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SAF/FMC Mission /Vision /Goals

Mission

"Provide expert cost, economic and financial decision support to the Air Force, DoD and Congress enhancing Air Force warfighting capabilities and maximize available resources"

Vision

"Air Force decisions empowered by objective analysis."

FMC Goals

"Deliver credible, objective analysis enabling cost conscious decisions."

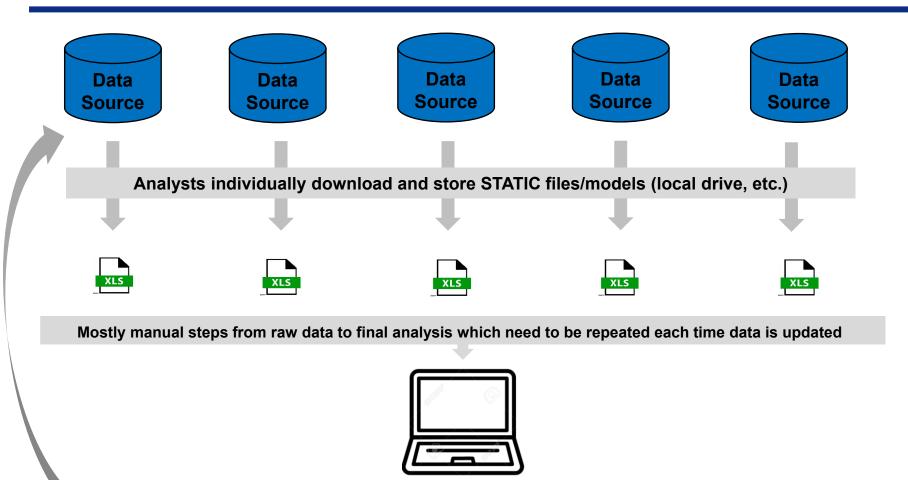
Successful, timely delivery of cost analysis

analysis

Process



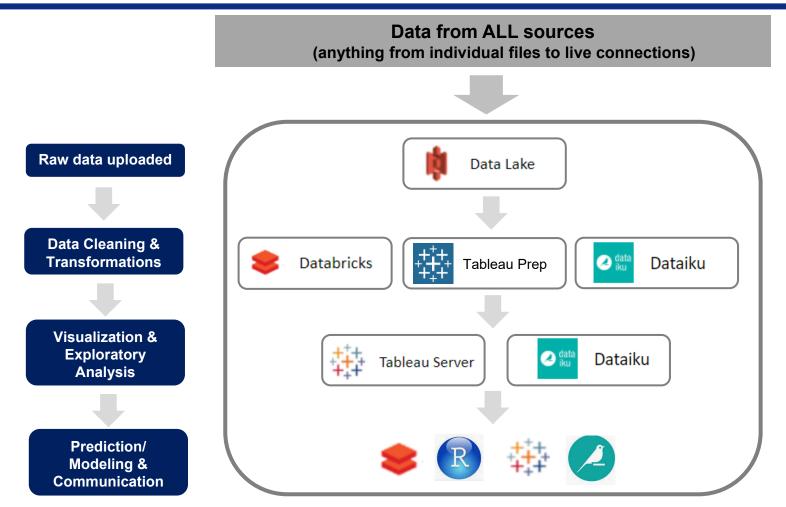
Today



(Multiply by frequency to keep data current & Multiply by # of analysts)



AFCAA's Cloud Based Model



Turn manual, stove-piped processes into automated, centralized and efficient workflows



Realized Benefits

Legacy

Traceability is dependent on documentation & process used by analyst

Only saved versions are kept- can lose trace to data in certain versions of models if not properly handled

Often have issues with compatibility of desktop versions

Mostly manual steps – not easily repeatable and often not well documented

Extremely difficult to get desktop tools approved on high side

Performance limited to desktop compute

Models are tedious to update and are often several years outdated

Org-wide changes like inflation updates have to be individually updated in each model manually

Power of data science in cost community often limited due to very few programmers in the field

Models built with manual steps tend to be very error prone

Cloud-based

Complete step by step traceability to original, raw data

Insight into who made change & when – and can revert back to a previous version in modeling tools

No compatibility issues with different versions of desktop software once in the cloud

Automated steps from raw data to final product so that it's repeatable on new data that's received

Can replicate environment on the high side (SIPR now, JWICS 2022)

Performance will scale based on compute available in "cluster"- equivalent of groups of machines

Can update models much more easily- often in days vs. months

Have the ability to centralize updates so that analysts can pull them in to models quickly and easily

Data science tools in a no code/low code environment

Opportunity for significant reduction of modeling errors

^{*}AFCAA's assessment of benefits



Live Demo

Live Demo of AFCAA activities in the VAULT





Program Overview Dashboard

