

**DOMO PALOOZA** <sup>®</sup>

**LIVE**  
AND ON-DEMAND

# EMPOWERING MACHINE LEARNING

SOLVING THE FORECASTING DILEMMA

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- Leading Domo implementation and consulting firm
- Custom artificial intelligence kick-start program
- RXA Studio
  - Media Optimization
  - Voice of Customer
  - Workforce Optimization

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# 3 KEY TAKEAWAYS



# The Forecasting Dilemma

Now what?

A woman with curly hair is sitting at a table, working on a laptop. There is a coffee cup on the table. The background is a blurred indoor setting with large windows.

**WE NEED TO  
KNOW WHAT ARE  
SALES WILL BE  
NEXT QUARTER**

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**SALES ARE  
FORECASTED TO  
BE  
BELOW BUDGET...**

A woman with dark curly hair is sitting at a table, working on a laptop. She is wearing a colorful plaid shirt over a white turtleneck. A glass of coffee is on the table next to her. The background is a blurred indoor setting with large windows.

...WHY?

...AND HOW CAN  
WE CHANGE  
THEM?

# Sales Decomposition

A Primer

# WHAT IS A SALES DECOMPOSITION



Market Mix Models decompose sales

Volume Decomposition

Due-to Analysis

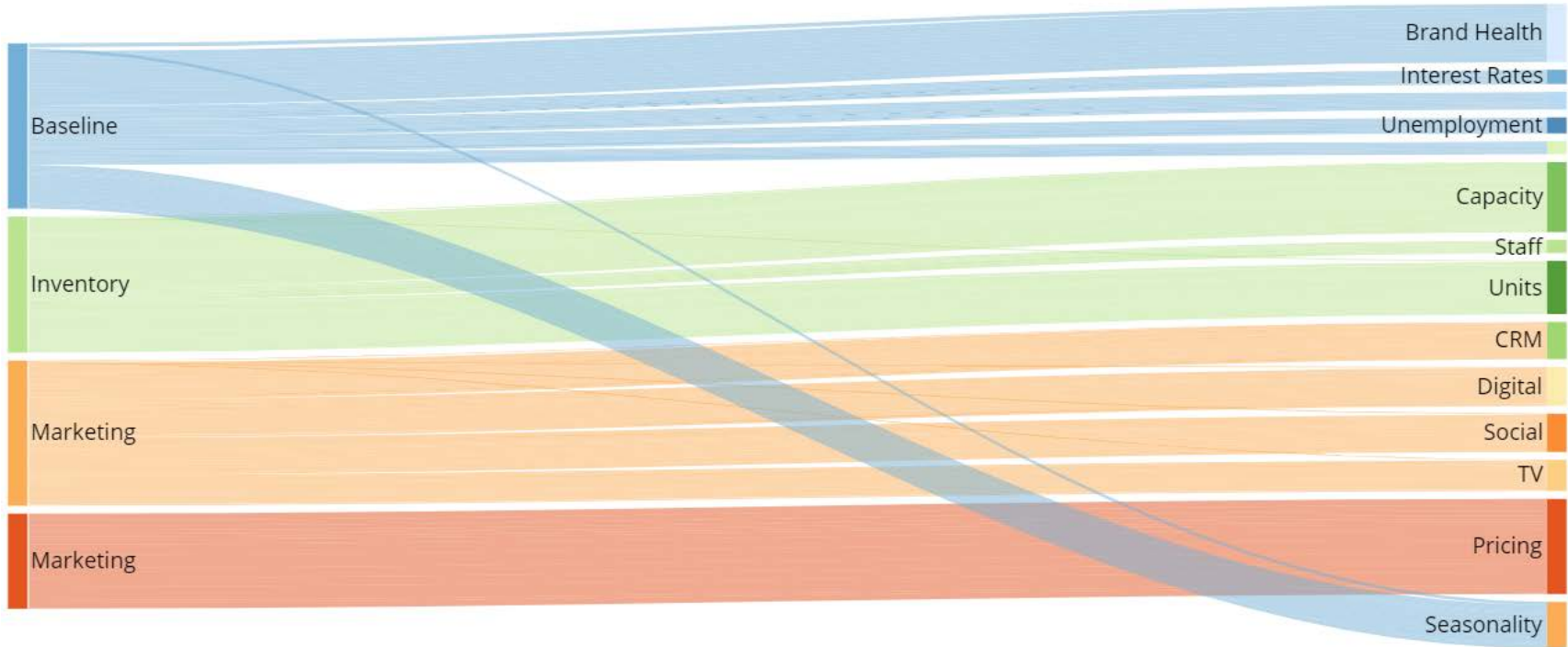
# MARKETING MIX FORECASTING



Forecasting Sales using:

- Sales
- Inventory
- Pricing
- Marketing
- External Influences

# USE A PREDICTION MODEL TO DECOMPOSE SALES



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Predict with the overall model  
Isolate each variable

- Set the variable equal to zero
- Predict with the reduced model
- Calculate difference

Scale each component to the total

```
###Decomposition#####
Pred_s <- data.frame(predict(fit, score))
for(j in 2:length(score))
{
  r<-j
  eval(parse(text =paste0('score_',j,'<-score')))
  k<-pred_vars[j-1]
  eval(parse(text =paste0('score_',j,'$',k,'<-0')))
  eval(parse(text =paste0('Pred_',j,' <- data.frame(predict(fit, score_',j,'')))))
  eval(parse(text =paste0('output_',j,'<-cbind(Pred_s, Pred_',j,'')')))
  eval(parse(text =paste0('names(output_',j,'')<-c("Full","",k,"")')))
  eval(parse(text =paste0('output_',j,'$differences<-output_',j,'$Full-output_',j,'$',k,'')))
  eval(parse(text =paste0('output_',j,'<-output_',j,'[c(3)]')))
  eval(parse(text =paste0('names(output_',j,'')<-c("",k,"")')))
}

output_decomp<-cbind(input1[c(2)],data_in[c(1)],output_2)

eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp$baseline<-output_2$',year_var,'')))
for(j in 3:length(score))
{
  eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp<-cbind(output_decomp,output_',j,'')')))
  k<-pred_vars[j-1]
  eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp$baseline<-output_decomp$baseline+output_decomp$',k,'')))
}
eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp$baseline<-output_decomp$',response_var,'-output_decomp$baseline')))
eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp$seasonality<-output_decomp$',month_var,'+output_decomp$',year_var,'')))
output_decomp2<-cbind(output_decomp[c(1,2)],output_decomp$baseline,output_decomp$seasonality)
for(j in 4:length(score))
{
  eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp2<-cbind(output_decomp2,output_',j,'')')))
}

names(output_decomp2)[names(output_decomp2)=="output_decomp$baseline"] <- "Baseline" ... ..
```

GET THE CODE AT: <https://rx.io/Domo>

# DEPLOYING IN DOMO



RXA\_MODEL\_DECOMP

CANCEL

SAVE

Search for an action

DATASETS



Input DataSet



Output DataSet

EDIT COLUMNS

EDIT DATA

COMBINE DATA

SCRIPTING

DATA SCIENCE

PERFORMANCE

RUN PREVIEW

10K ROW LIMIT

100%

?

✓



RXA\_SALES\_FORECASTING\_DATA\_REP\_FINAL\_11\_20



Select Columns



R Script 1



Select Columns 2



R Script 2



Join Data 1



Set Column Type



Select Columns 3



R Script 3



Select Columns 4 RXA\_MODEL\_COEFFICIENTS



Group By

R

R Script 1

R Script

CODE

SCHEMA

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+

-

DONE

```
210
211
212 output_decomp<-cbind(score_in[c(1,2,3)],output_2)
213
214 eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp$baseline<-output_2$baseforecast')))
215
216 for(j in 3:(length(topvars)))
217 {
218   eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp<-cbind(output_decomp,output_',j,'')))
219   k<-topvars[j-1]
220   eval(parse(text =paste0('output_decomp$baseline<-output_decomp$baseline+output_decomp$',k,'')))
221 }
222
223 output_decomp$sales<-as.data.frame(Pred_s)
224 print(head(output_decomp))
225
226 output_decomp$sales<-as.numeric(unlist(output_decomp$sales))
```

INPUTS

PACKAGES

Search

Select Columns

# DUE TO ANALYSIS



# **DOMO GETS THE RIGHT INFORMATION INTO THE DECISION MAKERS HANDS**

# MARKETING MANAGER



What Matters to Them:

- Media Performance
- Optimization
- Web Traffic
- ROI
- Sales

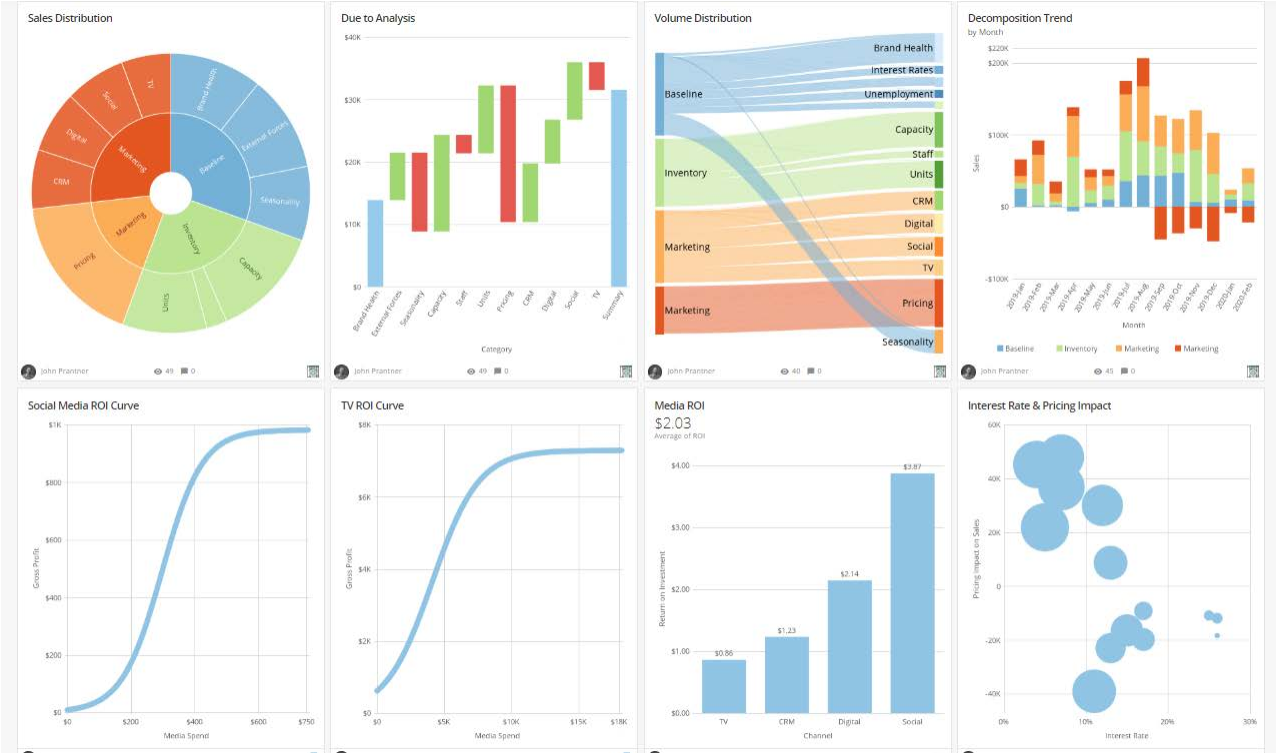
# MARKETING MANAGER



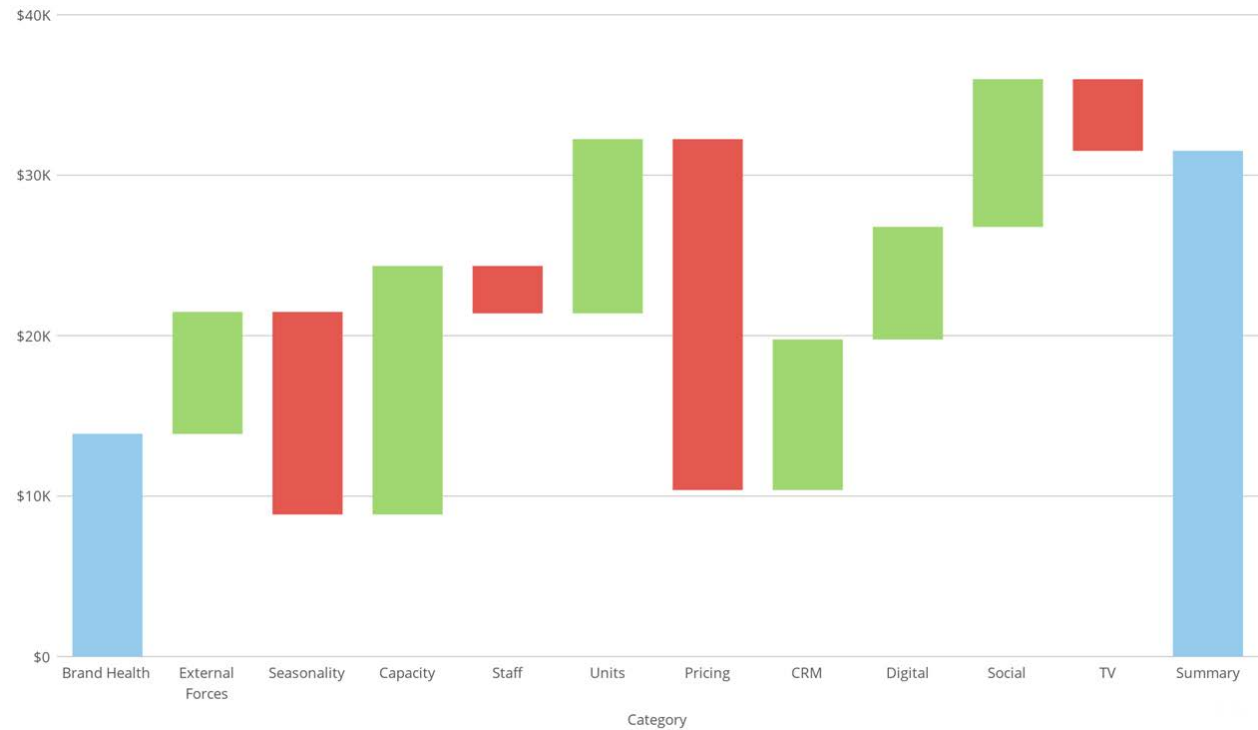
What They Can Control:

- Budgets
- Schedules
- Mix
- Strategy

# MARKETING MANAGER VIEW



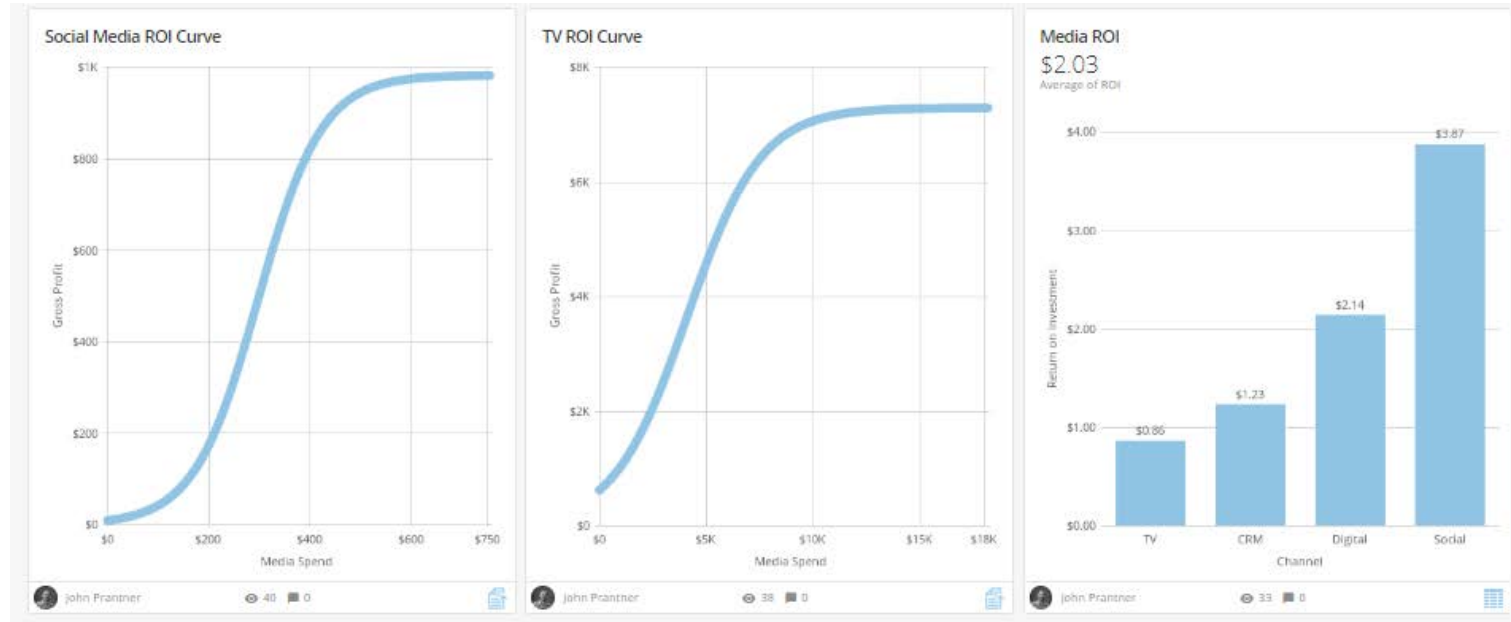
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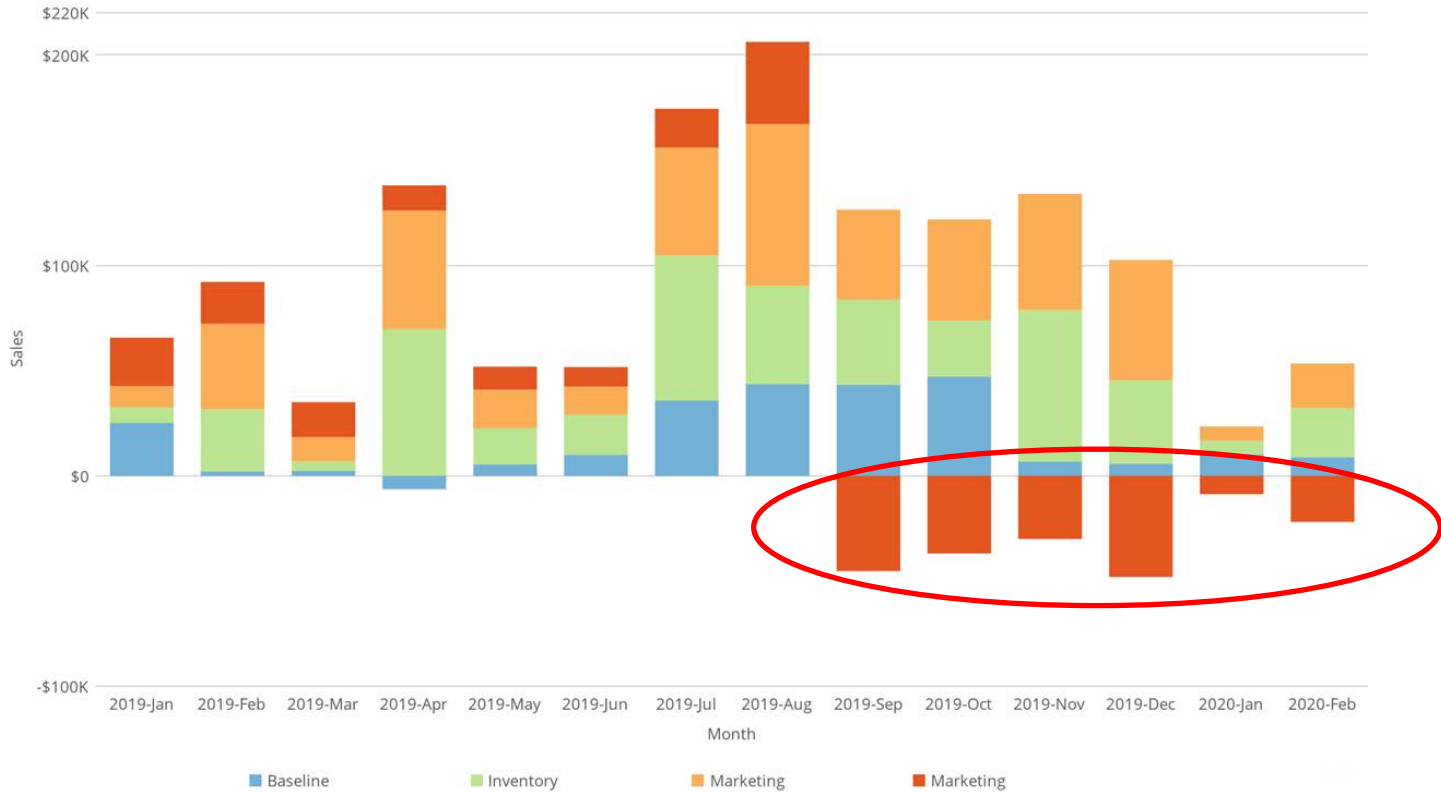
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# PRODUCTION MANAGER



What Matters to Them:

- Inventory
- Costs
- Workforce
- Demand
- Sales

# PRODUCTION MANAGER



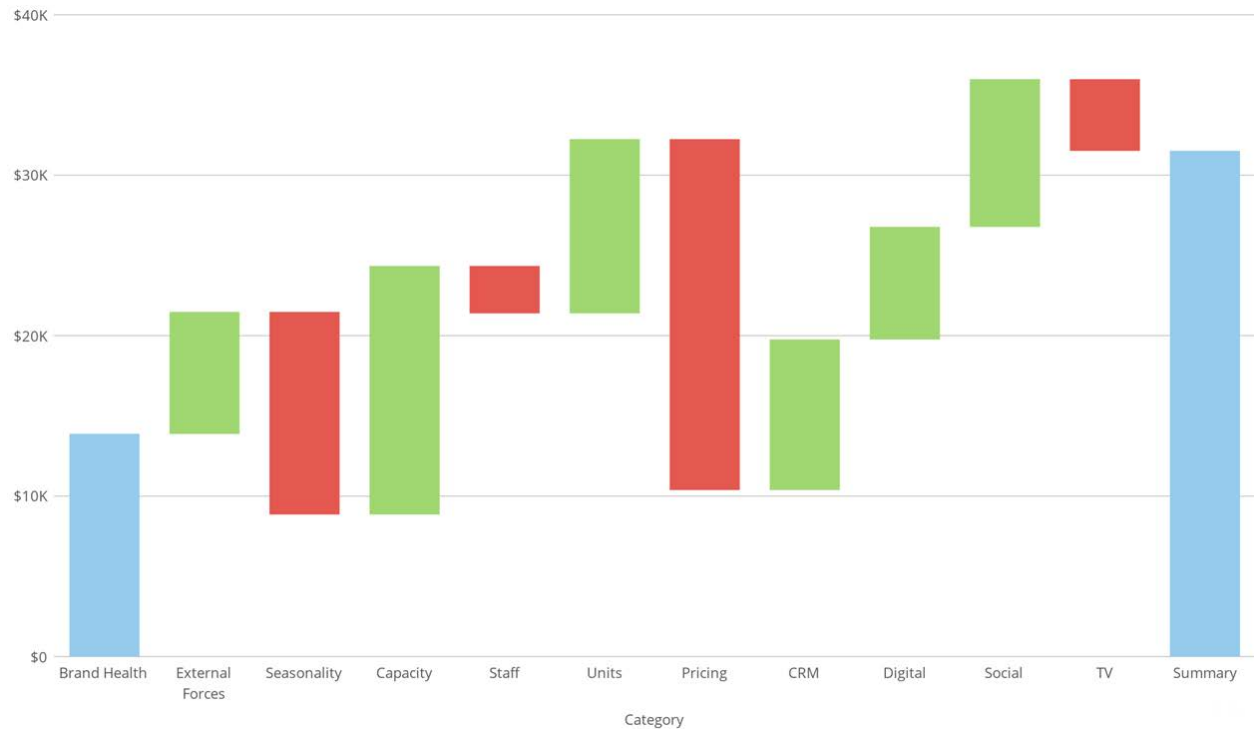
What They Can Control:

- Inventory
- Suppliers
- Production Calendar

# PRODUCTION MANAGER VIEW



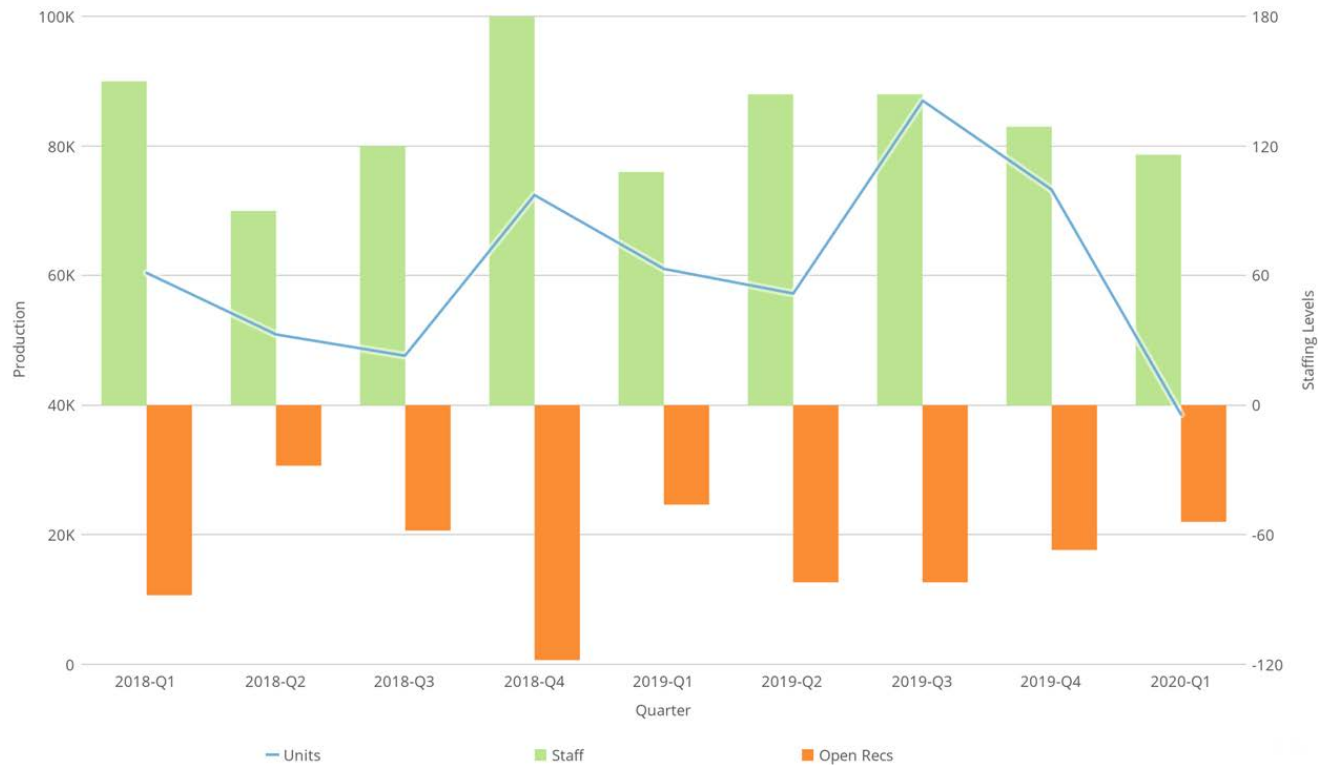
# PRODUCTION MANAGER VIEW



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# External Influences

# WHY CONTROL DATA



Accounts for external pressures

Improves forecast

Provides context



# SIMPLE WITH DOMO



[← BACK TO CONNECTORS](#)

Ready Signal- Publisher

**READY SIGNAL** **Ready Signal Curated Control Data**  
Ready Signal Control Data Connector

OVERVIEW

FAQ

REVIEWS

**Platform:** The Ready Signal connector was created to provide access to the Ready Signal Curated Control Data platform. The platform, which allows users to create custom curated control data based upon their industry and analysis type, gives companies access to continually update data for model building and scoring.

**Purpose:** The insight provided gives access to this data in real time to be displayed right in your Domo instance. The platform includes economic, demographic, weather, and population data at the desired time and geographic grain. The results> Actionable insight allow you to provide context and improve model performance.

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GET THE DATA

Included in the app

Connector

Dashboard

Data Science

Dataflow

Enterprise App

Writeback

Setup effort

LOWHIGH

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

API Key

For more setup help please read the power-up guide [↗](#)

Additional details

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VERSION

0.6

# EXTERNAL PRESSURES



RXA

Unemployment

Interest rates

Construction

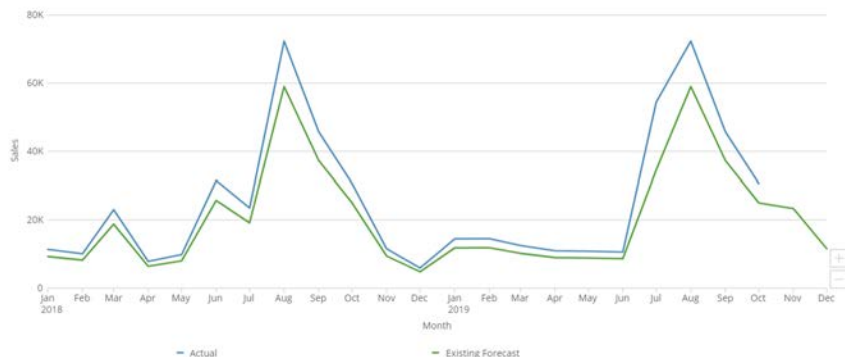
Weather

Consumer Confidence

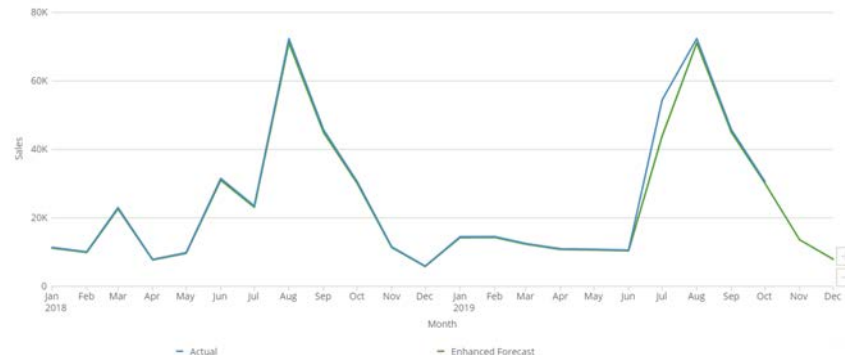
# IMPROVES FORECAST



## Without Proper Control Data



## With Ready Signal Control Data



*Control data can significantly improve accuracy of models, but is often underutilized based on required effort and knowledge.*

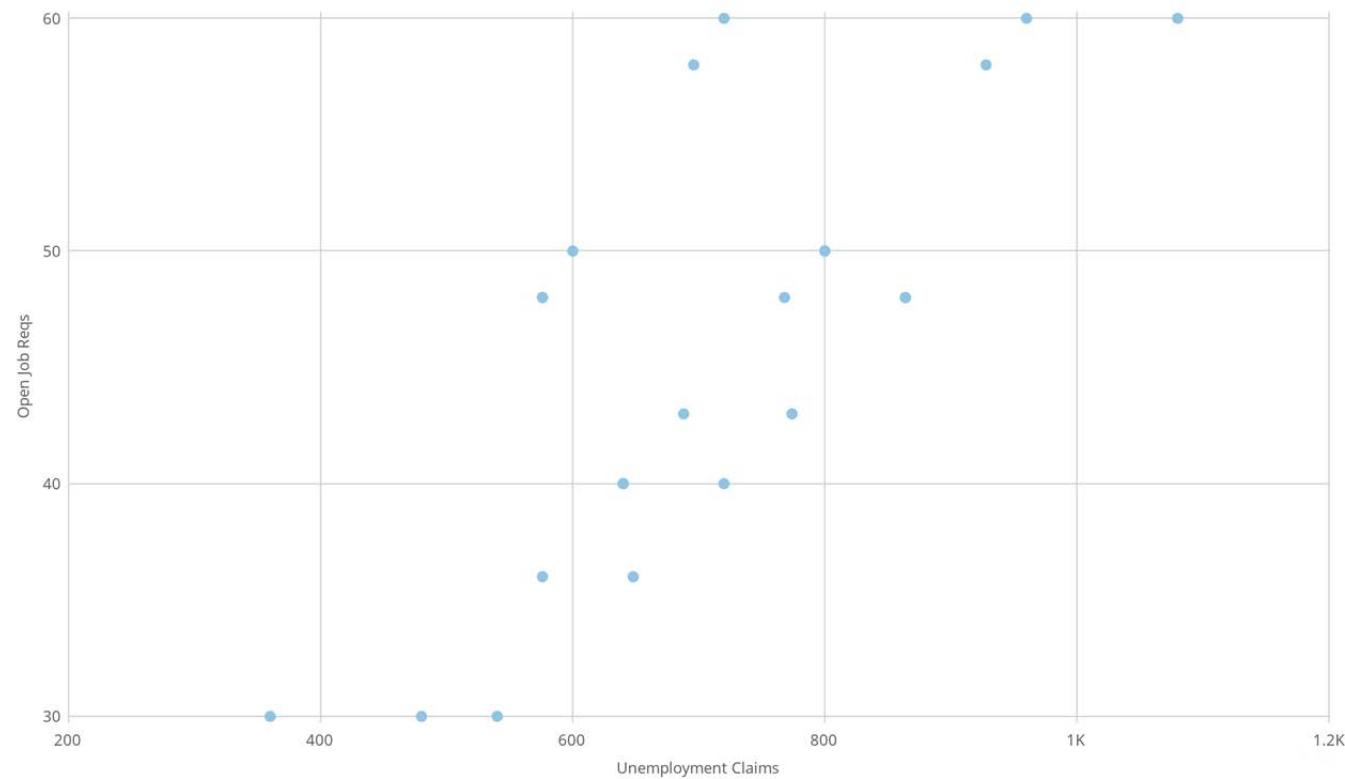
The background image is split vertically. The left side shows a man wearing a black swimming cap, smiling and standing in a pool of water filled with ice cubes. The right side shows a young child with blonde hair, looking grumpy with arms crossed, standing in a pool of clear, warm water.

**DOES A 60-DEGREE DAY  
MEAN FEWER MOTORCYCLE  
SALES?**

# PRODUCTION MANAGER VIEW



# PRODUCTION MANAGER VIEW



# EXECUTIVE TEAM



What Matters to Them:

- Sales
- Profitability
- Growth

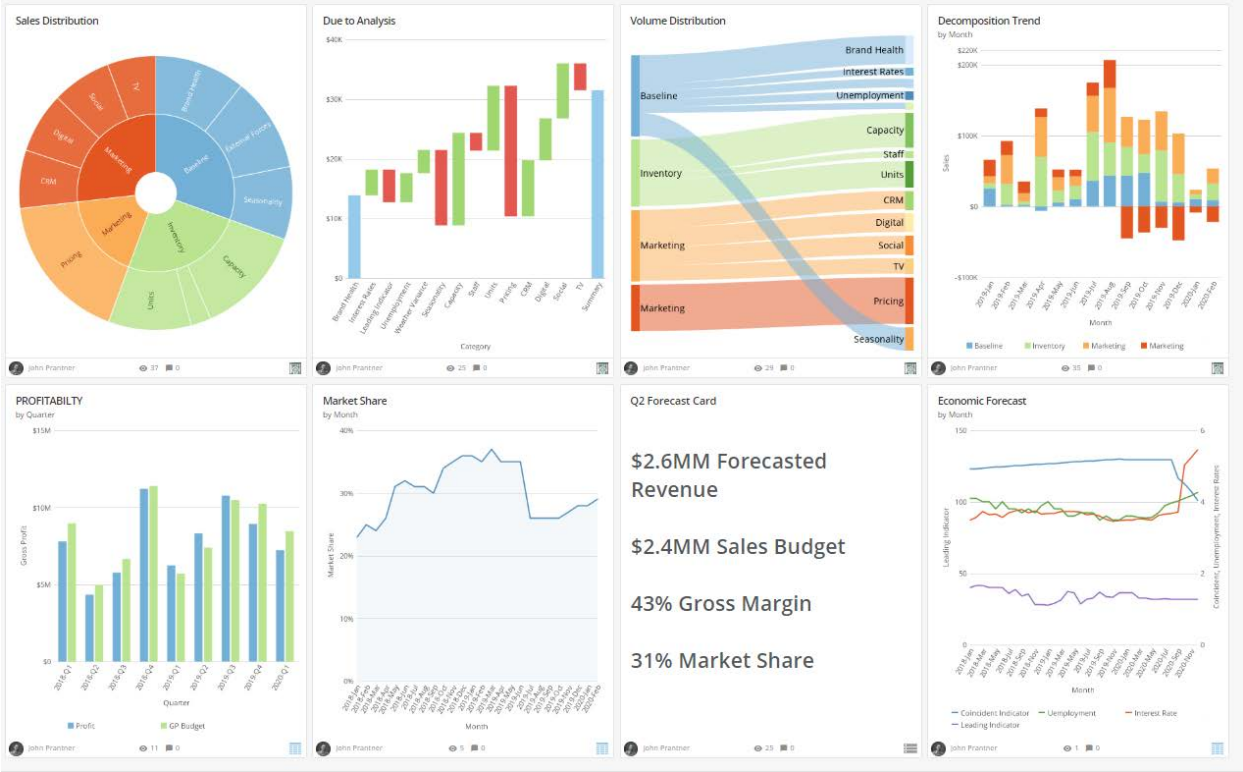
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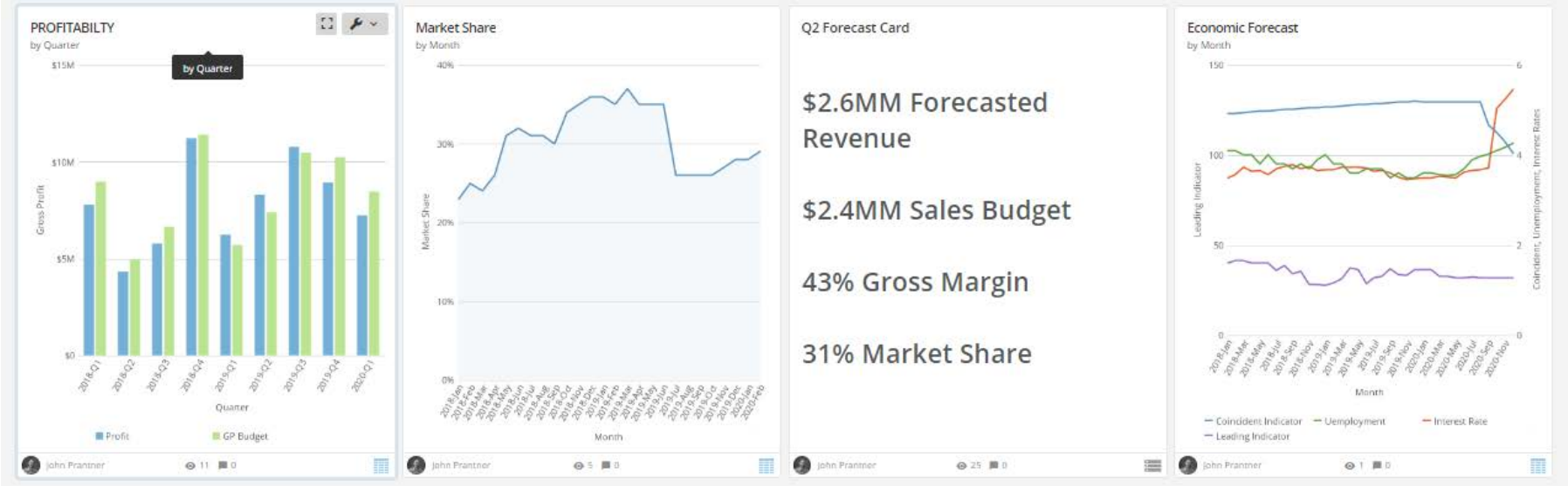
What They Can Control:

- Strategy
- Resources
- Budgets
- Competitive Positioning

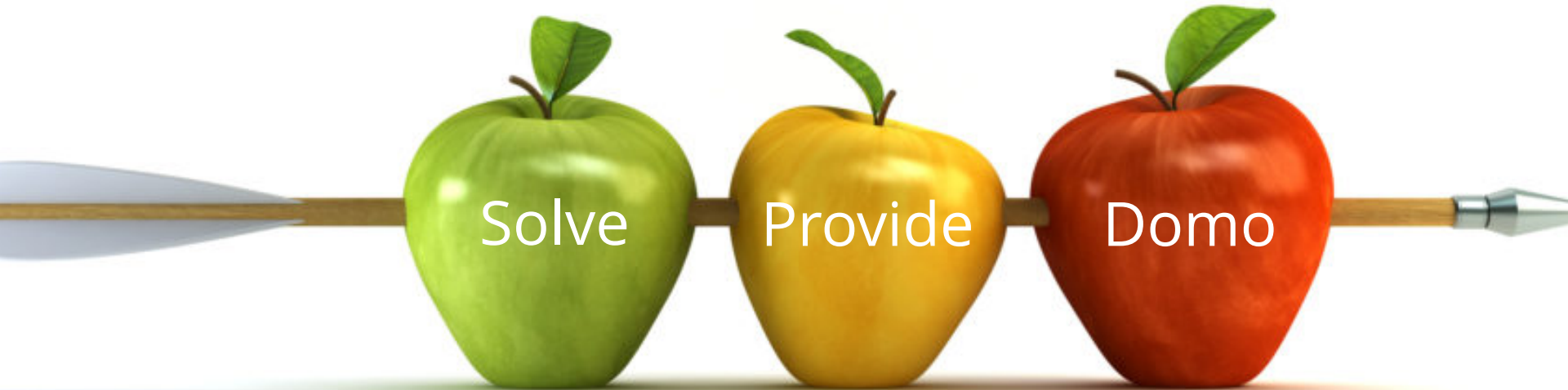
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# THANK YOU

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join us at our virtual booth!

