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INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE

SESSION # 6: DATA SCIENCE TEAMS

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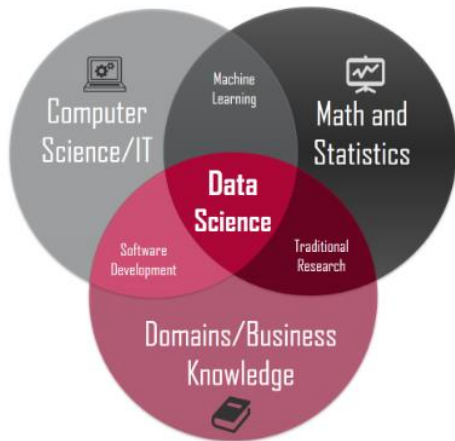
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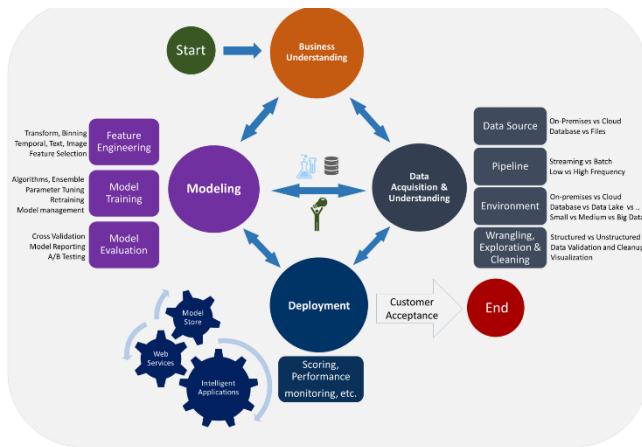
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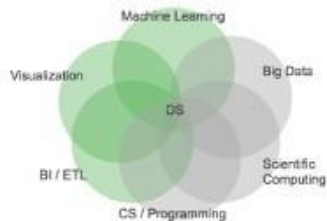
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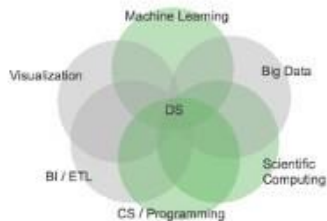
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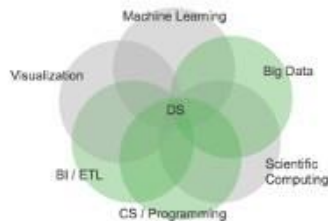
DATA TEAM



Statistician / Analyst

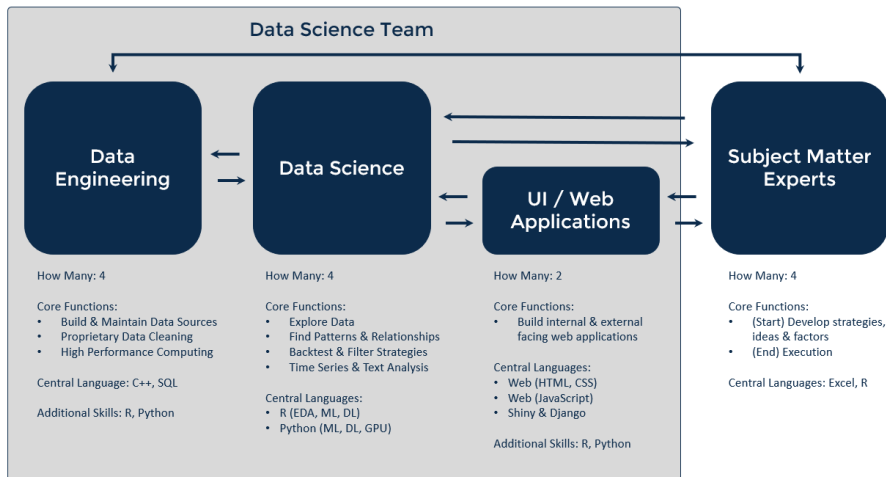


Research / Computational Scientist



Developer / Engineer

DATA SCIENCE TEAM



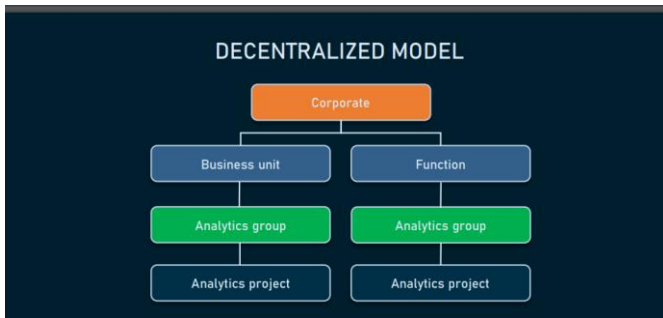
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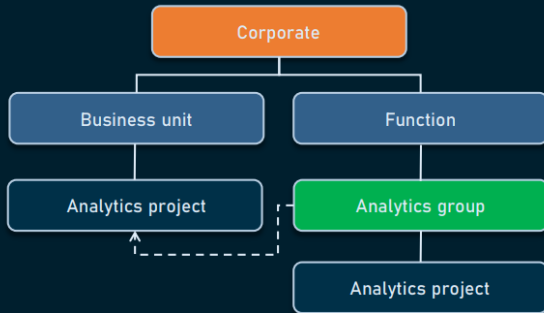
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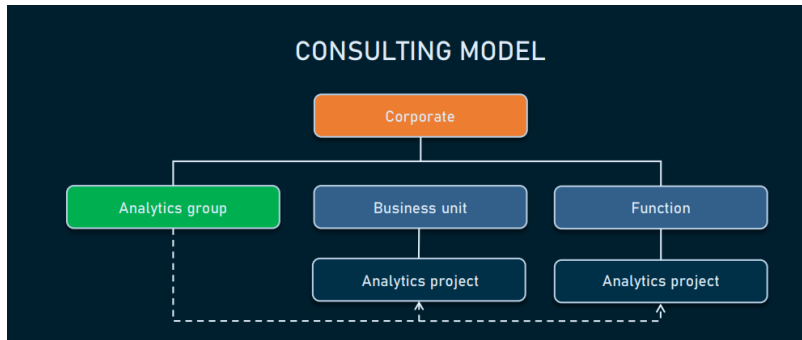
Analytics	R/SAS	necessary
Coding	R, Python, Java, C/C++	necessary
Databases	SQL, NoSQL (MongoDB, CouchDB, Cassandra, MemcacheDB, etc.)	necessary
Big Data Processing	Hadoop, Spark, Flink	preferred
Algorithms and Models	Regression models, Hidden Markov models, Support Vector Machines, Dimensionality Reduction algorithms, Ensemble algorithms, Decision Trees, Clustering	necessary
Frameworks and Libraries	TensorFlow, Theano, CNTK, scikit-learn, Caffe, Spark MLlib, etc.	preferred
Domain knowledge	Understanding of company goals, industry fundamentals, business problems, finding new ways to leverage data	preferred
Other	Intellectual curiosity, communication and presentation skills	preferred

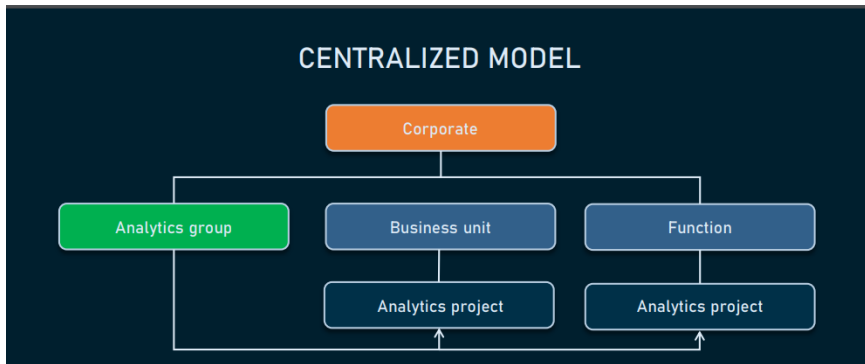
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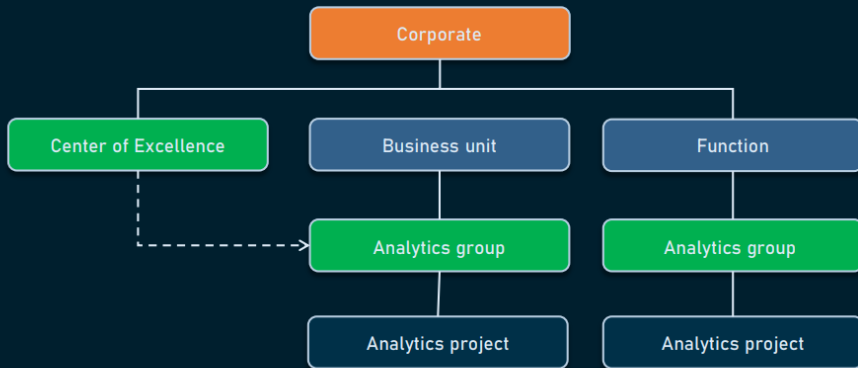
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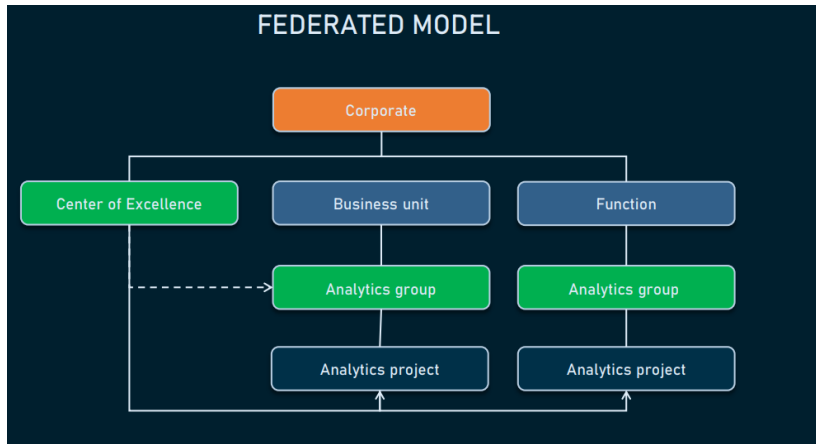




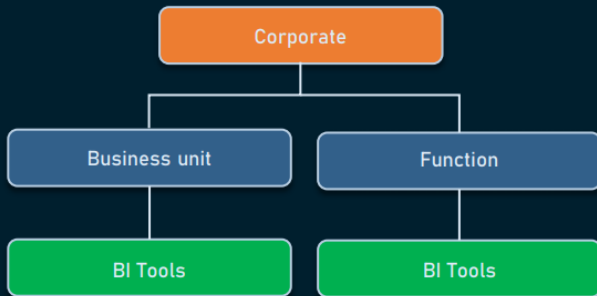


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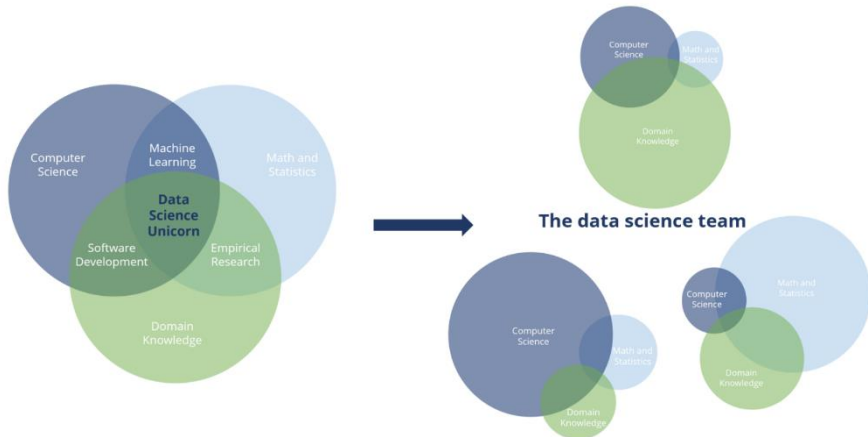




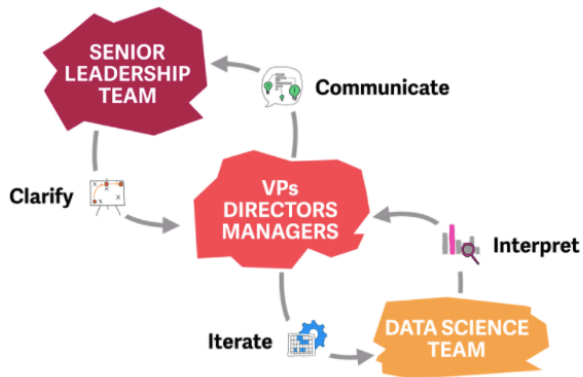
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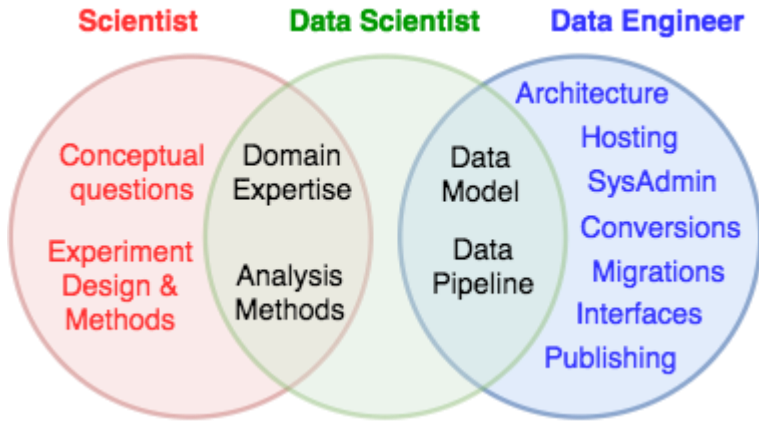
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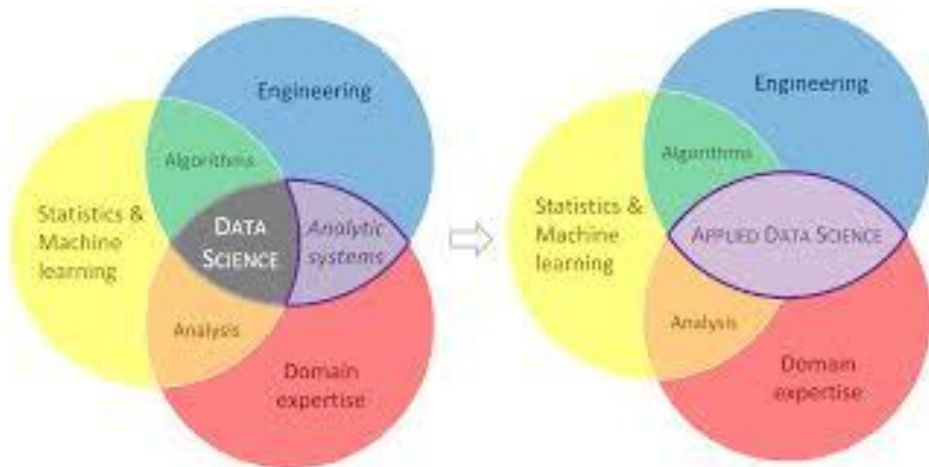
DATA SCIENCE - ROLES



DATA SCIENTIST – JOB ROLE
























UNDERSTANDING DATA SCIENCE



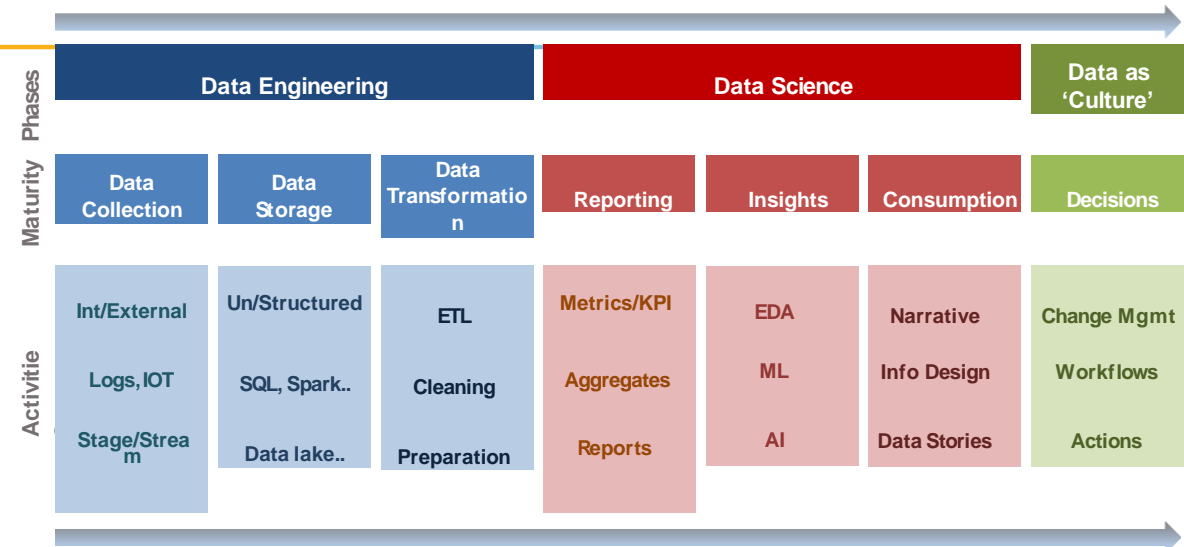
DATA SCIENCE TEAM EFFORT



	 Data Engineers	 Data Scientists	 Software Engineers	 Data Storyteller/Translators
What They Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Data pipelines. Evaluate Databases Design Schemas Perform ETL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply statistical/Machine learning techniques to solve business problems Perform R&D Innovate new solutions Develop Data science products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help design UI (front end coding) Do backend coding Help deploy data science solution in production Automate the entire process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate Data Science solutions in Business friendly/ non technical terms Understand business requirements and translate them to Data science problems Design persuasive Data visualizations
Skill Set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of Databases Scripting skills (Linux commands) Knowledge of Cloud technologies SQL commands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of statistical and mathematical concepts Knowledge of various statistical/ML algorithms Scripting skills (R/Python) SQL commands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of Programming concepts Programming languages Knowledge of Databases Knowledge of Restful APIs Scripting skills (Linux commands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level understanding of statistics and ML concepts Business acumen Good soft skills Creativity Persuasion and articulation
Tools Used	   	   	   	    

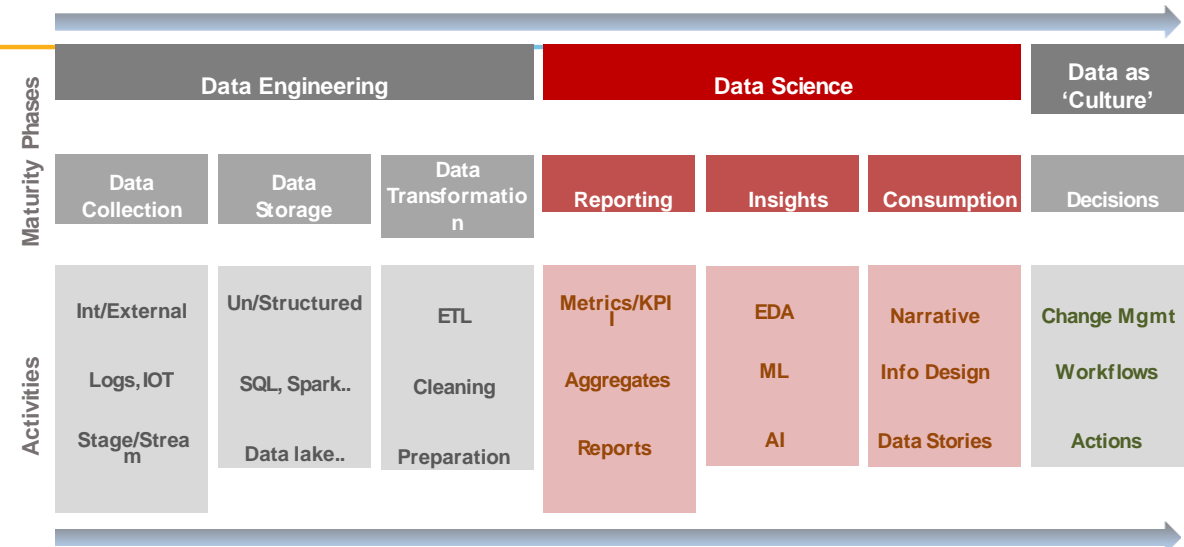
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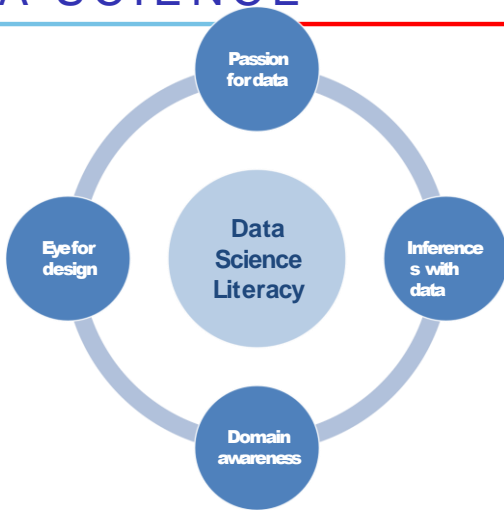
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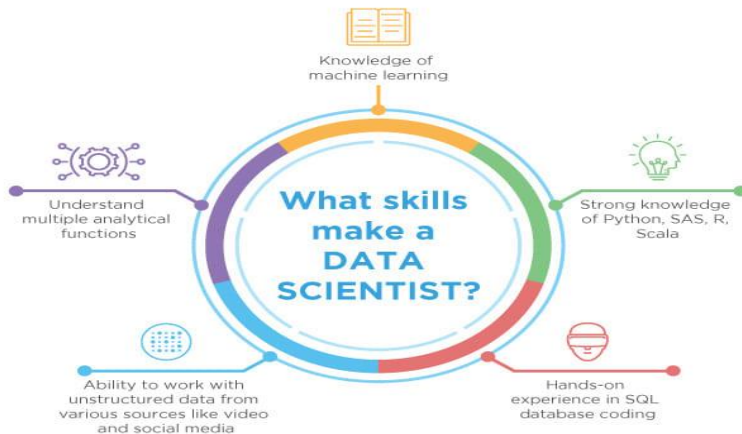
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PRE-REQUISITE FOR EVERY ROLE IN DATA SCIENCE

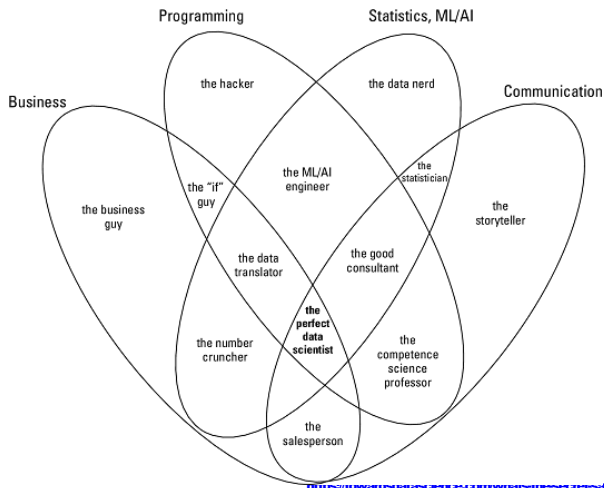


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SKILLS



PERFECT DATA SCIENTIST



<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/technology/2016/08/11/data-science-career-path/9082601c39d>

5 ROLES & SKILLS IN DATA SCIENCE



1. Data Translator



Responsibilities

- Own from inception to adoption
- Translate across domain & data
- Act as a glue in the team

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Skills

- Domain expertise
- Business analysis & solutioning
- Interpersonal & mentoring skills



2. Data Scientist

- Devise analytics approach
- Analyze data & identify insights
- Build ML models



Closest role

Business analyst, Domain experts

Statistician, ML experts

<https://techhq.com/2019/12/a-complete-data-science-team-requires-more-than-just-data-scientists/>

5 ROLES & SKILLS IN DATA SCIENCE



3. Information Designer



Responsibilities

- Ensure consumption of insights
- Design information architecture
- Understand user, drive adoption



4. ML Engineer

- Package data science solution
- Productionizing, DevOps
- Data pipelines/integration

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Skills

- Information design
- User centered design
- Aspects of interface/visual design

- Software engineering
- Data handling
- Front-end / Back-end coding



Closest role

UX Designer, Interaction designer

Software engineer, Data architect

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5 ROLES & SKILLS IN DATA SCIENCE



5. Data Science Manager



Responsibilities

- Identify roadmap & scale maturity
- Ensure biz value from data science
- Drive a culture of data

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Skills

- Project management
- Business analysis, solutioning
- Team handling



Closest role

Project manager, Business analyst

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5 CORE ROLES IN DATA SCIENCE



Data Science Manager



Data Translator



Data Scientist

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 7 \\ x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = -10 \\ 6x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 7 \\ 2x_3 - 3x_4 = 13 \end{cases}$$



























Information Designer



ML Engineer



ROLES – EXTENDED WITH KNOWLEDGE

	Domain Expertise	Technical Knowledge	Quantitative Skills
Data Scientist			
Data Engineer			
Data Science Architect			
Data Science Developer			
Product Owner			
Data/Business Analyst			
Process Master			
Subject Matter Expert			

Significant Expertise: 

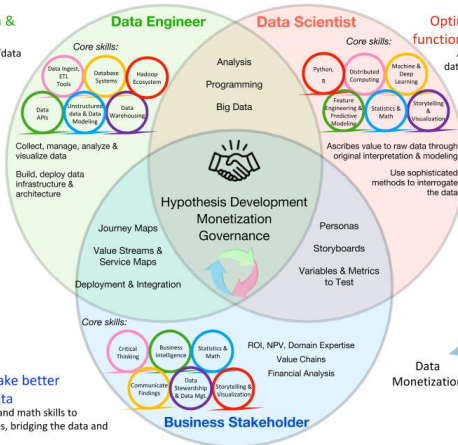
Some Expertise: 

Minimal Expertise: 

INTERACTION AMONG ROLES

Enable data access & utilization & enable value capture

Builds and supports the infrastructure or 'data pipe' and all associated SW engineering infrastructure tasks.

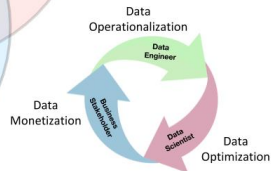


Help the business make better decisions through data

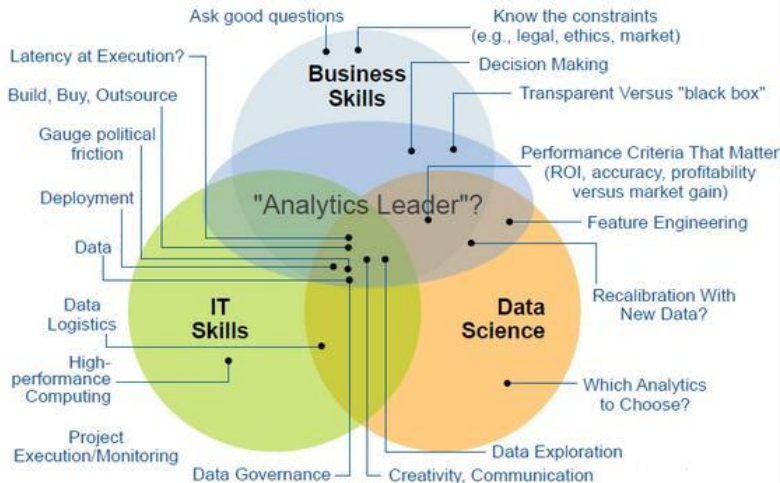
Blend of business, analytic and math skills to explore and solve challenges, bridging the data and business communities.

Optimize & enable data for business & functional value capture & value creation

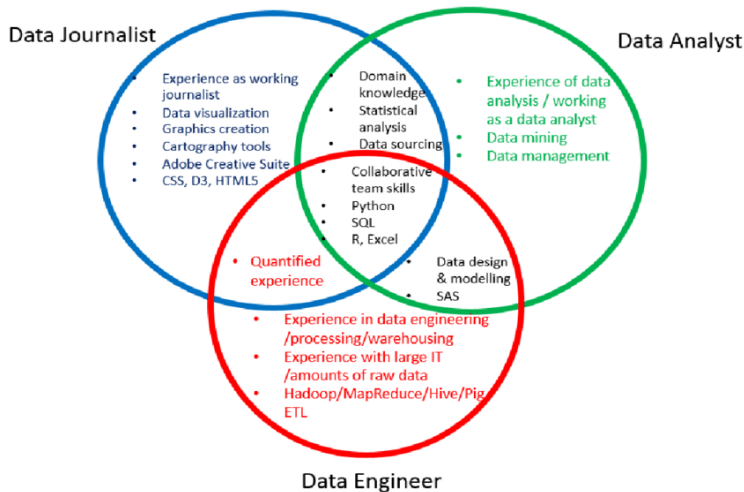
Analysis and interpretation of complex digital data to extract or discover knowledge and assist decision-making.



DATA SCIENCE & ANALYTICS



DE vs DA vs DJ



DATA SCIENTIST

DATA SCIENTIST *"AS RARE AS UNICORNS"*

Languages

*R, SAS, Python, Matlab, SQL,
Hive, Pig, Spark*

Skills & Talents

- ✓ *Distributed computing*
- ✓ *Predictive modeling*
- ✓ *Story-telling and visualizing*
- ✓ *Math, Stats, Machine Learning*



Role

*Cleans, massages and organizes
(big) data*

Mindset

Curious data wizard

HIRED BY



DATA ANALYST

innovate

achieve

lead

DATA ANALYST DATA DETECTIVE

Role

Collects, processes and performs statistical data analyses

Mindset

Intuitive data junkie with high "figure-it-out" quotient



HIRED BY

IBM



DHL

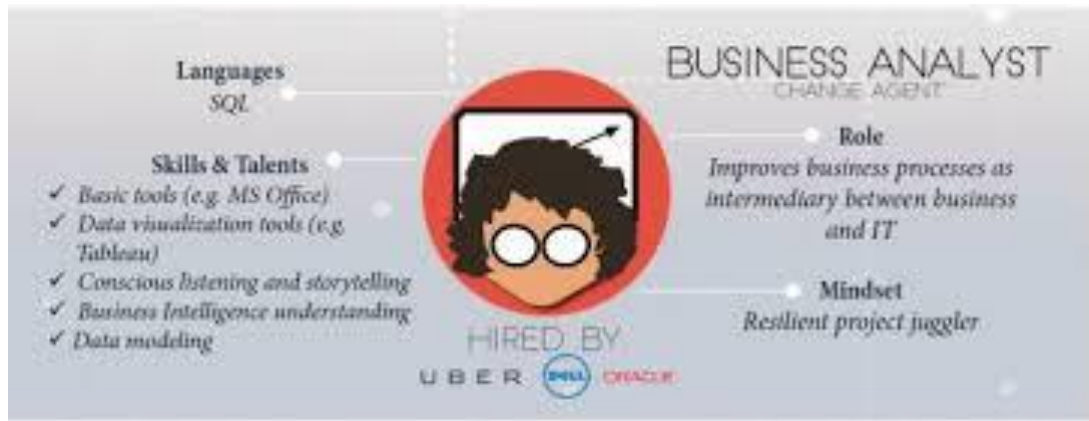
Languages

R, Python, HTML, Javascript, C/C++, SQL

Skills & Talents

- ✓ Spreadsheet tools (e.g. Excel)
- ✓ Database systems (SQL and NO SQL based)
- ✓ Communication & visualization
- ✓ Math, Stats, Machine Learning

BUSINESS ANALYST



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES





THREE EMERGING ROLES

1. DATA STORYTELLER

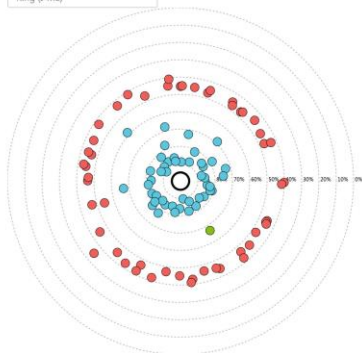


Senator Voting Patterns

When senator 'X' votes a 'Yes' or 'Nay' what are the chances that senator 'Y' would do the same? This tool allows you to find out the similarity in voting patterns of senators of the 115th Congress.

Here are a few senators with interesting voting patterns - [Joe Manchin](#) (The Democrat who votes like a Republican), [Thad Cochran](#), [Robert Menendez](#), [Heidi Heitkamp](#), [Joe Donnelly](#), [Elizabeth Warren](#), [Claire McCaskill](#), [Kirsten Gillibrand](#), [Angus King](#), [Bernie Sanders](#), [John McCain](#), [Rand Paul](#) & [John Isakson](#).

King (I-ME)



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Data Courtesy: www.senate.gov



Voting Patterns of Senators

The dark stroked circle at the center is the selected senator. The distance between the senator and other senators around him/her defines the voting similarity score. Closer to the center greater the similarity in voting pattern and vice versa.

Click on any senator to view the Voting Similarity score.

Rep Dem Ind



King (I-ME)



Carper (D-DE)

88%

Voting Similarity

On what issues do Senator King (I-ME) & Senator Carper (D-DE) agree & disagree? Click on the image of Senator Carper (D-DE) to find out.

Role Highlights

- **Dashboards are NOT data stories**
- **Stories=visual+context+narrative**
- **Fields Journalism, creative arts**

<https://gramener.com/playground/senate/similarity>

2. BEHAVIORAL PSYCHOLOGIST



Role Highlights

- **Human side of data insights**
- **More practical, 'accurate' results**
- **Fields: Social sciences**

[Gramener Telecom case study](#)

3. DATA ETHICIST



innovate

achieve

lead

A top BFSI player wanted a scientific way to identify peers, for employee feedback.

Was there an alternative to manually screening for peer review?

This visual shows the network of email exchanges between people.

Look for the closest neighbors. The distance is a function of email exchange.

Gramener Email Communication Analysis

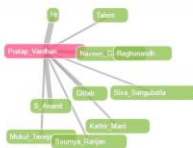
Brochure (PDF) Video demo Gramener Employee Data +

Employee email connections

Pratap_Vardhan

Recipient	Email	Count
Hr	hr@gramene...	126
S_Anand	s.anand@gr...	96
Naveen_Gattu	naveen.gat...	72
Gilab	gilab@cod...	57
Mukul_Taneja	mukul.tane...	36
Kathir_Mani	kathir.man...	30
Soumya_Ranjan	soumya.ran...	30
Talent	talent@gra...	30
Raghunandh	raghunandh...	24
Siva_Sangubotta	siva.sangu...	24

Network of top 10 recipients out of 17 for Pratap_Vardhan



Link distance is inversely proportional to the count, the color of the link is proportional to the count and right click on person to collapse

Selected person

Role Highlights

- Ensure trust & fairness
- Act as a collective conscience
- Fields: Law, Humanities

<https://gramener.com/emailnetwork/>

3 EMERGING SKILLS IN DATA SCIENCE



1. Data Storyteller



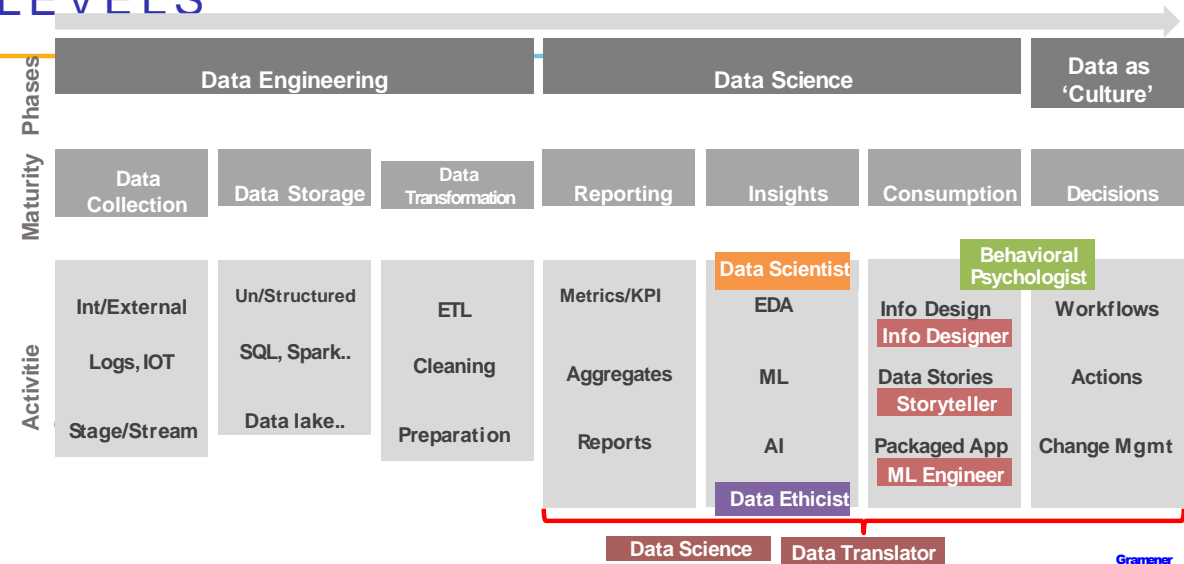
2 Behavioral Psychologist



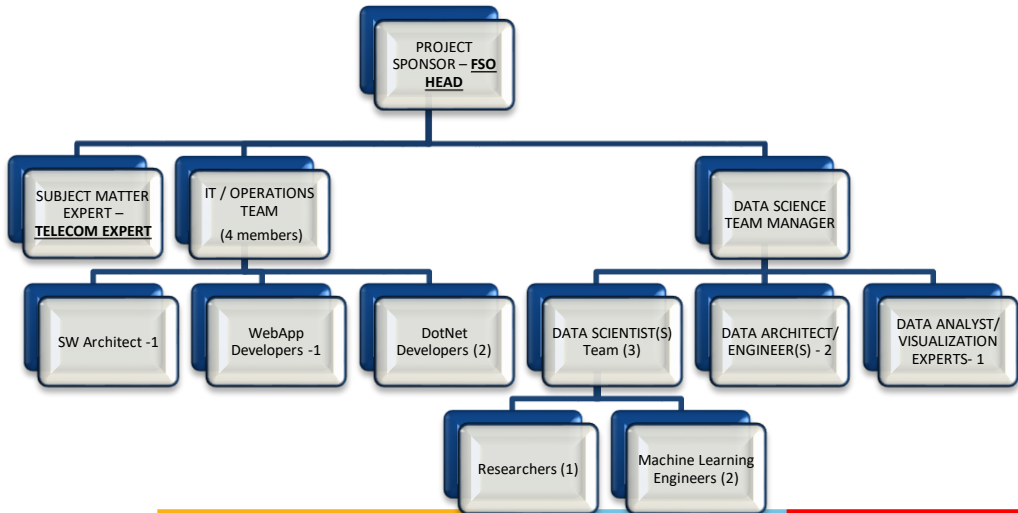
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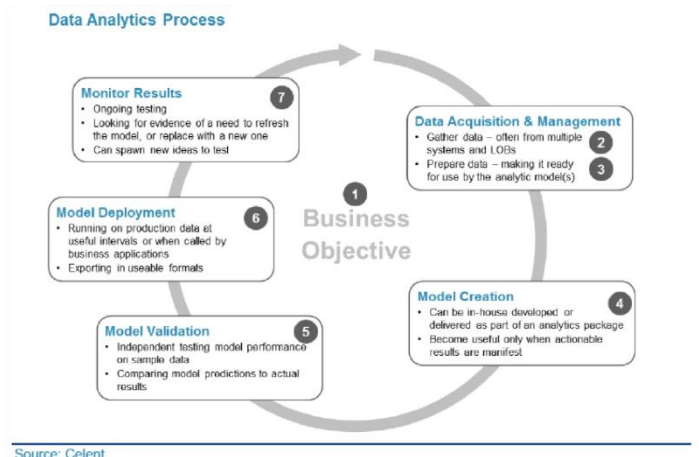
DATA SCIENCE ROLES ACROSS MATURITY LEVELS



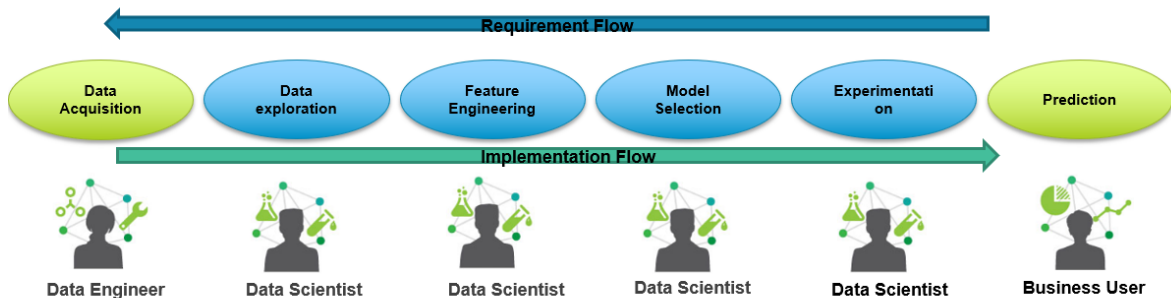
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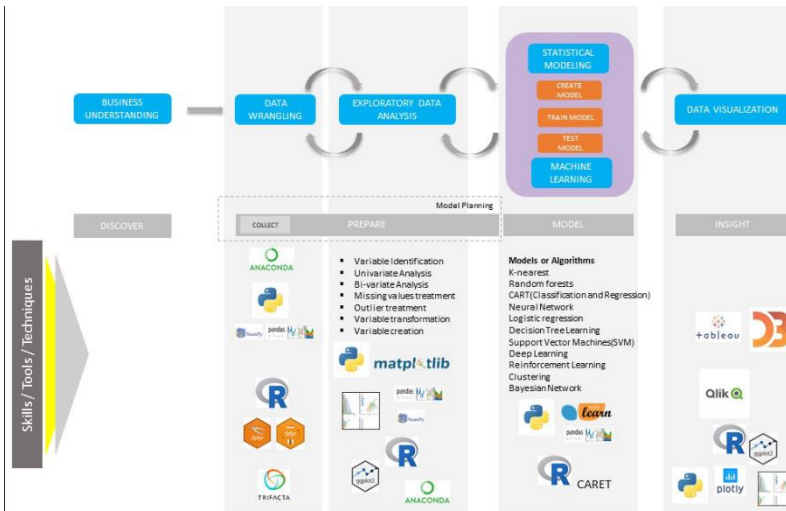
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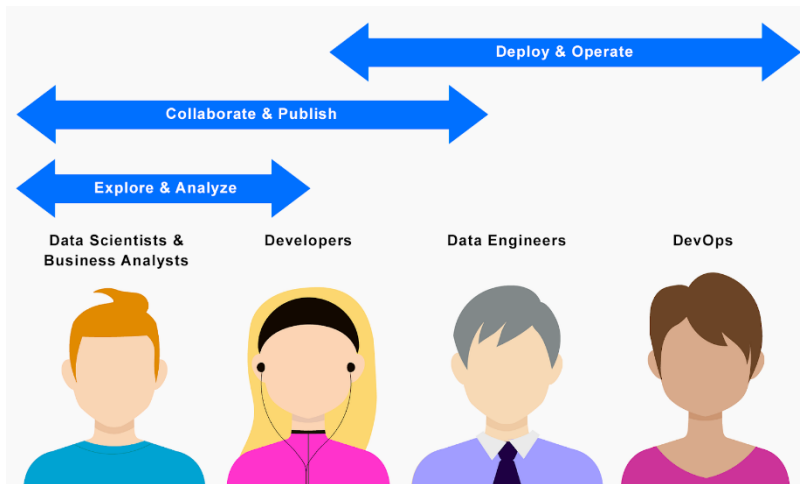
DATA ANALYTICS PROCESS – JOB ROLES



DATA ANALYTICS PROCESS – JOB ROLES & SKILLS



ROLES IN TIMELINE



Managing Data Science Team



- **Knowledge Management**
- **Attracting Top Talent**
- **Hiring Process**
- **Onboarding**
- **Retention and Management**

Focus –

- On boarding and evaluating the success of team
- Working with other teams

HOW TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR TEAM SUCCESS?

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lead



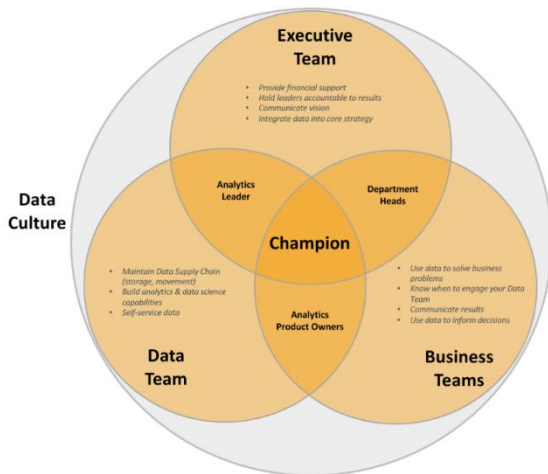
- Promote collaboration within teams
- Align closely with business users
- Measure outcomes through business value
- Adopt process frameworks for consistency
- Up-skill continuously on tech skillsets
- Nudge cross-training across disciplines

Common Challenges



1. Hiring a balanced data science team - build a cross-functional data science team that enables your organization to get insights from data and build production ready models.(Data Scientist, machine learning Engineer, Data Architect/Engineer, SW Developer, Research Scientist)
2. Retaining the team and Growing the team
3. Translating the business goals to smaller chunks of tasks, and defining measurable KPIs for the Data Science Team to work on achieving these KPIs.
4. Transforming Data Science team output/deliverables to a business understandable form, with key focus on Data Visualization. Hence try to bridge the gap between the Business Teams who relatively less/non-technical and the very technical Data Science Team
5. Engage and keep team motivated during the failures, and also keep the Senior leadership aligned with the fact that Data Science Projects are not like any SW Engineering project which can very Agile and give results every 7 days.

DATA CULTURE



Data driven decision making



- **Definition** – When it is data and not instincts that drives the business decisions.
- **Examples** – Fraud detection in Loans, Credit Cards (Cibil scores); Insurance, Six sigma projects to improve efficiency; Target advertising in e-commerce; Product Roadmap planning, Team planning
- **6 Steps to Data Driven decision making-**
 1. Strategy – Define clear Business goals
 2. Identifying key data focus areas – Data is everywhere, flowing from multiple sources. Based on domain knowledge define key focus data sources which seem to impact the most, easier to access, reliable and clean
 3. Data Collection & Storage – Defining data architecture to collect, store, archive i.e. manage data. Connect multiple data sources, clean, prepare and organize
 4. Data Analytics – Analyzing the data and derive key insights
 5. Turning insights to Actions – business actions to be taken based on the findings from key insights from data
 6. Operationalize and Deploy – Using IT systems, automate the data collection, storage, analysis and presenting the key highlights

THANK YOU