

# Difference between Business Intelligence and Data Science

*Business Intelligence*

What happened?

Descriptive Analysis  
Standard Reporting



*Data Science*

Why? What will happen?  
What should I do?

Predictive Analysis  
Prescriptive Analysis



CHARACTERISTICS	Business Intelligence	Data Science
Focus	Reports, KPIs, trends	Patterns, correlations, models
Process	Static, comparative	Exploratory, experimentation, visual
Data Sources	Pre-planned, added slowly	On the fly, as-needed
Transform	Up front, carefully planned	In-database, on-demand, enrichment
Data quality	Single version of truth	“Good enough”
Analytics	Retrospective, Descriptive	Predictive, Prescriptive, Preventative

Source: Data Science Central (TechTarget).