

# arm

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## Deploying models



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# My bio in 5 photos



MSc in  
applied maths  
and noise  
punk in South  
Africa



PhD in maths  
at Cambridge



Drove from  
Cambridge to  
Mongolia in a  
tiny car



Developer at  
a cyber-  
security  
startup



Data Science  
strategy at  
ARM

# Outline

About me

Why do we do data science?

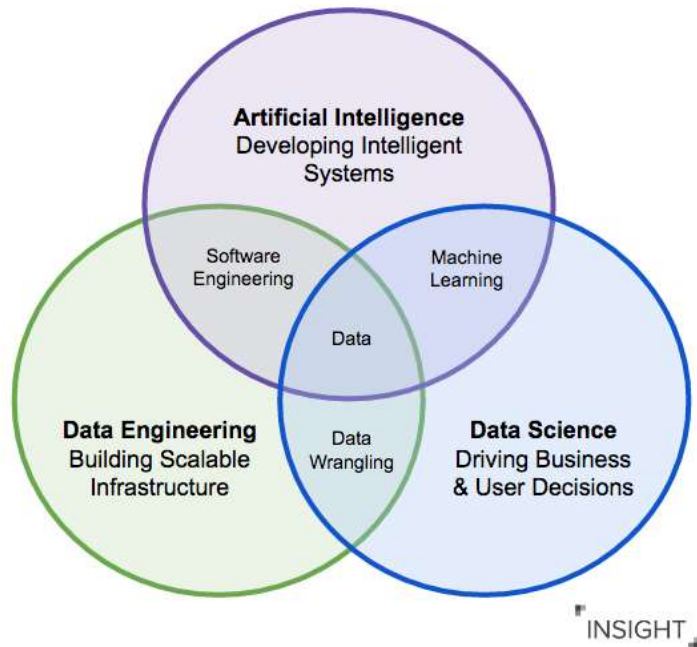
Making the promise of ML real: deployment (systems)

Demo: Clipper (RISE)

Best practices

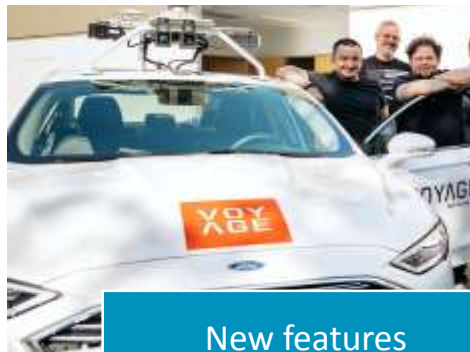


# What is Data Science?





# Why do we do data science?



New features



Optimising features



Dashboards for decision making



Ad-hoc analysis

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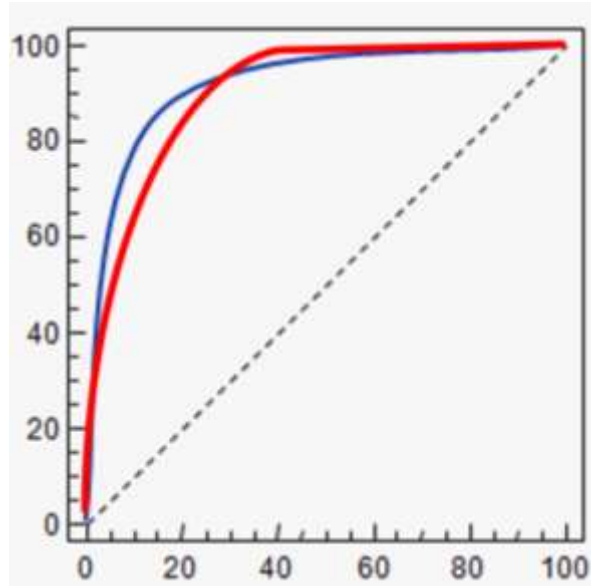


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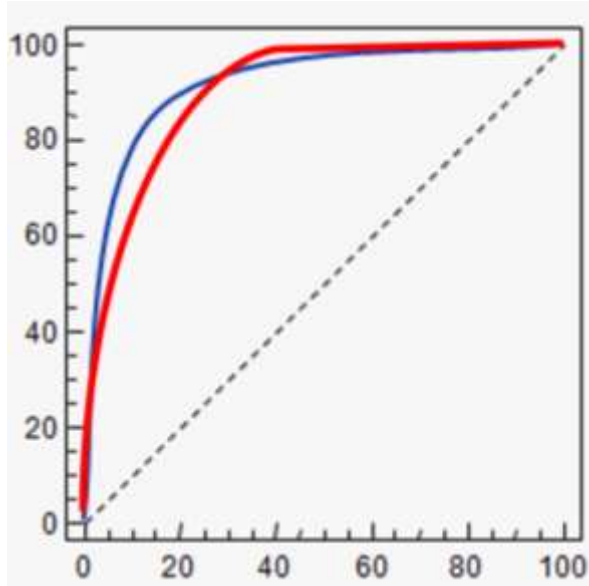




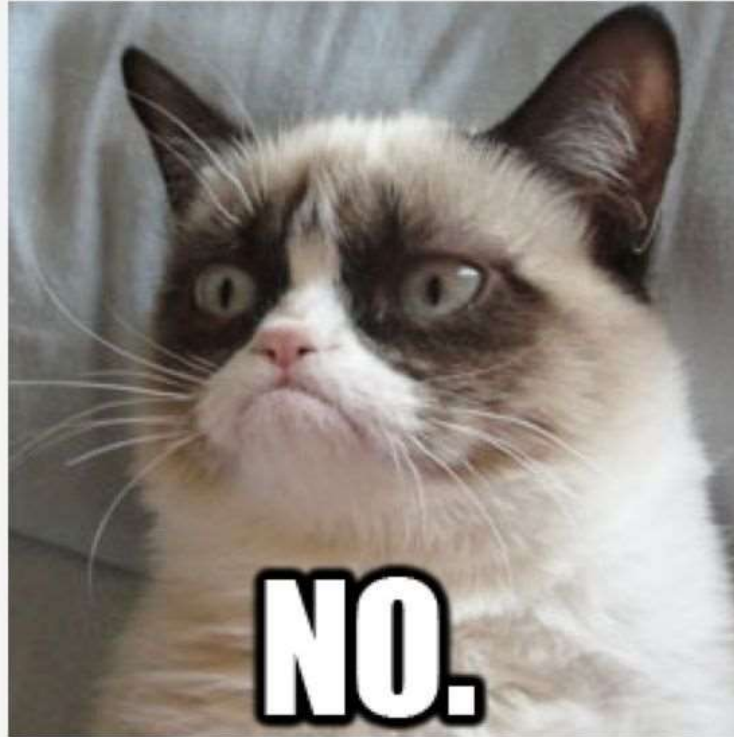
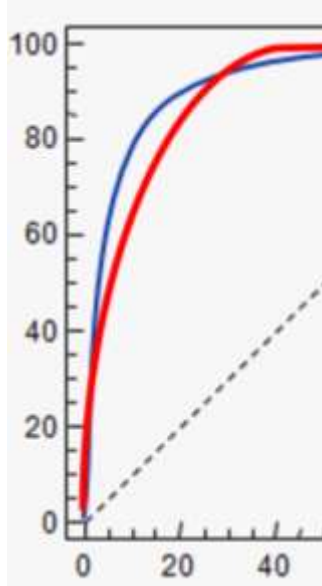
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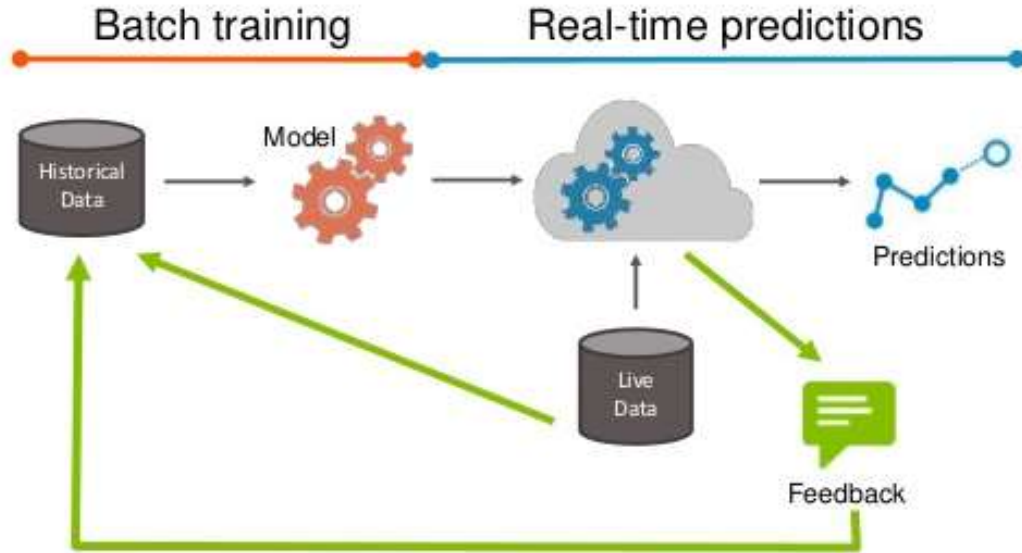
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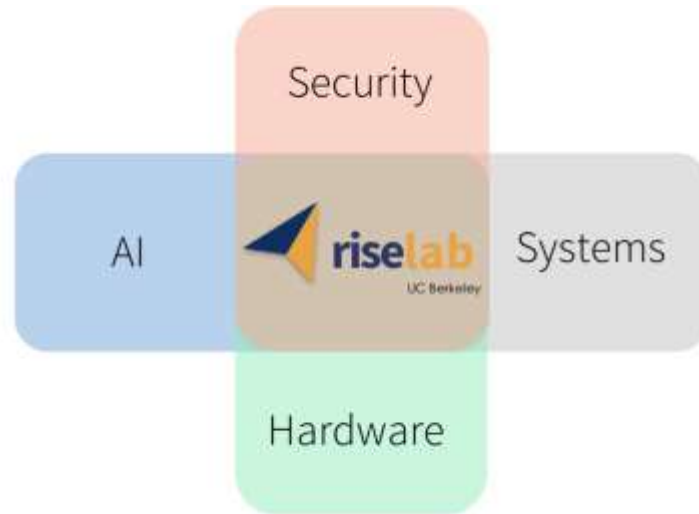
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**Simplifies integration of ML in apps**

*Clipper makes product teams happy.*

**Simplifies model deployment**

*Clipper makes data scientists happy.*

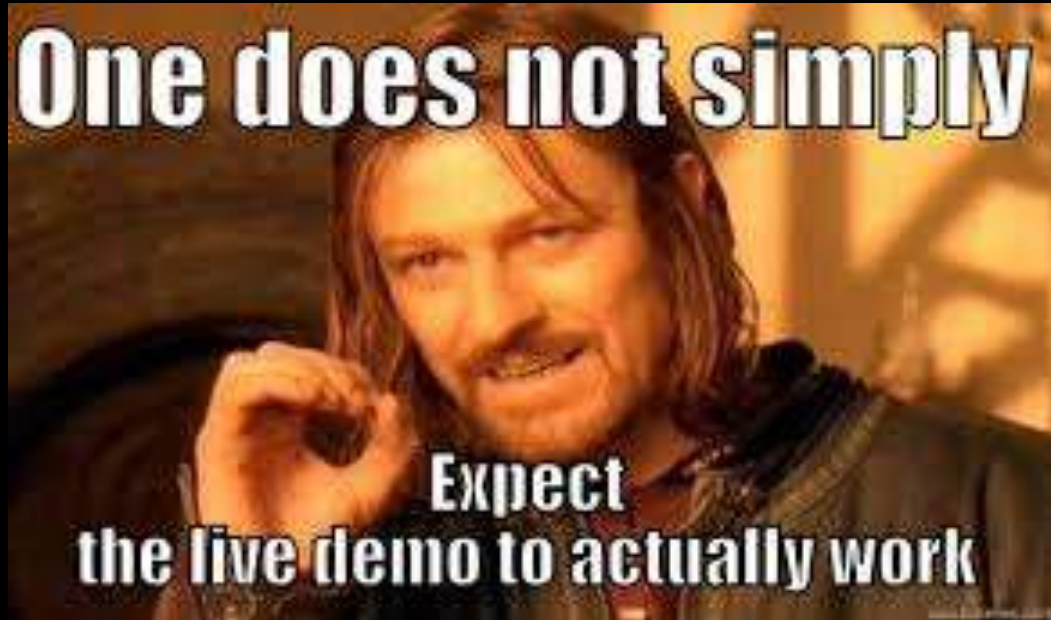
**Throughput:**

*Clipper makes the infra-team less unhappy.*

**Accuracy:**

*Clipper makes users happy.*

## Model deployment demo



# Try it!

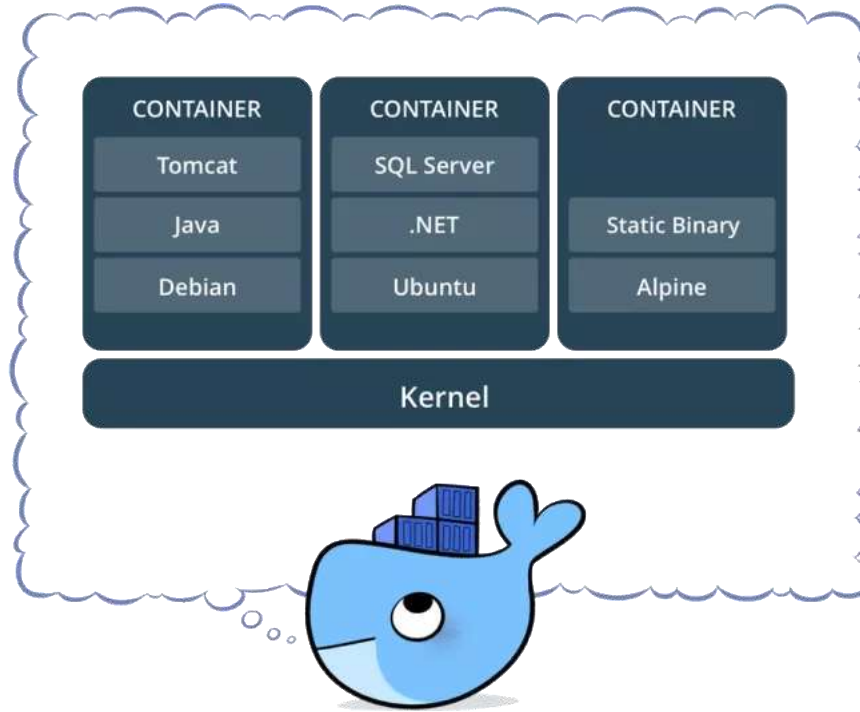


```
curl -X POST -d '{"input": [4.3, 2.0,1.0, 0.1]}' 172.16.34.147:1337/iris/predict
```



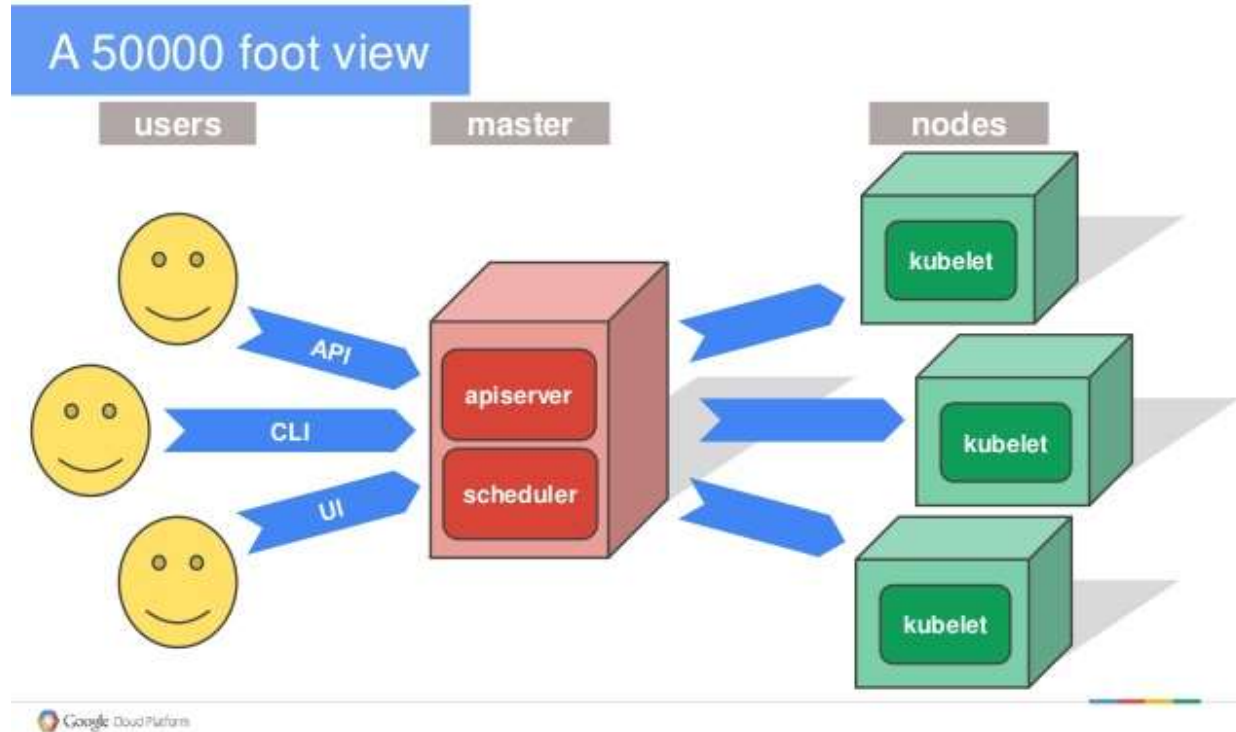


# Containers & docker



- Standardized packaging for software and dependencies
- Isolate apps from each other
- Share the same OS kernel
- Works with all major Linux and Windows Server

# Scaling with Kubernetes





Clipper docs - <http://clipper.ai/>



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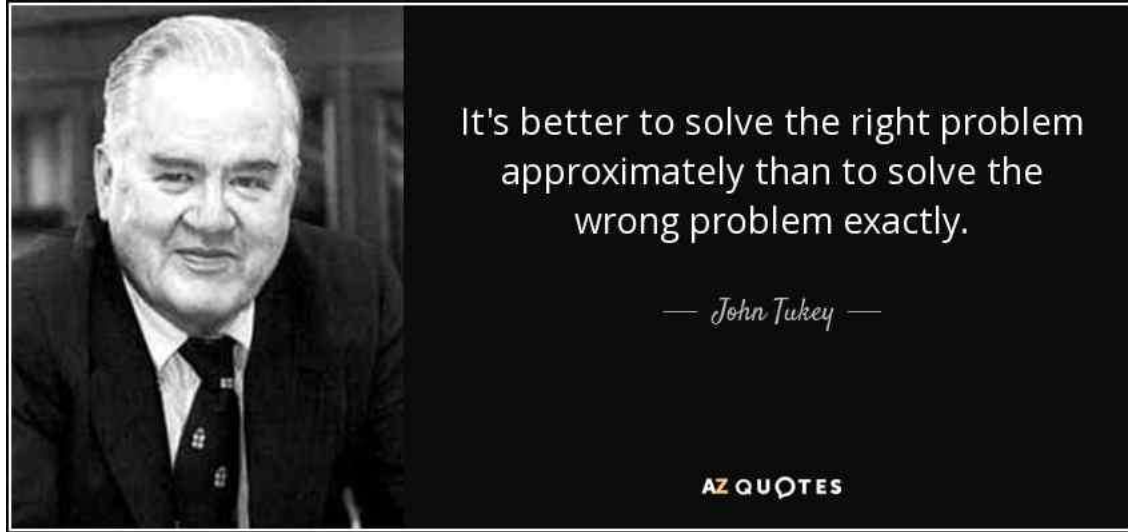
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3. Data quality matters
4. Simplicity is your friend
5. Debugging makes you a wizard
6. Fairness & privacy are not dirty words



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DJ Patil

US Chief Data  
Scientist

## THE WHITE HOUSE

- Dream in years
- ~~Plan~~ Plan in months
- Evaluate in weeks
- Ship Daily

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  - Build for 10x
  - Engineer for 100x

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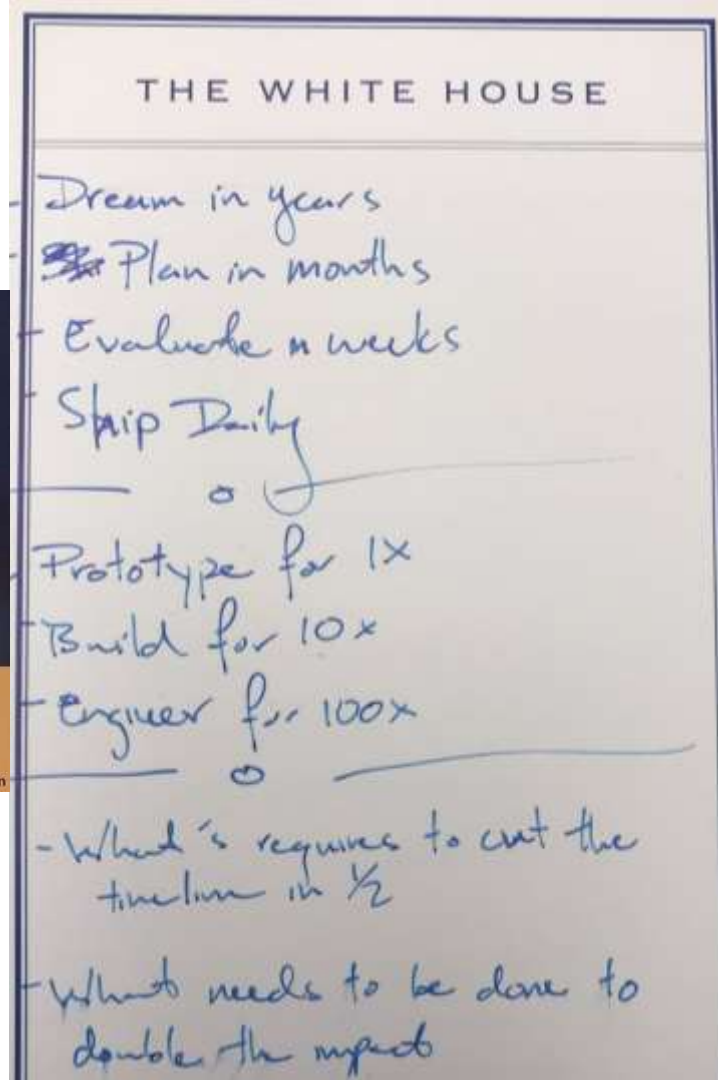
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"Done is better than perfect."

infocreeds.com

Sheryl Sandberg  
COO Facebook



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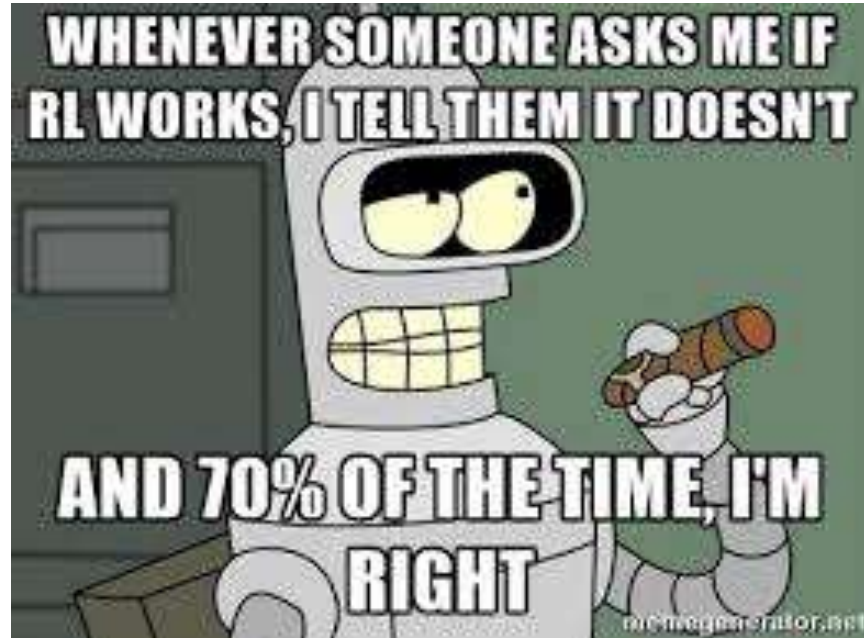
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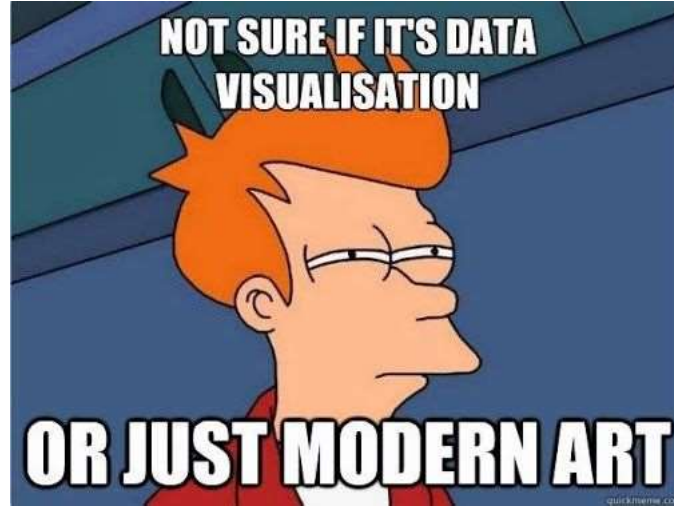
"There is a lot of value in combining many different datasets and computing simple stats "

-- John Quinn, DSA2017



# Simplicity

Visualisation  
Linear models  
Rules (gross!)

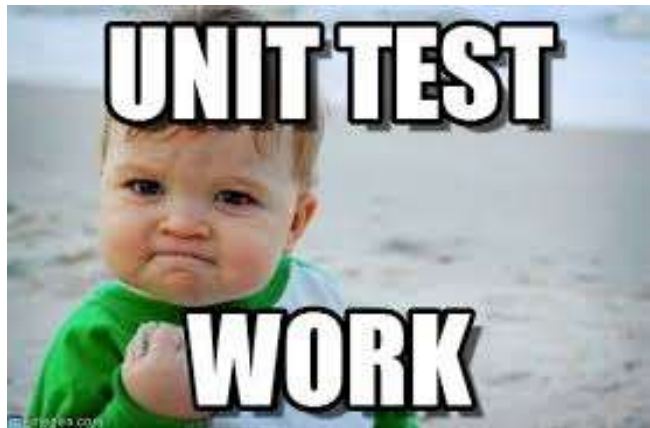




# Simplicity

- Very soon, your simple prototype will become a complex system
- You are uncertain at the beginning of a project, so capture that!
- Simple models can be a baseline to measure complex models later

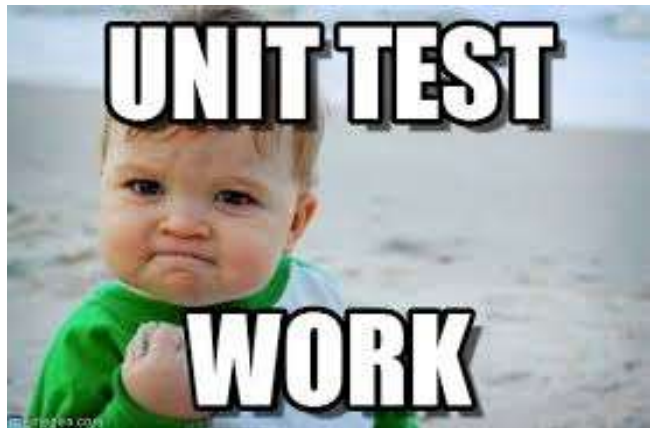
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```
> nosetests test_um_nose.py
```

```
..
```

```
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Ran 2 tests in 0.000s
```

```
OK
```

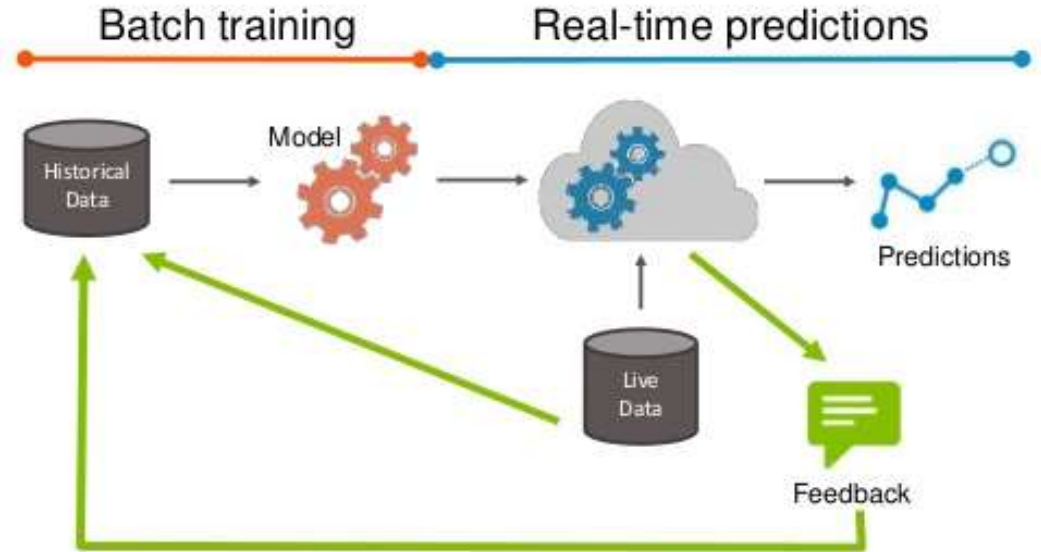
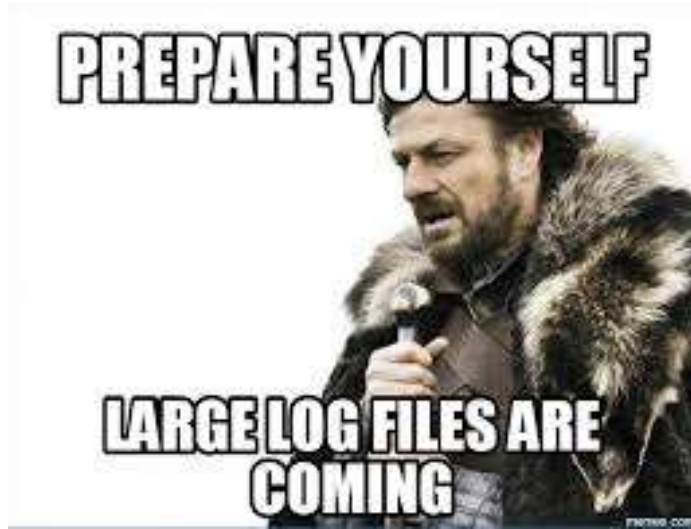
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	COMMENT	DATE
○	CREATED MAIN LOOP & TIMING CONTROL	14 HOURS AGO
○	ENABLED CONFIG FILE PARSING	9 HOURS AGO
○	MISC BUGFIXES	5 HOURS AGO
○	CODE ADDITIONS/EDITS	4 HOURS AGO
○	MORE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
○	HERE HAVE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
○	AAAAAAA	3 HOURS AGO
○	ADKFJSLKDFJSDKLFJ	3 HOURS AGO
○	MY HANDS ARE TYPING WORDS	2 HOURS AGO
○	HAAAAAAAAAANDS	2 HOURS AGO

AS A PROJECT DRAGS ON, MY GIT COMMIT  
MESSAGES GET LESS AND LESS INFORMATIVE.

# Deployment makes the promise of ML real



# Want to be a wizard? Get debugging!

- how asking dumb questions is actually a superpower
- how you can read the source code to programs when all other avenues fail
- debugging tools that make you FEEL like a wizard
- Understanding what your `_organization_` needs can make you amazing

-- Julia Evans



<https://jvns.ca/blog/so-you-want-to-be-a-wizard/>



# Fairness & Privacy



Surveillance or Assistance?

# Fairness & Privacy



# Can we use the tools above to build fair ML?

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1. Thresholds the same for all groups?
  2. Commit to fix fairness issues
  3. Bias is in the data, not the algorithms
  4. Easier to interpret at first
  5. **Unit test for fairness**

# Further reading

[Martin Zinkevitch – Rules of ML for Google engineers](#)

[Andrew Ng -- ML systems at NIPS 2016](#)

[Peter Warden – How and why to improve your training data](#)

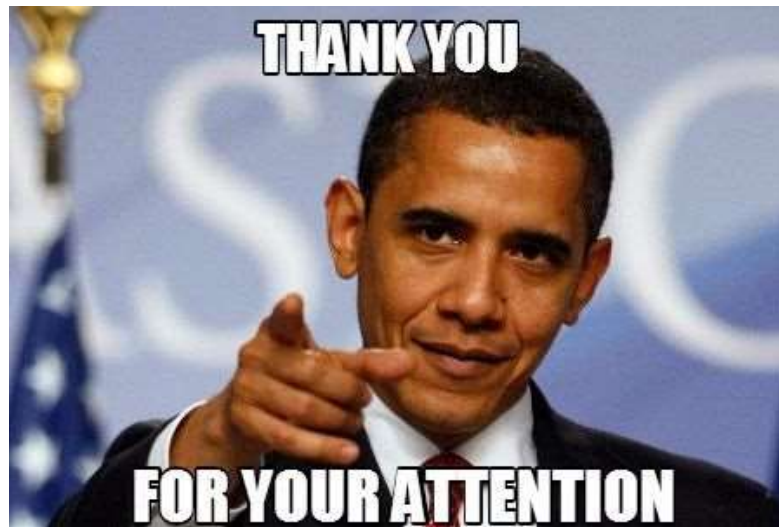
[Michael Jordan – The AI revolution hasn't happened yet](#)

[Lydia Liu et al – delayed impact of fairness in ML](#)

[My more detailed notes on data science projects](#)

[Jason Brownlee – Concept Drift Info](#)

[Katie Malone -- Picking data science projects](#)



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