

Can Al Help Us Solve the Tech Diversity Divide?

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Let's Begin With a Test!





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Introductions are in order

Getting to know you...

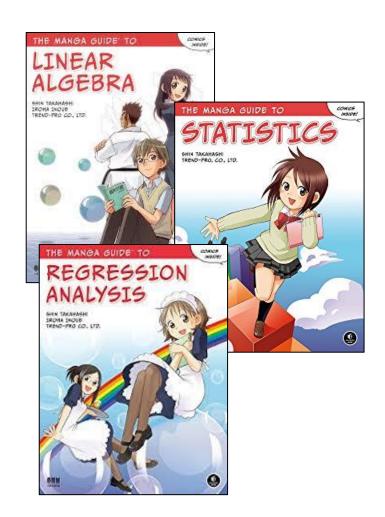
Amazing Grace! (aka Grace Balancio)

- Self-proclaimed data geek with 14 years of data management experience
- Describes my IT career as a D.R.E.A.M(Data Rules Everything Around Me)
- Loves to sleep



Who's This "2.0" Guy, Anyways?

(aka William Von Alt II)

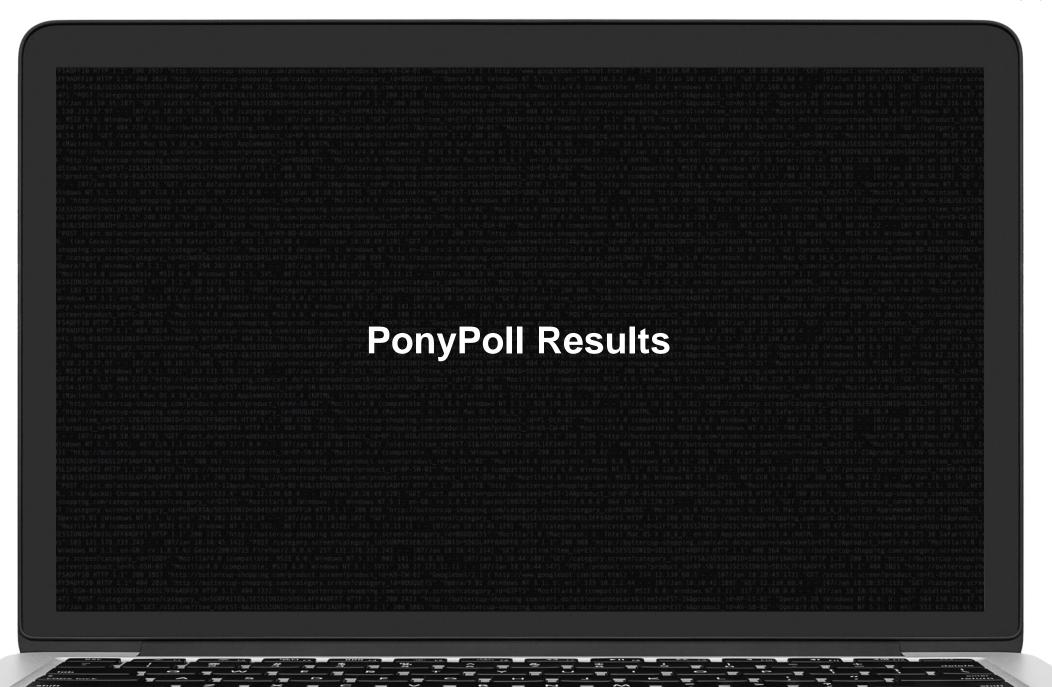


- { Technologist | Data Geek | Educator | Splunker }
- Doing this Splunk thing for 6+ years
- 20 years of progressively responsible IT positions
 SysOp to Program Manager, and everything in between!
- Not a Data Scientist!

Survey says...

What do our results say about us?





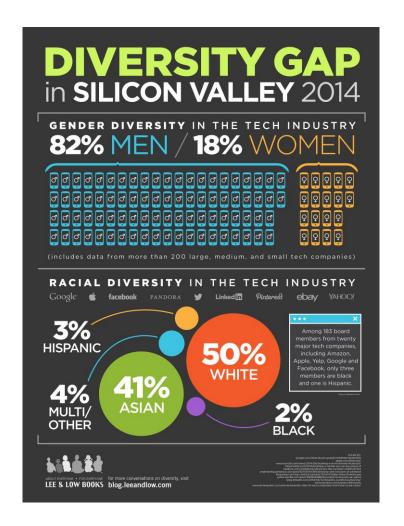
Here's the Stark Reality

We didn't say it would be pretty ⊗

Let's discuss...

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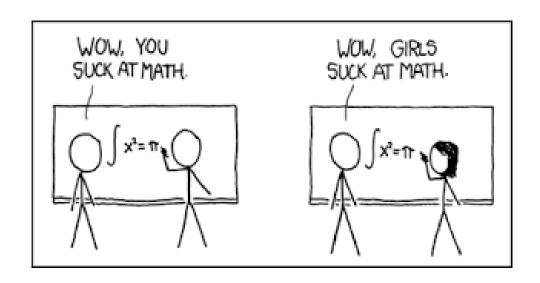
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Mind the Gap!

Common forms of diversity biases



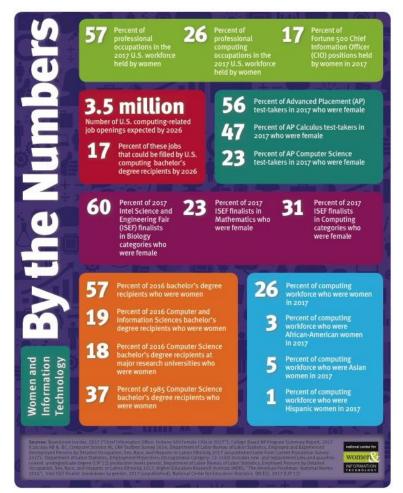
- Gender distribution
- Pay & equity disparity
- Ethnic representation
- Age discrimination
- and others...

But surely things have gotten better since 2014??



Ehhhhhh...

Perhaps not so much



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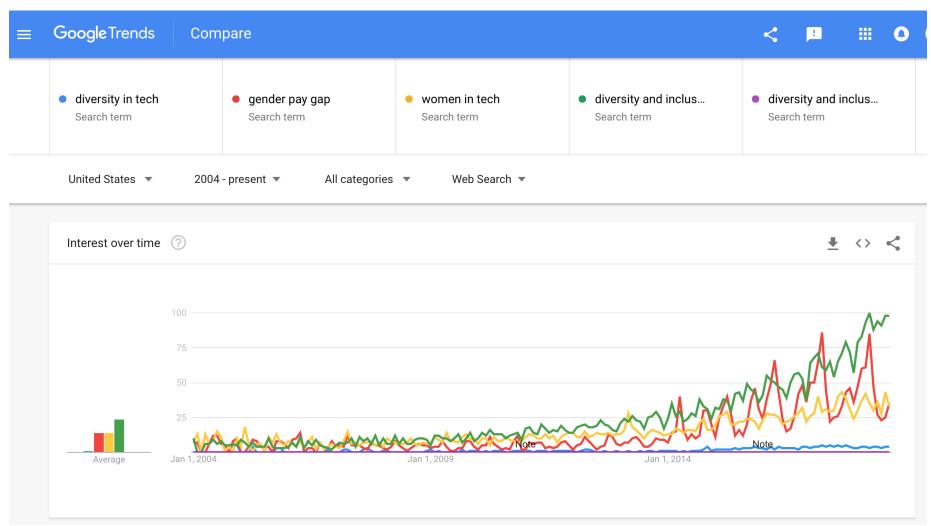
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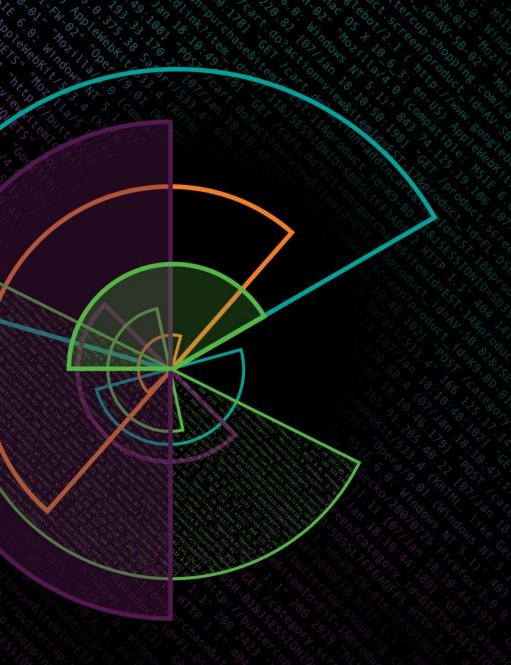


Interest Over Time...

Raising awareness



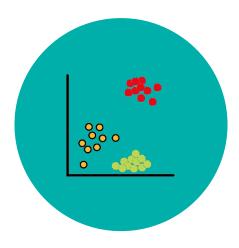




Ain't nobody got time for that!

Or, how does ML factor into this equation?

Three Types of Machine Learning



Supervised Learning



Unsupervised Learning



Reinforcement Learning



Overview of ML at Splunk



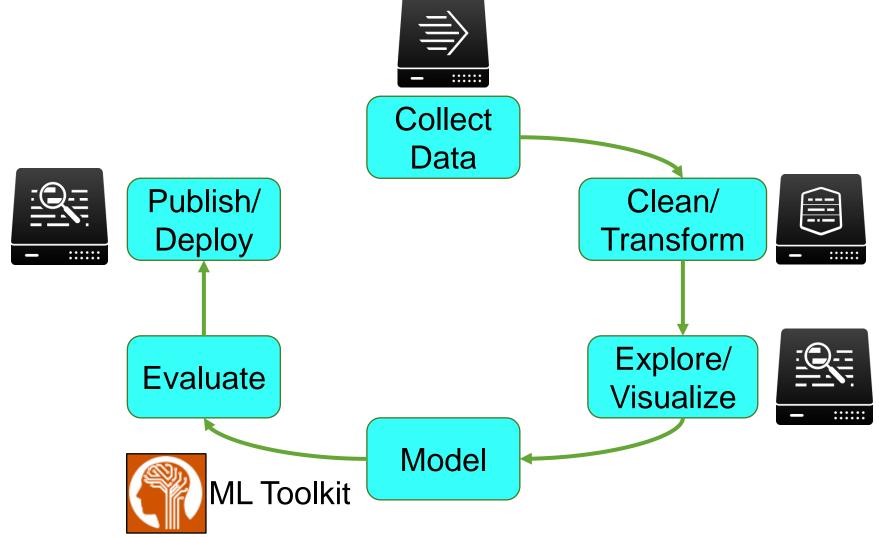




splunk > Platform for Machine Data



Machine Learning Process with Splunk





Splunk Search Includes Machine Learning Baked right in!

Core Platform Search is a powerful and highly flexible interface built with ML:

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(sourcetype=IVR OR sourcetype=AMI
OR sourcetype=SCADA)
earliest=rt-15m latest=rt
Timechart span=5s max(callVolume)
max(powerDemand) max(plantOutput)
anomalydetection
```



What are the ML commands in SPL?

Selected algorithms

- Cluster groups events together based on how similar they are to each other
- Anomalies finds events or field values that are unusual or unexpected
- Predict forecasts values for one or more sets of time-series data
- Kmeans Kmeans clustering on events
- Anomalousvalue anomaly score for each field of each event, relative to the values of this field across other events
- Anomalydetection identifies anomalous events by computing a probability for each event and then detecting unusually small probabilities

- X11 exposes seasonal trend in your time series
- Associate Change in entropy between two fields
- Findkeywords Given a set of numbered groups
 (from say cluster) calculates the common words found in each cluster
- Analyzefields What is the ability of a set of fields to predict a single field. Univariate analysis

Reference Docs: http://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/Splunk/latest/SearchReference/ListOfSearchCommands



What are the ML commands in SPL? Data munging at its finest

- **Trendline** Moving Averages of fields
- Erex Use the erex command to extract data from a field when you do not know the regular expression to use
- Correlation Co-occurrence NOT correlation as per Pearson et., (don't mix this up!)
- Autoregress Copies one or more previous values for a field into an event. (Not auto regression!)
- **Contingency** Frequency distribution matrix
- Cofilter find how many times field1 and field2 values occurred together

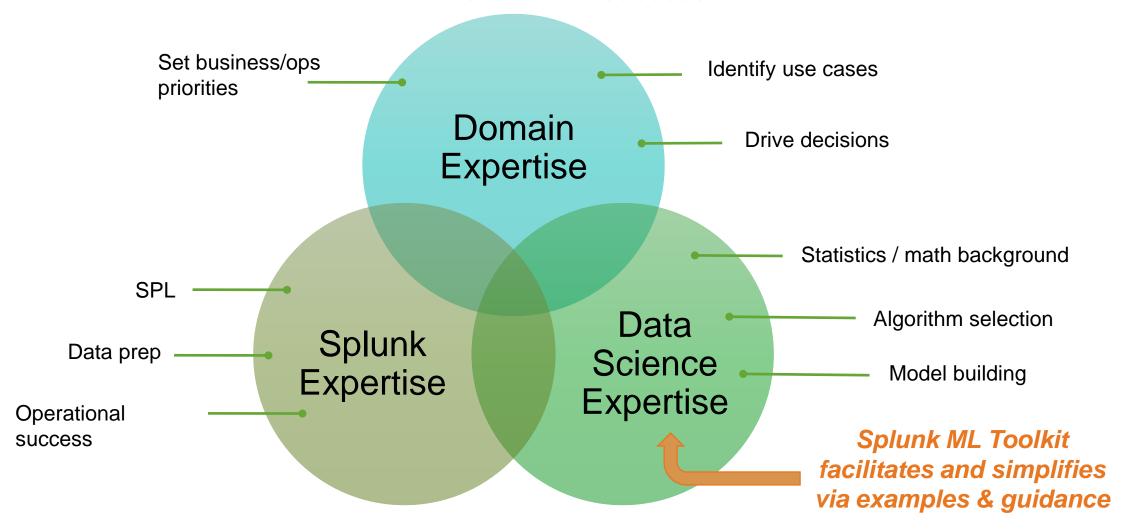
And so many, many more !!!

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Custom Machine Learning in Splunk

A formula for success





Splunk Machine Learning Toolkit



25+ standard algorithms available prepackaged

EXAMPLE

New commands to fit, test and operationalize models



Guide model building, testing and deployment for common objectives

EXAMPLE

300+ open source algorithms





Assistants





Interactive examples for 25+ use cases

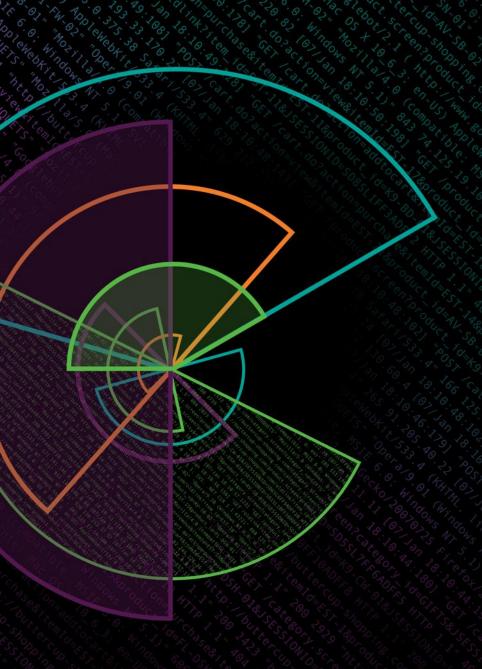
EXAMPLE

IT; Security; Business; and IoT Use cases









I'll believe it when I see it!

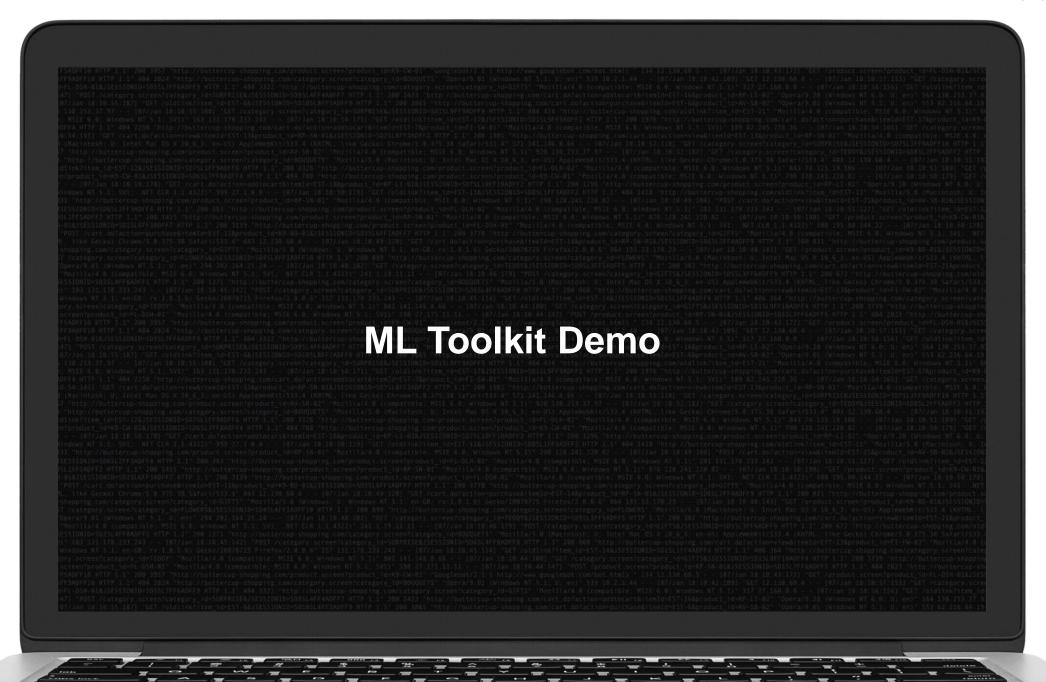
Selected examples of diversity data in action

Challenges with Diversity Data

I thought this would be easy

- Recency of data
- Self identification
- Data cleanliness
- Availability





Key Takeaways

This is where the subtitle goes

- 1. If you can't measure it, you can't improve it.
- 2. The Splunk ML Toolkit is applicable to all types of real-world use cases.
- 3. Awareness is key to future progress.





Questions?

Don't be shy!



"If you're going to build a product for everyone, you need to have a team that represents everyone."

Ramya Raghavan
Head of Programming, Civics & News, Google

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