

# Introduction to Big Data



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# Where does Data come from?

## Not-So-Traditionally?

**Digital Transactions:** Online purchases, website visits, social media interactions, financial transactions.

**Sensor Data:** Internet of Things (IoT) devices, GPS tracking, wearable technology.

**Scientific Monitoring:** Satellite imagery, climate data.

**Text and Media:** Online news articles, blog posts, social media streams, videos, images.



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# Where does Data come from?

## Traditionally?

**Government Records:** Census data, tax records, vital records (births, deaths, marriages), trade statistics, legal documents.

**Historical Documents:** Newspapers, personal diaries, business records, scientific reports.

**Cultural Artifacts:** Literature, artwork, archaeological findings.

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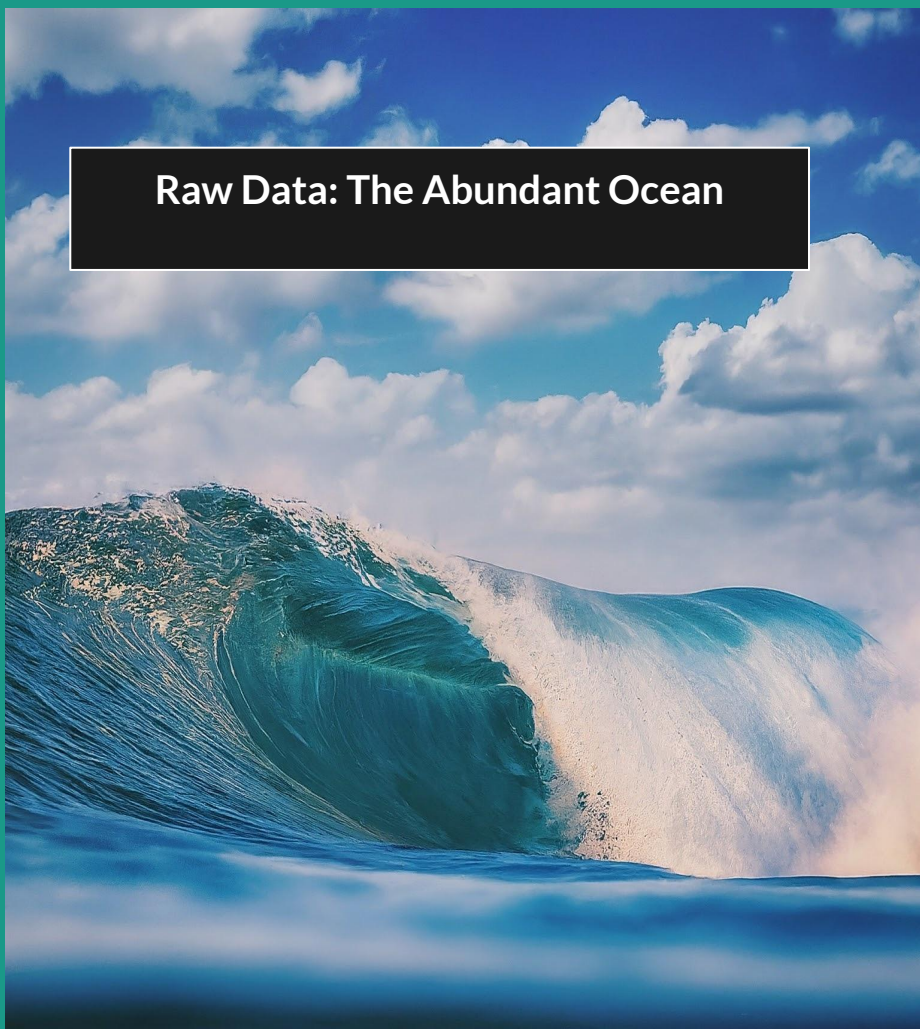
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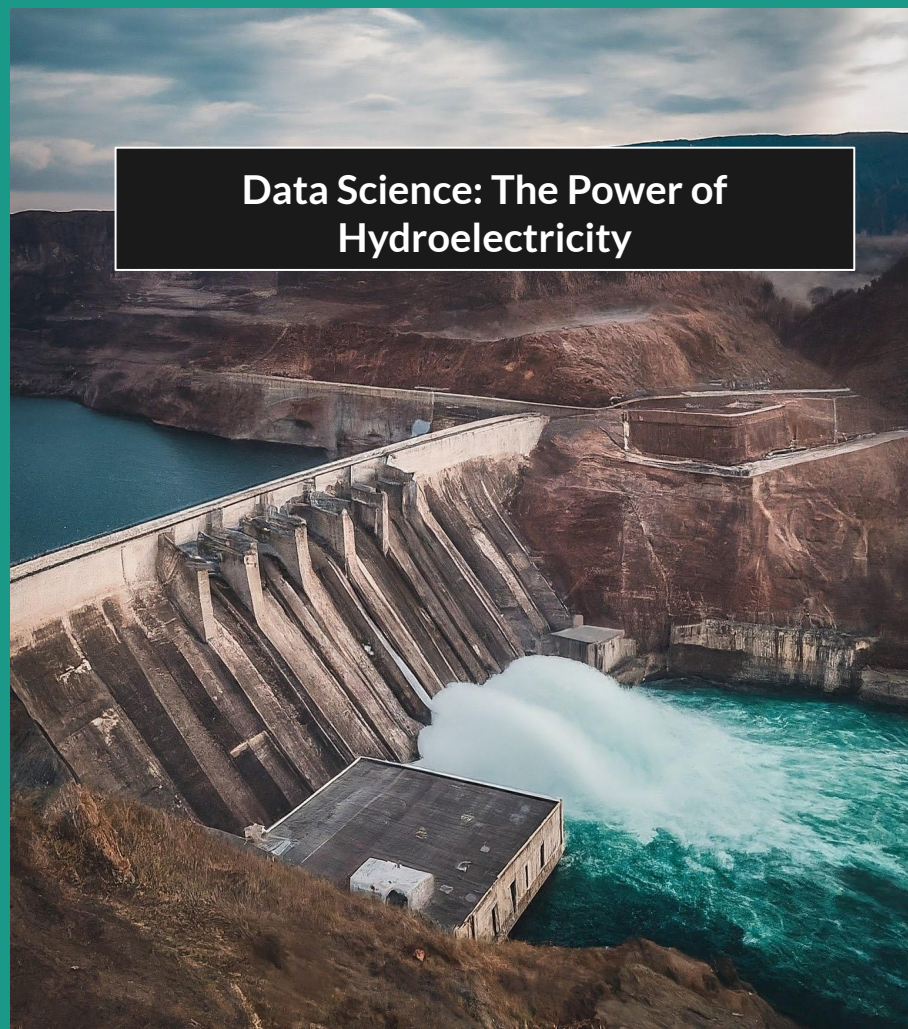
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## Raw Data: The Abundant Ocean



## Data Science: The Power of Hydroelectricity



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# Introduction to Data Science





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# What is Data Science?

Data science is like the science and engineering behind hydroelectricity.

**Capturing and Channeling:** Just like dams and reservoirs manage water flow.

**Filtering and Purification:** Much like water treatment plants ensure water quality.

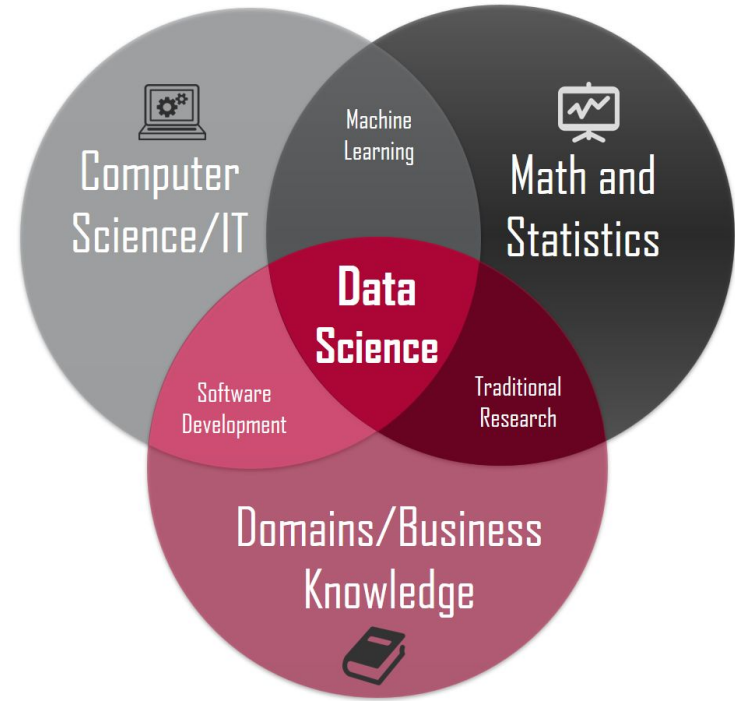
**Generating Insights (Energy):** Reveal hidden patterns – equivalent of turbines converting water flow into usable energy.

**Problem-Solving Applications:** Inform decision-making, just like hydroelectricity provides light, powers industries.

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down ...**

## Computer Science

- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Programming
- Databases
- Machine Learning



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## Mathematics & Statistics

- Statistics
- Probability
- Linear Algebra
- Calculus





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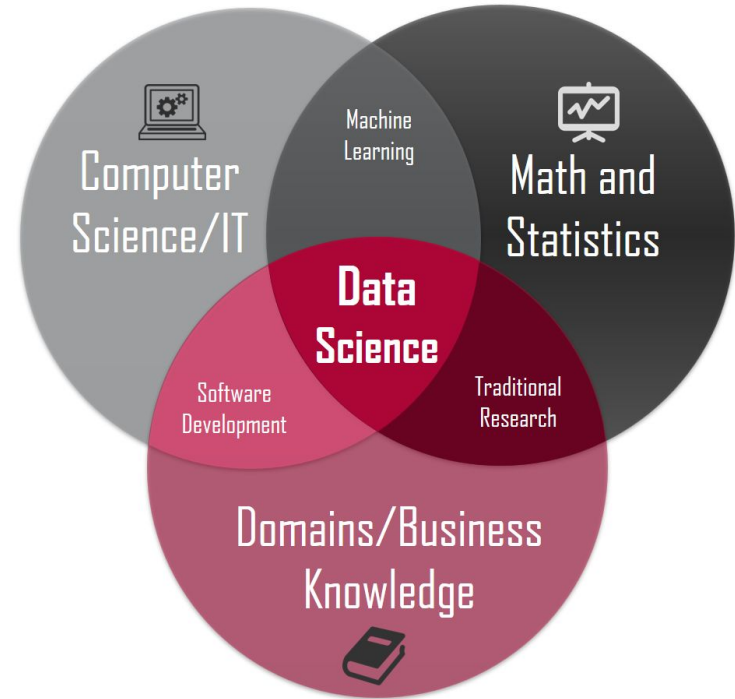
## Domain Knowledge

- Understanding the Problem
- Feature Engineering
- Data Storytelling

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# The 5 P's of Data Science

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Ingredients!

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# The 5 P's



**Purpose** - Aims to bake a specific cake

**People** - The chef himself!

**Process** - A recipe.

**Platforms** - Kitchenware, tools (oven, mixer, whisk) etc.

**Programmability** - Skill - chef's mastery of techniques.

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**Purpose** - A clearly defined problem.

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**The meaty  
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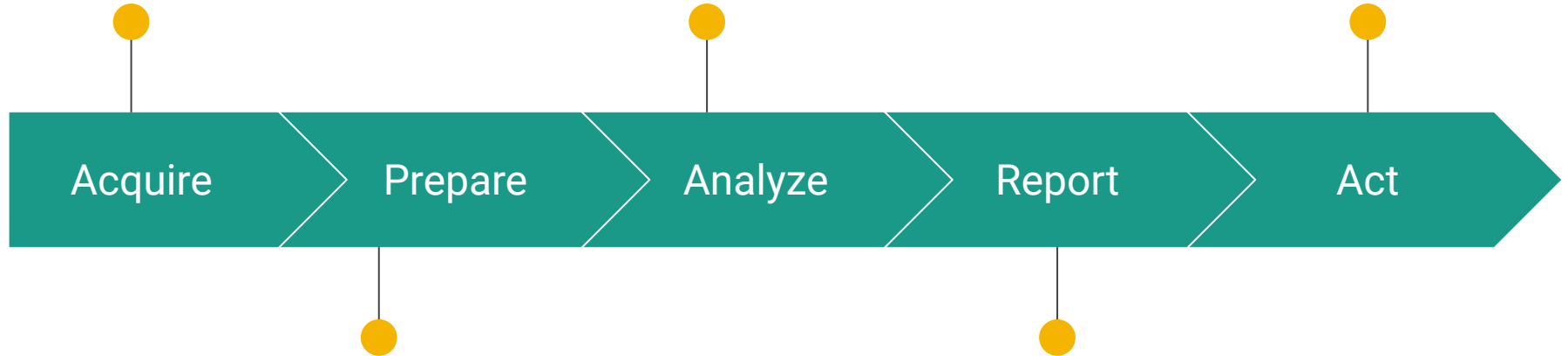
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# Steps in the Data Science **P**rocess

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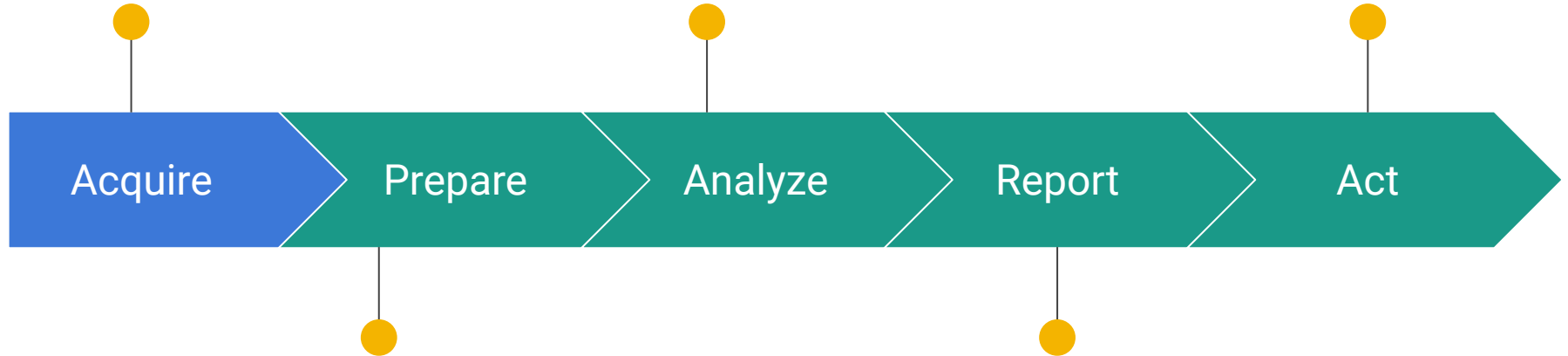
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## The Data Hunt



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- Variety of sources:
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  - Websites



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- Process of obtaining the data needed
- Variety of sources:
  - **Relational Databases** - Use SQL
  - **NoSql databases** - Use API & Web Services
  - **Text files** - Scripting languages (js, python, perl, php)
  - **Websites** - Web Services for remote data

# Acquire - The Data Hunt

## Movies

<u>movieID</u>	<u>movieFullName</u>	<u>movieYear</u>	<u>movieRating</u>	<u>movieGenre</u>
1	8 Mile	2002	7.2	
2	X2	2003		Action
3	Insidious	2010	6.8	Horror
4		1971	5.5	Family
5	Jumper	2008		Action
6	Shining	1980	8.4	
7		2011	7.4	Romance
8	Deadpool	2016	8.1	Action
9	Parasite	2019	8.6	
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SELECT movieFullName, movieYear
FROM Movies
WHERE movieFullName IS NOT NULL AND
movieRating > 8.0;
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Check [visualisation](#) for the query!

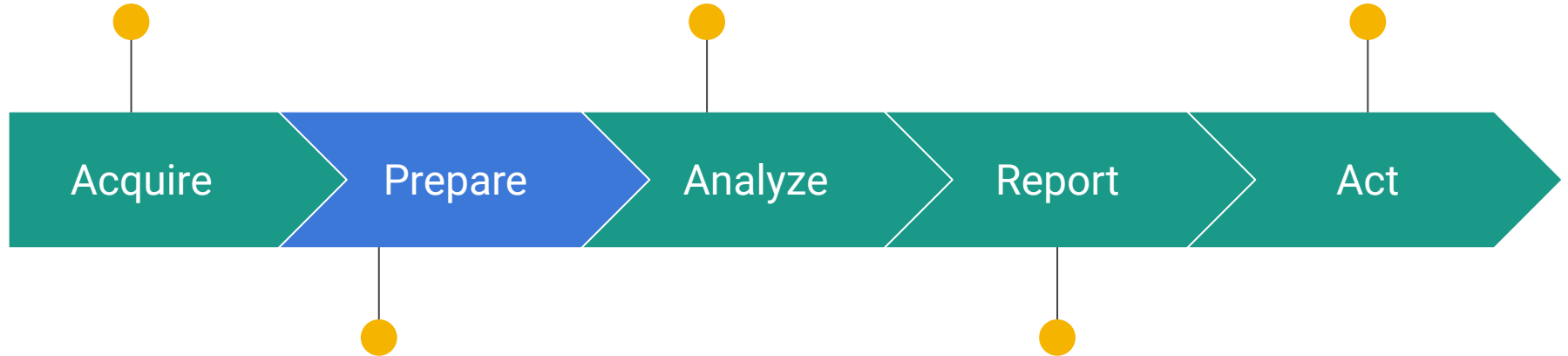
Check out <https://animatesql.com/>



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# Prepare

## Getting the Data Ready

Garbage In



Garbage Out




# Issues in raw data



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Types of Issues:

**Inconsistent values:** Different spellings, date formats.

**Duplicate records:** Identify and handle them.

**Missing values:** Deletion, Imputation.

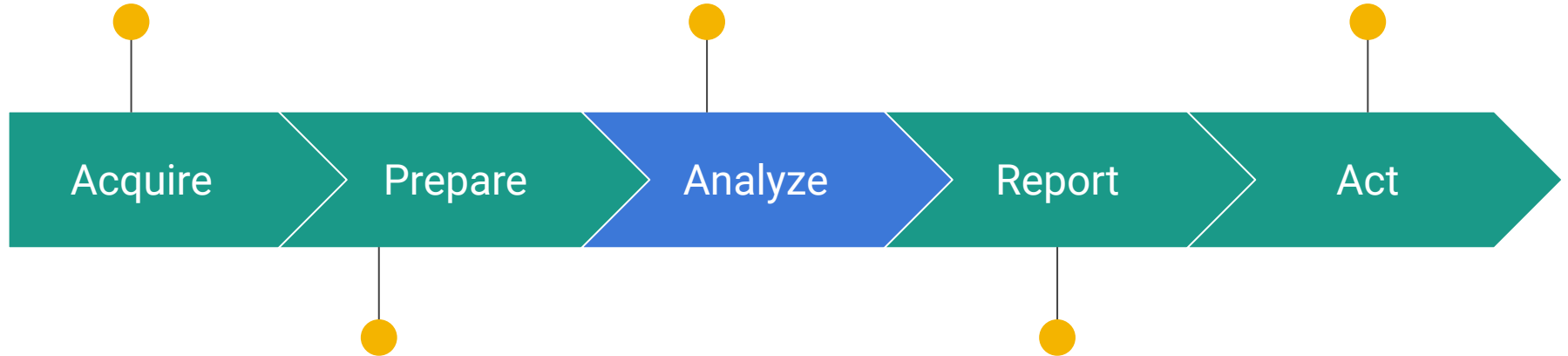
**Invalid data:** Out-of-range values, errors.

**Outliers:** Investigate if they're true errors or meaningful extremes.

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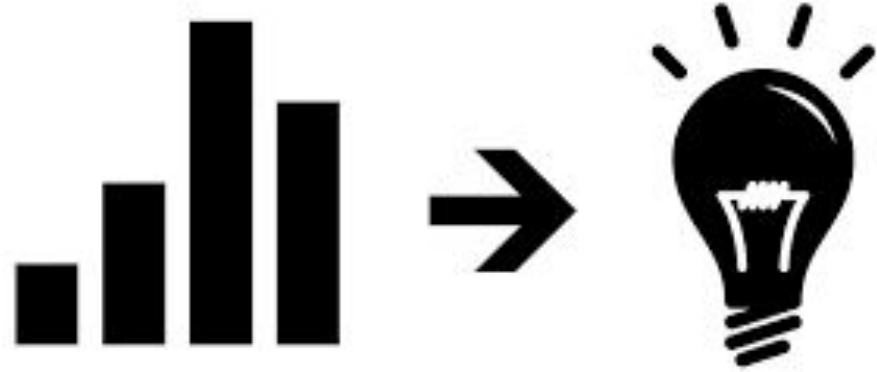
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# Analyze

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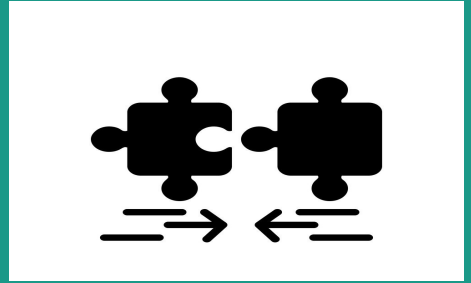
# Why do you want to analyse?



What is likely to happen in the future?



What are the natural divisions within my data?



What items or events tend to occur together?

# Common Analysis Types

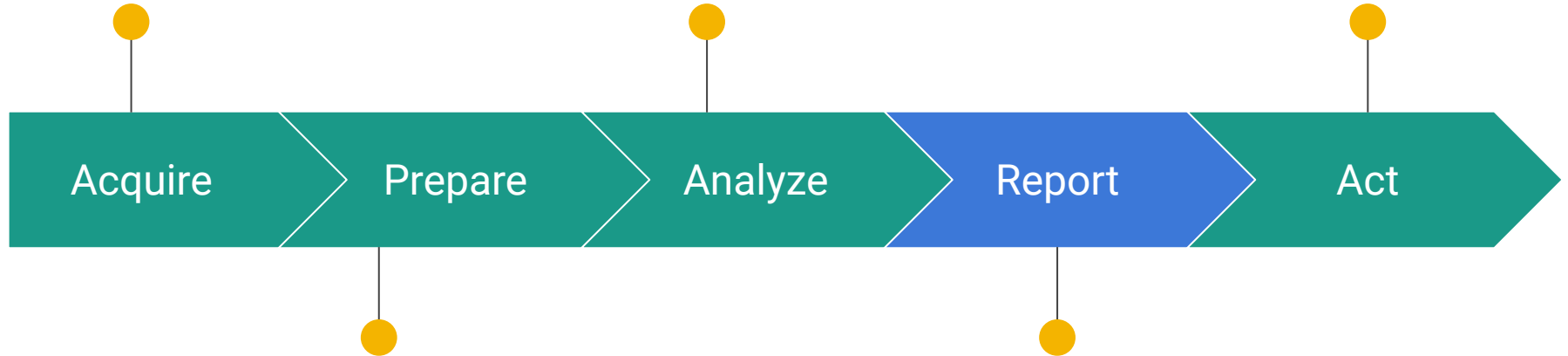


- **Regression:** Predicting future values (e.g., Sales forecasting, stock price prediction).
- **Clustering:** Grouping similar data points together (e.g., Customer segmentation)
- **Association Rule Mining:** Finding patterns of co-occurrence (e.g., "Customers who bought X also bought Y").
- **Classification:** Predicting categories (Email: spam/not spam).

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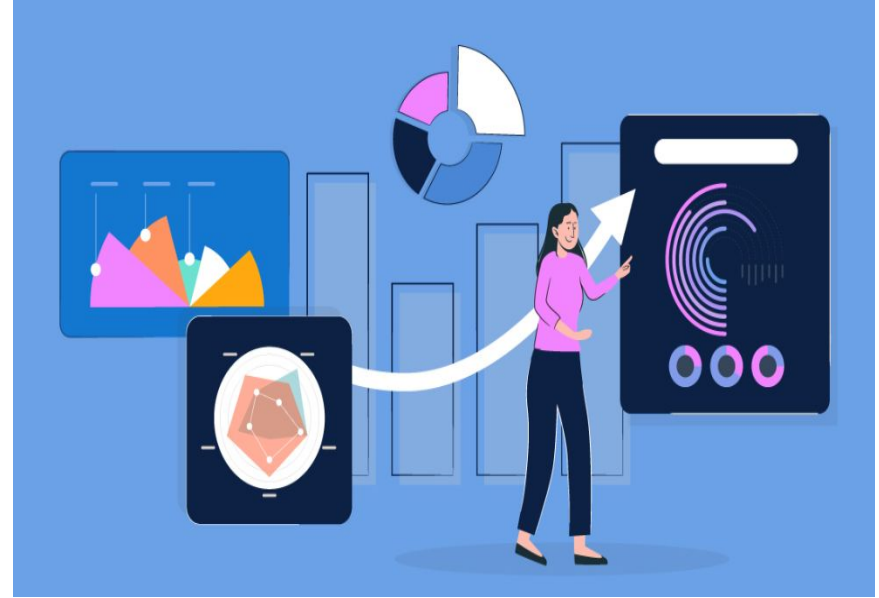
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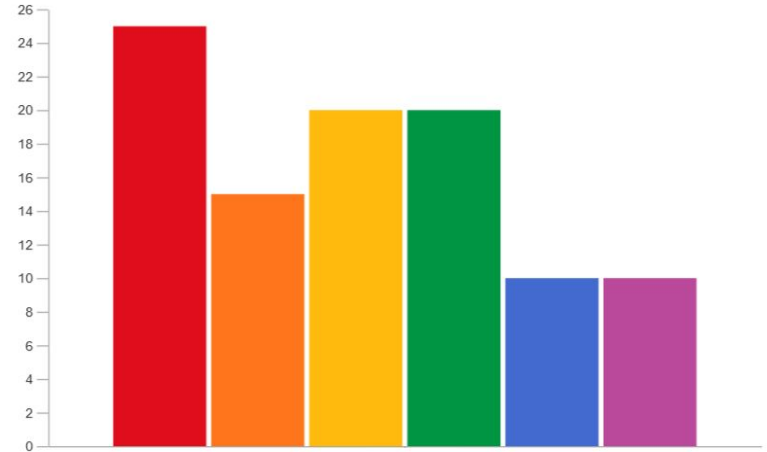
# Report

## Communicating Insights



# Report - Communicating Insights

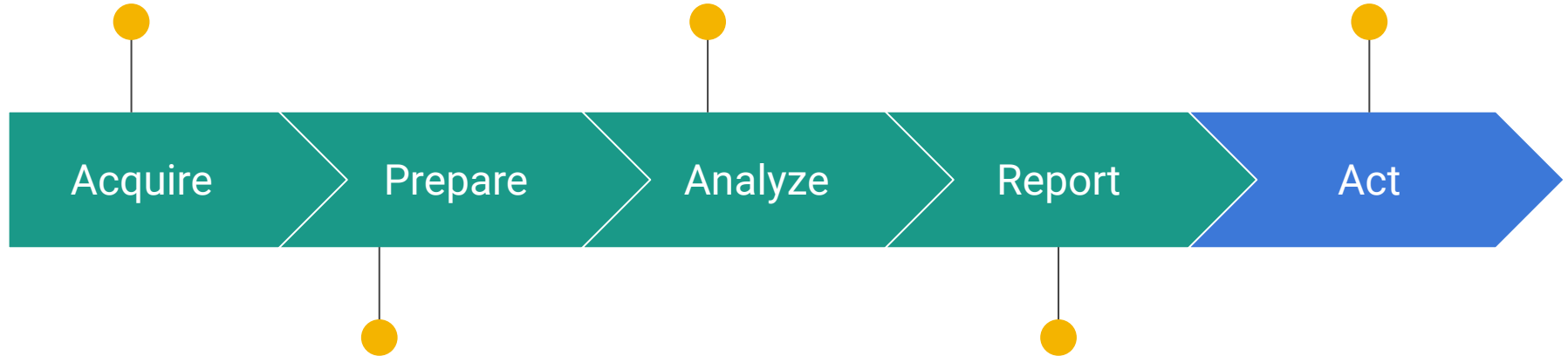
- Data alone doesn't create change.
- Presentation is important!



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# Act

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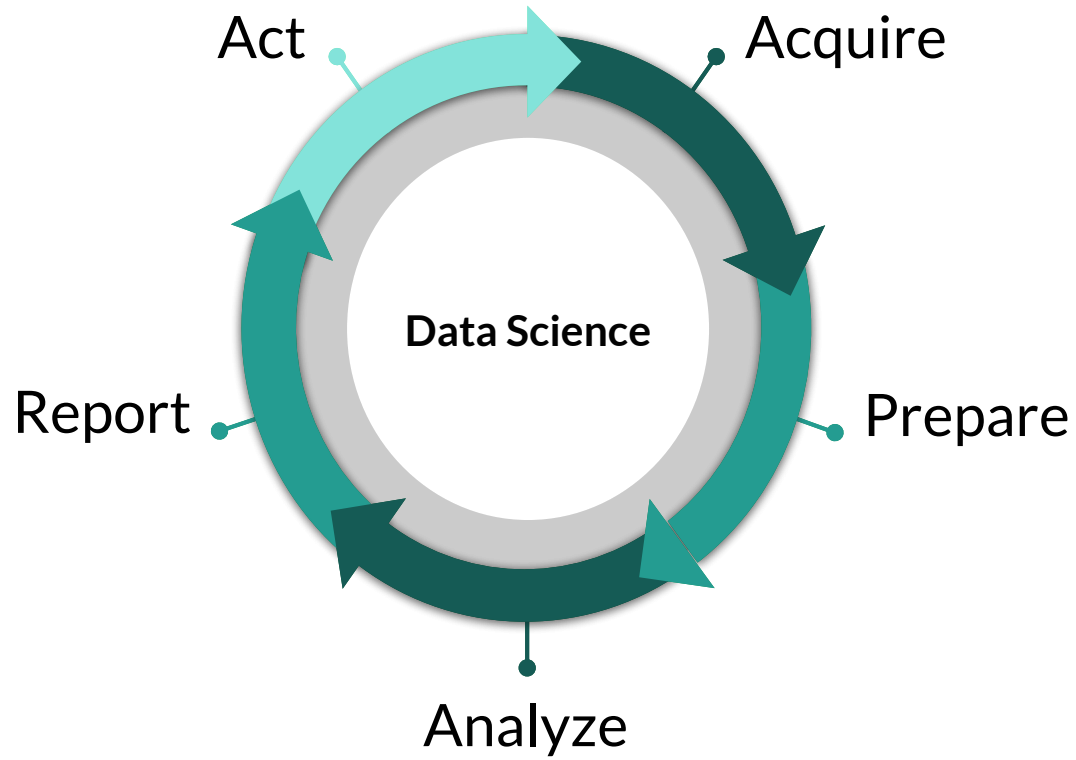


# Act - Turning Insights into Action



- Goal : Use data-driven insights to inform decisions that improve our business, research, or outcomes.
- Decision-making isn't the end - Feed new data back into the process.

Takeaway - Data science process is a continuous cycle!



The data science techniques we've discussed work well with datasets that fit on a single machine.

But what happens when the data explodes?

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The data science  
discussed work  
on a single machine

But what happens  
**explodes?**

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Volume

Variety

Speed of information

**Big Data!**