

- [39] *Three-pronged management approach:* It is necessary to commit to a combination of the best ideas of each of the objective, data, and user management methodologies, creating triple management since these three approaches are considered to be perfectly compatible.
- [40] *Agile approach:* This approach can be considered novel in the area of software engineering and even more so in the area of business intelligence.

Studies on techniques to choose the best strategic alternative are compelling research [41]. These techniques allow us to consider different alternatives to ensure a successful project. The critical success factors of business intelligence were analyzed to select the best options for a successful project. Critical success factors played an important role and allowed a previous analysis of methodological approaches to mature and offer more efficient business intelligence solutions. Table II shows the critical success factors selected from the literature relating to our research problem.

TABLE II
CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS OF BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Author	Description of critical success factors
[42], [43]	Include user participation in the definition of the level of service and the requirements Define the quality plan Choose the ETL (extract, transform, and load) tool to use Preferably carry out incremental data loads Carefully choose the development platform and the appropriate database system Carry out data reconciliation processes Periodically review and modify the planning Provide user support
[44], [45], [46]	Sponsorship of the project Management of user expectations Use of prototypes Quick result search (quick win) Choose a measurable organizational problem Modeling and design of the "data warehouse." Selection of the appropriate business case Alignment with the organizational strategy Careful selection of tools End users' involvement
[47], [48], [49]	Support for the management of the organization Existence of a project leader Adequate use of resources Participation of the end-user Team with adequate skills Have adequate data sources Consider the information and its analysis as part of the organization's culture Alignment with the organization's strategy Effective BI management and control Management of organizational change
[50]	Initiative linked to business needs Existence of management sponsorship Cross-organizational project QA control The flexibility of the data model Data-oriented management Automatic data extraction process Knowledge Experience
[51]	Make incremental changes

- Adaptive system construction
Manage user expectations
Mixed team involving technicians and end-users
Direct contact with the organization and the business
Avoid chasing perfection
Transmit knowledge in subcontracted projects
Use of standards
Take advantage of the experience of the team members
End-user support
- [52] The centralization of data in a "data warehouse" and its division into several "data marts" allow fast and reliable access to the requested information
The definition of standard lists for all users favors the exchange of information between departments in a clearer and more consistent way
Some predefined report templates have to be implemented to provide decision makers with the functionality to add or remove particular items and create specific reports
A team responsible for aligning standard reporting specifications with local needs and facilitating the execution of the BI project is necessary
There must be strong commitment from the management to resolve any conflict and manage changes that occur during the development of the project
Integration of "Six Sigma" techniques into the organization's IT infrastructure contributes to a robust BI system
IT infrastructure has to focus on a single platform provided by well-known vendors
Consideration of the culture of the organization
Focus on data management
Level of scalability and flexibility of the project and the solution
- [53] Senior management's support for the project
Adequate resources
Committed support from the organization
Formal user participation throughout the entire project
Support, education, and training
Established and agreed business case
Strategic BI vision integrated with the company initiatives
Clearly defined scope of the project
Adoption of an incremental results approach
Project oriented to achieve quick results (quick wins)
Team with the perfect combination of capabilities
Participation of external consultancy in the initial phases of the project
Experience in the business domain
Multifunctional team
Stable data provider systems
Strategic, scalable, and extensible technical environment
Use a prototype as proof of concept
Quality data sources
Common metrics and classifications established by the organization
Scalable metadata model

This research aims to optimize decision making in a business unit that works with internet banking companies through basic and applied research. Section II shows how the basic and applied research was conducted. Regarding the basic research, it describes how the new proposed

methodology was built, and, in relation to the applied research, it shows how the tools and techniques were used during the pre-experimental research. Section III contains the results of the data analysis using Minitab18 statistical software and the hypotheses presented in section II. Finally, section IV reveals the conclusion based on the objective of the investigation.

II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

This study was conducted in a bank business unit that works with internet banking companies. It identified time problems, the number of people, and the costs generated in decision making. Accordingly, basic research was conducted to propose a new business intelligence methodology. Applied research was then conducted that used the new methodology to implement a business intelligence solution to solve the problem. Figure 1 shows the method used in the research.

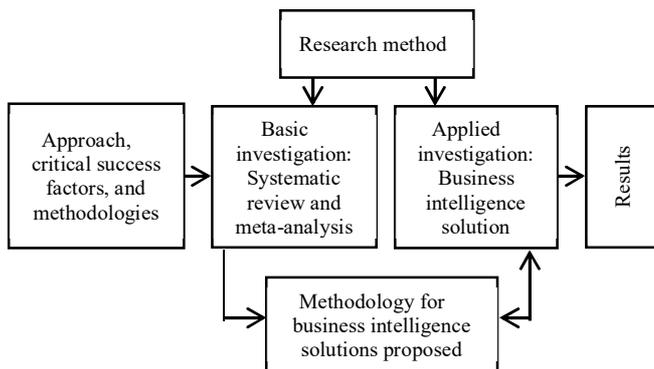


Fig. 1 Research method

A. Basic Investigation Method

First, a systematic review of the literature was conducted, filtering four business intelligence methodologies with thirteen representative approaches. The analysis technique was used to determine which methodology best suits a certain business intelligence approach. Table III shows the methodologies with the highest relationship score: Ralph Kimball (RK), DWEP (DW), and SAS Rapid (SR). Bill Immon (BI) and Hephaestus (HF) were eliminated.

TABLE III
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE APPROACHES AND METHODOLOGIES

Author	BI approaches	RK	BI	HF	DW	SR
[36], [37]	The plan-oriented approach or requirement-oriented approach	X		X		
[36], [37]	Focus on data management		X			X
[36], [37]	Focus on value chain data		X			X
[36], [37]	Process-based approach		X		X	
[36], [37]	Event-driven approach		X			X
[36], [37]	Object-oriented approach	X				X
[36], [37]	Joint approach		X			
[36], [37]	Goal-oriented approach	X		X	X	X
[36], [37]	Model-based approach	X			X	

[36], [37]	Adaptive business approach	X	X	X	X
[38]	Demand-driven or prototype-driven user-based				
[39]	Three-pronged management approach (objective, data, and user management)	X	X	X	X
[40]	Agile approach	X		X	X

Second, a meta-analysis of more representative critical success factors was conducted. Critical success factors were weighted, ranked, and related to the methodologies that obtained the most approaches in the first analysis.

The QSPM technique was used. The Quantitative Strategic Planning Matrix (QSPM) is a high-level strategic management approach for evaluating possible strategies, and it provides an analytical method for comparing feasible alternative actions. This technique assigns weights, classifications, and scores. A weight (b) and a classification (c) are given to each critical success factor, whereby multiplying $b \times c$ will obtain a score for each methodology, which will be considered to be more attractive for a successful project. In this case, it will be in accordance with the critical success factor proposed by each author in the literature. David et al. [41] stated, "The criterion for the quantitative matrix is to determine the relative attractiveness of viable relative actions".

Each critical success factor was assigned a weight: weight = 0.0 = unimportant, weight = 0.1 = very important. The sum must always be equal to 1. A classification is then assigned to each strategic element as a degree of attraction (in this case, the strategically selected methodologies): 1 = not attractive, 2 = somewhat attractive, 3 = quite attractive, and 4 = very attractive.

The total score of the degree of attraction was obtained by multiplying the values of the ranking by weight; the total scores indicated the degree of attraction of each strategy. In Table IV, we can see the values found.

TABLE IV
SUMMARY OF THE META-ANALYSIS OF CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

Methodologies selected		Ralph Kimball	DWEP	SAS RAPID				
FCE according to author (a)	Average weight (b)							
	Average rating (c)							
	Total score (d) = (b * c)							
	Average rating (e)							
	Total score V(f) = (b * e)							
	Average rating (g)							
	Total score (h) = (b * g)							
	[42], [43]	1.0	2.8	2.86	3.1	3.12	2.5	2.44
	[44], [45], [46]	1.0	3.0	3.13	2.7	2.62	2.2	2.40
	[47], [48], [49]	1.0	2.5	2.80	2.3	2.36	2.2	2.10
	[50]	1.0	2.8	3.08	2.9	2.88	2.4	2.24
	[51]	1.0	3.0	3.36	2.3	2.21	2.5	2.75
	[52]	1.0	2.6	2.67	2.6	2.68	2.1	2.25
	[43], [53]	1.0	2.9	3.0	2.3	2.06	2.7	2.74
[43], [53]	1.0	2.4	2.52	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	
[43], [53]	1.0	2.8	2.94	2.9	3.22	1.9	1.8	
[43], [53]	1.0	2.8	3.04	3.1	3.4	2.5	2.62	
Total		29.4	27.15	23.84				

Taking into account the highest scores of the meta-analysis, a new methodology was proposed. The most relevant concepts of the Ralph Kimball and DWEP methodologies were considered. Figure 2 shows the phases of the new proposed methodology used in applied research.

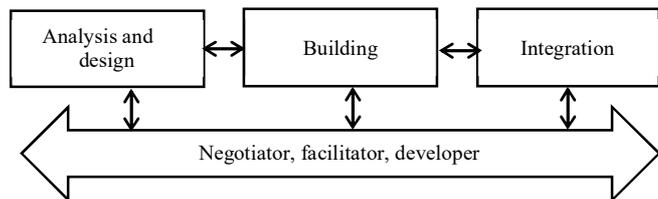


Fig. 2 Methodology proposed

This new methodology allows the efficient implementation of a business intelligence solution since it maintains its three development phases through communication between three actors who manage the information transversally in all the phases of the project.

1) *The Analysis and Design Phase:* This phase was used to obtain business value requirements through the method of interviews and observation. It allowed the design of the use cases, the architecture of the solution, and the entire flow of data input and output.

2) *The Construction Phase:* This phase facilitated the development of databases and the execution of ETL processes and automated dimensional cubes. It avoided impediments due to new changes. These changes were facilitated and accepted as a principle of agility.

3) *The Integration Phase:* This phase allowed for incremental deliverables. The methodology required the dashboards to be the business acceptance criteria, and it allowed for comprehensive tests that were verified by the same business. Finally, the solution was implemented and investigated within a culture of development and operations.

B. Applied Research Method

The new methodology was applied by developing a business intelligence solution to optimize decision-making in internet banking. The following variables and indicators were considered:

1) *Independent Variable:* A business intelligence solution applying a new methodology.

TABLE V
OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE INDEPENDENT VARIABLE

Indicator	Index
Presence, absence	No, yes

When the answer is NO, it is because the new methodology was not applied during the development of a business intelligence solution. The problem is still in its current situation. When it is YES, it refers to the new methodology being applied to the development of a business intelligence solution, which is expected to obtain better results.

2) *Dependent Variable:* Decision making in internet banking companies. Table VI shows the operationalization of the indicators of the dependent variable.

TABLE VI
OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE DEPENDENT VARIABLE

Dimension	Indicator	Index	Unit of measurement	Formula	Method
Time	Time spent in each decision making process	[20–120]	Minutes	$T = (TII + TIn) / NS$	Direct observation
People	Number of people in each decision making process	[2–5]	# of people used	$P = (PN + PS)$	Direct observation
Cost	Cost per hour generated in each decision-making process	[31,25]	Peruvian soles	$C = (CH \square TTD / 60) \square NP$	Manual review

Formula legend:

Time:

T = time invested in the process

TII + TIn = time spent according to 1 + n elements of the process

NS = number of outputs of a process

Persons:

PN = people involved in business

PS = people involved in systems

Cost:

CH = cost per hour

TTD = time in minutes in the decision-making process

NP = number of people involved

3) *Pre-experimental Research:* The indicated formulas were applied in a pre-experimental research design because they worked with only one research group.

TABLE VII
EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN NOTATION

RG	01	X	02
Experimental group	Pre-test measurement	Experimental treatment	Post-test measurement

where:

R = random group formation (random choice of decision-making processes)

G = experimental group (decision-making processes)

01 = pre-test measurement (values found before the experimental stimulus)

X = experimental treatment (business intelligence solution applying the new methodology)

02 = post-test measurement (values found after applying the experimental stimulus)

The decision-making processes of internet banking companies worldwide were considered as a population; however, as it was not possible to quantify all the processes:

$N = indeterminate$

The decision-making processes of internet banking companies were taken as a sample.

n = 30 decision-making processes carried out

Direct observation was used as a technique and the stopwatch as a research tool to measure the indicators – time, number of people, and cost of the decision-making processes – in the pre-test and post-test of the data. Each process was analyzed in detail according to the indicators, and notes were taken to perform the calculations and obtain the results.

4) *Statement of the Hypotheses:* The parameter studied was the average (μ) of the indicators: time, the number of people, and the cost of the decision making of the internet banking companies. Therefore, the following hypotheses were stated:

- H₁: If a business intelligence solution is implemented with a new methodology, the time spent on decision making for internet banking companies is reduced.
- H₂: If a business intelligence solution is implemented with a new methodology, the number of people participating in internet banking companies' decision-making is reduced.
- H₃: If a business intelligence solution is implemented with a new methodology, the cost of decision making for internet banking companies is reduced.

To contrast the hypotheses, the following solution was proposed for each of the indicators:

μ_1 = mean (H₁, H₂, H₃) of decision making in the pre-test
 μ_2 = mean (H₁, H₂, H₃) of decision making in the post-test
 where:

H₀: $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$
 H_a: $\mu_1 > \mu_2$

Finally, the hypotheses were confirmed using the specialized software Minitab18. Data normality analysis, descriptive statistics analysis, and hypothesis contrast analysis were performed for statistical decisions.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Reduction of Time, Number of People, and Cost

The effect of applying the business intelligence solution using the new proposed methodology had significant results. It reduced the time and the number of people involved and the costs generated in the decision-making process. Thirty decision-making processes were observed. The pre-test results determined the time that each process takes according to the tasks performed by the number of people involved and the cost generated by each person's work. In the subsequent test, a significant reduction of the indicators was observed. The business executive used the business intelligence solution to make decisions in a shorter time, using fewer people and generating lower costs. This new result was important to determine the time, number of people involved, and the cost generated in a new decision-making process.

Table VIII shows that 100% of the data on the decision making in the post-test are lower than the average of the data in the pre-test. It was observed that 67% of the decision-making time in the post-test is less than the average time. For

the number of people, it is 63% less, and, for the cost, it is 70% less.

TABLE VIII
 DIRECT OBSERVATION RESULTS

No.	I ₁ : Time		I ₂ : Number of people		I ₃ : Cost	
	Pre-test	Post-test	Pre-test	Post-test	Pre-test	Post-test
1	63.33	1.77	3	0	84.87	0.42
2	35.00	3.73	3	1	58.34	1.62
3	21.67	1.41	4	1	47.00	0.44
4	20.00	1.69	3	1	29.69	0.47
5	71.67	18.33	3	1	100.06	9.17
6	90.00	26.67	4	0	173.87	-0.73
7	76.67	15.00	3	1	104.90	6.04
8	106.67	28.33	2	1	120.30	17.72
9	101.67	25.00	3	1	183.49	10.68
10	76.67	10.00	2	1	97.52	6.73
11	65.00	7.67	3	2	86.01	7.06
12	68.33	20.00	3	1	96.62	9.54
13	65.67	25.00	4	1	145.99	18.21
14	38.33	7.67	2	0	37.25	1.50
15	38.33	3.33	2	2	42.60	3.00
16	18.33	0.60	3	1	30.20	0.43
17	25.00	0.43	3	1	38.08	0.17
18	43.33	1.50	3	1	57.37	0.50
19	61.67	0.12	5	2	168.20	0.11
20	52.33	0.08	4	1	97.67	0.03
21	25.00	1.67	4	0	48.42	0.21
22	46.67	0.32	3	1	65.08	0.24
23	81.67	7.67	4	2	188.21	9.64
24	78.33	11.67	4	0	161.93	2.00
25	80.00	15.00	2	0	68.10	-1.03
26	35.00	0.10	5	2	87.81	0.09
27	76.67	7.67	2	1	92.98	2.43
28	55.00	0.04	4	1	102.29	0.03
29	76.67	0.08	4	0	154.56	0.01
30	90.00	0.38	2	1	81.60	0.11
μ	59.49	8.10	3	1	95.03	3.56
Nro.	30	20	30	19	30	21
$\leq \mu$						
%	100	67	100	63	100	70

The direct observation method using the stopwatch as a recording tool is useful and allows empirical knowledge to be obtained to understand reality. Nevertheless, a data bias could have arisen when recording the information, so it can be understood as subjective. Therefore, the Minitab18 software was applied as a standardized method to supply the results with statistical evidence.

1) *Descriptive Statistics Results:* According to the results of the “Anderson Darling” normality test, the AD and p-value are $> \alpha$ (0.05); therefore, the data normality was confirmed for analysis. It was observed that, with a confidence level of 95%, the mean and the standard deviation revealed normal results concerning the data of the research indicators.

Table IX shows the results of the descriptive statistics according to the Minitab18 software.

TABLE IX
DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS RESULTS

Sample	N	Mean	Stand. dev.	AD	p-value
I1: Pre-test – time	30	59.49	25.11	0.460	0.243
I1: Post-test – time		1.350	0.5568	0.637	0.088
I2: Pre-test – number of people	30	3.120	0.9199	0.358	0.431
I2: Post-test – number of people		0.9368	0.6028	0.431	0.287
I3: Pre-test – cost	30	95.03	47.93	0.721	0.054
I3: Post-test – cost		-0.1066	2.051	0.378	0.386

It was observed that the pre-test values are higher than the post-test values. This provides evidence that the time was reduced from 59.49 to 1.35 minutes. The number of people was reduced from 3 to 1, and the average cost generated per hour was reduced from 95.03 to -0.1066. Therefore, the process of decision making was significantly reduced.

2) *Hypothesis Testing Results:* The results of the statistical values of the differences in the samples in the pre-test and the post-test are shown in Table X. The t- and p-values are verified in Figure 3 to decide the regions of acceptance and rejection.

TABLE X
STATISTICAL VALUES OF ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

Sample	N	t-value	p-value
I1: Pre-test – time	30	12.84	0.000
I1: Post-test – time			
I2: Pre-test – number of people	30	12.92	0.000
I2: Post-test – number of people			
I3: Pre-test – cost	30	10.95	0.000
I3: Post-test – cost			

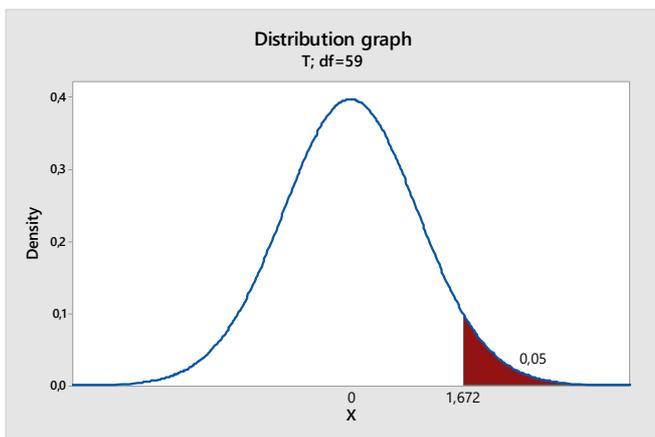


Fig. 3 Statistical acceptance limit

With a degree of freedom $(n-1) = 59$ for the two samples, a critical value of 1.672 was obtained, limiting the acceptance zone to 95% and producing a right-tailed rejection of 0.05. According to the result of the t-value calculated from the samples in Table X, it is within the rejection zone, and the result of the value $p = 0.000 < \alpha = 0.05$ shows sufficient evidence to consider the test of the hypothesis to be significant.

3) *Statistical Decision Result:* H_0 is rejected: $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$ and H_a is accepted: $\mu_1 > \mu_2$. It is concluded that, at the significance level of 5%, the null hypothesis H_0 is rejected. The indicators “time”, “number of people”, and “cost” in the pre-test are less than or equal to those in the post-test. It is considered that there is sufficient statistical evidence to accept the alternative hypothesis. The decision-making indicators are higher in the pre-test than in the post-test. Therefore, it is resolved that the hypothesis indicators H_1 , H_2 , and H_3 are true with significant results.

B. The Effect on Internet Banking Companies

If business executives make decisions in the shortest possible time, using fewer people, and involving lower costs, they will be more productive. Performing data queries using a business intelligence solution that was developed with an effective methodology will allow greater agility in decision making. Business units will be able to improve their strategies and offer high-quality services with greater productivity on their internet banking platforms [3]. Customers will then have a high operational capacity [4] due to the offer of products that they can receive.

The new methodology for business intelligence solutions in internet banking returned significant results. These indicate greater business productivity and continued participation in the virtual channel market [7].

It is important to highlight the adoption of business intelligence methodologies for any type of information technology to make further improvements [17]. On the other hand, artificial intelligence and block technology are considered to be prospects for the future of banking [31], [33]. In this study, the results that were presented, with a reduction from 59.49 to 1.350 minutes in the work per process, are extremely significant for decision-making in the internet banking business unit. This will result in the project’s development requests and product offerings being made more frequently. Business executives will be able to avoid opportunity costs in the business. On the other hand, the reduction from three to one person to generate decision-making reports can eliminate dependencies and gaps, enabling information to be obtained more efficiently. Finally, reducing people will reduce costs, and this reduction can be considered savings for investment in other opportunities in the business of internet banking companies.

IV. CONCLUSION

Decision-making was optimized in a financial sector business unit that offers internet banking to business clients. This optimization was achieved by implementing a business intelligence solution applying a new business intelligence solution methodology. The business unit will be able to make better decisions in less time, with fewer people, and with lower costs.

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