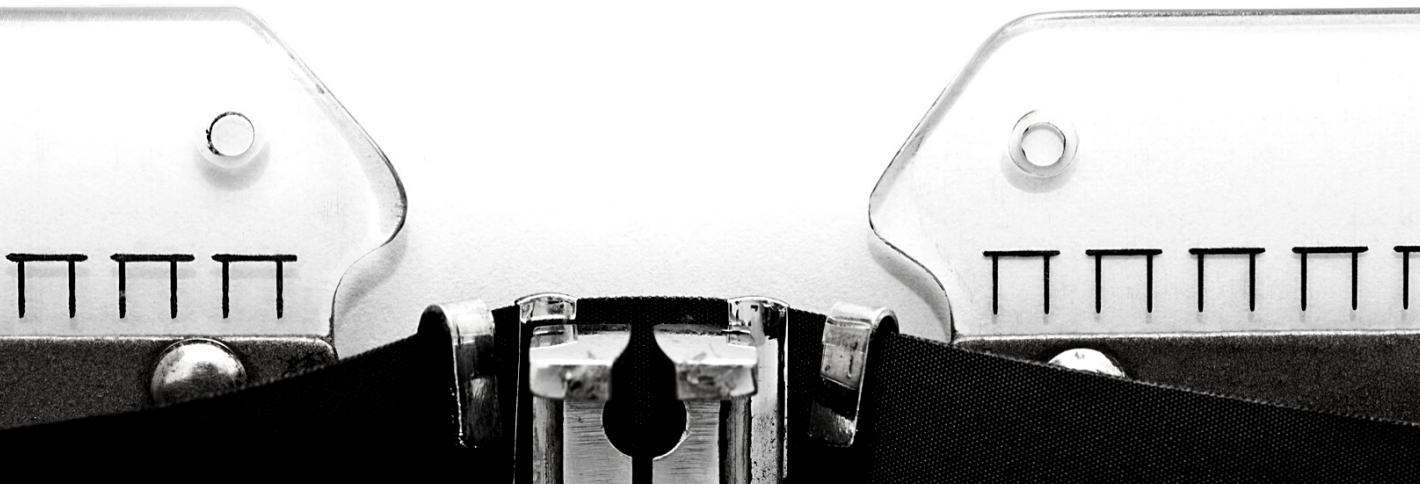


DATA  
What's your ^ story?



FAITH KANE



2021

# CREATE



GOOD  
CHARTS

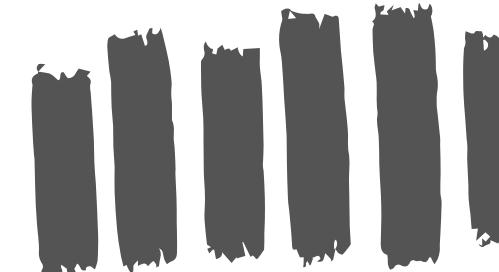


"Programs visualize data.

People visualize ideas."

- Scott Berinato

# BIG IDEA



Meaningful context like audience, purpose, and domain knowledge can only be provided by you.

# STEPS TO CREATE YOUR CHARTS

SYSTEMATICALLY



PREP → PROTOTYPE

- 1 PREPARE TO CREATE
- 2 TALK AND LISTEN
- 3 SKETCH
- 4 PROTOTYPE

# WHY USE A SYSTEM?

Going through this process will take your charts from "unthinking, autogenerated charts" to Good Charts.

- Scott Berinato

# 1. PREPARE TO CREATE

## \* Concept

- Carve out mental space, physical space, and white space.
- Get organized in mind and space as you find direction for your project.

## \* Headspace

- Keep your thinking broad and don't let your data limit you.
- You are not using your data at this stage, but you understand it.

## \* Artifacts

- Notes on Story Framework, Audience, Setting, Brainstorm, Types of Viz.
- Document your decisions honing in on the Big Idea for your presentation.

# ASK YOURSELF



- 1 WHICH STORY FRAMEWORK FITS MY PROJECT?

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- 2 WHO IS THE AUDIENCE FOR MY PRESENTATION?

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- 3 WHAT ARE MY SETTING AND DELIVERABLES?

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- 4 WHAT DID I LEARN FROM MY BRAINSTORM SESSION?

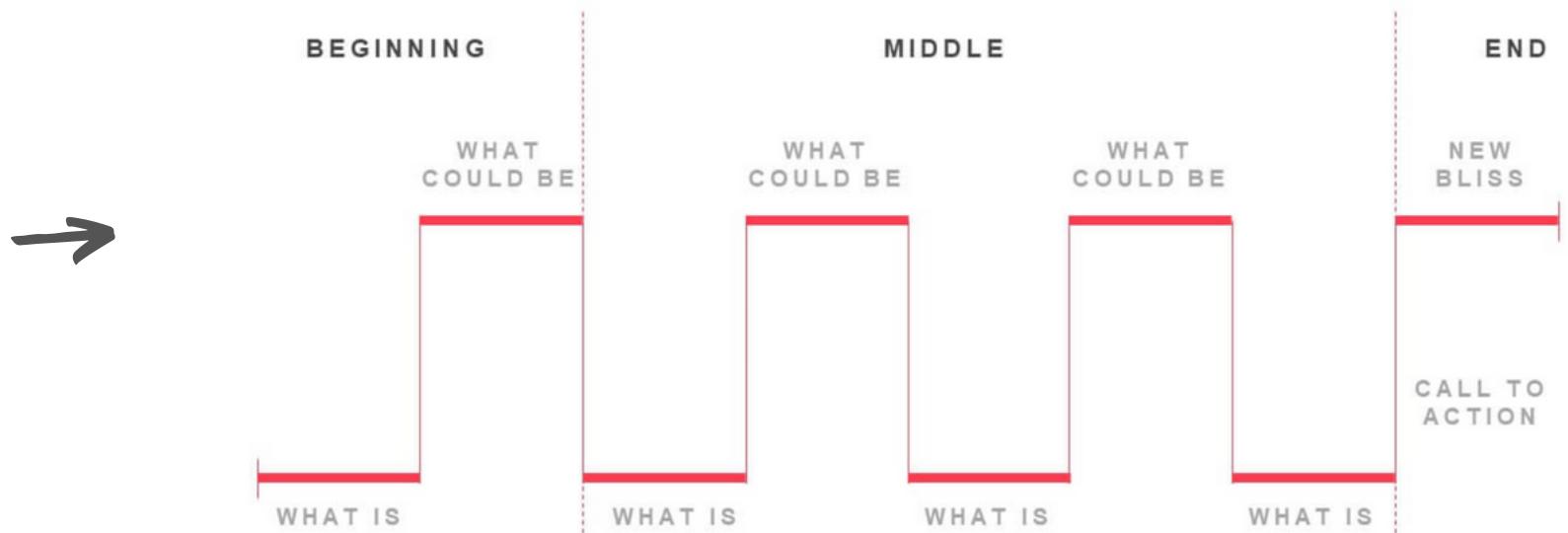
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- 5 WHAT TYPES OF VISUALIZATIONS ALIGN WITH MY GOALS?

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# WHICH STORY FRAMEWORK DO I USE?

MAKE IT EASY

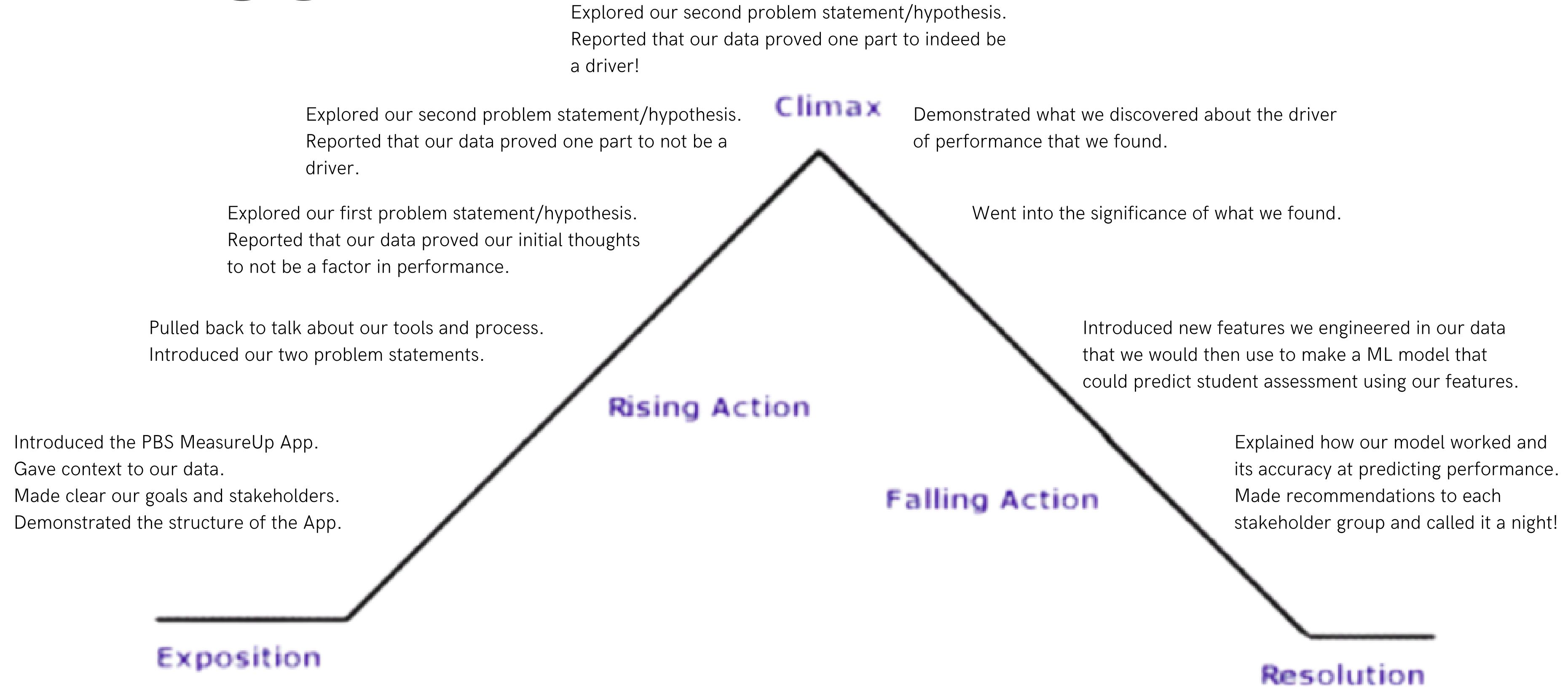
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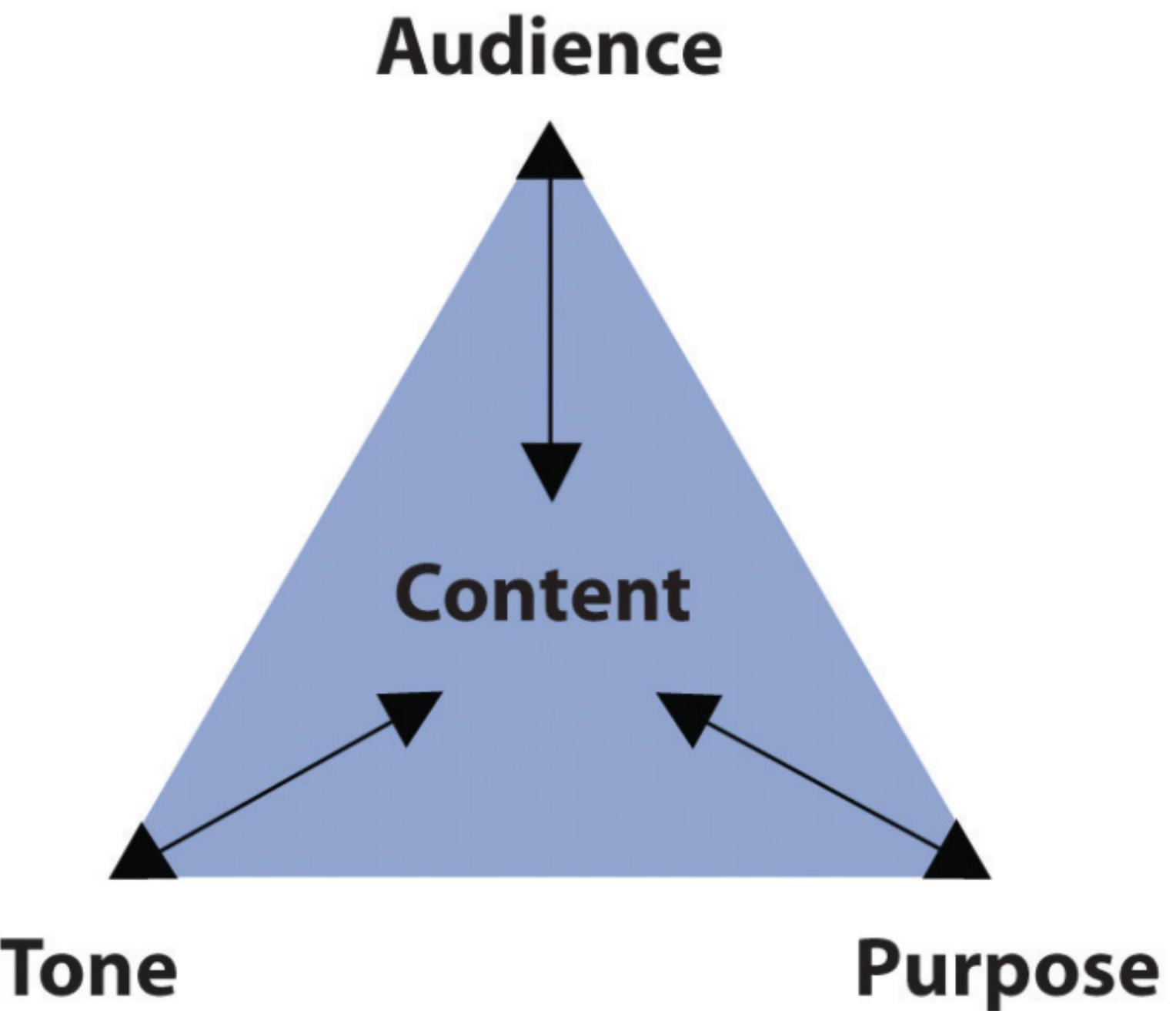
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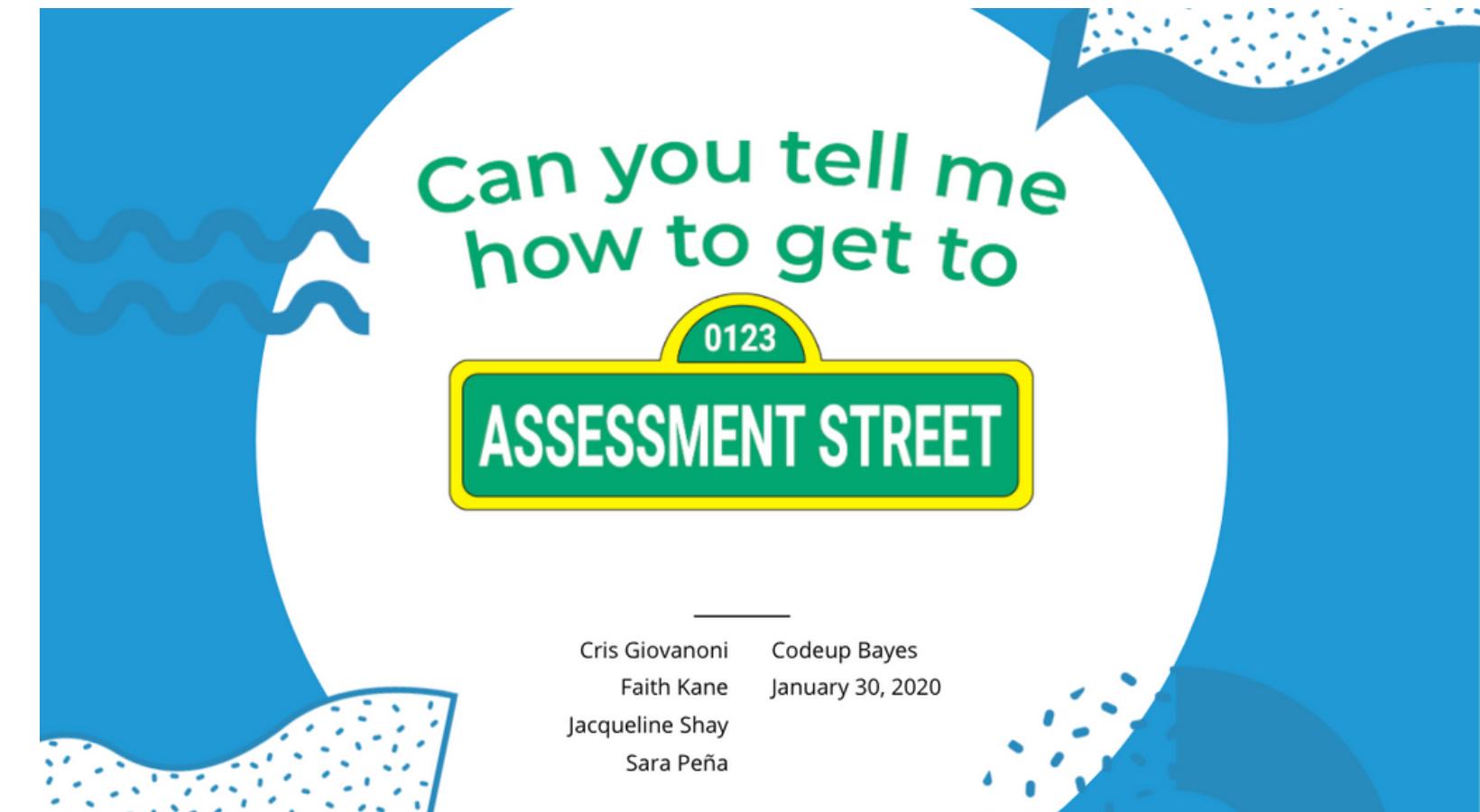
# WE USED...



# **WHO IS MY AUDIENCE?**



# OUR AUDIENCE...



- 1** LEVEL OF LANGUAGE

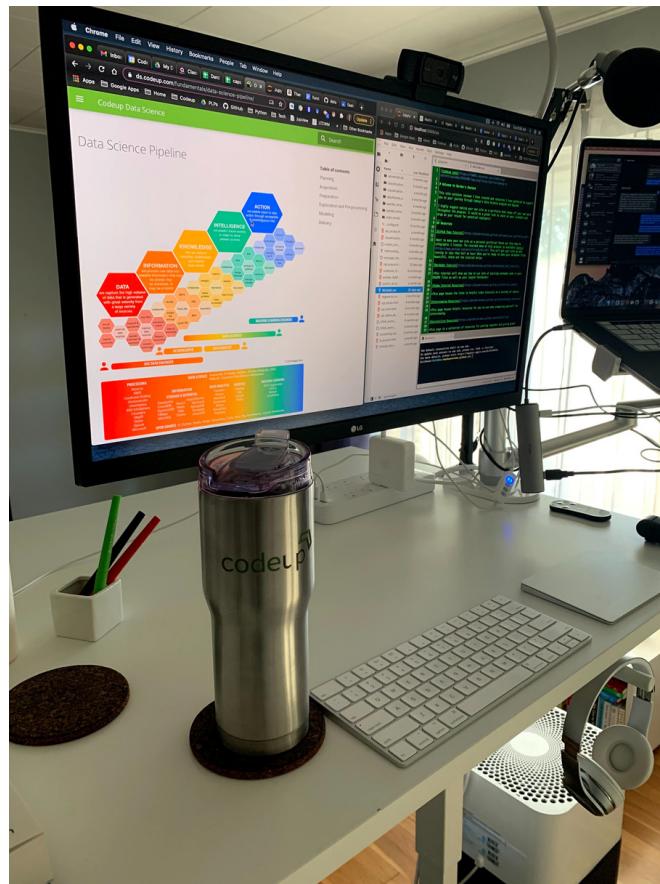
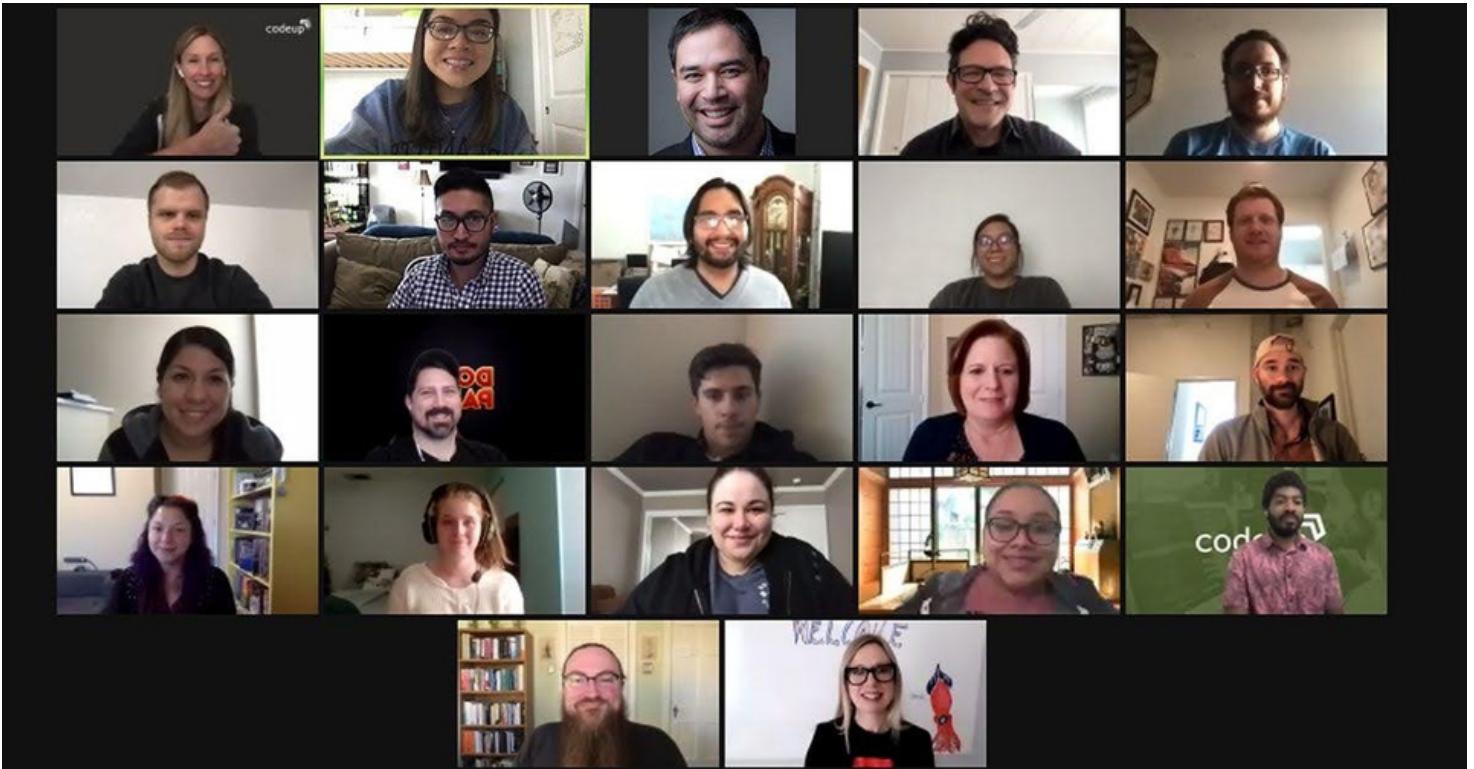
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- 2** TYPES OF CHARTS

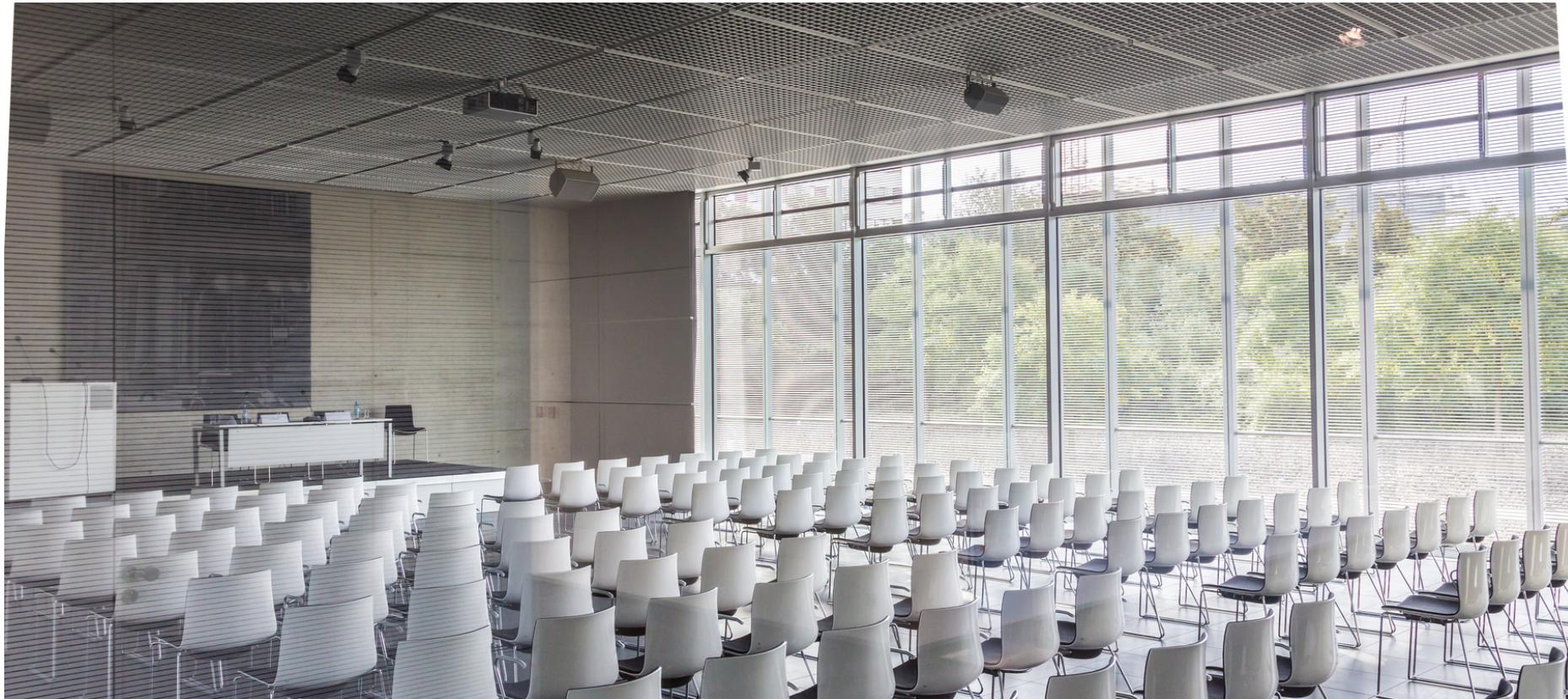
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- 3** AMOUNT OF TEACHING REQUIRED

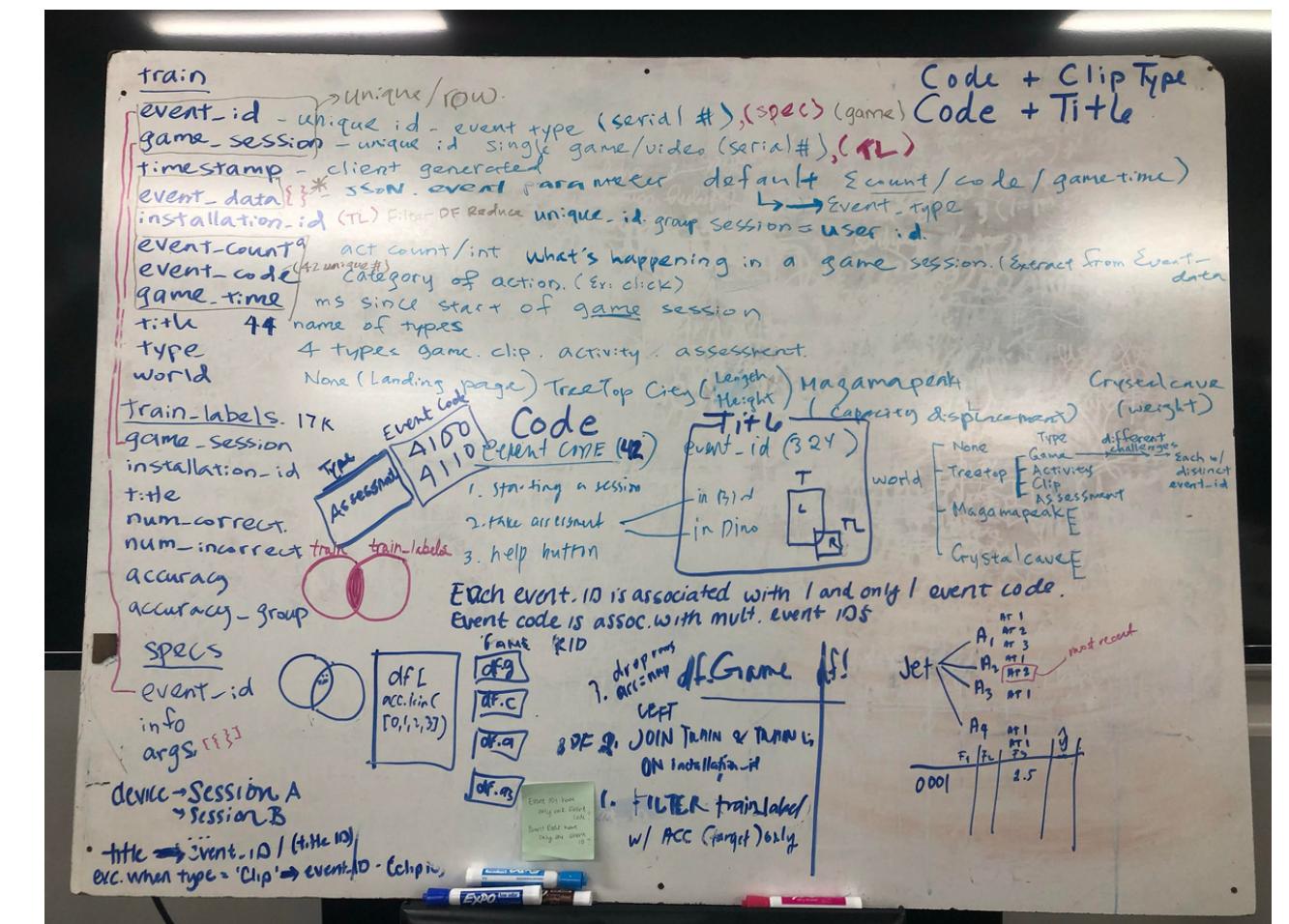
# WHAT ARE MY SETTING AND DELIVERABLES?



# YOUR SETTING...



# WHAT DID I LEARN FROM MY BRAINSTORM?



# FIND YOUR BIG IDEA



"A big idea is that one key message you want to communicate. It contains the impetus that compels the audience to set a new course with a new compass heading. Screenwriters call this the "controlling idea." It's also been called the gist, the takeaway, the thesis statement, or the single unifying message." - Nancy Duarte



# A BIG IDEA MUST...

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NANCY  
DUARTE

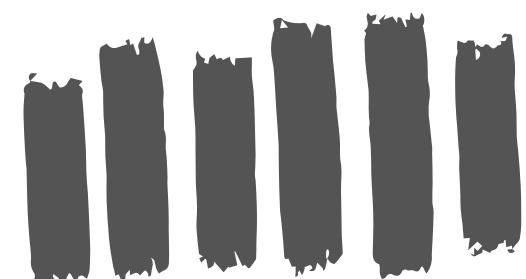
- 1 CONVEY YOUR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE.
- 2 COMMUNICATE WHAT'S AT STAKE.
- 3 BE STATED AS A COMPLETE SENTENCE.



# EXAMPLE BIG IDEA



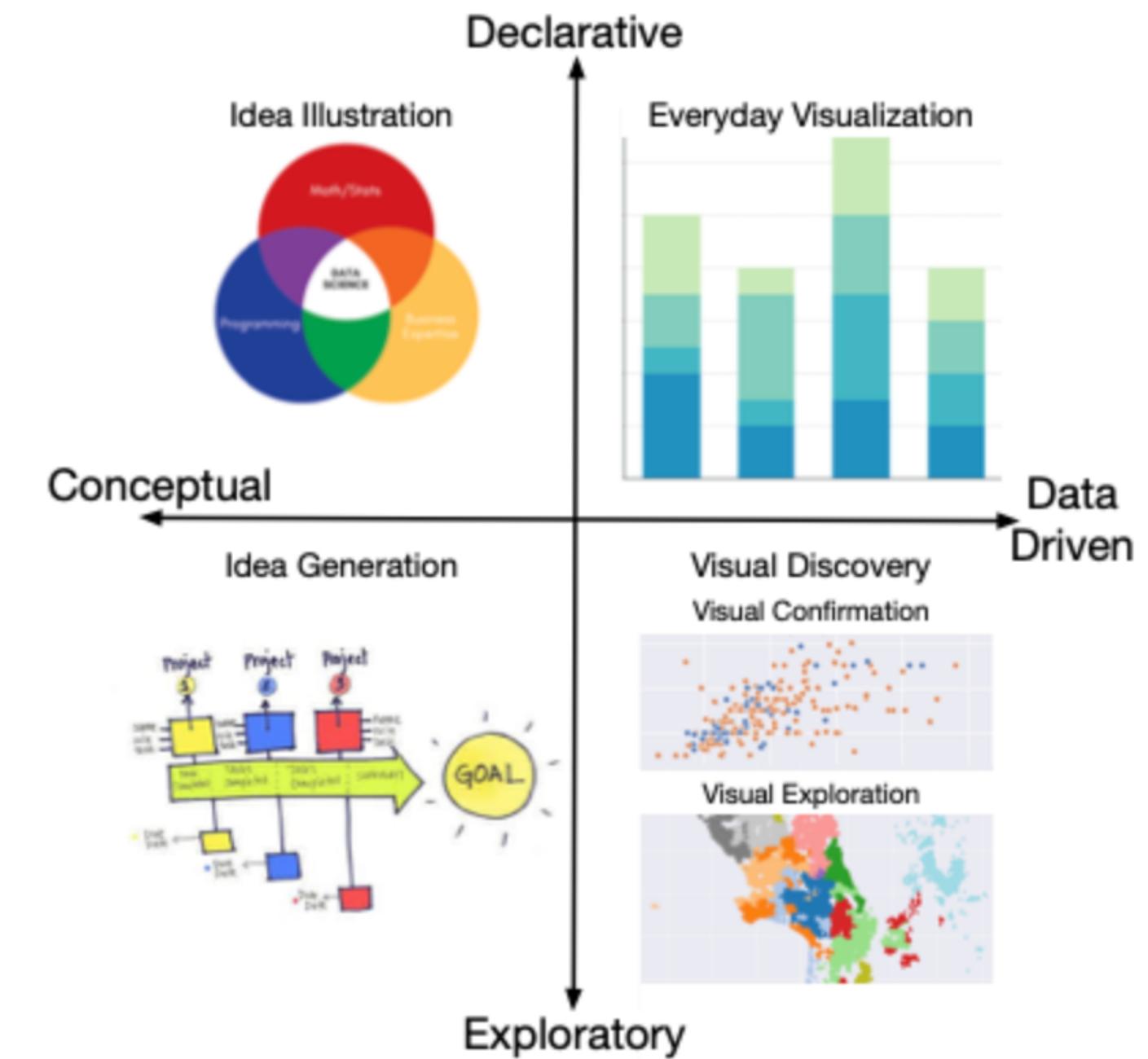
"For example, "the fate of the oceans," is only a topic, not a big idea. "Worldwide pollution is killing the ocean and us," is a big idea with a unique perspective. Your big idea doesn't need to be so unusual that no presenter has ever expressed it before. But it must be unique to you, not merely a generalization." - Nancy Duarte



# WHAT TYPE OF VISUALIZATION DO I USE?

"[A]lthough there are a few rules you should know and try to follow, most of them are actually just conventions. When it comes to choosing what kind of chart you'll make, the ends ought to justify the means. If it clearly conveys the idea you want your audience to come away with, use it."

- Scott Berinato, Good Charts Workbook



# IDEA GENERATION

## DATA TYPE

Complex  
Undefined

## TYPICAL SETTING

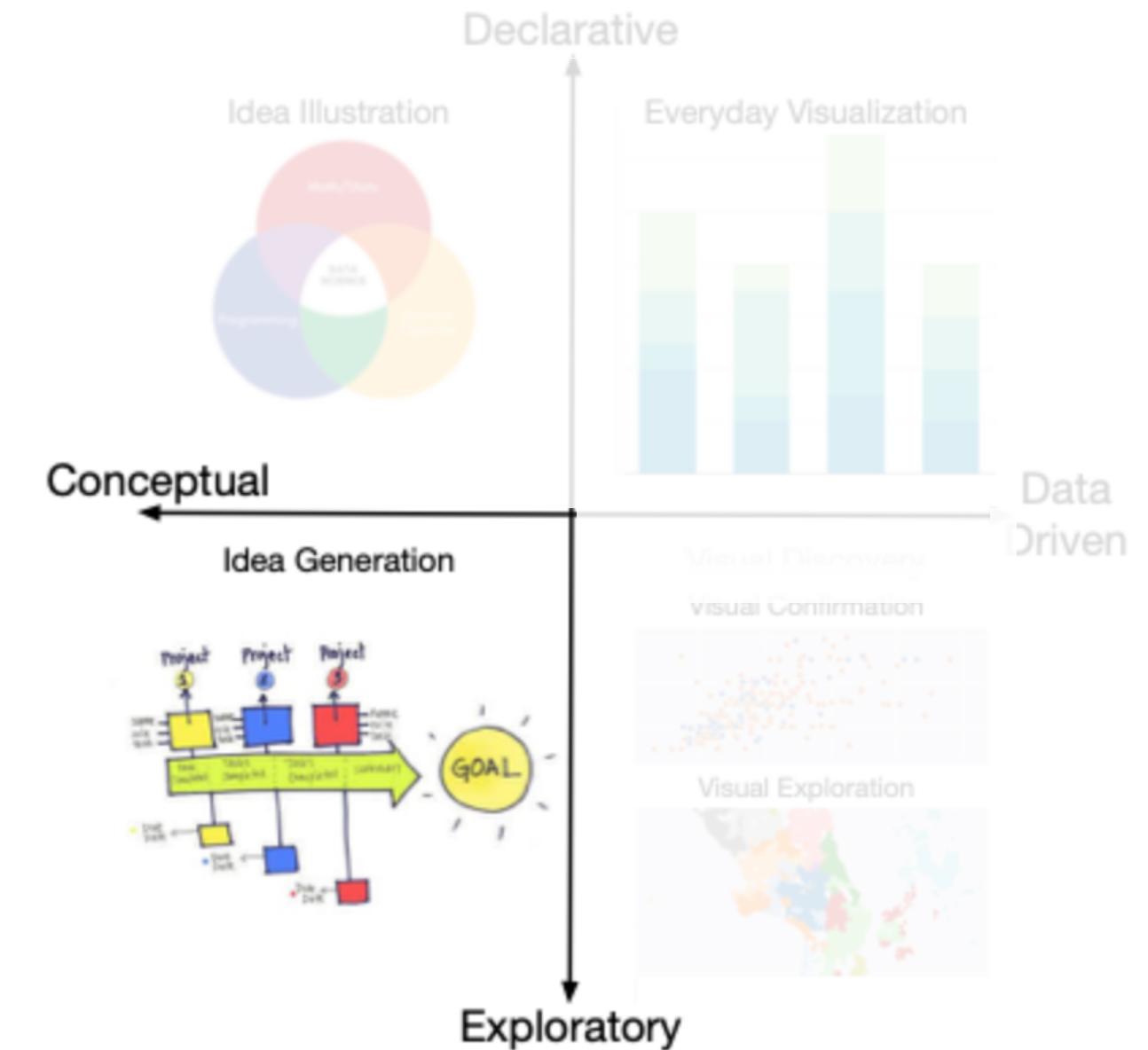
Working Session  
Brainstorming

## VIZ TYPE

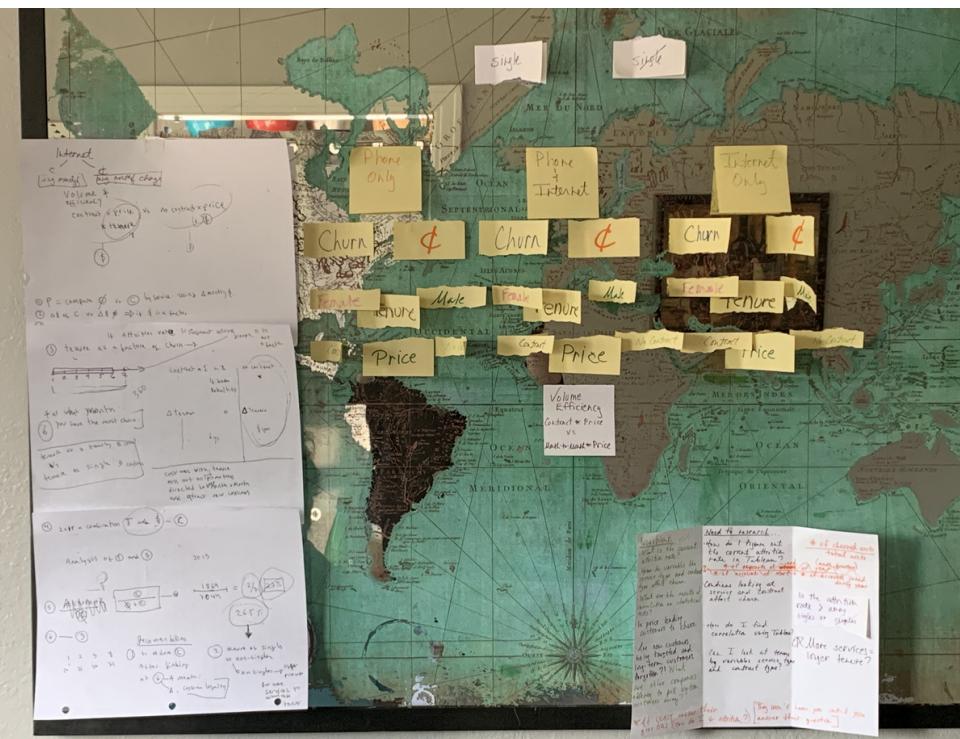
Creative  
Metaphorical

## GOALS

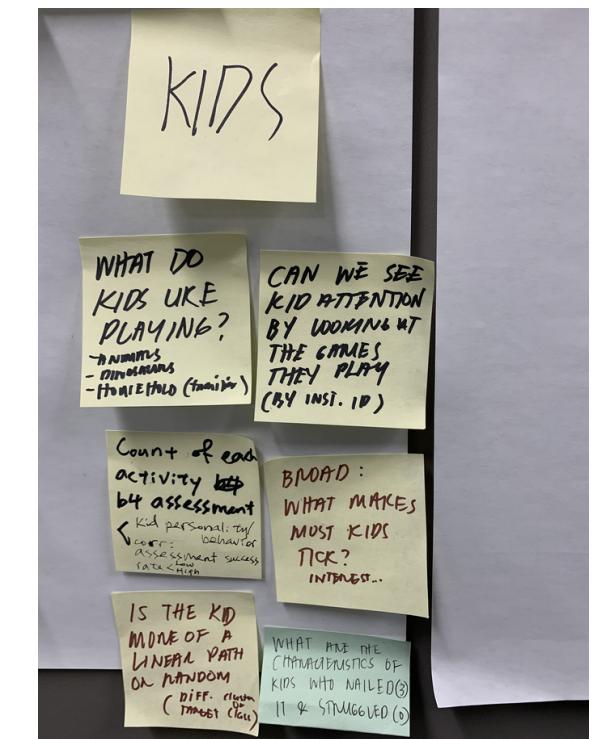
Discovery  
Learning & Simplification



# IDEA GENERATION EXAMPLES



- feature engineering
  - py file w/ Pipeline
  - visualizations / insights
  - DB scan taxidcnt & lotsizesg efft
  - Describe model in notebook
  - Bin & cluster (year) i(neighborhoods)
  - Visualize residuals
  - Takeaways - logerror
    - Domain → Cal Real estate
    - Data → Zillow
    - Data science →



# IDEA ILLUSTRATION

## DATA TYPE

Process Explanation  
Concept Demonstration

## TYPICAL SETTING

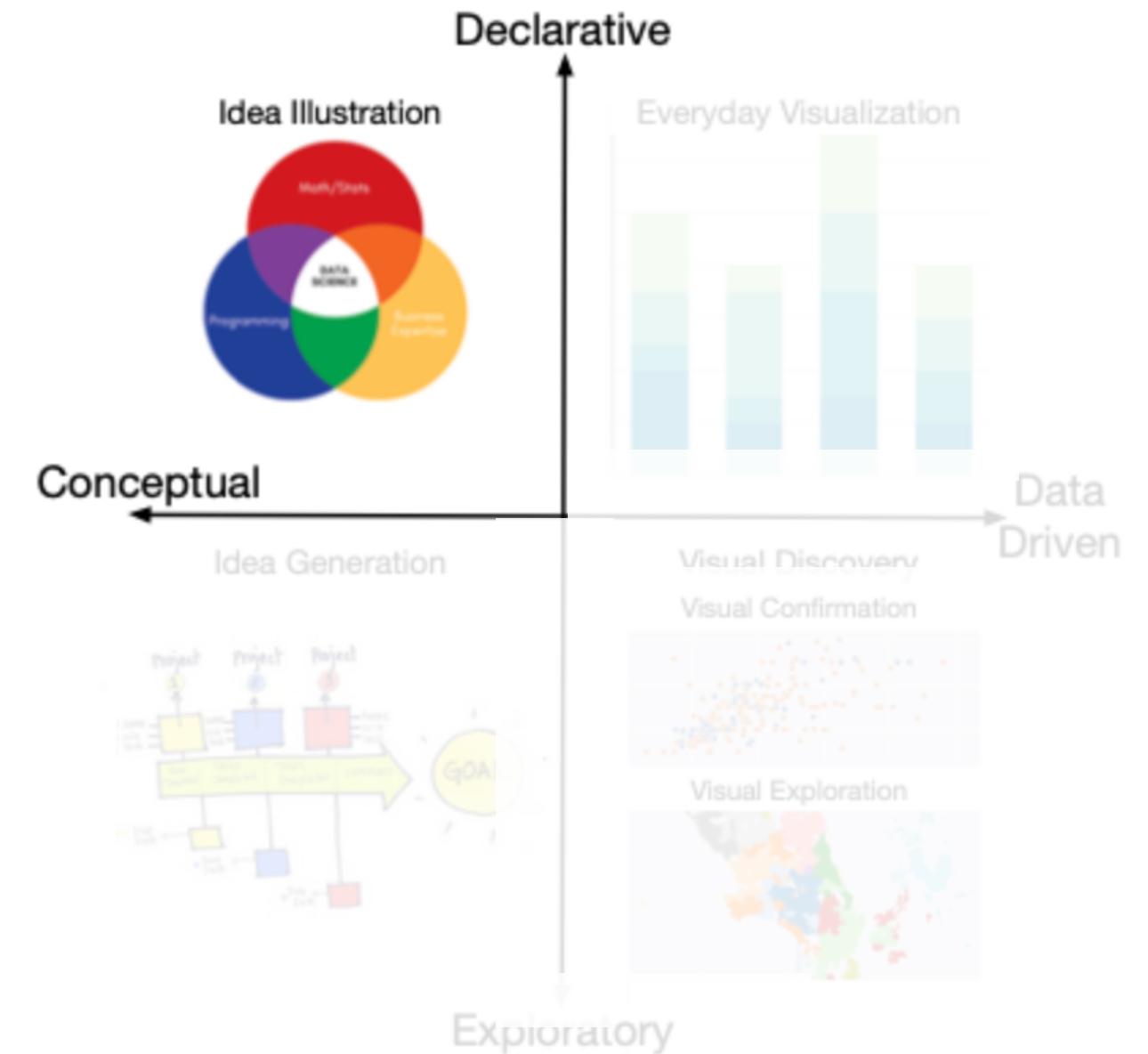
Presentations  
Teaching

## VIZ TYPE

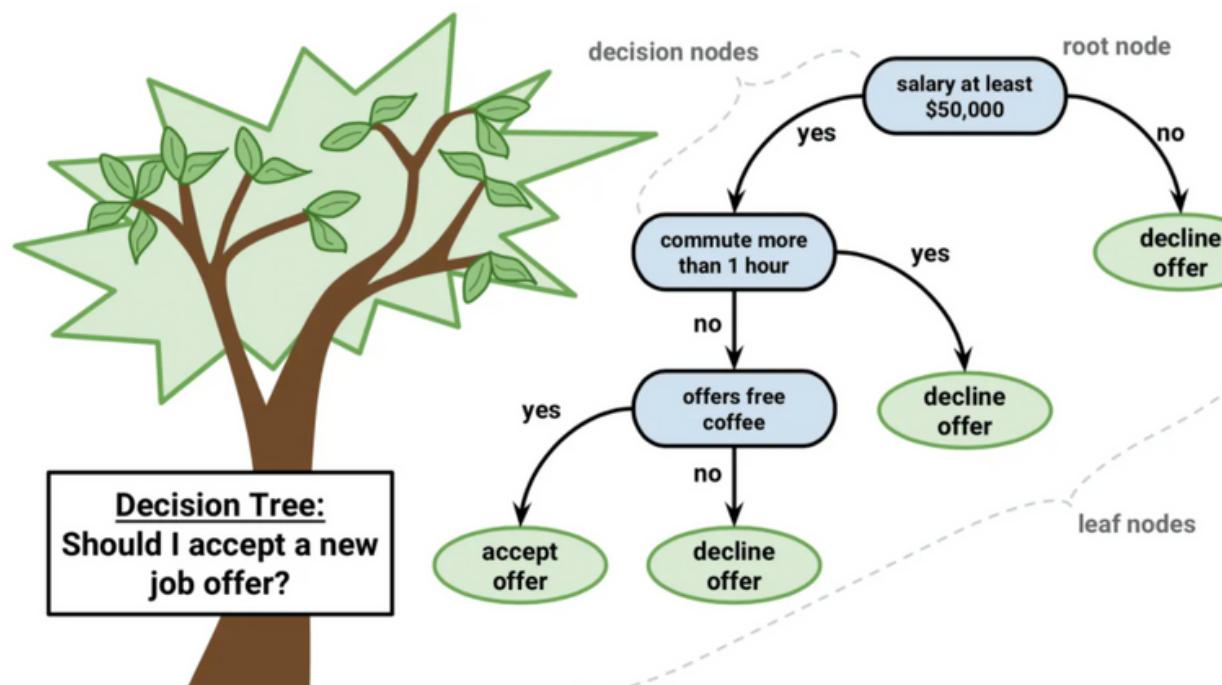
Simple  
Metaphorical

## GOALS

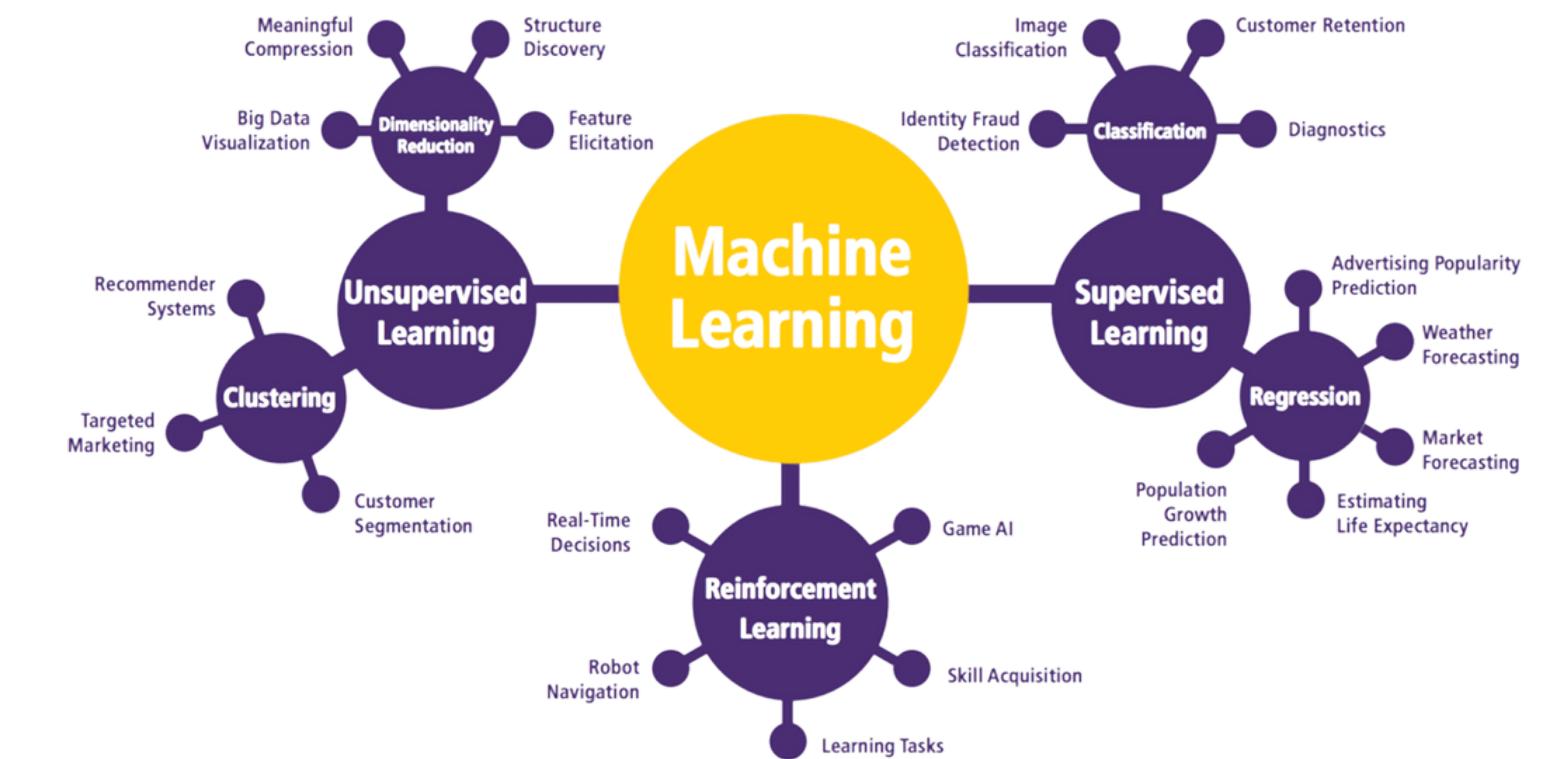
Learning  
Simplifying



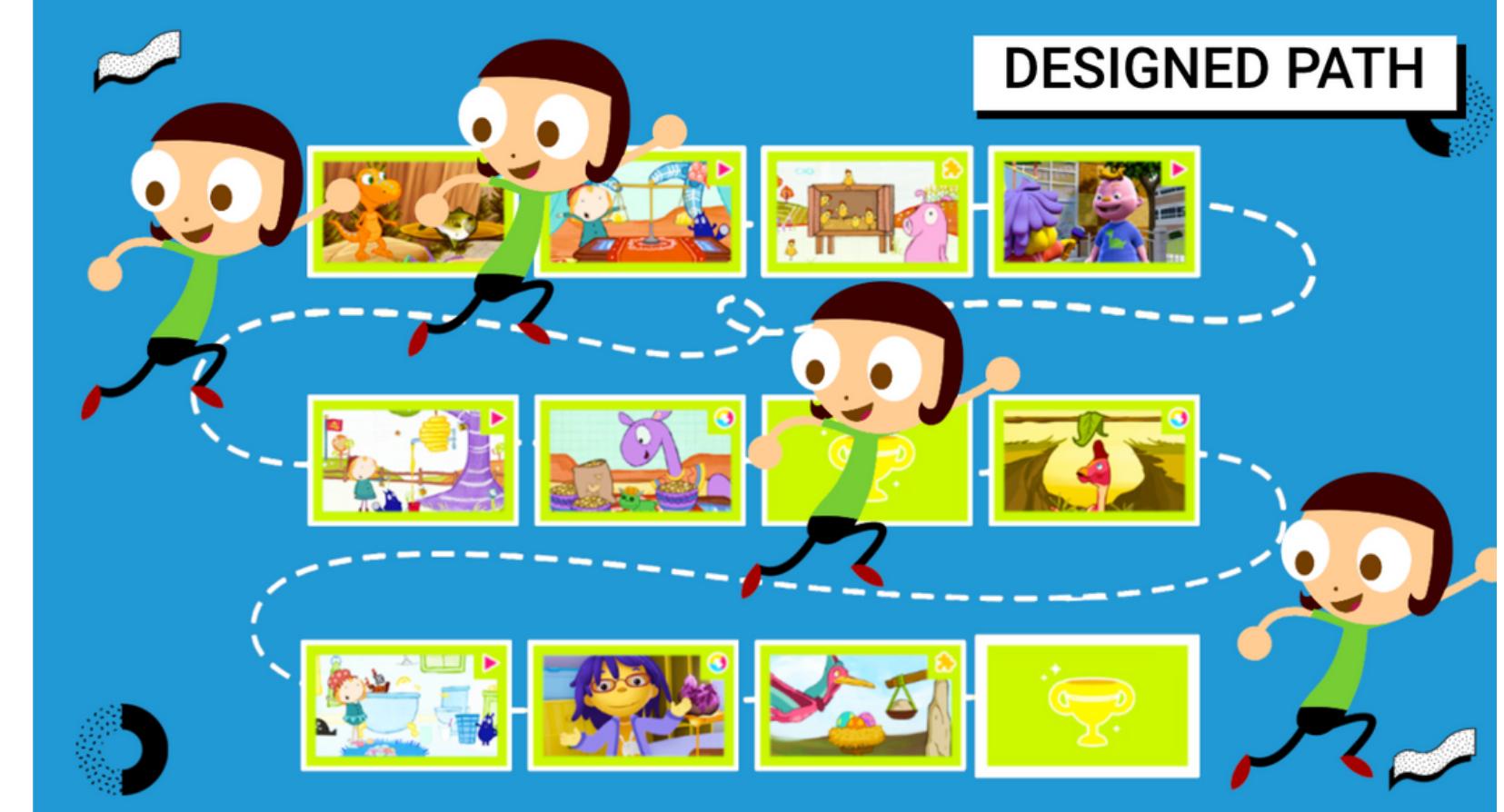
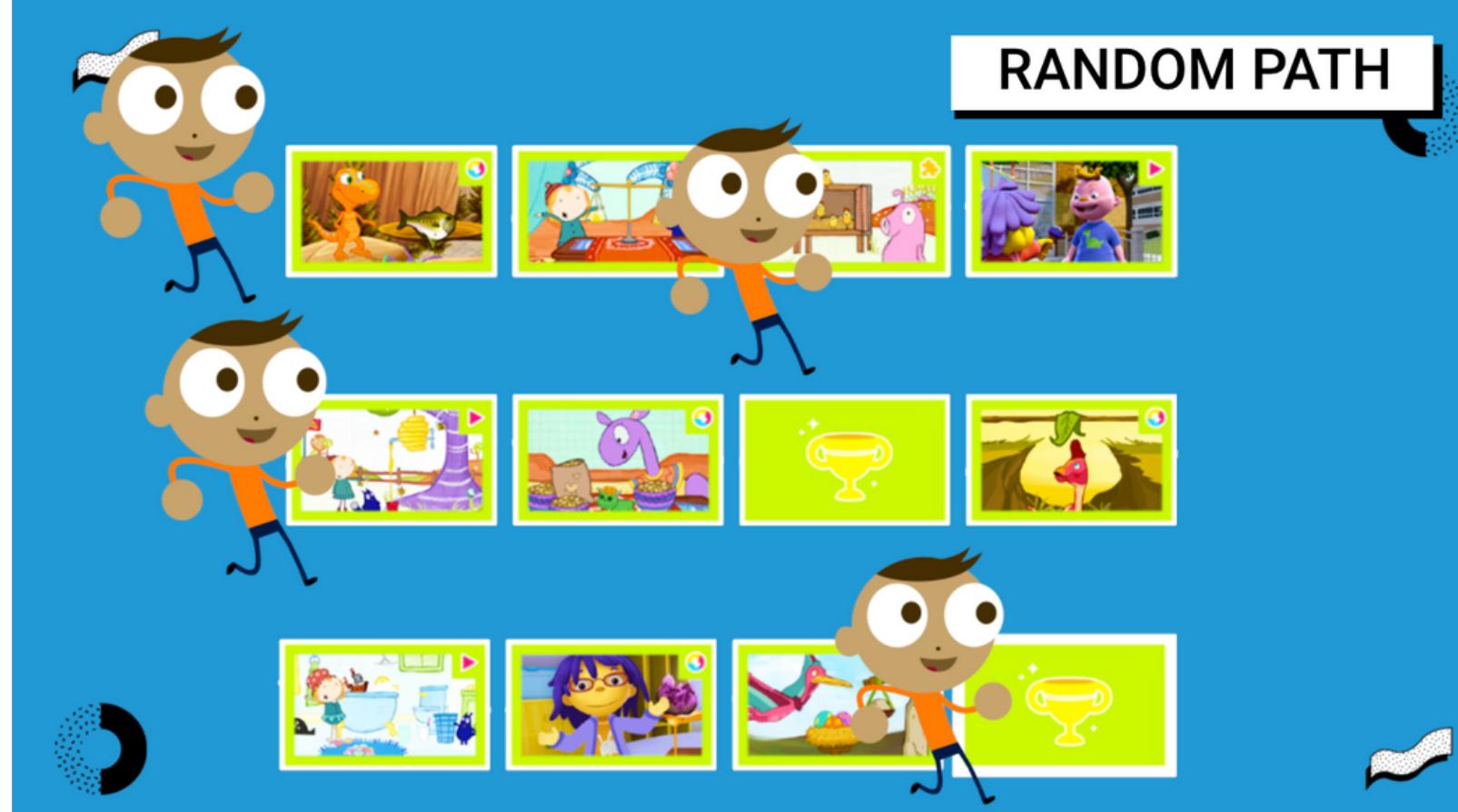
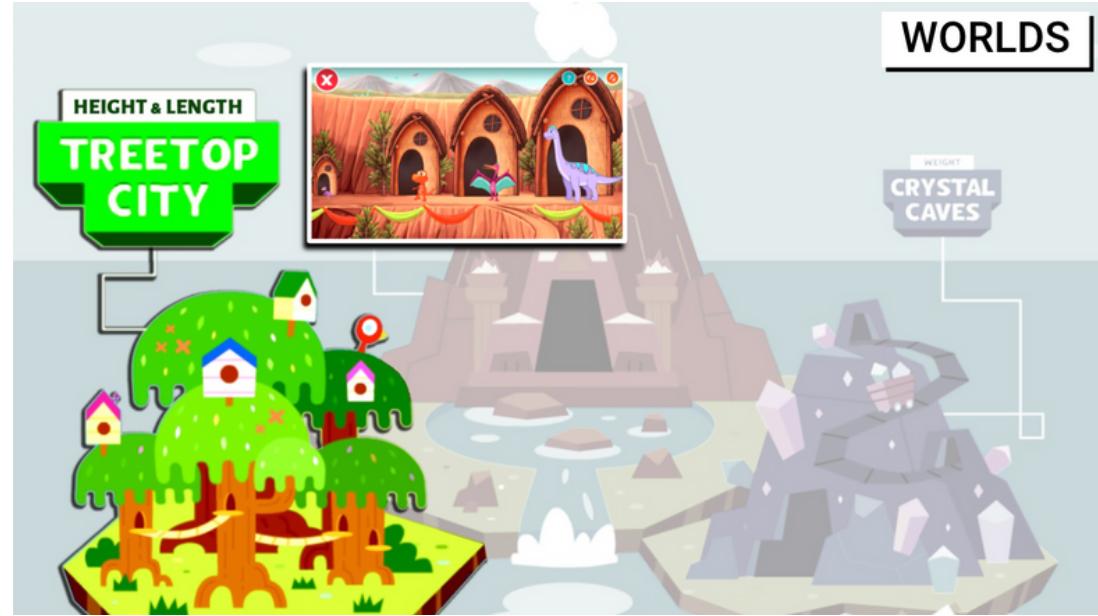
# IDEA ILLUSTRATION EXAMPLES



Decision Tree classifier, Image credit: [www.packtpub.com](http://www.packtpub.com)



# OUR IDEA ILLUSTRATIONS



# VISUAL DISCOVERY

## DATA TYPE

Big Data  
Dynamic

## TYPICAL SETTING

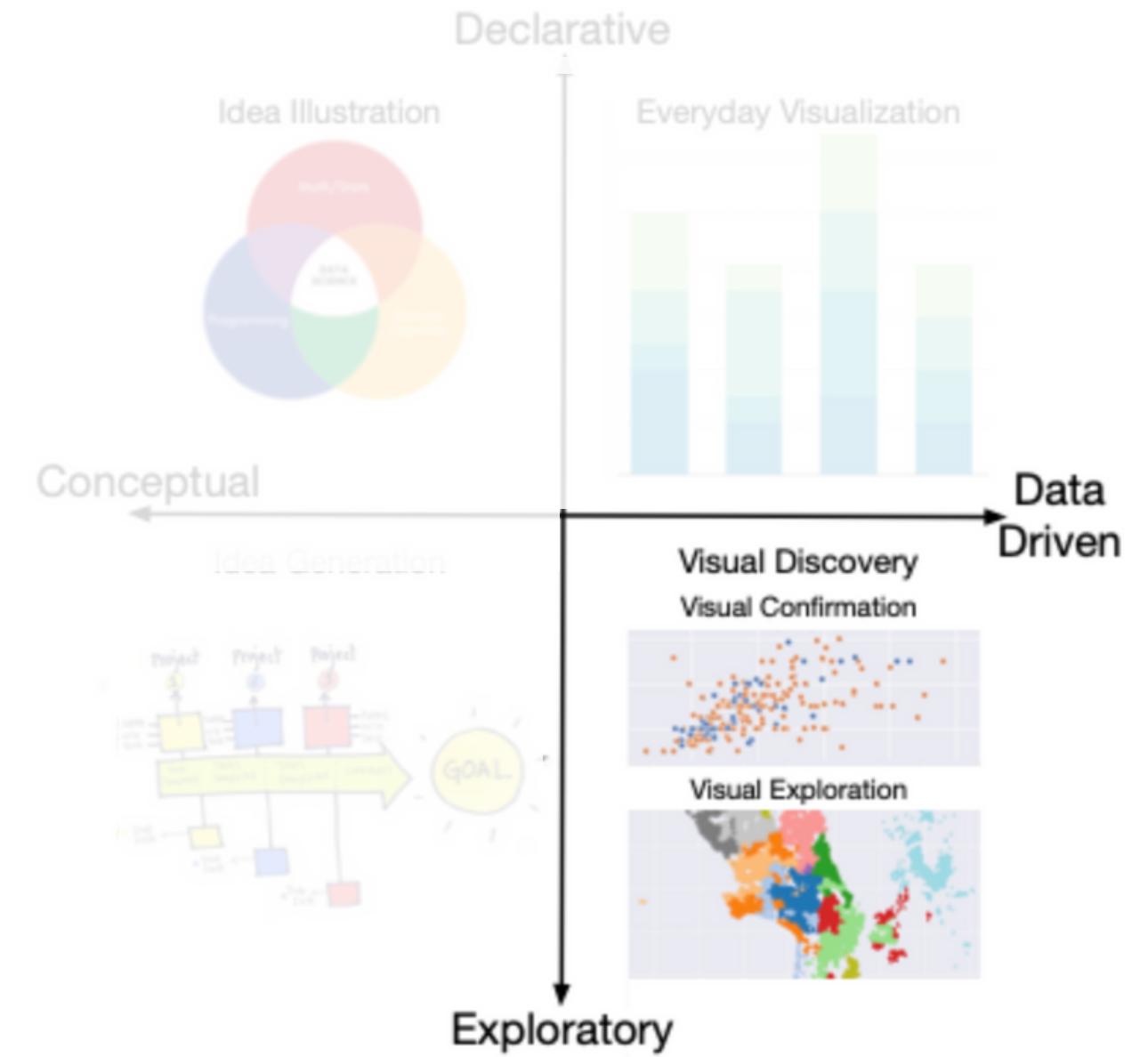
Working Session  
Testing Analysis

## VIZ TYPE

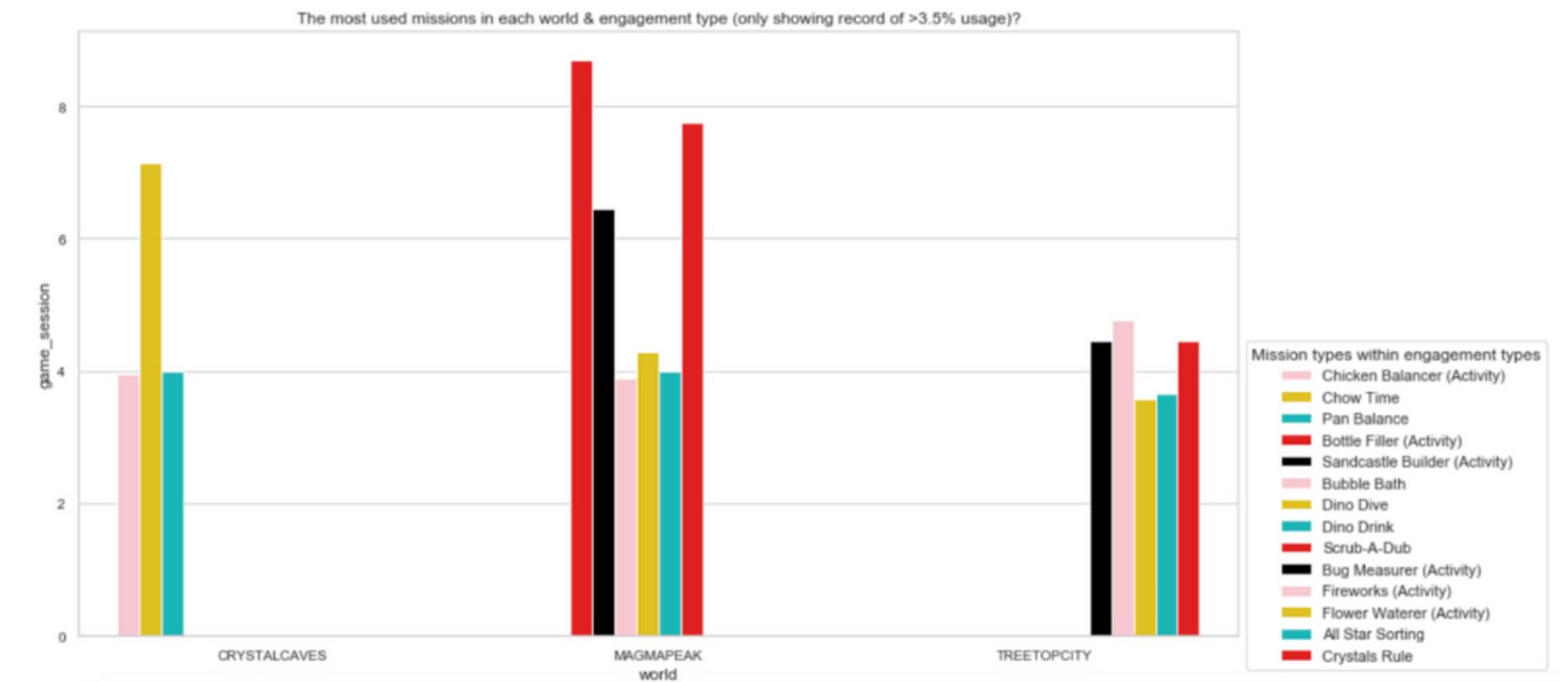
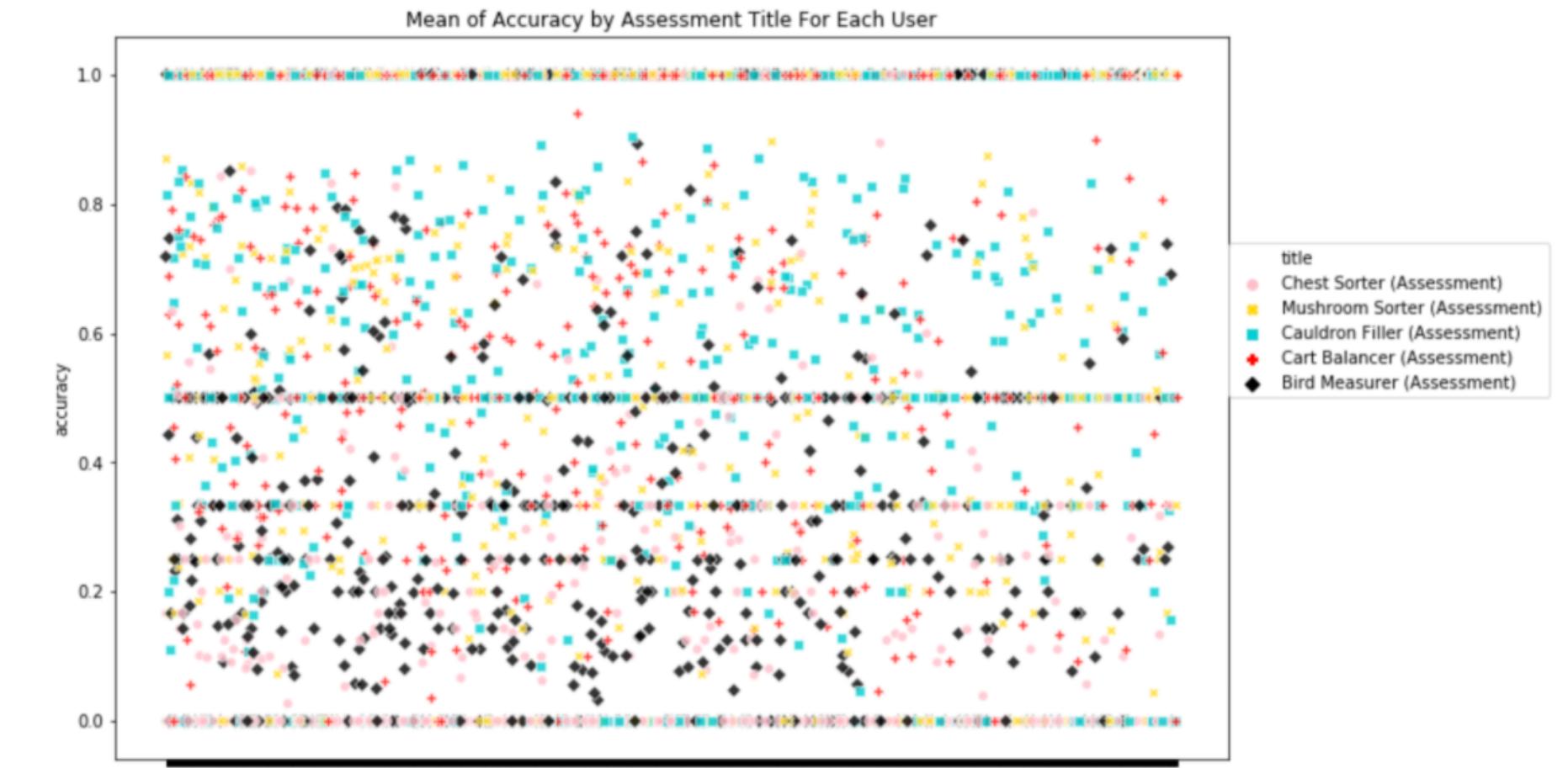
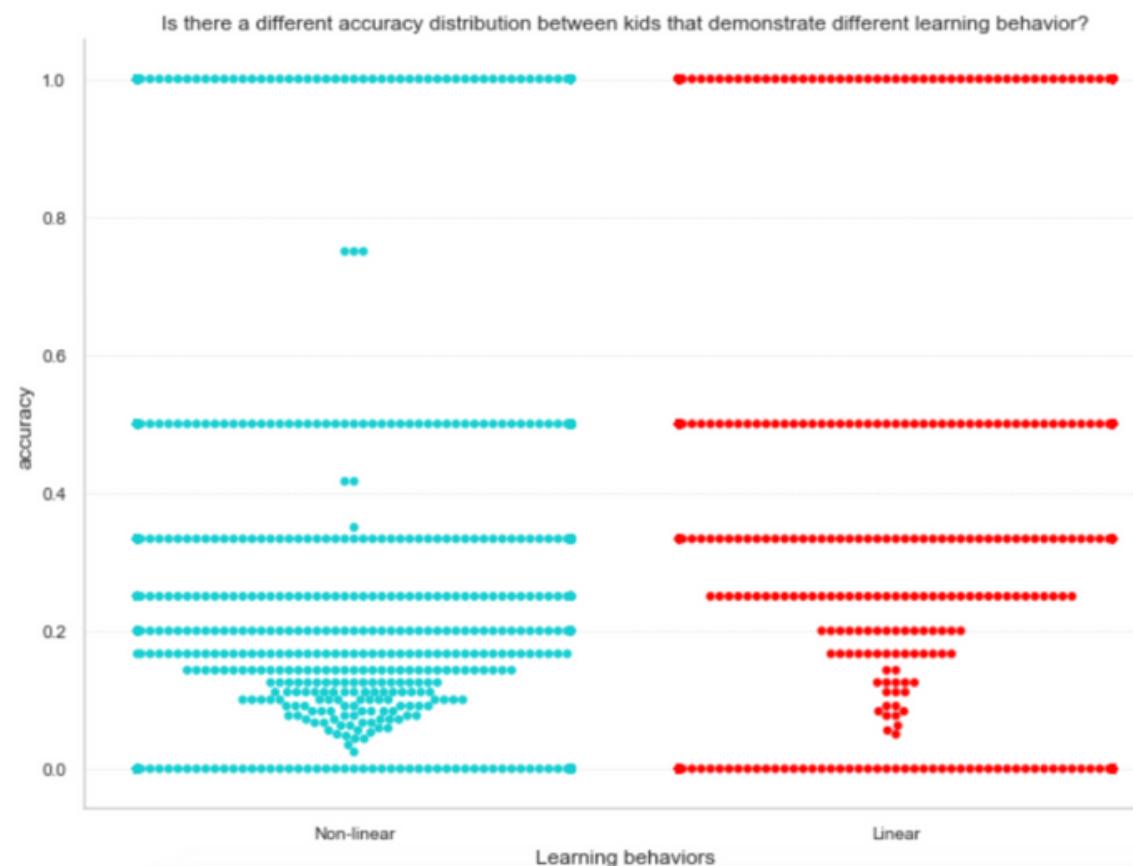
Advanced  
Unconventional

## GOALS

Trend Spotting  
Deep Analysis & Sense Making



# VISUAL DISCOVERY EXAMPLES



# EVERYDAY VISUALIZATION

## DATA TYPE

Simple  
Low Volume

## TYPICAL SETTING

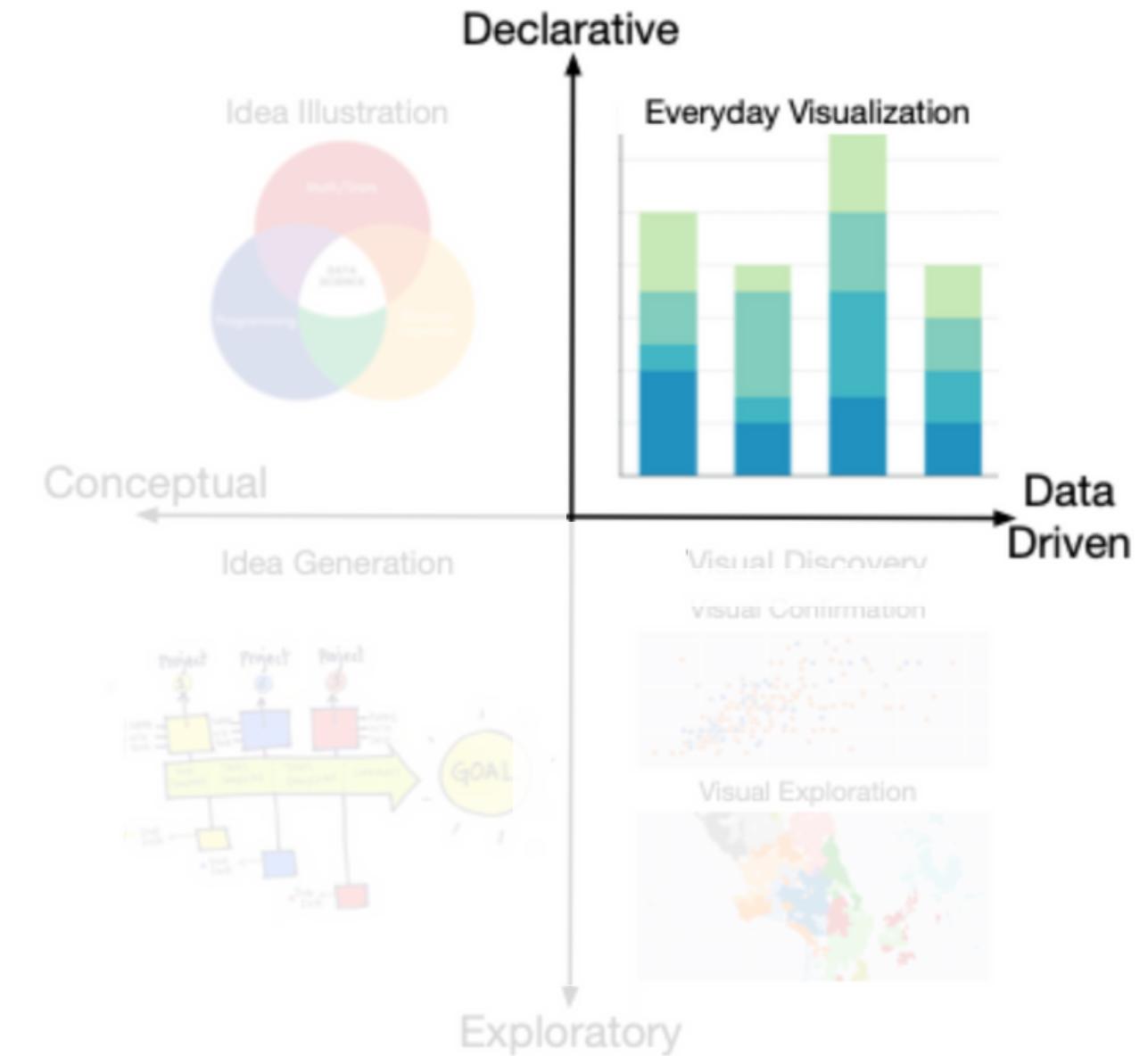
Formal  
Presentations

## VIZ TYPE

Conventional Chart  
Static

## GOALS

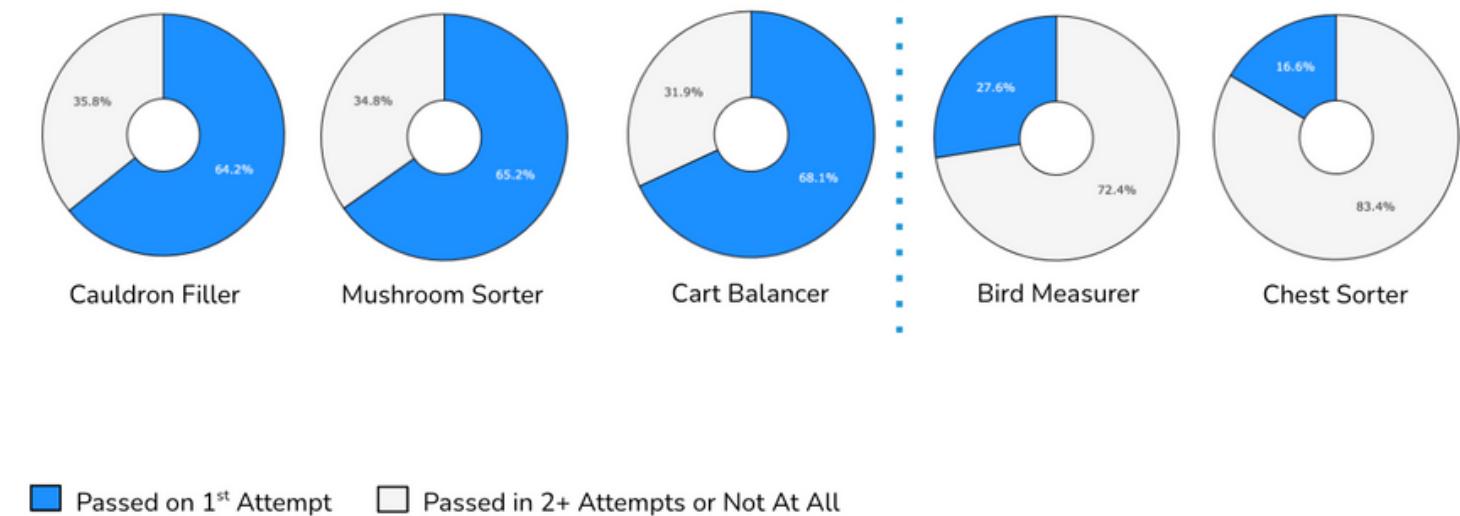
Affirm  
Set Context



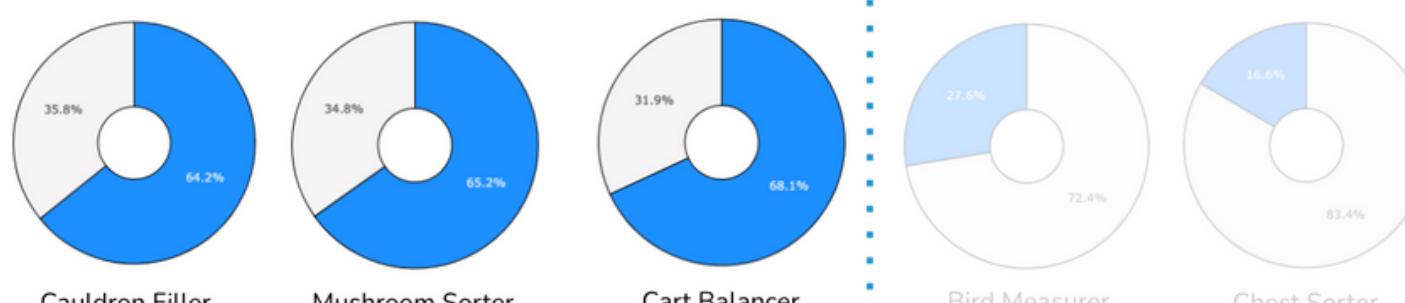
# EVERYDAY VISUALIZATION EXAMPLES



Why was there a difference in student performance on the assessments?



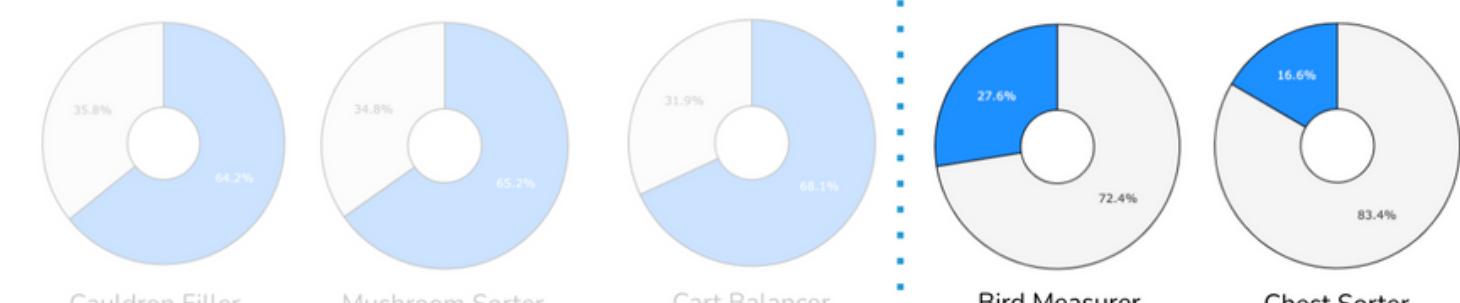
Why was there a difference in student performance on the assessments?



Assessment Type A

■ Passed on 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt   ■ Passed in 2+ Attempts or Not At All

Why was there a difference in student performance on the assessments?



Assessment Type B

■ Passed on 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt   ■ Passed in 2+ Attempts or Not At All

# 2. TALK AND LISTEN

## \* Concept



Explain basic concepts and information about your project and ideas.  
Take notes and pay attention to keywords as clues to chart types.

## \* Headspace



You may feel a little vulnerable and even awkward at first. It takes practice.  
Be attentive to keywords in yours and others' conversations.

## \* Artifacts



Notes capturing keywords and identifying gaps in thinking or knowledge.  
Questions that need to be answered to close gaps.

# LET'S → DISCUSS

STEM 1  
→

What I'm working on...

01

STEM 2  
→

What I'm trying to say or show  
(confirmatory)/prove or learn  
(exploratory) is...

02

STEM 3  
→

The reason I'm doing this is...

03

STEM 4  
→

The Big Idea of my presentation  
is...

04

# WHAT WE LEARNED →

*ARTIFACT 1 →*

We want to identify the drivers of student performance on in-app assessments by comparing factors like learning path taken, time spent in the app, and assessment taken to assessment performance. Our goal is to communicate our findings to parents, educators, and app designers to improve the usefulness of using the app.

*ARTIFACT 2 →*

We need to provide context (teach) about:

- the app.
- the student users.
- the assessments.

# 3. SKETCH

\* Concept

- Match keywords from Step 2 to different types to visualizations.
- Sketch ideas for charts that might best represent what you want to show.

\* Headspace

- Stay in a creative space here, open-minded about different ideas.
- Don't worry about details or accuracy at this point. Generate chart ideas!

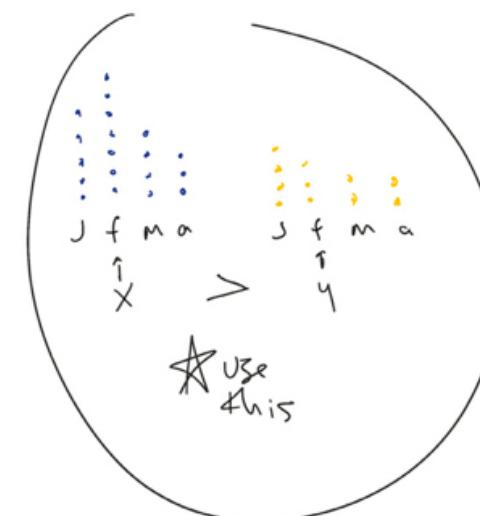
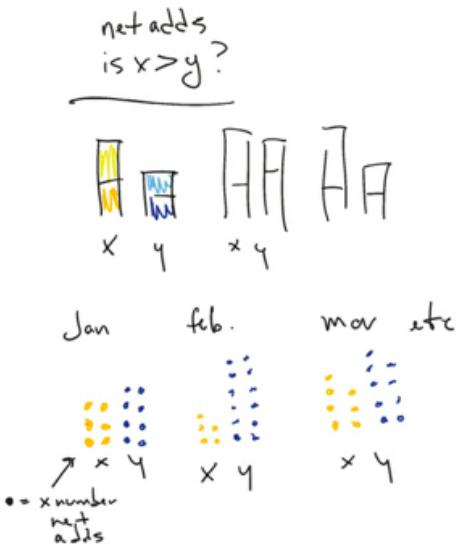
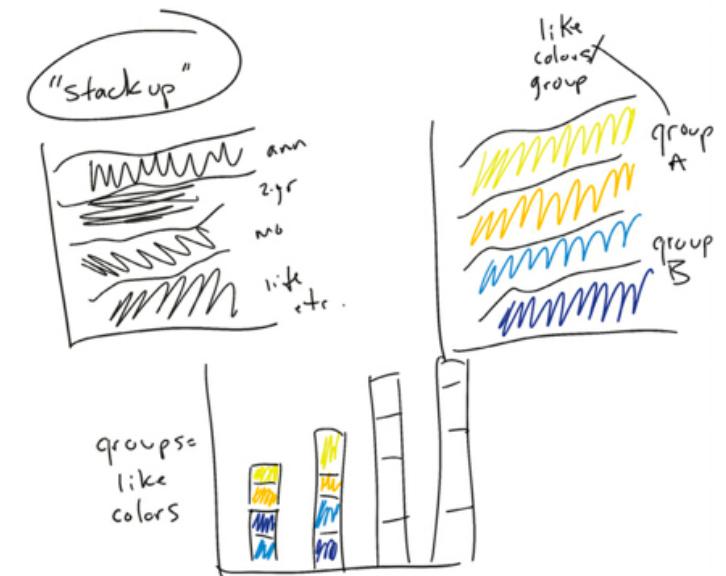
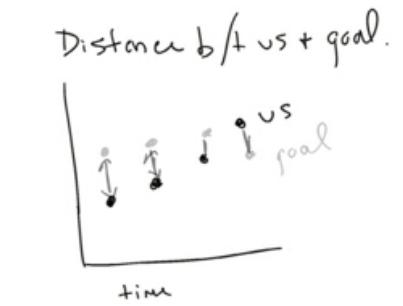
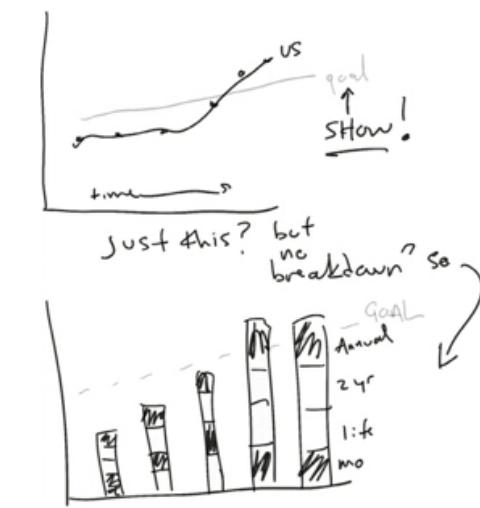
\* Artifacts

- Quick, messy sketches of charts inspired by your keywords from Step 2.
- A rough draft of your charts and presentation that support your Big Idea.

# SKETCH EXAMPLE



## GENERATIVE



# 4. PROTOTYPE

## \* Concept

- Refine your rough draft from Step 3 using real figures, titles, themes, etc.
- "Sketching is generative. Prototyping is iterative." -Scott Berinato

## \* Headspace

- You are ready to focus in on the details like colors, values, and titles.
- You are comfortable with your Big Idea, and you're out of ideas.

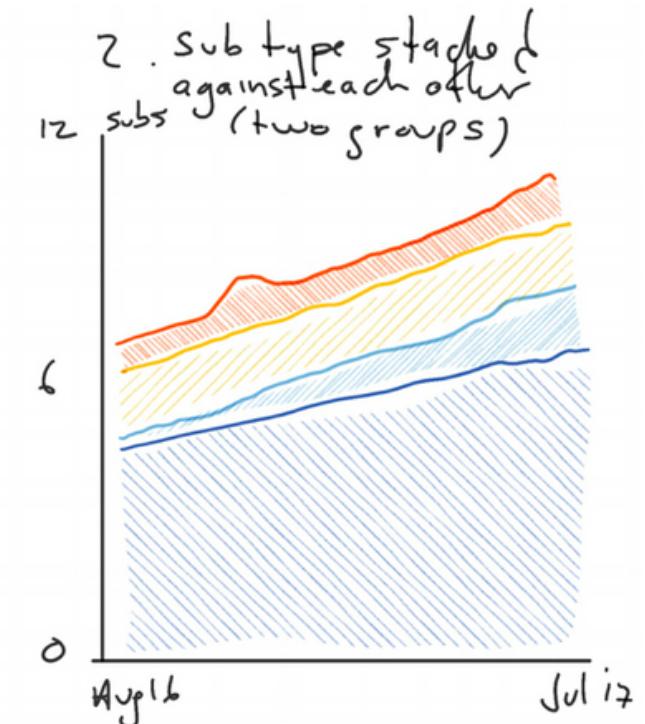
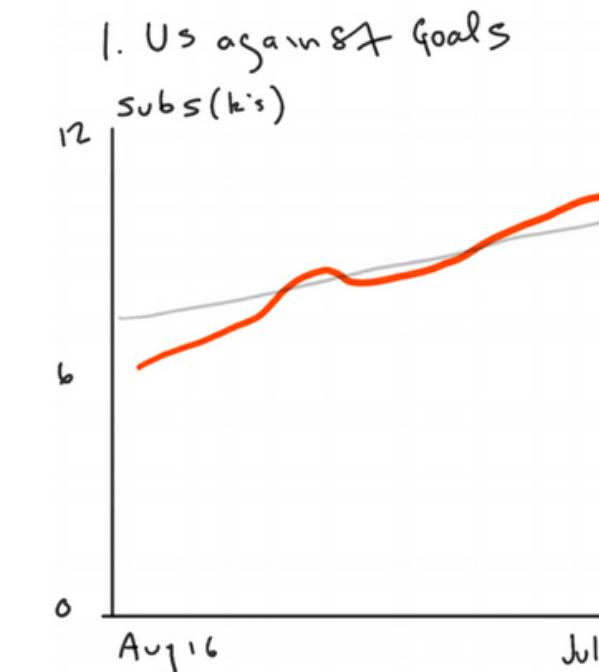
## \* Artifacts

- Refined charts on paper, whiteboard, or both.
- A map to guide you through creating your charts and presentation.

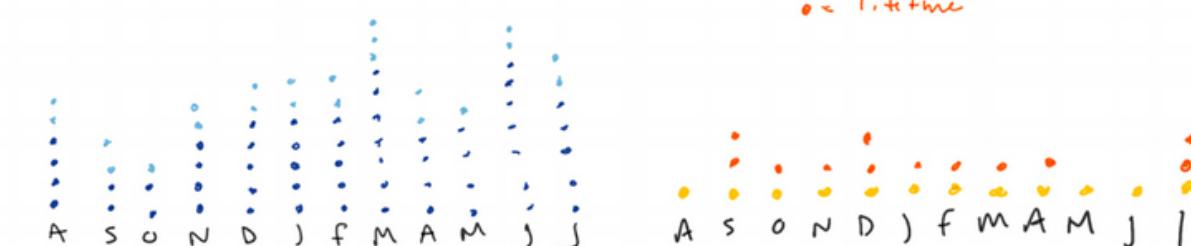
# PROTOTYPE EXAMPLE



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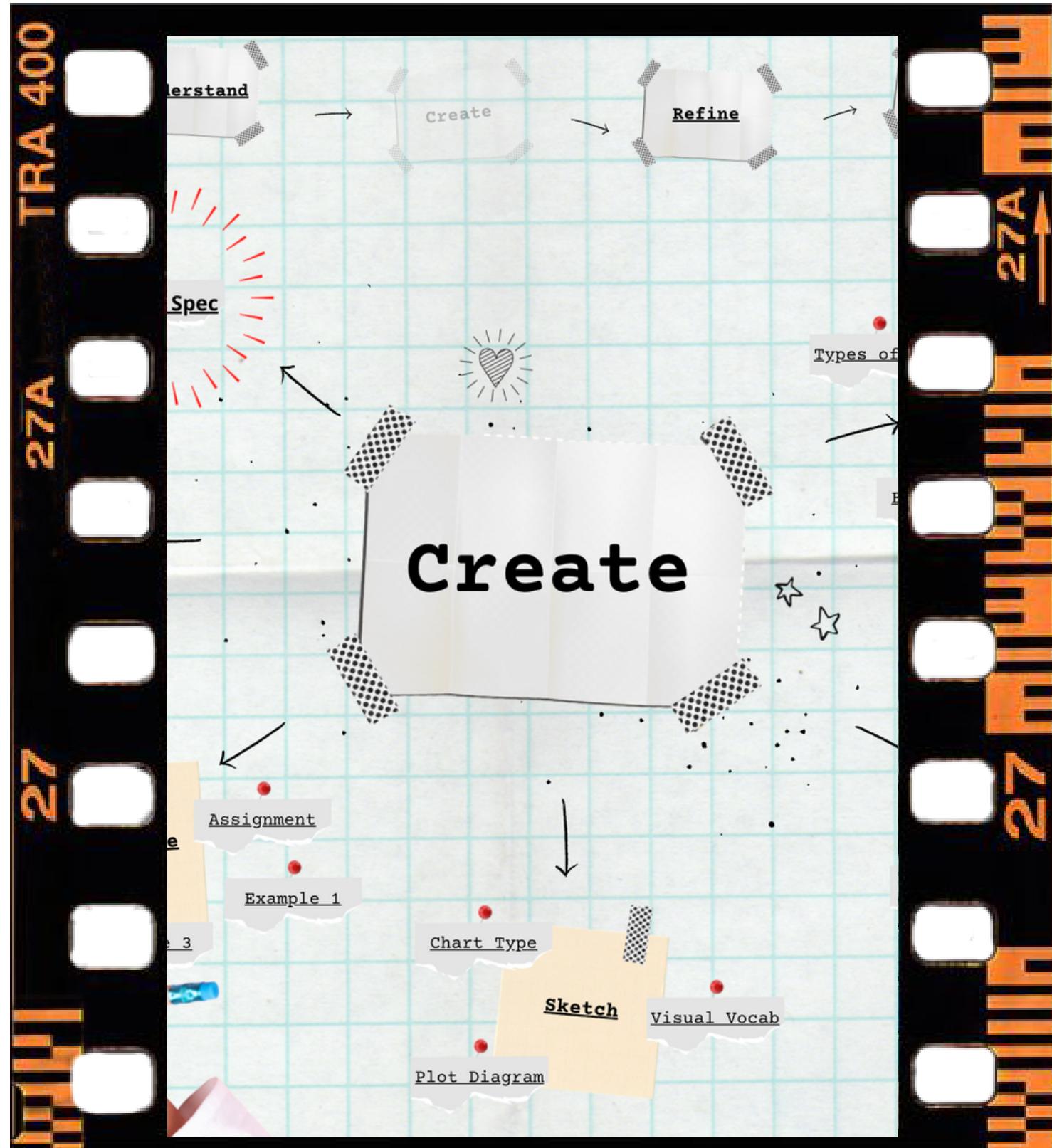


3. Net Adds By month  
compare groups per month



- = 50 subs
- = 2 yr
- = annual
- = monthly
- = lifetime

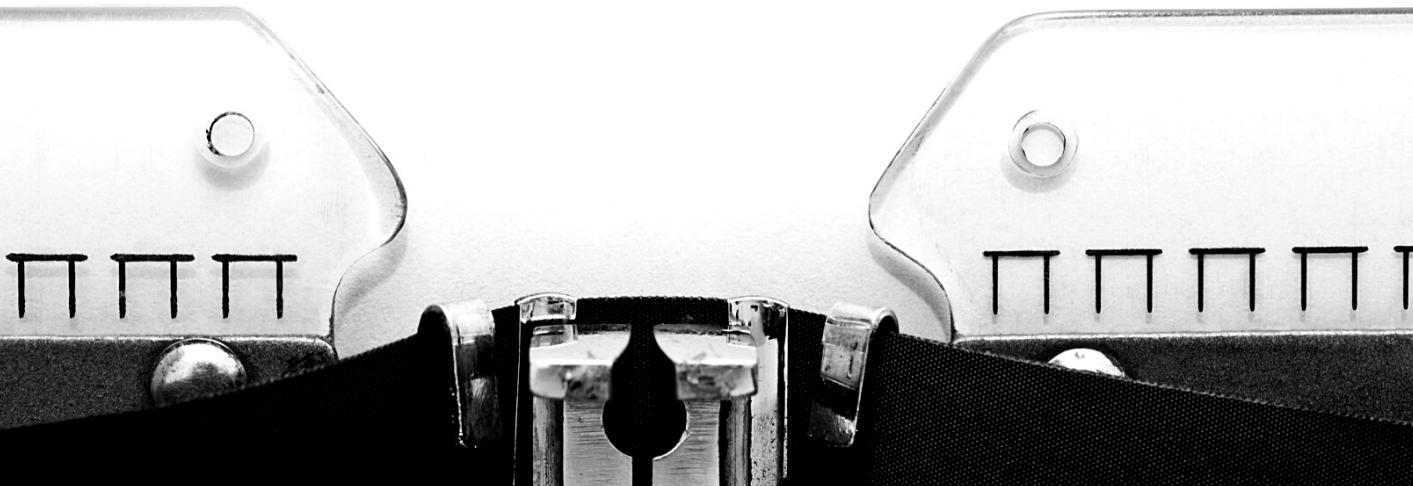
# TIME TO EXPLORE



# REFINE & PRESENT



DATA  
What's your ^ story?



GOOD  
CHARTS

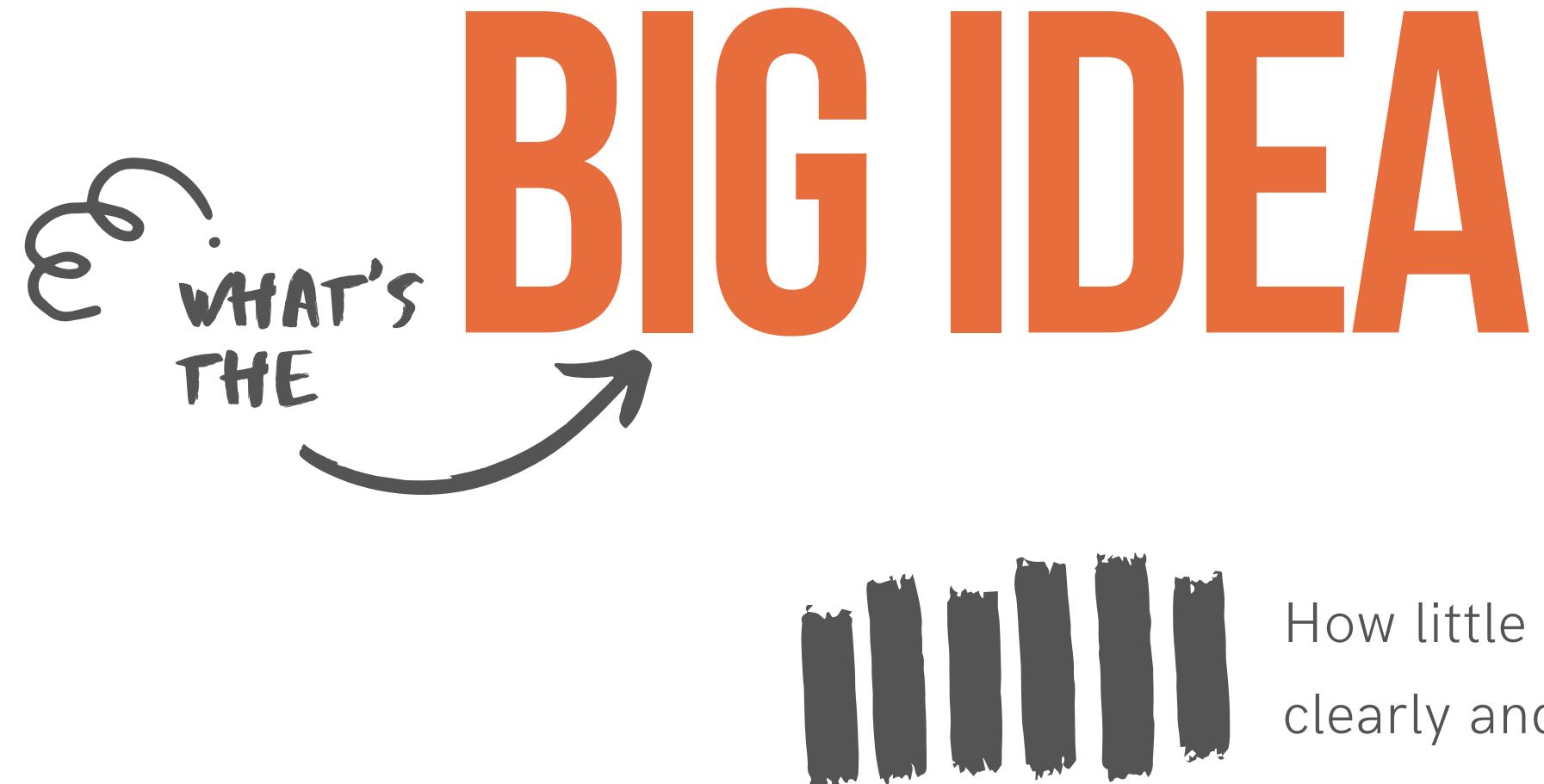
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"The less you have to talk about a visualization, and  
the more you can talk about its ideals, the better."  
- Scott Berinato



How little can you show and still convey your idea  
clearly and effectively? "Simplicity is Courageous."

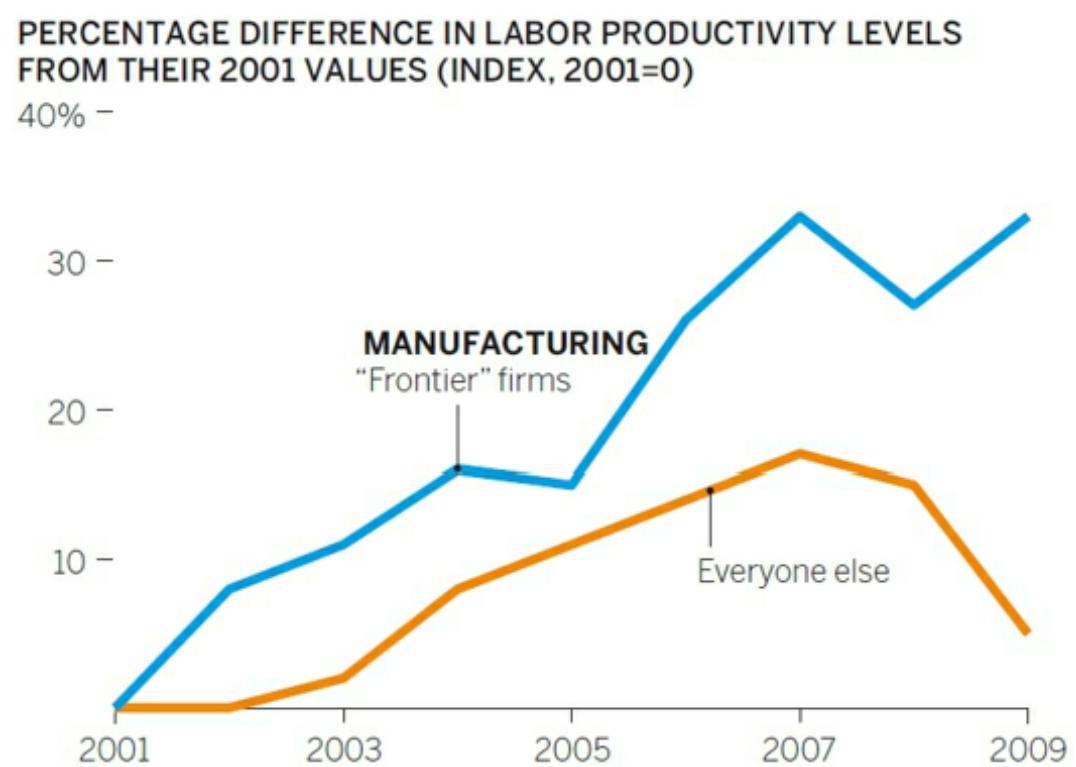
# CHART STRUCTURE

KEEP CHART COMPONENTS CONSISTENT



## GUIDELINES

THE GAP BETWEEN THE MOST PRODUCTIVE FIRMS AND THE REST IS GROWING

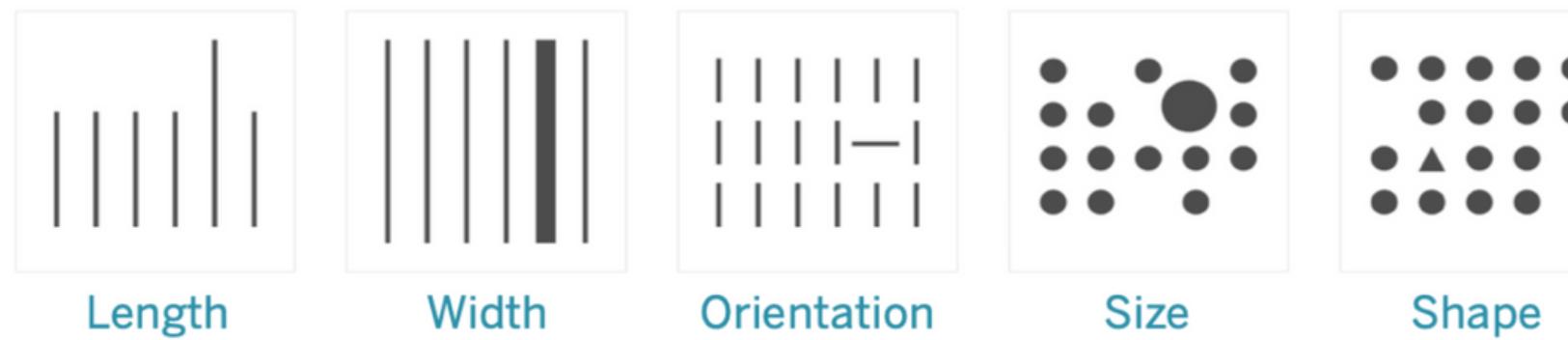


# CHART CLARITY

LET THE IDEA COME THROUGH



Our brains are designed to identify patterns, differences.



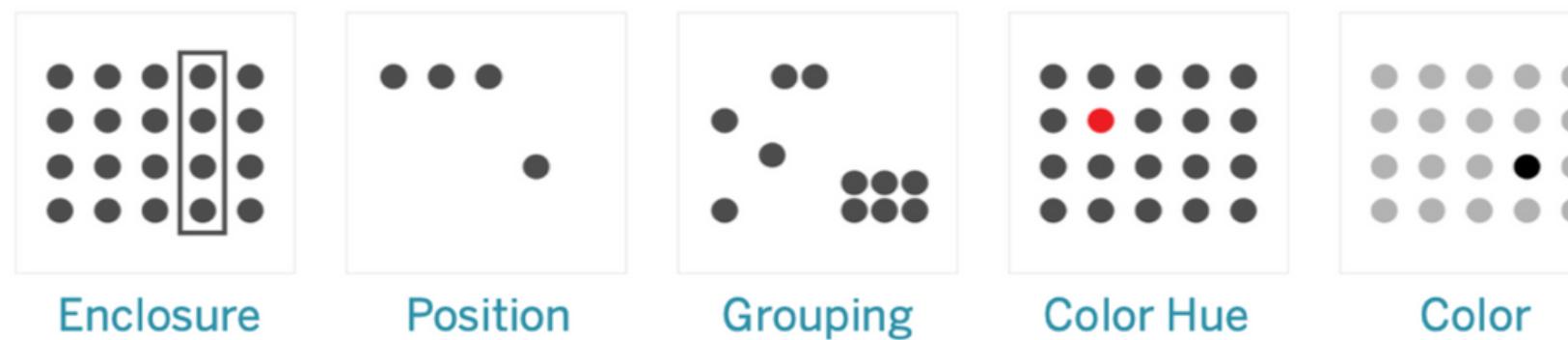
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Enclosure

Position

Grouping

Color Hue

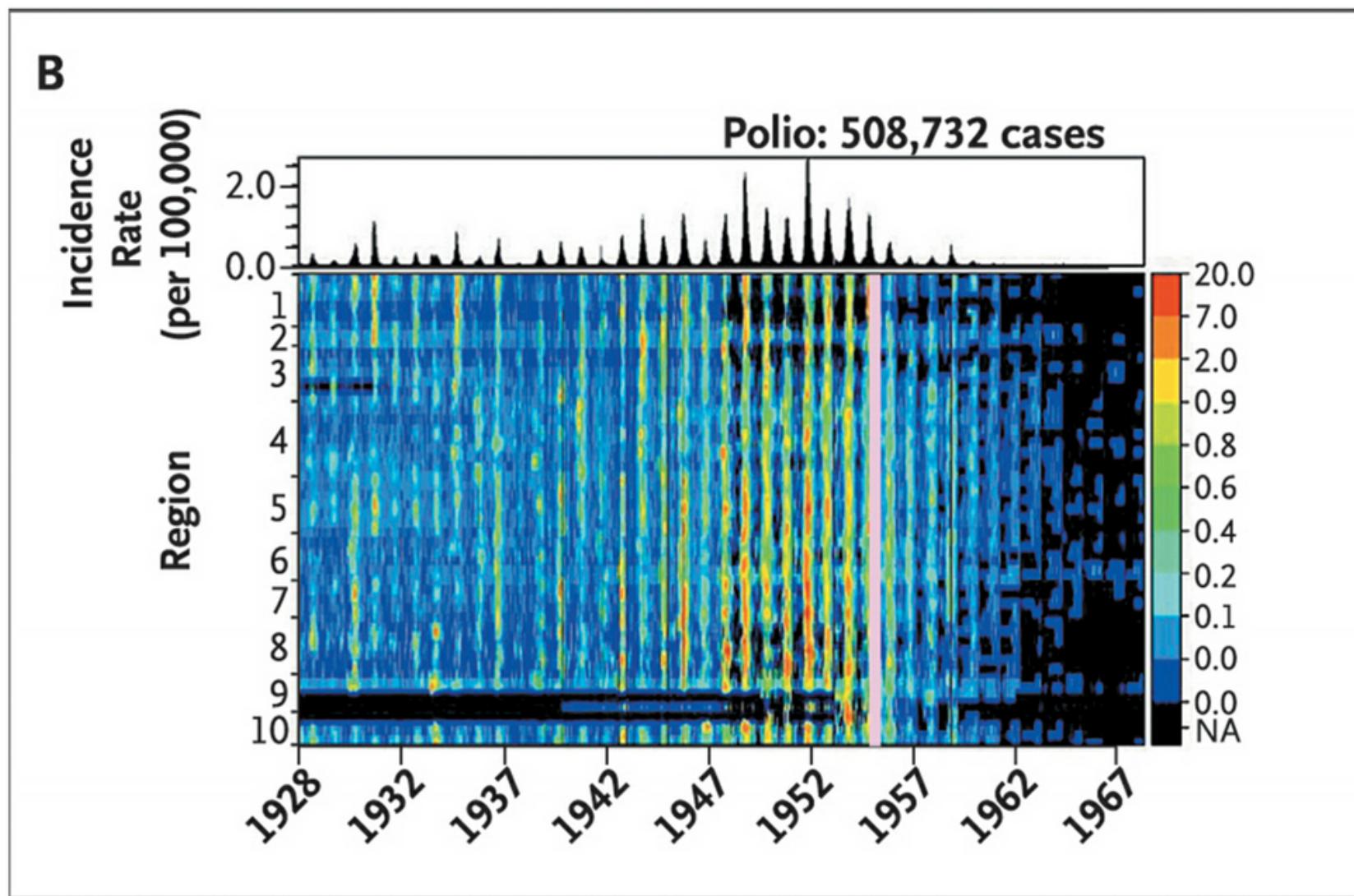
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- 1 PRE-ATTENTIVE ATTRIBUTES
- 2 VISUAL ENCODING
- 3 COLOR MATCHES MEANING
- 4 GUIDE WITH YOUR TITLES

# CLARITY →

LET THE IDEA COME THROUGH

There's a lot of competition for our attention here.



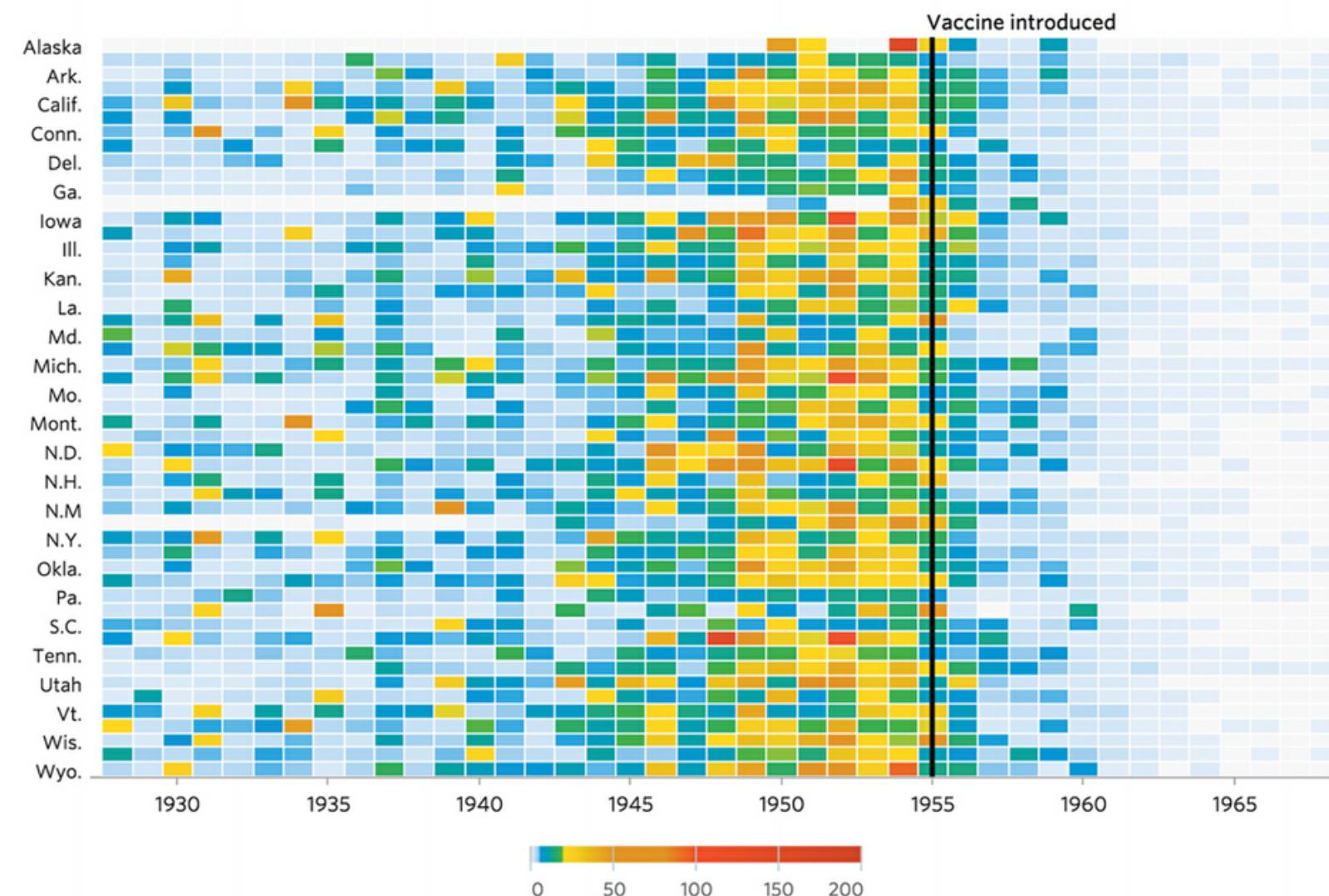
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# CLARITY →

LET THE IDEA COME THROUGH

You want your audience to see  
your idea, not your charts.

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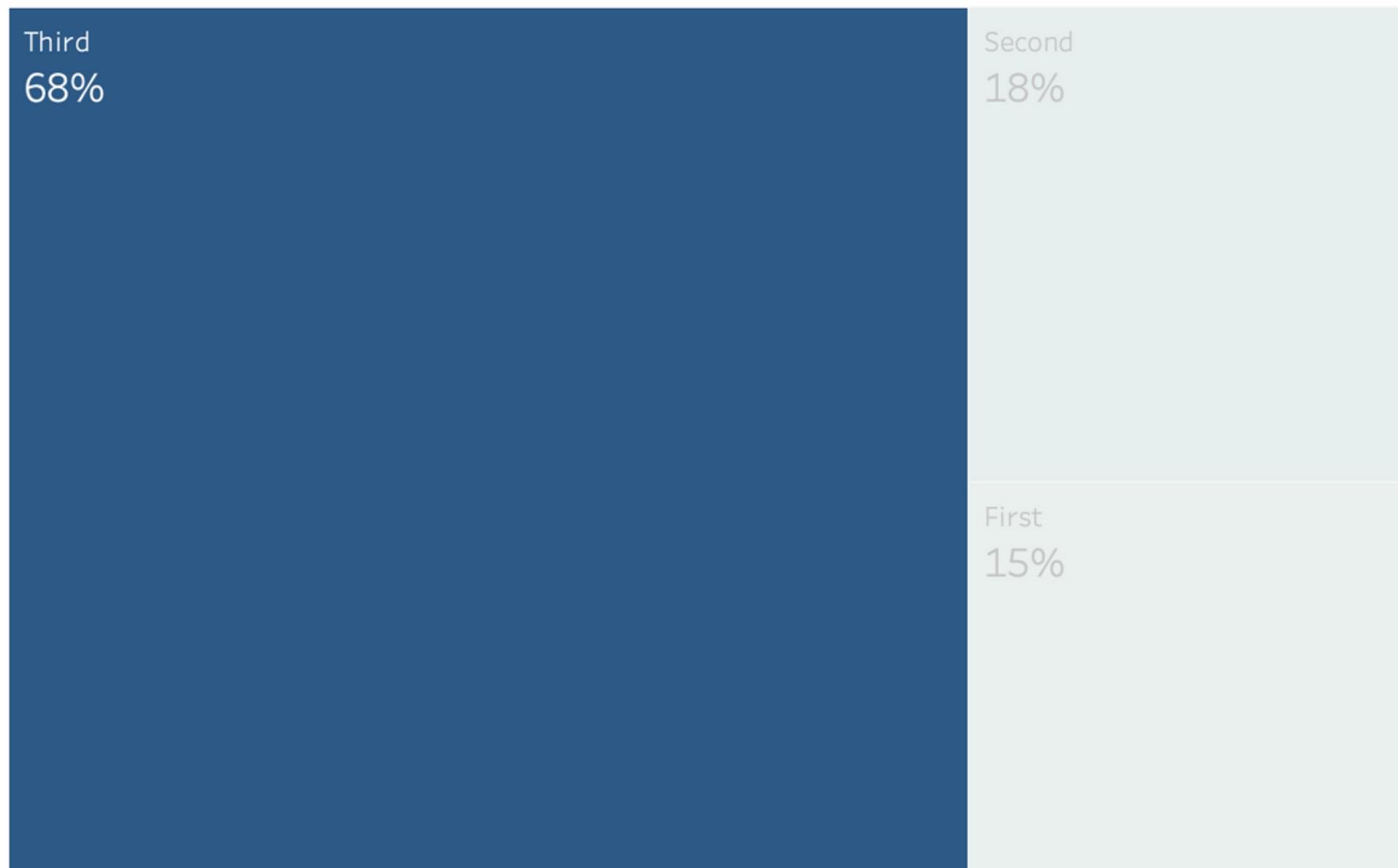
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# CLARITY →

## LET THE IDEA COME THROUGH

Don't waste the opportunity to guide your audience with a meaningful title!

Third Class Suffered Far More Loss of Life

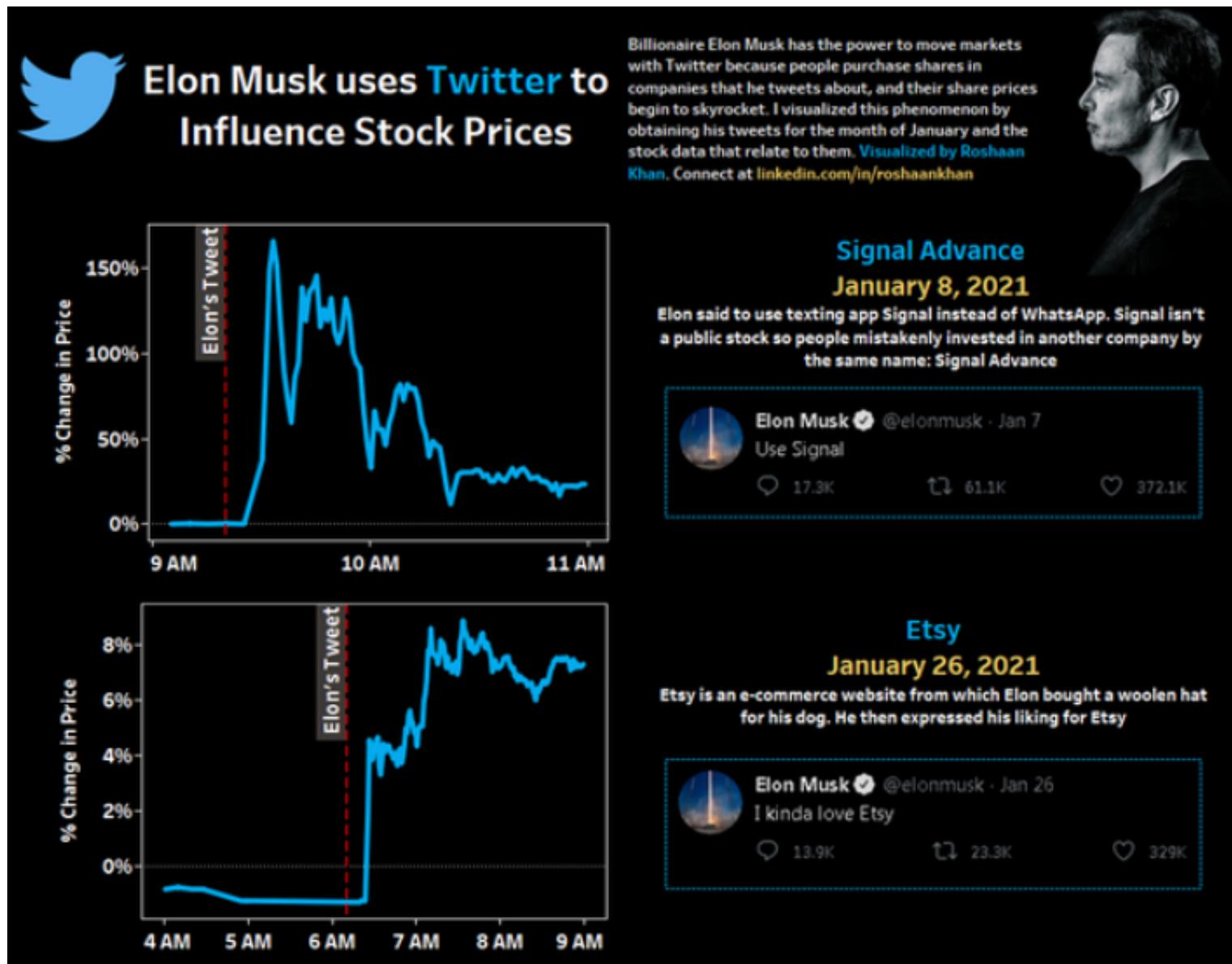


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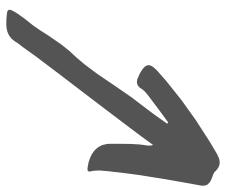
Titles allow you to direct the audiences attention and add valuable context.



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# SIMPLICITY

## CREATE EFFECTIVE DESIGNS



"A visualization is an abstraction. labeling every value is a concretization."

- Scott Berinato

"Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

- 1** IS IT NECESSARY?
- 2** IS IT UNIQUE?
- 3** IS IT SIMPLE?
- \*** "BELT AND SUSPENDERS DESIGN"

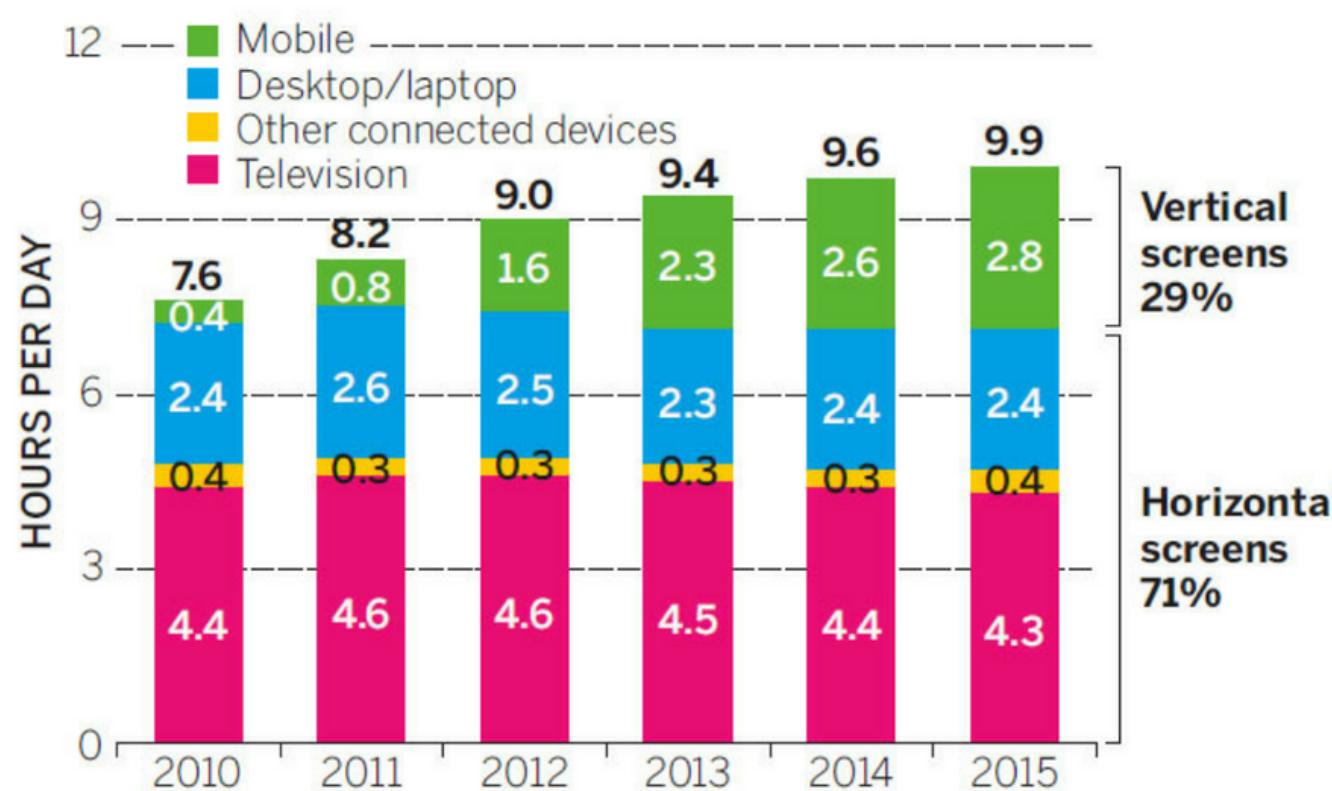
# SIMPLICITY

## CREATE EFFECTIVE DESIGNS



If you need every label, maybe what you need is a table, not a chart.

TIME SPENT ON SCREENS BY ORIENTATION, U.S.



SOURCE: MARY MEEKER'S INTERNET TRENDS REPORT

# SIMPLICITY

## CREATE EFFECTIVE DESIGNS



Or maybe you need a series of charts...

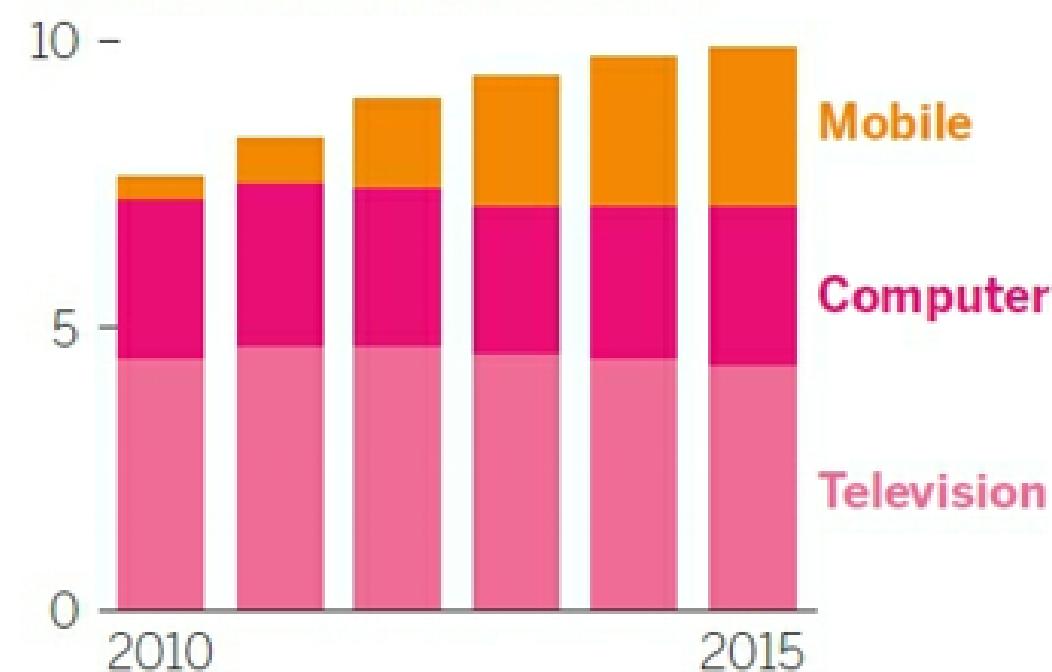
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HOURS PER DAY SPENT ON SCREENS, U.S.

	2010	2015
Television	4.4	4.3
Desktop/laptop/other	2.8	2.8
Mobile	0.4	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>
% Horizontal screens	95	71
% Vertical screens	5	29

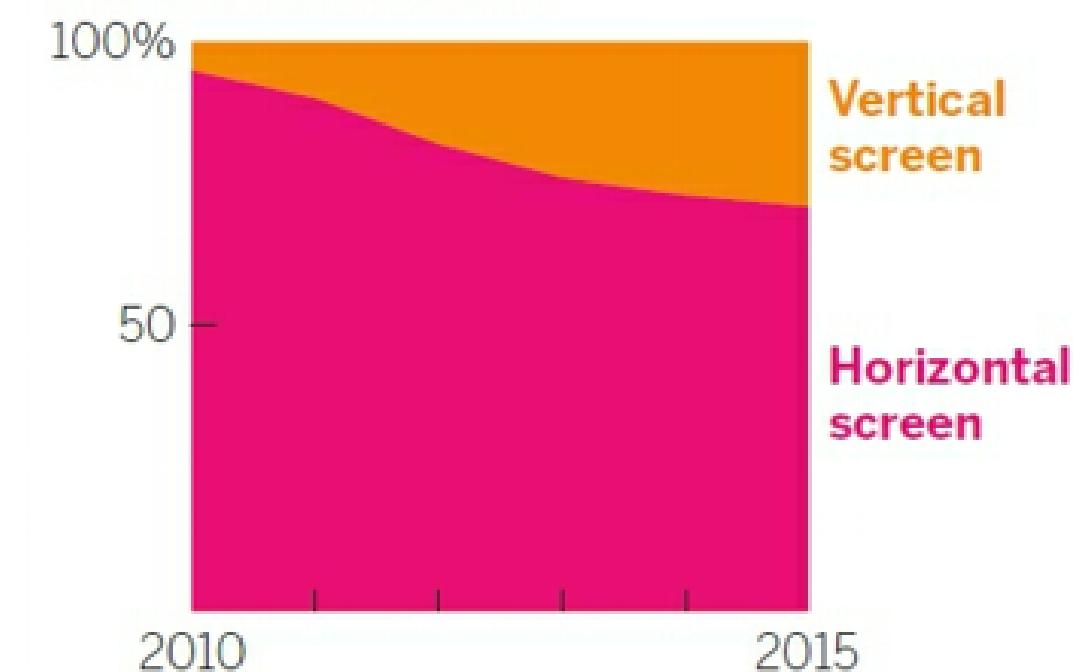
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NUMBER OF HOURS PER DAY



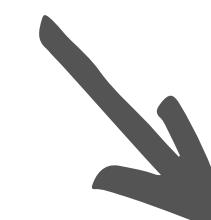
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PERCENTAGE SHARE

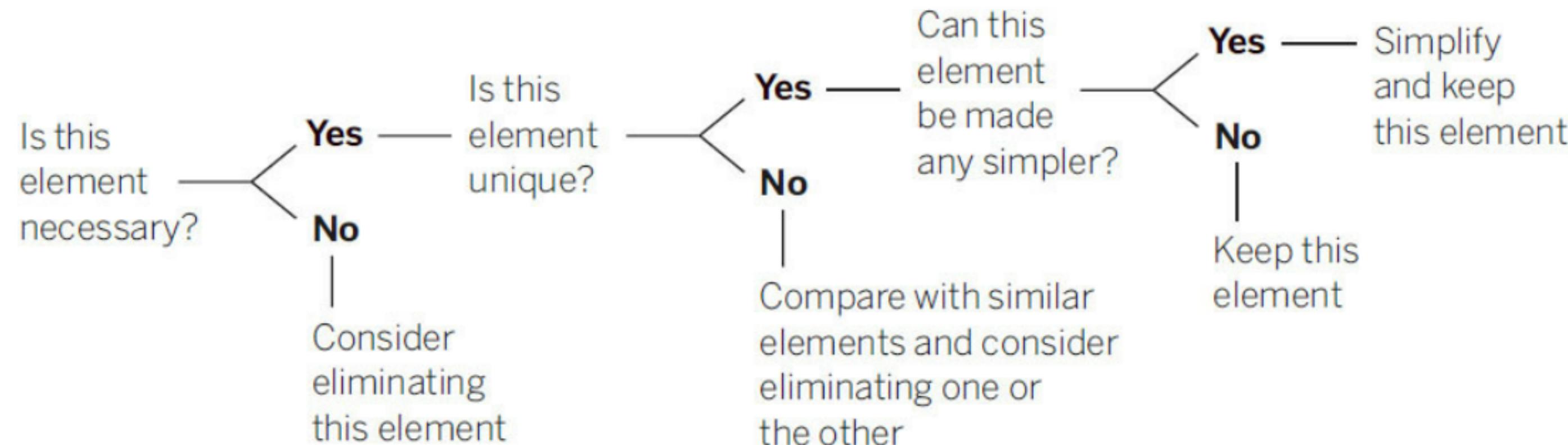


# SIMPLICITY

## CREATE EFFECTIVE DESIGNS



### WHICH ELEMENTS SHOULD YOU KEEP?



# SIMPLICITY



## CREATE EFFECTIVE DESIGNS

### HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME



### HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME



What do you need to get your idea across quickly, clearly?

1 REMOVE UNNECESSARY DECIMALS

2 LIMIT COLORS

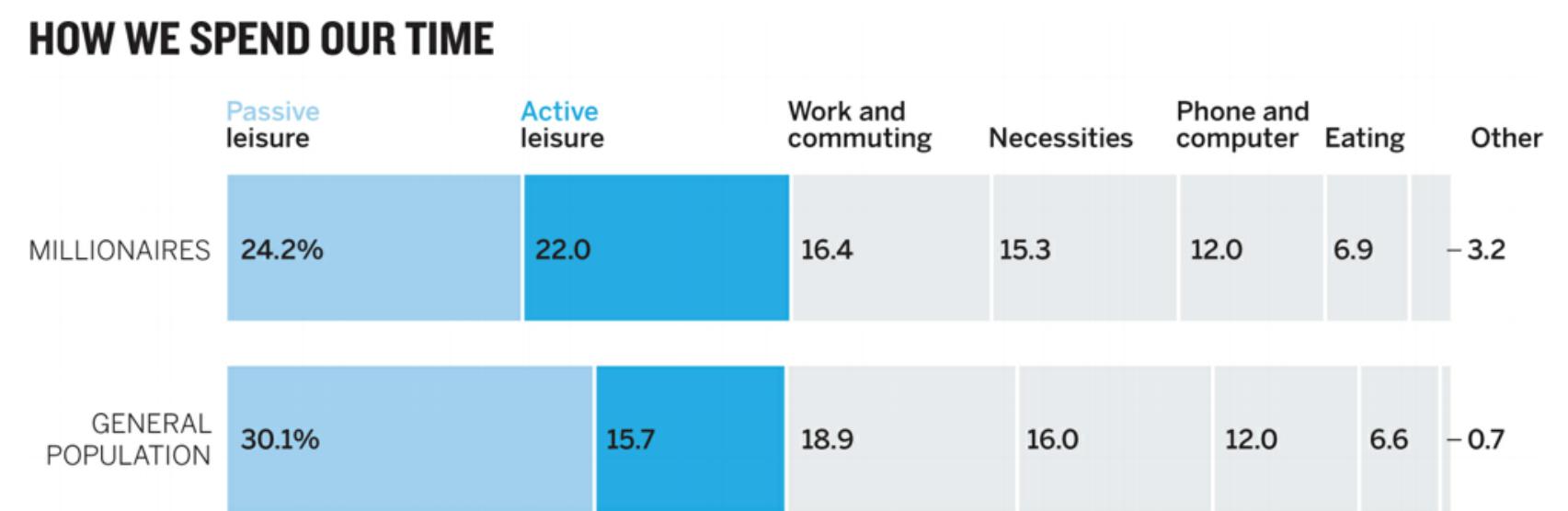
3 DO YOU NEED GRIDLINES?

4 MINIMIZE TICK MARKS, LABELS

# SIMPLICITY



## CREATE EFFECTIVE DESIGNS



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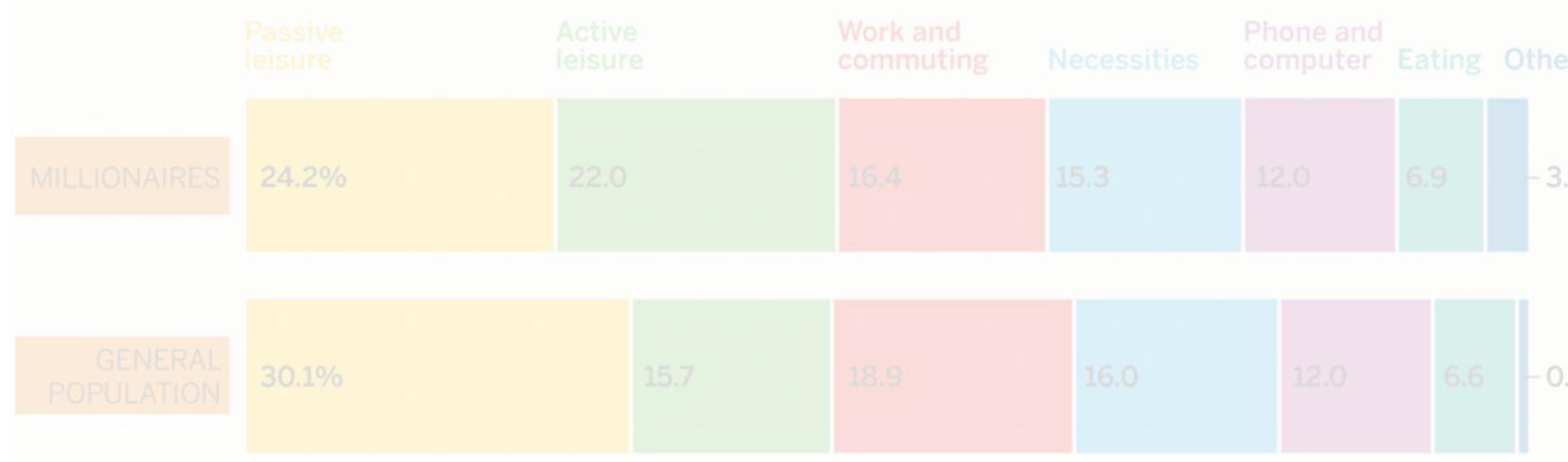
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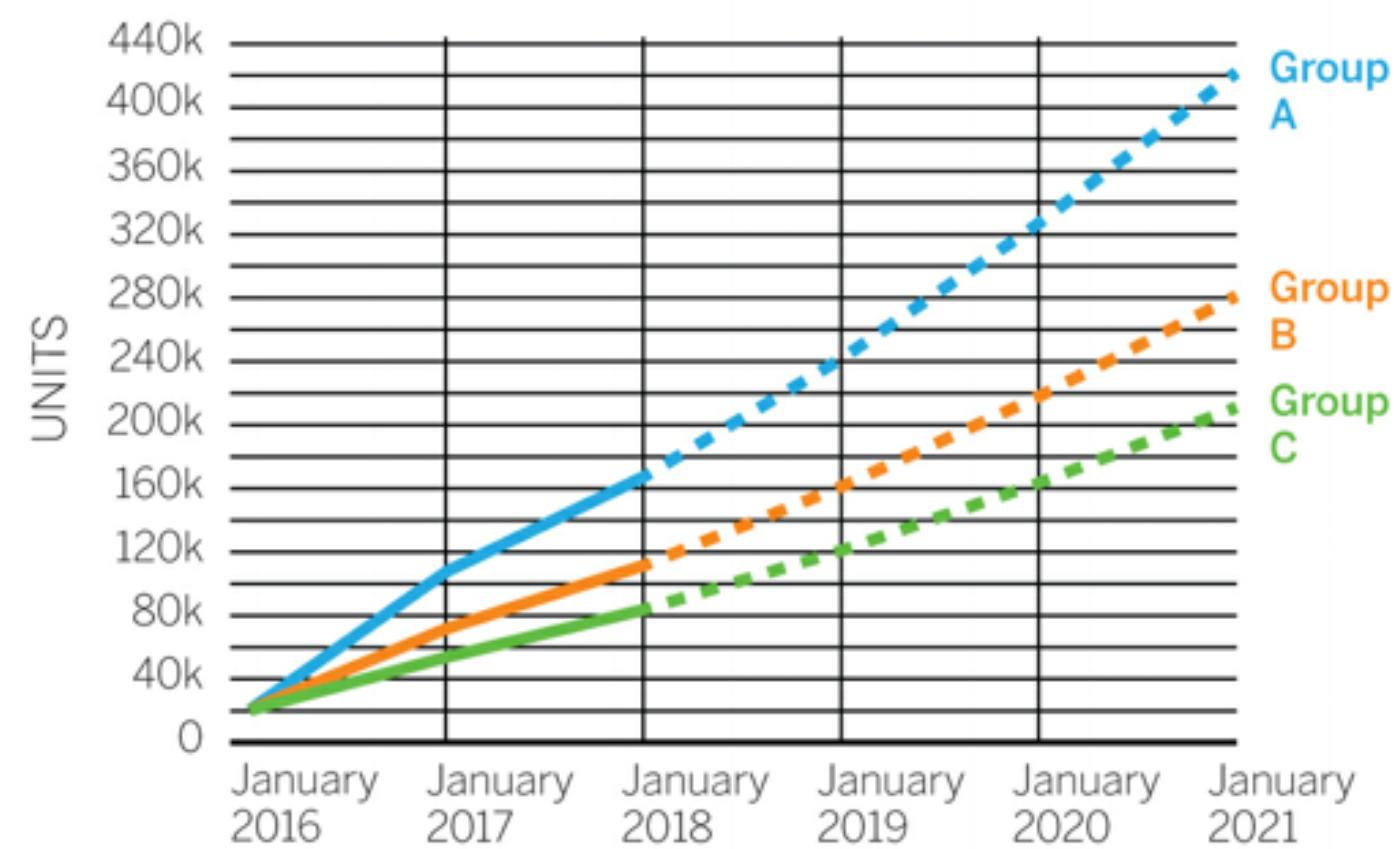
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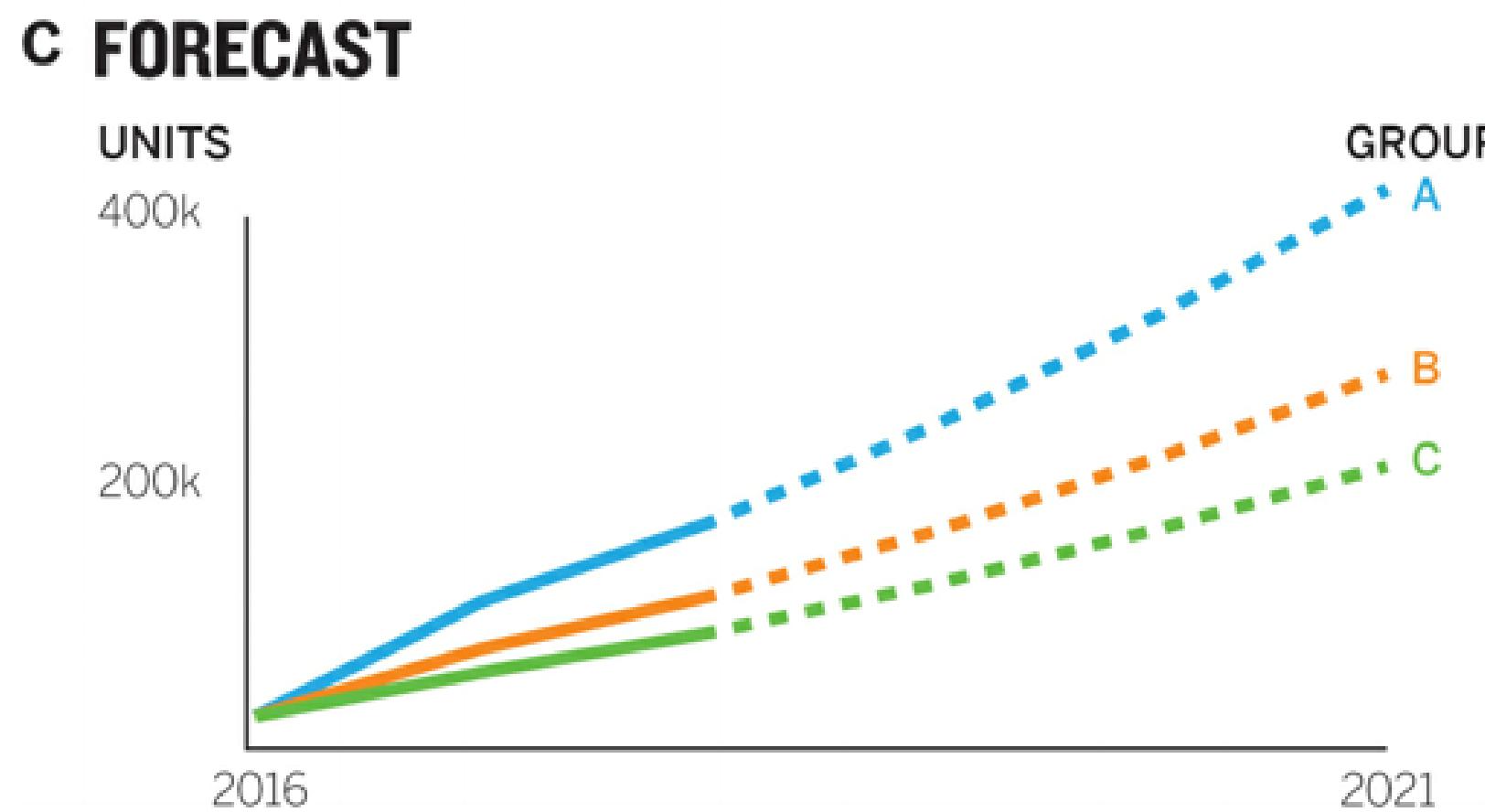
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# TITLE SLIDE



ZILLOW TALK

## Finding Value Around the Clock

By Matthew Mays, Gilbert Noriega

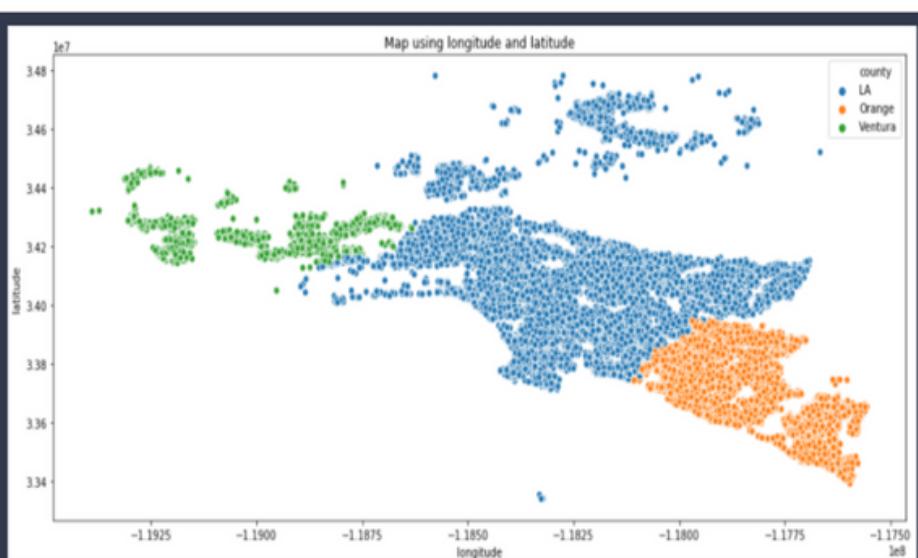
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## Property Tax Value Prediction Model

Zillow Regression Project

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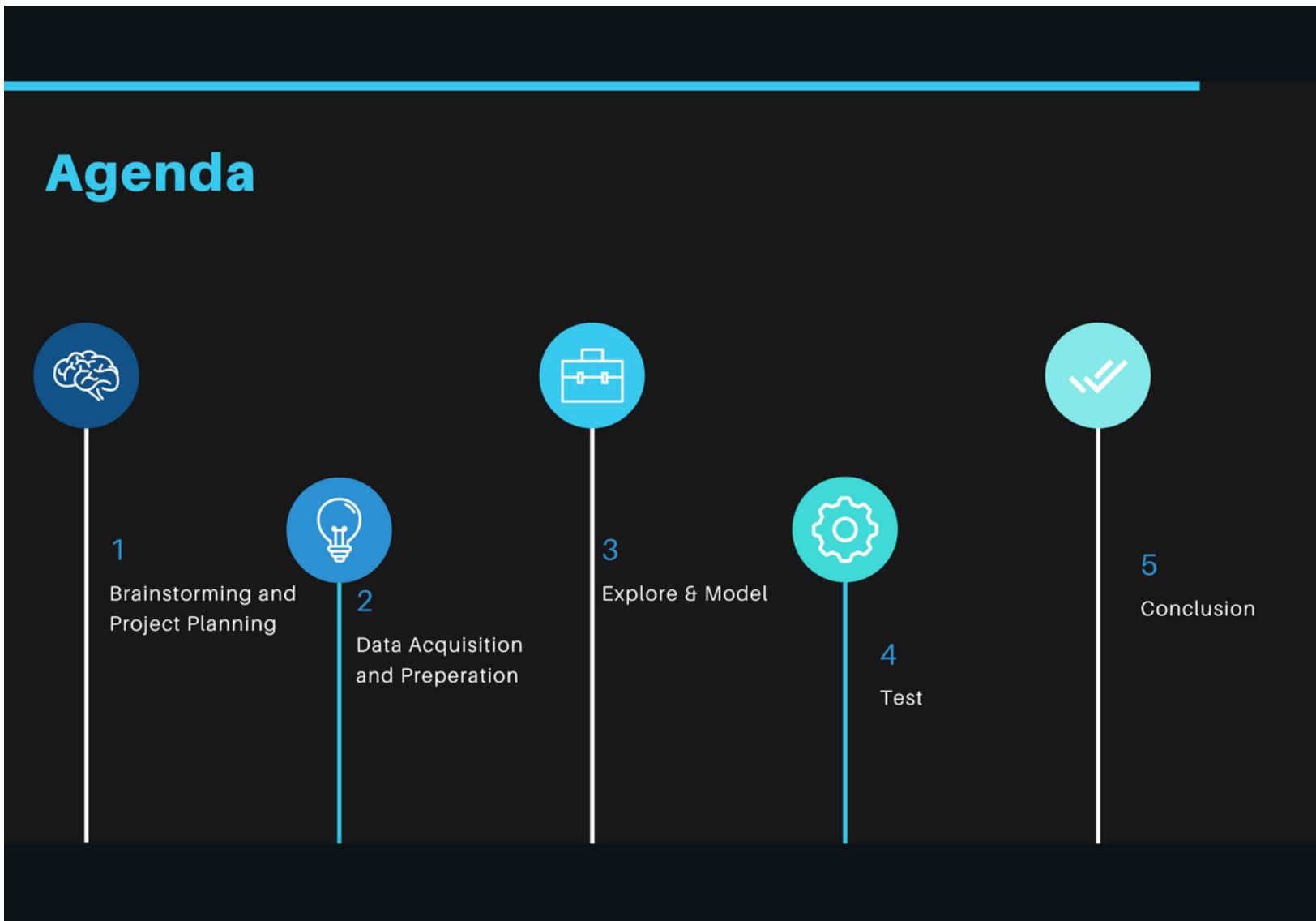


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# AGENDA SLIDE



## Agenda



In the next 5 minutes...

### OUR AGENDA:

- 1 Define the **goals** of the project
- 2 Discuss **tax rate distribution** among the **counties involved**
- 3 Review the **data acquisition, preparation, exploration, and modeling**
- 4 Compare our model to the current '**Zestimate**' model being used
- 5 Cover key **takeaways** and **recommendations** for future improvements

An **appendix** is included at the end of the slides.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quick summary of goals and analysis.

### EXPLORATION

Our process to find the drivers of single unit property values.

### CONCLUSION

Concluding our analysis as well as thoughts for next steps with the data set.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SLIDE

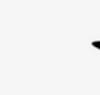
- 1 YOUR BIG IDEA
- 2 GOAL(S)
- 3 KEY FINDINGS SUMMARIZED
- 4 RECOMMENDATION(S)



## Executive Summary



Goals



Locations



Drivers of Value



Conclusions

What influences property market value? Specifically for:

- Single units
- Units sold during May and June

Where are these properties located? Please list:

- State and county location
- Distribution of tax rates for each county

Properties within the data set are all located in California. Specific counties are:

- Los Angeles
  - Avg. Tax Rate: 1.3597%
  - Avg. Tax Value: \$434,215
- Orange
  - Avg. Tax Rate: 1.2015%
  - Avg. Tax Value: \$503, 245
- Ventura
  - Avg. Tax Rate: 1.1698%
  - Avg. Tax Value: \$401, 266

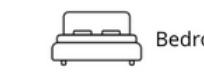
Square footage



Bathroom Count



Building Quality ID



Bedroom Count

- Square footage and bathroom count are the most indicative key drivers of property value over all other features tested

- Orange County has the highest average tax value for properties

- Los Angeles County has the most amount of properties and the highest tax rate of all the researched counties



### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

%83

of Churn is From  
Monthly Contract  
Customers



%77

of Monthly Contracts  
are Phone + Internet  
Service, Which  
Charges More



Recommend

Monthly  
Customer Surveys  
with Incentive as  
Credit Towards  
Next Bill



Predict %8

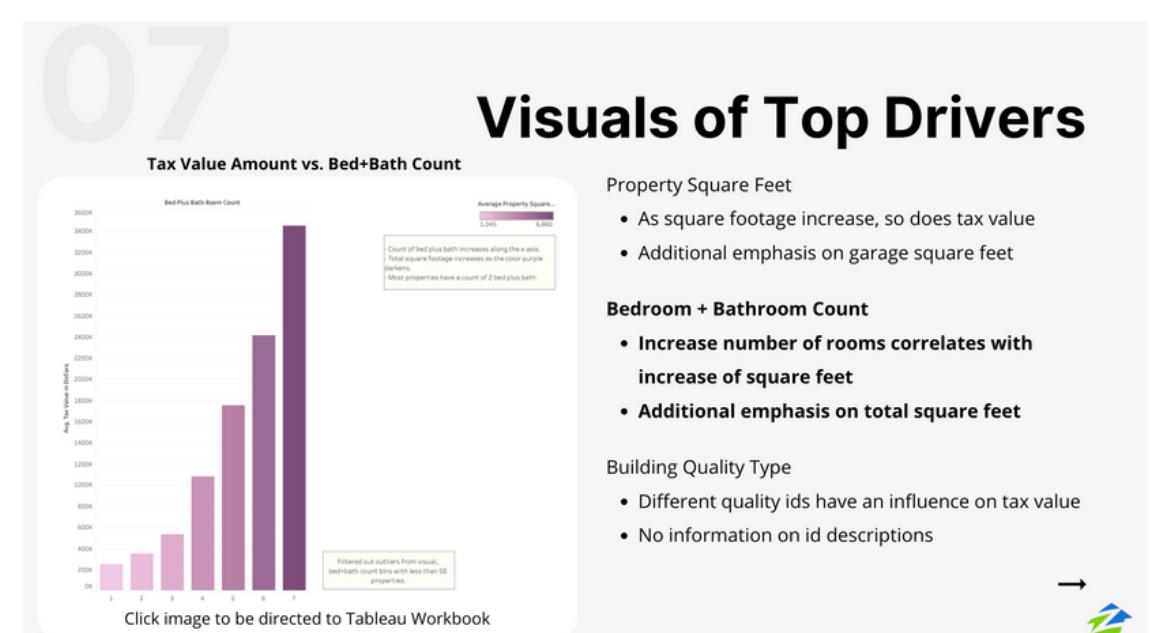
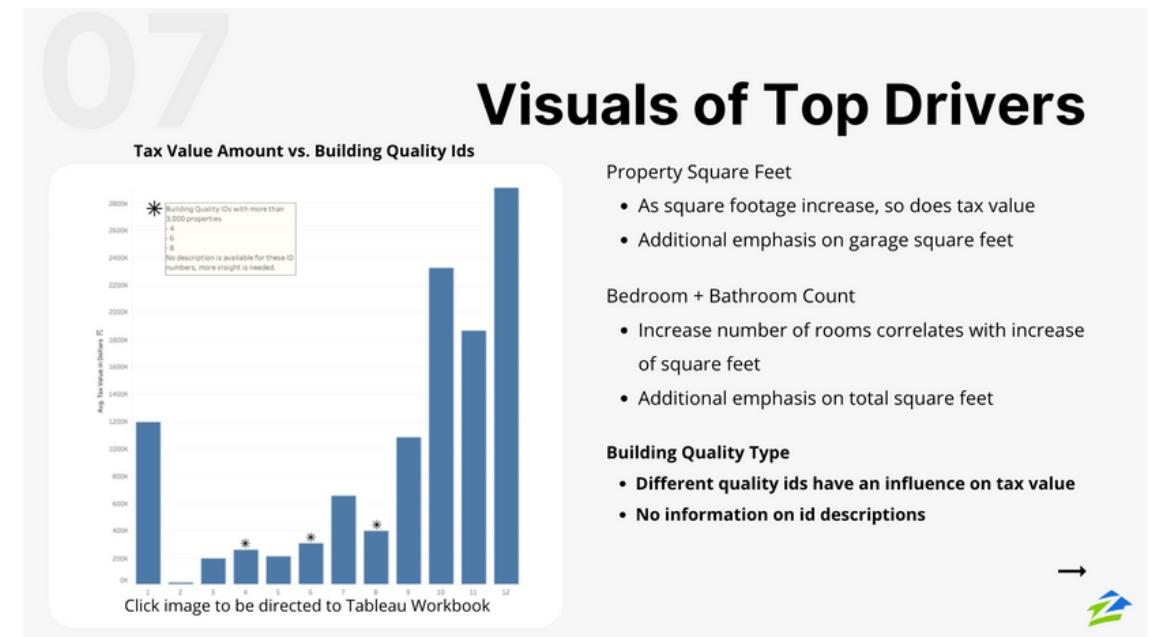
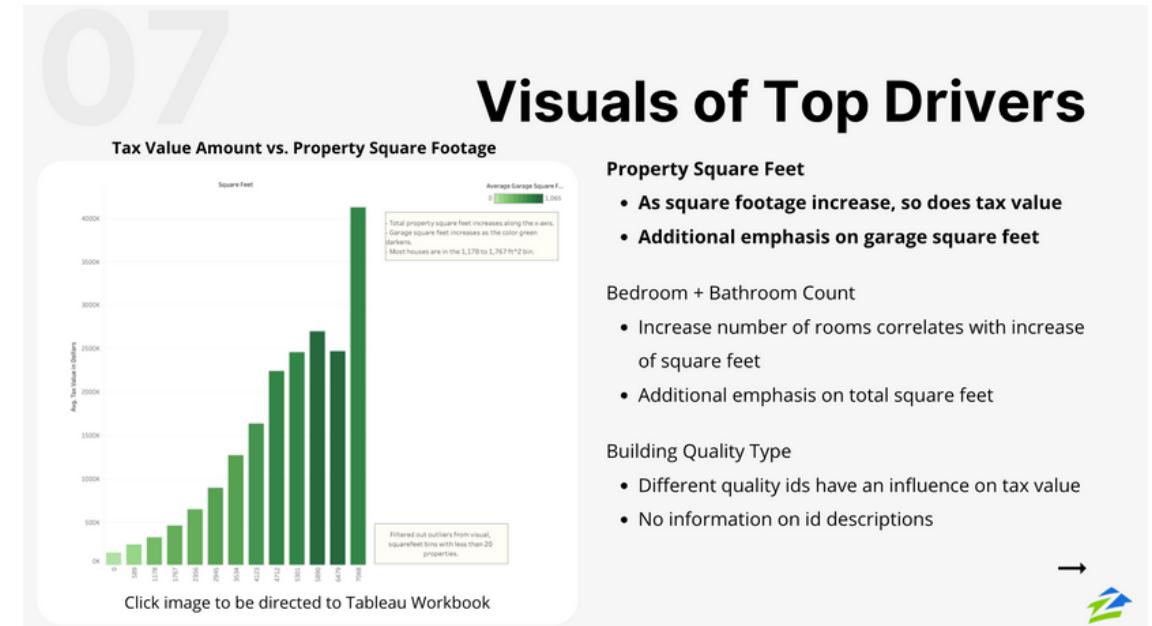
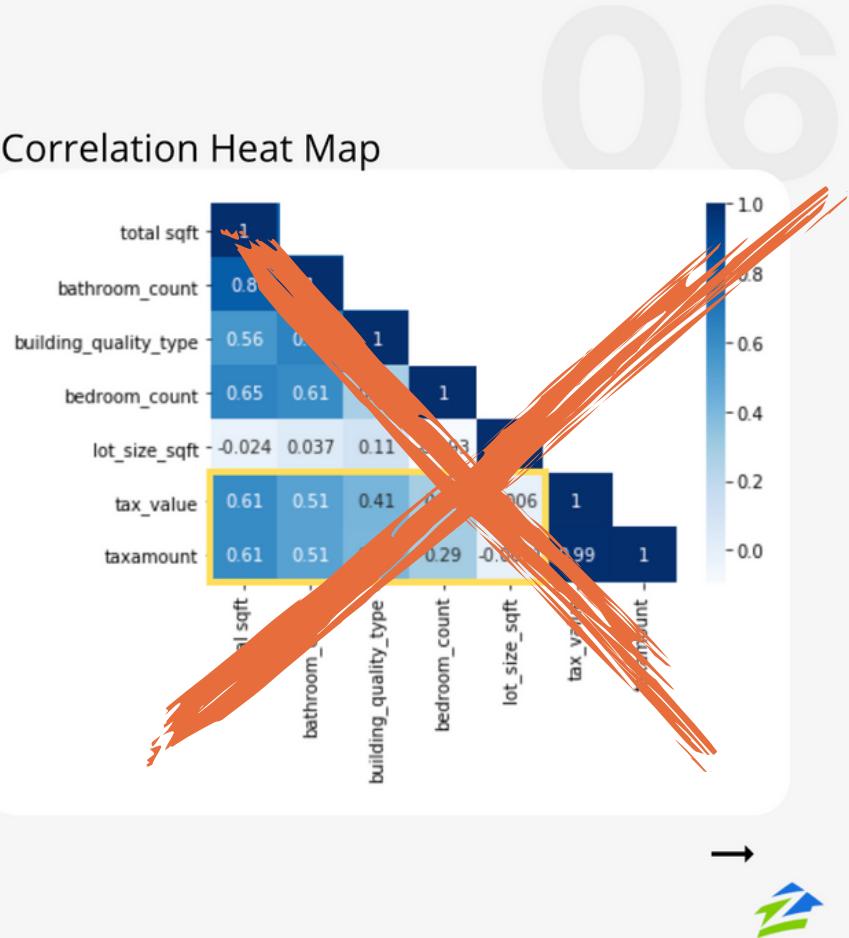
Increase in  
Customer Loyalty  
for Monthly  
Contracts

# FINDINGS VISUALIZATION SLIDE



## Key Drivers

- Total Square Feet
  - One Sample, Two Tailed T-test and Correlation Test
  - Rejected the null hypothesis
  - Tax value is dependent on square feet
- Bathroom Count
  - One Sample, Two Tailed T-test
  - Rejected the null hypothesis
  - Tax value is dependent on bathroom count
- Building Quality Type
  - Correlation heat map
- Bedroom Count
  - Correlation heat map

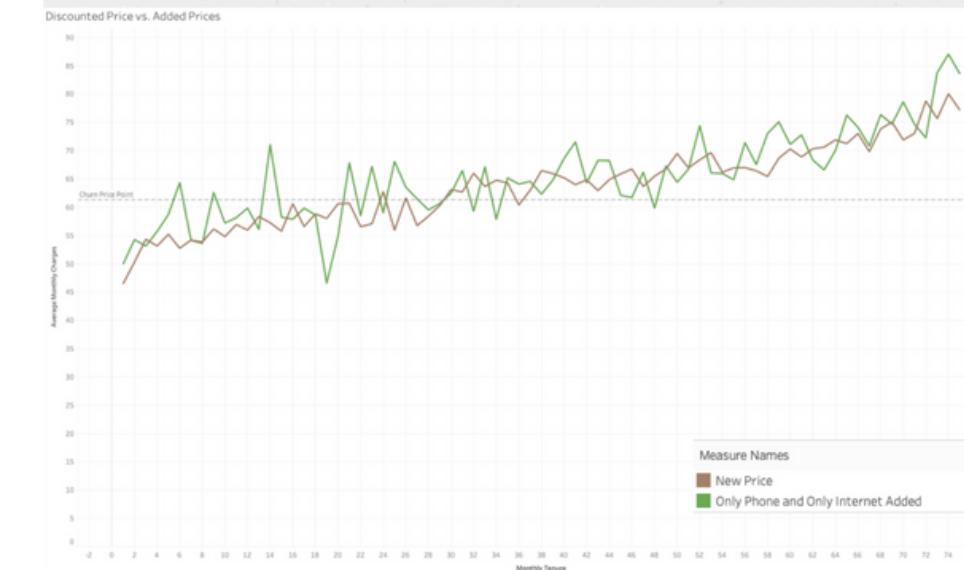


# RECOMMEND ATIONS SLIDE



## Recommendation

Give current and future month to month customers who pay for both our phone and internet services a \$20 price reduction on their monthly charges as a bundle deal.



This puts it in line with the cost of only paying for phone and only paying for internet combined, while also keeping customers under the average payment that they would start becoming more likely to churn.

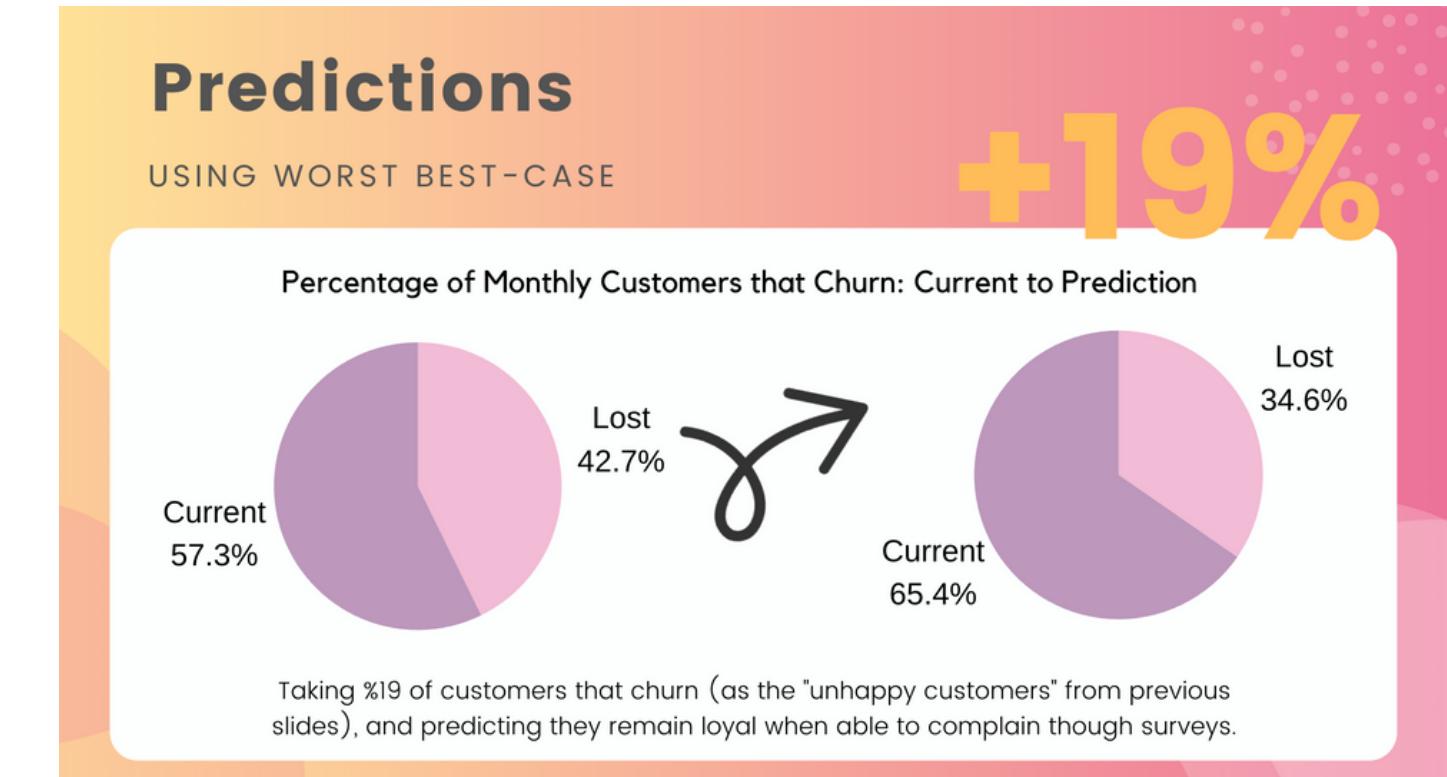
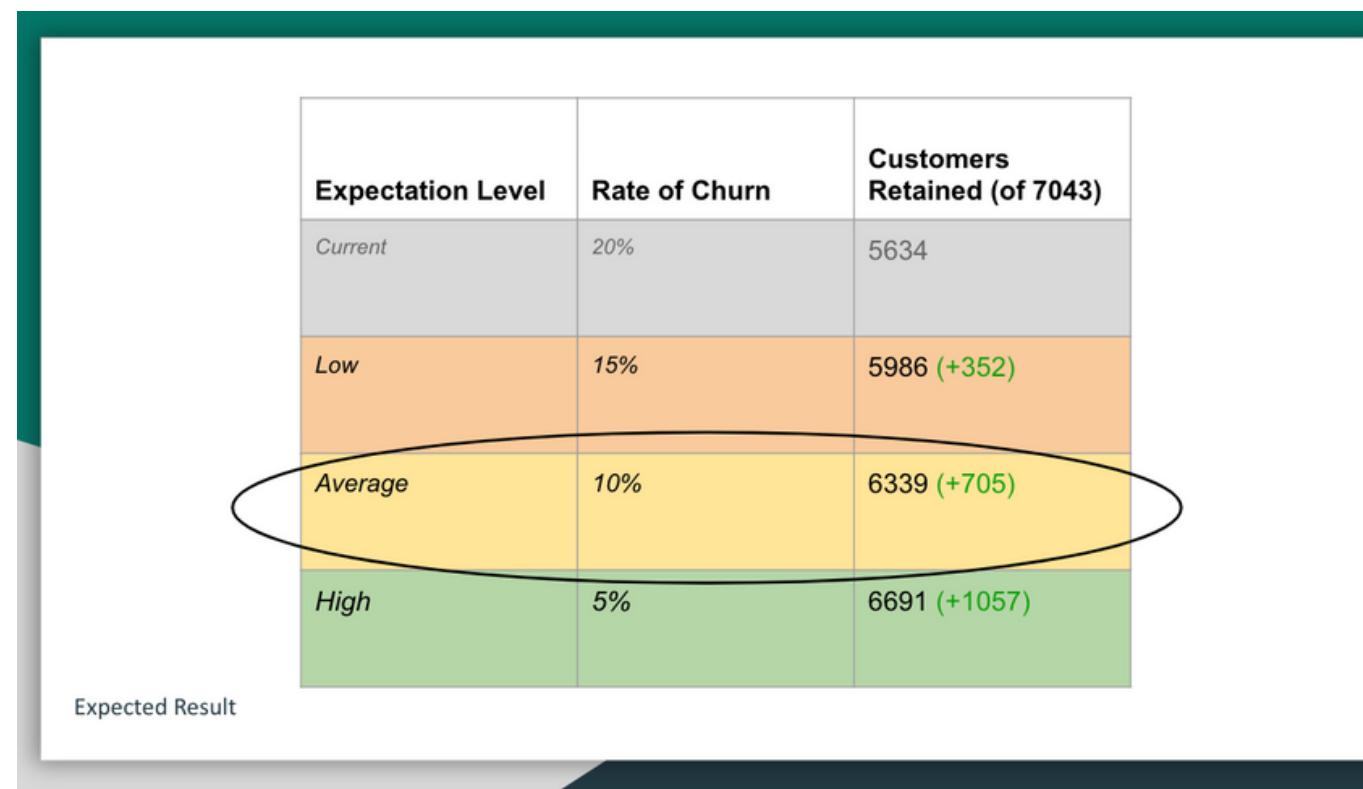
### Let's get this bread!

My official recommendation to Telco is this:

Offer a trial price of 40% off (similar price to what customers are already paying for DSL) for the first month of upgrading to Fiber Optic from DSL if a customer signs up with a family member.



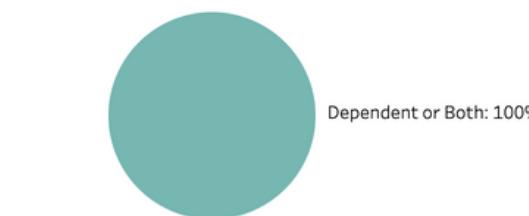
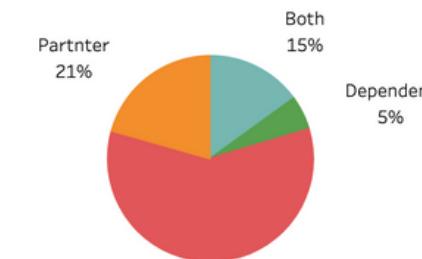
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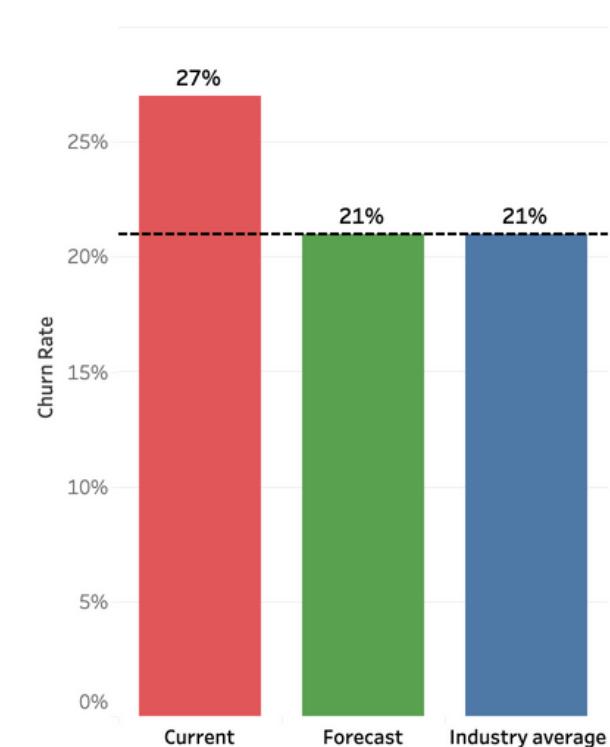
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Target customers with dependents or both for month-to-month contracts

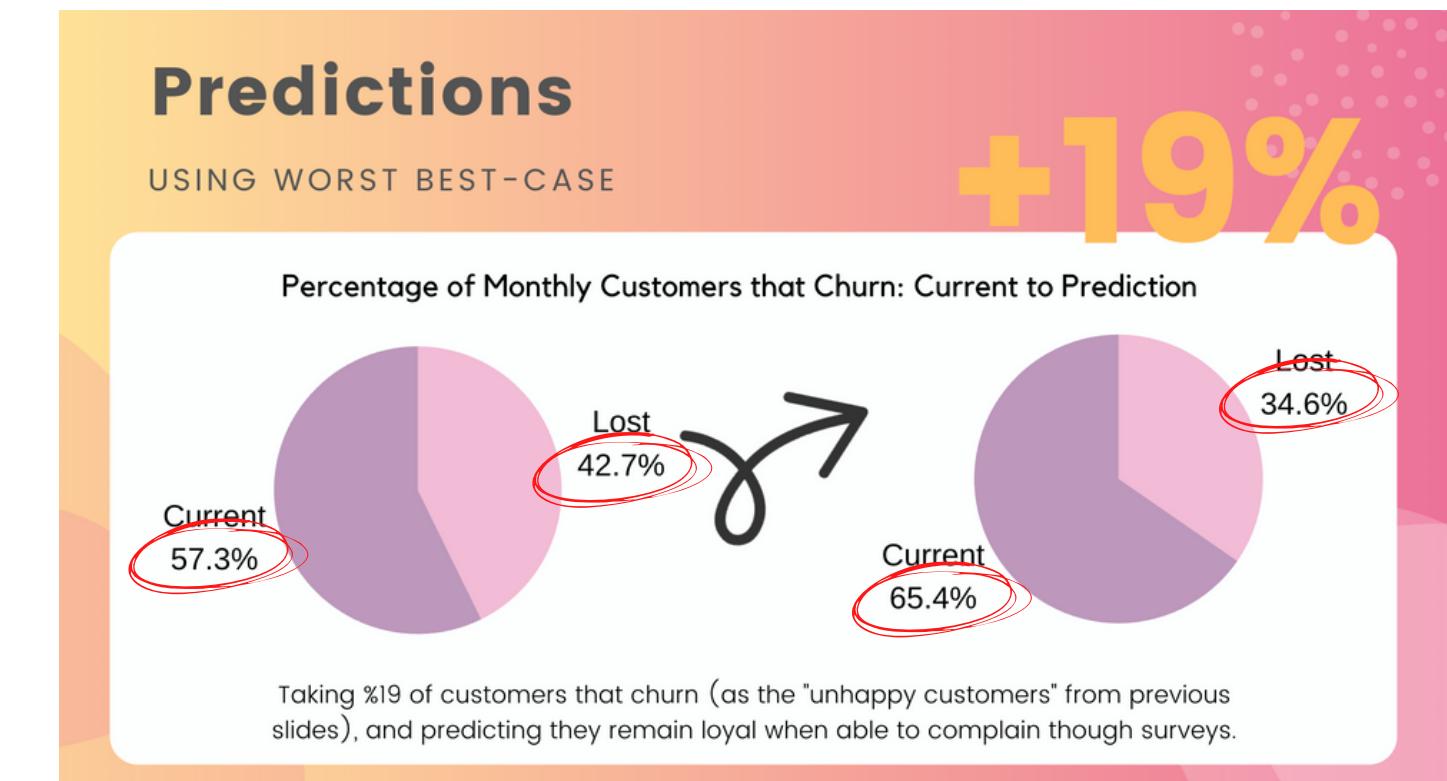
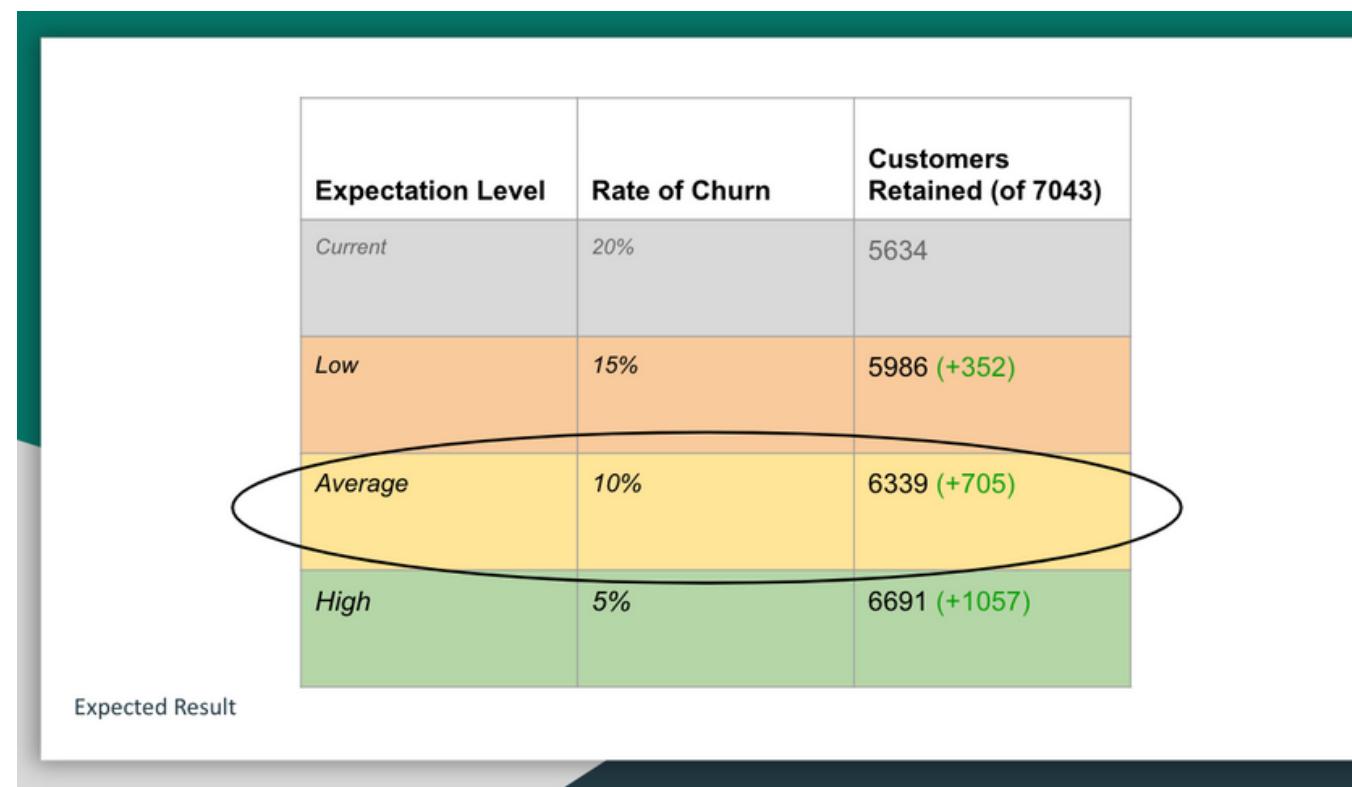


## Forecast

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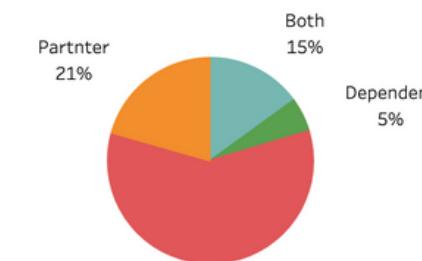
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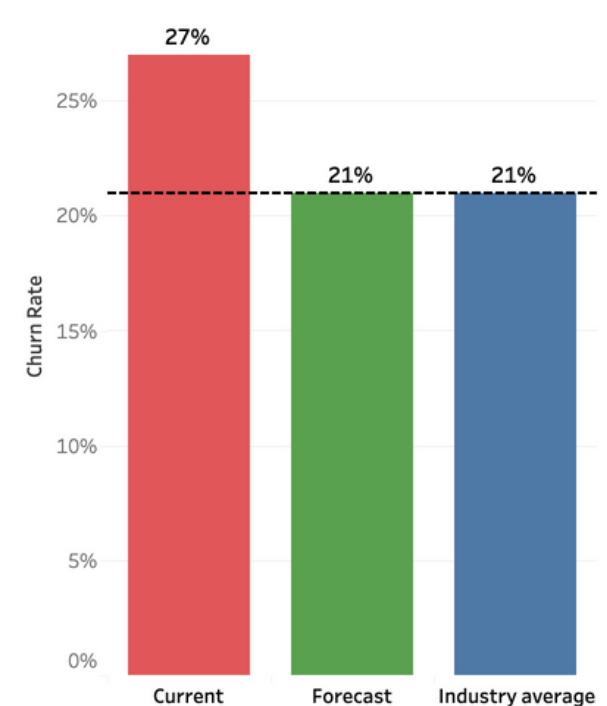
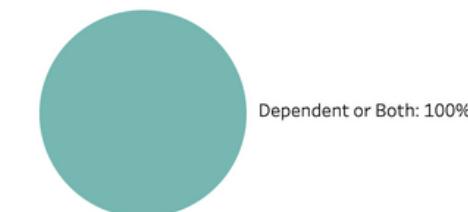
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# CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS SLIDE



## Conclusions & Next Steps

**BEST**

- Top Performing Model
  - 31% improvement over baseline
  - 5 features
  - 2 degree Polynomial
- Additional Information
  - Southern California
  - Bulk of properties tax rate between 1.16% and 1.35%
- Model Iteration
  - Trained model type
  - Various features
  - Various hyperparameters
- Hypothesis Testing
  - Chi<sup>2</sup> and Independent T-test
  - Rejected both null hypothesis
- Future Work
  - Further reduce outliers in tax rate
  - Feature engineering: combine features: bedroom/bathroom as single feature?

**FUTURE**

Conclusions			
BATHROOM/ BEDROOM COUNTS	SQUARE FEET	ROOM COUNT	NEXT STEPS
The count of bathrooms and bedrooms in the property.	Total square footage of the property.	A count of all rooms including bed/bathroom. (Counts rooms other than bed/bath)	A large portion of the data had to be scrapped due to the lack of information.

## Conclusions

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**Key Drivers**  
Listed from high to low correlation

1. Square Footage
2. Bathroom Count
3. Building Quality
4. Bedroom Count

**Observations**

- Most units are 3 bedrooms/ 2 bath
- Whether a property has a garage, it greatly affects that total square footage
- Orange County has the highest average tax value for properties
- Los Angeles County has the most amount of properties and the highest tax rate of all the researched counties

**Next Steps**

- Do further investigation into 'Building Quality Type ID'
- Continue research of price value changes over time

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# APPENDIX SLIDES



## Appendix

Column	Description
id	Auto-incremented unique index id for each property
bathroomcnt	Number of Bathrooms; Includes half baths as 0.5
bedroomcnt	Number of Bedrooms
calculatedbathnbr	Precise meaning unknown, but appears to be redundant with bathroomcnt and bedroomcnt
calculatedfinishedsquarefeet	Total square feet of home; doesn't include property square feet
finishedsquarefeet12	Unknown, but appears to be redundant with calculatedfinishedsquarefeet
fips	Federal Information Processing System codes used to identify unique geographical areas
fullbathcnt	Number of full bathrooms
latitude	The latitude of the property, not accurate to a global map, but relative difference is preserved
longitude	The longitude of the property, not accurate to a global map, but relative difference is preserved
lotsizesquarefeet	The size of the total property lot
propertycountylandusecode	Unknown, but represents categorical government code
propertylandusetypeid	Categorical variable describing the general type of property
rawcensustractandblock	Government id for each property linked to geographic location
regionidcity	Categorical variable identifying geographic location
regionidcounty	Categorical variable identifying geographic location
roomcnt	Number of rooms
yearbuilt	The year the house was built
structuretaxvaluedollarcnt	The tax assessed value of only the property structure in USD

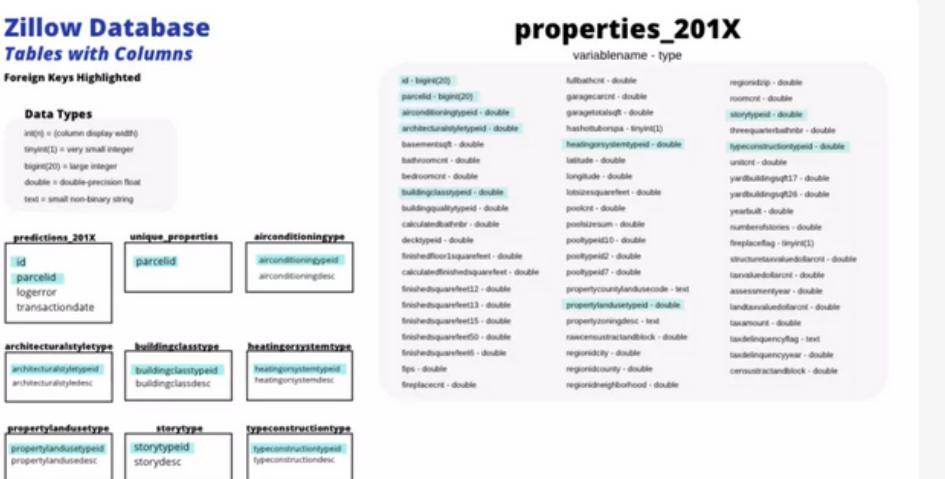
## Appendix: 1

Data analysis was done with the Zillow database for Los Angeles, CA properties in 2017

- Total database: 2,985,217
- Variable columns: 52

Acquired through Python by:

- Connecting to SQL database
- Query selected single-unit properties sold in 2017 during May and June
- Saved to .csv file



## Appendix: 2

- Using Tableau, we plotted properties by location
- To find location, used longitude and latitude
- Confirmed accuracy with FIPS code and Tableau map lines

**FIPS Codes**

Los Angeles County : #6037  
Orange County : #6059  
Ventura County : #6111

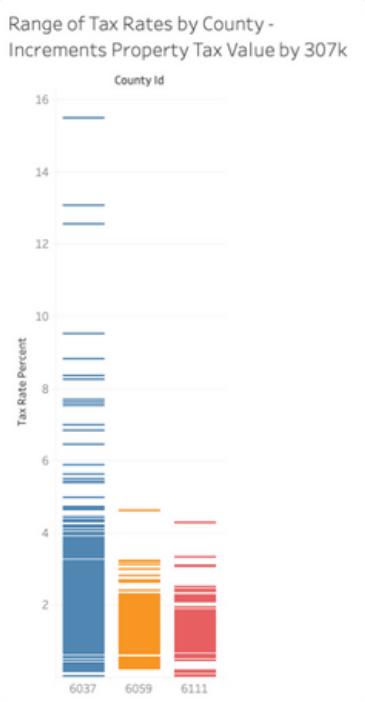
- Calculated tax rate percentage and its distribution by county

$$\text{Tax Rate \%} = \left\{ \frac{\text{tax paid \$}}{\text{property value \$}} \right\} * 100$$

- Determined tax rates by county
- Grouped by FIPS code
- Used average of taxvaluedollarcnt



**Distribution of Tax Rates within Counties by Property Tax Rates**



PRACTICE  
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PRACTICE

- 1 PLAN FOR YOUR AUDIENCE
- 2 SCRIPT IT OUT - DON'T READ
- 3 TIME IT
- 4 LISTEN FOR FILLER WORDS