

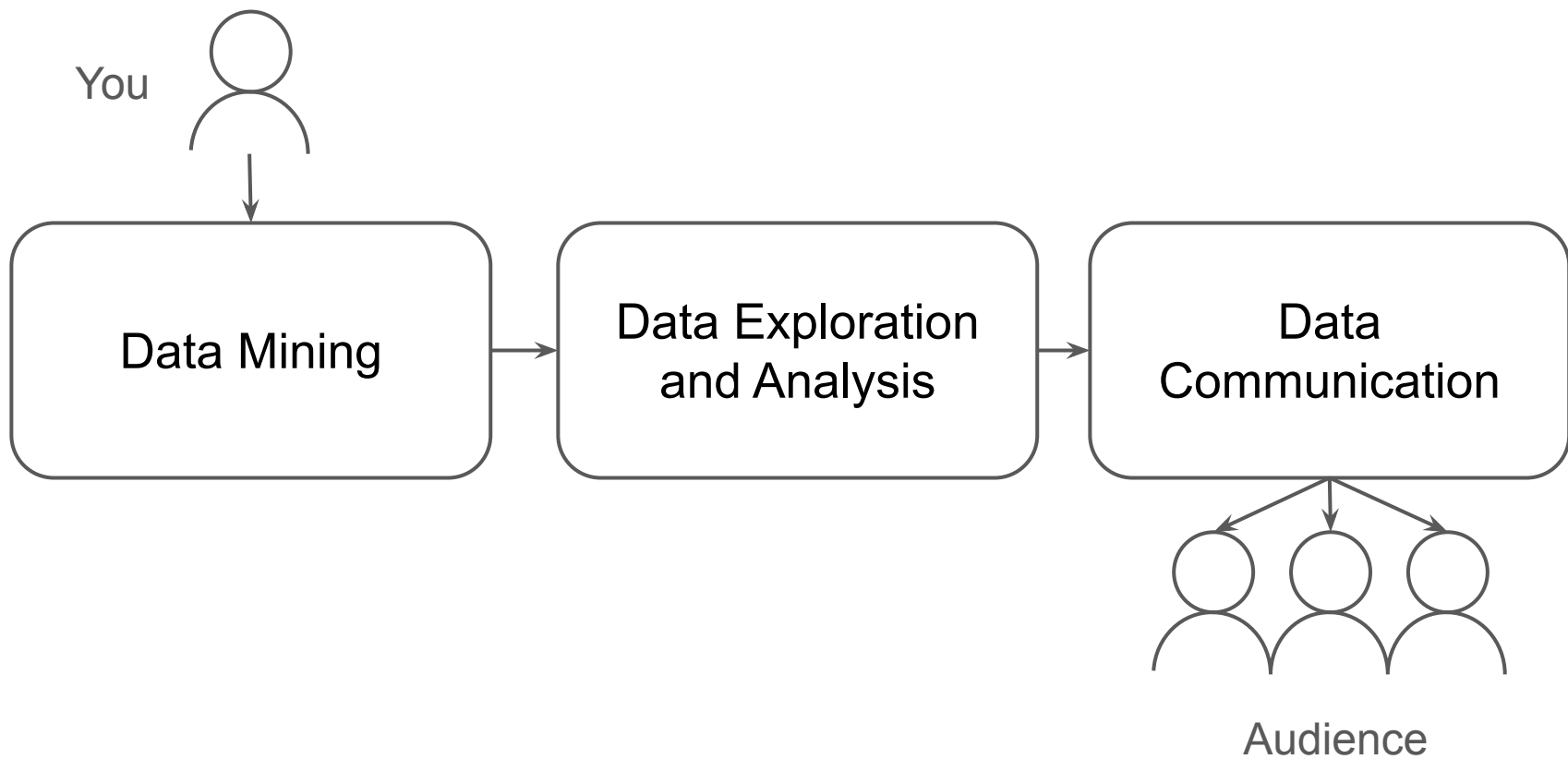
# Data Storytelling in Python Altair

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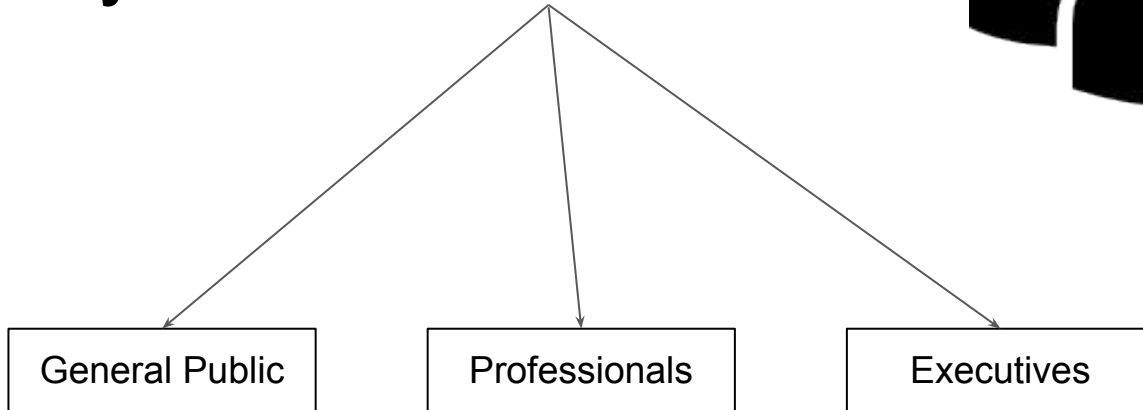
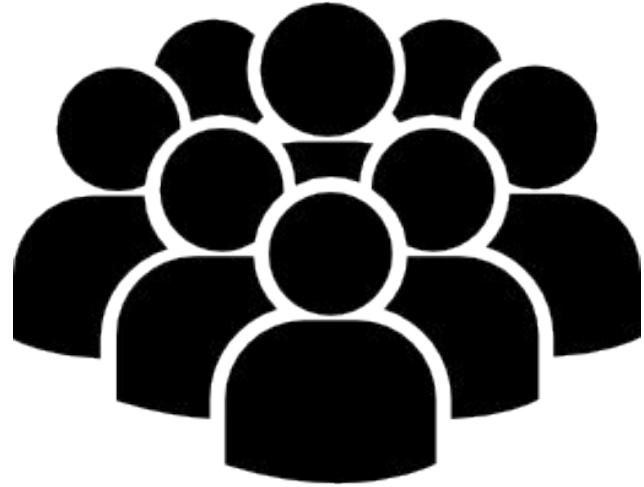
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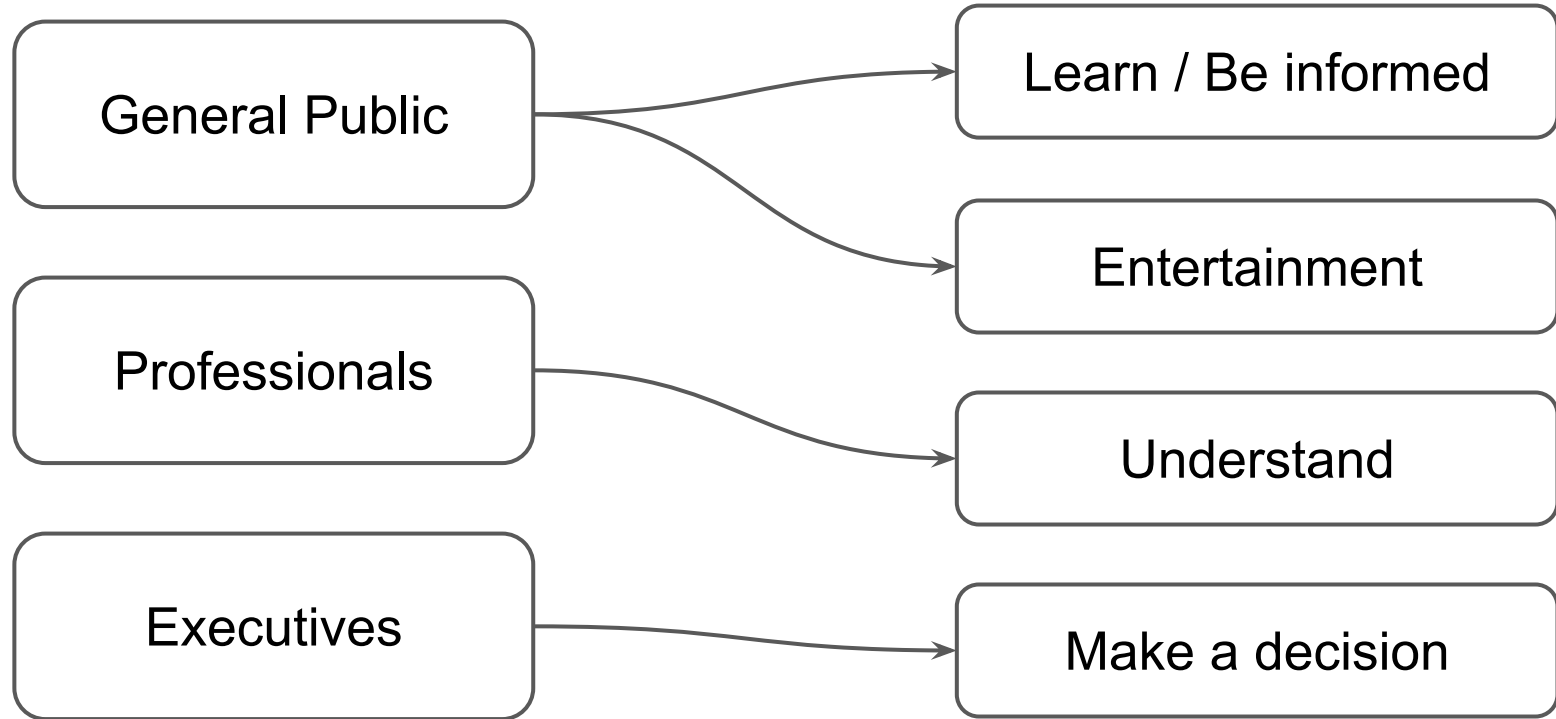
**Data Storytelling**  
Make a story  
with data

Data Storytelling is communicating the results of a data analysis process to an audience through a story.

You always tell a  
story to an **audience**



Each audience has a different **goal**





Based on your audience, you will choose an appropriate

### **Language and Tone**

The set of words  
(language) and the  
emotional expression  
conveyed through  
them (tone)

### **Context**

The level of details to  
add to your story,  
based on the cultural  
sensitivity of the  
audience

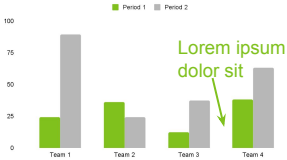
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Data-Information-Knowledge-Wisdom  
(DIKW) Pyramid

Background



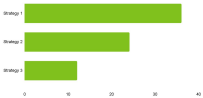
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Next Steps

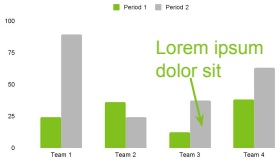
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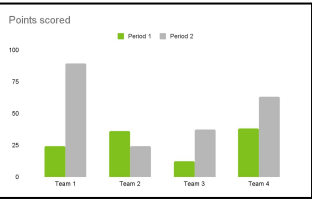
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WISDOM

ACTION

KNOWLEDGE

CONTEXT

INFORMATION

MEANING

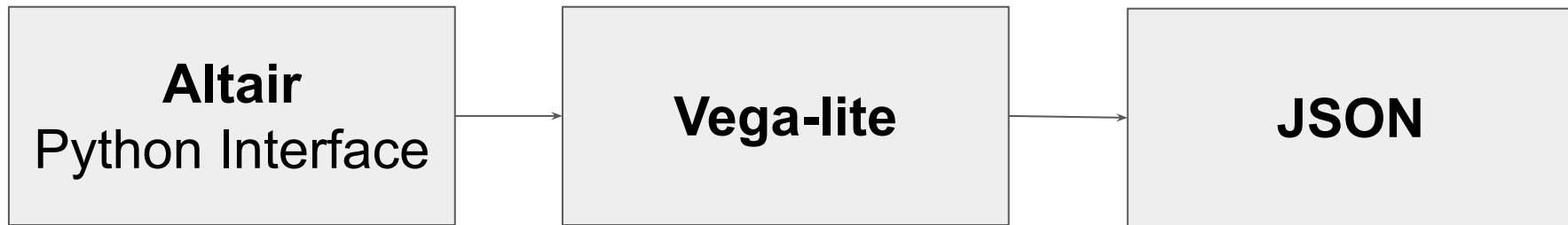
DATA

RAW

# Python Altair

# Altair

The Vega-Altair library (Altair, for short) is a declarative Python library for statistical visualization based on the Vega-Lite visualization grammars.



# Altair parameters

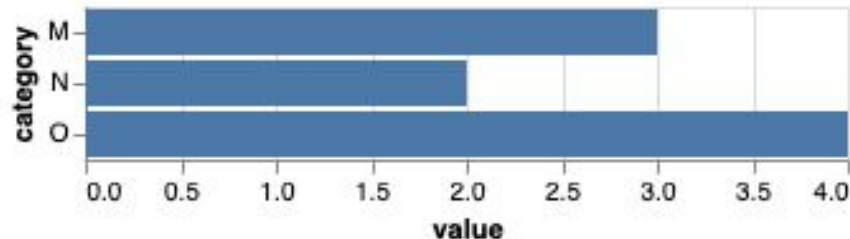
- **Marks:** define the type of chart we want to build (e.g. bar chart, line chart, ...)
- **Channels:** visual properties to represent, such as axes, colors, size, ...
- **Encodings:** mapping of channels to data columns in the DataFrame

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pip install altair
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# A first example

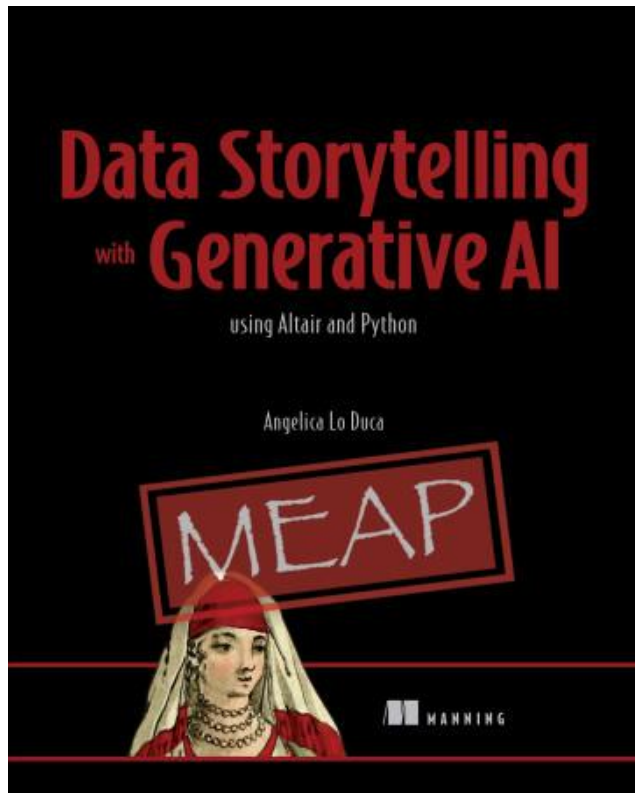
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import pandas as pd
import altair as alt

df = pd.DataFrame({
    'value' : [3,2,4],
    'category' : ['M','N','O']
})
chart = alt.Chart(df)
chart.mark_bar()
chart.encode(
    x = 'value:Q',
    y = 'category:N'
)
chart
```





## References



Discount code:

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## Case Study

<https://github.com/alod83/data-storytelling-in-python-altair-workshop>