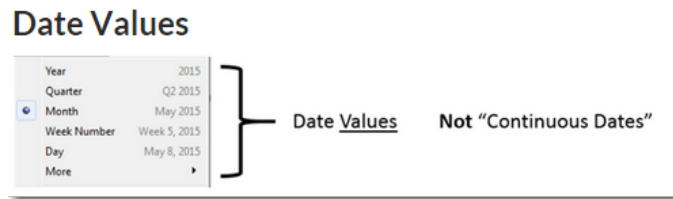


Things You Should Read This Week

While I haven't written any new blog posts this week I've read a bunch of great ones that I think you'll find helpful.

Understanding How Dates Work in Tableau

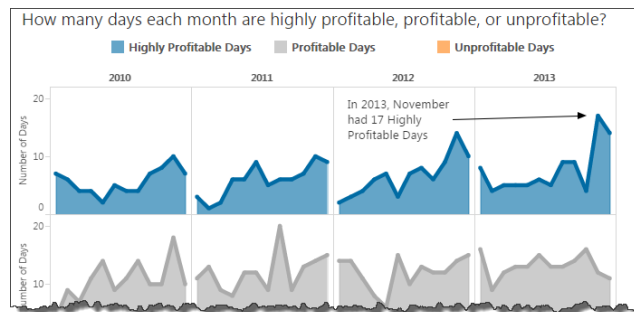
As a Tableau trainer I find the three most difficult concepts and techniques to explain involve Table Calculations, Level-of-Detail Expressions, and Dates.



I recently came across a [GREAT post](#) by Josh Milligan and realize that I have not in fact been explaining dates as well as I might. Thank you, Josh, for the insightful discussion.

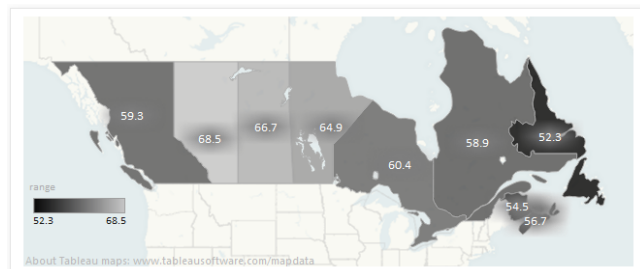
If I see one more post about Tableau Level-of-Detail Expressions...

While I'm not going to actually scream, I do feel bludgeoned by the number of posts exploring this feature, new in Tableau 9.0. If you want to see what it's all about and how it can make your life better without drowning in too much information, I recommend this [excellent video](#) from Craig Bloodworth and this [really thorough blog post](#) from Bethany Lyons.



Content and Charisma

I've had many battles with clients and colleagues about dashboard "bling." I get that people want to fashion something that attracts attention but more often than not I see what amounts to lots of icing and very little cake (see [It's Your Data, Not the Viz, That's Boring](#)).



[Kelly Martin](#)

That said, it's possible to have something that is gorgeous and does not compromise one pixel of visual integrity. Check out Kelly Martin's [Tableau Finishing Touches: Images](#). Like all of her work, the dashboard oozes cool and does so without sacrificing clarity.

[Jeffrey Shaffer](#)

Another entertaining post comes from Jeff Shaffer. I encourage you to [follow along with Jeff](#) as he endeavors to make a "guilt-free" donut chart that balances cool with cogent.

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