

# The Great Tableau Dashboard Speed Test

Challenge details

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## 1 Rules

- You may have the data already connected before the timer starts.
- Your completed dashboard must contain ALL the features of the example we provide.
- The contestant with the fastest time wins.
- Unfortunately Tableau Software partners and staff are not eligible to win, but may still take part.
- The Information Lab staff will be the final judges.

## 2 Challenge details

#### 2.1 Software

The dashboard is created using the current version of Tableau Desktop.

### 2.2 Data connection

The solution uses a live connection to the Saved Data Source "*Sample – Superstore Subset (Excel)*". You may have the data already connected before the timer starts.

# 3 Solution

Produce one dashboard that includes the following features:

- 3 visualisations (described in detail below.
- Fit setting for Viz 1 is Entire View. Fit setting for Viz 3 is Fit Width.
- A multiple value list quick filter on Region applied to all worksheets
- A filter action where selecting marks on the map filters all sheets
- Dashboard size is set to automatic.





The dashboard must be arranged in the following tiled layout:

Quick Filter Viz 1 (line chart) Viz 2 (map) Viz 3 (crosstab)

#### 3.1 Viz 1

- Line chart showing Sum (Sales) over time (Year of Order Date, Month of Order Date)
- Reference line showing average Sum (Sales) per Year of Order Date.

### 3.2 Viz 2

- Map that plots a circle for each State, showing Sum (Sales) by size and Sum (Profit) by colour
- Note the size encoding for Sum (Sales).

### 3.3 Viz 3

• Crosstab listing the Sum (Sales) value of each State per Year of Order Date.

