# The Four Laws of Strategic Excellence

Using

Data Insights, Visualization, and Analytics

(DIVA)

to Turn Data into Money





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Enough said.

# Compete with Analytics Chase Your Customers

Dominate with Analytics
They Chase You



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## Where Your Data Find You

There's the use of data. Then there's the proper use of data.

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One of the best uses of data is melding it into your company's fiber.

Think of your company as a functional home, but perhaps not having the proper updates, outdated kitchens, bathrooms, tired paint and flooring.

When you use data properly, you'll find that your company operates like a properly remodeled and upgraded house.

You'll have more functionality, more direction, and meet more of your goals faster and with higher efficiency.

Whether remodeling a house or updating your company's strategic plan, data make the difference between being mature and being extinct.

Something must change. If you keep doing the same old, same old, you'll not drift into solitude and rest. You'll become extinct.

Why only operate on par when you can have your clients seek you out? You must learn to see your business through the eyes of your clients and conduct business on the terms that they find meaningful and on a personal level.

Data can help you with that.

Whatever your problem is, data have the answer.



### TURN DATA INTO MONEY

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Customer Relevance is key to the company's intent. Are you giving customers what they need from you?





### **INSIGHT**

Data drive decisions. Busness decisions, not data decisions. Put the "business" back into "business intelligence."

### **INTEGRATION**

Incredible savings can be had by companies that have formal integrative approaches to their strategic initiatives.

### **INTERVALS**

Working one project at a time, with data-rich insight, means a better return on the same initiatives over the roll-out of all at the same time.





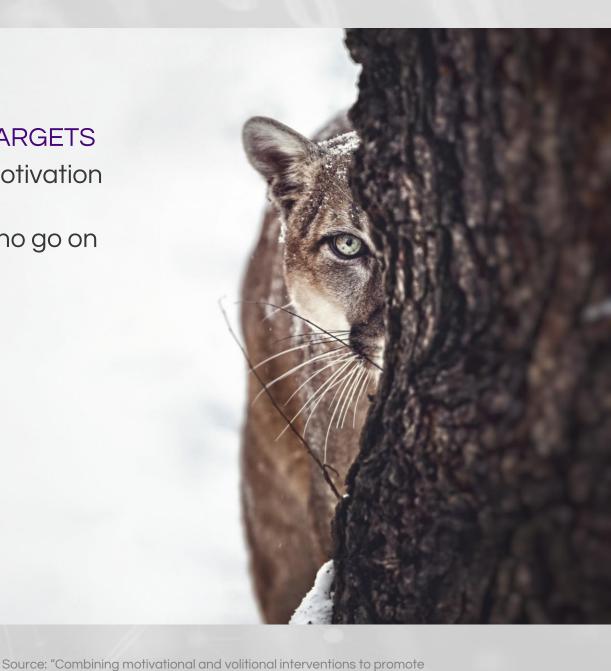
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## The Law of Intent (target fixation)

91% MEET STRATEGIC TARGETS when there is intention and motivation behind the implementation of strategic goals versus 38% who go on motivation alone.







exercise participation: Protection motivation theory and implementation



### **Target Fixation**

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Loosely defined, target fixation is a behavior in which a person becomes so focused on a singular object that they tend to ride or drive straight into it.

Target fixation is why motorcyclists tend to crash into aluminum ladders or furniture that has fallen on the road rather than steer around them and why airplane pilots run into power lines.

But target fixation can also be a positive thing. If you know what the desired target is, focus on it, and you'll hit it.

Whatever the problem is, data hold the answer.

Data and data analytics are key to discovering the underlying issues and helping you to see your business with fresh eyes.

They are vital tools you need to stop the current direction.

## The Law of Insight

71% REDUCTION IN
PROJECT FAILURE
Seventy percent of all projects
fail to deliver what was
promised to customers, but
with the implementation of a
process, that rate falls to below
20%.



Source: "Project Management Statistics: Trends and Common Mistakes in 2022," *TeamStage*. https://teamstage.io/project-management-statistics/



## The Law of Intervals

(success is built sequentially)

74% OF VALUE REALIZED IN 1ST YEAR When your strategic initiatives are small and efficiently managed, the savings can be used for longer-term projects.

Source: "The Numbers Behind Successful Transformations" by Kevin Laczkowshi, Tao Tan, and Matthias Winter. McKinsey Quarterly (17 October 2019). https://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/transformation/our-insights/the-numbers-behind-successful-transformations



## Success is Built Sequentially

"Complexity is not to be admired. It's to be avoided."

~ Jack Trout, *The Power of Simplicity* 



Multi-tasking is not a recipe for success. Rather, as author and entrepreneur Gary W. Keller (the Keller of Keller Williams, the world's largest real estate company) states in his book, *The ONE Thing*.

Success is built sequentially.

What we call "multi-tasking" is actually something called "task switching." Task switching creates a distraction; a distraction causes a time waste—your brain needs time to adjust and then get back to the previous task.

Traditional business planning falls short because all your energy is spread around initiatives, making your efforts much more complex than they need to be.



You have your strategic initiatives in hand. You know your goals and objectives. And you may even have a plan to launch some of them already.

But wait a minute. Before you get down this road too far, understand that you don't have time to launch them all at once.

### Not All at the Same Time

Sounds counter-intuitive, doesn't it? Expressed another way, if you tackle your initiatives one at a time, things will go much faster and save on costs.

One of my heroes is American Kay Coles James.

Did you know that the U.S. has an HR Director?

James had that job, serving as the director of the United States Office of Personnel Management, a presidential nominee, confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In her illustrious career, she served as the assistant secretary at the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services, on local and state school boards, as Chief Operating Officer for a national umbrella organization for mentoring programs, and as SVP of a family lobbying group, to name a few. James is also the mother of three.

Upon hearing her credentials listed in an introduction to a speech she was making, she quipped:

"I'm here to tell you that you can have it all...just not all at the same time."

### Strategic Selectivity

In Strategic Selectivity, we invest a little time, energy, and money, all long enough to see if it works...or not. If it does, we move forward with more time, energy, and money; if it doesn't, we stop the process before the investment gets out of hand.

Like Kay Coles James, you can be quite successful if you take on one challenge at a time.

So, let's not waste time upfront when it comes to which initiative to select first—you'll get to all of them.



## The Law of Integration

73% MEET THE GOAL/INTENT when there is a formal integrative approach to strategic initiatives.

63% have completed the projects within budget, and 59% have delivered the projects on time.

Source: "Project Management Statistics: Trends and Common Mistakes in 2022," TeamStage . https://teamstage.io/project-management-statistics/





Leadership in Analytics

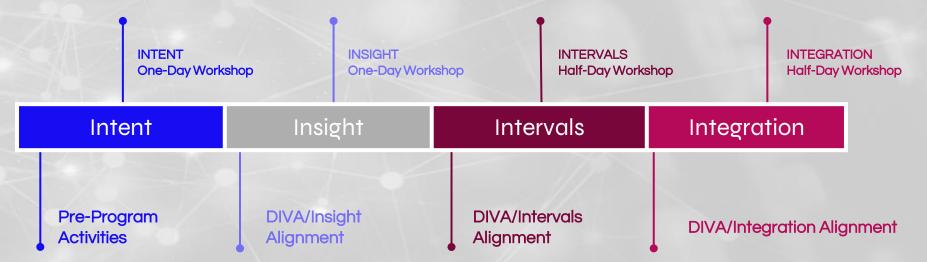
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- Data/Business Analytics Leadership Program (Key Talent Cohort)
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