The Value Chain vs. The Real-World Organization

- The value chain describes a linear pathway that information follows from event to action
- However, real organizations are not constructed around information alone:
 - Functional (Marketing, Finance), Customer Group (Business vs.
 Consumer), Line of Business (Generators, Shop Tools), etc.
 - Various flavors of specialized skills or knowledge
- There is a general tension and trade-off between technical skills and contextual acumen
 - Resources with more technical skill tend to do the 'heavy lifting'
 - Resources with more context tend to interpret and make decisions
- Where analytics are concerned, organizations tend to focus on broad activity classes and the types of <u>outputs</u> produced



Data Architecture

Overall design of the data environment to serve the needs of the enterprise

Data Management

Building & maintaining the data environment

Reporting

Standardized, periodic renderings of specific metrics or data relationships

Ad-Hoc Analysis

Directed analysis to answer a specific question; if same thing done repeatedly, should be reporting

Modeling

Advanced analysis or application of data using higher-order techniques



Highly Technical "IT" Support Functions



- Infrastructure Typically manages the physical hardware and connections inside and outside the company
 - Almost always in an IT organization

- Source system / application development & administration – Builds & manages systems that capture front-line information
 - Almost always in an IT or Software development organization
 - May also include support of ancillary functionality like Corporate IT

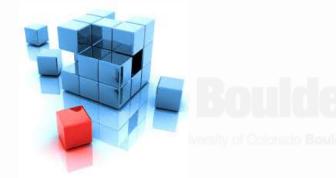




Technical Database & BI Management Functions



- Data Architect Designs and structures the databases in which information is to be stored
 - Usually in an IT organization
- Database Administrator Manages the creation and maintenance of databases, as well as access, stability, and efficiency
 - Usually in an IT organization, often in a data warehousing team
- **ETL Developer** Implements the <u>Extract</u>, <u>Transform</u>, and <u>Load</u> logic that populates databases
 - Usually in a data warehousing team within an IT organization
- BI Developer More loosely defined, but generally administers more technical maintenance & development functions for a Business Intelligence toolset
 - Usually in a data warehousing or BI team within an IT organization

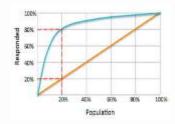


Data Manipulation and Analysis Functions

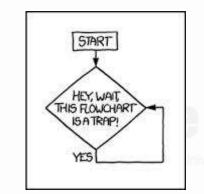


- Database Analyst Extracts and analyzes data, usually by directly accessing one or more databases
 - Sometimes in IT, sometimes in 'the business'
- Data Analyst Analyzes data; may not access database directly, and often has more business context
 - Usually in a business / functional team



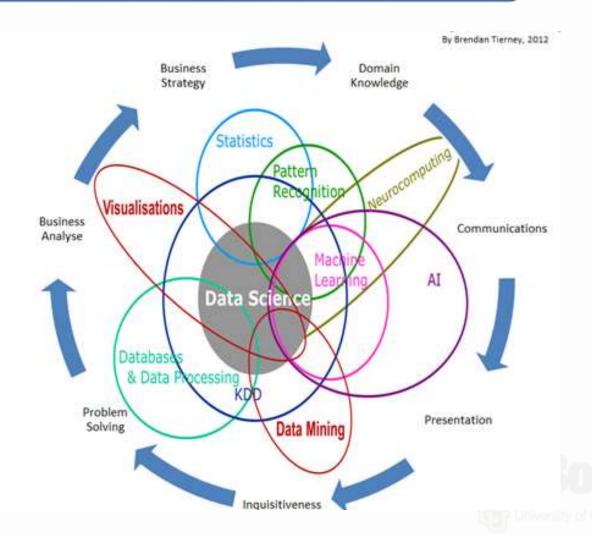


- Modeler Uses advanced techniques, including statistical modeling, to reveal insights and make predictions
 - Usually in a business / functional team
- Business Analyst May use data, but more directed at understanding business processes and how things work
 - Can be anywhere



Data Manipulation and Analysis Functions

- The "DATA SCIENTIST"
 - Reflects blurring of roles
 - Has broad skill set
 - Has context
 - Applies scientific approach
 - Is a master communicator



Recap

- Organized around functions, customer groups, lines of business
- Activity Classes:
 - Data Architecture
 - Data Management
 - Reporting
 - Ad-Hoc Analytics
 - Modeling
- Roles:
 - Highly Technical IT & Support Roles
 - Technical Data Management & BI Roles
 - Data Manipulation & Analysis Roles
 - Multidimensional role of Data Scientist

