- ▶ A predictive model is not magic and it is not rocket science. It is actually a mathematical representation of reality that offers a view based on science and statistics that uses data that is currently available to predict the risk of an adverse event (or a preferred event) at some point in the future.
- The models, and there are many, look for patterns in the data that may not always be evident and which seem linked to an outcome of some sort.

Depending on the data and the model it can do so in either a supervised learning fashion, where the model describes a relationship between a set of independent attributes and a dependent attribute or in an unsupervised learning fashion where the model, itself, will find relationships in the data without reference to independent or dependent variables.