

Lecture I: Introduction, Course Overview, Git

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Today

- Course Overview
- What is Visualization? Why Visualization?
- Intro to Git

Teaching Staff Introductions

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Wed. 2:30pm – 5:00pm

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*You must book at least 1 hour in advance.

*I use they/them pronouns. Yes, it is inappropriate to use any other pronouns for me.

If you would like resources on pronoun usage and/or a place to practice, try starting here:
<http://showyourlovetoday.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Pronoun-Practice.pdf>

Teaching Staff Introductions

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Extra Office Hours with Kate Kryder at Snell Library

Kate can help with:

- Ideas for visualizing your data or topic
- Recommendations for data visualization tools to use
- Assistance using data visualization tools (ex. R, Python, D3, Tableau)
- Suggestions for improving data visualization design
- Poster design
- Presentation design

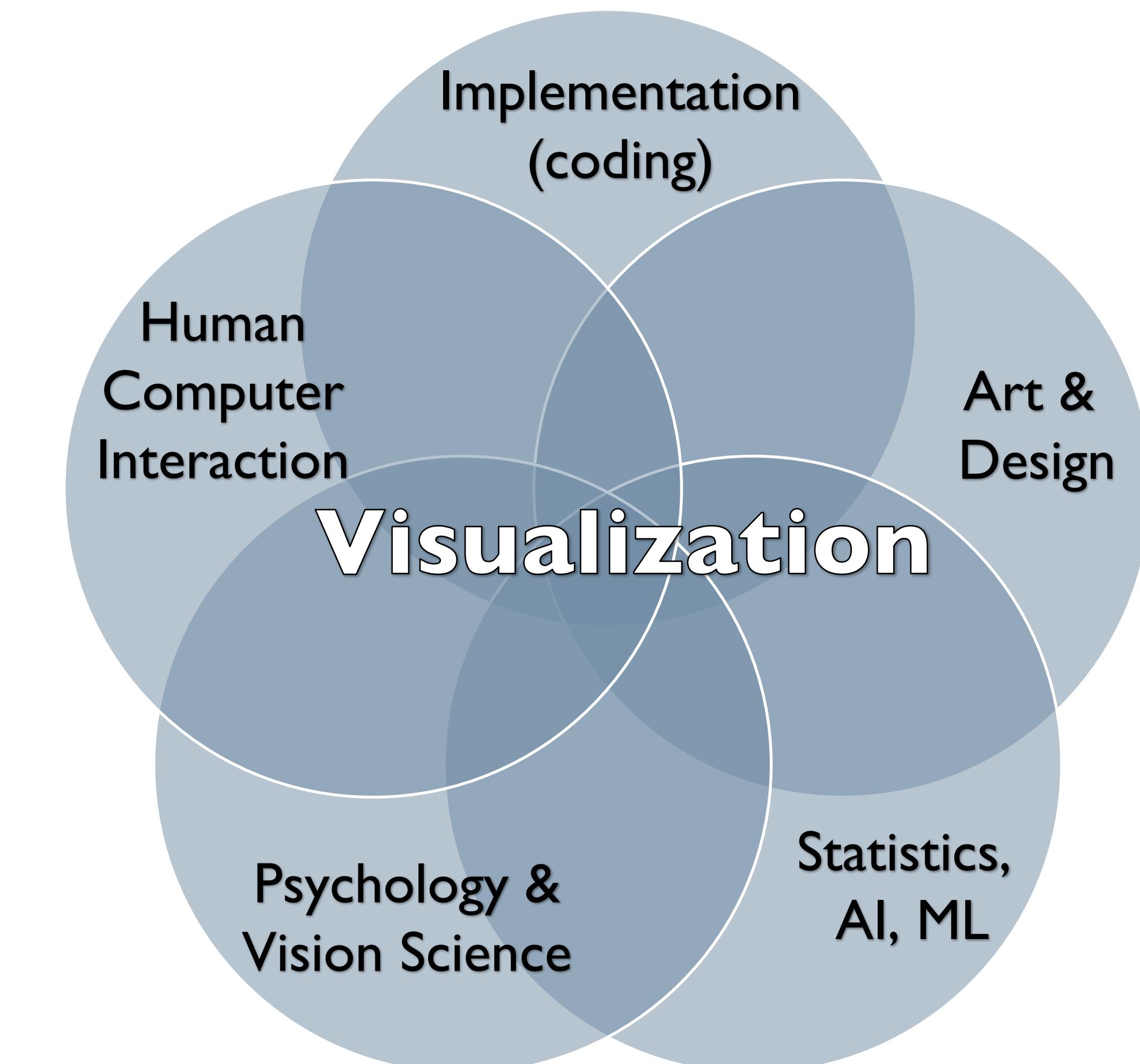
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- **Overarching goal:** Learn to create effective information representations
- How will we accomplish this?



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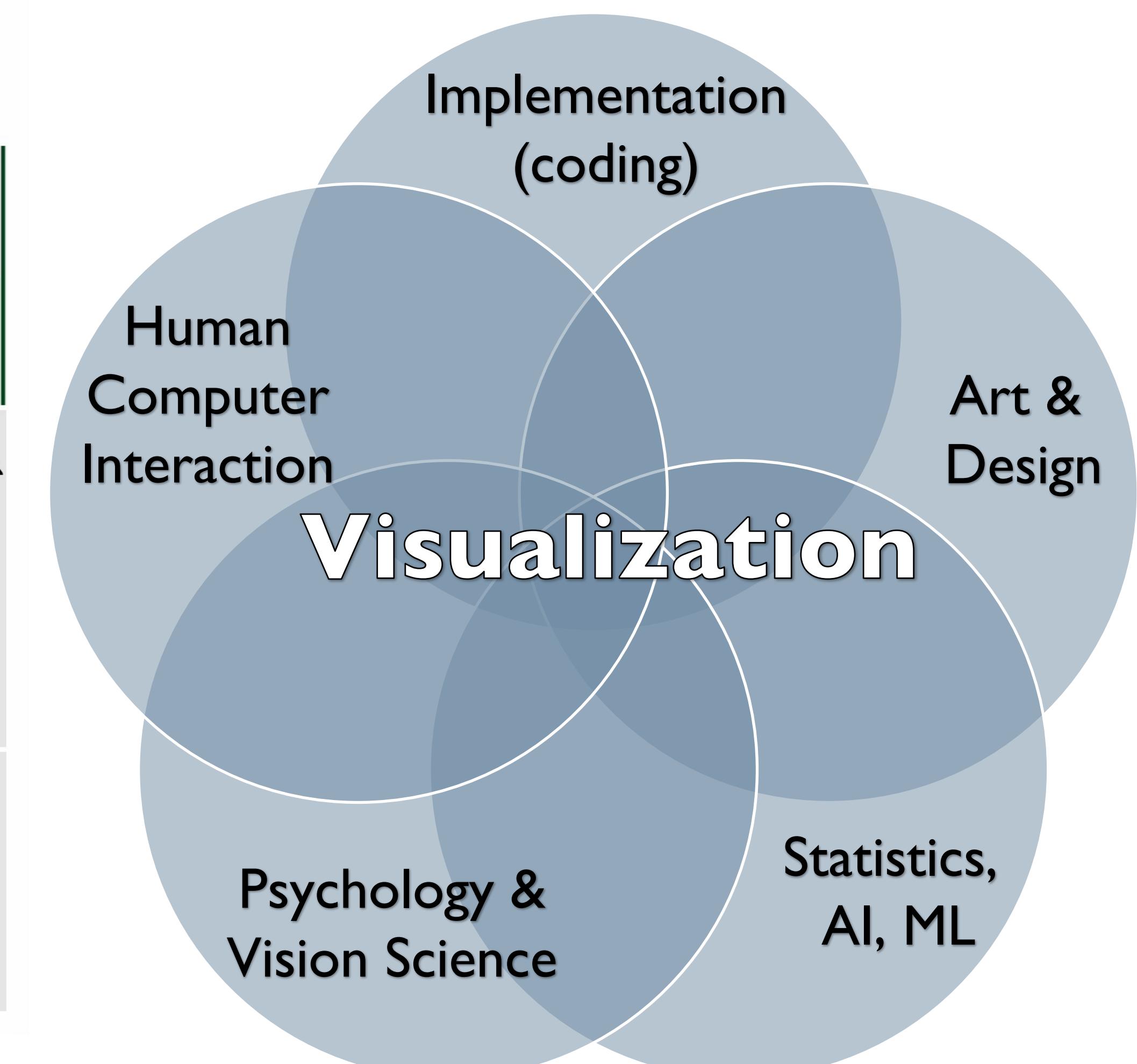
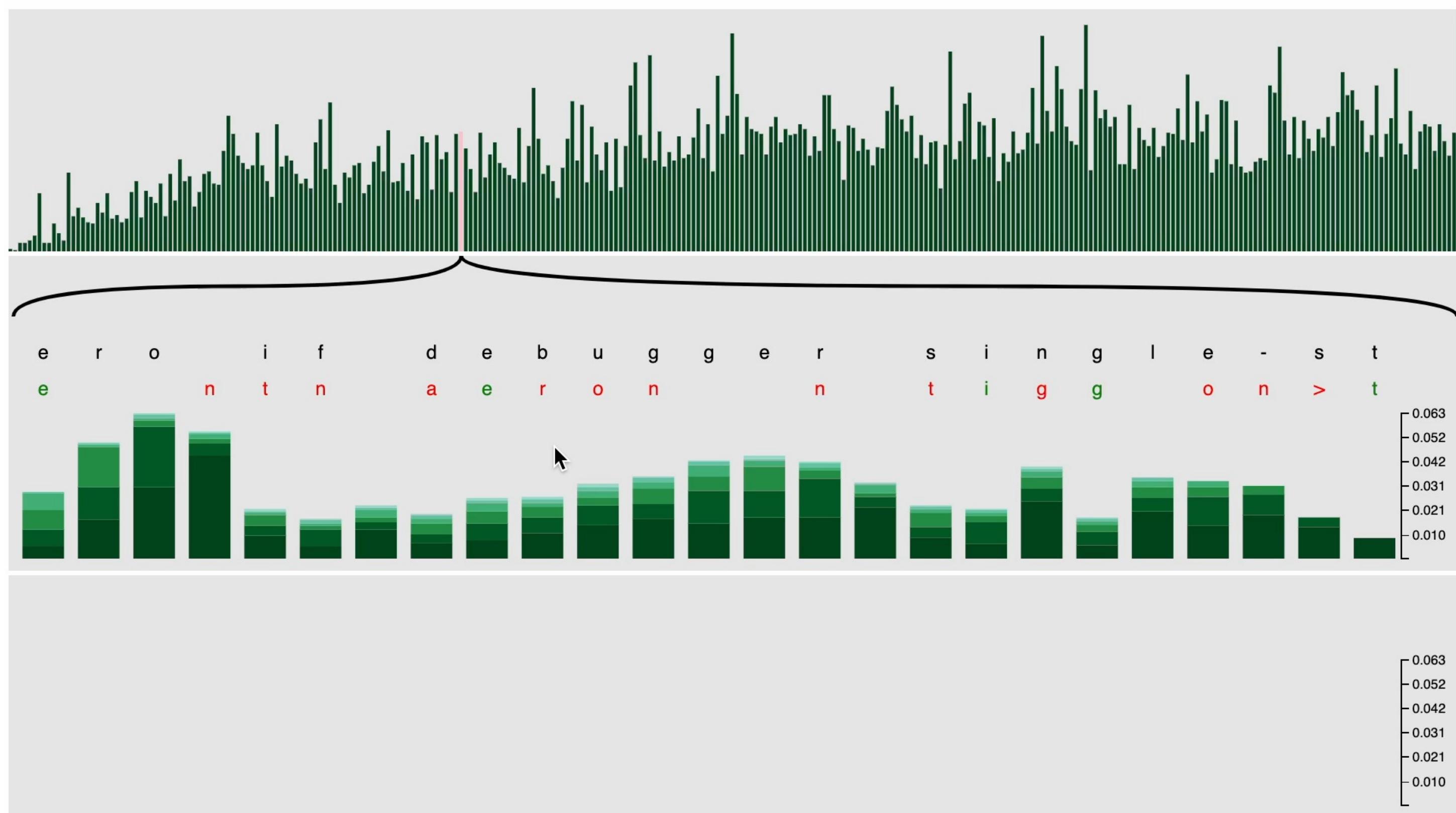


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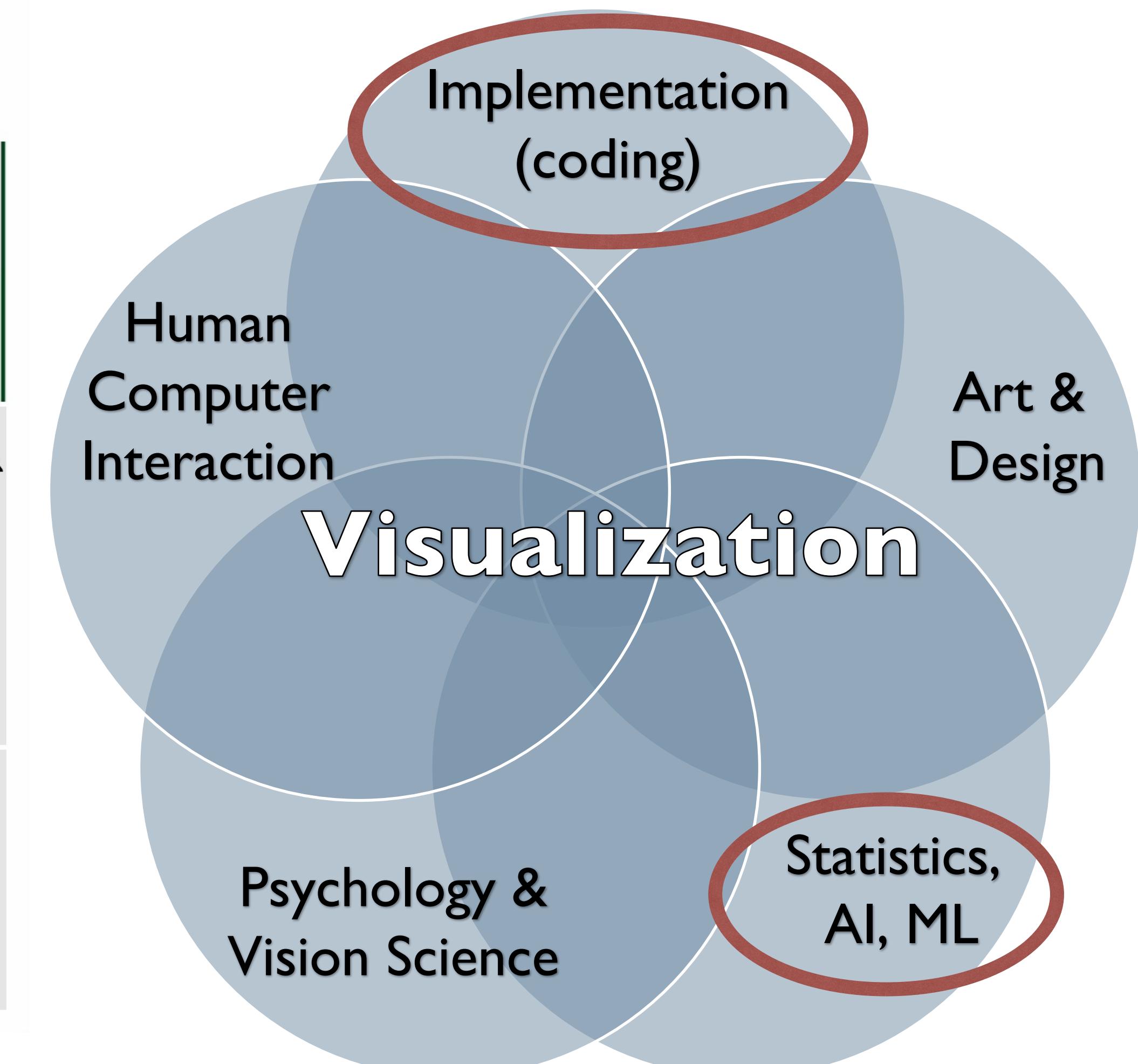
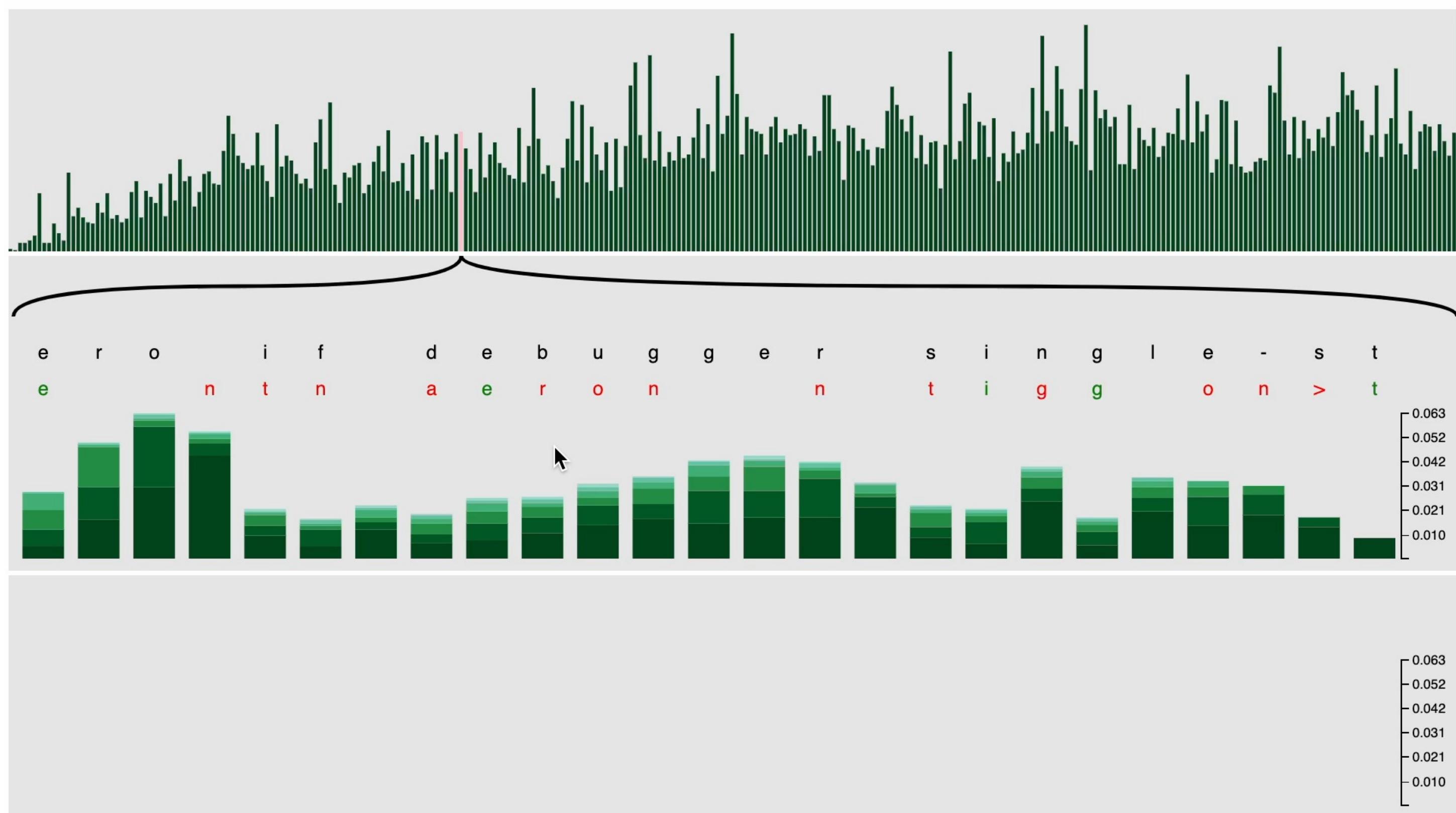


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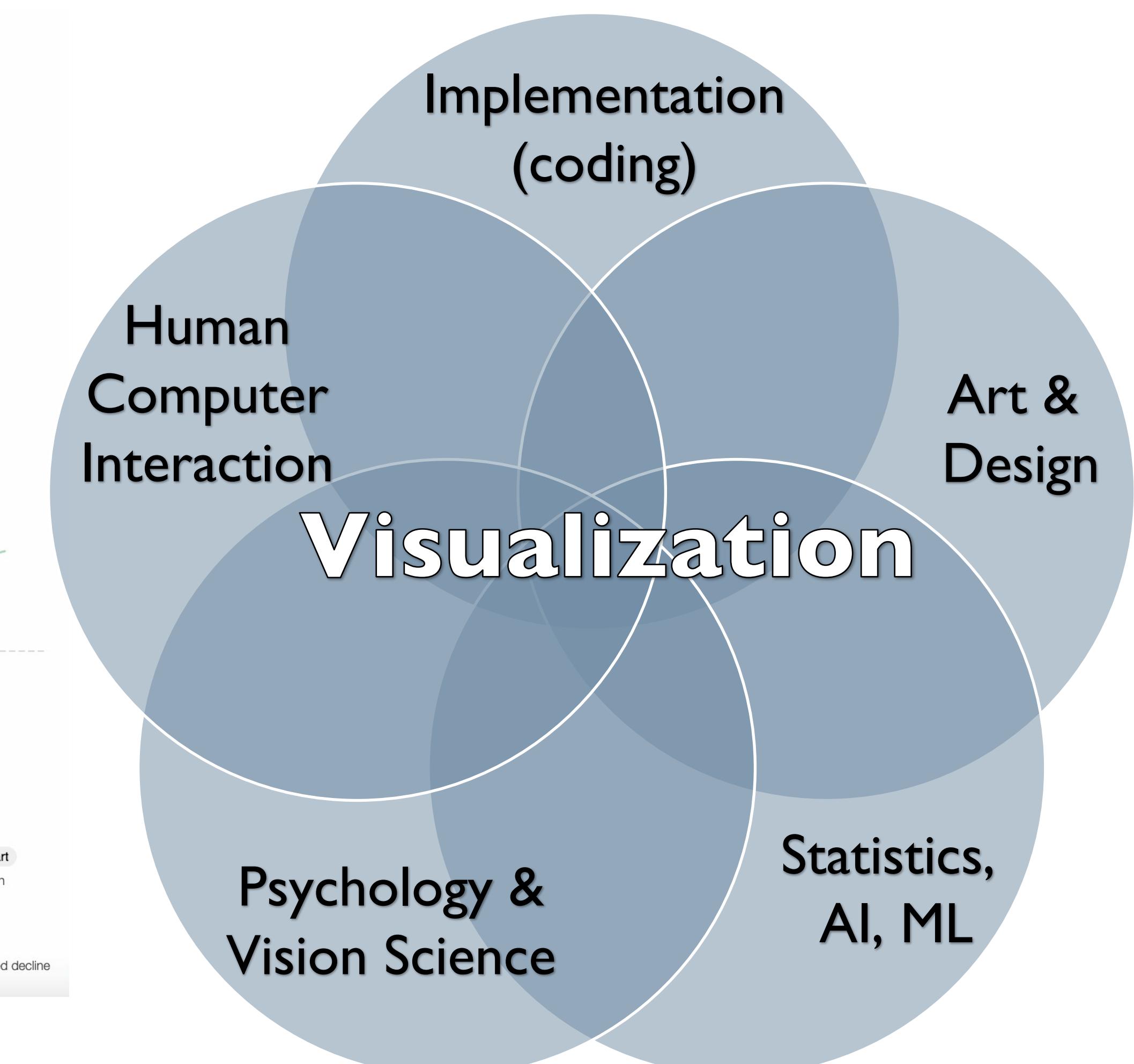
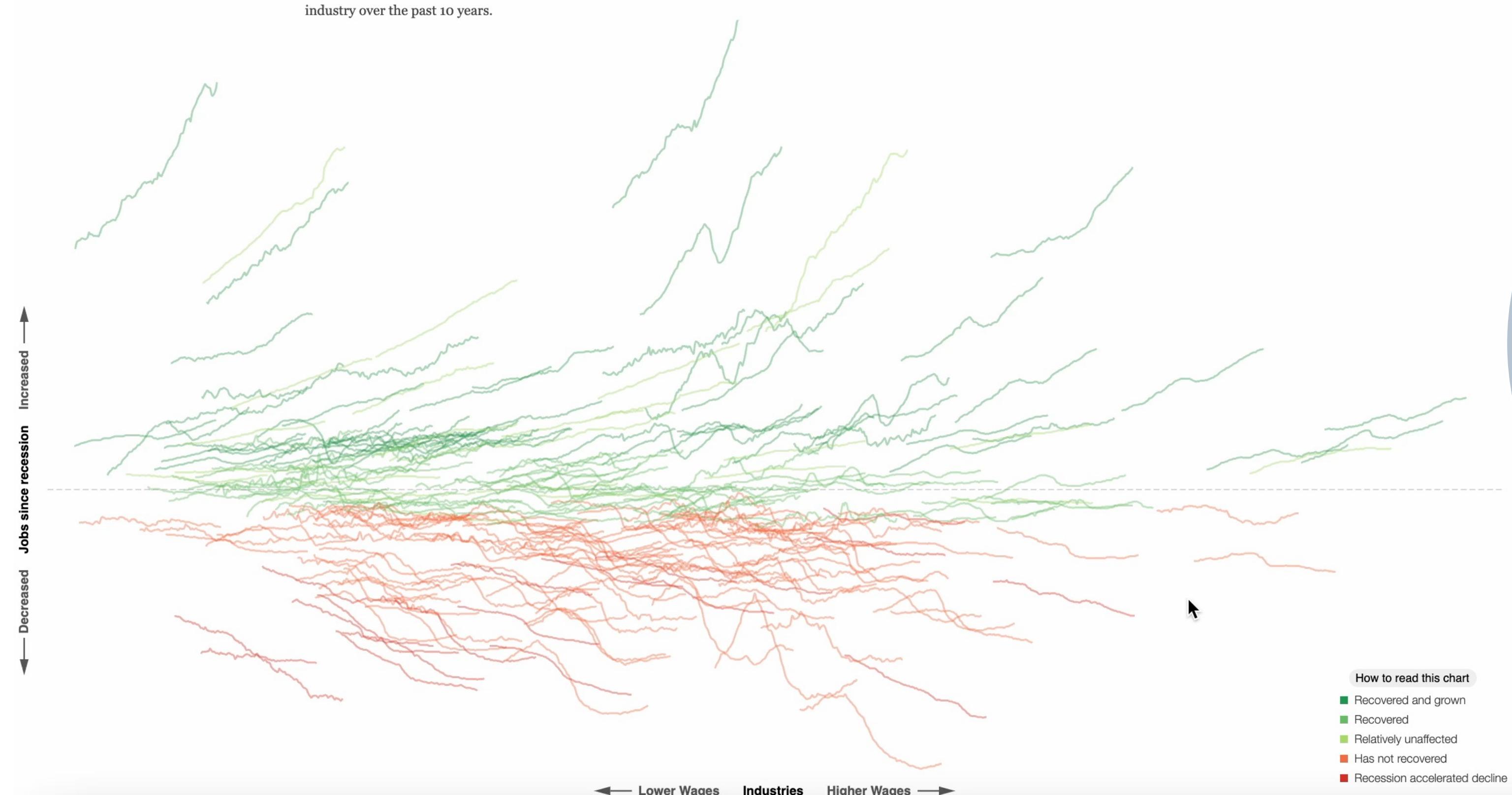
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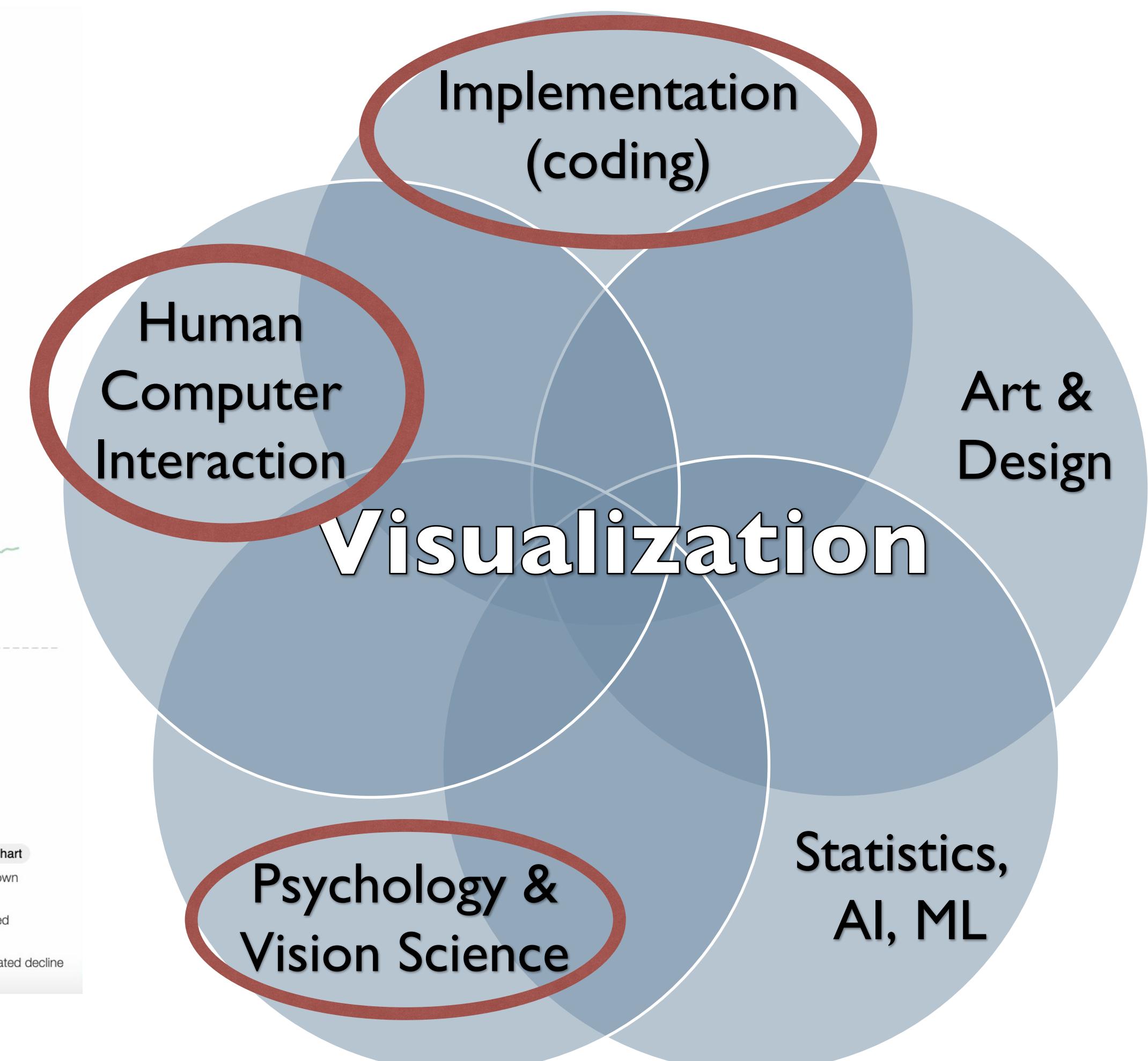
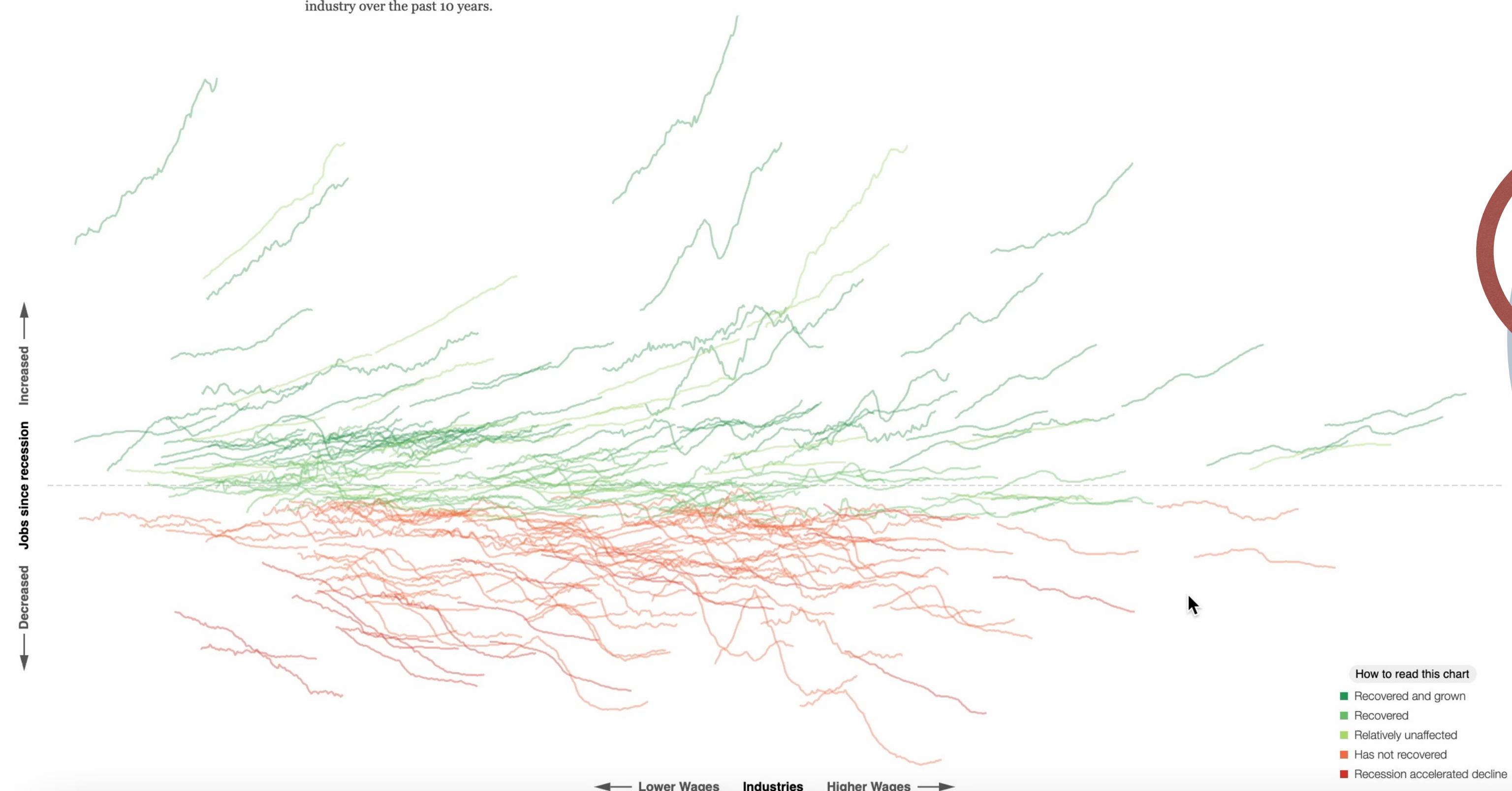
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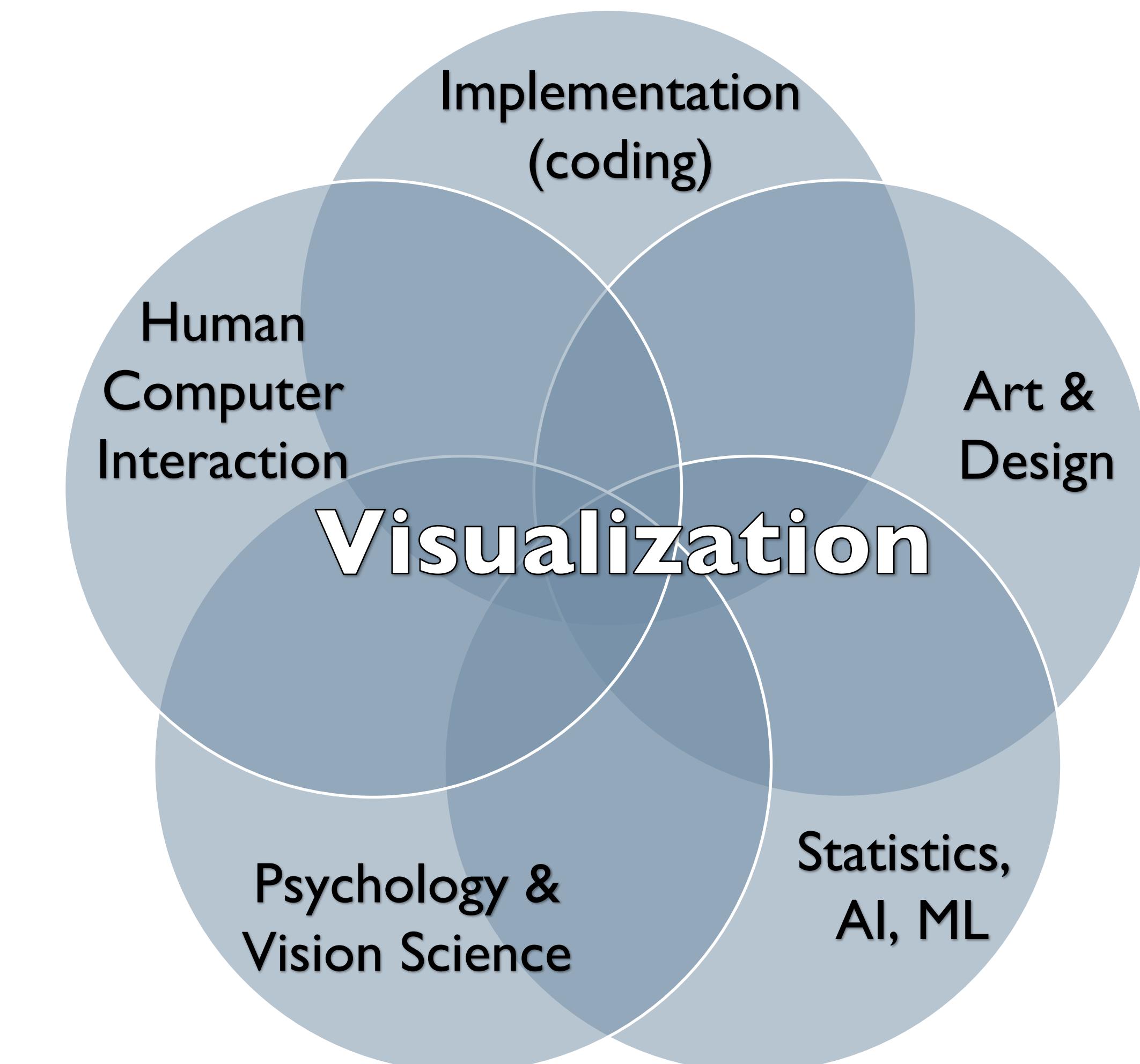
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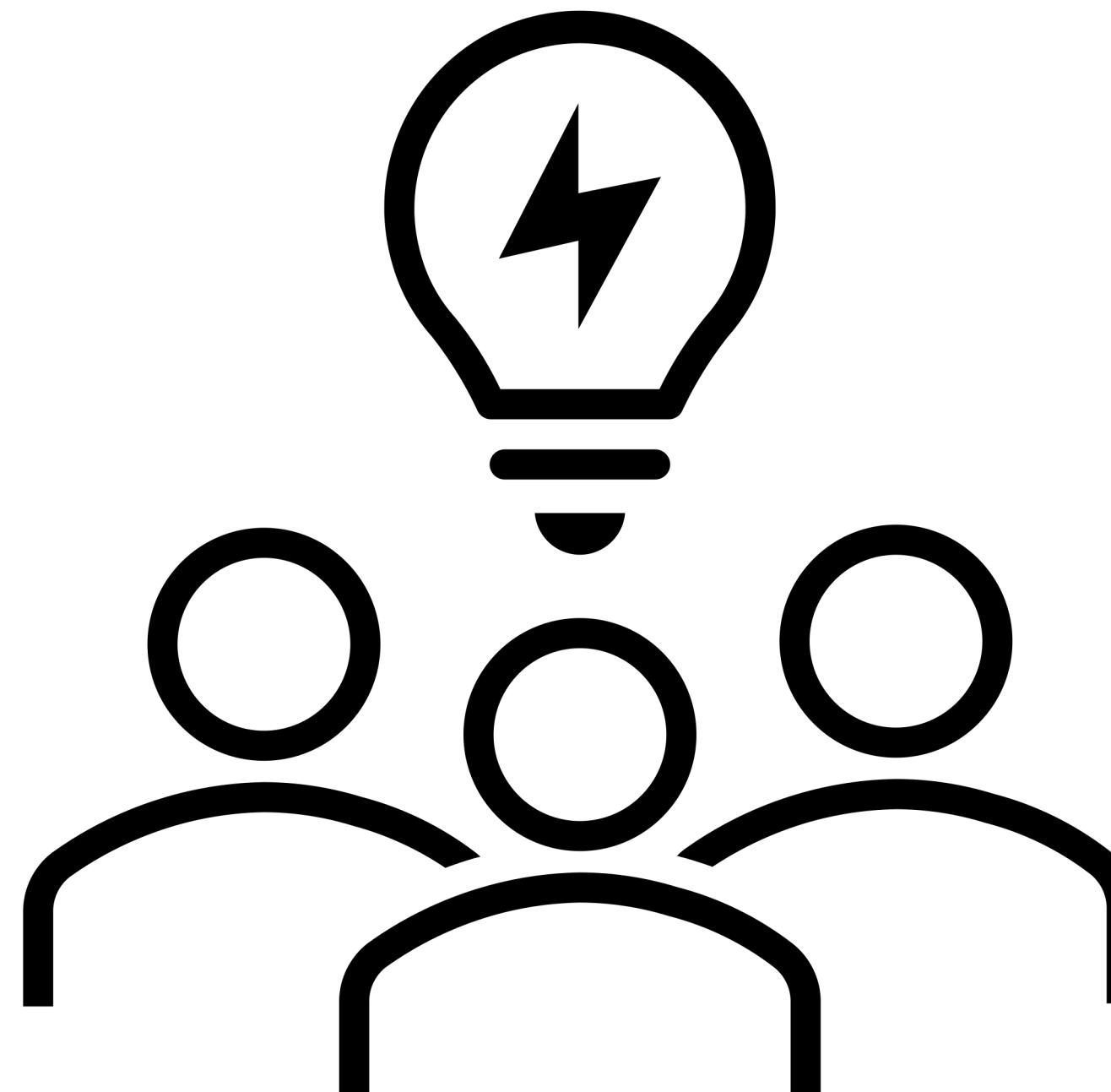
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- GitHub Classroom – links provided in assignments

Class Structure

- In class
 - Lecture + graded in-class activity (ic)
- Outside of class
 - Graded homework (hw) + project milestone (pm) assignments

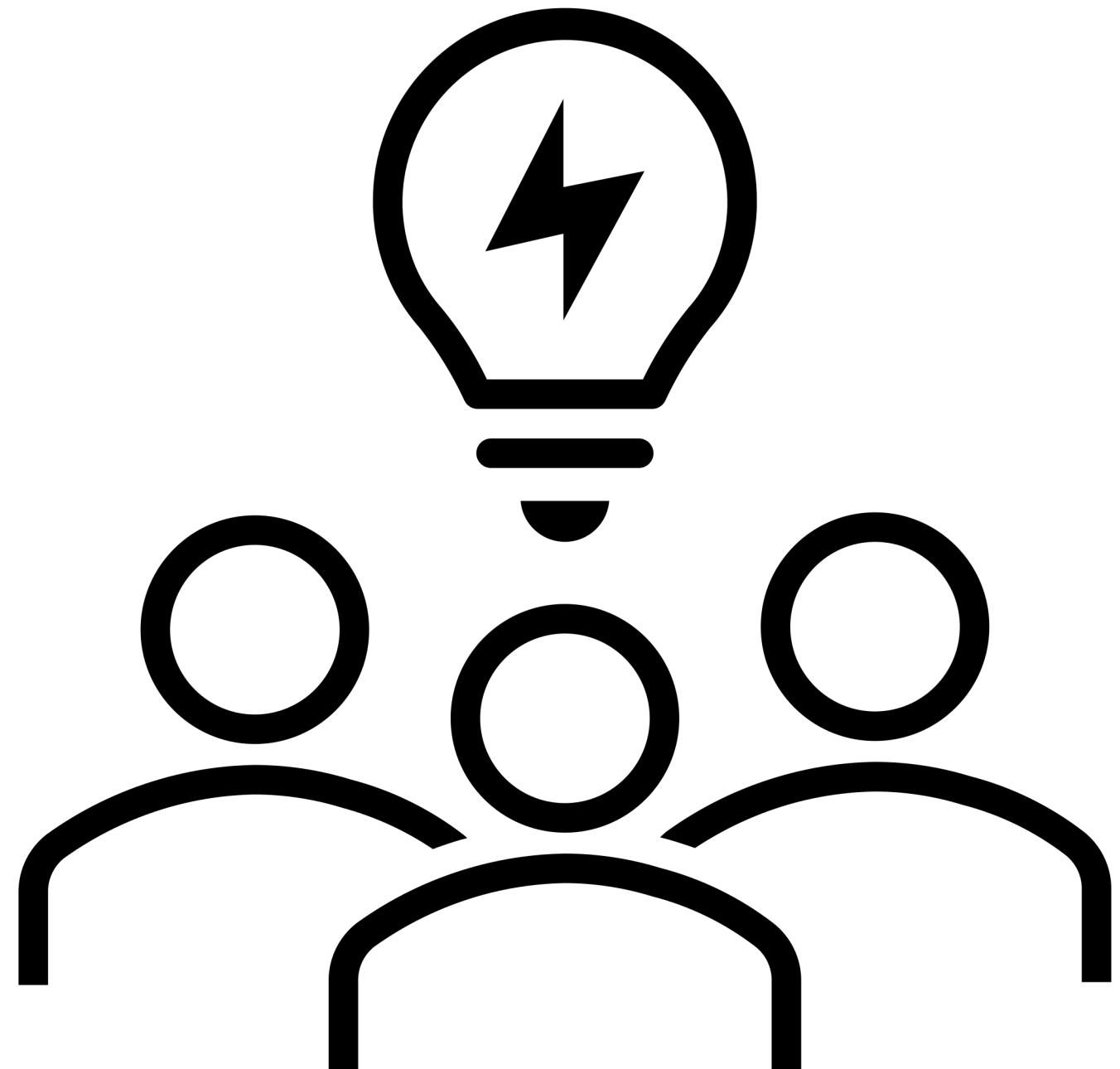
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- Find an **example of a visualization** you have seen recently.
- Add a screenshot of it to the Jamboard here: [Real-World-Examples](#)

What is Visualization?



- Look at the examples of visualizations.
Talk to your neighbors and
**brainstorm a definition for
Information Visualization.**
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[Define-Information-Visualization](#)

Official Definition

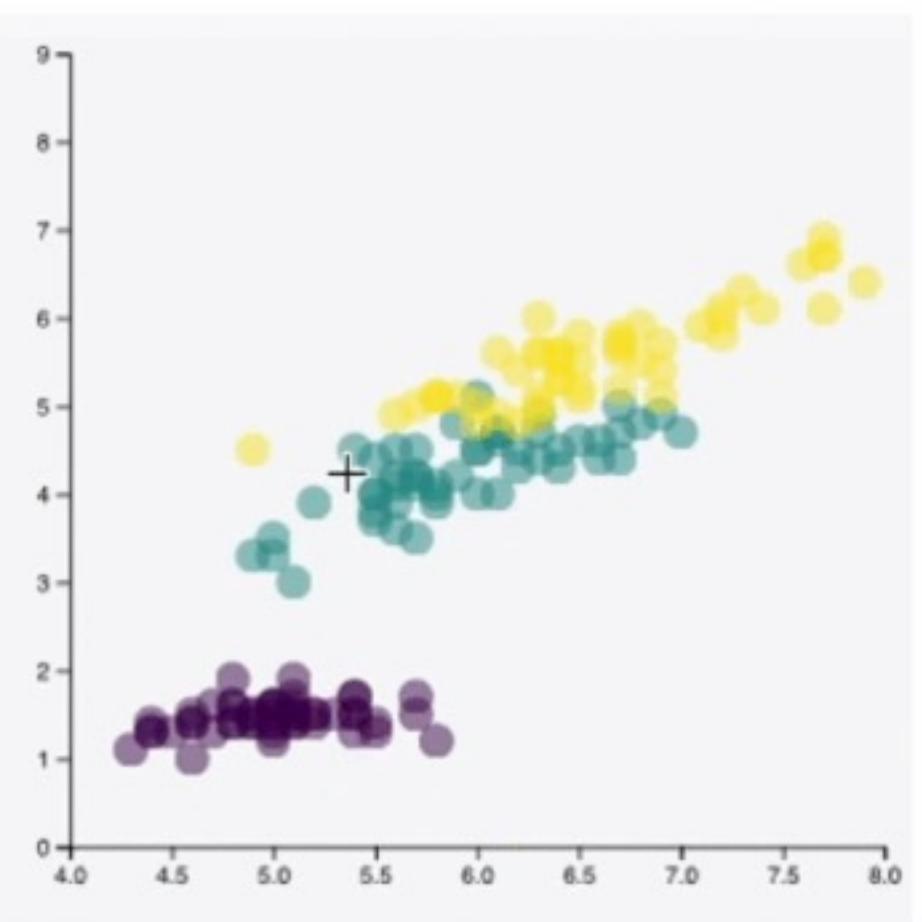
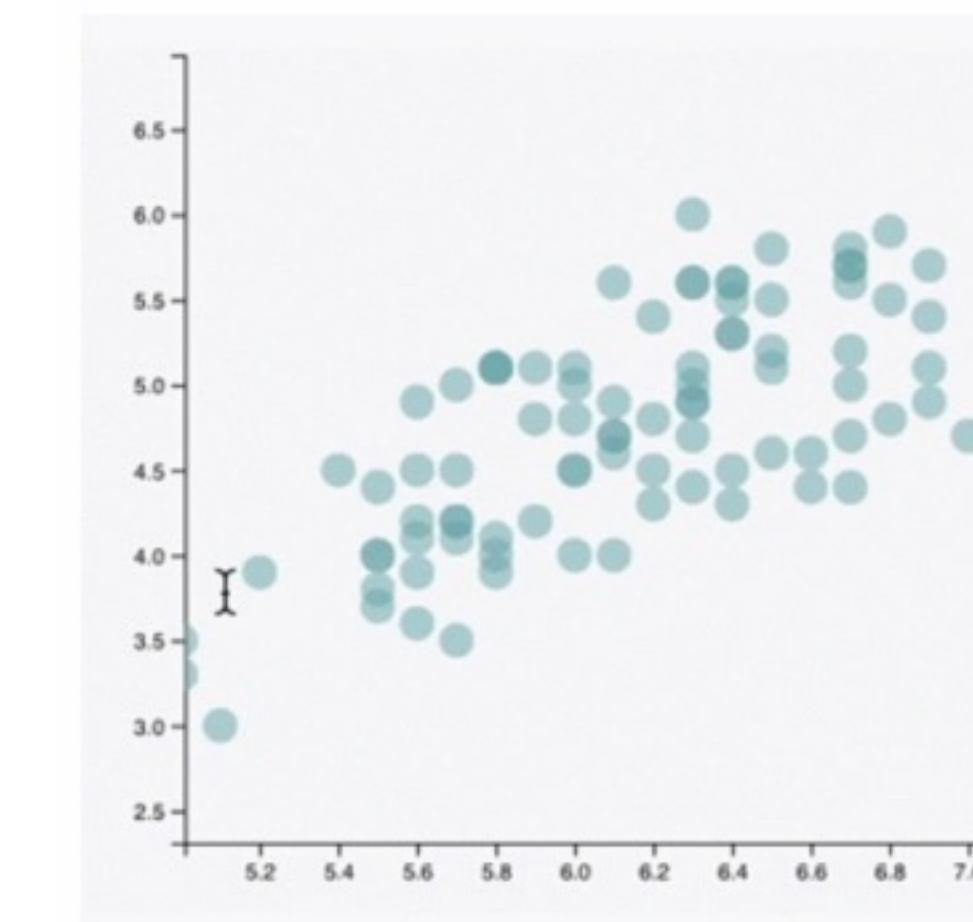
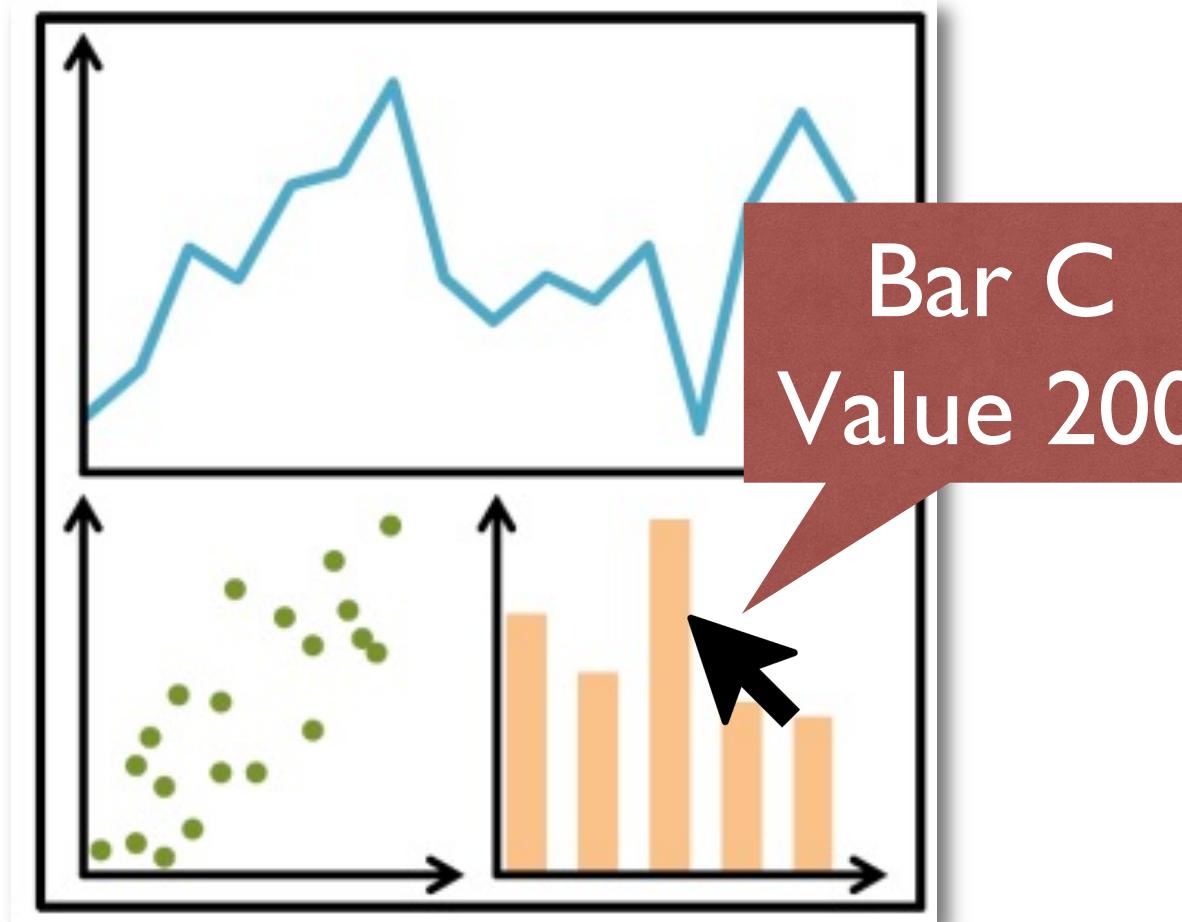
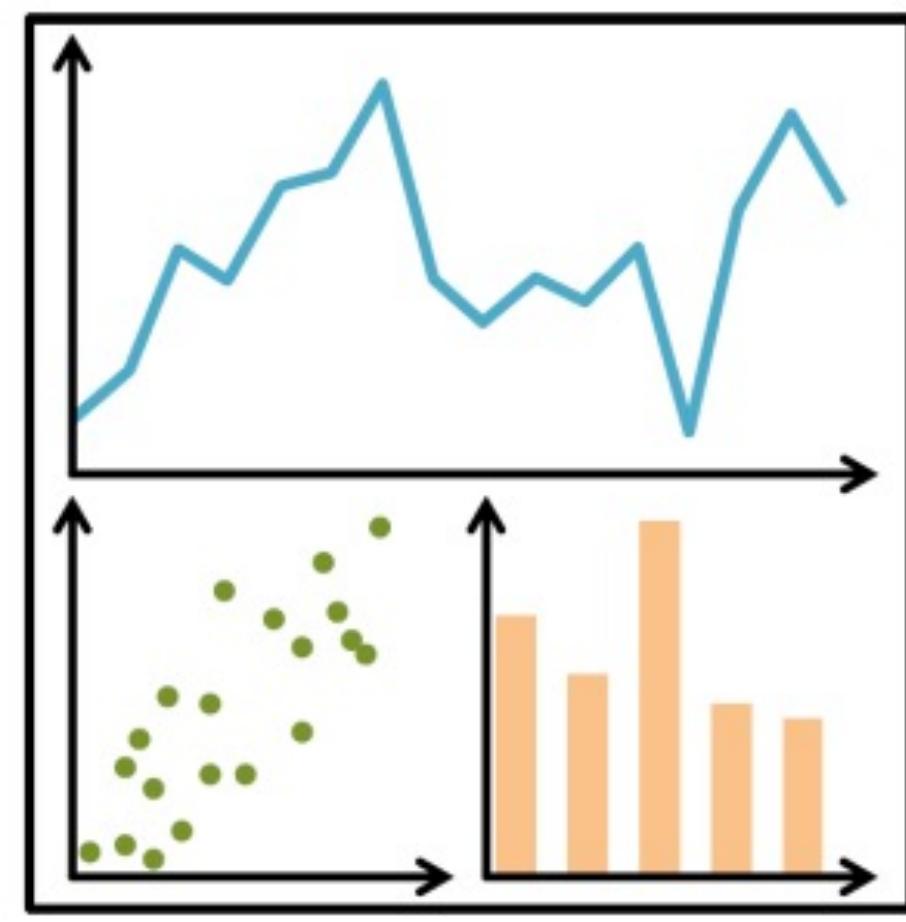
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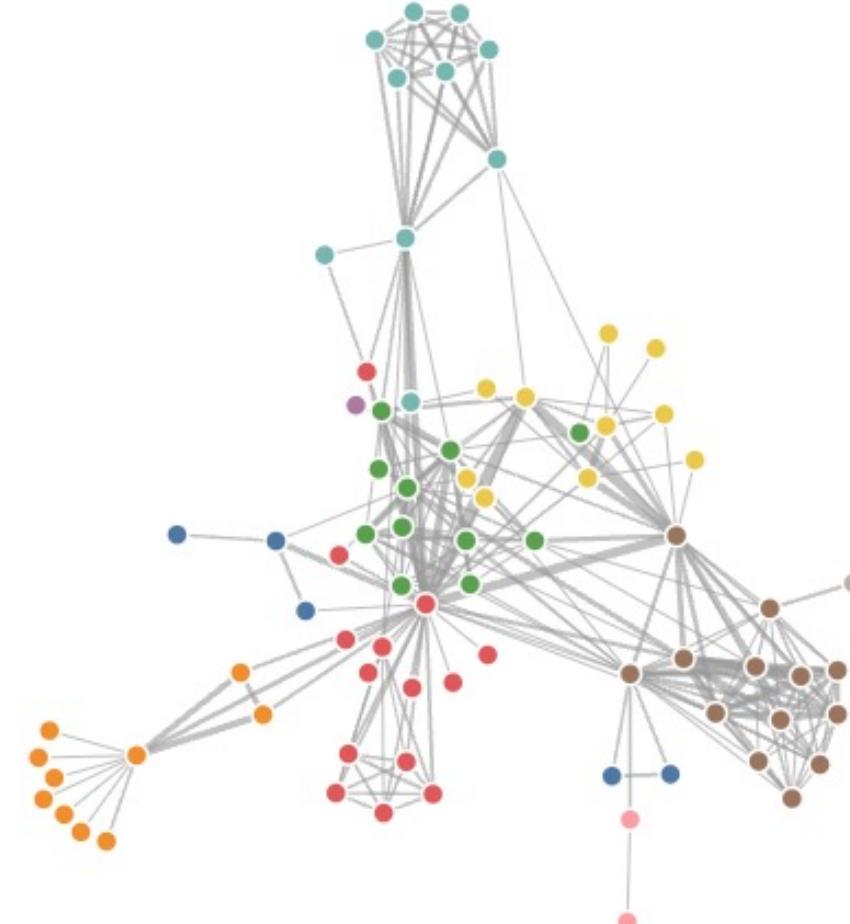
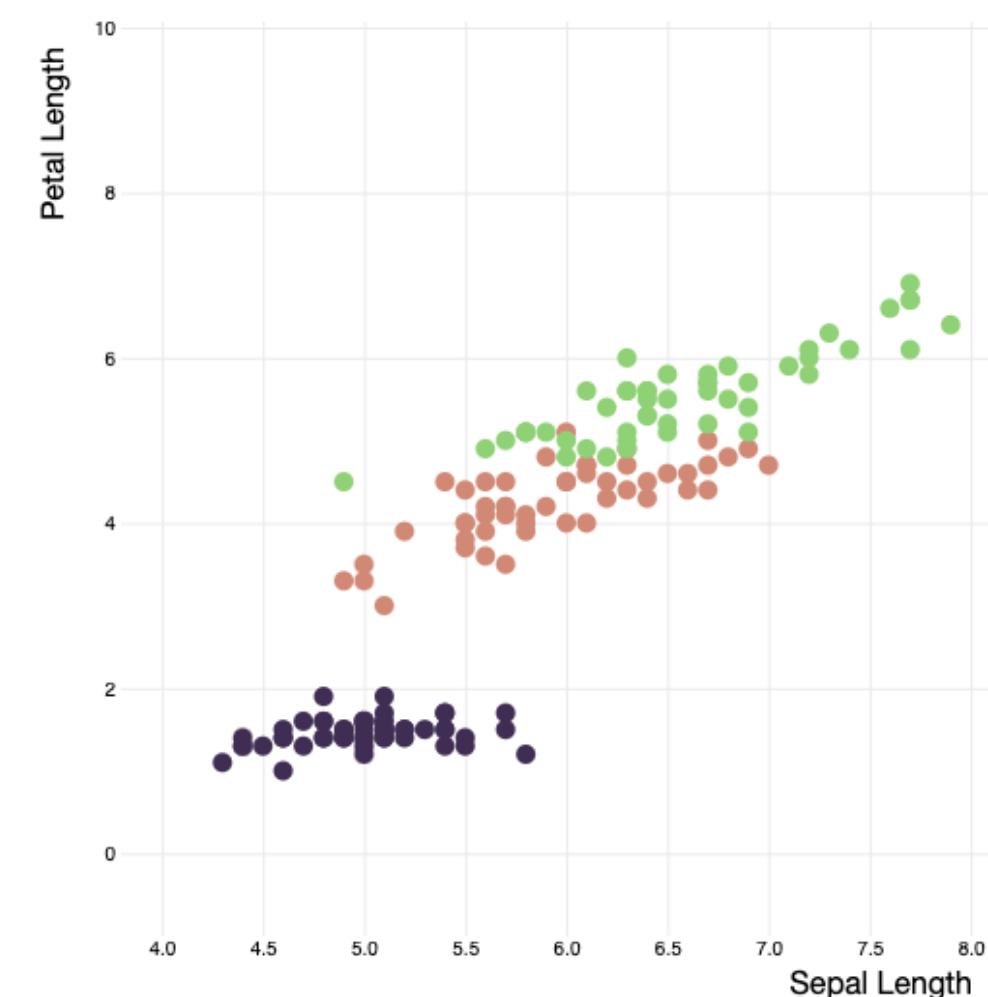


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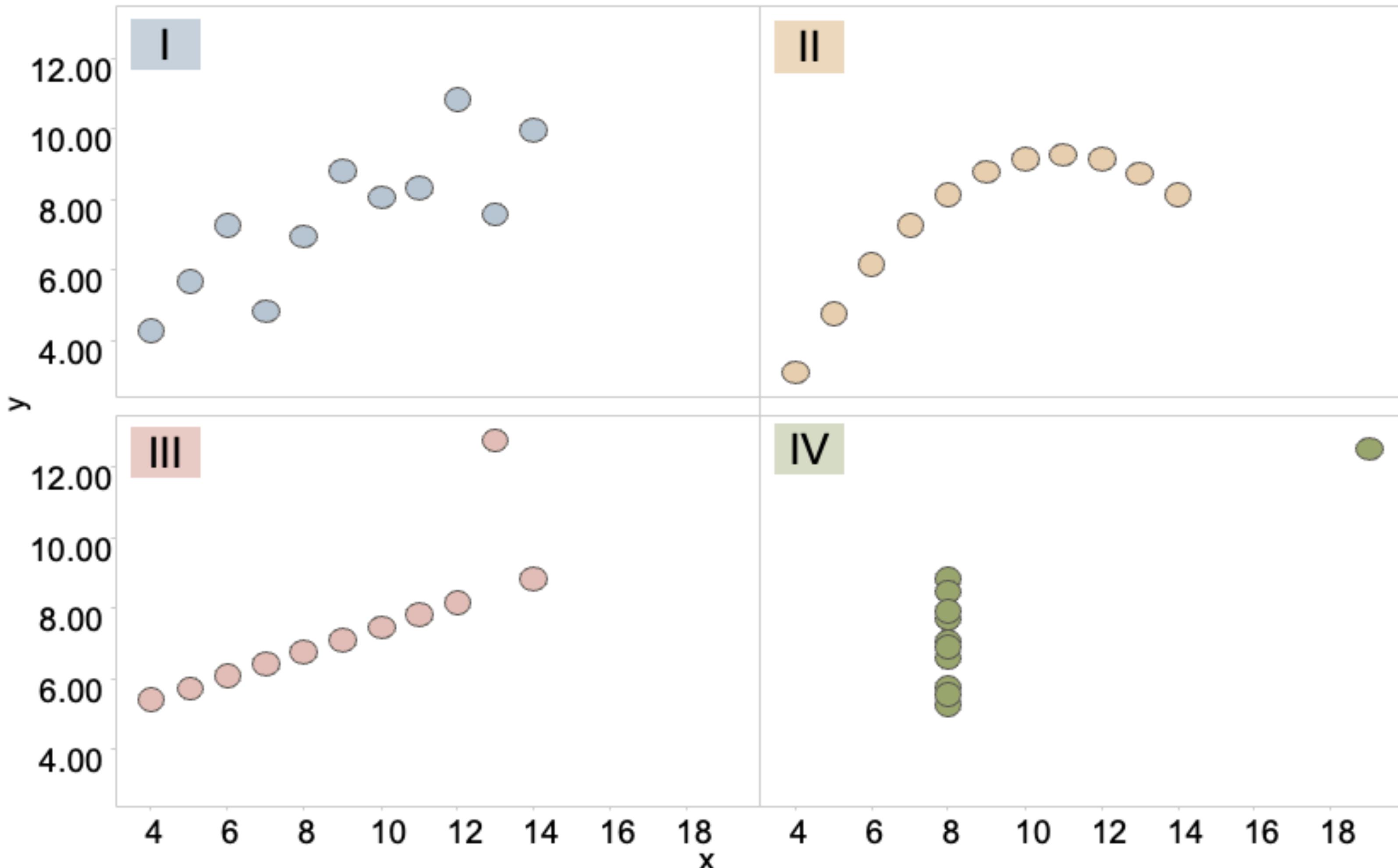
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13.00	7.58	13.00	8.74	13.00	12.74	8.00	7.71
9.00	8.81	9.00	8.77	9.00	7.11	8.00	8.84
11.00	8.33	11.00	9.26	11.00	7.81	8.00	8.47
14.00	9.96	14.00	8.10	14.00	8.84	8.00	7.04
6.00	7.24	6.00	6.13	6.00	6.08	8.00	5.25
4.00	4.26	4.00	3.10	4.00	5.39	19.00	12.50
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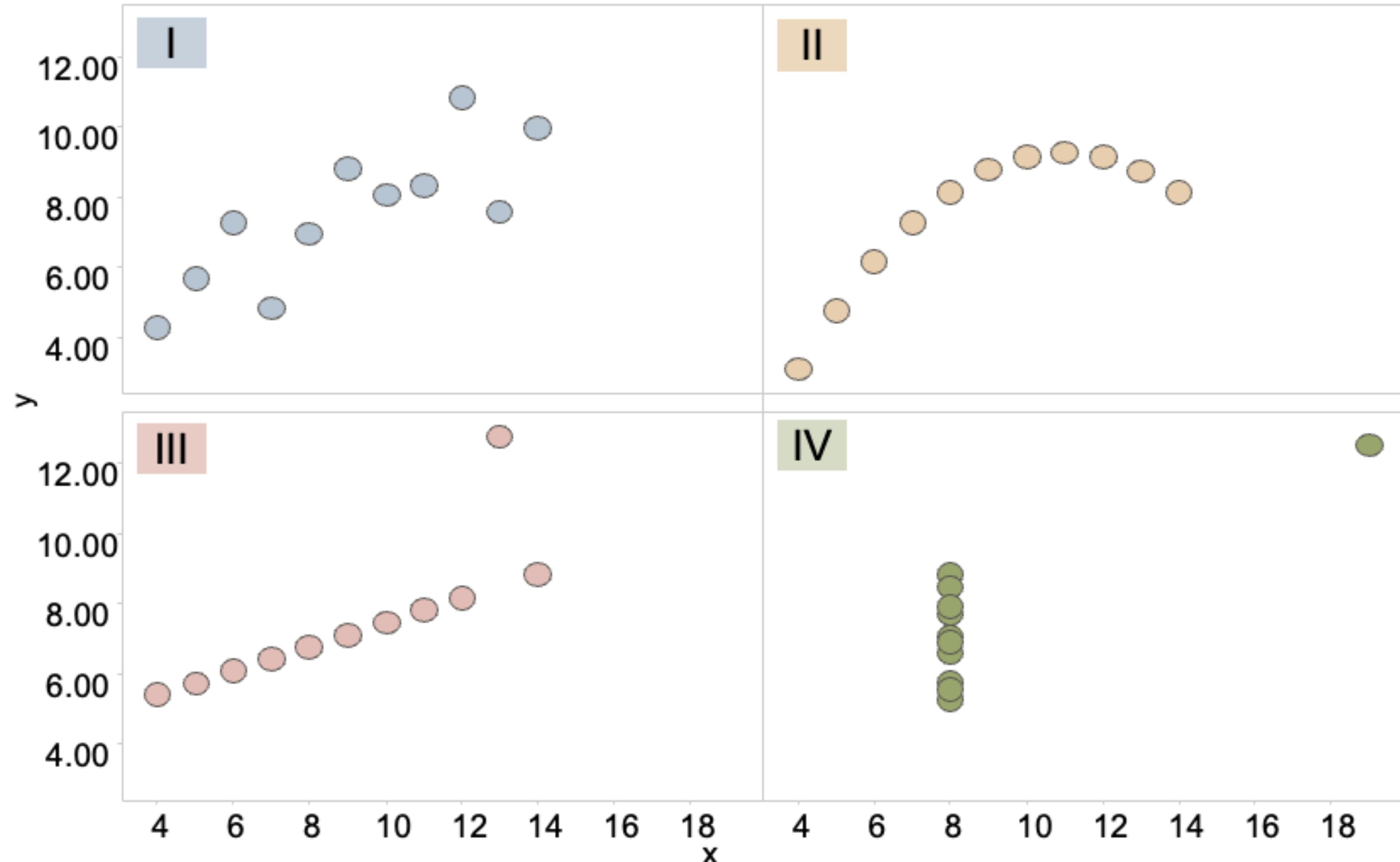
Mean	9.0	7.5	9.0	7.5	9.0	7.5	9.0	7.5
Variance	10.0	3.75	10.0	3.75	10.0	3.75	10.0	3.75
Correlation	0.816		0.816		0.816		0.816	

Why visualize data?



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Reveal
Patterns



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Leverage Human
Perception

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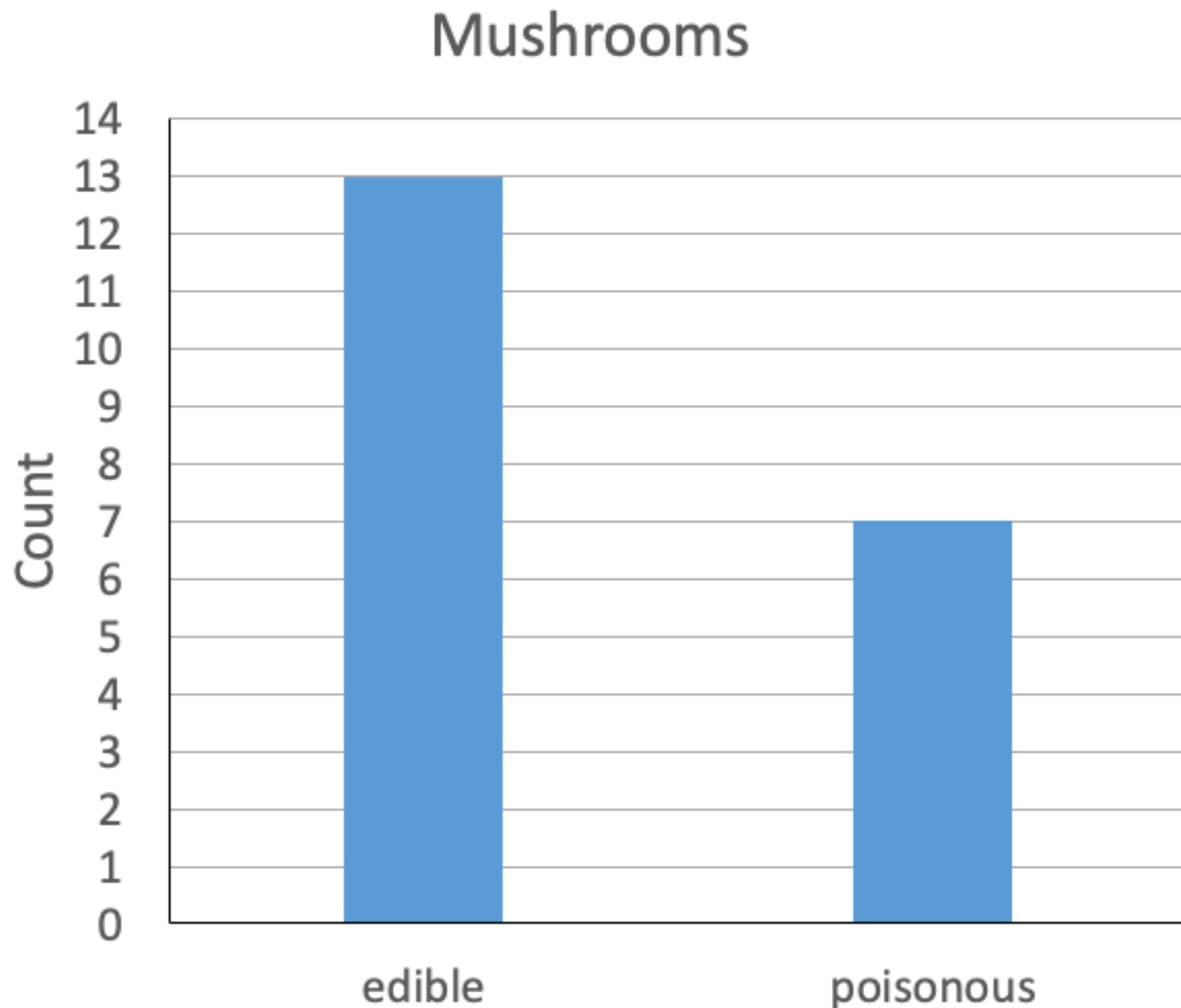
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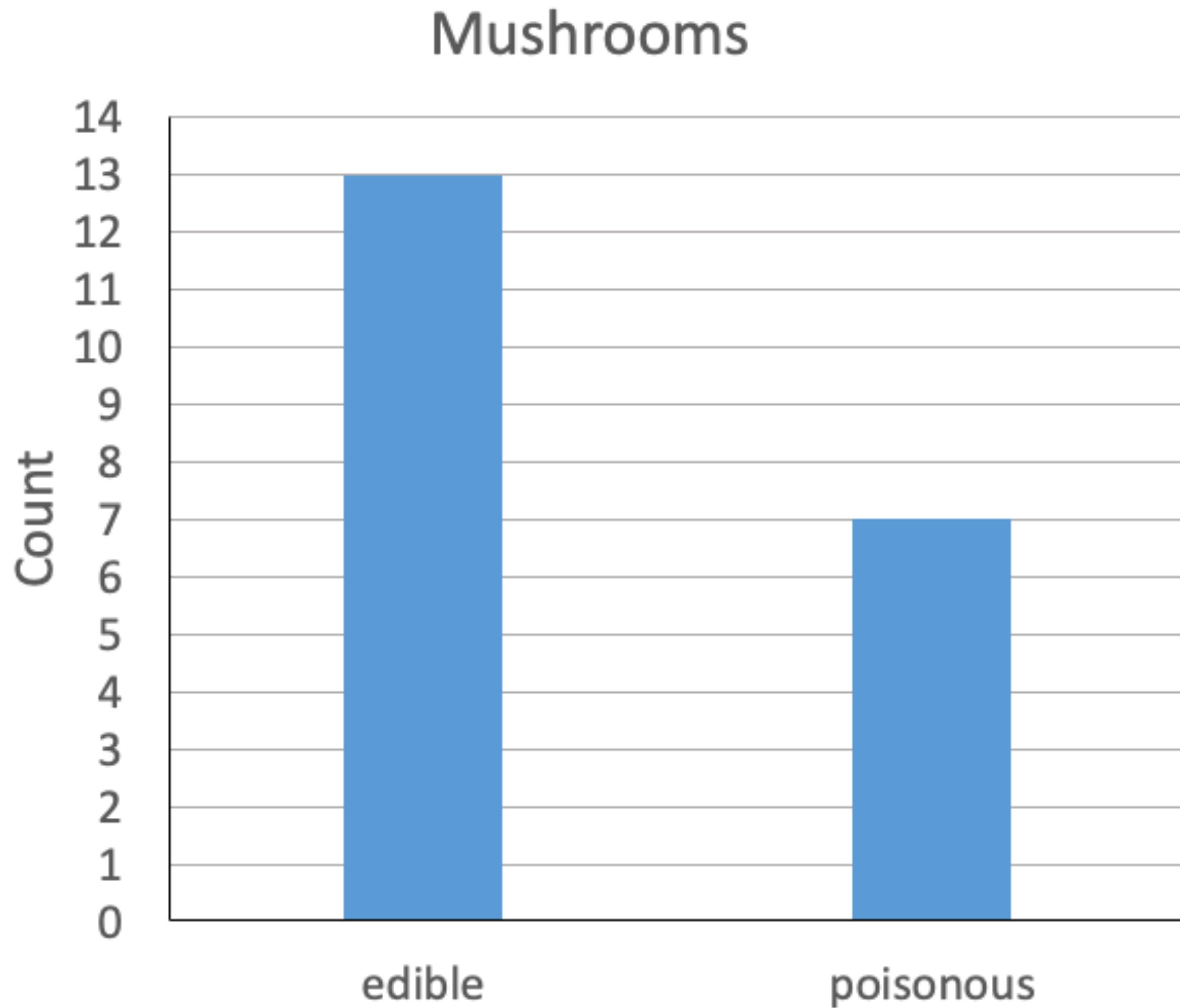
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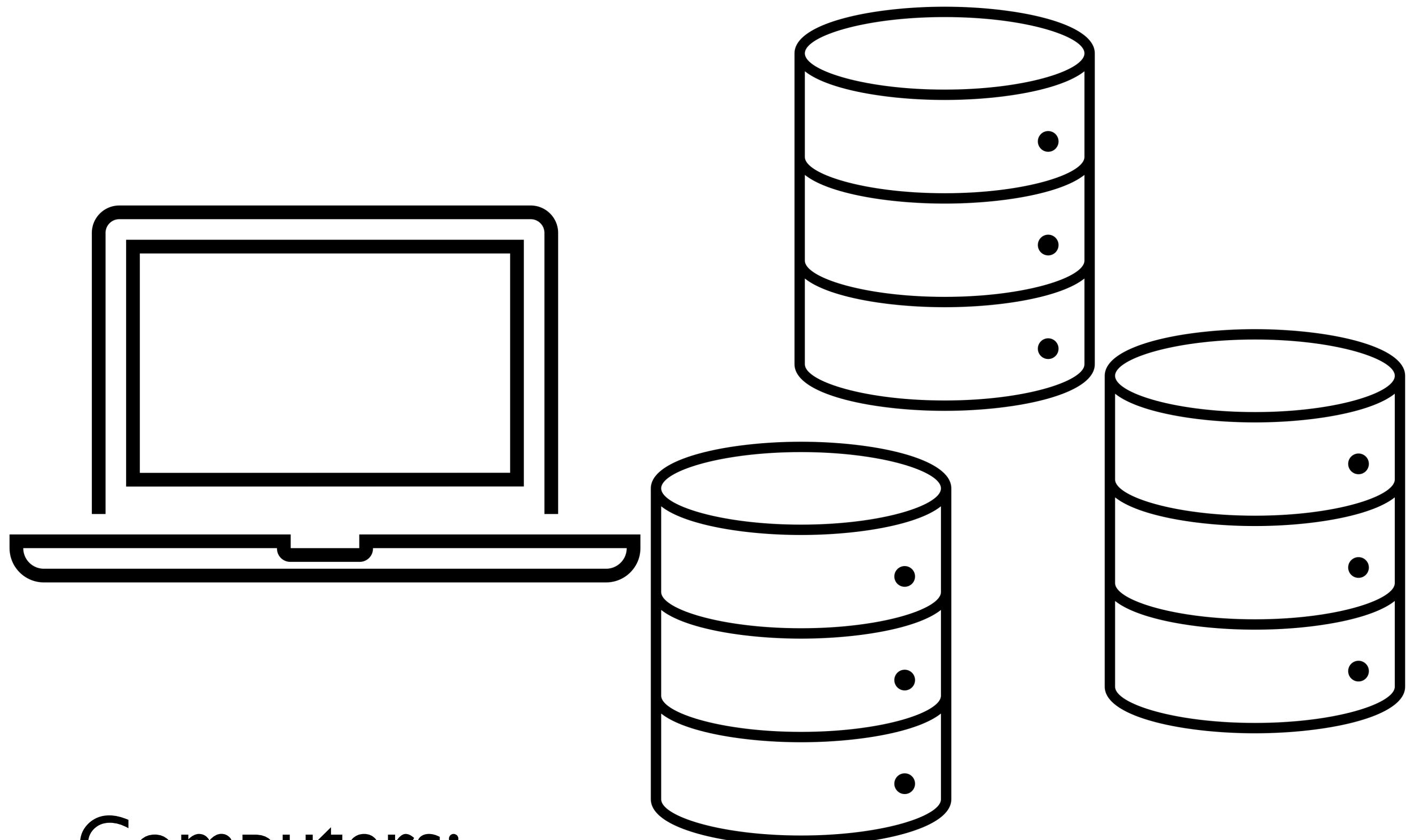
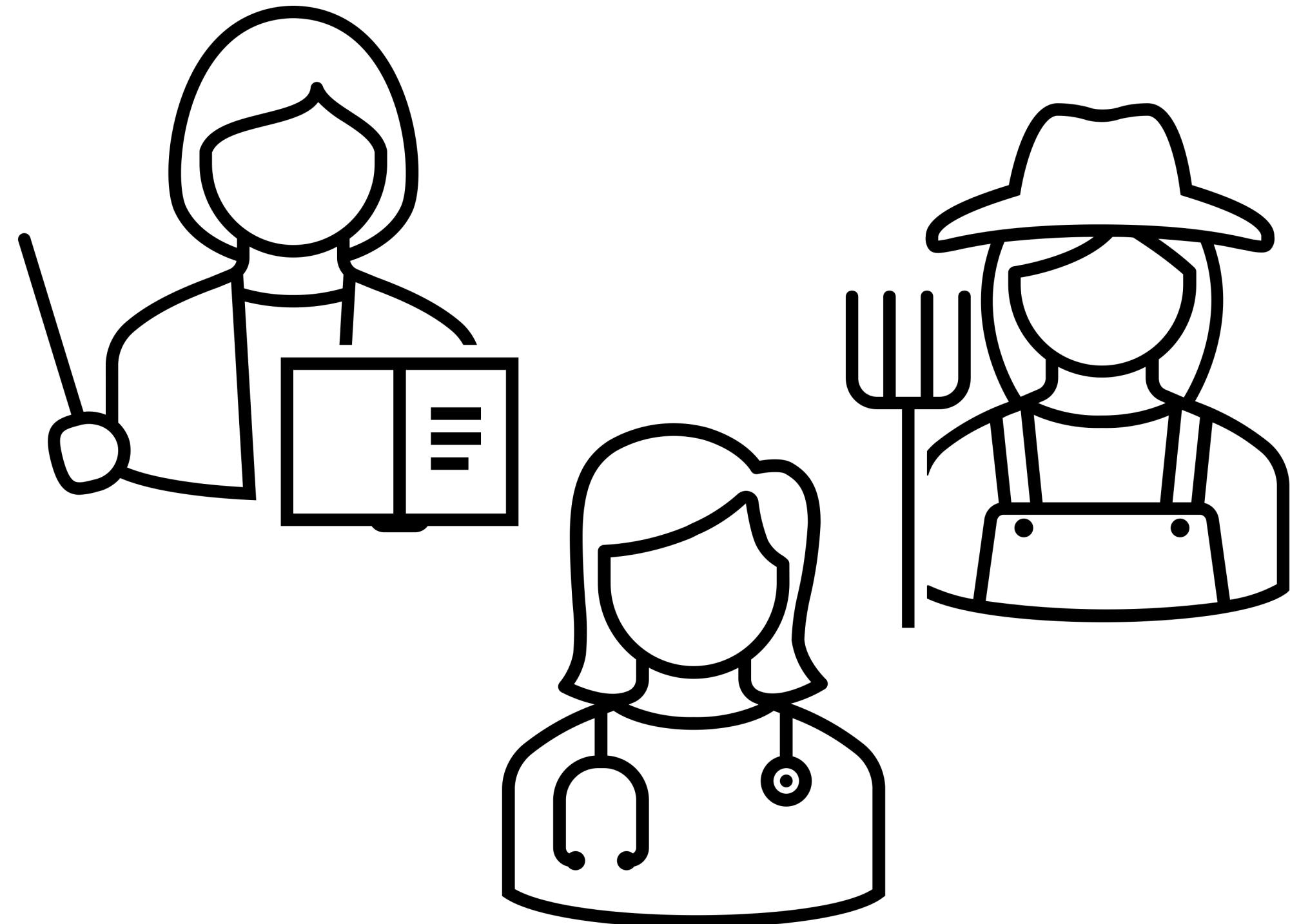


Why visualize data?

Reduce Cognitive Load



Human - Computer Collaboration



Humans:

- Have subject matter expertise for guiding analyses and using output

Computers:

- Can speed up large data analyses
- Enable record keeping

Can visualization actually make a difference?

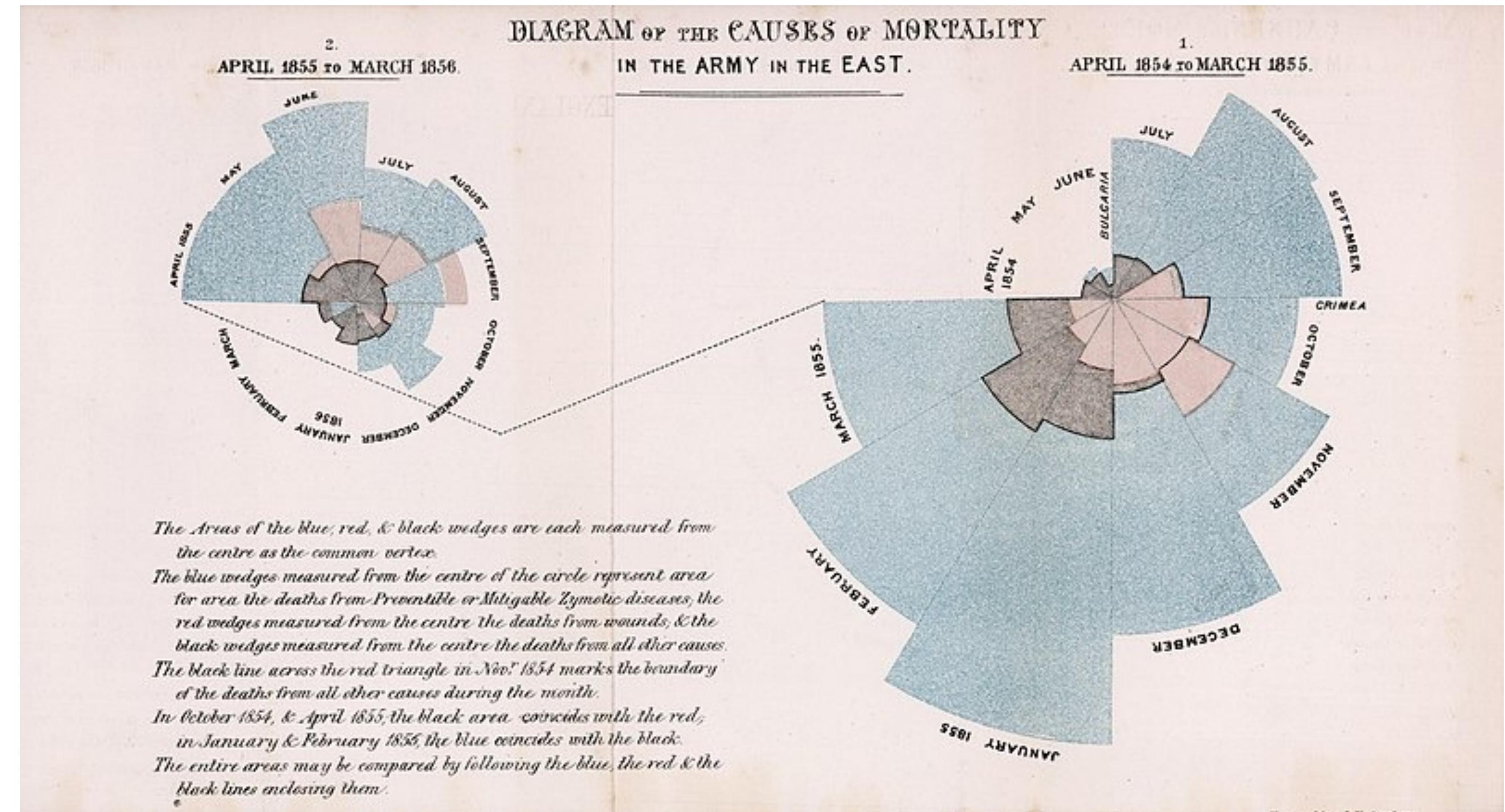
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John Snow's Cholera Map



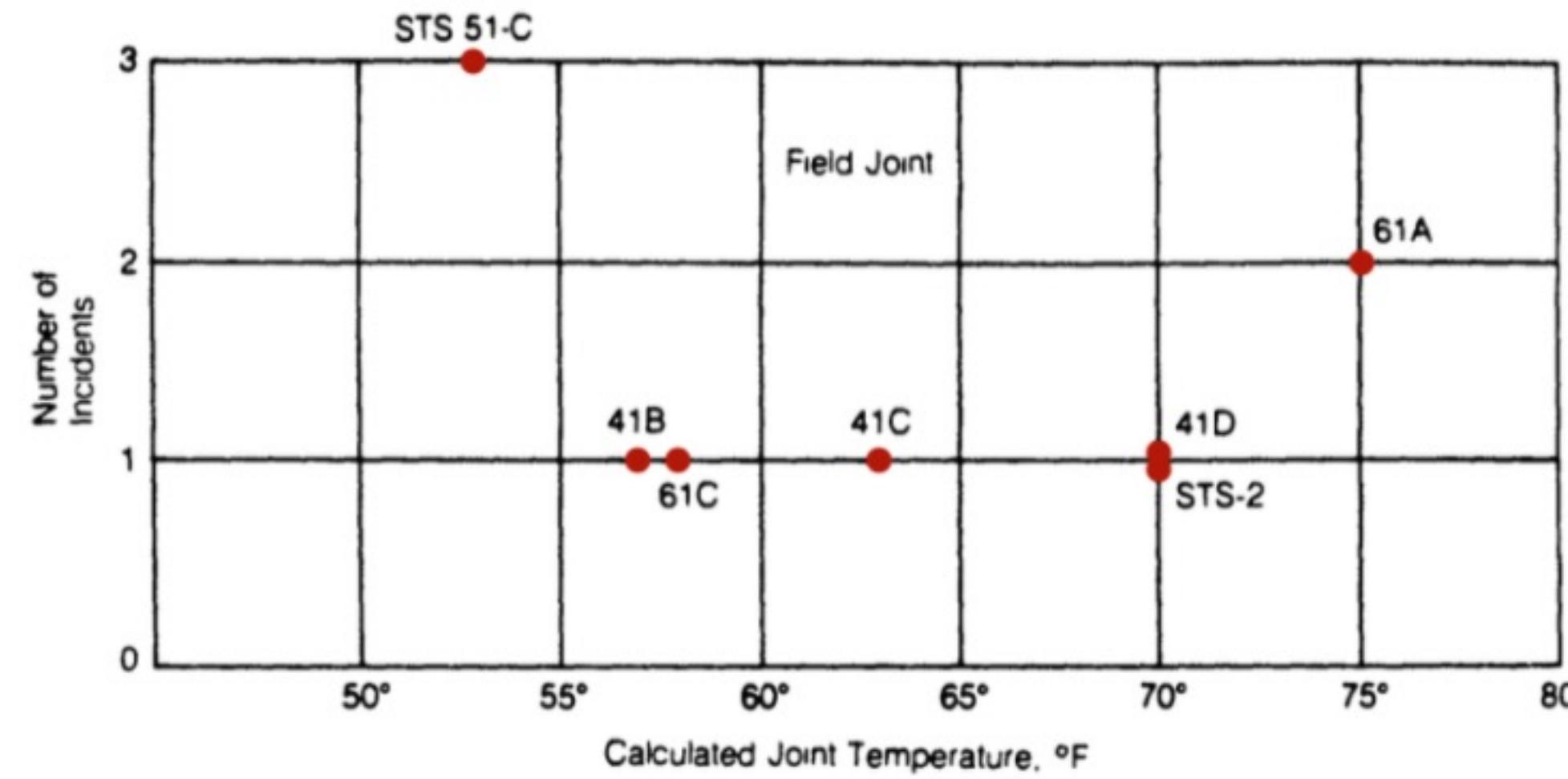
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Florence Nightingale's Rose



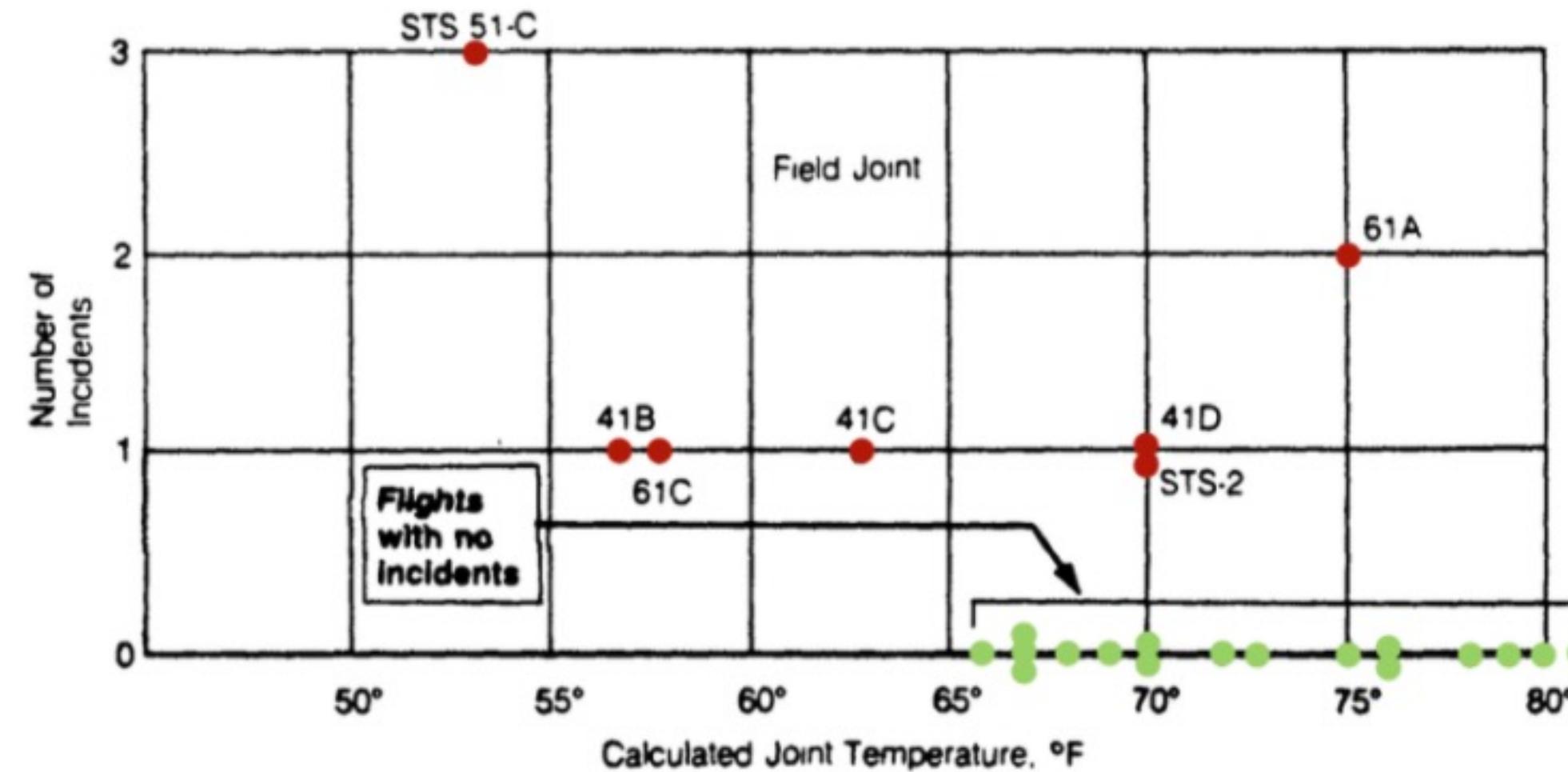
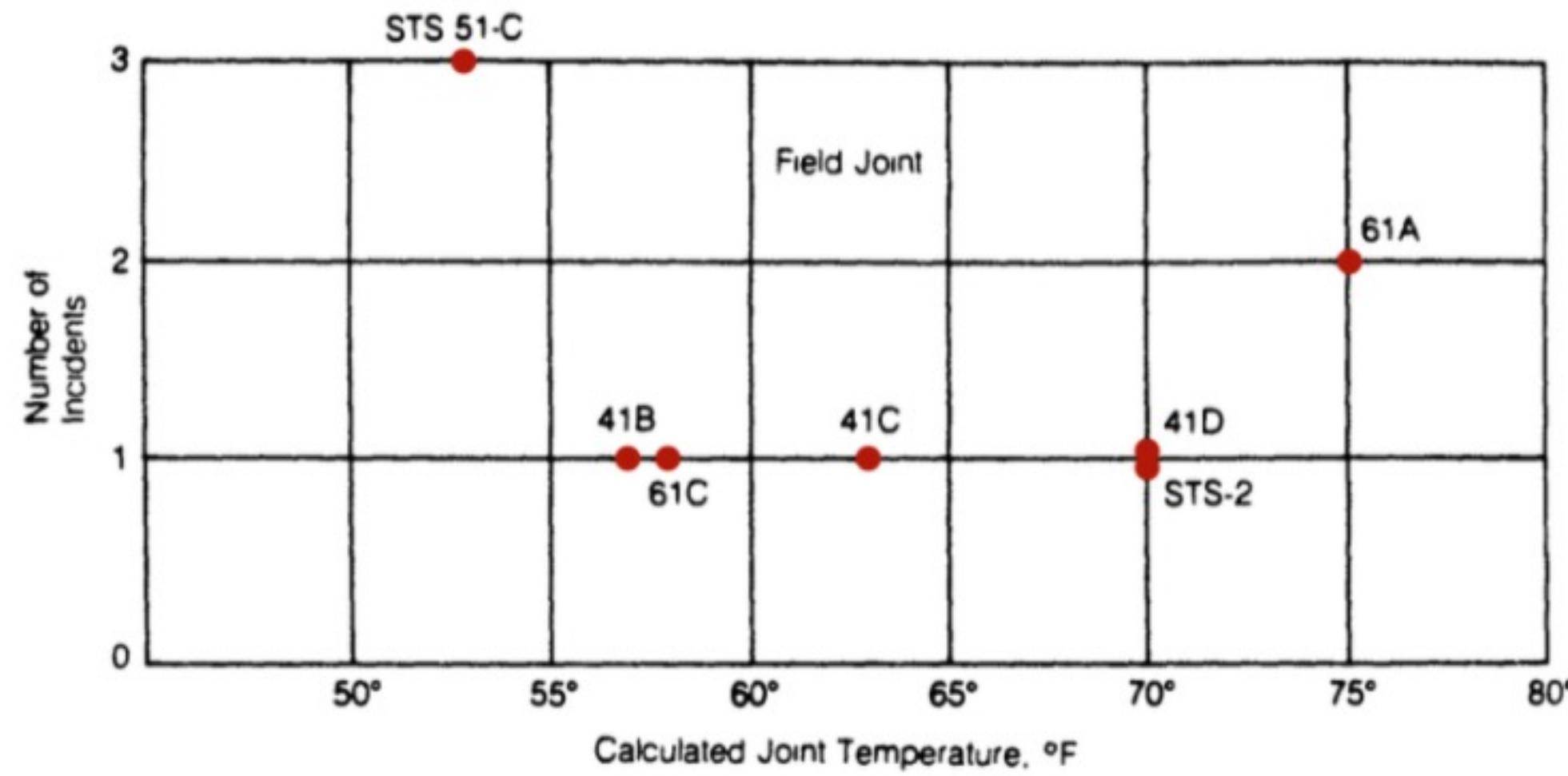
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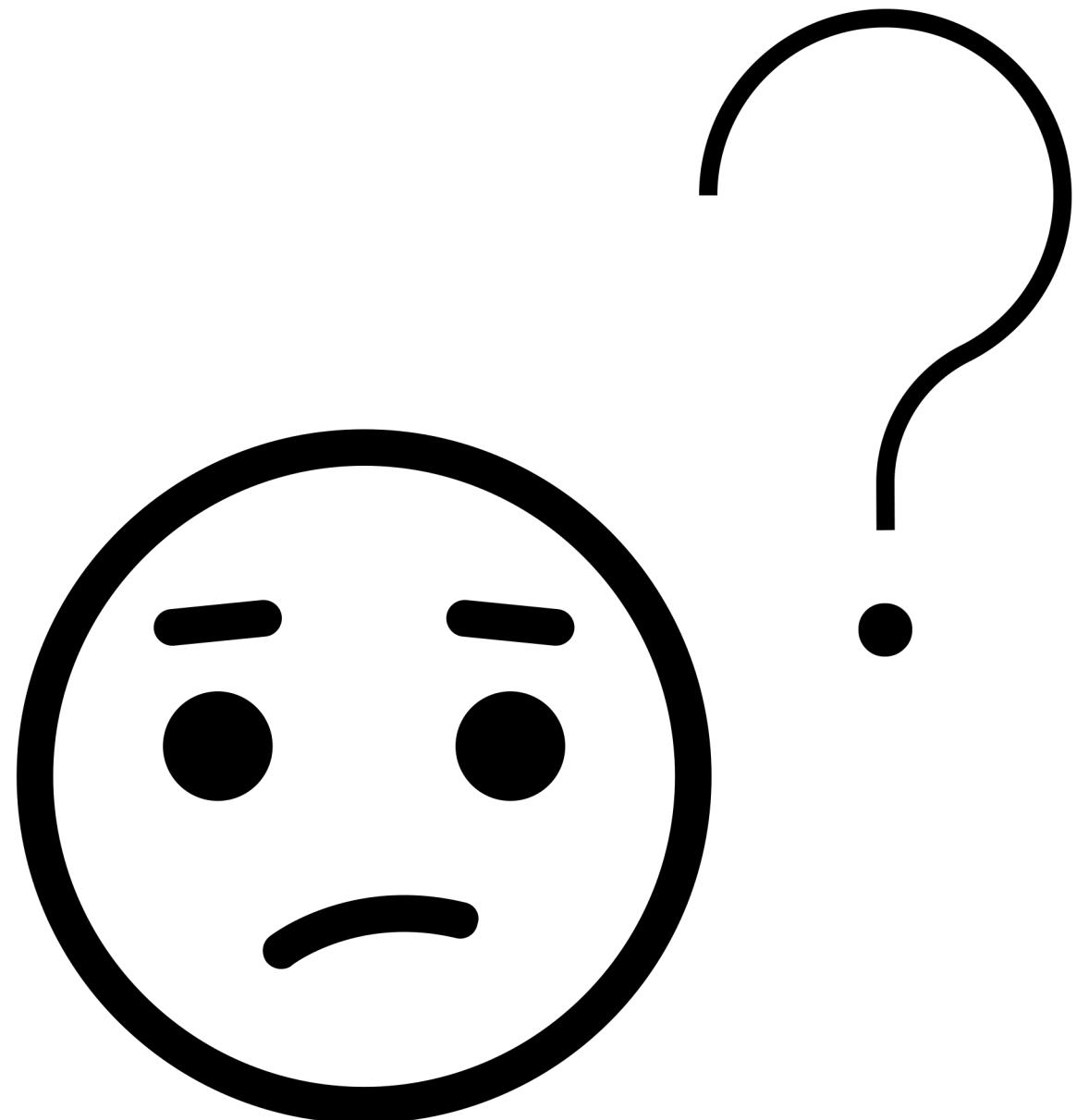


Let's take a break! Stretch, go
for a walk, be social ☺
Be back here in 10 mins.

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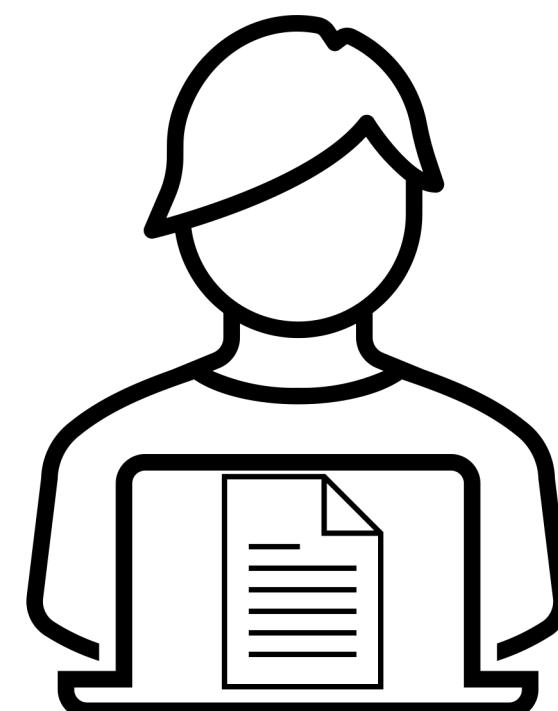
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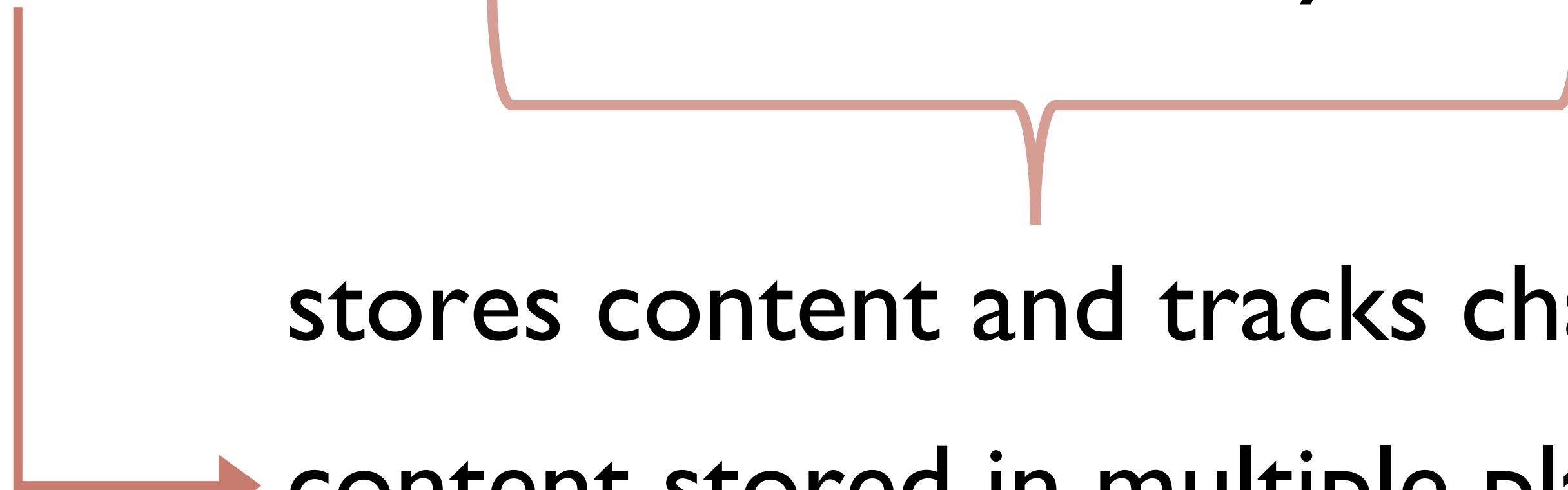
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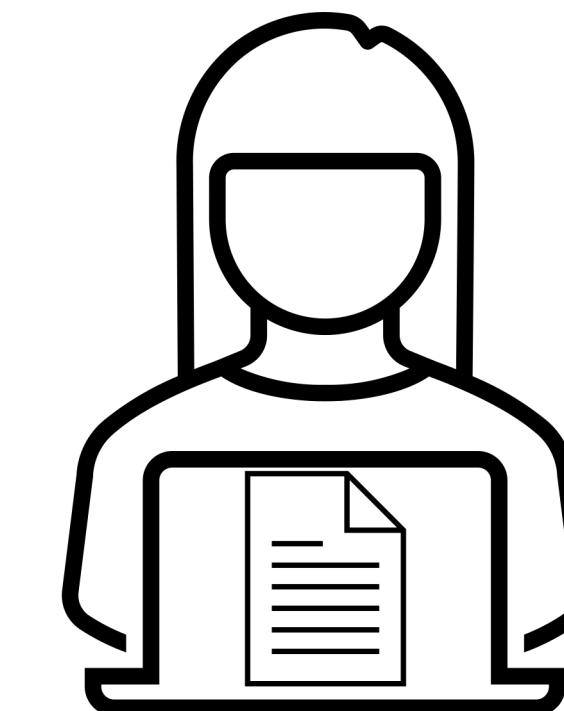
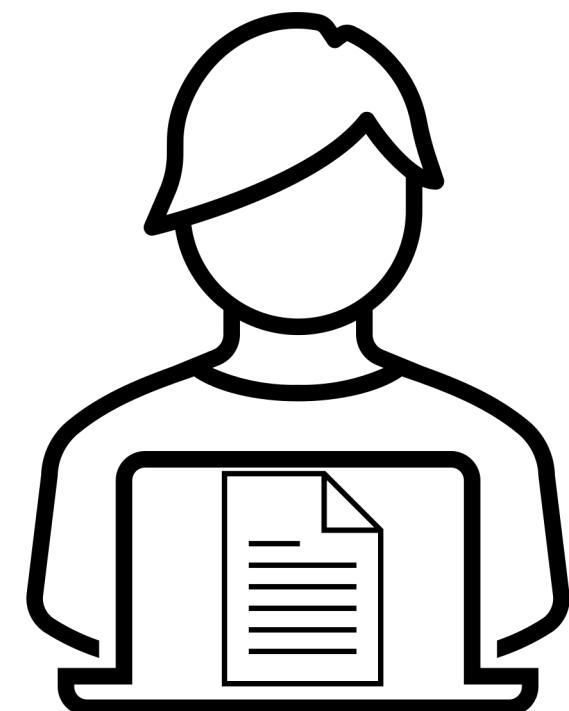
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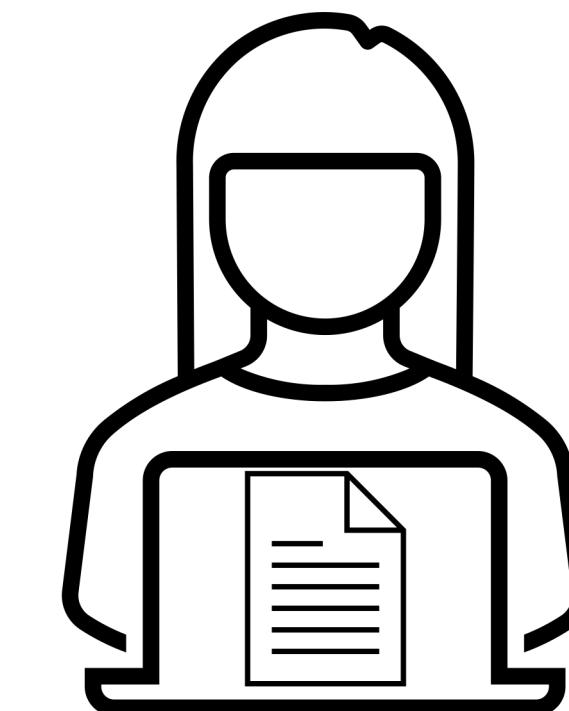
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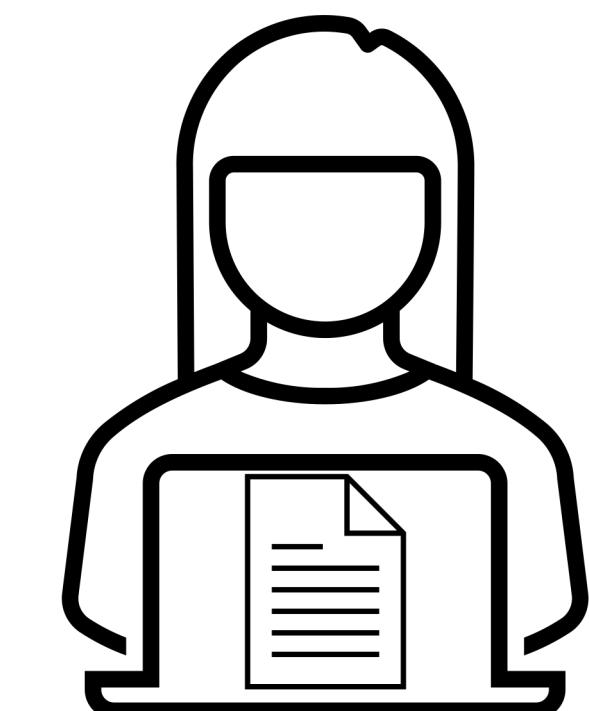
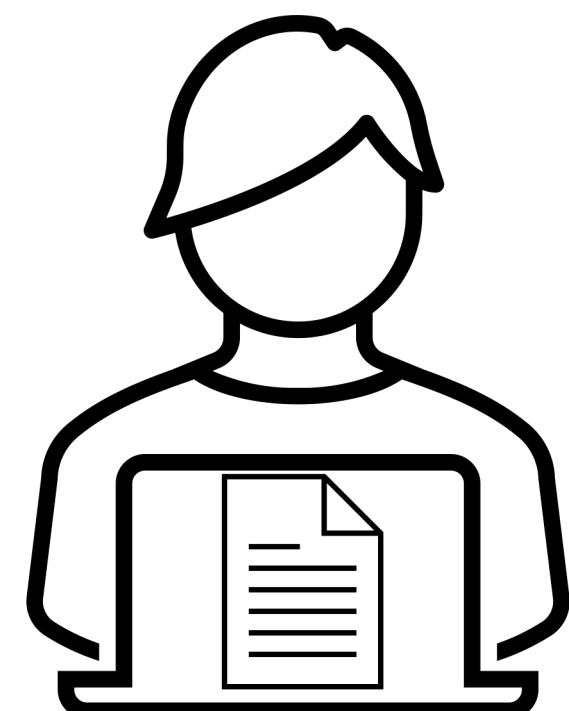
Ex. Suppose you finished part 1 of your homework. You move on to part 2 but part way through realize you broke part 1 and cannot figure out how.

Luckily, you backed up your work to the remote server so you can compare what you have now to what you had when part 1 was working and fix the issue.

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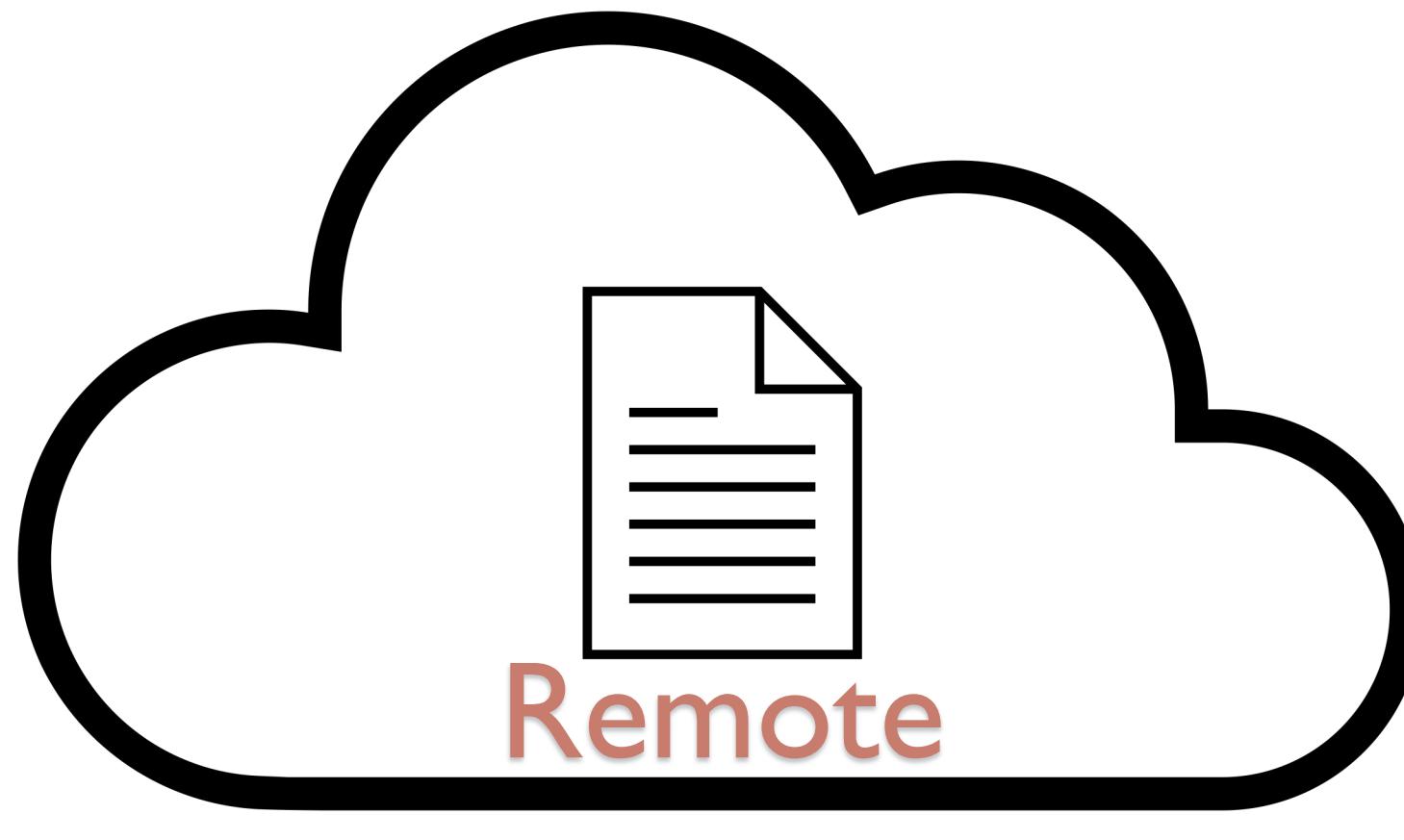
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To make collaboration easier

Ex. Suppose you and your partner are working on your final project. They are working on vis 1 and you are working on vis 2. You will combine your code later.

When you are each finished and ready to combine your two copies of code, you can use Git to automatically find conflicts and make the process smoother.

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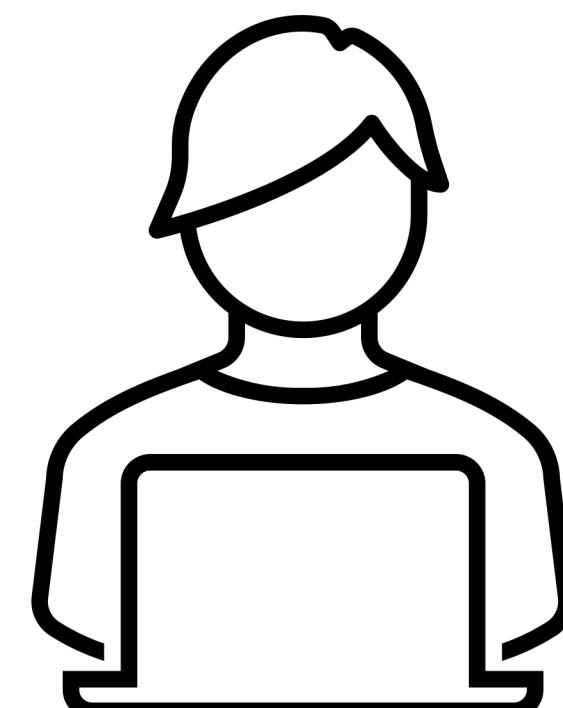


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You can see the remote version of your code through the browser with GitHub.

Your local version is what you see in the file system on your computer.

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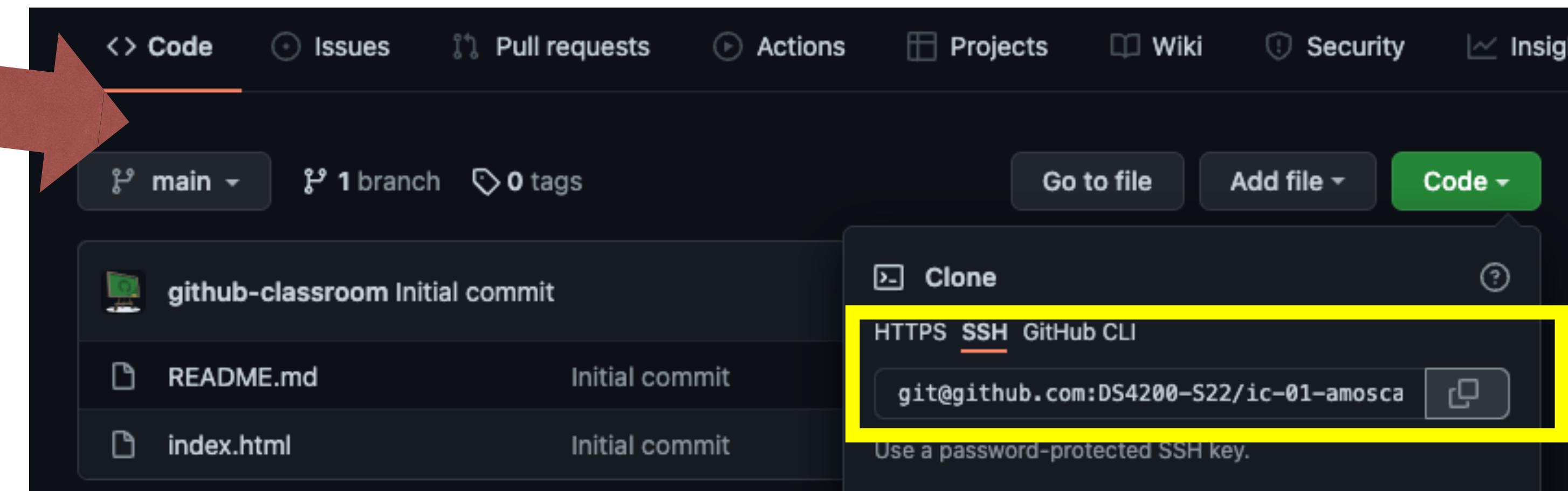
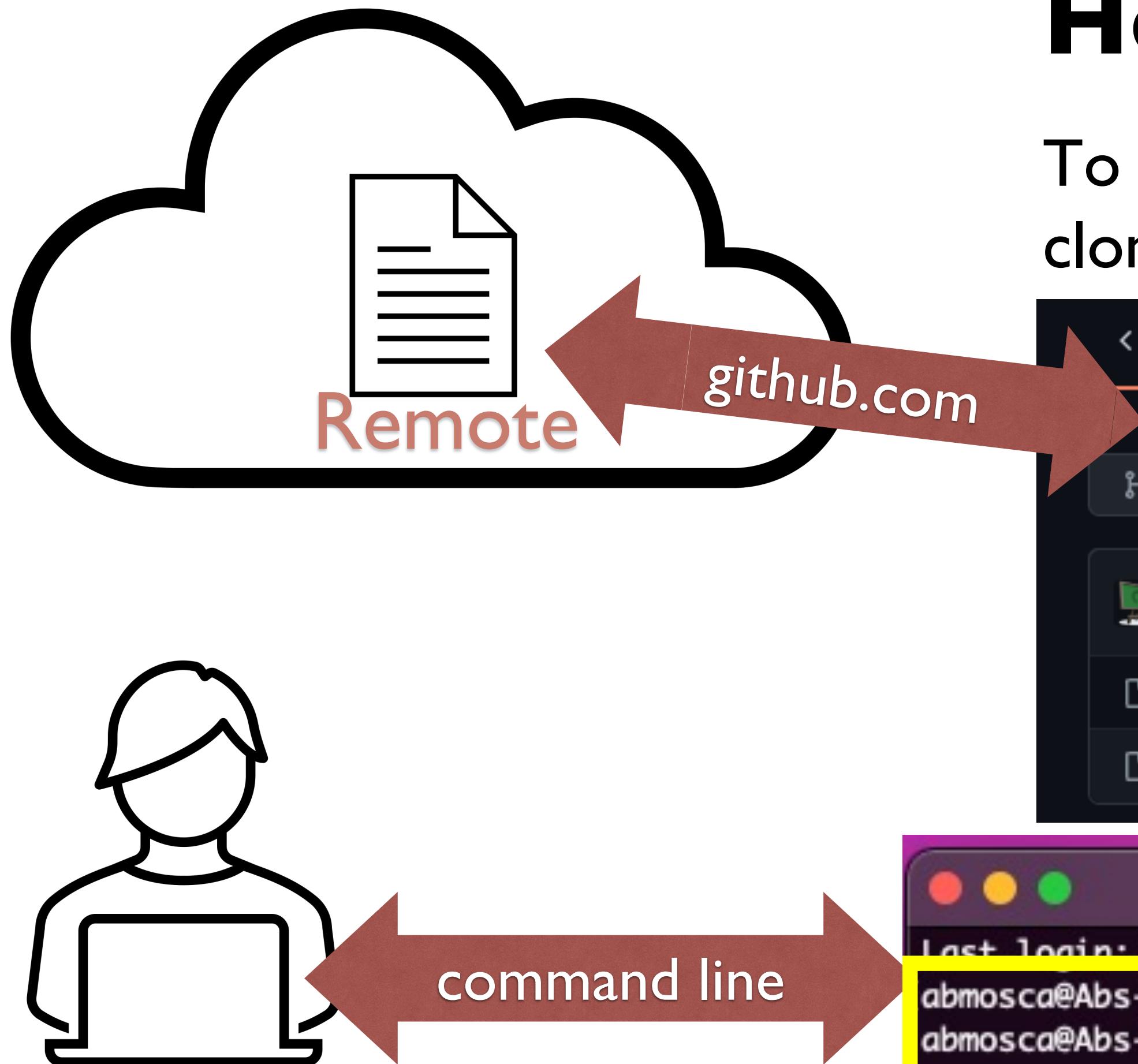
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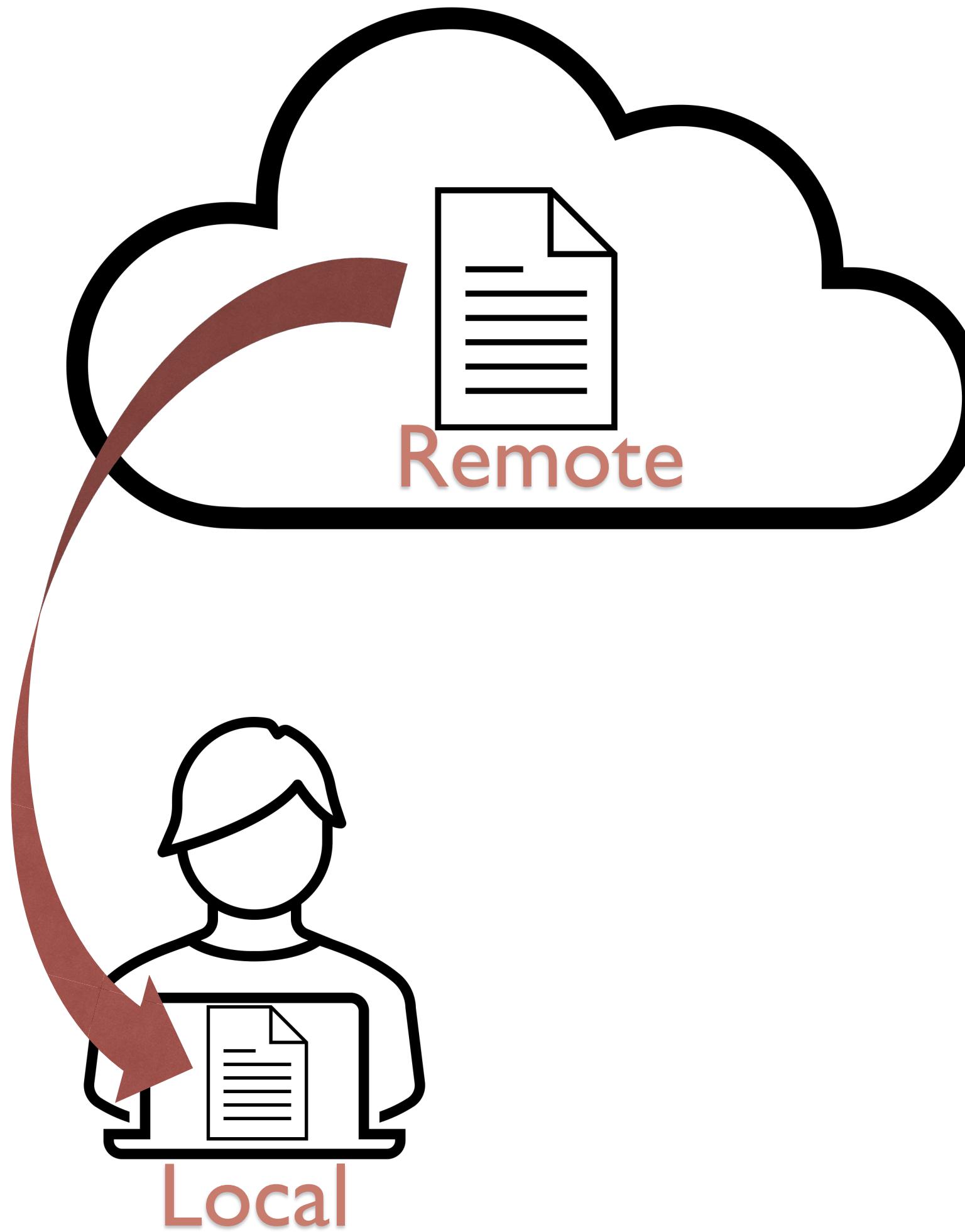
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A screenshot of a GitHub repository page for "github-classroom". The page shows 1 branch and 0 tags. On the right side, there is a "Clone" button with options for HTTPS, SSH, and GitHub CLI. The SSH URL is displayed as `git@github.com:DS4200-S22/ic-01-amosca`. A note below the button says "Use a password-protected SSH key."

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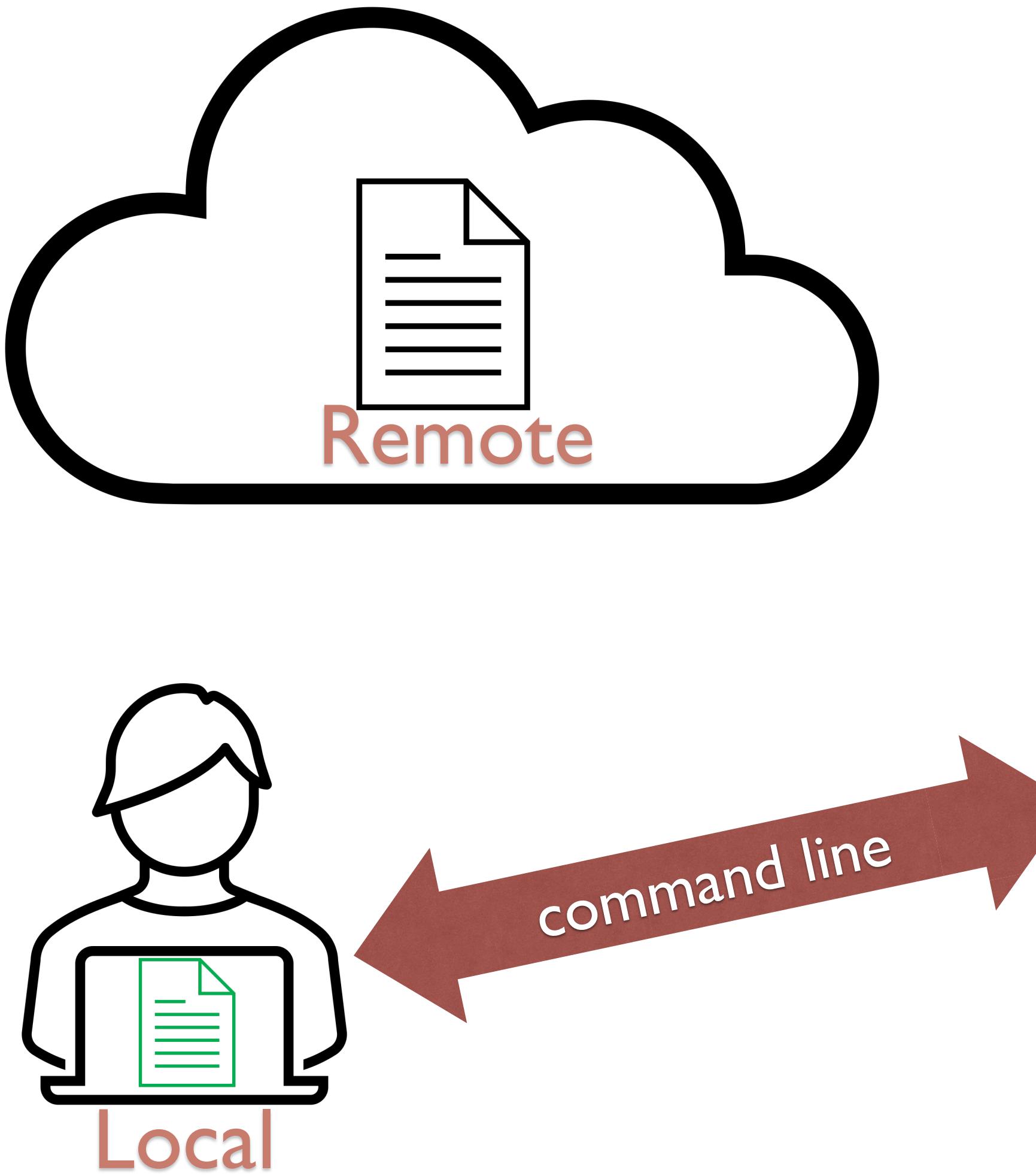
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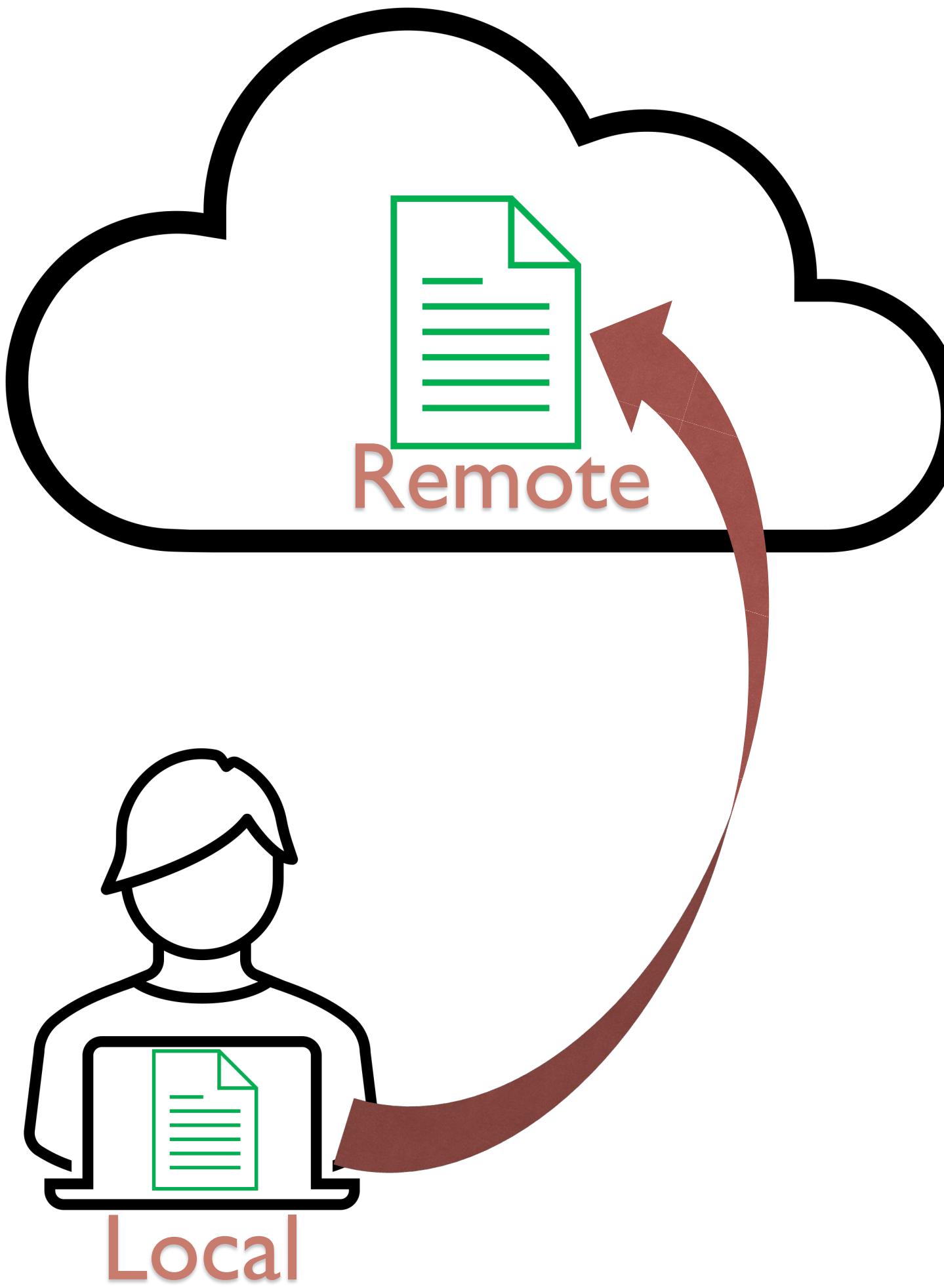


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[main ac03563] part 1 done
  1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
[abmosca@Abs-MacBook-Pro ic-01-amosca01 % git push
Enumerating objects: 5, done.
Counting objects: 100% (5/5), done.
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Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 306 bytes | 306.00 KiB/s, done.
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GitHub in This Class

How will we use Git?

- Starter code for assignments will be distributed through GitHub Classroom
- You will **clone** a repo to get starter code
- To do the assignment, **work locally** on your computer
- Archive backups and **submit** your finished assignment by:
 - **Pushing to GitHub**
 - **Setting up a GitHub Page**

IN-CLASS ACTIVITY IC-01

Summary

Today we:

- Introductions
- Course Overview
- What is Visualization? Why Visualization?
- Intro to GitHub

hw-00 is OUT today and DUE before next class.
ic-01 is DUE today.