

Data visualisation with Seaborn

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Welcome

Training Environment access

- Welcome page:
<https://seaborn.jumpingrivers.training/welcome/>
- password: cantaloupe-quince

Materials

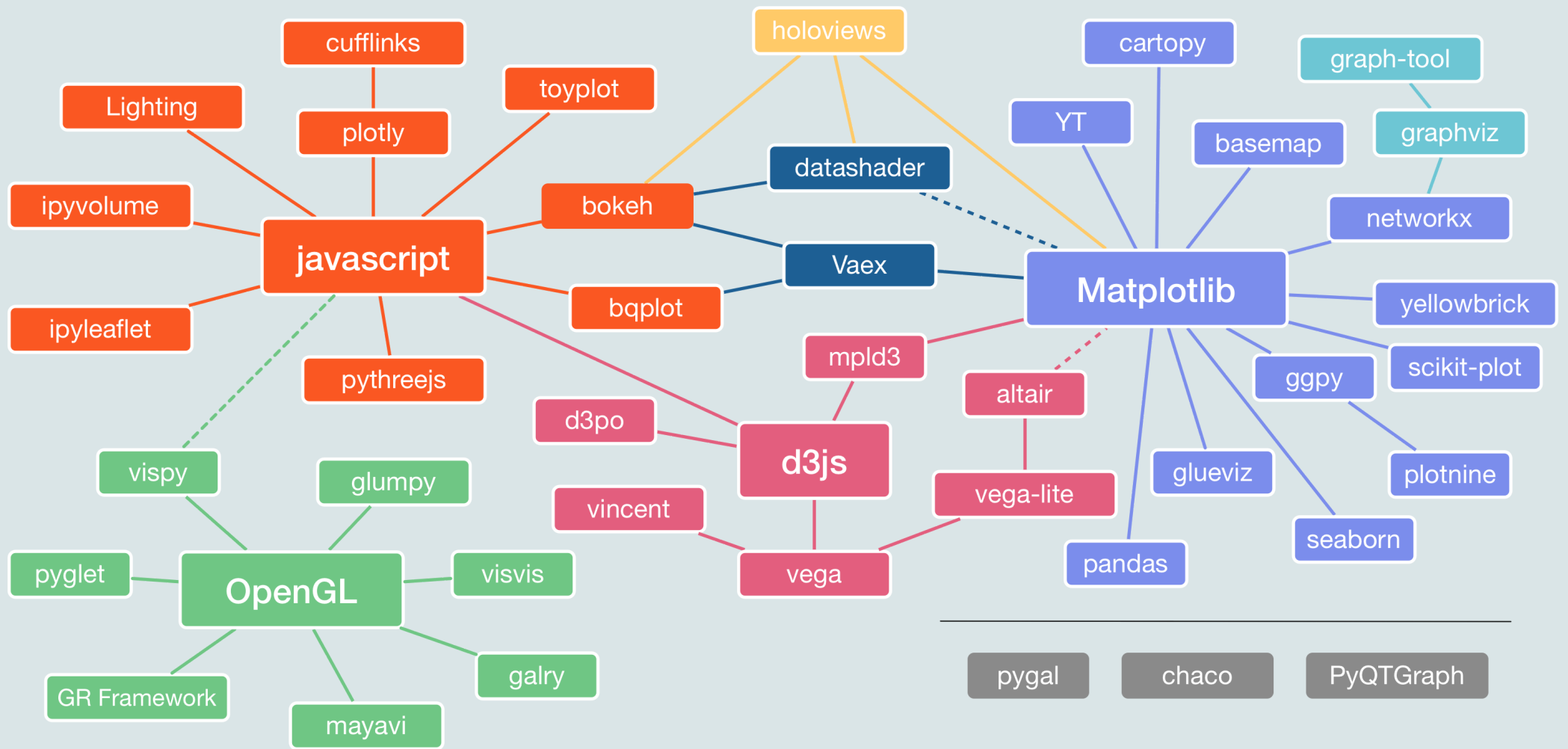
- <https://github.com/jumpingrivers/2023-nhs-r-seaborn>

Me

Jumping Rivers

- **Data science consultancy**
 - Python / R, machine learning, dashboards, API's
- **Data engineering**
 - Data pipelines, server health and security, managed Posit (RStudio) services
- **Training**
 - Python, R, Git, Tableau + many more
- **Community**
 - Conferences/meetups, blogs, open-source

Plotting in Python



Python plotting landscape

Matplotlib

- Stable plotting interface
- Flexible customisation
- Active development community
- Comprehensive documentation

Alternatives to Matplotlib

For all its strengths, Matplotlib *does* have a few downsides:

- The default appearance of plots is not particularly appealing.
- Complex figures are non-trivial and require many lines of code.

Alternatives to Matplotlib

- Javascript-related
 - Interactive visualisations
 - `plotly`
- OpenGL-related
 - Interactive 3D figures
 - `PyOpenGL`,
 - `visvis`
 - `pyglet`.

Alternatives to Matplotlib

- D3.js-related
 - Interactive data visualisations
 - Optimised for the web
 - `mpld3`
 - Vega-Altair
- Built on top of Matplotlib
 - Plotnine
 - Seaborn

What is Seaborn?

- Builds on Matplotlib
- Integrates with Pandas data structures
- Detailed statistical plots with few lines of code



What is Seaborn?

New in v0.12

- `seaborn.objects` interface
- More flexible customisation within Seaborn API
- Currently still experimental and not covered in this workshop

The plan

Part 1: Introduction to Seaborn

- First plots
- Seaborn and Matplotlib

Part 2: Statistical visualisations with Seaborn

- Bivariate relationships
- Distributions
- Categorical data
- Multi-panel plots

Takeaways

- You'll be able to download every file (including your exercise solutions)
- Materials are also available at <https://github.com/jumpingrivers/2023-nhs-r-seaborn>

