

# Xelsius Dashboards

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## But NOT Traditional Dashboards ...

*an easy to read ... single page ...real-time user interface ...  
graphical presentation.....trends .....**decisions to be made  
at a glance.***

(Wikipedia)

# Agenda

- What is Xcelsius?
- Demo
- Let's create one
- Best Practices
- Possibilities
- Learning Resources
- Questions and Comments



# What is Xcelsius?

- Scary
- Intimidating
- Heavy
- Performance Issues
- Hard to maintain or enhance
- Take months to develop one....

**WRONG!!!**

# What is Xcelsius?

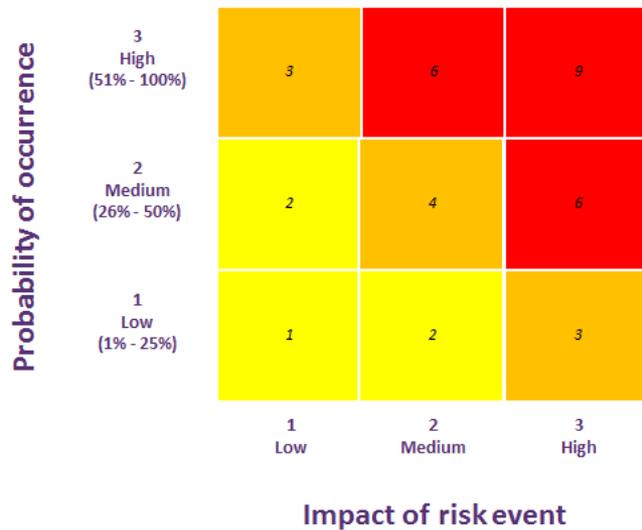
- If you have used Excel, you already know Xcelsius.
- If you love Excel and its flexibility, you would love Xcelsius. Simply said... it is **Excel on Steroids**..
- Pretty easy to use
- Mockup is part of development
- Import the current Excel Data and have a working portlet before even a developer touches it
- Powerful reporting tool – Flashy, Interactive, drill down – Everything what your Executive Management needs!!
- Infographics - Process and Data on the same page
- Reporting Hub
- Communication Tool
- And best of all.. You already have the license to the product.

# Reporting HUB



# Process communicated to user in powerpoint...

## Risk Rating Matrix



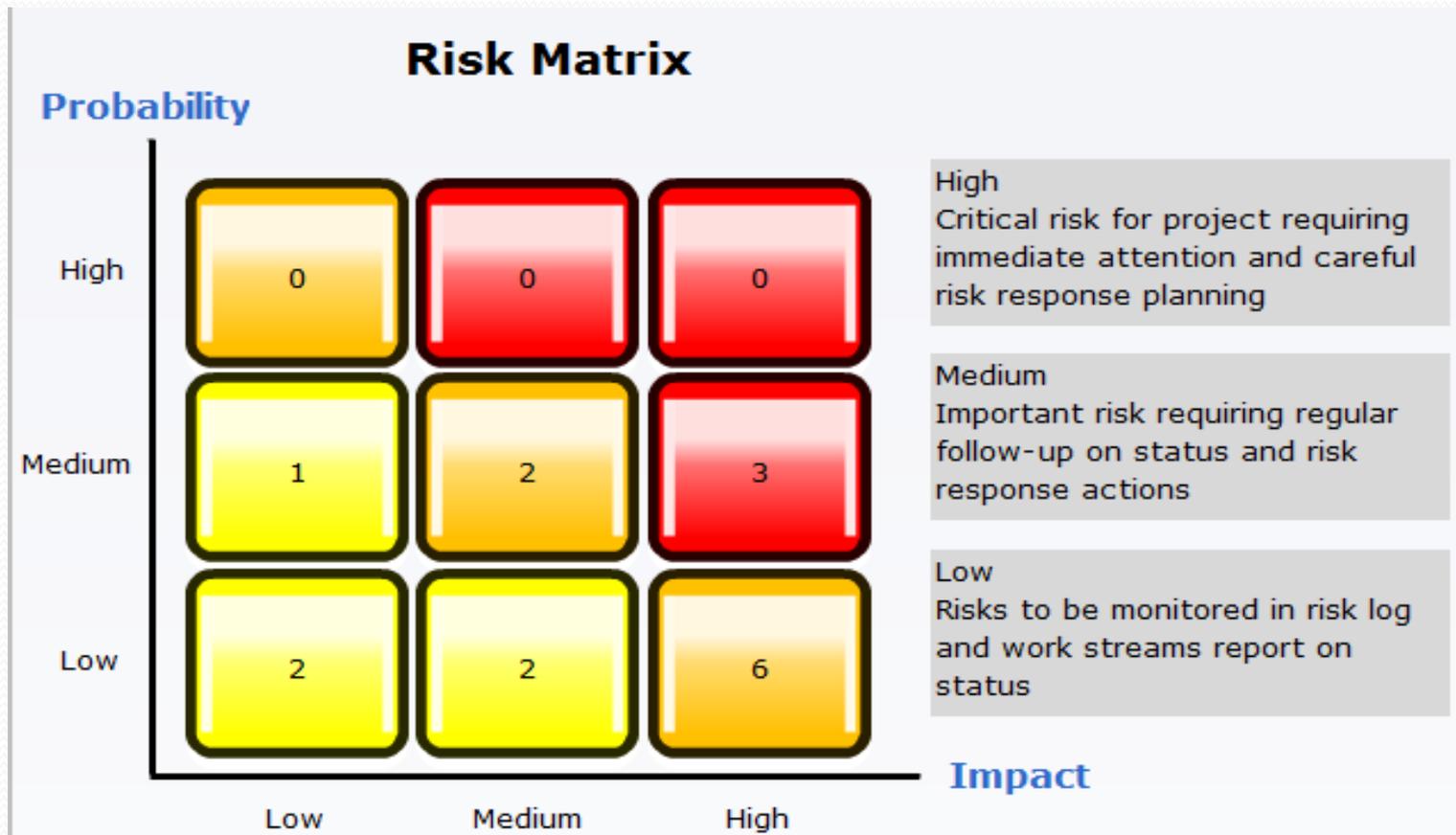
$$\text{Risk Rating} = \text{Probability} \times \text{Impact}$$

- High**
  - Risk rating of 6 – 9
  - Critical risk for project requiring immediate attention and careful risk response planning
- Medium**
  - Risk rating of 3 – 4
  - Important risk requiring regular follow-up on status and risk response actions
- Low**
  - Risk rating of 1 – 2
  - Risks to be monitored in risk log and work streams report on status

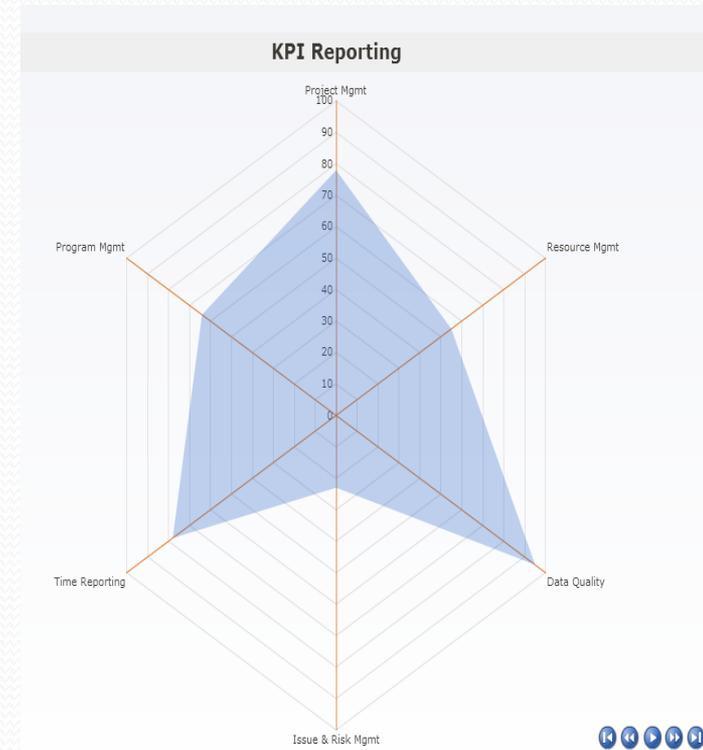
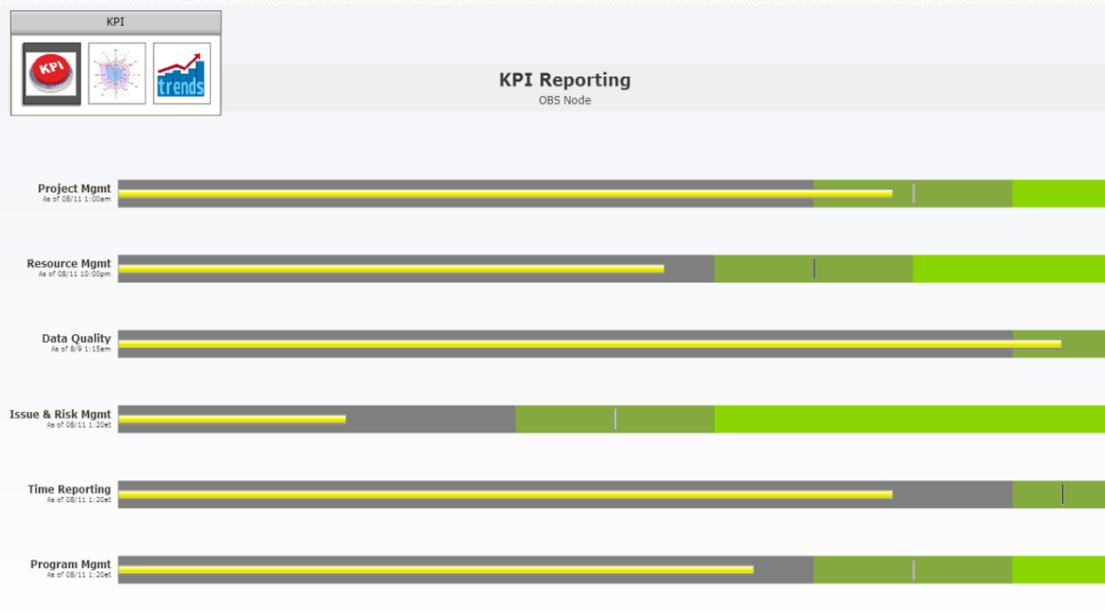
By the time.. the user starts using clarity.. they would vaguely remember the process and would just focus on data.

All Risks									
Project ID	Project	Risk ID	Risk	Category	Assigned To	Status	Probability		
PRJ0001	Bat Cave Re-Design	RSK0002	Bats Eat the Workers		Administrator, Niku	Open			◆
PRJ0008	Search for Nemesis	RSK0004	Nemesis Finds Us First		Administrator, Niku	Open			◆
PRJ0009	Save the World	RSK0007	Emergency Supplies Delay		Administrator, Niku	Work in Progress			◆
PRJ0010	Open Superhero School	RSK0008	Enrolment Delay		Mary, Aunt	Open			◆
PRJ0010	Open Superhero School	RSK0009	Denial of License		Hulk, The	Work in Progress			◆
PRJ0012	Create Secret Identity	RSK0011	Lose Job	Organizational Culture	Administrator, Niku	Open			◆
PRJ0013	Rebuild Wayne Manor	RSK0012	Foundation Cracking		Administrator, Niku	Open			◆
PRJ0018	Superhero Charity Event	RSK0022	Low Volunteer Numbers		Woman, Wonder	Open			◆
PRJ0017	Extract Aquaman From Enemy	RSK0019	Enemy Moves Aquaman		Ironman, Irony	Open			◆
PRJ0016	Search for the Riddler	RSK0018	Force Shortage		West, Wally	Open			◆
PRJ0012	Create Secret Identity	RSK0010	Discovering Identity	Human Interface	Administrator, Niku	Work in Progress			◆
PRJ0023	Make Clark Kent Cool	RSK0032	Lois Finds Out	Interdependencies	Administrator, Niku	Open			◆

# Communicate Data embedded in the process charts....



# Communication Tool



# Demo



# How to create one....

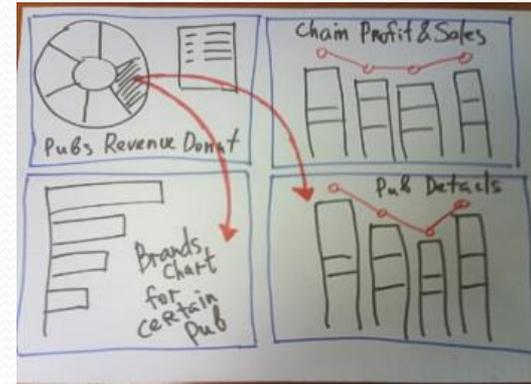


# Best Practices

- Purpose driven
  - Focused on a goal
  - drives change
- Know your target audience
  - tells a story
  - Highlights key issues
- 5 minute rule (GIGWYNGOGO)
- Simple look and feel. Attractive. Apple Approach.
- Drill down capability

# Dashboard Development - Best Practices

- Mockup before creating queries
- Summarized data
- Agile Approach
- Set Expectations
  - Development process is agile/iterative
  - Open to new ideas/ways of showing
- Integrated with Clarity
- Doesn't have to be real time



# Challenges

- Flash in Apple products
- Flash player add-in
- Too much data
- MS Office

# Possibilities



- Display Clarity data in other tools (Sharepoint, Jive,..)
- Design custom components or add-in third party components
- Use RSS feeds from news sources.. CNN, Weather,...
- Integration hub. Data Sources like SAP, Excel, CSV files, Live office.
- Call WEBI reports with parameters
- Print the dashboard
- Mobile apps ??
- Create widgets for Desktop
- Third party Add-ons.
  - Google Maps, Salesforce
  - Transfer data/parameters between dashboards
  - Present micro charts in tree grid



# Learning Resources

- Youtube (recommended)
- LinkedIn Groups
- SAP whitepapers
- [everythingxcelsius.com](http://everythingxcelsius.com)
- [Myxcelsius.com](http://Myxcelsius.com)



# Questions/Comments

- Questions/Comments
- Feedback for this session
- Ideas for dashboards



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