

A tour of data viz in Python

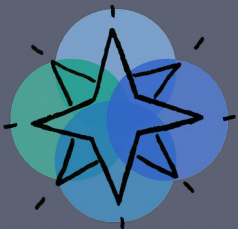


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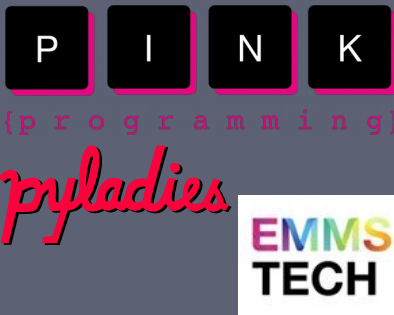
Developer + Data scientist
Python, Clojure, JS, HTML/CSS

Freelance work



web + data

Community volunteering



Endeavour

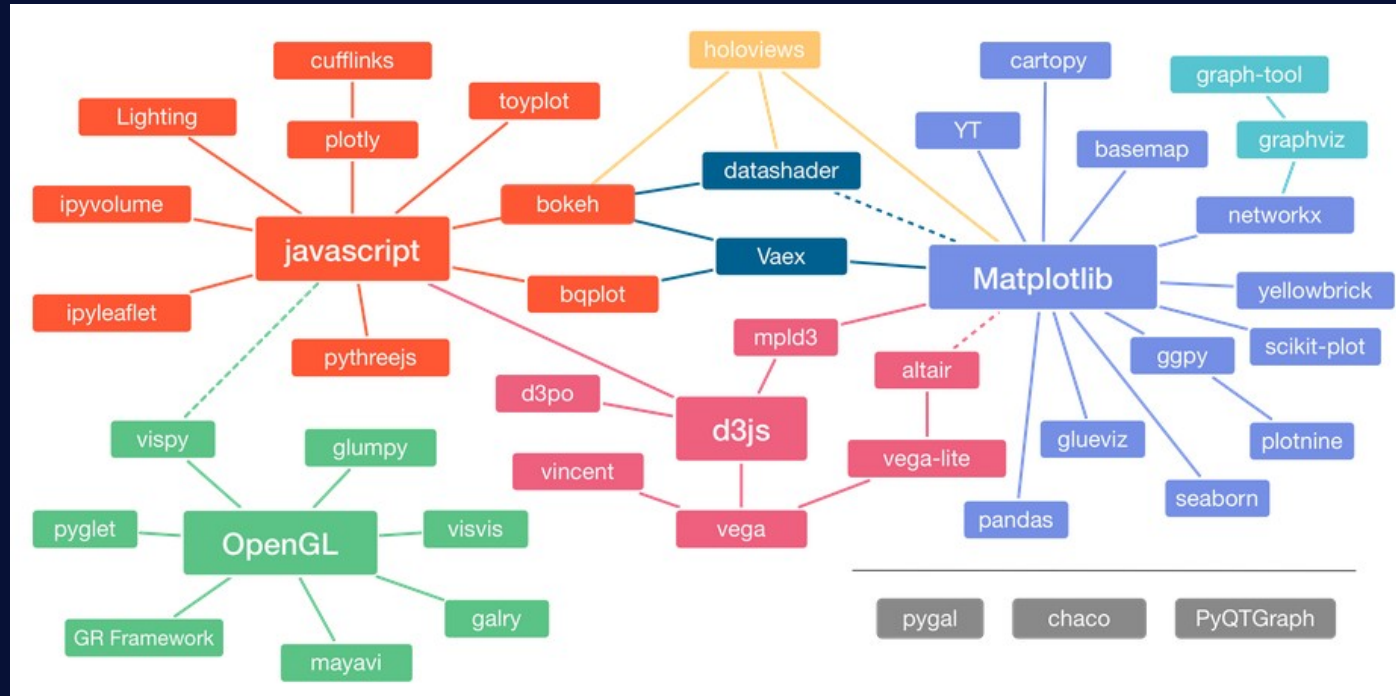


art + tech + data



Different needs for different use cases

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* yourself* your colleagues* your manager* your clients | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* exploring a dataset* writing an internal report* writing a client report* writing a research article |
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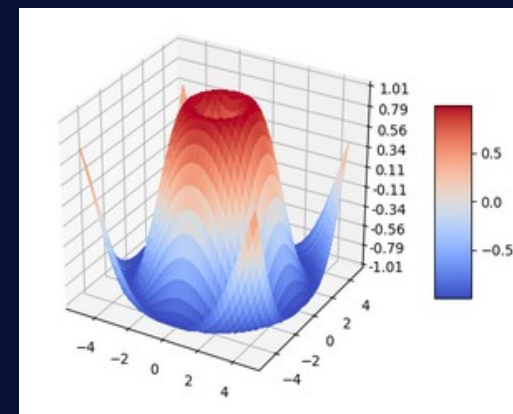
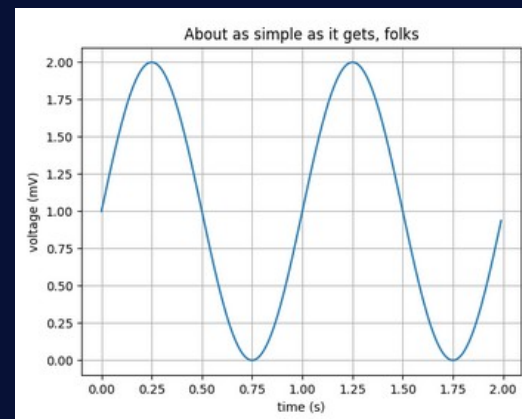


Adaptation of Jake VanderPlas graphic about the Python visualization landscape, by Nicolas P. Rougier
Source: <https://pyviz.org/overviews/index.html>



matplotlib.org

“Matplotlib tries to make
easy things easy and
hard things possible.”





The **pyplot** module provides a MATLAB-like interface

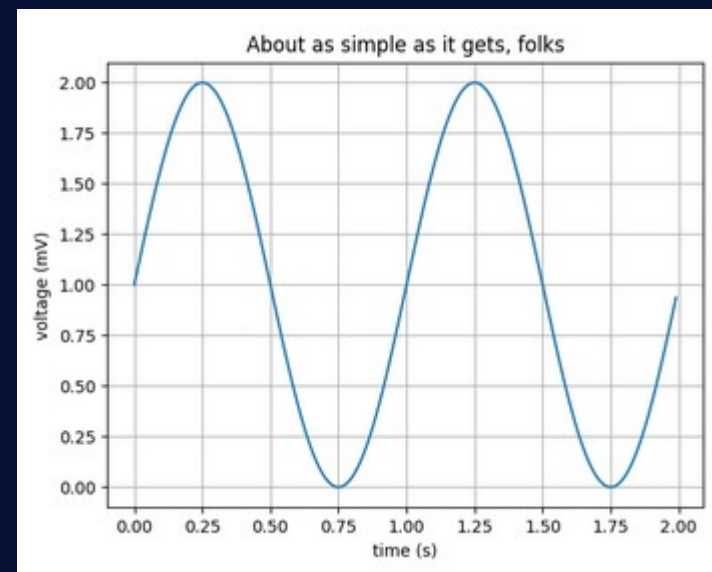
```
import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Data for plotting
t = np.arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
s = 1 + np.sin(2 * np.pi * t)

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(t, s)

ax.set(xlabel='time (s)', ylabel='voltage (mV)',
       title='About as simple as it gets, folks')
ax.grid()

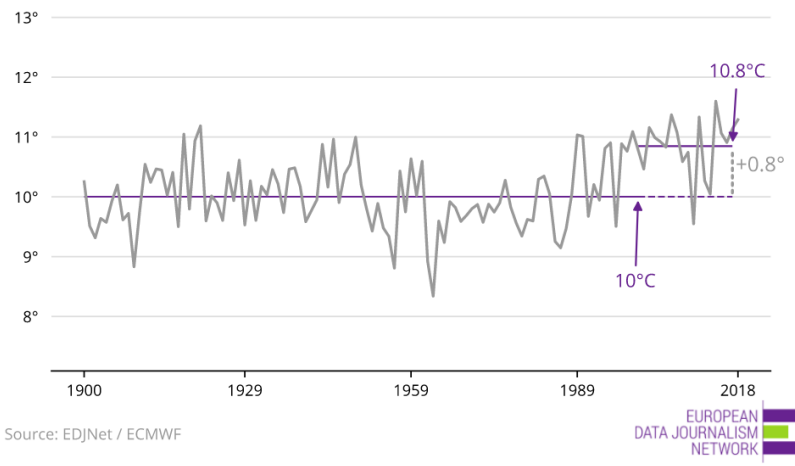
fig.savefig("test.png")
plt.show()
```





onedegreewarmer.eu

Average temperature in and around London



Source: EDJNet / ECMWF

Temperature in and around London from 1900 to 2018. (png|svg|eps)

Customisable

Example: add labels, lines and annotations

```
matplotlib.axes.Axes.axhline
ax.axhline(y=10yrs_average, color='#6f2c91',
           linewidth=1.5)

matplotlib.pyplot.annotate
ax.annotate(f'{temperature}°C',
           xy=(3, 1), xycoords='data',
           xytext=(0.8, 0.95),
           arrowprops=dict(facecolor='#6f2c91'),
           horizontalalignment='right',
           verticalalignment='top')
```

Look up the rich gallery of examples: matplotlib.org/gallery/index.html



Best for

Complex or
customised plots

Challenge

Syntax can
become tricky



pandas.pydata.org

“[...] high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for the Python programming language.”

Uses Matplotlib for plotting

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```



`pandas.DataFrame.plot`

```
DataFrame.plot(x=None, y=None, kind='line', ax=None, subplots=False,  
                sharex=None, sharey=False, layout=None, figsize=None,  
                use_index=True, title=None, grid=None, legend=True, style=None,  
                logx=False, logy=False, loglog=False, xticks=None, yticks=None,  
                xlim=None, ylim=None, rot=None, fontsize=None, colormap=None,  
                table=False, yerr=None, xerr=None, secondary_y=False,  
                sort_columns=False, **kwds)
```

<https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/version/0.23/generated/pandas.DataFrame.plot.html>



Example **Pandas** in **Jupyter** notebook

```
%matplotlib inline
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.style.use('ggplot')
```

```
import numpy as np
```

```
import pandas as pd
```

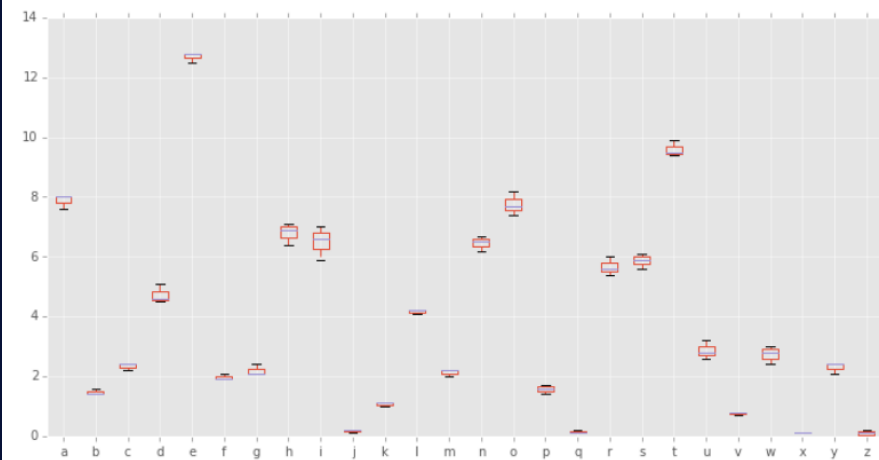
```
letters_analysis
```

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	...	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	8.0	1.4	2.4	4.5	12.5	1.9	2.4	6.4	7.0	0.2	...	0.2	5.4	5.9	9.9	3.2	0.8	2.4	0.1	2.1	0.1
Peter Pan	7.6	1.6	2.2	4.6	12.8	1.9	2.1	7.1	6.6	0.2	...	0.1	5.6	6.1	9.5	2.8	0.8	2.8	0.1	2.4	0.0
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	8.0	1.4	2.4	5.1	12.8	2.1	2.1	6.9	5.9	0.1	...	0.1	6.0	5.6	9.4	2.6	0.7	3.0	0.1	2.4	0.2

```
3 rows x 26 columns
```

```
letters_analysis.plot(kind='box', figsize=(12, 6))
```

```
<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f17f5555ad0>
```





Best for

Plotting during
data analysis

Challenge

Not the most
aesthetic
→ try Seaborn



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plot.ly/python

plotly.py

High-level, declarative charting library with over 30 chart types, including scientific charts, 3D graphs, statistical charts, SVG maps, financial charts, and more.





plotly.py

github.com/plotly/plotly.py

```
pip install plotly==4.1.0
```

```
import plotly.graph_objects as go

Gapminder =
go.data.gapminder().query("continent=='Oceania'")

fig =
go.Figure(data=go.Scatter(x=Gapminder["year"],
y=Gapminder["lifeExp"], mode='lines',
name='country'))

fig.show()
```

Plotly Express

github.com/plotly/plotly_express

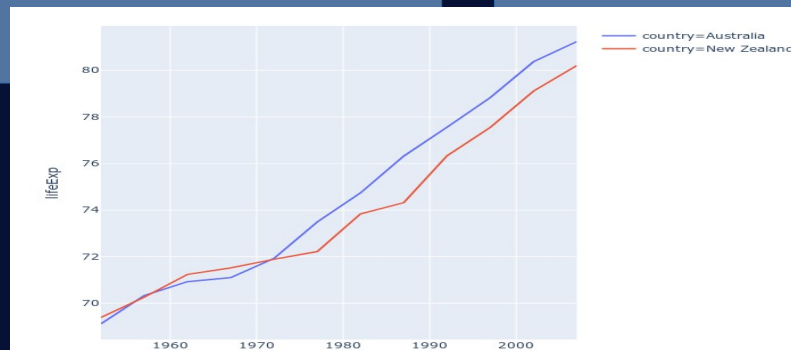
```
pip install plotly_express==0.4.1
```

```
import plotly.express as px

Gapminder =
px.data.gapminder().query("continent=='Oceania'")

fig = px.line(Gapminder, x="year", y="lifeExp",
              color='country')

fig.show()
```





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Notebook or plain
html report

Challenge

Maintained by a
private company



bokeh.org

“Bokeh is an **interactive** visualization library for Python that enables beautiful and meaningful visual presentation of data in modern web browsers.”




github.com/bokeh/bokeh

Interactive notebook tutorial

```
In [1]: import numpy as np # we will use this later, so import it now

        from bokeh.io import output_notebook, show
        from bokeh.plotting import figure
```

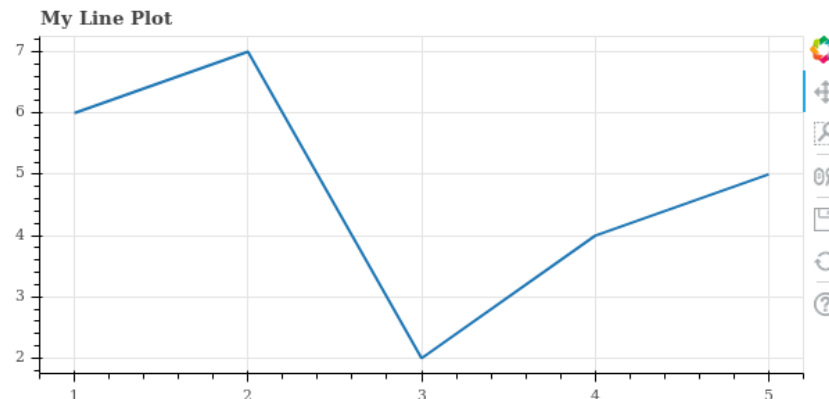
```
In [2]: output_notebook()
```

 BokehJS 1.2.0 successfully loaded.

```
In [3]: # create a new plot (with a title) using figure
        p = figure(plot_width=600, plot_height=300, title="My Line Plot")

        # add a line renderer
        p.line([1, 2, 3, 4, 5], [6, 7, 2, 4, 5], line_width=2)

        show(p) # show the results
```





Best for

Interactive plots or
dashboards

Challenge

Tricky to create
dashboard apps



altair-viz.github.io

vega.github.io/vega



“Altair is a declarative statistical visualization library for Python, based on Vega and Vega-Lite.”

“Vega is a visualization grammar, a declarative language for creating, saving, and sharing **interactive** visualization designs.”

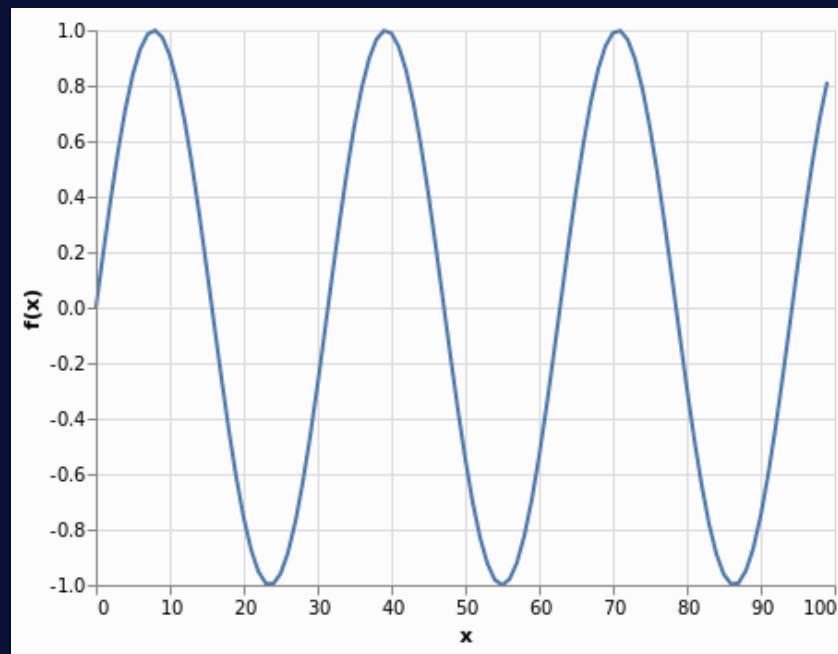


```
import altair as alt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

x = np.arange(100)

source = pd.DataFrame({
    'x': x,
    'f(x)': np.sin(x / 5)
})

alt.Chart(source).mark_line().encode(
    x='x',
    y='f(x)'
)
```





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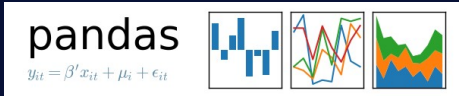
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github.com/Eleonore9/tour_dataviz_python

* Exhaustive list of Python tools for data viz: pyviz.org/tools.html

* Libraries mentioned:

matplotlib.org

pandas.pydata.org

plot.ly

bokeh.org

altair-viz.github.io



plotly



Bokeh