

# Digital Dashboards In Terminal Operations Management

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## What are Dashboards?

 Technology Tools That Provide Real-Time Visualization of Critical Business Indicators to Help in Decision Making



- Provide a Visual "Snapshot" of Key Performance Indicators
- Gain total visibility of multiple systems or measures instantly

## Benefits of Digital Dashboards include:

- Ability to make more informed decisions
- Align strategies and organizational goals
- Ability to identify and correct negative trends
- Measure efficiencies/inefficiencies
- Ability to drill down into underlying causal indicators and details
- Saves time compared to running multiple reports



# **Operational vs. Analytical Dashboards**

## **Operational**

- Identifies potential operational issues as they occur
- View of current activities and frequently changing performance metrics
- Provides alerts on exception issues, and drill-through to facilitate real-time response
- Require less training than analytical dashboards

## **Analytical**

- Gains insights from a volume of data collected over time
- Understand what happened, why, and what changes should be made in the future
- Sophisticated models, what-if analysis and pivots to identify patterns and opportunities
- Often used by analysts and highly trained staff

Operational, or KPI dashboards tell you if you're on target today.

Analytical dashboards set targets for tomorrow.



# **Characteristics of Operational Dashboards**

#### Visual Indicators and Alerts

Graphics convey information "At-a-Glance"

#### Real-time Data

- Enables Right-Time Decision Making
- Aggregates Multiple Data Sources into Composite Views

## Alert System

- Visual Indicators and Alerts (Including Email, SMS, etc.)
- Event-based or Scheduled Reports with Data

#### Actionable

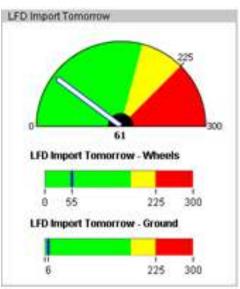
- Identify in real time that action needs to be taken.
- Drill-down and Causal Analysis to identify what action is needed

## User-customizable (highly desirable)

Operational dashboards are both "top-down" and "bottom-up" tools.

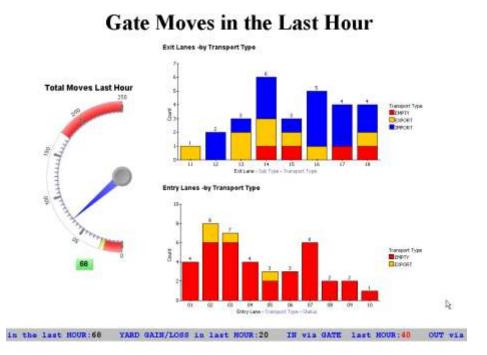
"Operational dashboards track core operational processes and emphasize monitoring more than analysis or management."

- Performance Dashboards, Wayne Eckerson



# **Operational Dashboards in Terminal Ops**

- Volumes
- Productivity
- S/T Demand forecasting
- Exception Event Alerts
- Technology





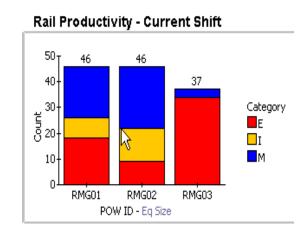
# Case Study APL / Eagle Marine Services

#### Business Need

- To Manage Marine Terminals
   Effectively, Operations Management
   requires real time access to:
  - Equipment and labor productivity measures
  - Yard inventory conditions
  - Gate conditions

### Current State

- Current systems do not provide this information in an immediate and visible manner.
- Inefficiencies in production and avoidable expenses are incurred as a result.





# **Terminal Productivity**

- One Central View
  - Vessel
  - Rail
  - Yard
- Eliminates Reports, Saves Time
- FacilitatesCommunication& Collaboration

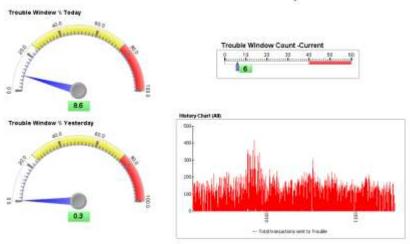




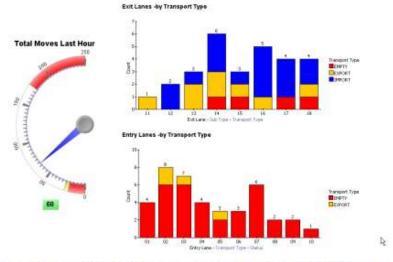
# **Gate Conditions**

- Labor Management
- Problem / Trouble Alerts
- Rapid Operations
   Response to Changes
   in Volume or Patterns,
   i.e. Load/Empty, Line,
   etc.

#### **Trouble Window Activity**



#### Gate Moves in the Last Hour





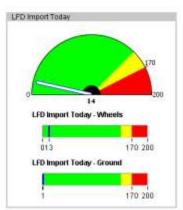


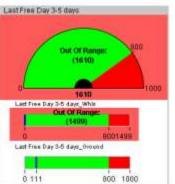
# **Short Term Demand – Last Free Day**

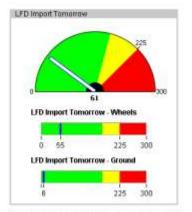
Measures Import Containers at or Approaching

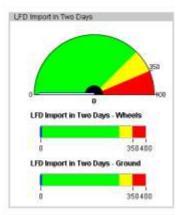
Demurrage, for:

- Gate Manning
- Yard Manning
- Equipment Need









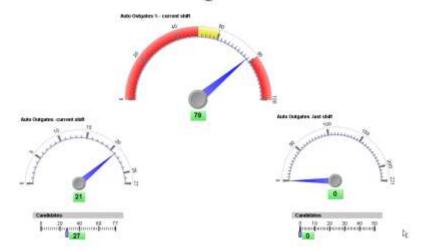




# **Technology**

- Automation Technology
- How is it Performing?
- Rapid Response to Exceptions
- Minimize Operational Impact

#### **Auto Outgate Stats**







# **A Few Words About Implementation**

## Executive leadership

A dashboard project must have direction from the leadership.

## Information Technology

 Unless all the data for the dashboard comes from non-IT administered systems, it is imperative to have IT support.

#### Viewers

 There are few if any successful ROI stories for dashboards that do not have viewers for whom an integral part of their professional success is supported by the dashboard.

# Choosing Metrics

 The goal is to uncover the metrics and KPIs that lead the user to a specific decision or action.

