



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Define Data Science
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of a Data Scientist
- List various applications of Data Science
- Explain Data Science importance
- Describe Python and its importance





Data Science



What Is Data Science?

Some common definitions of Data Science are:

A powerful new approach to make discoveries from data







An automated way to analyze enormous amounts of data and extract information

Data Science

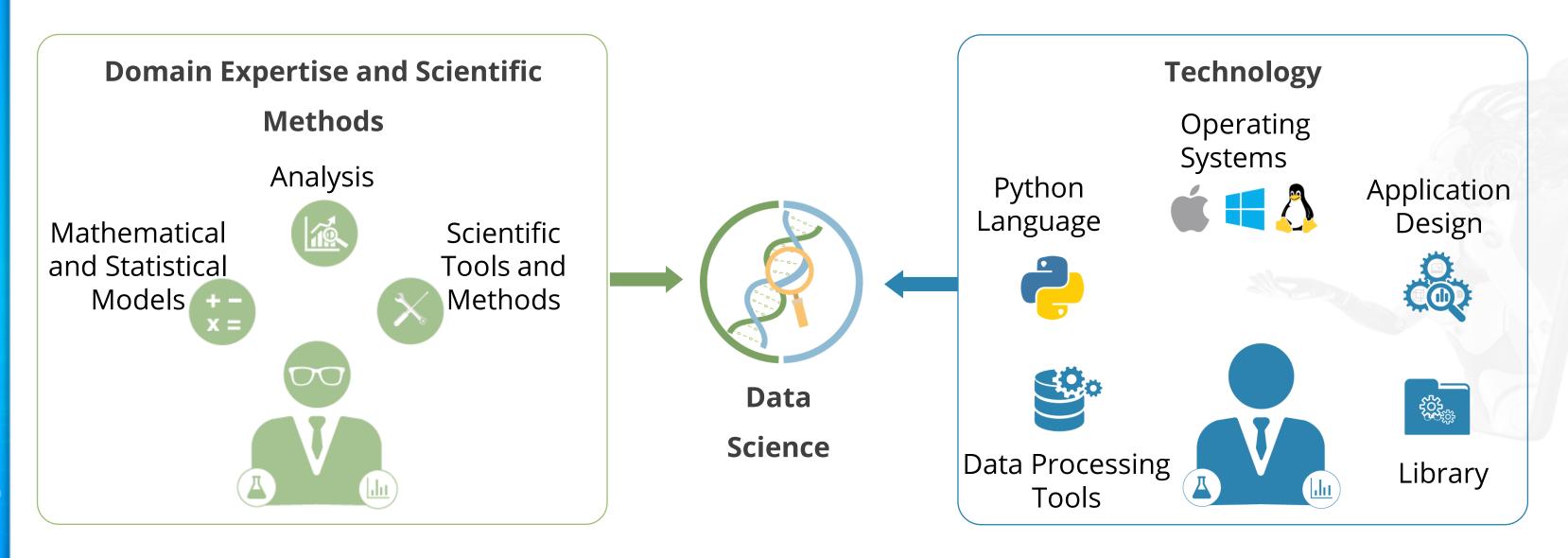


A new discipline that combines the aspects of statistics, mathematics, programming, and visualization to turn data into information



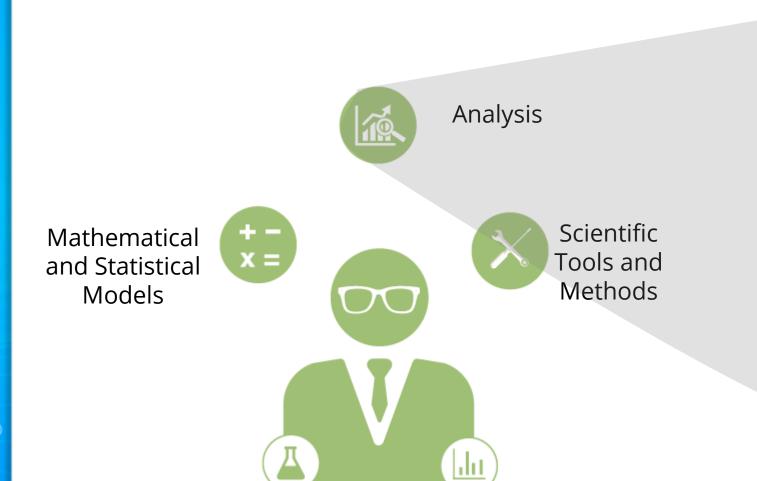
Components of Data Science

When you combine domain expertise and scientific methods with technology, you get Data Science.



Domain Expertise and Scientific Methods

Data Scientists collect, explore, analyze, and visualize data. They apply mathematical and statistical models to find patterns and solutions in the data.



Data analysis can be:

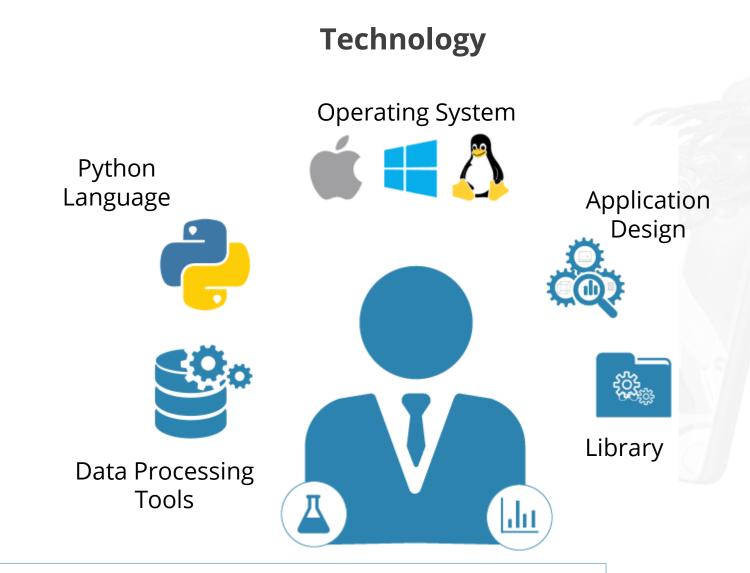
- Descriptive: Study a dataset to decipher the details
- Predictive: Create a model based on existing information to predict outcome and behavior
- Prescriptive: Suggest actions for a given situation using the collected information

Data Processing and Analytics

Modern tools and technologies have made data processing and analytics faster and efficient.

These technologies help Data Scientists to:

- Build and train machine learning models
- Manipulate data with technology
- Build data tools, applications, and services
- Extract information from data





Data analysis that uses only technology and domain knowledge without mathematical and statistical knowledge often leads to incorrect patterns and wrong interpretations.

This can cause serious damage to businesses.

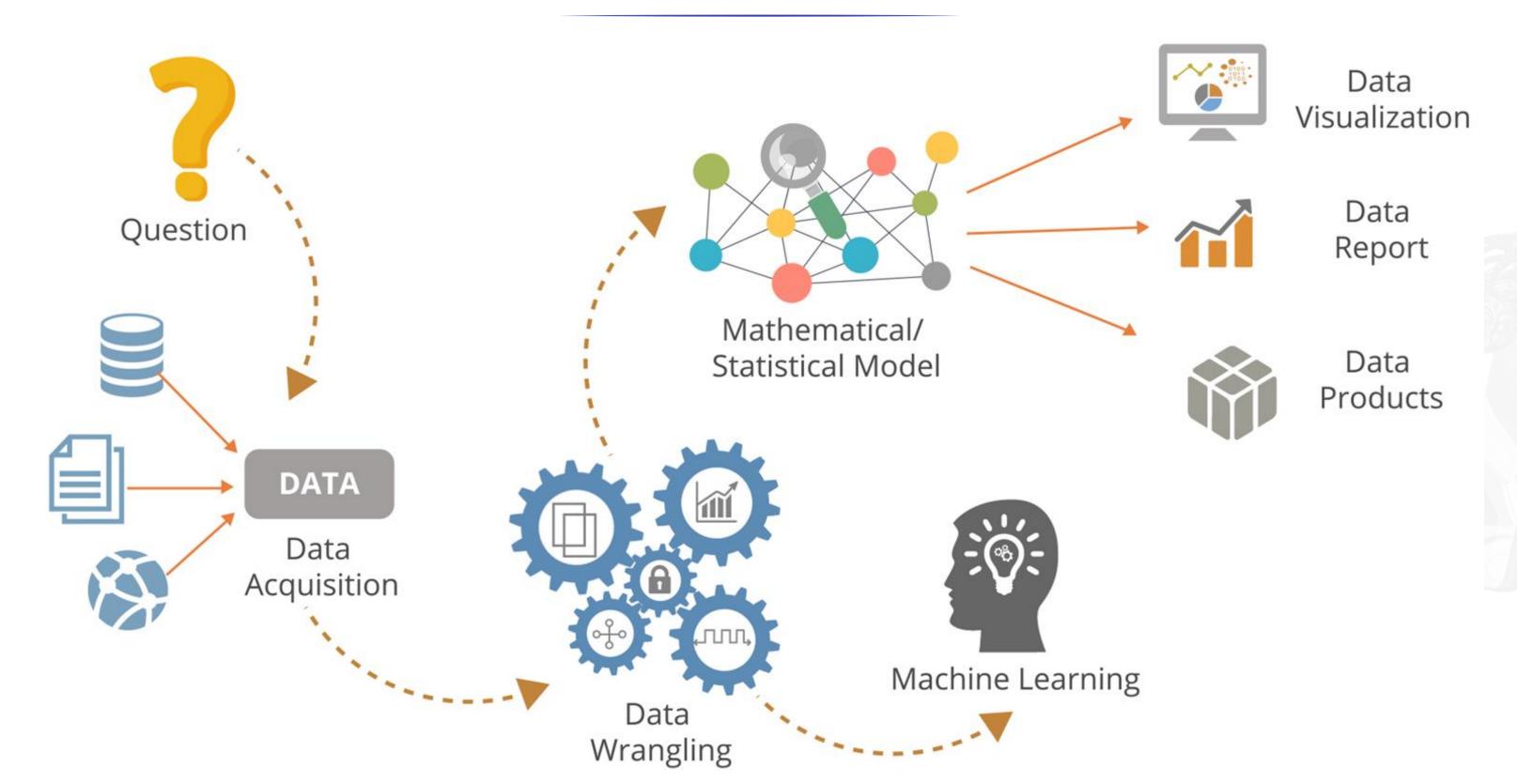




Roles and Responsibilities of a Data Scientist



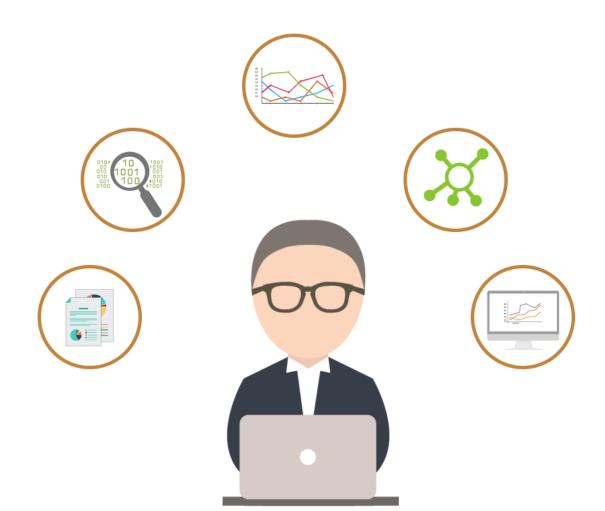
Role of a Data Scientist



Basic Skills of a Data Scientist

A Data Scientist should be able to:

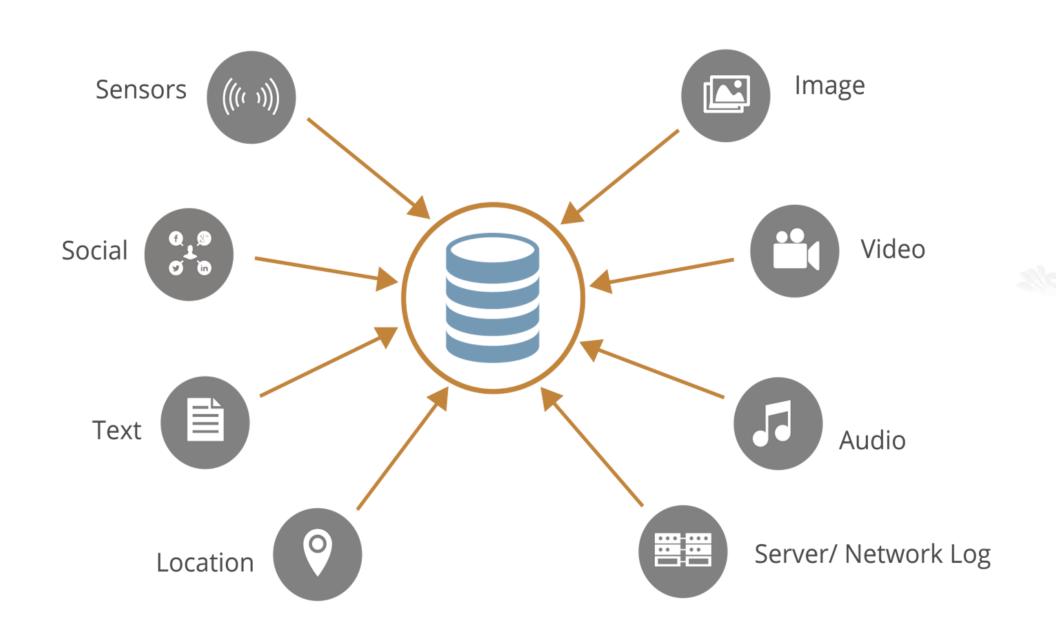
- Ask the right questions
- Understand data structure
- Interpret and wrangle data
- Apply statistical and mathematical methods
- Visualize data and communicate with stakeholders
- Work as a team player





Sources of Big Data

Data Scientists work with different types of datasets for various purposes. Now that Big Data is generated every second through different media, the role of Data Science has become more important.



3 Vs of Big Data

Volume

Enormous amount of data generated from various sources

Velocity

Large amount of data streaming in at great speeds, which requires quick data processing

Variety

Different formats of data: Structured, Semi-structured, and Unstructured

Big Data is a huge collection of data stored on distributed systems/machines popularly referred to as Hadoop clusters.

Data Science helps extract information from the data and build information-driven enterprises.





Applications of Data Science



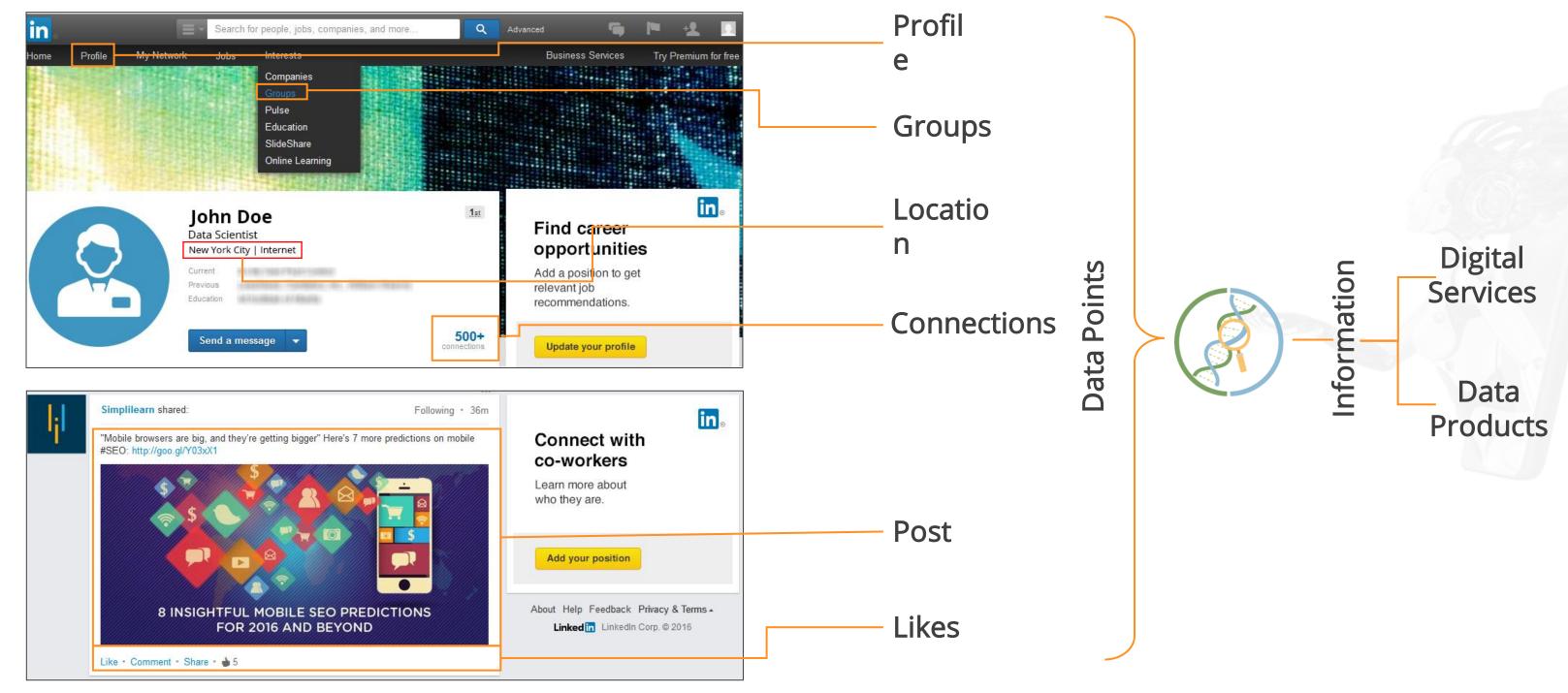
Different Sectors Using Data Science

Various sectors use Data Science to extract the information they need to create different services and products.



Using Data Science: Social Network Platforms

LinkedIn uses data points from its users to provide them with relevant digital services and data products.

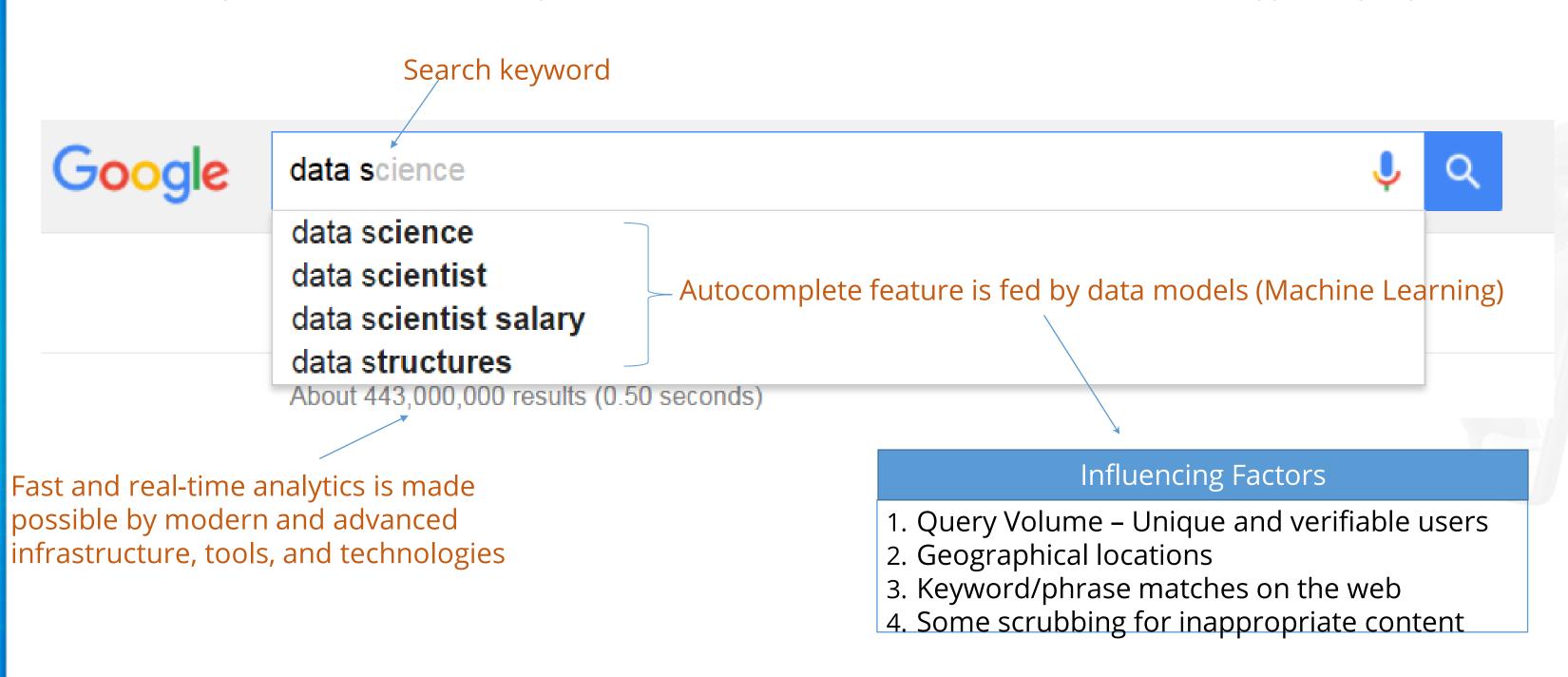




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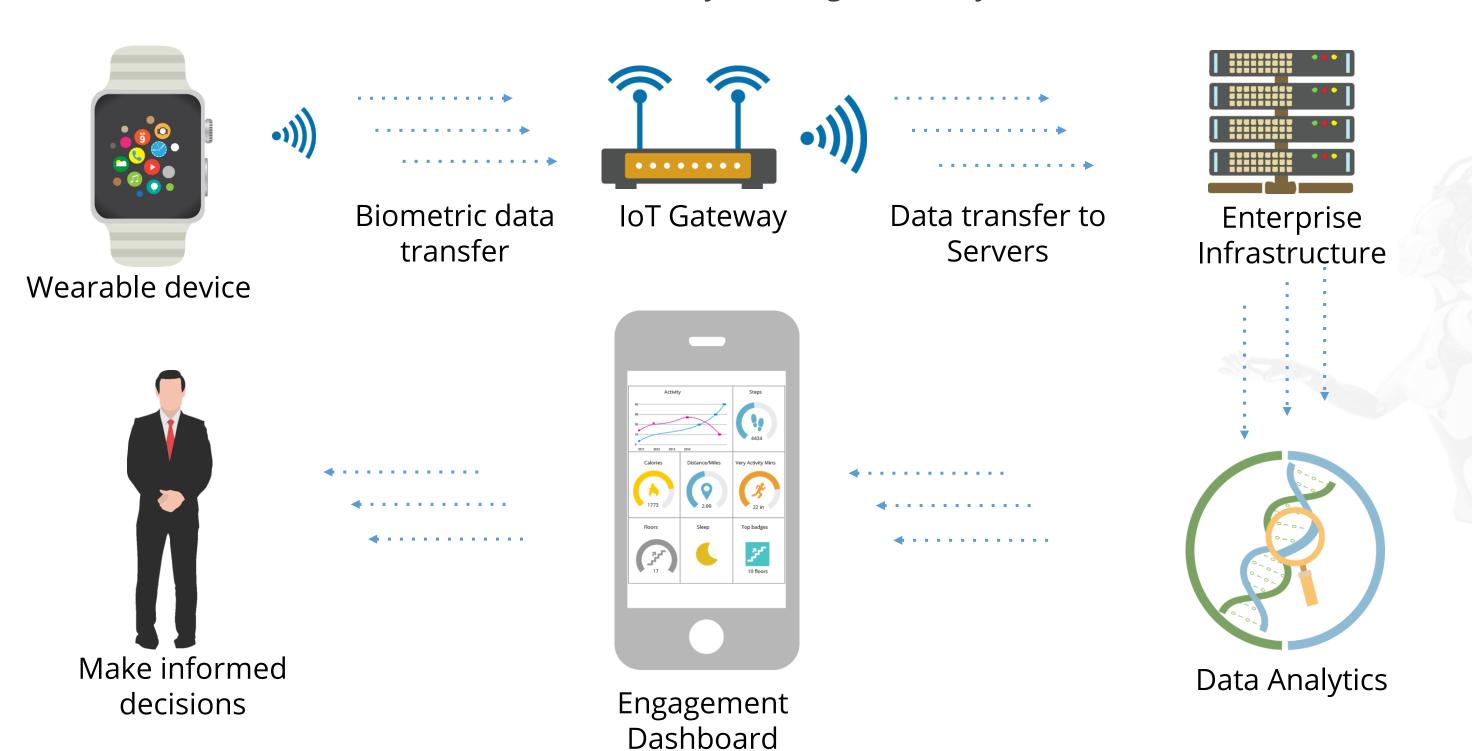
Using Data Science: Search Engines

Google uses Data Science to provide relevant search recommendations as the user types a query.



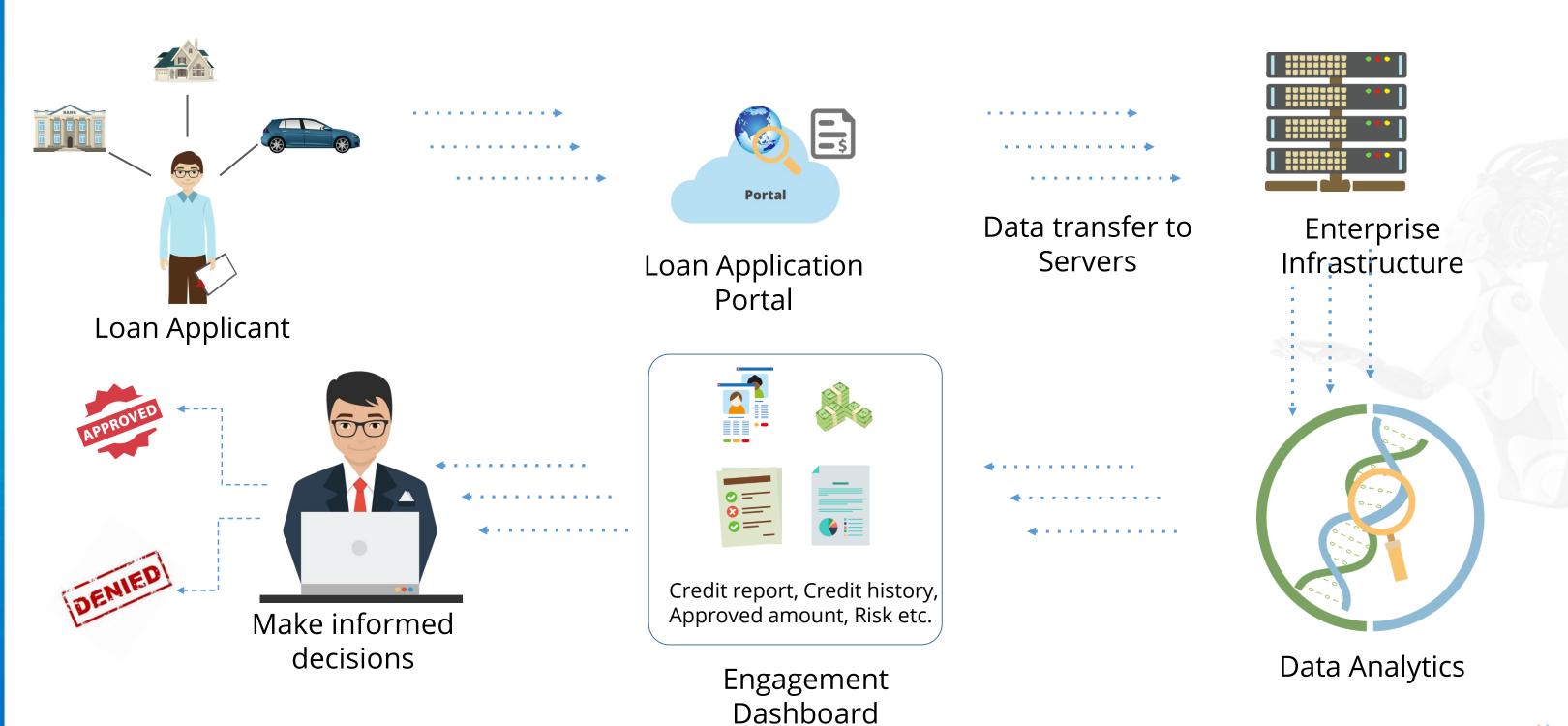
Using Data Science: Healthcare

Wearable devices use Data Science to analyze data gathered by their biometric sensors.



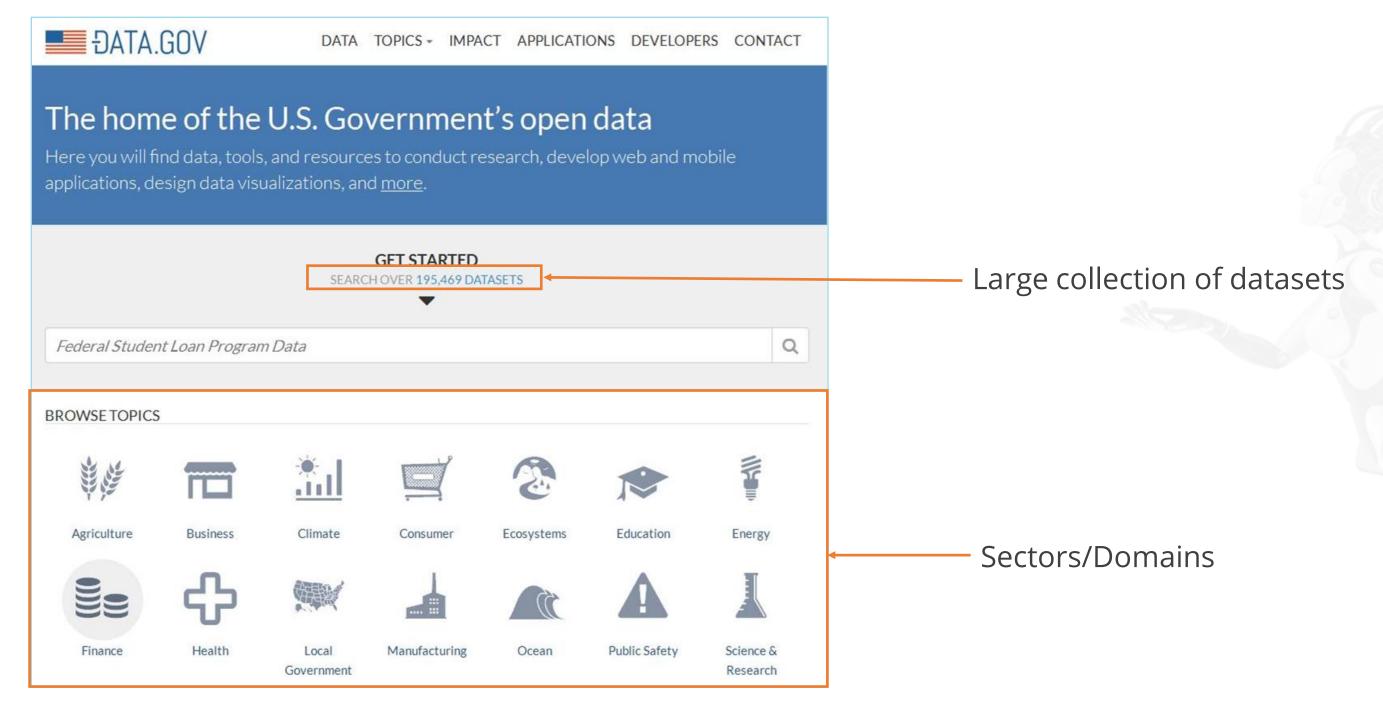
Using Data Science: Finance

A loan manager can easily access and sift through a loan applicant's financial details using Data Science.



Using Data Science: Public Sector

The governments in different countries share large datasets from various domains with the public. Data.gov is a website hosted and maintained by the U.S. government.

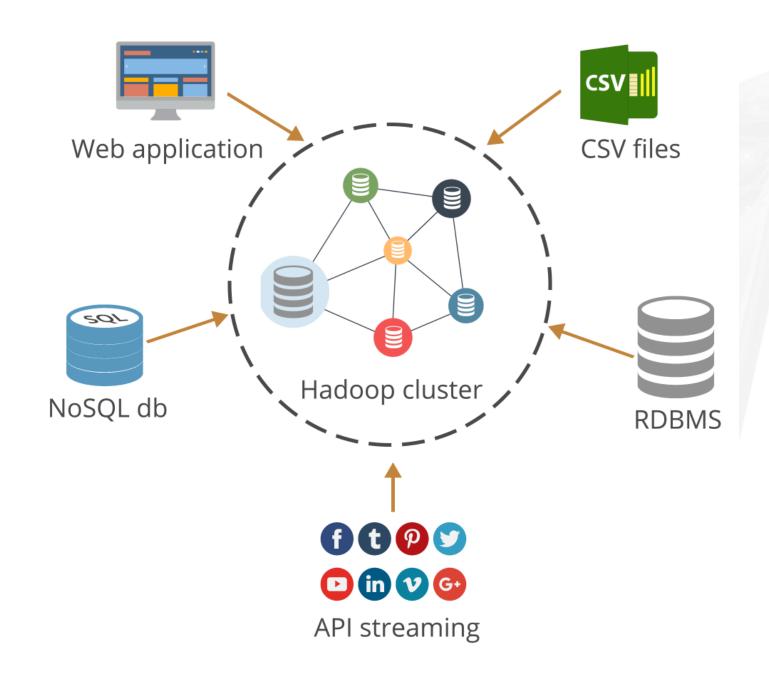




The Real Challenge

Some of the challenges Data Scientists face in the real world are:

- Data quality doesn't conform to the set standards
- Data integration is a complex task
- Data is distributed into large clusters in HDFS, which is difficult to integrate and analyze
- Unstructured and semi-structured data are harder to analyze

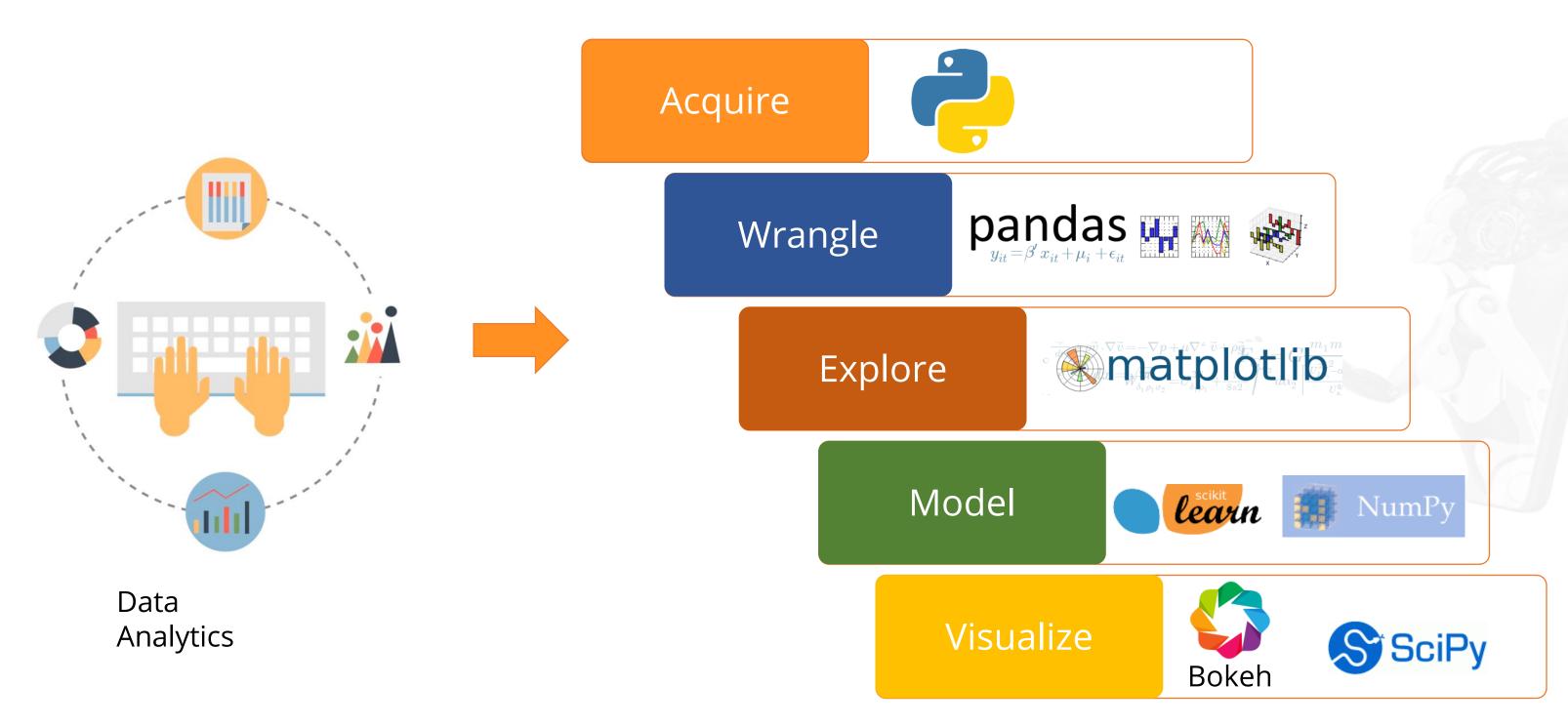




Python

Data Analytics and Python

Python deals with each stage of data analytics efficiently by applying different libraries and packages.



Python Tools and Technologies

Python is a general purpose, open source programming language that lets you work quickly and integrate systems more effectively.



Data analysis

Scientific computing







Machine learning

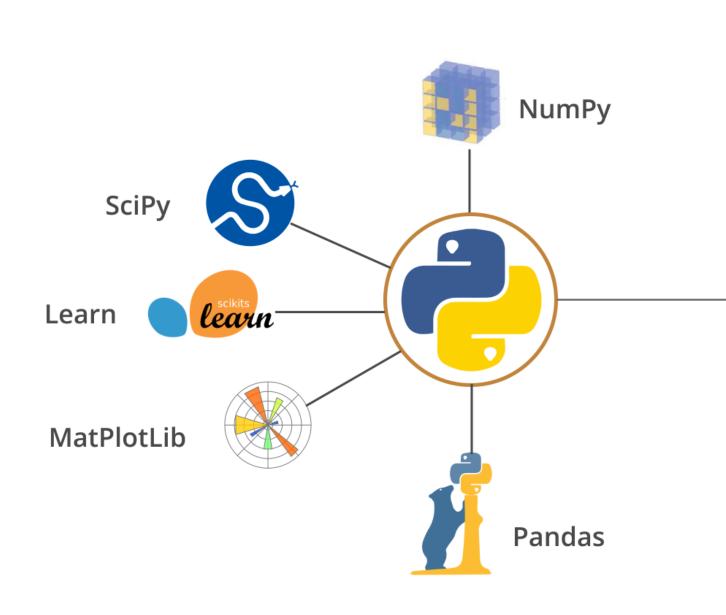
Software for mathematics, science, and engineering





Graphics computing

Benefits of Python



Easy to learn

Open source

Efficient and multi-platform support

Huge collection of libraries, functions, and modules

Big open source community

Integrates well with enterprise apps and systems

Great vendor and product support

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Big Data Platforms and Processing Frameworks for Python

Python is supported by well-established data platforms and processing frameworks that help analyze data in a simple and efficient way.



Big Data

DATA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Knowledge Check



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- a. Asks the right questions
- b. Acquires data
- c. Performs data wrangling and data visualization
- d. All of the above



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The correct answer is d

A Data Scientist asks the right questions to the stakeholders, acquires data from various sources and data points, performs data wrangling that makes the data available for analysis, and creates reports and plots for data visualization.

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The correct answer is **b**, **c**

The search engine's autocomplete feature identifies unique and verifiable users who search for a particular keyword or phrase to build a query volume. It also helps identify the users' locations and tag them to the query, enabling it to be location-specific.

What is the sequential flow of Data Analytics?

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- a. Data wrangling, exploration, modeling, acquisition, and visualization
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- d. Data modeling, acquisition, exploration, wrangling, and visualization



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The correct answer is c

In Data Analytics, the data is acquired from various sources and is then wrangled to ease its analysis. This is followed by data exploration and data modeling. The final stage is data visualization, where the data is presented and the patterns are identified.

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Key Takeaways

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Thank You

