

4 TIPS TO START WORKING WITH QLIKVIEW

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Introduction

Start designing a dashboard could be hard if it's your first time, these lines could be an easy to follow guide with resources and tips to help you create your first QlikView App.

1 Find inspiration and reuse

Make sure you visit [QlikView Demo](#) site prior to starting your project. One of the best things about the site is the fact that you are able to **download one app and reuse** the content for your own.

Don't forget to check the brand new [demo image gallery](#) with visualization highlights and samples of QlikView's **unique approach to data viz.**

If you need advice on **when to use which chart**, take a look at [Data Visualization App](#), it has specific information and **best practices** on how to **show your data in the most effective ways.**

2 Identify the needs

You need to understand the **business process** that is behind the analysis first. The more you know about the business needs the more easily you will be able to design for the business by choosing the appropriate KPIs. So your first task is to **identify the KPIs** for your [new dashboard](#) and don't forget to **assign them a relative weight** so later on you will be able to **use hierarchy** to emphasize the heaviest, most important ones.

3 Use pen and paper

To create a QlikView app start by picking a piece of **paper** and your favorite **pencil** and drawing your best approach to the dashboard, you don't need to be very specific, just sketch it out **and create the basic layout** and **emphasize the main KPIs** and **comparisons** that are need in your project. Don't forget to validate your design with other users and add their feedback to your design.

4 Choose a leitmotiv

Think of the fashion designers. They base their collections on a certain decade or style and then they are consistent in applying that style to the entire collection. When working with QlikView you can be a fashion designer in a way, **choose a theme**, your leitmotiv for the app, and keep it in mind when creating charts and when choosing the [color palette](#). Despite using your corporate branding, it could be a mess if you mix several colors, just **keep neutral colors** for backgrounds and main elements and **use contrast** to emphasize the most important KPIs.

Some good examples of thematic design could be founded in [QlikView Developer Toolkit](#) App, an excellent starting point for your next QlikView App, you will also find many design elements as buttons, grids, shadows and rulers and lines.



Pen and paper, the best way to start the design of your new dashboard.



Summary

These are just some basic tips to start working with QlikView but if you want to go further in the design process to developing QlikView applications, then you should review Michael's technical papers you will find at the bottom of his post called [How To Improve Your Design Process Working With Qlikview](#)

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