

The Rules of Subsurface Analytics

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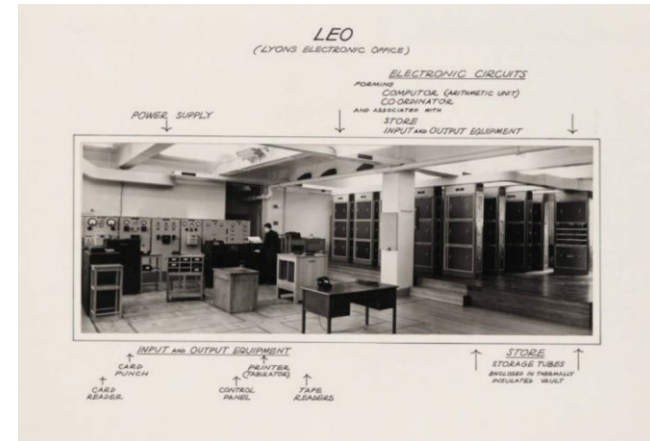


Agenda

- Why subsurface analytics is different
- The Rules
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 - Rule 4: Agile Approach
 - Rule 5: Business Buy-in
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Why Subsurface Analytics is different

1940's business computing: where it all started for business analytics



But for us, the IT/OT divide happened



Subsurface Data Management Culture



Custodianship
v
Stewardship



Custodian

- Controls access
- Avoids unknown data
- Transfer data
- Avoids risk
- Hates change
- Acquires knowledge
- Creates walls

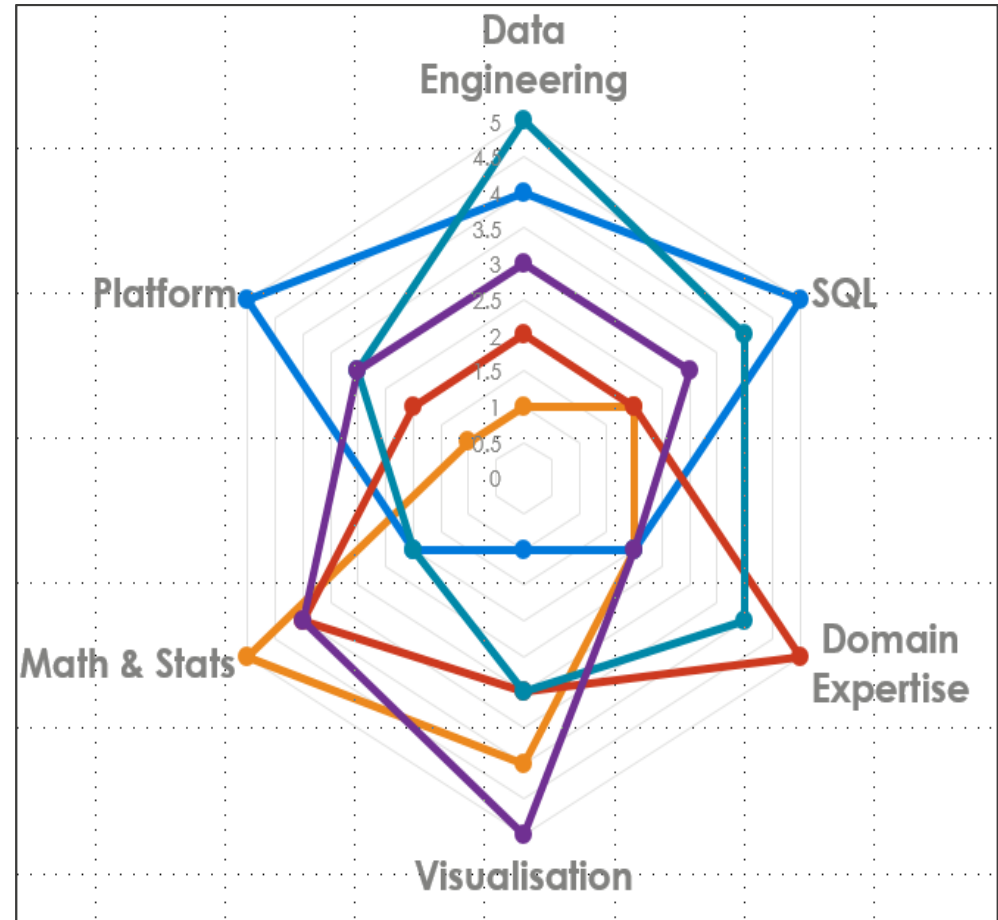
Steward

- Shares data
- Celebrates variety
- Enables access
- Embraces risk
- Owns change
- Shares insights
- Teaches governance

Rule 1: Right People

Right People, plural. And T-shaped.

- Too many disciplines for any one person to know it all
- “T-shaped people” who go wide across many disciplines but deep into their specific domain
- Need outstanding data management and data engineering skills (and culture)
- Need platform expertise for sustainability and deployment
- Need Subject Matter Expertise



Analytics / data science workflow



Here's one we did earlier in Malaysia

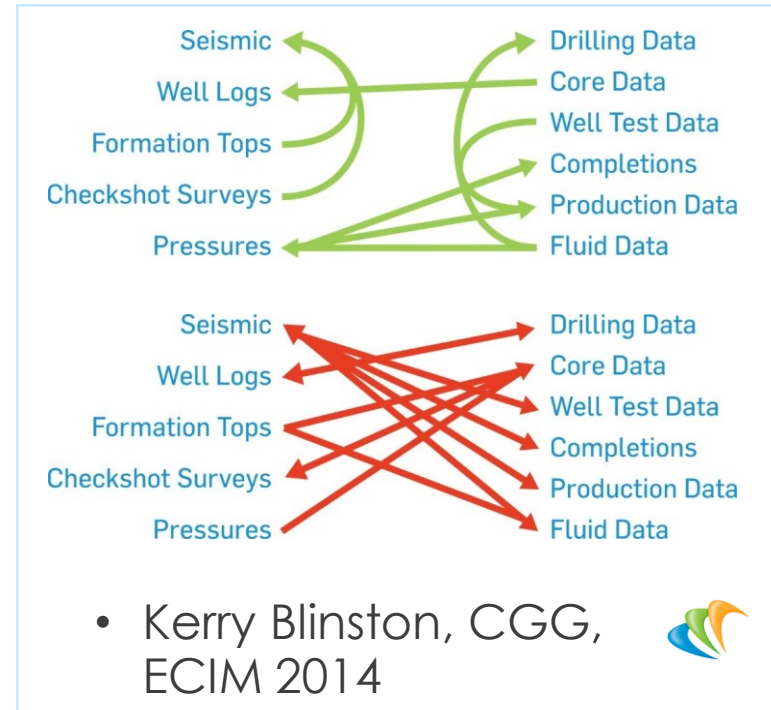
- Working closely with the customer
 - Subject matter expertise
 - Source system expertise
- Teradata Subject Matter Expert
- Data management skills
- Data platform skills
- Coding skills
- Data science skills
- Frontend/visualisation skills



Rule 2: Right Platform

The problems with existing data stores

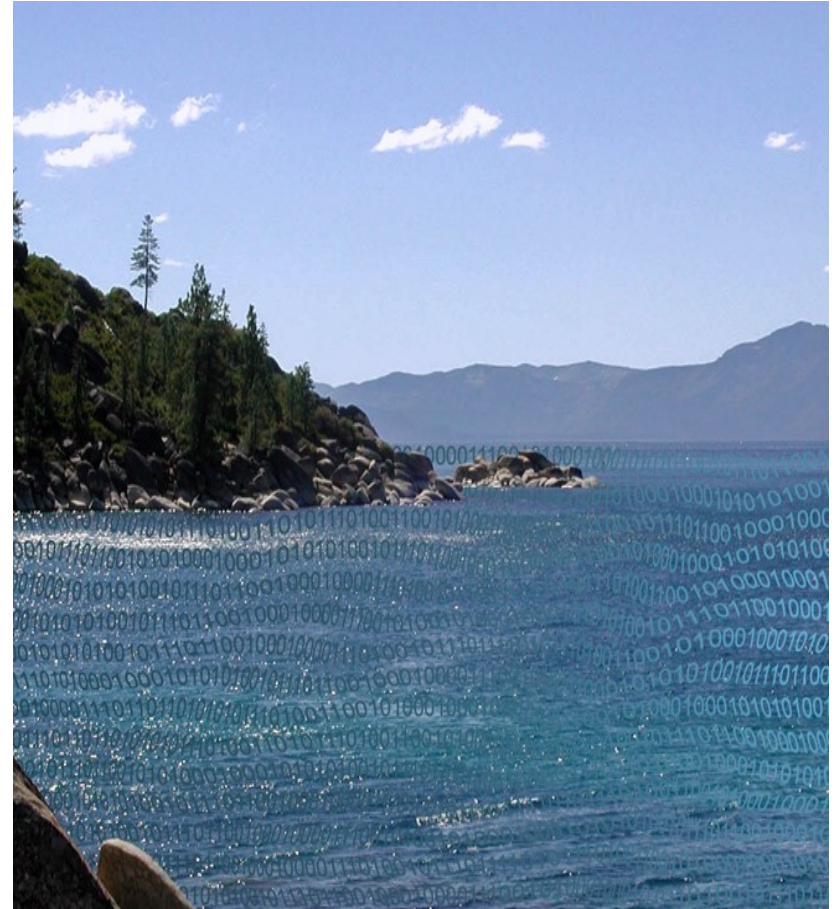
- “Knowledge development” applications come with import filters for specific file types and specific tasks
- Data is modelled logically for well-defined (and hence brittle) processes that may not reflect all (or even any!) use cases
- Only “perfect” data can be imported into applications or schemas



New data types, or new combinations, challenge all of this

Build a new platform that all disciplines can use

- If we don't give them a purpose-built platform for analytics, we will be in Desktop/Excel Hell.
- A platform that
 - Accepts data from any discipline
 - Makes it easy for data scientists to use their tools – R, Python etc
 - Provides the right level of governance and data quality
- Call it a Data Lake, or call it an Analytical Data Platform
 - Just build something where they can get data and ideally write new data back



Rule 3: Good enough Data Management

“Good Enough” Data Management

- Stewards mentor and support “citizen data management”
- Everyone cares about the data and its quality
- Everyone can do something about it when they find bad data
- Data governance is a function of data value

“Good Enough” means:

- **Good:** don’t compromise on quality
- **Enough:** don’t boil the ocean

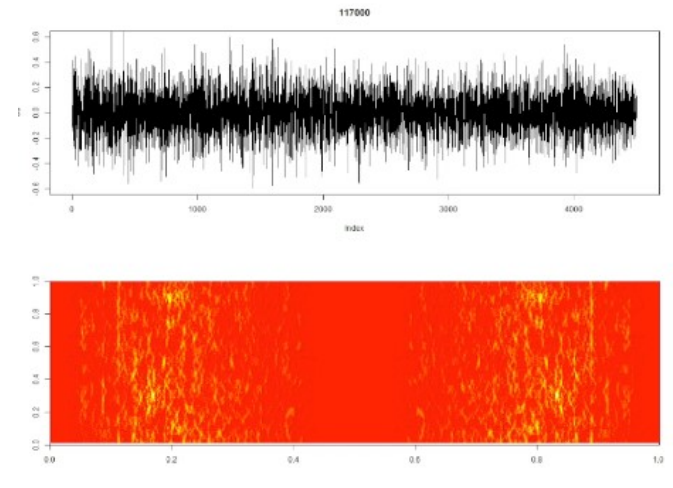
What should data look like?

Don't be a data hoarder!

Why not store data at a granularity good enough to extract value?

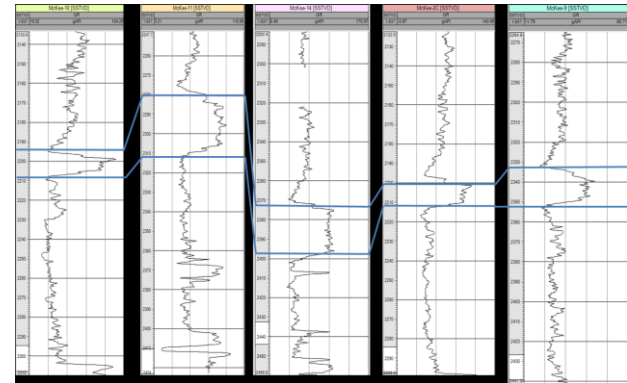
- Granular enough
- Dimensioned (time, space) enough
- Resample, interpolate, aggregate
- Profile data so you can get an idea of it quickly

GOOD ENOUGH!

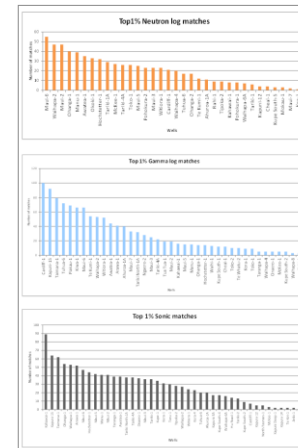


“Difficult file formats” (Multi-structured data)

- Parse out the measurement data
- Link it through time and space
- Relate using metadata and master data
- Form a view on whether a hypothesis is worth developing



GOOD ENOUGH!



Dealing with unstructured data

Text

- Language
- Typos
- Consistency
- Quality

Use simple characterisation tools to understand what is in the data

Don't try to build a whole text input and cleansing framework

GOOD ENOUGH!

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Rule 4: Agile Approach

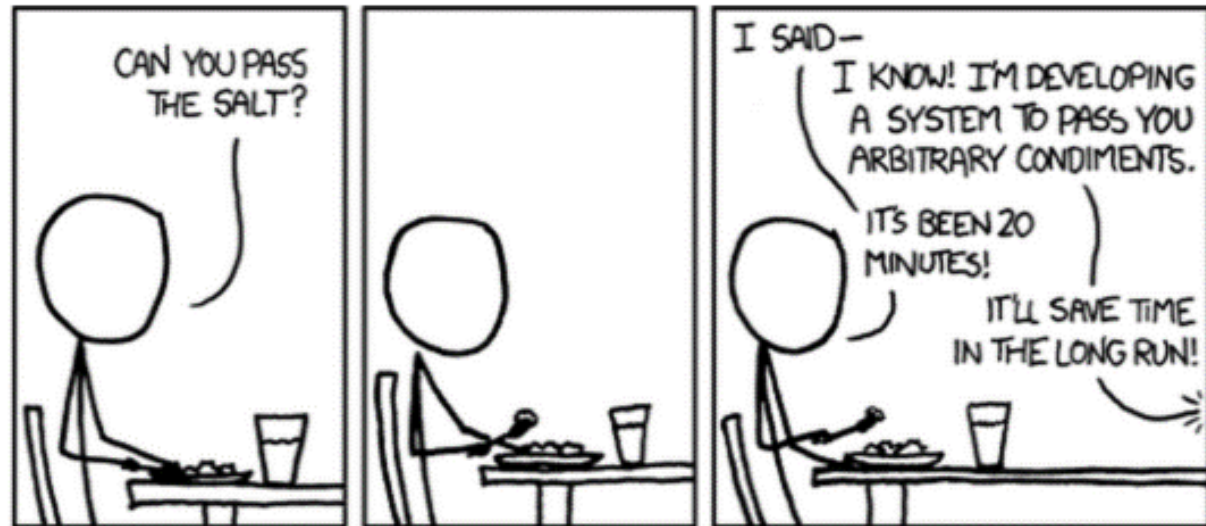
Agile, Scrum, DevOps, Interactive Visualisation



What not to do

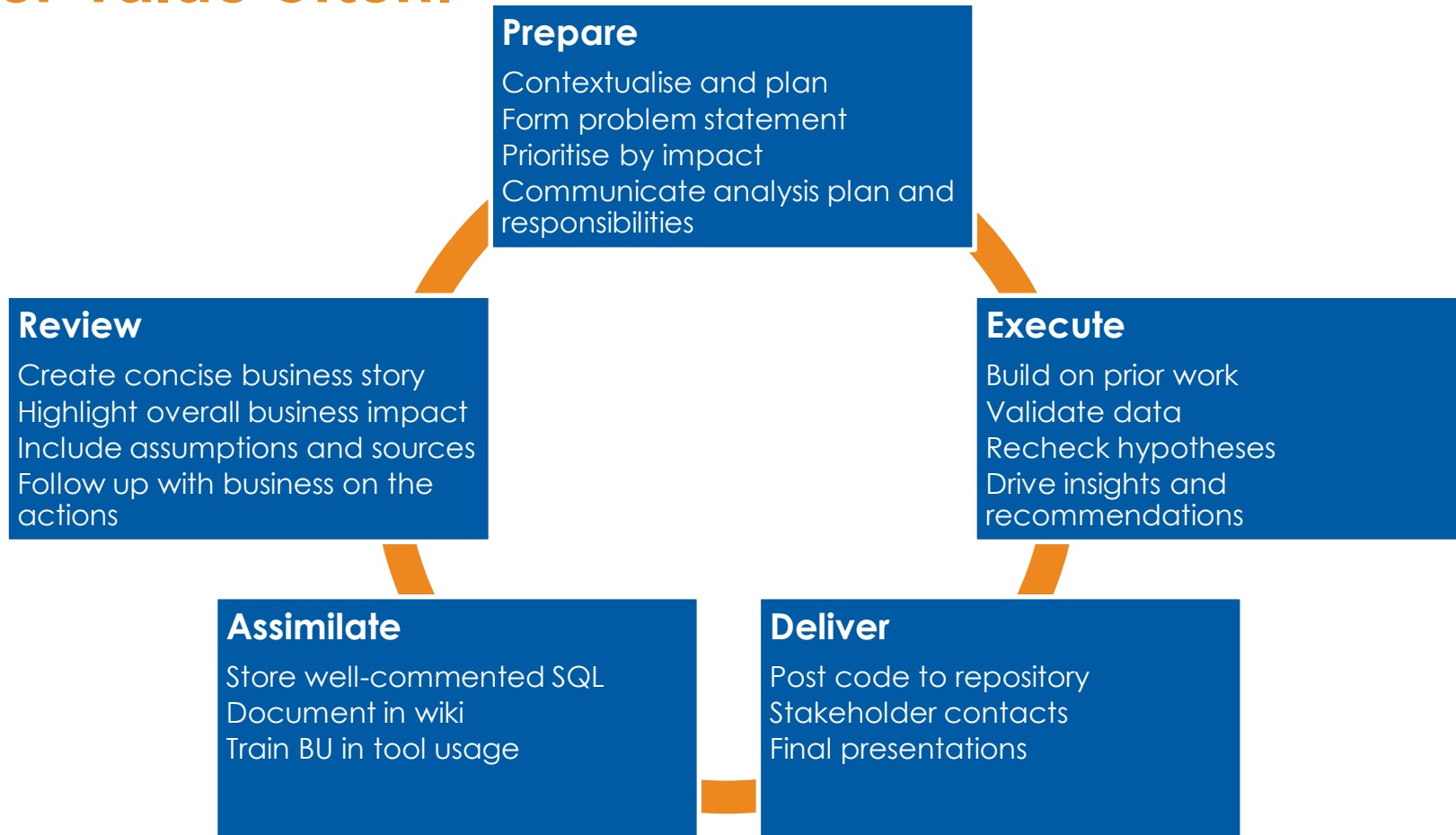
Common resource-sinks:

- Point solutions
- Technology projects
- Waterfalls
- Brittle data modelling
- "We want ML/AI!"



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Iterate.
One project at a time.
Deliver value often.



Agility needs the right mindset

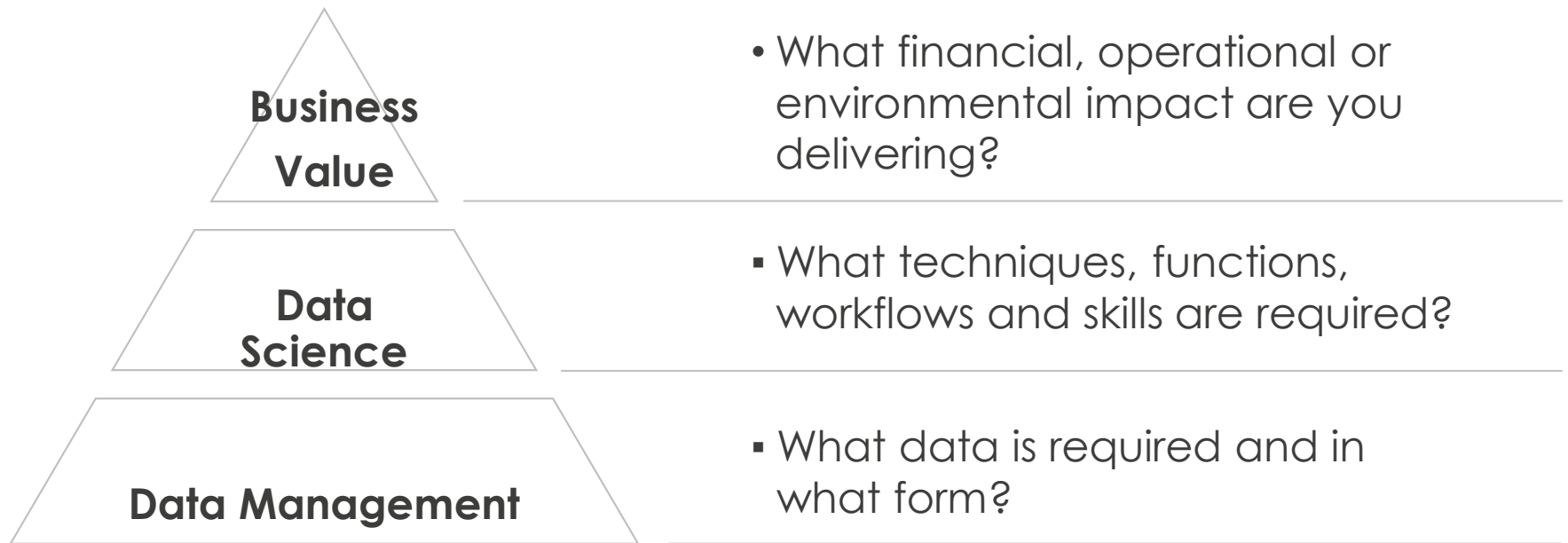
Working together
Willing to take risks
Proactive
Speed / Time-to-insight



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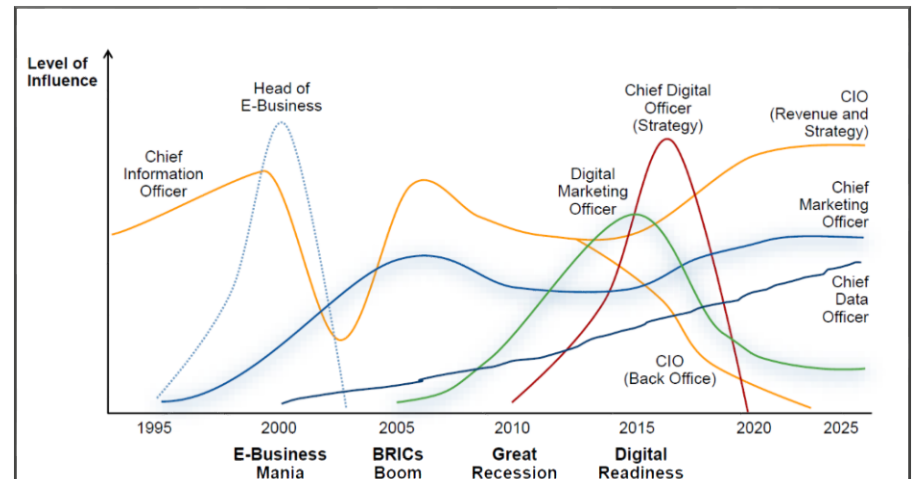
Rule 5: Business Buy-in

Data management to enable business-aligned data science



Business-focused data management

- Embed data ownership in the business units
- Engage with business leadership to plan, budget and deliver data-driven initiatives
- Define and drive data exploitation strategy
- Understand data value and leverage high value data for business impact

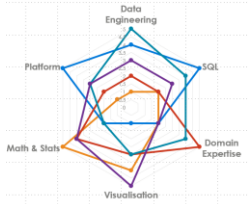


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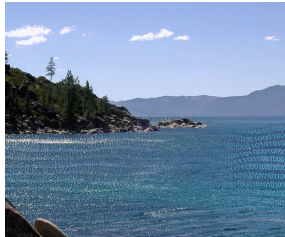
...do we need a
Chief Data Officer?

Recap

The 5 Rules – all equally important



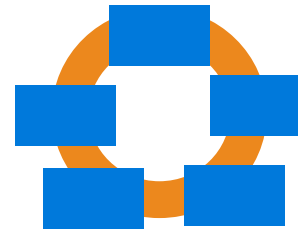
Right People



Right Platform



Good Enough
Data
Management



Agile
Approach



Business Buy-in

Stated another way - Data Management 2.0

Stop doing

- Brittle data management
- Silos
- Disposable data science
- Transfer and analysis in Excel

Keep doing

- Applying domain expertise
- High levels of governance
- Driving data quality
- Learning

Start doing

- Aligning with business
- Applying context
- Data profiling
- Enriching data
- Applying critical thinking



Closing thoughts

"Trying to plan for the future without a sense of history is like trying to plant cut flowers."

Daniel J Boorstin (1914 – 2004)

12th Librarian of the US Congress 1975-1987



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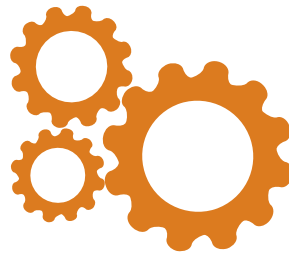
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What is the point of data science?



Data science, also known as data-driven science, is an interdisciplinary field about scientific methods, processes, and systems to extract knowledge or insights from data in various forms, either structured or unstructured, similar to data mining.

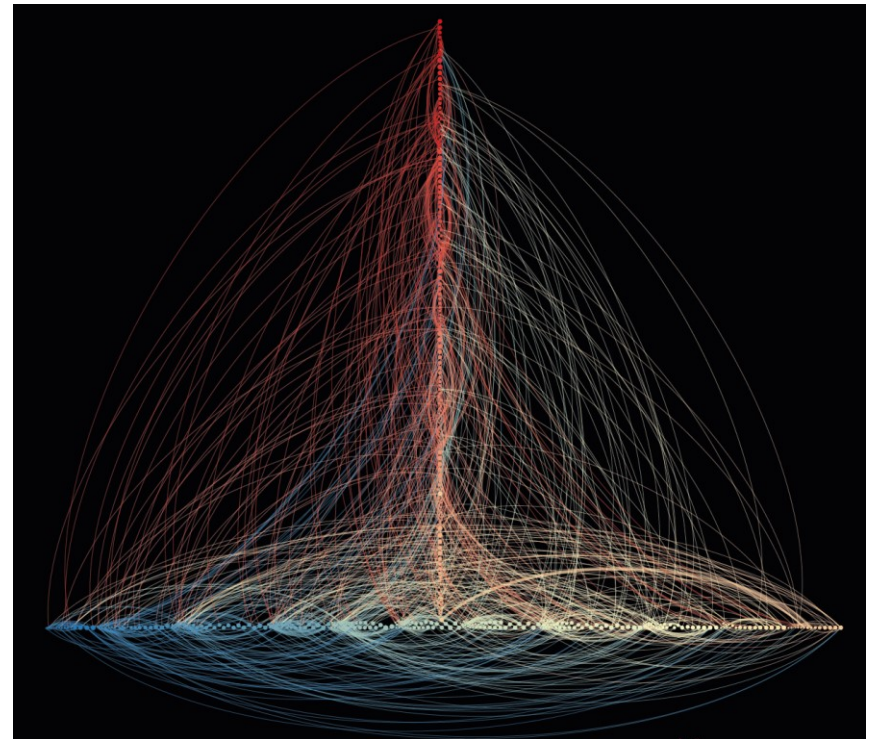
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Data science workflow



Not just machine learning

- Finding relationships with complex data sets
- Characterising behaviour and understanding the **demographics** of data
- It can be applied to:
 - Data profiling and QC
 - Data preparation
 - Data mining
 - Operational processes
 - Data art



How other industries grew an analytics culture...

