

# WELCOME TO DATA SCIENCE @ GA

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**LET'S START!**

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## ABOUT ME

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- ▶ Welcome to the part-time data science course at GA!
- ▶ We're Winston, Ellen and John.



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## ABOUT YOU

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ABOUT  
YOU

- ▶ How about you?
  - ▶ What's your name?
  - ▶ What are you doing now?
  - ▶ What do you want to be able to do after this course?

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## AGENDA

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# **COURSE OUTLINE**

# **COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES – YOU WILL BE ABLE TO...**

- Define the language and approaches data scientists use to solve real world problems
- Perform exploratory data analysis with powerful programmatic tools, including Python
- Build and refine machine learning models to predict future outcomes
- Communicate data-driven insights to inform business decisions
- Start on your next data science project, alone or with a new community of collaborators!

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

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Unit	Lessons	Class days
1 - Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-What is data science?</li><li>-Your development environment</li><li>-Python foundations</li><li>-Project workshop / FLEX</li></ul>	September 18, 20, 25, 27
2 - Working with Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Statistics review</li><li>-Stats + plots in Python</li><li>-Exploratory data analysis</li><li>-Data visualization in Python</li><li>-Project workshop / FLEX</li></ul>	October 2, 4, 11, 16, 18  (No class on October 9)



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3 - Data modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Linear regression</li><li>- Bias-variance + train-test split</li><li>- Classification + KNN</li><li>- Logistic regression</li><li>- Project workshop / FLEX</li></ul>	October 23, 25, 30 November 1, 6
4 - Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- APIs and webscraping</li><li>- NLP</li><li>- Decision trees and random forests</li><li>- Clustering</li><li>- Project workshop / FLEX</li><li>- Final project presentations</li></ul>	November 8, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29  (No class on November 22)

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

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- There's some flexibility built in — we can adjust the syllabus according to class needs and interest
- There are three unit projects, and one final project
- For the final project, you can use one of our datasets and problem statements or scope your own!

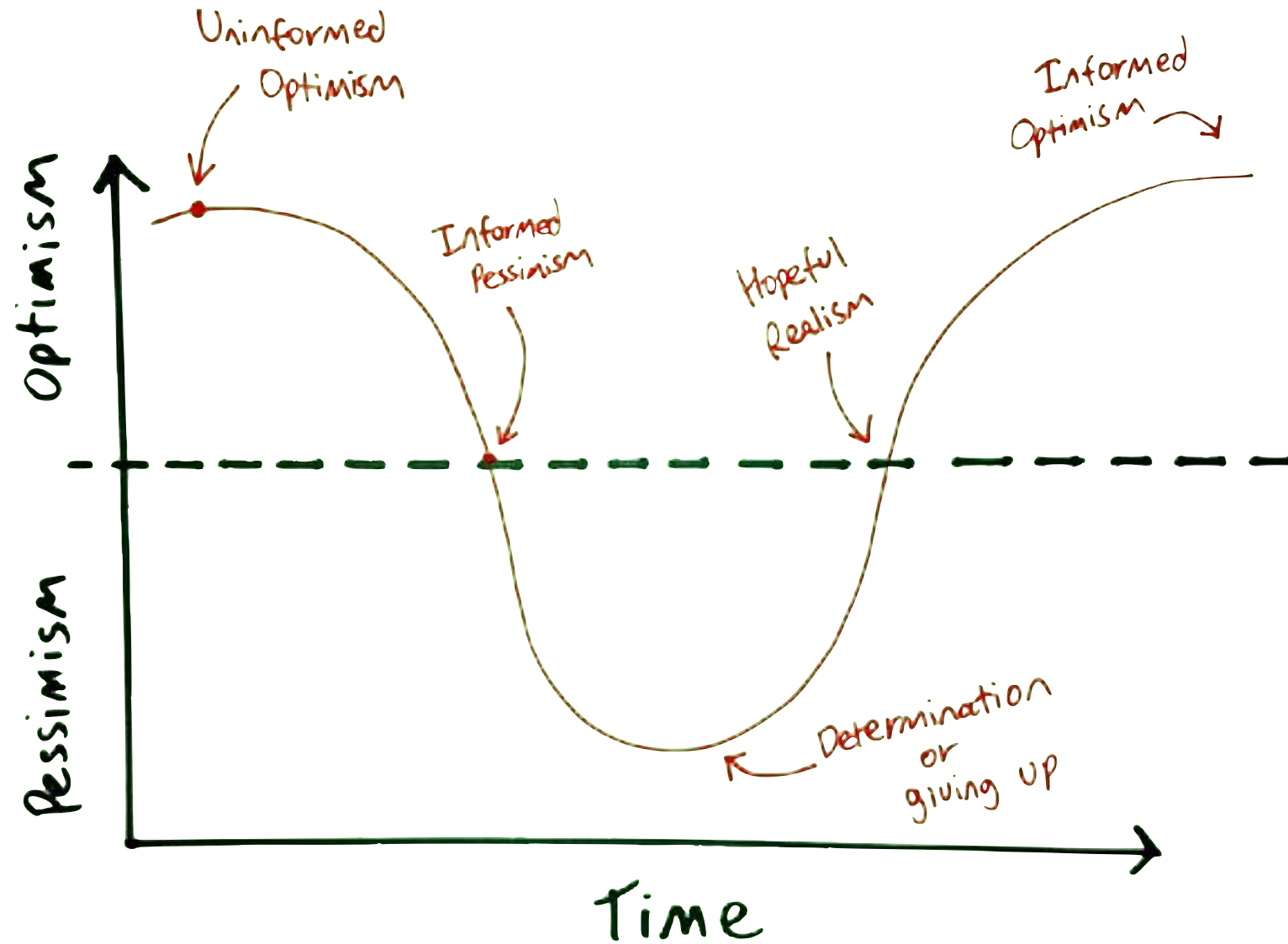
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# HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS COURSE

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS



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## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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**YOU HAVE THE  
FREEDOM TO FAIL  
EXPERIMENT  
MAKE MISTAKES  
TRY NEW THINGS**

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## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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**OWN YOUR LEARNING**

**PROJECT-BASED LEARNING WORKS**

**BE OPEN-MINDED**

**DON'T ISOLATE YOURSELF**

**COME PREPARED**

**RESPECT EACH OTHER**

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## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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# ORDER OF OPERATIONS

STACK OVERFLOW  
SLACK YOUR PEERS  
SLACK US  
OFFICE HOURS  
EMAIL US



**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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**ONWARDS!**



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# WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE?

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**Big Data Borat**  
@BigDataBorat

 **Follow**

Data Science is statistics on a Mac.

RETWEETS

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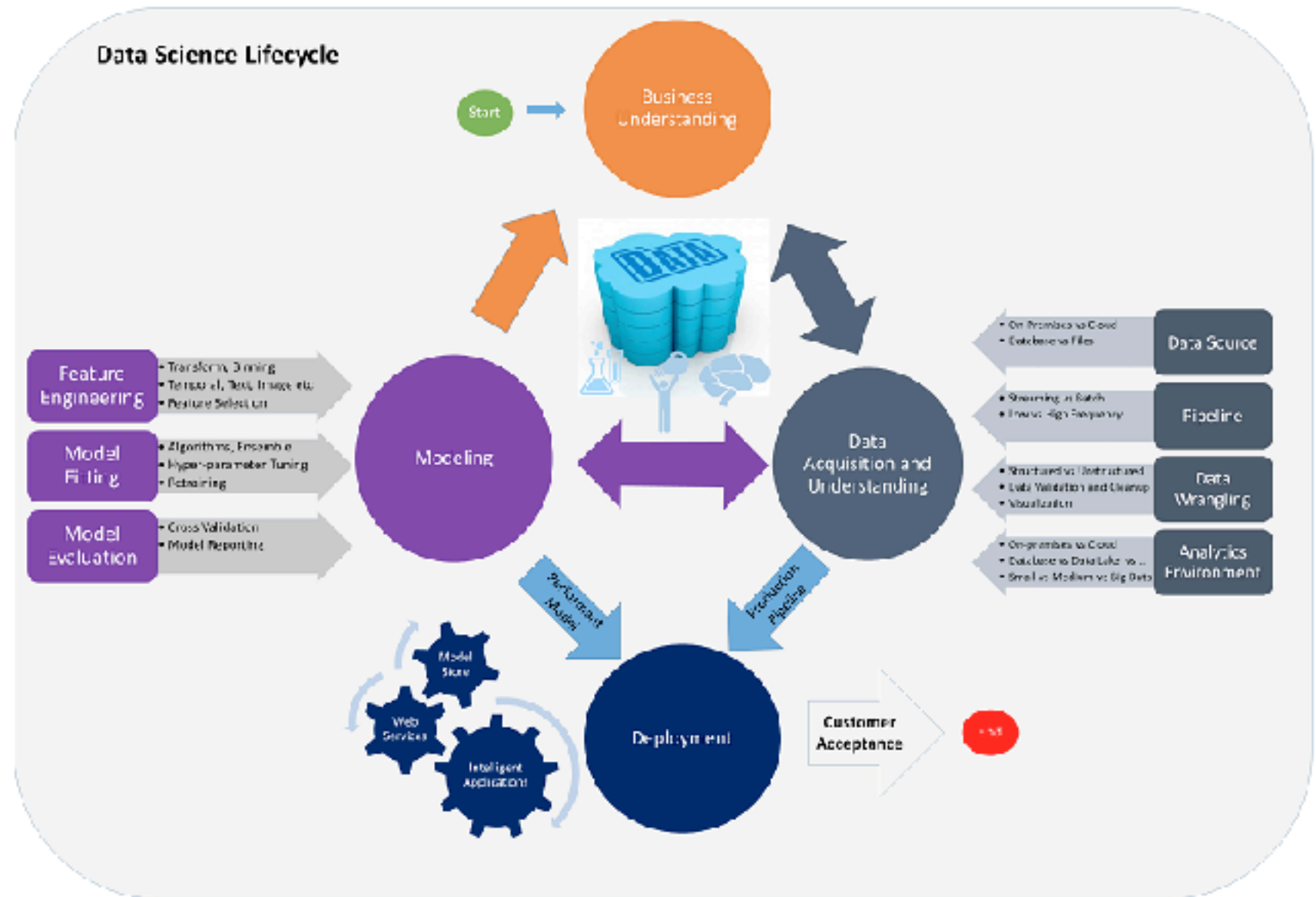
## WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE?

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- “Data science”? A set of tools and techniques used to extract useful information from data
  - The application of scientific techniques to practical problems
  - An interdisciplinary, problem-solving-oriented subject
  - A rapidly changing space — and an overloaded term

# WHY DATA SCIENCE?

- ▶ Data too big for Excel
- ▶ Patterns too subtle for eyeballs
- ▶ Hypotheses to test
- ▶ Opportunity to automate

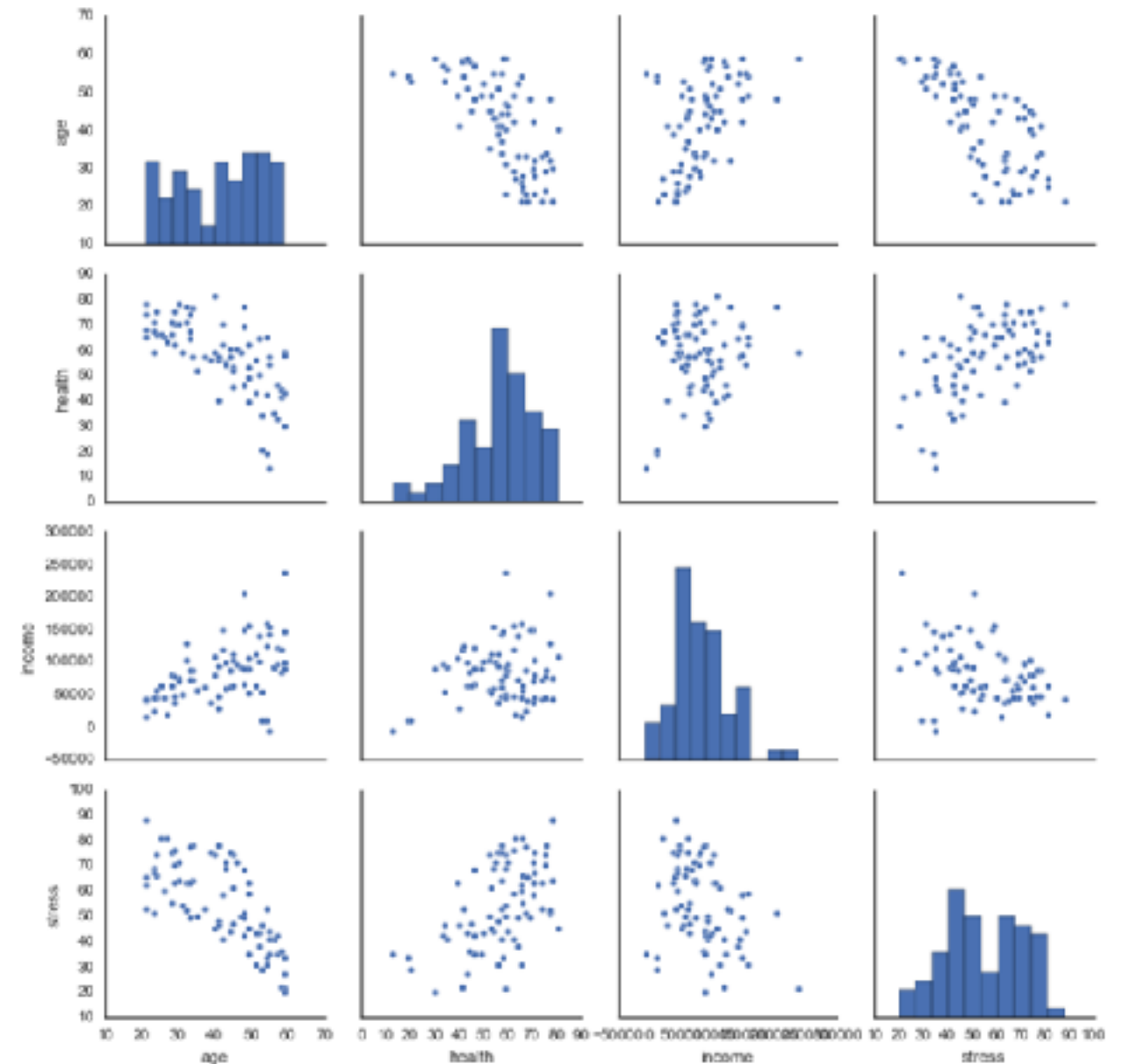


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# DATA ANALYSIS - DESCRIPTION, INFERENCE, PREDICTION (“TYPE A”)

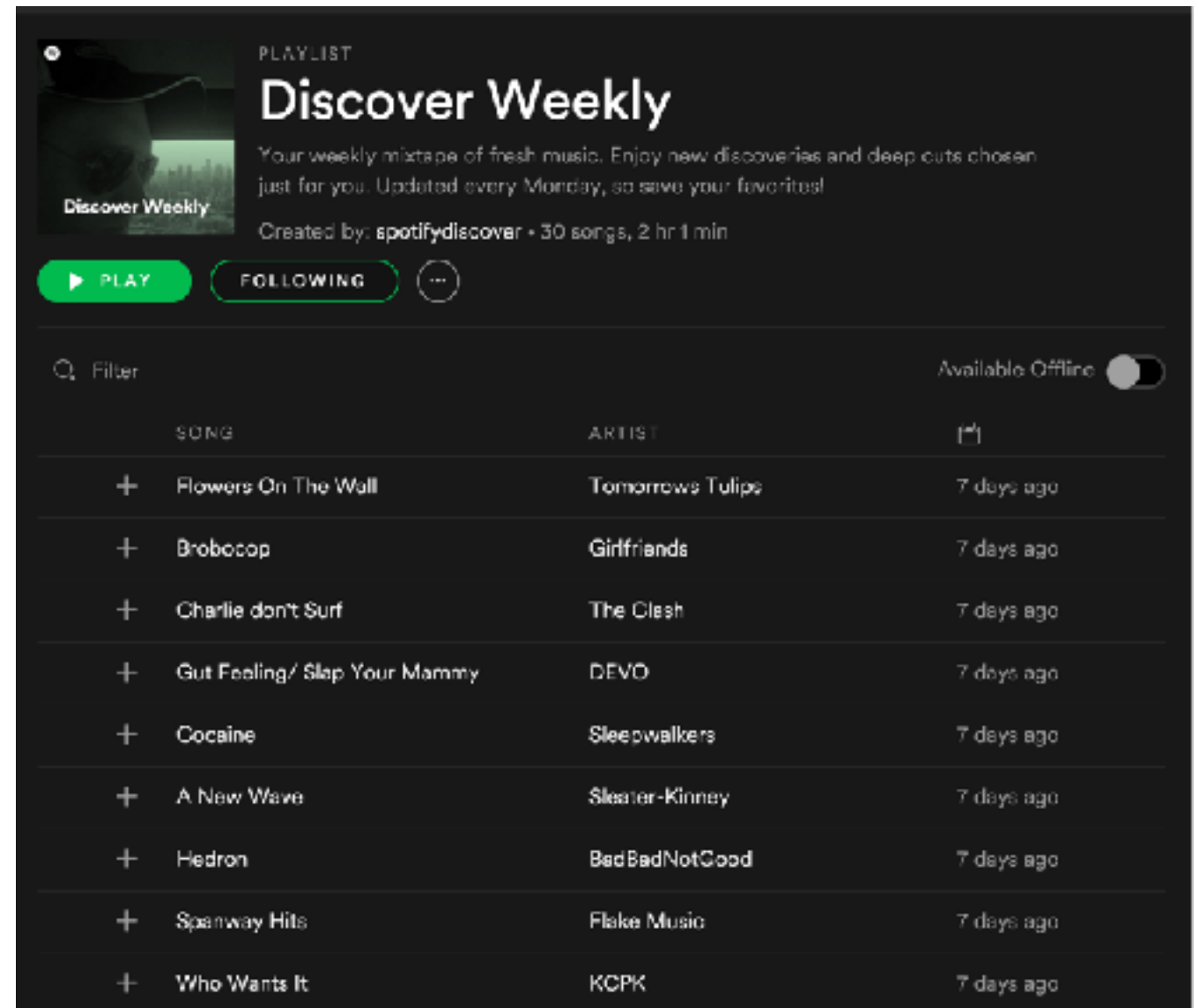
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- Scrape and collect business data, or generate data through experiments
- Sanitize and manipulate those data
- Visualize and describe the data
- Tell relevant business stories
- Infer relationships
- Build computerized models that predict and learn from data



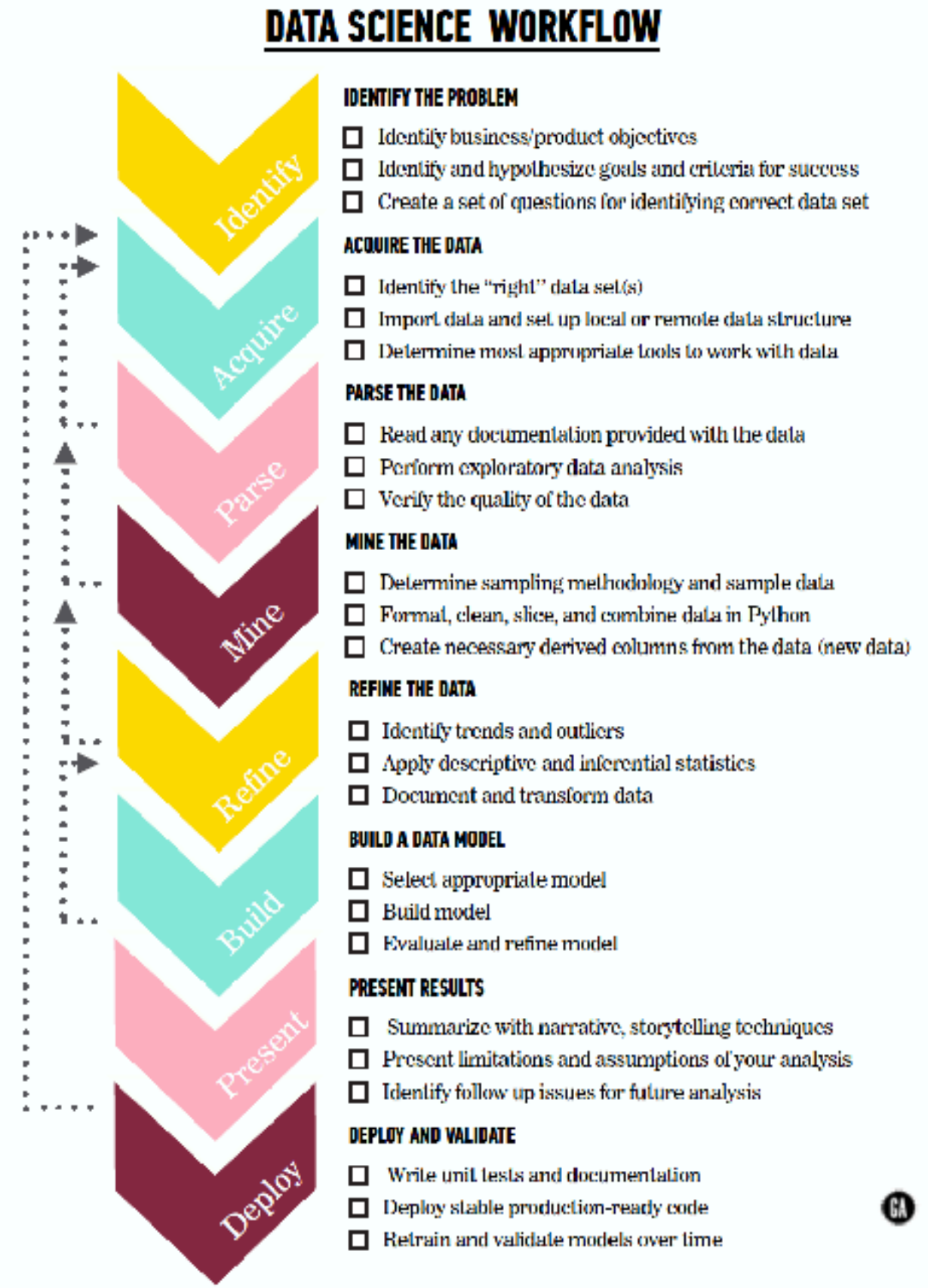
## DATA PRODUCTS – FUNCTIONAL OUTPUTS FROM STATISTICAL WORK (“TYPE B”)

- ▶ Build products from the output of data work and statistical analyses
- ▶ Might be....:
  - ▶ Structured datasets
  - ▶ Analytic dashboards
  - ▶ Predictions of machine learning models



## A DATA SCIENCE WORKFLOW

- ▶ Data science work should be reliable, reproducible and actionable
- ▶ We'll go deeper on workflow before kicking off your final projects



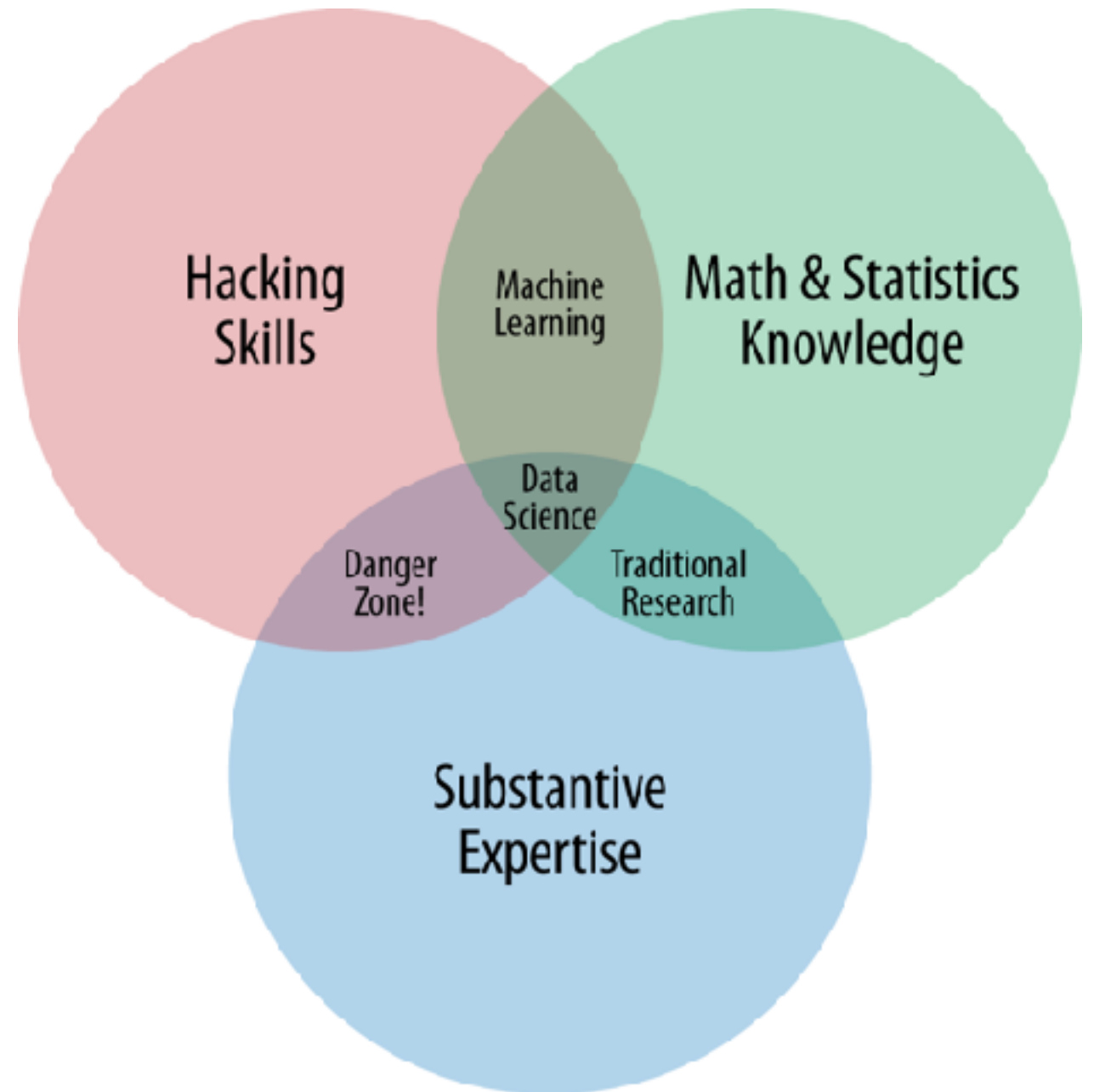


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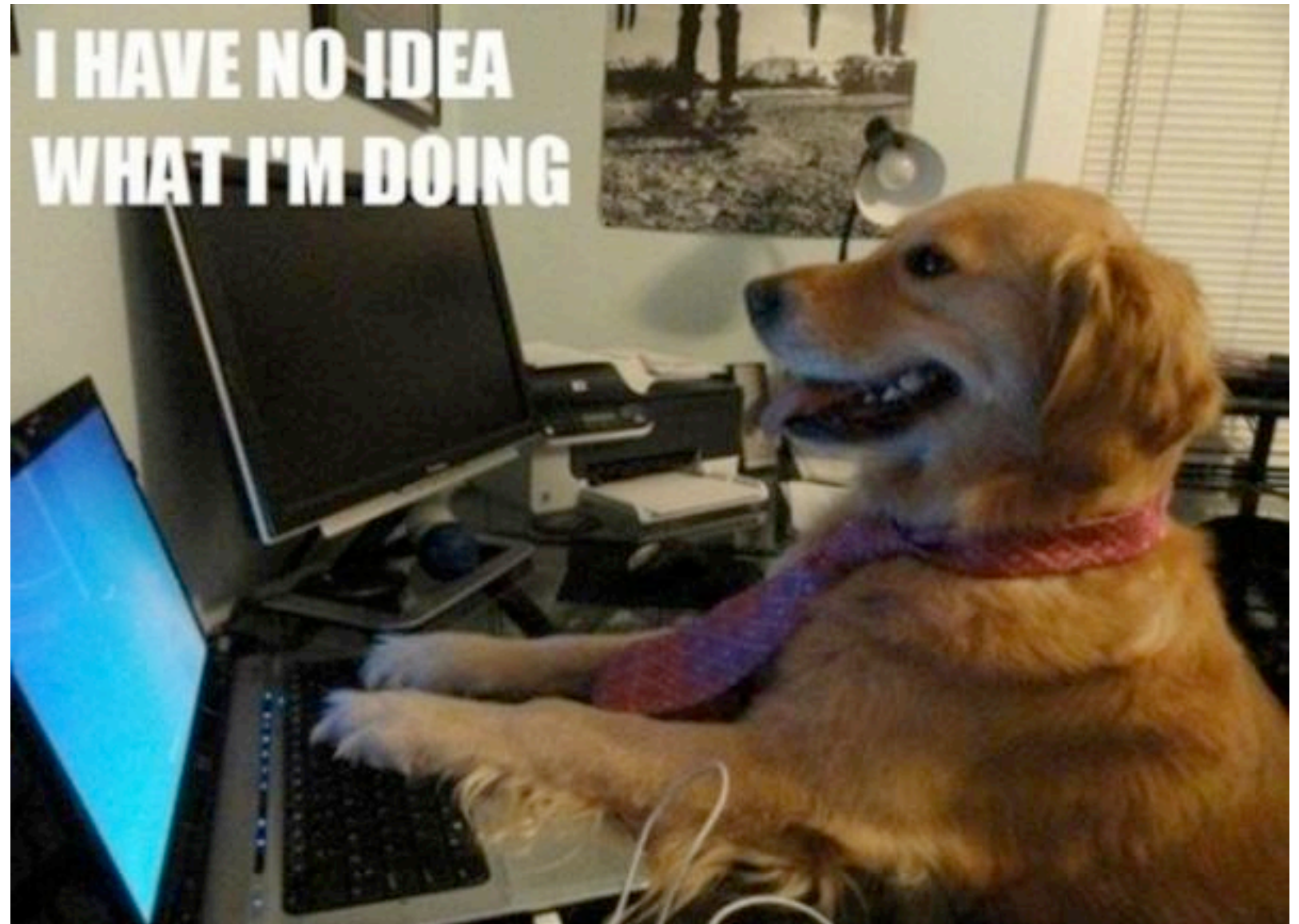
- Programming skills
- Maths and Stats knowledge
- Business acumen (substantive expertise)
- Plus: Communication skills



## SKILLS OF A DATA SCIENTIST

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- ▶ No one knows everything
- ▶ The field changes rapidly
- ▶ Continuous learning required: it's a feature, not a bug



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# MACHINE LEARNING

## **MACHINE LEARNING**

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- How to build systems that do not need to be explicitly programmed, and can improve with experience (more data)
- Two main branches: supervised and unsupervised machine learning

## MACHINE LEARNING - TERMINOLOGY

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- ▶ **Supervised:** there is a correct answer, we have examples of it, and we want to predict it
- ▶ **Unsupervised:** exploring possible structures in our data

## MACHINE LEARNING - TERMINOLOGY

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- Supervised machine learning can be used for two broad types of problems:
  - Regression - predicting a number
  - Classification - predicting a category
- The values we're predicting are our targets; we predict using features

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## MACHINE LEARNING – TERMINOLOGY

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- Algorithms are a formal way of describing very precisely how to carry out certain computational tasks.
- Machine learning algorithms fit models to training data
- Try many iterations of those models by seeing how they perform on validation data
- We choose an error metric and use test data to assess our final model
- AI? ML + automation to perform specific tasks
- General AI... performs useful, novel tasks on command?

# **EXAMPLE ALGORITHM: K-NEAREST NEIGHBORS**



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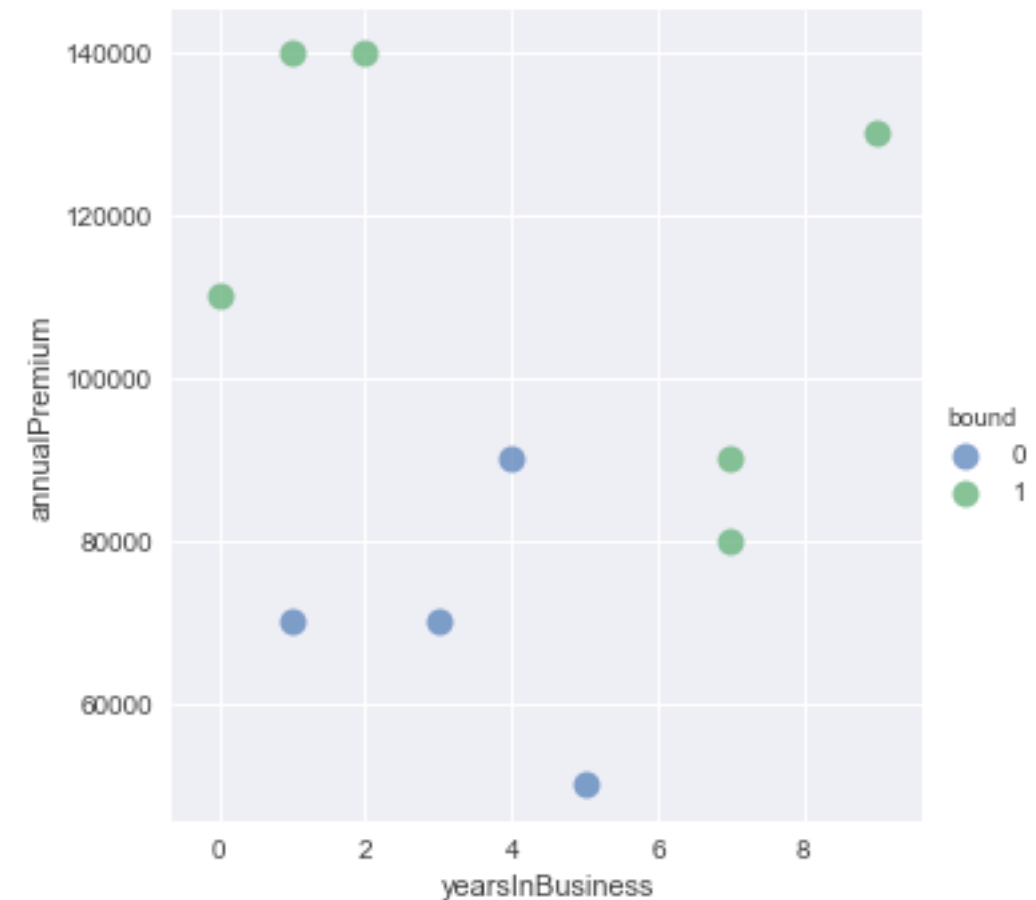
## CLASSIFICATION WITH KNN

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- K-Nearest Neighbors (kNN) is based on proximity to known data points with known classifications
- Cases are classified by a majority vote of its K-nearest neighbors, as measured by some distance function
  - E.g. if  $K = 1$ , then the case is simply assigned to the class of its nearest neighbor.

# CLASSIFICATION WITH KNN

yearsInBusiness	annualPremium	bound
7	90000	1
3	70000	0
0	110000	1
1	140000	1
4	90000	0
2	140000	1
7	80000	1
5	50000	0
1	70000	0
9	130000	1



- Hypothetical results for quoting commercial insurance policies
- Is this a supervised or unsupervised problem?
- Do we have features and a target? If so, what kind of target?

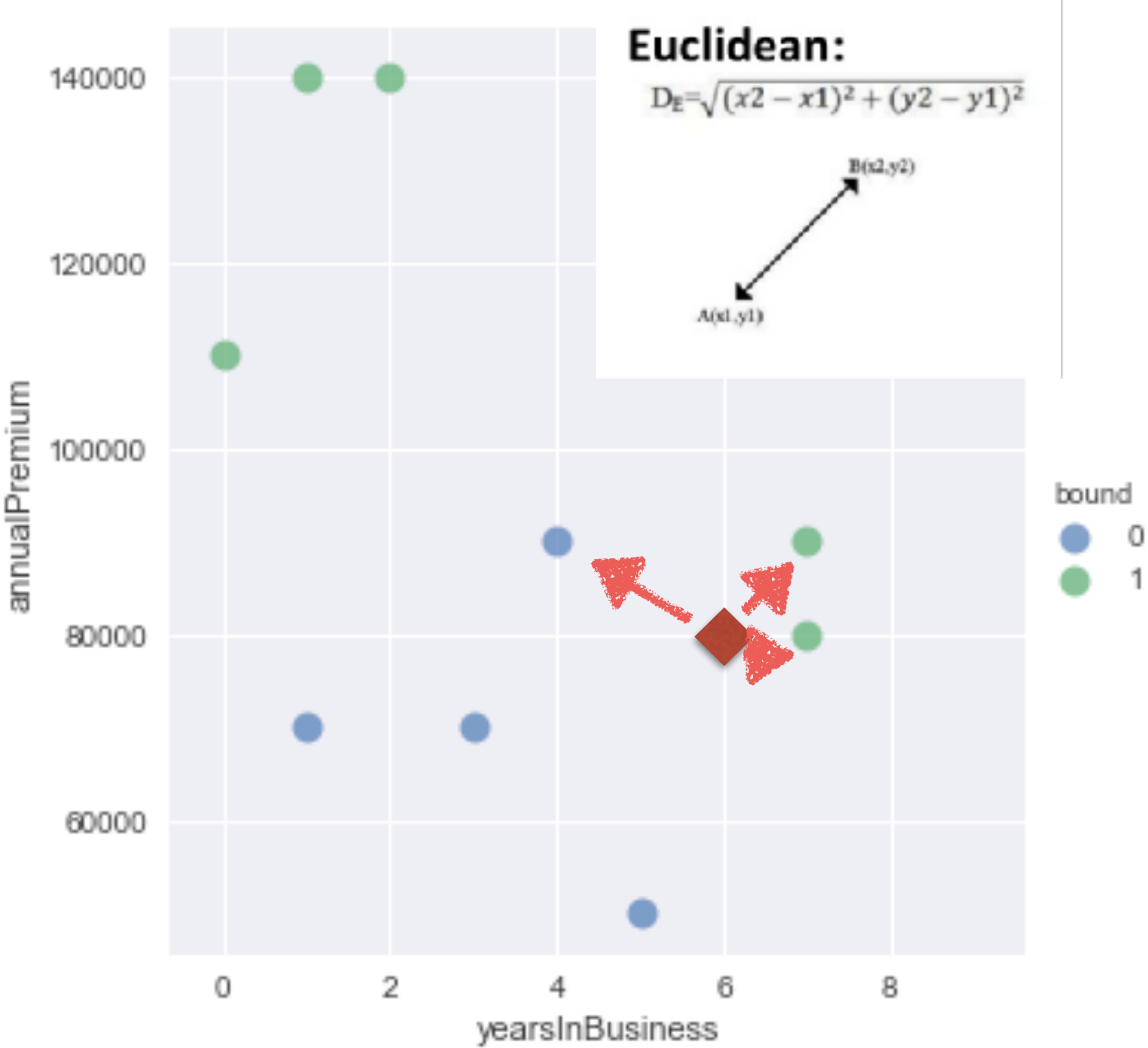
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yearsInBusiness	annualPremium	bound	distance
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0	110000	1	30000
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7	80000	1	1
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9	130000	1	50000

NEW DATA:

6	80000	?
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Something is off...



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## CLASSIFICATION WITH KNN

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- Data science begins with interrogating the data
  - Where did it come from?
  - Is it correct?
  - Does it mean what we think it means, in its context?

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# CLASSIFICATION WITH KNN

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- Right now, annual premium is weighted vastly more than years in business
- Let’s rescale the data with “min-max scaling”, which adjusts feature values to be between 0 and 1
  - $X' = (X - X_{min}) / (X_{max} - X_{min})$
  - If our ‘years in business’ and ‘annual premium’ features had just three data points :

yearsInBusiness	scaled_years	annualPremium	scaled_premium
2	0	40,000	0
3	0.5	60,000	0.5
4	1	80,000	1

# CLASSIFICATION WITH KNN

- Your turn! In pairs:
  - Scale the data
  - Plot the new data

$$X' = (X - X_{\min}) / (X_{\max} - X_{\min})$$

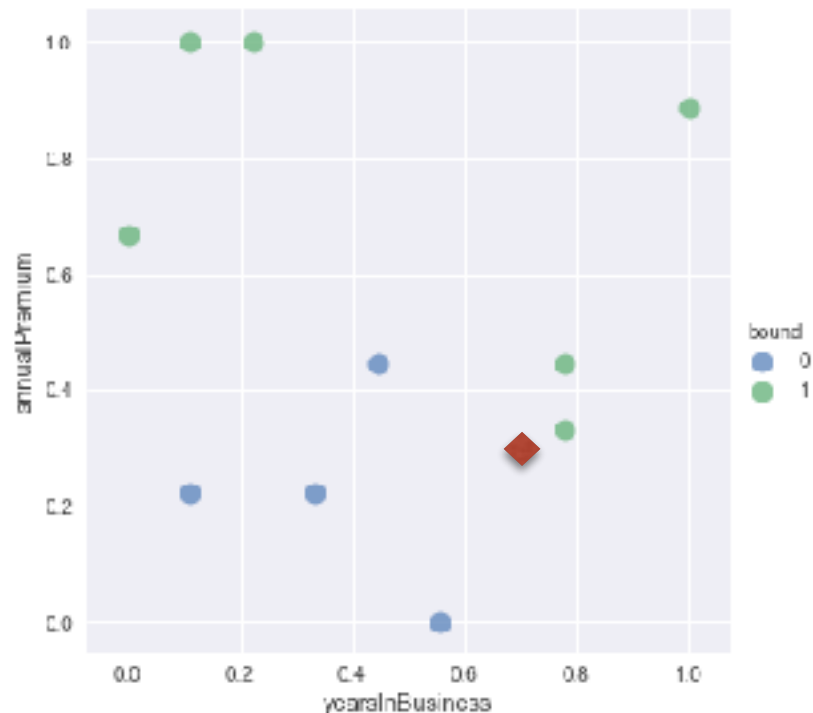
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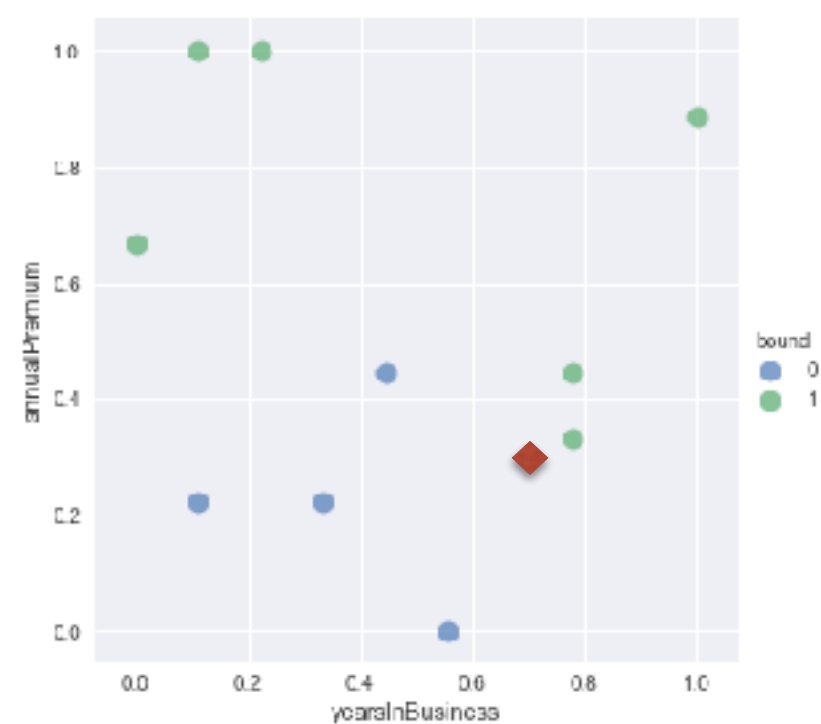
- If a potential insured has been in business 6 years, and we quote them \$80,000, what does your algorithm predict when  $k = 3$ ?
- What if  $k = 5$ ?



- (Slack me your prettier plots!)

# CLASSIFICATION WITH KNN

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0.777778	0.444444	1	0.157135
0.333333	0.222222	0	0.351364
0.000000	0.666667	1	0.745356
0.111111	1.000000	1	0.867806
0.444444	0.444444	0	0.248452
0.222222	1.000000	1	0.801234
0.777778	0.333333	1	0.111111
0.555556	0.000000	0	0.351364
0.111111	0.222222	0	0.566558
1.000000	0.888889	1	0.647884



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**BREAK**

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# TOOLS + TECH CHECK

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## OUR TOOLSET

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- Slack
- Git
- The command line
- Python 2.7\*
- Jupyter notebooks

\* Python 3.x is the right choice if you start a major project from scratch after this course.

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## **OUR TOOLSET - SLACK**

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### **▸ Slack**

- You should have an invitation to [GANYCEveningCourses.slack.com](https://GANYCEveningCourses.slack.com)**
- It went to whichever email you registered with — possibly a work email**
- If you need help, flag down John or Ellen!**

# OUR TOOLSET - SLACK


## Browse channels

New channel

 ds\_pt



Show: All channels



Sort: Channel Name



Channels you belong to

# ds\_pt\_0918  
Created by Ellen Kim on September 17th, 2017  
Data Science Part Time Evening Course (09.18)

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# OUR TOOLSET - SLACK

► Say hi!

The screenshot shows a Slack interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the workspace name 'GANYCEvening...' and a notification bell. Below the name are sections for 'All Threads', 'Channels' (with a plus icon), 'Direct Messages' (with a plus icon), and 'Apps' (with a plus icon). The 'Channels' section lists '# dat-nyc-9-18-17', '# ds\_pt\_0918' (highlighted in green), and '# general'. The 'Direct Messages' section lists 'slackbot', 'Winston Featherly-Bea...', 'John Sabini', 'John Sabini, Ellen Kim', and 'Winston Featherly-Bean'. The main area on the right shows the channel '#ds\_pt\_0918' with a header bar containing a search bar and icons for phone, info, settings, and a red gift icon with '9+'. Below the header, the channel name '#ds\_pt\_0918' is repeated, followed by a description: 'Ellen Kim created this channel yesterday. This is the very beginning of the #ds\_pt\_0918 channel. Purpose: Data Science Part Time Evening Course (09.18) (edit)'. Below the description are links for '+ Add an app' and 'Invite others to this channel'. A horizontal separator line is labeled 'Yesterday'. Below this, three messages are listed: 'Ellen Kim 11:24 AM joined #ds\_pt\_0918.', 'Ellen Kim 11:24 AM set the channel purpose: Data Science Part Time Evening Course (09.18)', and 'Darmody James 11:26 AM joined #ds\_pt\_0918 by invitation from Ellen Kim, along with 17 others.' At the bottom is a message input bar with a plus icon, the text 'Message #ds\_pt\_0918', and icons for mentions and emojis.

**GANYCEvening...** Winston Featherly-Bean

All Threads

Channels +

- # dat-nyc-9-18-17
- # ds\_pt\_0918
- # general

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Apps +

**#ds\_pt\_0918**

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Search

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+ Message #ds\_pt\_0918 @ 😊

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## OUR TOOLSET - GIT

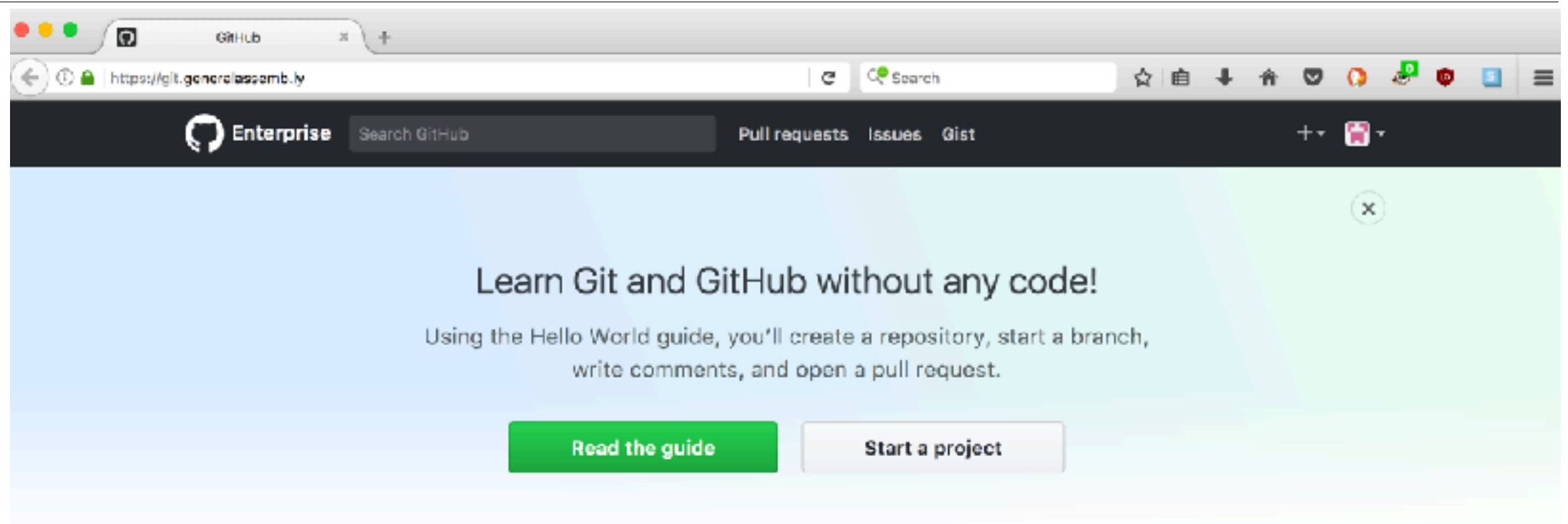
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### ▸ Git

- Create an account at <http://git.generalassemb.ly/> and send Ellen your username.
- You may have created an account at <http://github.com/> too — that's good, you'll use it later.



# OUR TOOLSET - GIT



 **winston** ▾



You've been added to the **data-part-time** organization!

Here are some quick tips for a first-time organization member.

- Use the switch context button in the upper left corner of this page to switch between your personal context (winston) and organizations you are a member of.
- After you switch contexts you'll see an organization-focused dashboard that lists out organization repositories and activities.



Your repositories ⓘ

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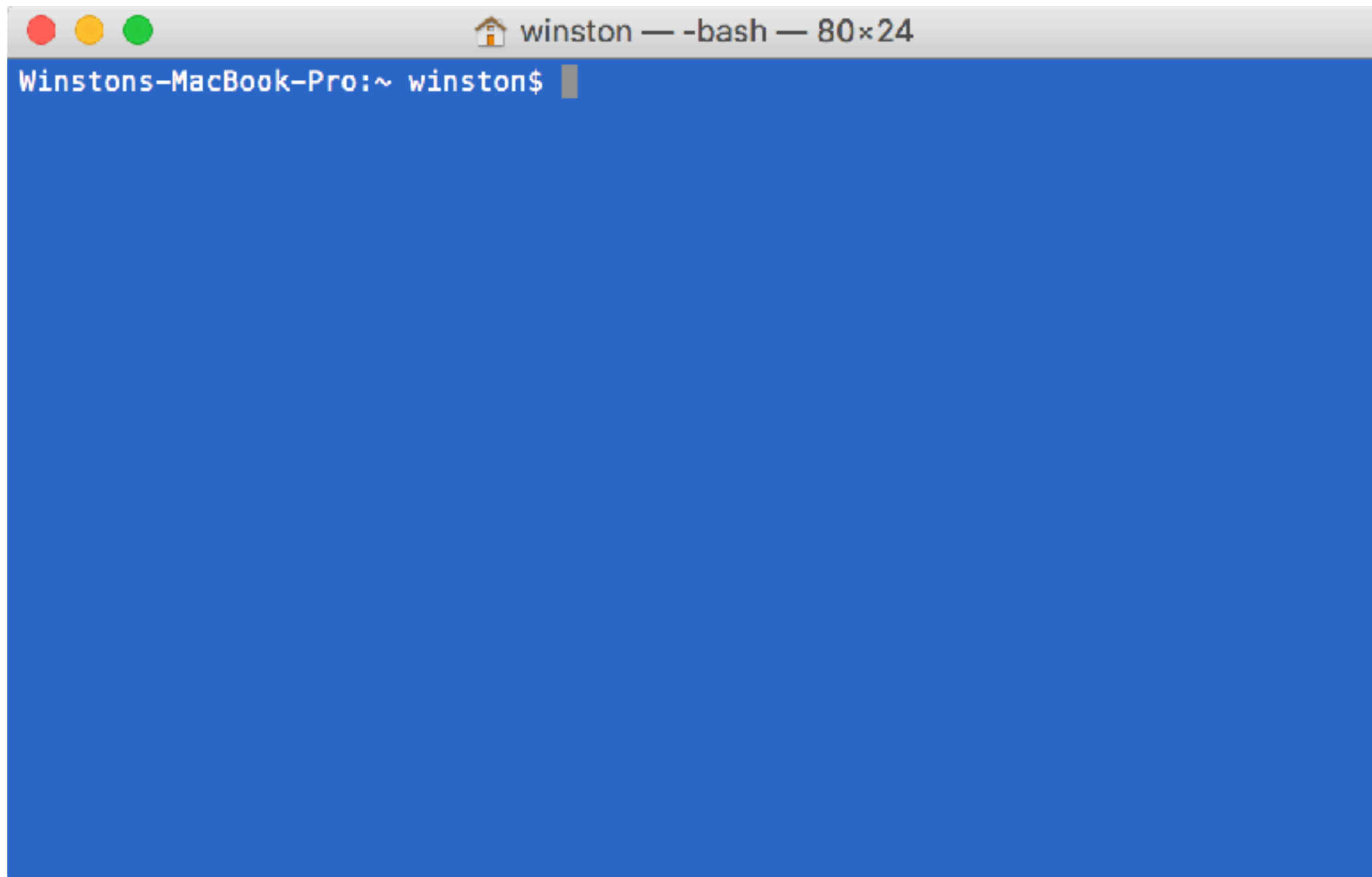
## OUR TOOLSET - THE COMMAND LINE

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- The command line
  - OS X, \*nix: search for Terminal
  - Windows: use Anaconda Prompt



# OUR TOOLSET - THE COMMAND LINE



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## OUR TOOLSET - PYTHON

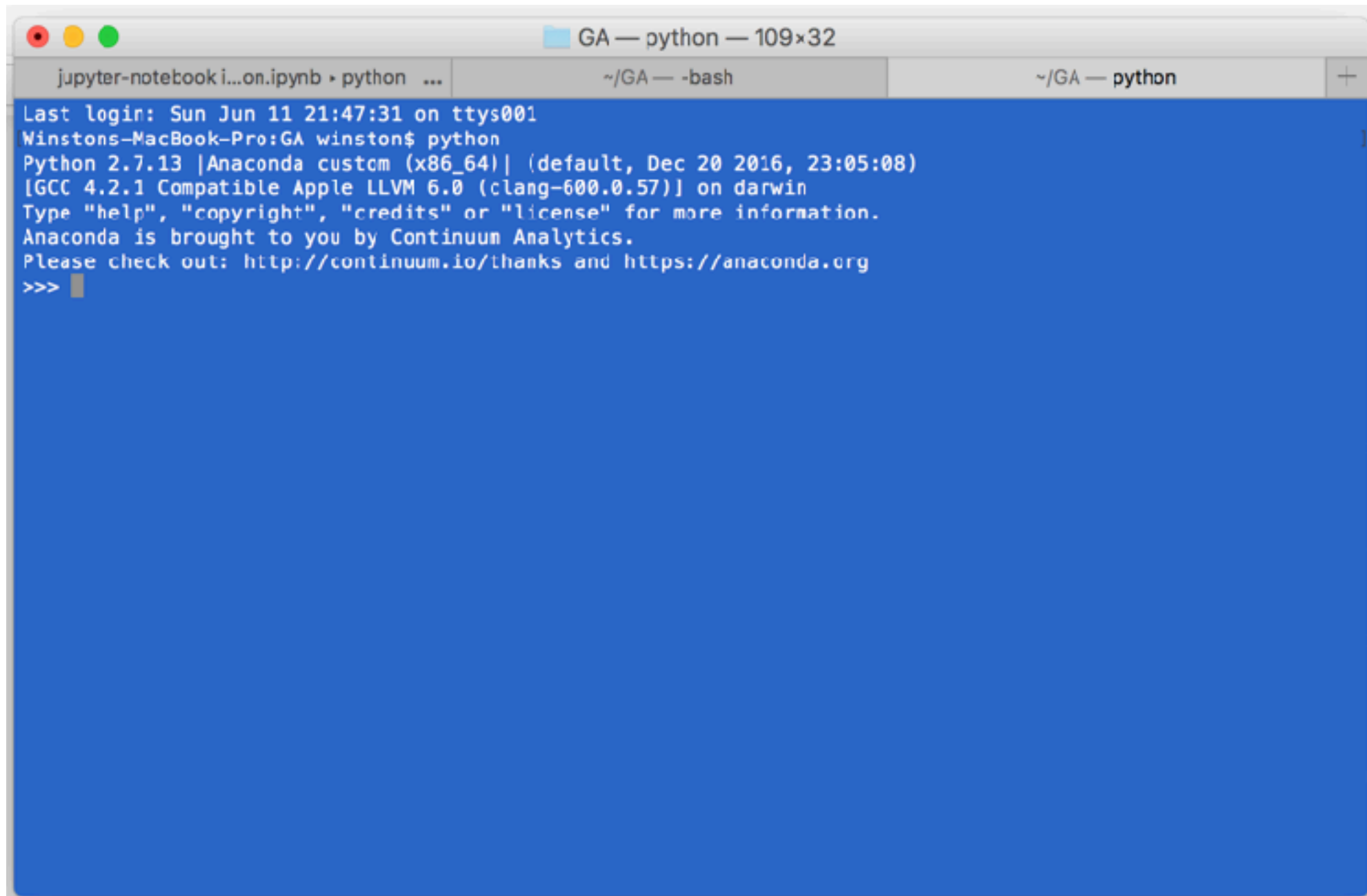
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- Python 2.7
  - Just type 'python' at the command prompt
  - \$ = command prompt
  - > > > = Python interpreter

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# OUR TOOLSET - PYTHON

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A screenshot of a macOS terminal window titled "GA — python — 109x32". The window has three tabs: "jupyter-notebook i...on.ipynb > python ...", "~/GA — -bash", and "~/GA — python". The terminal output shows the last login time, the command "python" being executed, and the resulting Anaconda Python 2.7.13 environment information. The prompt is currently ">>>".

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GA — python — 109x32
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Last login: Sun Jun 11 21:47:31 on ttys001
Winstons-MacBook-Pro:GA winston$ python
Python 2.7.13 |Anaconda custom (x86_64)| (default, Dec 20 2016, 23:05:08)
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 6.0 (clang-600.0.57)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
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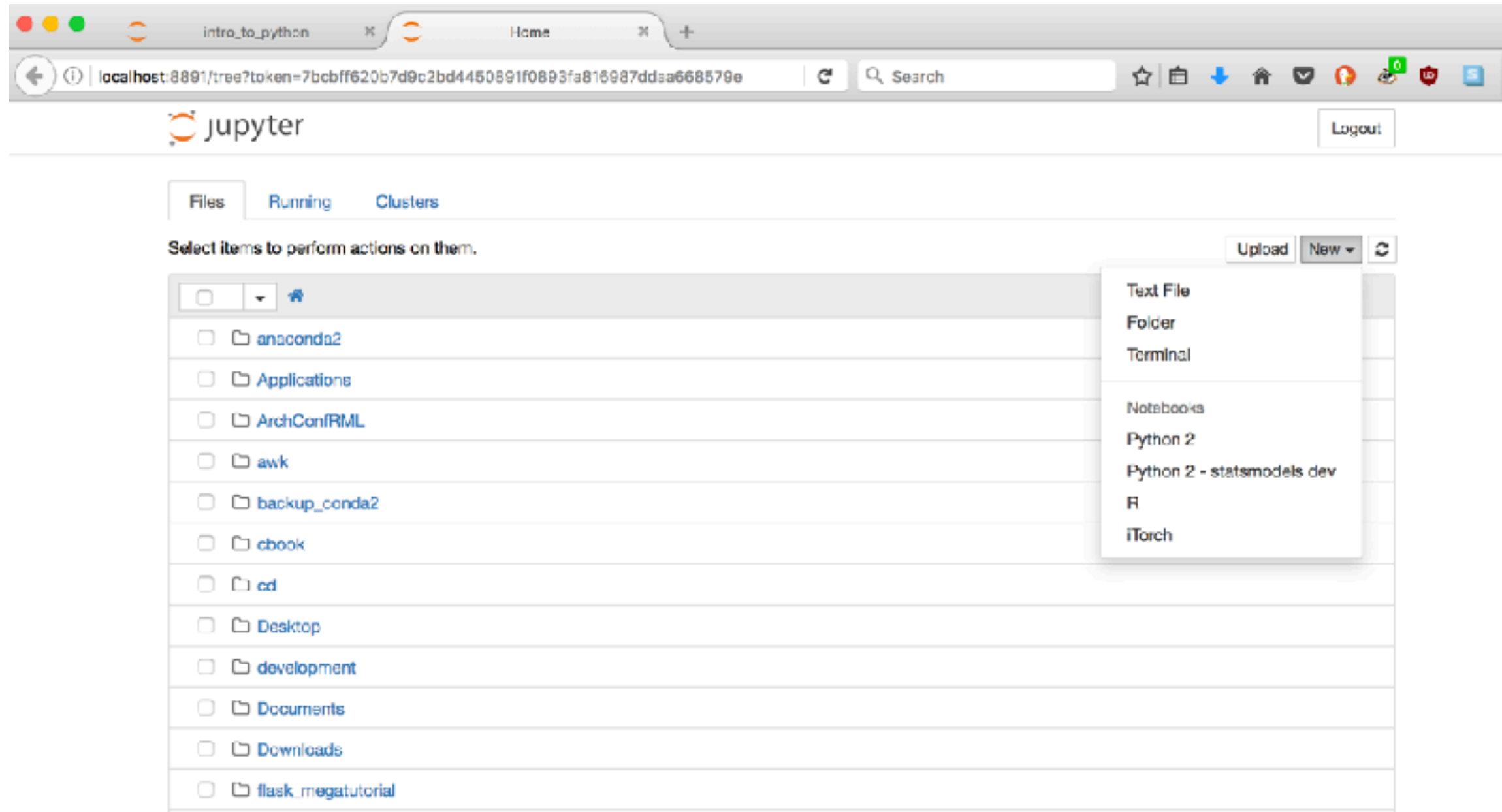
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## OUR TOOLSET - JUPYTER NOTEBOOKS

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- Jupyter notebooks
  - Came with Anaconda
  - Great way of prototyping and sharing your code and analyses - after this class, most of our lessons will be in notebooks
  - With a browser open, type 'jupyter notebook' at the CLI, or open via the Anaconda GUI

# OUR TOOLSET - JUPYTER NOTEBOOKS





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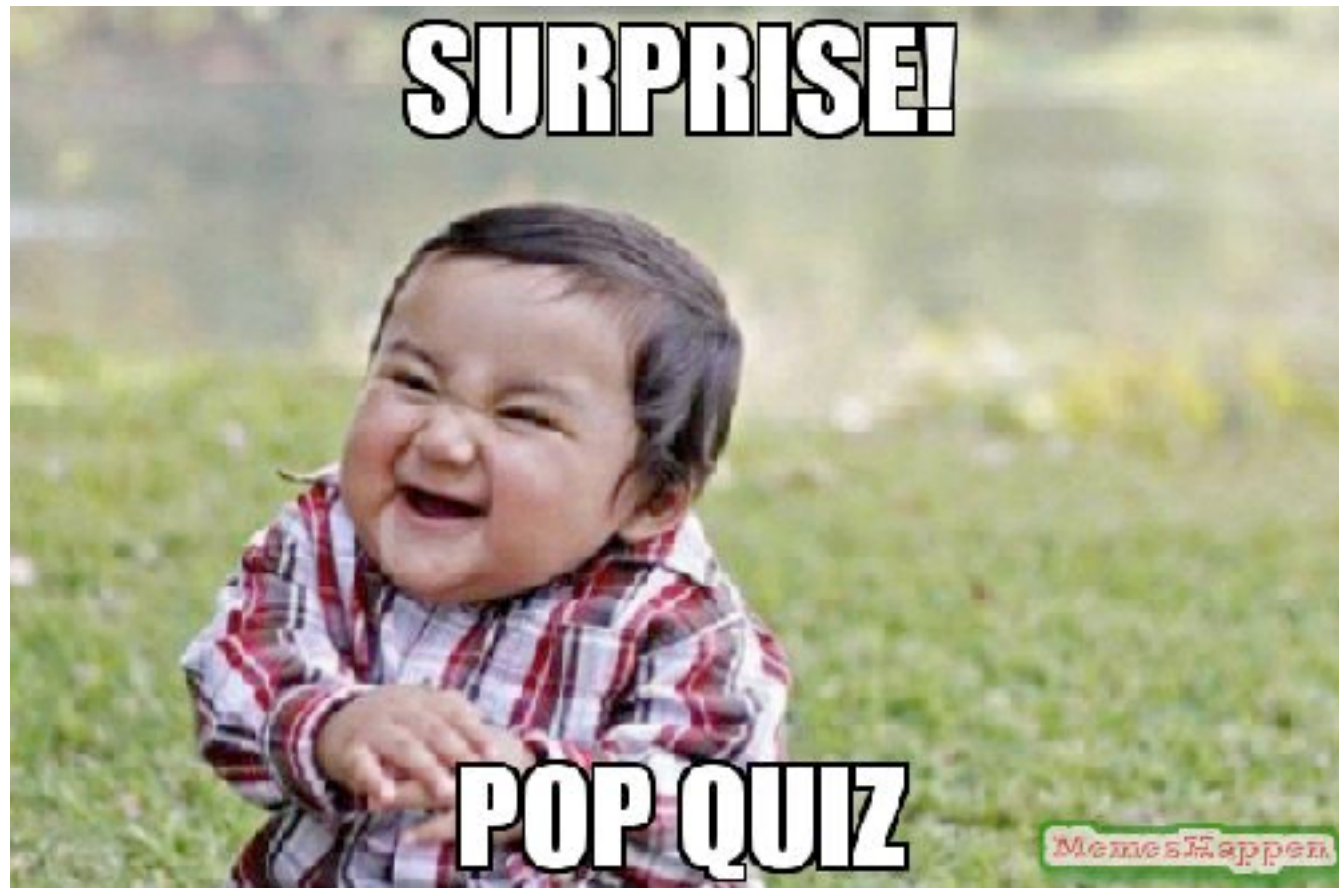
# **PYTHON FLASH QUIZ!**

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## PYTHON QUIZ

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- ▶ Create an account at [www.HackerRank.com](http://www.HackerRank.com)
- ▶ Go to <https://www.hackerrank.com/dat-nyc> click “Sign Up”, and start coding!



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# **STUDENT PROFILE SURVEY**

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- Please take 10 minutes to fill out some information for the GA admins
  - (It includes important info like an emergency contact number)
  - Check Slack for the link!

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**Q&A**

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**EXIT TICKET**

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## EXIT TICKET

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We'll Slack you a link to the daily “exit ticket”.

This is your chance to give us rapid feedback on the lesson and the course. We'll read these and try to address any questions or suggestions asap!

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**BYE!**