How To Choose Business Intelligence Software
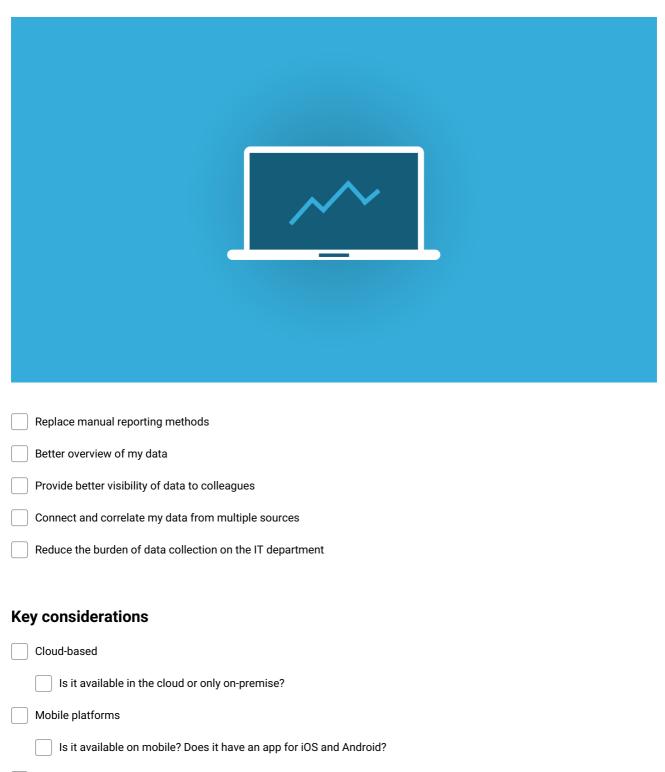
Before deciding on a one-size-fits-all software, ask yourself what you're trying to accomplish.

- [ ] Replace manual reporting methods

- [ ] Better overview of my data

- [ ] Provide better visibility of data to colleagues

- [ ] Connect and correlate my data from multiple sources

- [ ] Reduce the burden of data collection on the IT department

Key considerations

- [ ] Cloud-based
  - [ ] Is it available in the cloud or only on-premise?
- [ ] Mobile platforms
  - [ ] Is it available on mobile? Does it have an app for iOS and Android?
- [ ] Integrations
  - [ ] Does it integrate With the software already using? Can it pull the right data?
- [ ] Scalable
  - [ ] Can it grow with my company? IS it too robust for my needs?
- [ ] Cost
  - [ ] What kind of subscription plan does it offer? Monthly/yearly/per user?

Essential features

- [ ] API
- [ ] Collaboration
- [ ] Data visualization
- [ ] Dashboards
- [ ] Mobile integration
- [ ] Multiple data sources
- [ ] Real-time data
- [ ] Reporting features

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