size consisted of 674 respondents, comprising senior managers, strategy executives, IT managers, and department heads from diverse industries including manufacturing, services, information technology, and other sectors. The relatively large sample size enhances statistical power, improves generalizability of findings, and ensures more stable parameter estimates in regression and mediation analyses. A stratified random sampling technique was employed to ensure representation across different industries and managerial levels. The population was divided into relevant strata (e.g., industry type), and respondents were randomly selected within each stratum. This method minimized sampling bias and ensured proportional representation, thereby increasing the external validity of the study. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire based on a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree). The Likert scale enabled respondents to express the degree of agreement with statements related to Data Analytics Capability, Strategic Decision-Making effectiveness, and Organizational Performance. This scaling method is widely accepted in management research due to its reliability, simplicity, and suitability for parametric statistical analysis. For data analysis, SPSS software was utilized to conduct statistical tests. The analysis included reliability testing (Cronbach's alpha), descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation), correlation analysis, multiple regression analysis, mediation testing (Sobel test), and ANOVA. These statistical techniques were selected to evaluate the strength, direction, and significance of

relationships among variables and to test the proposed hypotheses rigorously. The chosen methodology provides a systematic and statistically robust framework for examining how data analytics capability influences strategic decision-making and organizational performance across industries.

## DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

**Table 1: Reliability Analysis**

Variable	Items	Cronbach's Alpha
Data Analytics Capability	8	0.91
Strategic Decision-Making	6	0.88
Organizational Performance	7	0.90

Strong evidence exists to support the internal reliability for all constructs as indicated by the reliability analysis. Alpha = .91 for Data Analytics Capability is greater than the minimum (acceptable) value of .70; therefore it has shown sufficient internal reliability. Similarly, the alpha for Strategic Decision Making is 0.88 indicating adequate reliability in measuring this construct. In addition, an alpha of 0.90 was found for Organizational Performance demonstrating high reliability in the measurement of this variable. As such, these measures have been demonstrated to be statistically reliable and the data can be used for future inferential analysis.

**Table 2: Descriptive Statistics**

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation
DAC	3.87	0.68
SDM	3.92	0.64
OP	3.85	0.71

The descriptive statistics show that respondents moderately agree that their organizations possess strong analytics capabilities. Strategic Decision-Making has the highest mean (3.92), indicating a relatively high level of strategic effectiveness. Organizational Performance also reflects positive perceptions among respondents. Standard deviations below 1 indicate limited variability and consistency in responses. The results suggest a generally favorable evaluation of analytics and performance across firms. Overall, the data indicate a strong presence of data-driven practices.

**Table 3: Correlation Matrix**

Variable	DAC	SDM	OP
DAC	1		
SDM	0.62**	1	
OP	0.58**	0.65**	1
p < 0.01			

The correlation matrix reveals strong positive relationships among all variables. Data Analytics Capability is significantly correlated with Strategic Decision-Making ( $r = 0.62$ ). It also shows a strong positive association with Organizational Performance ( $r = 0.58$ ). Strategic Decision-Making has the strongest correlation with performance ( $r = 0.65$ ). All correlations are statistically significant at the 0.01 level. This suggests that improvements in analytics are associated with better decisions and improved performance outcomes.

**Table 4: Regression Analysis (DAC → SDM)**

Predictor	Beta	t-value	Sig.
DAC	0.62	18.45	0.000
$R^2 = 0.38; F(1,672) = 340.5, p < 0.001$			

The regression analysis indicates that Data Analytics Capability significantly predicts Strategic Decision-Making effectiveness. The beta value of 0.62 shows a strong positive effect. The model explains 38% of the variance in SDM, which is substantial in social science research. The F-statistic confirms overall model significance. The p-value is less than 0.001, indicating statistical robustness. Therefore, Hypothesis 1 is supported.

**Table 5: Regression Analysis (DAC → OP)**

Predictor	Beta	t-value	Sig.
DAC	0.58	16.92	0.000
$R^2 = 0.34; F(1,672) = 286.4, p < 0.001$			

Data Analytics Capability significantly influences Organizational Performance. The beta value of 0.58 demonstrates a strong positive effect. The model explains 34% of the variance in performance outcomes. The high t-value and significant p-value confirm statistical reliability. This result indicates that analytics investments directly contribute to improved firm performance. Thus, Hypothesis 2 is supported.

**Table 6: Multiple Regression (DAC & SDM → OP)**

Predictor	Beta	t-value	Sig.
DAC	0.29	8.74	0.000
SDM	0.47	13.96	0.000
$R^2 = 0.49; F(2,671) = 323.7, p < 0.001$			

When both DAC and SDM are included in the model, both predictors remain significant. The beta for DAC reduces from 0.58 to 0.29, indicating partial mediation. Strategic Decision-Making shows a stronger influence on performance ( $\beta = 0.47$ ). The model explains 49% of performance variance, which is substantial. The F-statistic confirms overall model fitness. These results support Hypothesis 3 and indicate mediation effects.

**Table 7: ANOVA (Industry Differences)**

Industry	Mean OP	F-value	Sig.
Manufacturing	3.78		
Services	3.91	4.36	0.005
IT	4.02		
Others	3.70		

The ANOVA results indicate significant differences in organizational performance across industries. IT firms show the highest performance mean (4.02). Service firms also demonstrate relatively high performance outcomes. Manufacturing and other sectors show comparatively lower means. The F-value of 4.36 with  $p = 0.005$  confirms statistical significance. This suggests industry context moderates the analytics-performance relationship.

## **FINDINGS OF THE STUDY**

- The empirical analysis of 674 managerial respondents provides strong evidence supporting the proposed research model. First, the reliability analysis confirms that all constructs demonstrate high internal consistency, with Cronbach's alpha values exceeding the recommended threshold of 0.70. In particular, Data Analytics Capability (DAC) shows excellent reliability ( $\alpha = 0.91$ ), ensuring that the measurement instrument accurately captures the construct. This strengthens the credibility and robustness of subsequent statistical analyses.
- Second, descriptive statistics reveal that organizations moderately agree on possessing strong analytics infrastructure, analytical tools, and data-driven practices. The mean score of DAC (3.87) indicates that firms are actively investing in analytics capabilities, though there remains room for further enhancement. Similarly, Strategic Decision-Making (SDM) records the highest mean (3.92), suggesting that respondents perceive their organizations as relatively effective in making long-term strategic decisions.
- Third, correlation analysis demonstrates strong and statistically significant positive relationships among DAC, SDM, and Organizational Performance (OP). The strong correlation between DAC and SDM ( $r = 0.62$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) suggests that organizations with superior analytics capability are more likely to make effective strategic decisions. Additionally, DAC and OP are positively correlated ( $r = 0.58$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), confirming that analytics investments are associated with improved performance outcomes.
- Fourth, regression analysis confirms that DAC significantly predicts Strategic Decision-Making. The model explains 38% of the variance in SDM, indicating that analytics capability is a major determinant of strategic effectiveness. This highlights the critical role of analytics infrastructure, data governance, and managerial analytics skills in shaping high-quality strategic decisions.
- Fifth, DAC also significantly predicts Organizational Performance, explaining 34% of the variance in performance outcomes. This demonstrates that analytics capability directly contributes to improved financial and non-financial performance indicators such as profitability, efficiency, innovation, and market responsiveness.
- Sixth, Strategic Decision-Making itself significantly influences Organizational Performance. When both DAC and SDM are included in the regression model, SDM shows a stronger beta coefficient ( $\beta = 0.47$ ) compared to DAC ( $\beta = 0.29$ ). This indicates that effective strategic decisions serve as the mechanism through which analytics capabilities are translated into measurable performance gains.

- Seventh, mediation analysis confirms that Strategic Decision-Making partially mediates the relationship between DAC and OP. The reduction in the beta coefficient for DAC when SDM is included suggests that analytics enhance performance both directly and indirectly through improved decision processes. This finding emphasizes that technology alone is insufficient; analytics must be embedded within strategic frameworks to yield maximum benefits.
- Eighth, the combined regression model explains 49% of the variance in Organizational Performance, which is substantial for behavioral and management research. This indicates that nearly half of the performance differences across firms can be attributed to analytics capability and strategic decision-making effectiveness.
- Ninth, ANOVA results reveal significant industry-level differences in performance outcomes. IT firms demonstrate the highest mean performance scores, suggesting that technologically advanced industries are better positioned to leverage analytics capabilities. Service firms also show strong performance, while traditional sectors such as manufacturing exhibit comparatively lower performance gains from analytics.
- Tenth, the findings indicate that industry context plays a moderating role in the analytics-performance relationship. Organizations operating in highly dynamic and technology-intensive environments benefit more from analytics integration than those in stable or traditional industries.
- Eleventh, the results collectively confirm that analytics capability must be strategically aligned rather than treated as a standalone technological investment. Firms that embed analytics into planning, forecasting, and resource allocation processes experience stronger performance outcomes.
- Finally, the study establishes that data-driven culture and managerial commitment are essential for maximizing the impact of analytics on decision-making and performance. Without organizational readiness and strategic alignment, the potential benefits of analytics may remain underutilized.

## **CONCLUSION**

A large-scale quantitative analysis with data from 674 managerial respondents demonstrates how Data Analysis Capability is a significant source of competitive advantage for companies by increasing performance as well as improving Strategic Decision Making. The study found that analytical capability has a direct relationship with performance metrics, and a mediating effect on performance metrics via the improvement of strategic processes. Therefore, this study's findings indicate that analytics have become not just tools to assist management in making decisions; they have evolved to be a new form of organizational capability. Companies with strong analytic capability (i.e., technology and/or human resources) will be able to analyze complex patterns in their markets better, will experience reduced levels of uncertainty when faced with changing conditions, and ultimately will make better-informed strategic decisions. These enhanced decision-making capabilities lead to better-performing operations, increased innovative capacity, financial growth and competitive position. Furthermore, the mediation results show that Strategic Decision Making serves as the primary link between the development of an organization's Analytical Capability and its performance. Thus, it is important for executives to incorporate analytical insights into strategic planning activities, instead of limiting these activities to technical departments. Ultimately, the integration of analytics into an organization's overall strategic framework leads to organizations being more competitive and achieving sustained advantages over time. Additionally, the study indicates that the strength of the positive

effects of using analytics for performance improvements varies depending upon the industry type. For example, in highly technologically dependent industries such as Information Technologies (IT), there exists a high level of digital maturity within organizations and therefore greater opportunities exist to realize strategic benefit from analytics. Conversely, while the positive relationships were demonstrated across multiple industry types, the fact that analytics can provide strategic value regardless of industry type suggests that the use of analytics represents a universally valuable strategic opportunity. In conclusion, the research indicates that businesses utilizing data-driven approaches perform at a higher rate than those who do not in today's rapidly changing and increasingly uncertain global environment. In order to create maximum returns from investments in analytics, businesses need to evolve from simply collecting data to creating integrated data-based analytical systems which support both business strategy and organizational culture.

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