



David Griesel

Data Analyst - Finance & Operations

Professional Summary

Data Analyst with extensive experience analysing financial and operational data in regulated environments. Proven track record translating large, complex datasets into trusted insights that support business decisions. Strong focus on data quality, validation, reconciliation, and analytical modelling, with hands-on expertise in SQL, Python, Power BI, and Tableau. Experienced working across finance, audit, operations, and IT teams, with responsibility for end-to-end analytics from data preparation to stakeholder-ready reporting.

Personal Information

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Tools

SQL
Python
Power BI
Tableau
Excel

Languages

English – Proficient
German – Intermediate (B1)
Afrikaans – Native
Dutch – Elementary

Education & Certifications

Certificate in Data Analytics

CareerFoundry
Berlin, Germany
2024

Honours Baccalaureus Computationis

University of South Africa
Pretoria, South Africa
2002

Baccalaureus Computationis

University of the Free State
Bloemfontein, South Africa
2001

Professional Experience

Consultant – Data Analytics & Business Intelligence

Freelance
Remote
2022 – Present

- Developed structured ETL workflows to consolidate financial and operational data from multiple sources into centralised datasets for downstream reporting and analysis.
- Built SQL- and Python-based data models to clean, transform, and structure raw data into reliable, analysis-ready datasets.
- Analysed modelled datasets to identify performance drivers, trends, and variances supporting strategic and operational improvement initiatives.
- Developed interactive Power BI dashboards, translating KPIs into clear visual insights for management and operational stakeholders.
- Implemented data quality checks, validation logic, and reconciliation rules to ensure accuracy and consistency of reported outputs.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to clarify requirements, refine metrics, and support adoption of analytical solutions.

Data Analytics Lead / Assistant Audit Manager

Auditor-General South Africa
Pretoria, South Africa
2010 – 2021

- Led analytics workstreams across multiple large-scale audits of national government departments and public entities.
- Designed and executed analytical procedures to validate reported financial and performance information against applicable reporting frameworks, and to test compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
- Applied computer-assisted audit techniques to extract and analyse large datasets to identify risks, variances, and internal control deficiencies.
- Served as the primary analytics liaison between audit teams, IT specialists, and senior stakeholders, translating complex analytical results into clear findings and practical recommendations.
- Presented analytical insights to executive management and governance bodies to support evidence-based decisions and improve oversight.

Professional Development

ACL Analytics

In-House at AGSA
2016

Updates on International Accounting and Auditing Standards

In-House at PKF, Gobodo, & AGSA
Annually

Audit Supervisor

Gobodo Incorporated
Bloemfontein, South Africa
2006 – 2009

- Supervised audit teams on municipal and provincial government engagements, overseeing audit planning, execution, and reporting in line with professional standards and regulatory requirements.
- Performed analytical reviews of financial and operational data to support audit planning, risk assessment, and audit conclusions.
- Strengthened audit quality through targeted analysis of trends, variances, and anomalies in high-risk and complex audit areas.

Trainee Accountant

PKF Accountants and Business Advisers
Bloemfontein, South Africa
2003 – 2006

- Delivered end-to-end accounting, audit, and tax services for small and medium-sized private sector clients across multiple industries.
- Performed financial ratio and variance analysis on financial reports to support management decisions and improve financial performance.
- Built a strong foundation in financial data structures, internal controls, and structured reporting logic.