

# Practical Application

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- **Identify at least 2 prior projects or initiatives you worked in your organization.**
  - How was the data collected for each project or initiative?
    - Was there a formal plan defining what data to collect and how to collect it?
      - *If not, then was there any reason any of the data had to be re-collected (e.g., some data was missing, or didn't cover enough of a time period, or didn't include enough samples, etc.)?*
      - *How would the project or initiative have benefited (if at all) if a formal plan was defined for how to collect the data?*
      - *Why wasn't a formal plan created for collecting the data? (e.g., was it presumed that it would take too long, or the people involved didn't know how to do it, or not everyone thought it was necessary, etc.?)*
    - If there was a formal plan for collecting data, how did it affect the outcome of the project or initiative?