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Data Literacy for Finance & FP&A Teams Playbook

Moving finance beyond spreadsheet reconciliation toward genuine data-driven forecasting and analysis

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Overview

A framework for building data literacy specifically within finance and FP&A teams — statistical forecasting concepts, data quality judgment, and modern analytics tool fluency — addressing the specific gap between finance's traditional spreadsheet-centric skill set and the data literacy modern forecasting and analysis increasingly require.

Aren't finance teams already highly numerate and data-comfortable

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formal exposure to, even with strong quantitative backgrounds.

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