

# Introduction

In this project, you will act as a data visualization developer at Yahoo Finance! You will be helping the "Netflix Stock Profile" team visualize the Netflix stock data. In finance, a *stock profile* is a series of studies, visualizations, and analyses that dive into different aspects a publicly-traded company's data.

For the purposes of the project, you will only visualize data for the year of 2017. Specifically, you will be in charge of creating the following visualizations:

- The distribution of the stock prices for the past year
- Netflix's earnings and revenue in the last four quarters
- The actual vs. estimated earnings per share for the four quarters in 2017
- A comparison of the Netflix Stock price vs the Dow Jones Industrial Average price in 2017

Note: We are using the Dow Jones Industrial Average to compare the Netflix stock to the larger stock market. Learn more about why the Dow Jones Industrial Average is a general reflection of the larger stock market [here](#).

During this project, you will analyze, prepare, and plot data. Your visualizations will help the financial analysts asses the risk of the Netflix stock.

After you complete your visualizations, you'll be creating a presentation to share the images with the rest of the Netflix Stock Profile team. Your slides should include:

- A title slide
- A list of your visualizations and your role in their creation for the "Stock Profile" team
- A visualization of the distribution of the stock prices for Netflix in 2017
- A visualization and a summary of Netflix stock and revenue for the past four quarters and a summary
- A visualization and a brief summary of their earned versus actual earnings per share
- A visualization of Netflix stock against the Dow Jones stock (to get a sense of the market) in 2017

Financial Data Source: [Yahoo Finance](#)

## Step 1

Let's get our notebook ready for visualizing! Import the modules that you'll be using in this project:

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
```

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## Step 2

Let's load the datasets and inspect them.

Load `NFLX.csv` into a DataFrame called `netflix_stocks`. Then, quickly inspect the DataFrame using `print()`.

Hint: Use the `pd.read_csv()` function.

Note: In the Yahoo Data, `Adj Close` represents the adjusted close price adjusted for both dividends and splits. This means this is the true closing stock price for a given business day.

```
In [20]: netflix_stocks = pd.read_csv('NFLX.csv')
print(netflix_stocks)

   Date      Open      High      Low      Close  Adj Close  \
0  2017-01-01  124.959999  143.460007  124.309998  140.710007  140.710007
1  2017-02-01  141.199997  145.949997  139.050003  142.130005  142.130005
2  2017-03-01  142.839996  148.289993  138.259995  147.809998  147.809998
3  2017-04-01  146.699997  153.520004  138.660004  152.199997  152.199997
4  2017-05-01  151.910004  164.750000  151.610001  163.070007  163.070007
5  2017-06-01  163.520004  168.809995  147.300003  149.410004  149.410004
6  2017-07-01  149.809993  191.500000  144.250000  181.660004  181.660004
7  2017-08-01  182.490005  184.619995  164.229998  174.710007  174.710007
8  2017-09-01  175.550003  189.949997  172.440002  181.350006  181.350006
9  2017-10-01  182.110001  204.300005  176.580002  196.429993  196.429993
10 2017-11-01  197.240005  202.479996  184.320007  195.589995  195.589995
11 2017-12-01  186.990005  194.490005  178.380005  191.960007  191.960007

   Volume
0  181772200
1  91432800
2  118692700
3  149769200
4  116795800
5  135675800
6  185144700
7  136523100
8  111427900
9  208657800
10 163719700
11 115103700

Load DJI.csv into a DataFrame called dowjones_stocks. Then, quickly inspect the DataFrame using print().

Note: You can learn more about why the Dow Jones Industrial Average is a industry reflection of the larger stock market here.


```

```
In [21]: dowjones_stocks = pd.read_csv('DJI.csv')
print(dowjones_stocks)

   Date      Open      High      Low      Close  \
0  2017-01-01  19872.859375  20125.580078  19677.939453  19864.089844
1  2017-02-01  19923.610547  20091.330078  19831.089844  20012.240234
2  2017-03-01  20957.289063  21109.199375  20432.800781  20663.220703
3  2017-04-01  20665.169922  21070.900391  20379.550781  20948.509766
4  2017-05-01  20962.738460  21112.320313  20953.440219  21008.050391
5  2017-06-01  21630.550781  21535.492937  20994.220703  21349.630859
6  2017-07-01  21392.300781  21929.800781  21279.300781  21891.119141
7  2017-08-01  21961.419922  22179.169375  21600.339844  21848.096669
8  2017-09-01  21981.749931  22419.599766  21709.630859  22405.089644
9  2017-10-01  22423.470703  23485.250000  22415.000000  23377.240234
10 2017-11-01  23442.980391  24327.820313  23242.750000  24272.340669
11 2017-12-01  24395.400391  24876.070313  23921.900391  24718.220703

   Adj Close  Volume
0  19864.089844  6482450000
1  20012.240234  6185580000
2  20663.220703  6941970000
3  20948.509766  5392300000
4  21008.050391  6613570000
5  21349.630859  7214590000
6  21891.119141  5049720000
7  21948.096669  6150800000
8  22405.089644  6342130000
9  23377.240234  7392310000
10 24272.340669  7335640000
11 24718.220703  6589890000

Load NFLX_daily_by_quarter.csv into a DataFrame called netflix_stocks_quarterly. Then, quickly inspect the DataFrame using print().
```

```
In [22]: netflix_stocks_quarterly = pd.read_csv('NFLX_daily_by_quarter.csv')
print(netflix_stocks_quarterly)

   Date      Open      High      Low      Close  Adj Close  \
0  2017-01-03  124.959999  128.100002  124.309998  127.489998  127.489998
1  2017-01-04  127.489998  128.109998  126.550003  129.410004  129.410004
2  2017-01-05  129.220001  132.750000  128.899994  131.809998  131.809998
3  2017-01-06  132.080002  133.880005  129.809998  131.070007  131.070007
4  2017-01-09  131.479996  131.990005  129.809999  130.949997  130.949997
...
...
246 2017-12-22  188.330002  190.949997  186.800003  189.940002  189.940002
247 2017-12-26  189.779999  189.940002  186.309994  187.759995  187.759995
248 2017-12-27  187.800003  188.100006  185.220001  186.240005  186.240005
249 2017-12-28  187.179993  194.490005  186.850006  192.710007  192.710007
250 2017-12-29  192.589995  193.949997  191.220001  191.960007  191.960007

   Volume Quarter
0  9437900      Q1
1  7843600      Q1
2  10185500     Q1
3  10657900     Q1
4  5766900      Q1
...
...
246 3877900      Q4
247 3045700      Q4
248 4082100      Q4
249 10167400     Q4
250 5187400      Q4

[251 rows x 8 columns]
```

## Step 3

Let's learn more about our data. The datasets are large and it may be easier to view the entire dataset locally on your computer. Open the CSV files directly from the folder you downloaded for this project.

- `NFLX` is the stock ticker symbol for Netflix and `DJII` is the stock ticker symbol for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which is why the CSV files are named accordingly
  - In the Yahoo Data, `Adj Close` is documented as adjusted close price adjusted for both dividends and splits.
  - You can learn more about why the Dow Jones Industrial Average is a industry reflection of the larger stock market [here](#).
- Answer the following questions by inspecting the data in the `NFLX.csv`, `DJI.csv`, and `NFLX_daily_by_quarter.csv` in your computer.
- What year is represented in the data? Look out for the latest and earliest date.

```
In [23]: # The year 2017

# Is the data represented by days, weeks, or months?
# In which ways are the files different?
# What's different about the columns for netflix_stocks versus netflix_stocks_quarterly?
```

```
In [24]: # By days
# The monthly view includes the first day of the month. The quarterly view includes, all daily data for all trading days in the quarter.
```

## Step 4

Great! Now that we have spent sometime looking at the data, let's look at the column names of the DataFrame `netflix_stocks` using `.head()`.

```
In [25]: netflix_stocks.head()

Out[25]:
```

	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume
0	2017-01-01	124.959999	143.460007	124.309998	140.710007	140.710007	181772200
1	2017-02-01	141.199997	145.949997	139.050003	142.130005	142.130005	91432000
2	2017-03-01	142.839996	148.289993	138.259995	147.809998	147.809998	110692700
3	2017-04-01	146.699997	153.520004	138.660004	152.199997	152.199997	149769200
4	2017-05-01	151.910004	164.750000	151.610001	163.070007	163.070007	116795800

What do you notice? The first two column names are one word each, and the only one that is not is `Adj Close`!

The term `Adj Close` is a confusing term if you don't read the Yahoo Documentation. In Yahoo, `Adj Close` is documented as adjusted close price adjusted for both dividends and splits.

This means this is the column with the true closing price, so these data are very important.

Use Pandas to change the name of the column to `Adj Close` to `Price`, so that it is easier to work with the data. Remember to use `inplace=True`.

Do this for the Dow Jones and Netflix Quarterly pandas dataframes as well. Hint: Use `.rename()`.

```
In [26]: netflix_stocks.rename(columns = {
    'Adj Close': 'Price',
    inplace=True)

dowjones_stocks.rename(columns = {
    'Adj Close': 'Price',
    inplace=True)

netflix_stocks_quarterly.rename(columns = {
    'Adj Close': 'Price',
    inplace=True)

Run netflix_stocks.head() again to check your column name has changed.
```

```
In [27]: netflix_stocks.head()

Out[27]:
```

	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Price	Volume
0	2017-01-01	124.959999	143.460007	124.309998	140.710007	140.710007	181772200
1	2017-02-01	141.199997	145.949997	139.050003	142.130005	142.130005	91432000
2	2017-03-01	142.839996	148.289993	138.259995	147.809998	147.809998	110692700
3	2017-04-01	146.699997	153.520004	138.660004	152.199997	152.199997	149769200
4	2017-05-01	151.910004	164.750000	151.610001	163.070007	163.070007	116795800

Call `.head()` on the DataFrame `dowjones_stocks` and `netflix_stocks_quarterly`.

```
In [28]: dowjones_stocks.head()
netflix_stocks_quarterly.head()

Out[28]:
```

	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Price	Volume	Quarter
0	2017-01-03	124.959999	128.100002	124.309998	127.489998	127.489998	9437900	Q1
1	2017-01-04	127.489998	130.169998	126.550003	129.410004	129.410004	7843600	Q1
2	2017-01-05	129.220001	132.750000	128.899994	131.809998	131.809998	10185500	Q1
3	2017-01-06	132.080002	133.880005	129.809998	131.070007	131.070007	10657900	Q1
4	2017-01-09	131.479996	131.990005	129.809999	130.949997	130.949997	5766900	Q1

## Step 5

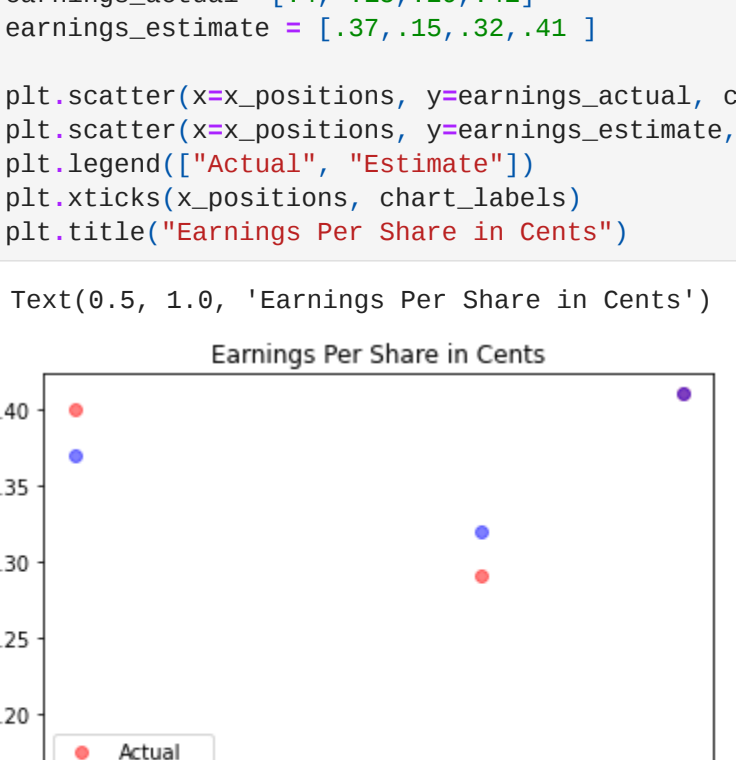
In this step, we will be visualizing the Netflix quarterly data!

We want to get an understanding of the distribution of the Netflix quarterly stock prices for 2017. Specifically, we want to see in which quarter stock prices fluctuated the most. We can accomplish this using a violin plot with four violins, one for each business quarter!

- Start by creating a variable `ax` and setting it equal to `sns.violinplot()`. This will instantiate a figure and give us access to the axes through the variable name `ax`.
- Use `sns.violinplot()` and pass in the following arguments:
  - The `Quarter` column as the `x` values
  - The `Price` column as your `y` values
  - The `netflix_stocks_quarterly` dataframe as your `data`

- Improve the readability of the chart by adding a title of the plot. Add "Distribution of 2017 Netflix Stock Prices by Quarter" by using `ax.set_title()`
- Change your `y` label to "Closing Stock Price"
- Change your `x` label to "Business Quarters in 2017"
- Be sure to show your plot!

```
In [29]: ax = sns.violinplot(x='Quarter', y='Price', data=netflix_stocks_quarterly)
ax.set_title("Distribution of 2017 Netflix Stock Prices by Quarter")
ax.set_ylabel("Closing Stock Price")
ax.set_xlabel("Business Quarters in 2017")
plt.show()
```



## Graph Literacy

- What are your first impressions looking at the visualized data?
- In what range(s) did most of the prices fall throughout the year?
- What were the highest and lowest prices?

```
In [30]: # Closing stock price increased each quarter by around the same amount
# Quarters 1, 2, 3, 4 - clustered prices, Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 - prices spread over
# Range of the prices - most of prices between $140-$200
# Highest prices in Quarter 4, lowest prices in Quarter 1
```

## Step 6

Next, we will chart the performance of the earnings per share (EPS) by graphing the estimate Yahoo projected for the Quarter compared to the actual earnings for that quarters. We will accomplish this using a scatter chart.

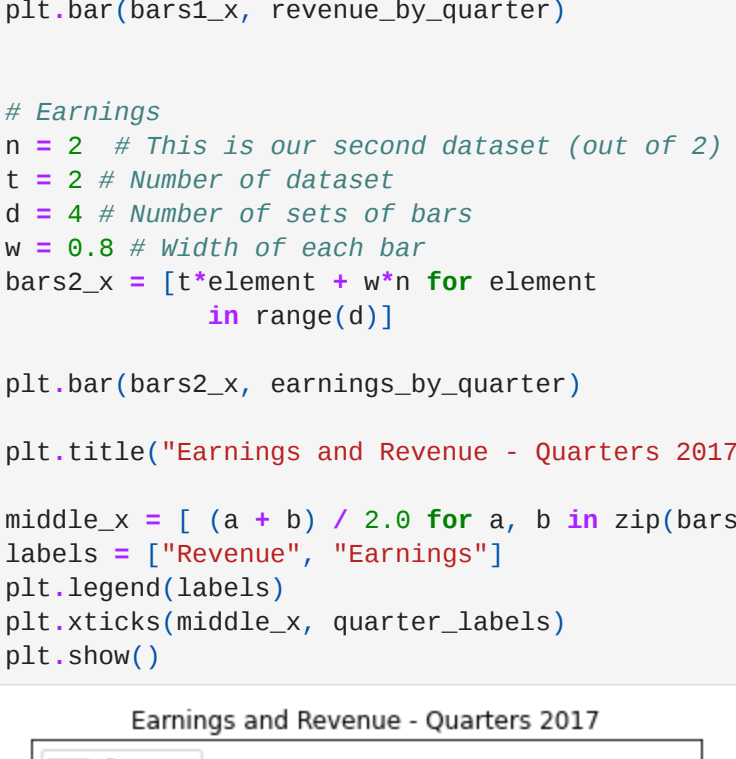
- Plot the actual EPS by using `x_positions` and `earnings_actual` with the `plt.scatter()` function. Assign `red` as the color.
- Plot the actual EPS by using `x_positions` and `earnings_estimate` with the `plt.scatter()` function. Assign `blue` as the color
- Often, estimates and actual EPS are the same. To account for this, be sure to set your transparency `alpha=0.5` to allow for visibility of overlapping datapoint.

- Add a legend by using `plt.legend()` and passing in a list with two strings `["Actual", "Estimate"]`
- Change the `x_ticks` label to reflect each quarter by using `plt.xticks(x_positions, chart_labels)`
- Assign "Earnings Per Share in Cents" as the title of your plot.

```
In [31]: x_positions = [1, 2, 3, 4]
chart_labels = ["Q2017", "Q2017", "Q2017", "Q2017"]
earnings_actual = [-4, -15, -29, -41]
earnings_estimate = [-37, -15, -32, -41]

plt.scatter(x=x_positions, y=earnings_actual, color='red', alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(x=x_positions, y=earnings_estimate, color='blue', alpha=0.5)
plt.legend(["Actual", "Estimate"])
plt.xticks(x_positions, chart_labels)
plt.title("Earnings Per Share in Cents")

Out[31]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Earnings Per Share in Cents')
```



## Graph Literacy

- What do the purple dots tell us about the actual and estimate earnings per share in this graph? Hint: In color theory red and blue mix to make purple.

```
In [37]: # Quarter2 and Quarter4 estimated earnings agreed with actual earnings($0.15 and $0.41)
# Quarter3 estimated earnings - lower by about 0.06, Quarter3 estimated earnings - exceeded by about 0.05
```

## Step 7

Next, we will visualize the earnings and revenue reported by Netflix by mapping two bars side-by-side. We have visualized a similar chart in the second Matplotlib lesson [Exercise 4](#).

As you may recall, plotting side-by-side bars in Matplotlib requires computing the width of each bar before hand. We have pasted the starter code for that exercise below.

- Fill in the `n`, `t`, `d`, `w` values for the revenue bars
- Plot the revenue bars by calling `plt.bar()` with the newly computed `x_values` and the `revenue_by_quarter` data
- Fill in the `n`, `t`, `d`, `w` values for the earnings bars
- Plot the revenue bars by calling `plt.bar()` with the newly computed `x_values` and the `earnings_by_quarter` data
- Create a legend for your bar chart with the `labels` provided
- Add a descriptive title for your chart with `plt.title()`
- Add labels to each quarter by assigning the position of the ticks through the code provided: `plt.xticks(middle_x, quarter_labels)`
- Be sure to show your plot!

```
In [38]: # The metrics below are in billions of dollars
revenue_by_quarter = [2.78, 2.88, 2.9, 3.7]
earnings_by_quarter = [0.656, 1.2959, 1.8552, 2.9012]
quarter_labels = ["Q2017", "Q2017", "Q2017", "Q2017"]

# Revenue
n = 1 # This is our first dataset (out of 2)
t = 2 # Number of dataset
d = 4 # Number of sets of bars
w = 0.8 # Width of each bar
bars1_x = [t*element + w*n for element
            in range(d)]

plt.bar(bars1_x, revenue_by_quarter)

# Earnings
n = 2 # This is our second dataset (out of 2)
t = 2 # Number of dataset
d = 4 # Number of sets of bars
w = 0.8 # Width of each bar
bars2_x = [t*element + w*n for element
            in range(d)]

plt.bar(bars2_x, earnings_by_quarter)

plt.title("Earnings and Revenue - Quarters 2017")

middle_x = [ (a + b) / 2.0 for a, b in zip(bars1_x, bars2_x)]
labels = ["Revenue", "Earnings"]
plt.legend(labels)
plt.xticks(middle_x, quarter_labels)
plt.show()
```



## Graph Literacy

What are your first impressions looking at the visualized data?

- Does Revenue follow a trend?
- Do Earnings follow a trend?
- Roughly, what percentage of the revenue constitutes earnings?

```
In [34]: # Revenue follows growth from Q2 2017 to Q1 2018
# Earnings follow growth from Q2 2017 to Q1 2018
# Earnings make up only 2,5 - 7% of revenue
```

## Step 8

In this last step, we will compare Netflix stock to the Dow Jones Industrial Average in 2017. We will accomplish this by plotting two line charts side by side in one figure.

Since `Price` which is the most relevant data is in the `y` axis, let's map our subplots to align vertically side by side.

- We have set up the code for you on line 1 in the cell below. Complete the figure by passing the arguments to `plt.subplots()` for the first plot, and tweaking the third argument for the second plot
  - 1 -- the number of rows for the subplots
  - 2 -- the number of columns for the subplots
  - 1 -- the subplot you are modifying
- Chart the Netflix Stock Prices in the left-hand subplot. Using your data frame, access the `Date` and `Price` charts as the `x` and `y` axes respectively. Hint: (`netflix_stocks['Date']`, `netflix_stocks['Price']`)
- Assign "Netflix" as a title to this subplot. Hint: `axi.set_title()`
- For each subplot, `set_xlabel` to "Date" and `set_ylabel` to "Stock Price"
- Chart the Dow Jones Stock Prices in the left-hand subplot. Using your data frame, access the `Date` and `Price` charts as the `x` and `y` axes respectively. Hint: (`dowjones_stocks['Date']`, `dowjones_stocks['Price']`)
- Assign "Dow Jones" as a title to this subplot. Hint: `plt.set_title()`
- There is some crowding in the `y` axis labels, add some space by calling `plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=5)`
- Be sure to `.show()` your plots!

```
In [36]: # Left plot Netflix
ax1 = plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(netflix_stocks['Date'], netflix_stocks['Price'])
ax1.set_title("Netflix")
ax1.set_xlabel("Date")
ax1.set_ylabel("Stock Price")
plt.xticks(rotation='vertical')

# Right plot Dow Jones
ax2 = plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(dowjones_stocks['Date'], dowjones_stocks['Price'])
ax2.set_title("Dow Jones")
ax2.set_xlabel("Date")
ax2.set_ylabel("Stock Price")
plt.xticks(rotation='vertical')

# editing all plots
plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=5)

plt.show()
```



- How did Netflix perform relative to Dow Jones Industrial Average in 2017?
- Which was more volatile?
- How do the prices of the stocks compare?

```
In [36]: # Netflix stock price and Dow Jones stock price grew up during the year
# Netflix is more volatile. There are fluctuations in June and August.
# Netflix - 36% (140-190) increase in stock price, Dow Jones 25% (20,000 ->25,000) increase in stock price
```