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# Repurposing data to solve emerging problems


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In the course of normal business, organizations generate electronic records describing daily operations and transactions.

IDC, estimates that more than  
**90%** of the enterprise data  
generated are unstructured



Based on existing data,  
could we raise **red flags** to  
avoid these events from  
happening?

## Suicide of foster child, 7, prompts review of DCF drug policy

By Kris Hundley, Times Staff Writer  
Friday, May 8, 2009 9:13pm



Last month, Gabriel Myers, age 7, died by suicide in his South Florida foster home, hanging himself on an extendable shower hose.

# Case Management is **complex**

Process-  
driven.  
Human-in-  
the-loop



**One organization and three case management agencies**

# Information Systems design: **often static**.. Yet, business problems **evolve**

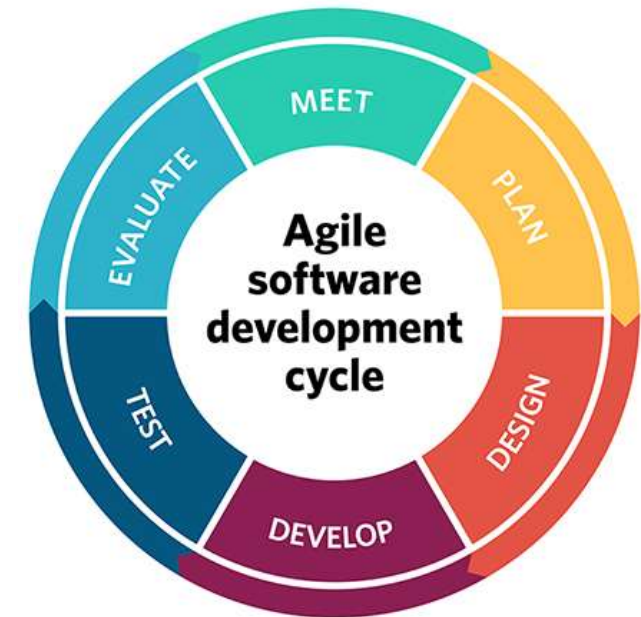
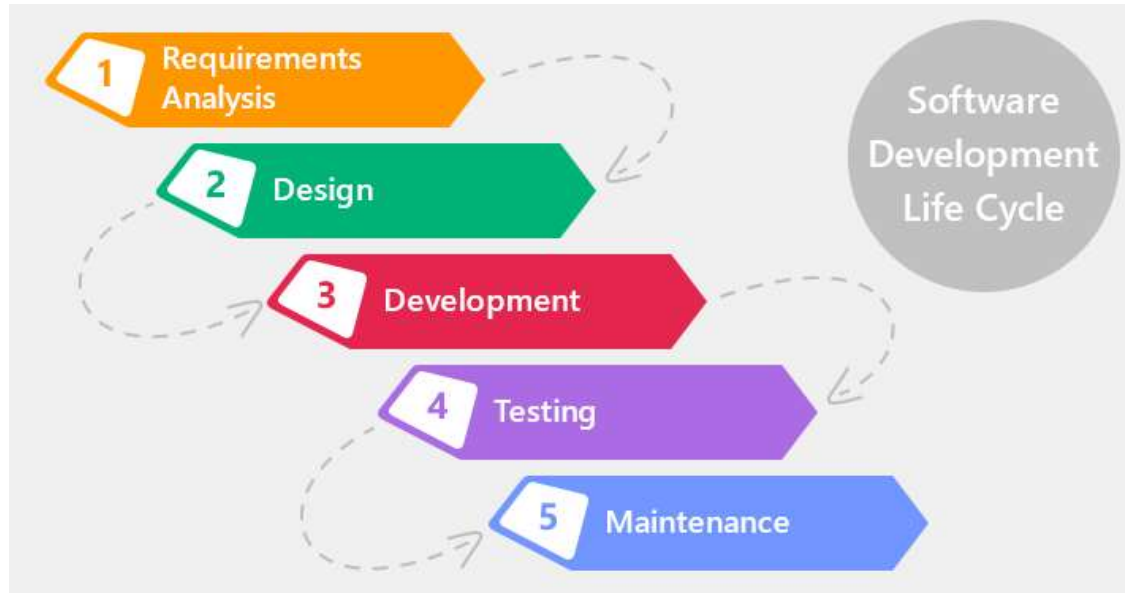
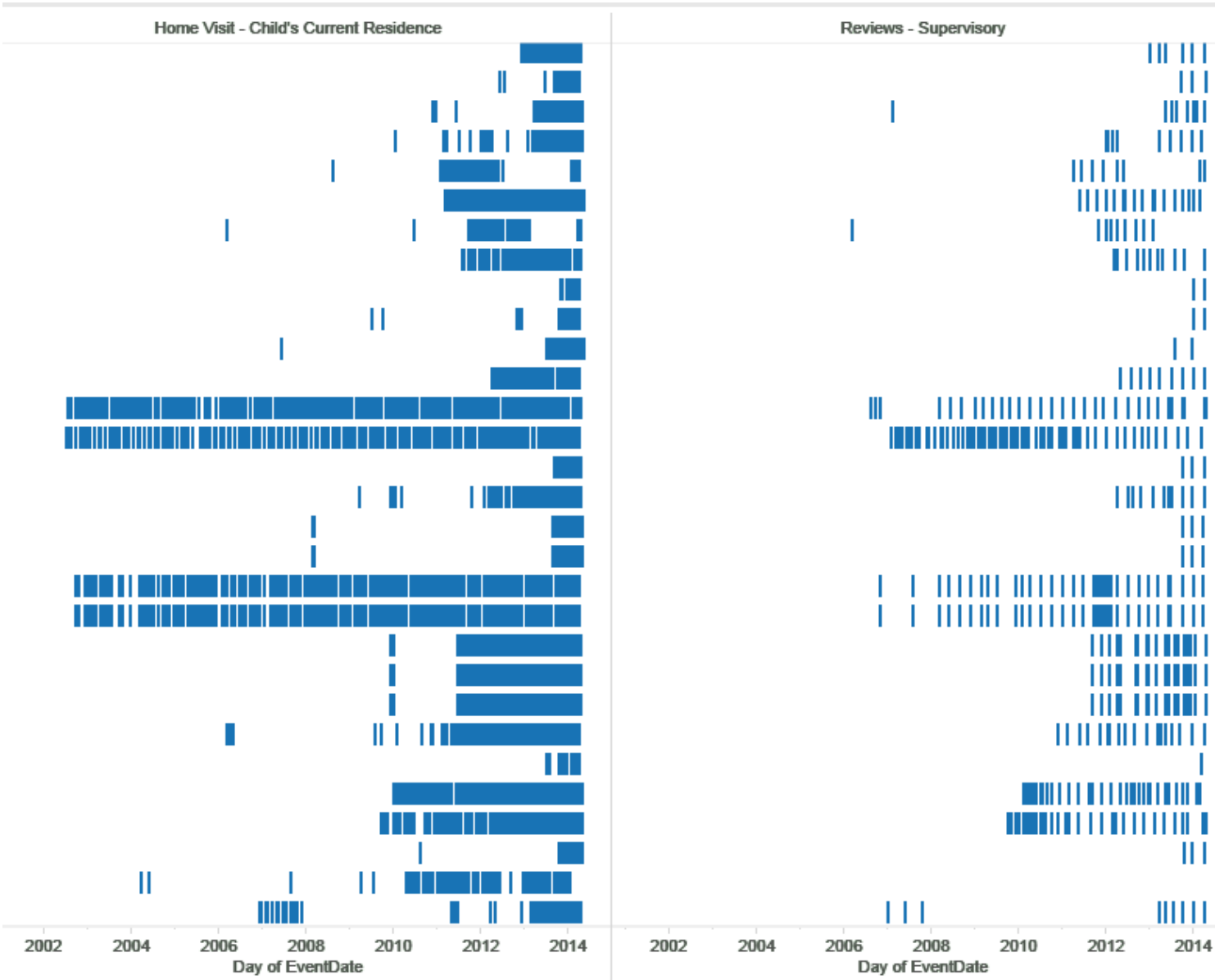


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Children in foster care are **three to ten times** more likely to suffer from **mental health conditions**<sup>1</sup>.

**Psychotropic medication** is often prescribed to **help them cope with behavioral problems**

**No business process in place to specifically track medication intake by foster children!**

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# Can we identify kids on psychotropic drugs based on their home visit case notes?

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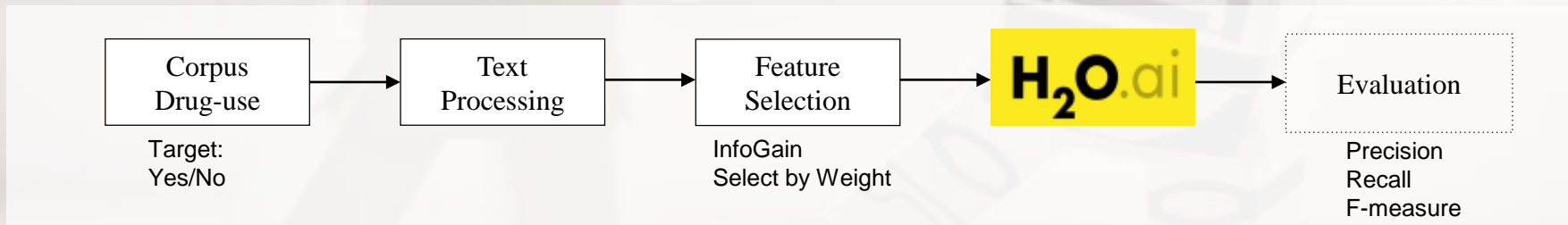
# Easy, We know how to solve this, right?

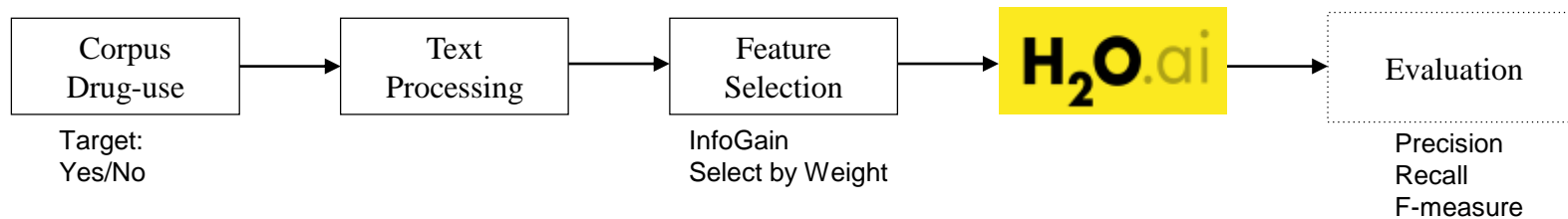
## Supervised learning (gold standard): case note + label



Features: Text

Target: binary -  
med intake





Works well, let's apply the model to the data from the other two agencies

Predicting cases of psychotropic drug use			
FCMA	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F-measure (%)
FCMA A	71.93	80.39	75.93
FCMA B	85.71	87.8	86.75
FCMA C	76.92	81.08	78.95

All things equal, **why the difference in performance?**

# Institutional Theory:

Organizational activity can become **a pattern that is repeated** by individuals in the organization.

Institutional theory considers the processes by which structures, including schemes, **rules, norms, and routines** become **established** as authoritative guidelines for social behavior<sup>1</sup>

What makes an agency perform **better?**

1. W.R. Scott, 1987

# Psychology theory

**Cognitive research** plays an important role in the development of information systems since **these systems are representations** of the real-world<sup>1</sup>

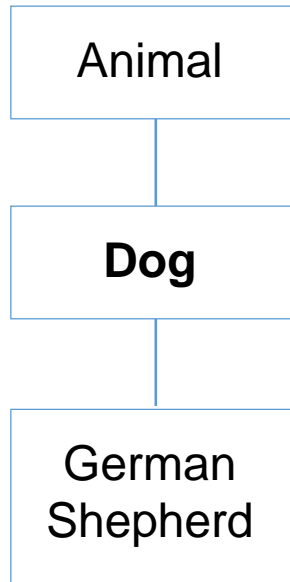
**Concepts** provide two primary functions<sup>2</sup>:

- a. **Cognitive economy:** maximally abstracting from individual differences among objects and then grouping objects in categories of larger scope
- b. **Inferential utility:** The ability to predict attributes of instances of a class, increases as the scope of the class decreases (more specific)

1. Davern, Shaft, & Te'eni, 2012

2. Lakoff, 1987; Eleanor Rosch, 1999; Smith & Medin, 1981

**Consider the following hierarchy. Which one provides:**



a. **Cognitive economy:** maximally abstracting from individual differences among objects and then grouping objects in categories of larger scope

b. **Inferential utility:** The ability to predict attributes of instances of a class, increases as the scope of the class decreases.

a. Higher cognitive economy?

b. Which one provides higher inferential utility?

# Why is this important?

- The more specific the more inferences we can make.

Based on an excerpt from the note, which of the following children is taking psychotropic medication?

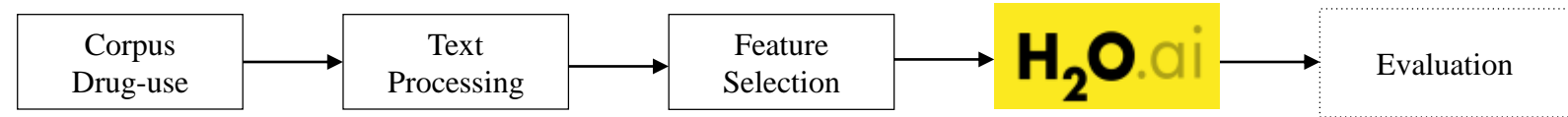
**Child 1.** "...Takes 5 mg of vyvanse by mouth once a day... she has to call the doctor to schedule for a refill..."

**Child 2.** "...child has an immune system medical condition that requires many medications to keep her healthy..."

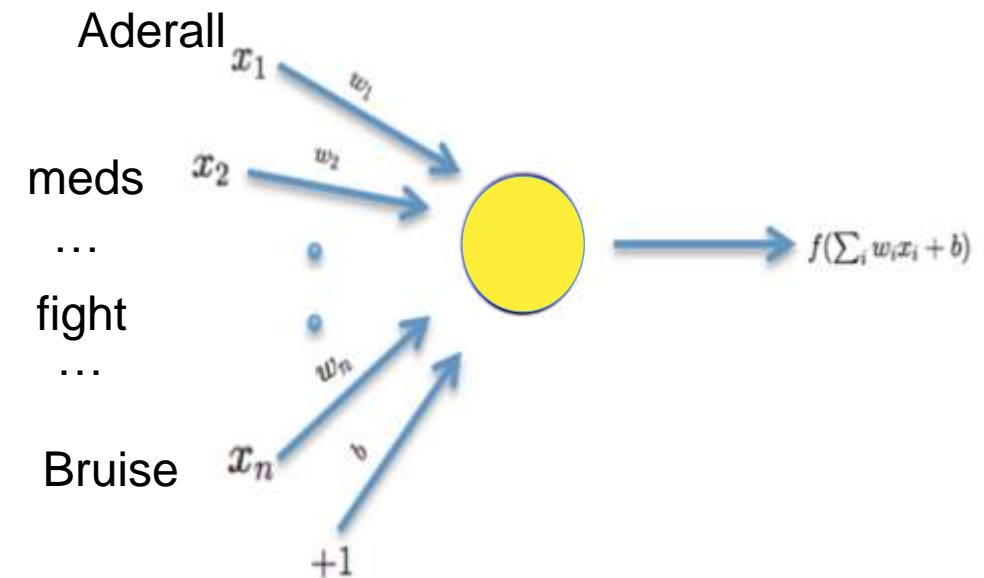
**For unstructured data, higher the specificity is preferable**

**For structured data... It depends! There are **tradeoffs!****

# Why H2O?



- Multi-layer feed-forward architecture
- Fast and memory-efficient (scalability)
- Performs incredibly well, **out-of-the-box!**
- User-friendliness: from GUI to open source code
- Great at not overfitting (big issue with other tools!)
- Ability to run on a one-node local cluster, which forces reproducibility



# Thank You

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