

# Auditing with Data Analytics Course

Leverage data analytics to enhance audit effectiveness by identifying patterns, anomalies, and actionable insights.

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## Course Outline

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### Module 1: Data Analytics Overview

- Define data analytics and its relevance in government auditing.
- Understand the stages of the data analytics lifecycle.
- Identify benefits and risks of data analytics in audit practice.
- Explore how data analytics supports audit objectives and efficiency.

### Module 2: Planning for Data Analytics

- Integrate data analytics into the audit planning process.
- Establish objectives and define relevant data requirements.
- Assess risks and identify questions data analytics can help answer.

### Module 3: Understanding the Data

- Learn how to locate, access, and evaluate data sources.
- Understand structured vs. unstructured data.
- Assess data completeness, reliability, and relevance for audit use.

### Module 4: Preparing and Cleaning Data

- Apply data cleaning techniques to prepare datasets for analysis.
- Identify and resolve common data quality issues.
- Transform data for audit analytics using appropriate tools.

### Module 5: Conducting the Analysis

- Select appropriate data analysis techniques for different audit goals.
- Use tools to perform basic analytics and identify anomalies.
- Interpret analytical results in context of audit objectives.

### Module 6: Communicating Results

- Visualize data findings effectively for stakeholder reporting.
- Incorporate analytics results into audit documentation and reports.

- Ensure clarity and credibility in presenting audit evidence derived from data.