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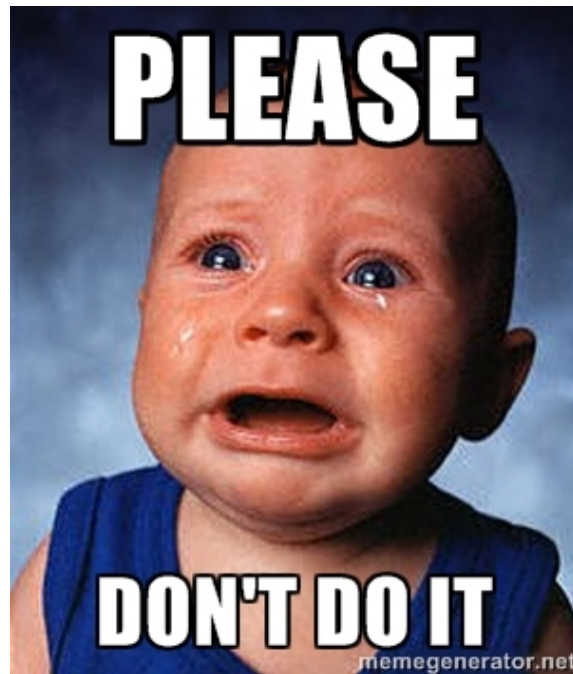
# Design Thinking: **The Iterative Design Process**

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# ONE APPROACH TO DATA SCIENCE



1. Start with some data
2. Figure out what problems you can solve with the data
3. Do analysis
4. Present the results



# A BETTER APPROACH



1. Start with the **End User**
2. **Brainstorm** ideas based on what problems the end user is facing and possible ways to help address their problem
3. Prototype some of these ideas to create a **Minimum Viable Product (MVP)**
4. **Iterate**

# THINGS TO REMEMBER



## 1. Start w/ End User

Human-centered  
design and empathy

Focus on the end user  
and goal instead of on  
modeling

## 2. Brainstorm

Brainstorm ideas before  
you even touch the data!

Keep your time -  
resources - scope  
constraints in mind

## 3. MVP and Iterate

Always start simple

Create a simple,  
working solution before  
moving forward

Ask for feedback

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# Minimum Viable Product (MVP)

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# WHAT MAKES A GOOD MVP?

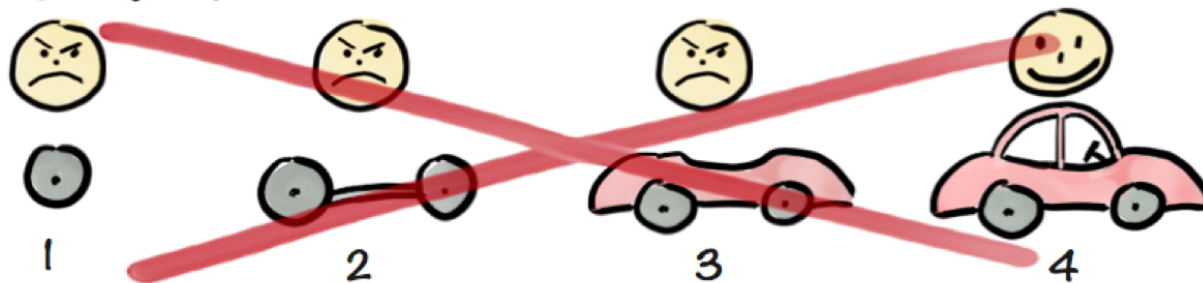


**Minimum:** Could something simpler / quicker accomplish a similar outcome?

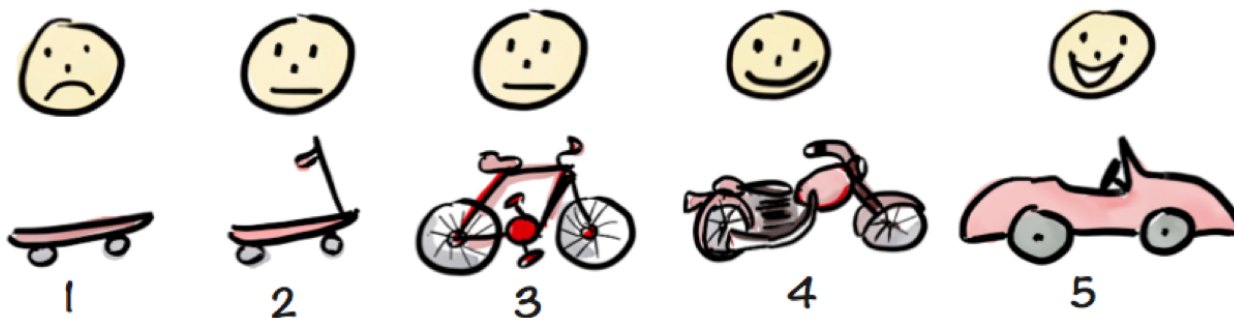
**Viable:** Does the MVP work (more details on next slide)?

**Product:** Does the MVP address a need of the audience / add value?

Not like this....



Like this!



# PRINCIPLES OF GOOD DESIGN



- **Define your Minimum Viable Product** before beginning to work on anything.
- Build each step (data cleaning, exploration, plotting) like you're **planning to iterate it**.
  - Comments and documentation
  - Clear thought process
  - Functional > Perfect
- Use later steps (like building a model) to **inform decisions on earlier steps** (like data scraping)



# GROUP EXERCISE



Break out into your project groups.

Discussion points:

- What have you learned from this presentation?
- What will you do differently as a group today?