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Data Visualization Tools: Matplotlib; seaborn; plotly

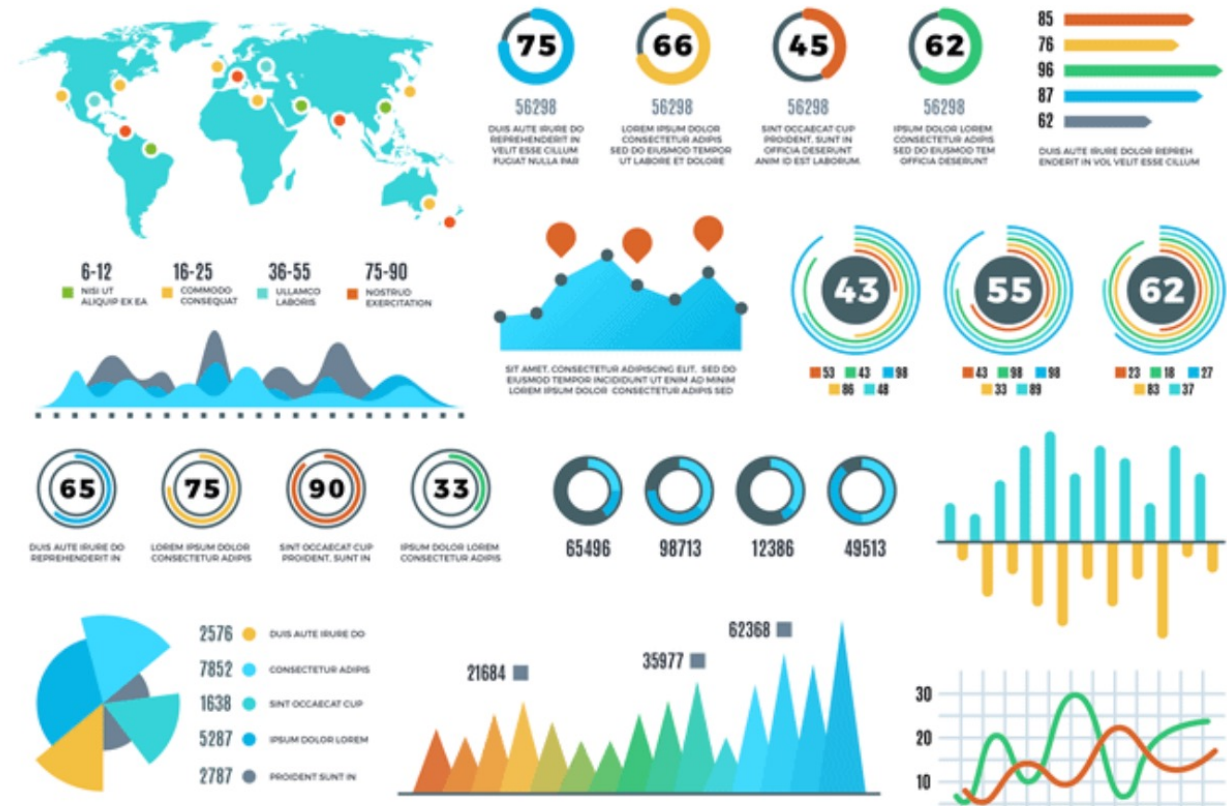
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Example. Consider a case where you are asked to illustrate crucial sales aspects (like sales performance, target, revenue, acquisition cost, etc.) from huge amounts of sales data, which one would you prefer:

1. Exploring the data using Excel (or spreadsheets) and keeping track of each sales aspect manually.
2. Exploring the data using different types of sales graphs and charts.

Obviously, you would prefer graphs and charts.
So, data visualization plays a key role in data exploration and data analysis.



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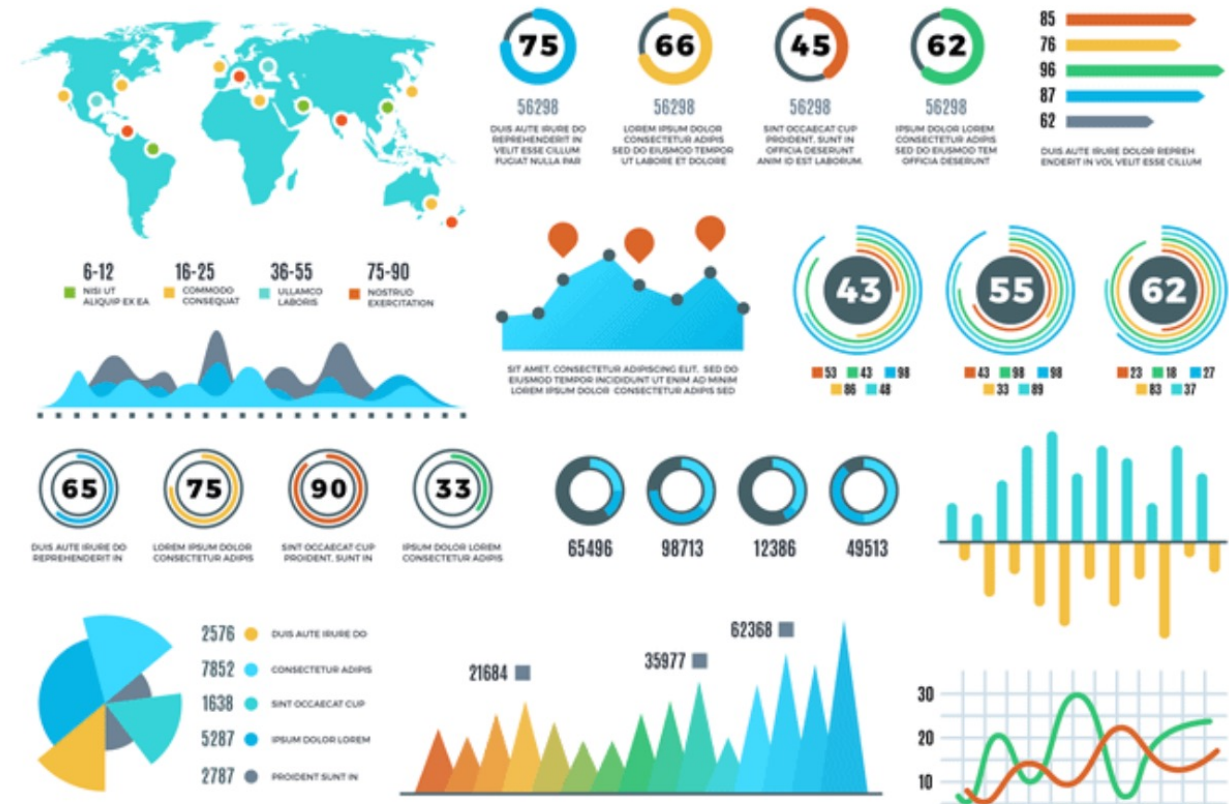
What is data visualization?

In data science, visual presentation of the data is a first-class citizen.

We combine together various charts to better understand the data and the relationships it hides.

“A picture is worth a thousand words.”

Data Visualization is the technique to represent the data/information in a pictorial or graphical format that enables stakeholders and decision-makers to analyze and explore data visually and uncover deep insights.



What is the benefit of data visualization?

- Helps in data analysis, data exploration and makes the data **more understandable**.
- **Summaries** the complex quantitative information in a small space.
- Helps in discovering the latest **trends**, hidden patterns in the data.
- Identifies the **relationships/correlations** between the variables.
- Helps in **examining** the areas that need attention or improvement

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1) Column

A column chart is used to show a comparison among different items, or it can show a comparison of items over time. You could use this format to see the revenue per landing page or customers by close date.

- Use consistent colors throughout the chart, selecting accent colors to highlight meaningful data points or changes over time.
- Use labels to improve readability.

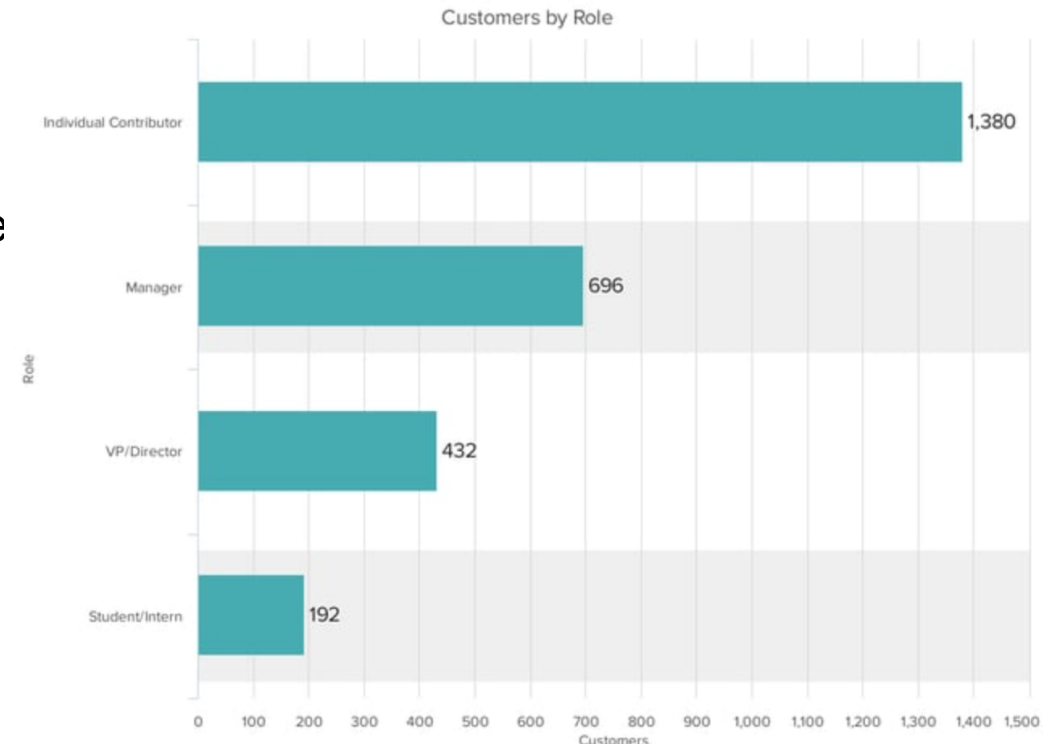


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2) Bar

A bar chart (a horizontal column chart), should be used to avoid clutter when **one data label is long** or if you have **more than 10 items** to compare. This type of visualization can also be used to **display negative numbers**.

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- Use labels to improve readability.



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3) Line

A line chart reveals **trends or progress over time** and can be used to show many different categories of data. You should use it when you chart a **continuous** data set.

- Use solid lines only.
- Don't plot more than four lines to avoid visual distractions.
- Use the right height so the lines take up roughly 2/3 of the y-axis' height.

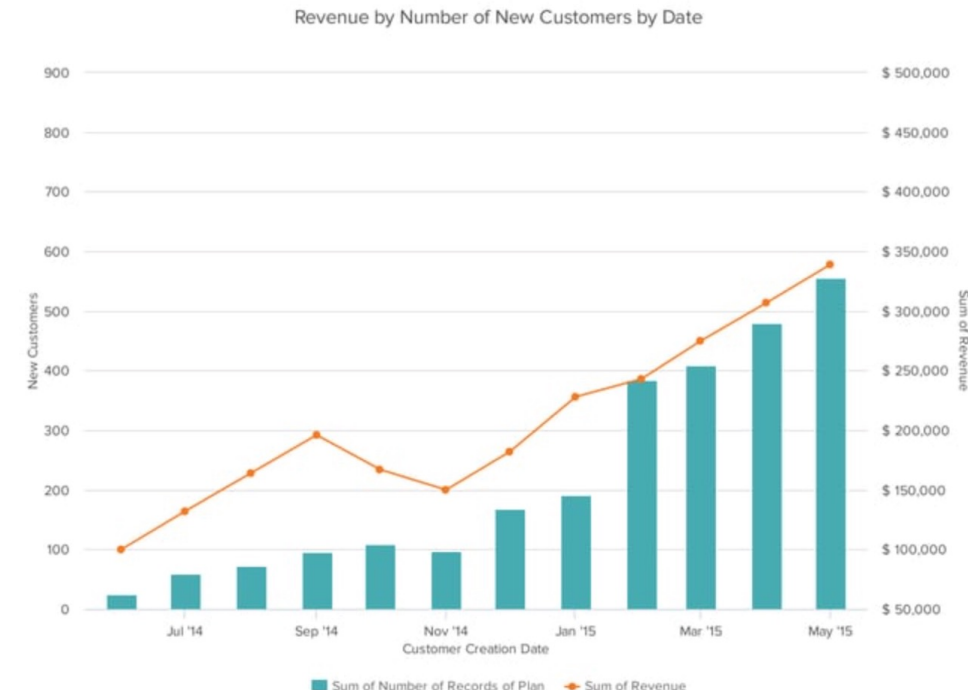


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4) *Dual Axis*

A dual axis chart allows you to plot data using **two y-axes and a shared x-axis**. It's used with **three data sets**, one of which is based on a continuous set of data and another which is better suited to being grouped by category. This should be used to visualize a correlation or the lack thereof between these three data sets.

- Use the y-axis on the **left side for the primary variable** because brains are naturally inclined to look left first.
- Use **different graphing styles** to illustrate the two data sets, as illustrated above.
- Choose **contrasting colors** for the two data sets.



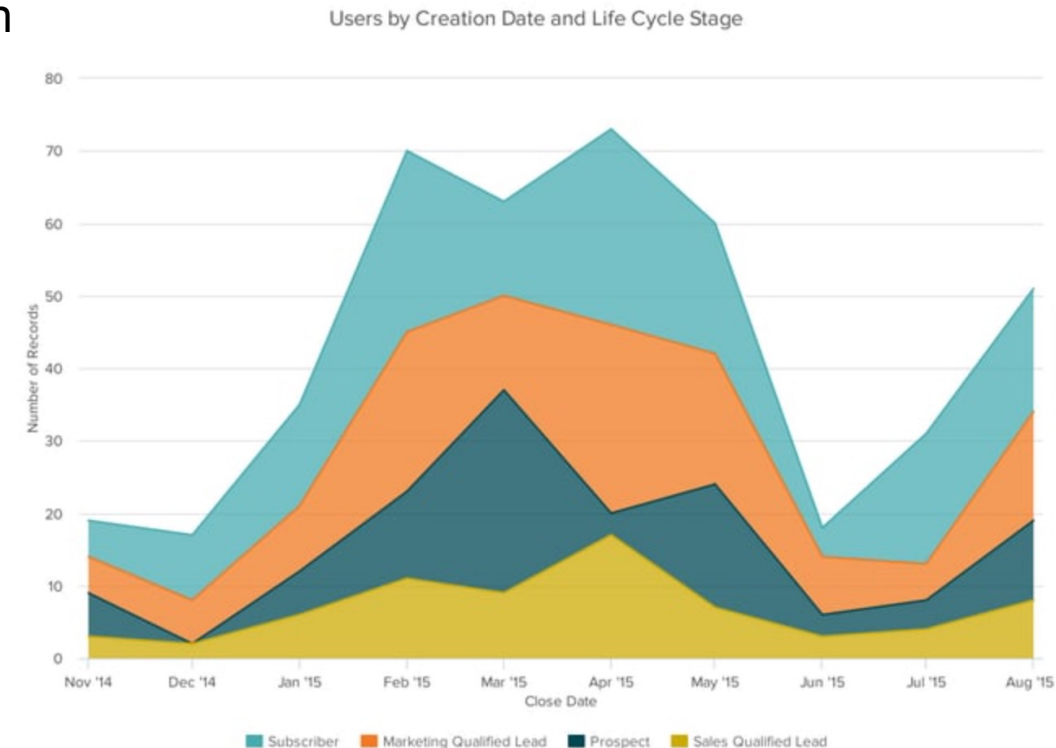
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5) Area

basically a line chart, but the space between the x-axis and the line is **filled with a color or pattern**. It is useful for showing **part-to-whole relations**, such as showing individual sales contribution to total sales for a year.

It helps you analyze both overall and individual trend information

- Use transparent colors so information isn't obscured in the background.
- Don't display more than four categories to avoid clutter.
- Organize highly variable data at the top of the chart to make it easy to read

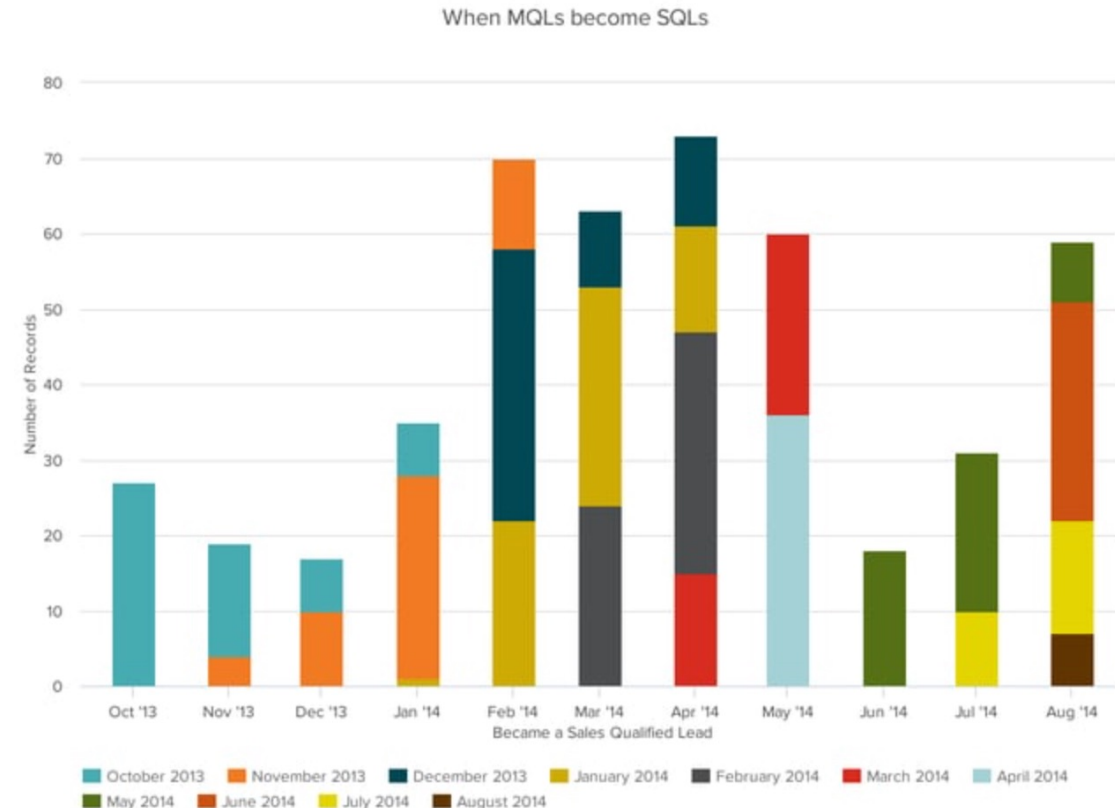


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6) *Stacked Bar*

This should be used to compare many different items and show the **composition** of each item being compared.

- Best used to illustrate part-to-whole relationships.
- Use contrasting colors for greater clarity.
- Make chart scale large enough to view group sizes in relation to one another.

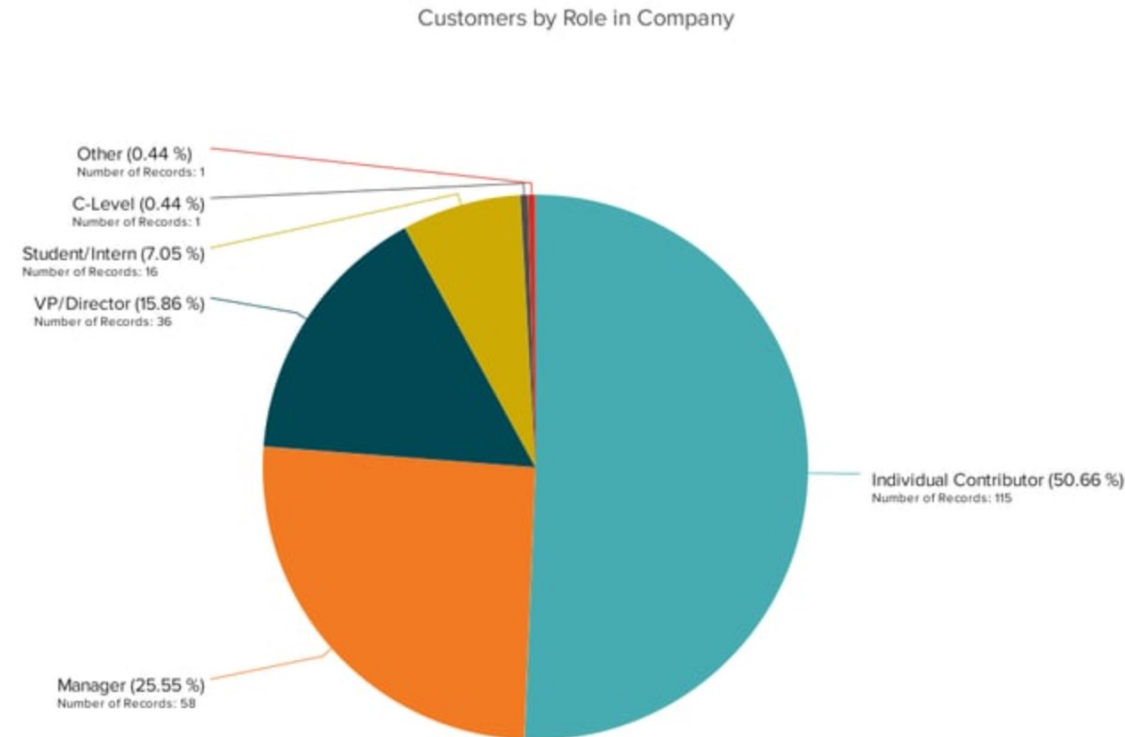


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7) Pie Chart

A pie chart shows a static number and how categories represent part of a whole -- **the composition of something**. A pie chart represents numbers in percentages, and the total sum of all segments needs to **equal 100%**.

- Don't illustrate too many categories to ensure differentiation between slices.
- Ensure that the slice values add up to 100%.
- Order slices according to their size.



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8) Scatter Plot

show the relationship between two different variables or it can reveal the distribution trends. It should be used when there are many different data points, and you want **to highlight similarities** in the data set. This is useful when looking for **outliers** or for understanding the **distribution** of your data.

- Include more variables, such as different sizes, to incorporate **more data**.
- Start y-axis at 0 to represent data accurately.
- If you use trend lines, only use a maximum of two to make your plot easy to understand.

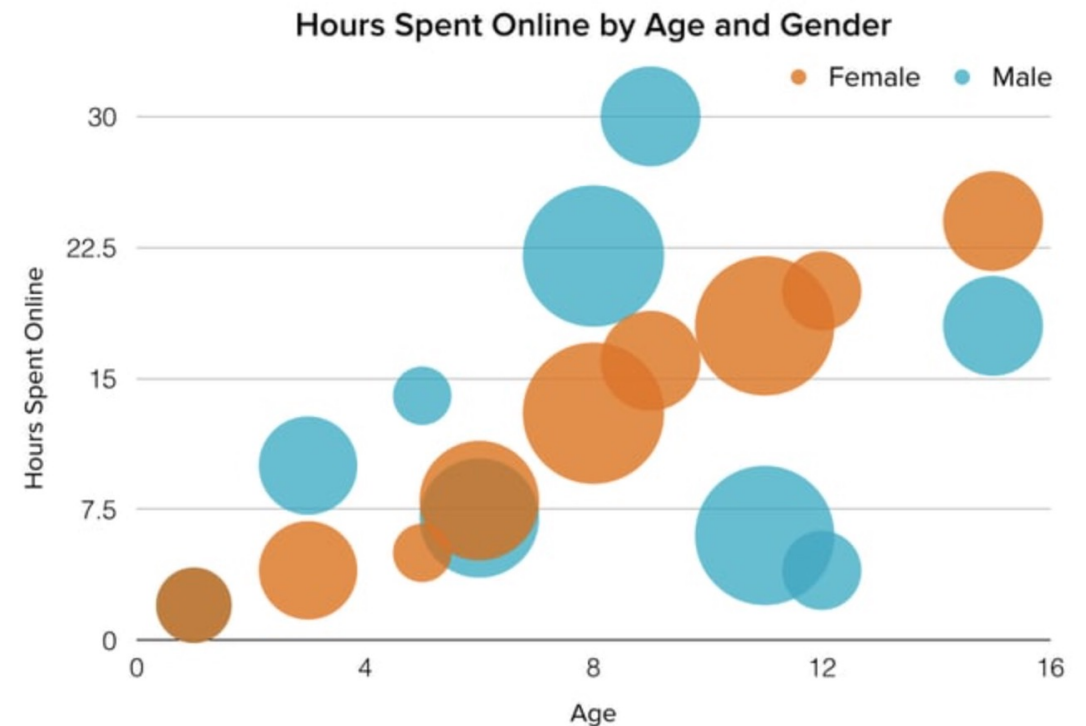


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9) *Bubble*

A bubble chart is similar to a scatter plot in that it can show distribution or relationship. There is a third data set, which is indicated by the size of the bubble or circle.

- Scale bubbles according to area, not diameter.
- Make sure labels are clear and visible.
- Use circular shapes only.



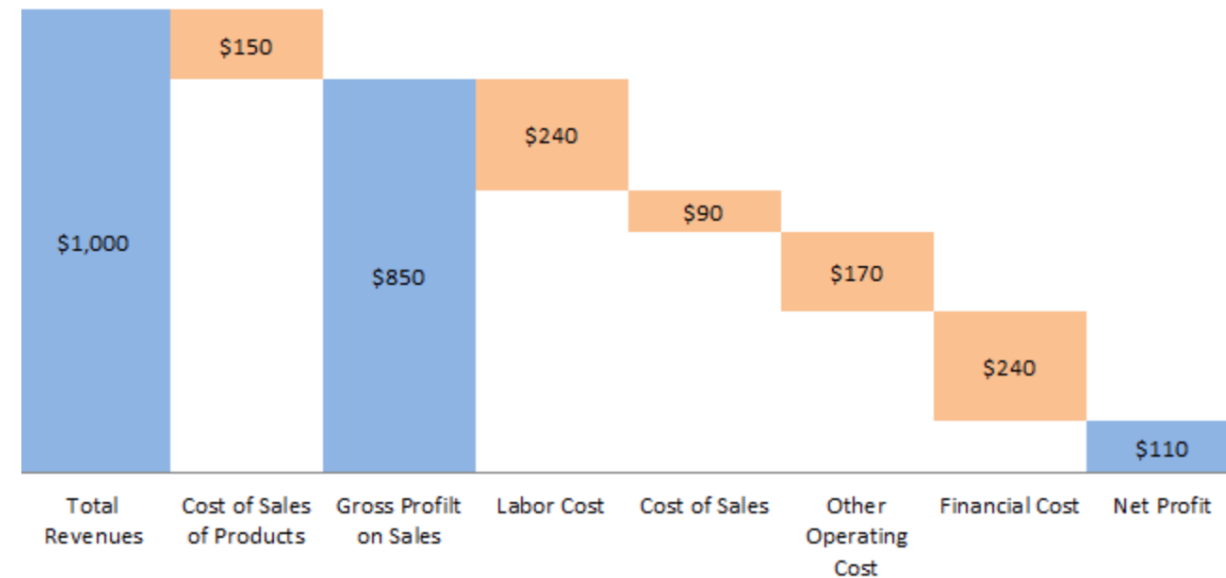
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10) *Waterfall*

used to show how an initial value is affected by intermediate values -- either positive or negative -- and resulted in a final value. This should be used to reveal the composition of a number. An example of this would be to showcase how overall company revenue is influenced by different departments and leads to a specific profit number.

- Use contrasting colors to highlight differences
- Choose warm colors to indicate increases and cool colors to indicate decreases.

Product Profit Analysis

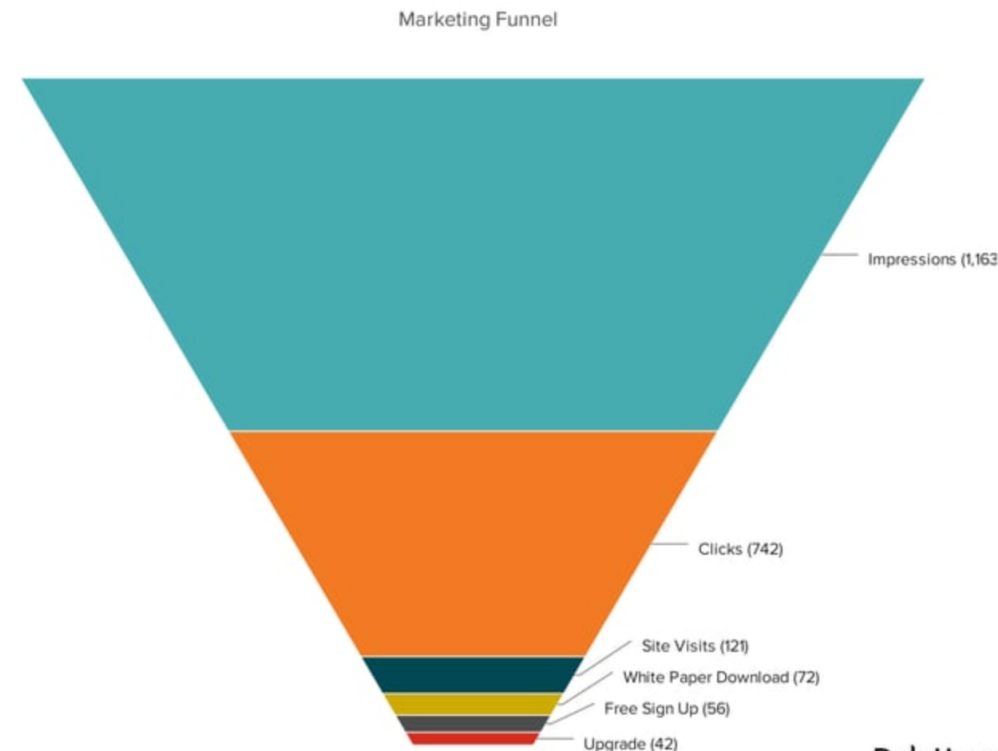


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11) *Funnel*

A funnel chart shows **a series of steps** and **the completion rate for each step**. This can be used to track the sales process or the conversion rate across a series of pages or steps.

- Scale the size of each section to accurately reflect the size of the data set.
- Use contrasting colors or one color in gradating hues, from darkest to lightest as the size of the funnel decreases.



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12) *Bullet*

A bullet graph reveals progress toward a goal, compares this to another measure, and provides context in the form of a rating or performance.

- Use contrasting colors to highlight how the data is progressing.
- Use one color in different shades to gauge progress.

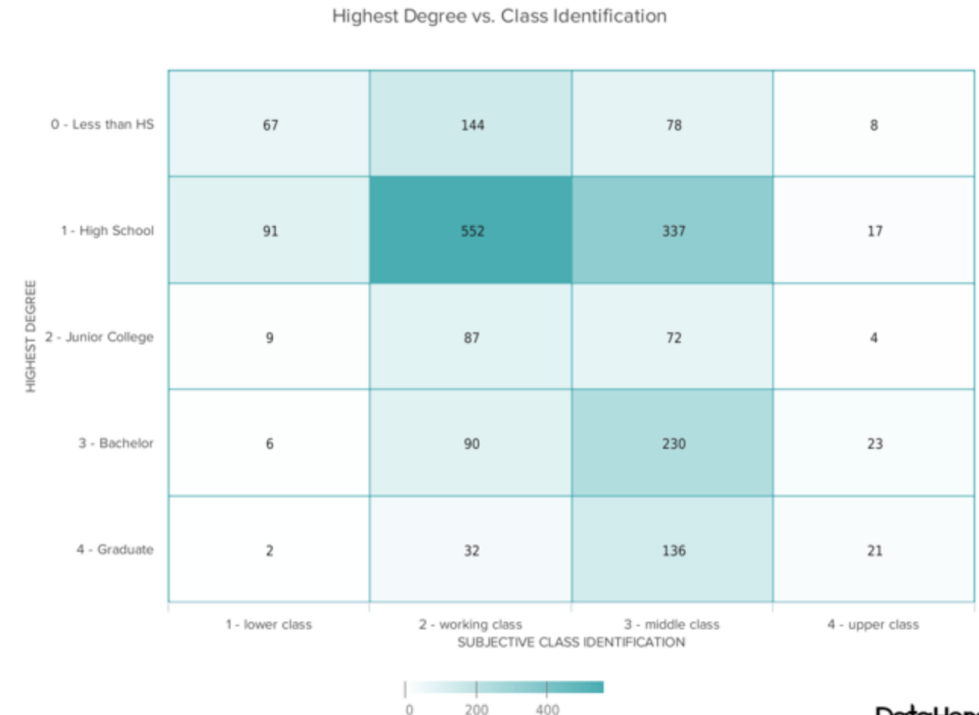


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13) Heat Map

A heat map shows the **relationship** between two items and provides **rating information**, such as high to low or poor to excellent. The rating information is displayed using varying colors or saturation.

- Use a basic and clear map outline to avoid distracting from the data.
- Use a single color in varying shades to show changes in data.
- Avoid using multiple patterns.



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Chart Suggestions—A Thought-Starter

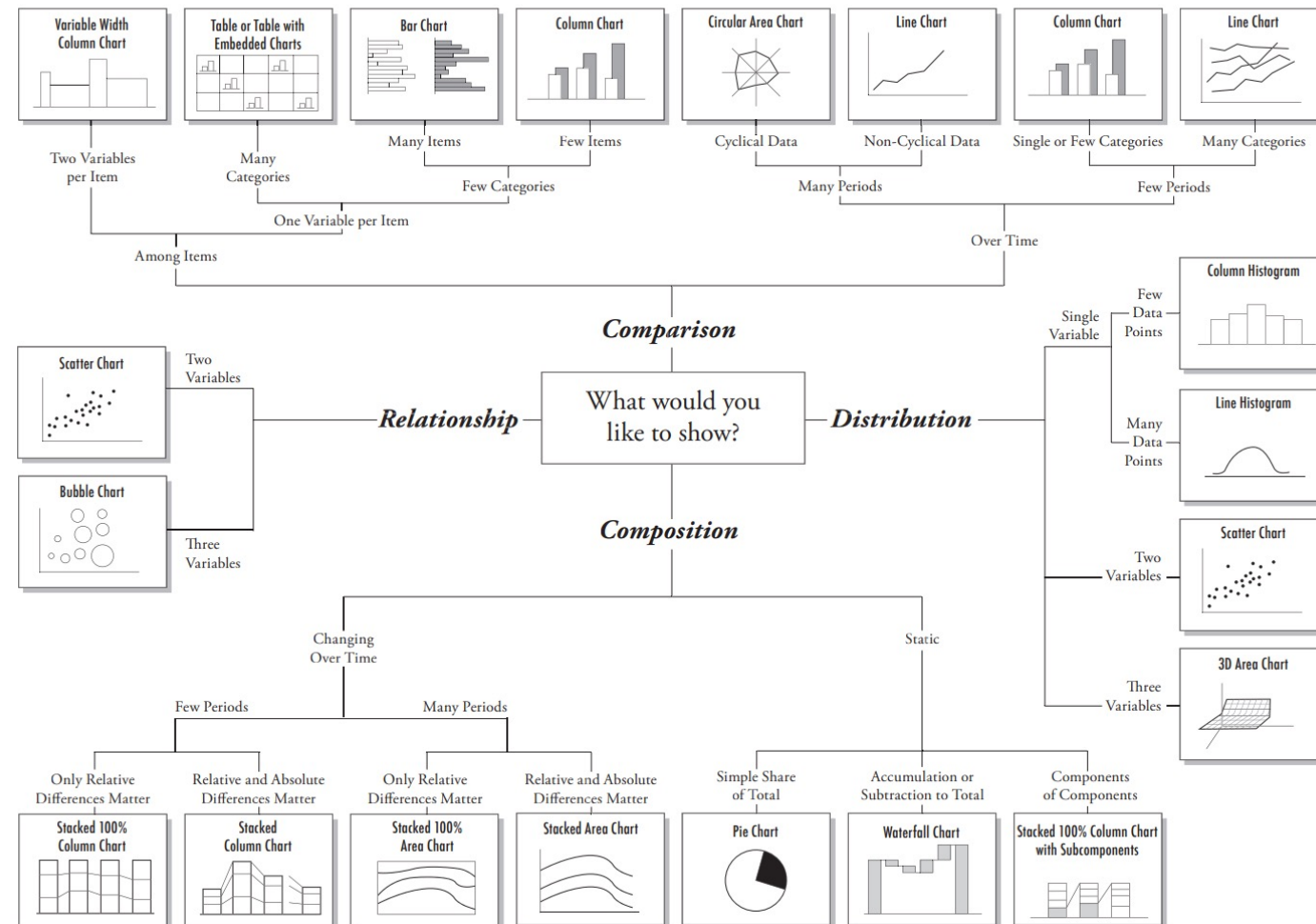
There are four basic pres

1. Comparison

2. Composition

3. Distribution

4. Relationship



Data Visualization Tools:

- Matplotlib *2D and 3D plotting in Python*
- Seaborn
- Plotly
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Data Visualization Tools:

- Matplotlib

Installation quick-start

Install using [pip](#):

```
pip install matplotlib
```

Install using [conda](#):

```
conda install -c conda-forge matplotlib
```

To get started using Matplotlib in a Python program, include the symbols from the pylab module:

```
from pylab import *
```

OR

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

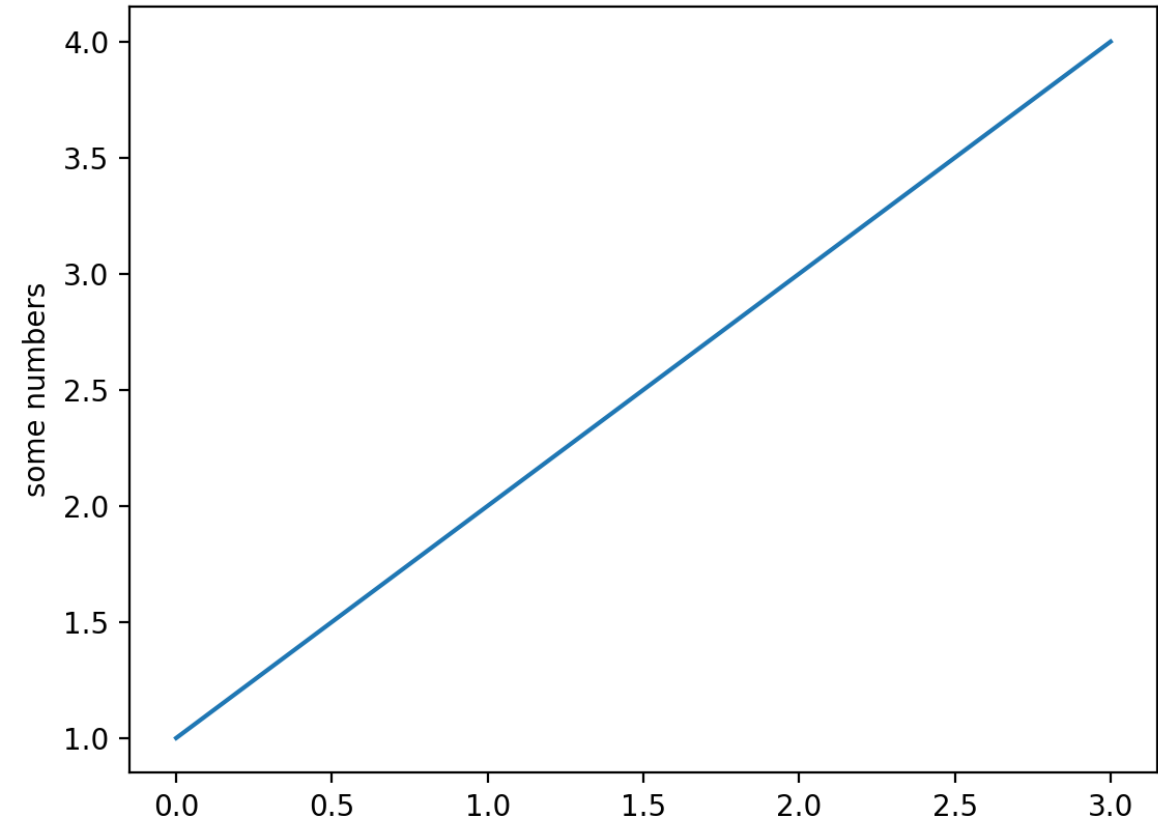
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Data Visualization Tools:

- Matplotlib

Generating visualizations with pyplot is very quick:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.plot([1, 2, 3, 4])  
plt.ylabel('some numbers')  
plt.show()
```

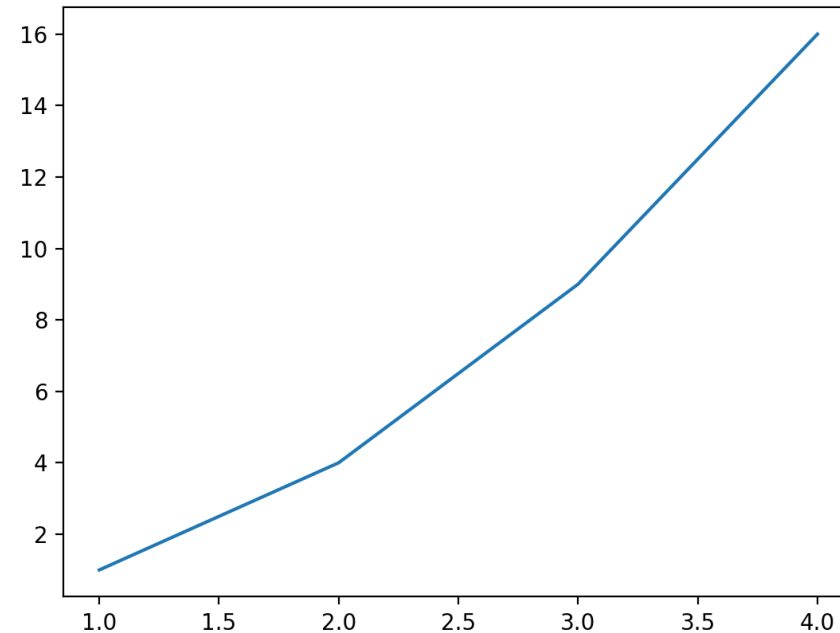


Data Visualization Tools:

- Matplotlib

`plot` is a versatile function, and will take an arbitrary number of arguments. For example, to plot x versus y, you can write:

```
plt.plot([1, 2, 3, 4], [1, 4, 9, 16])
```



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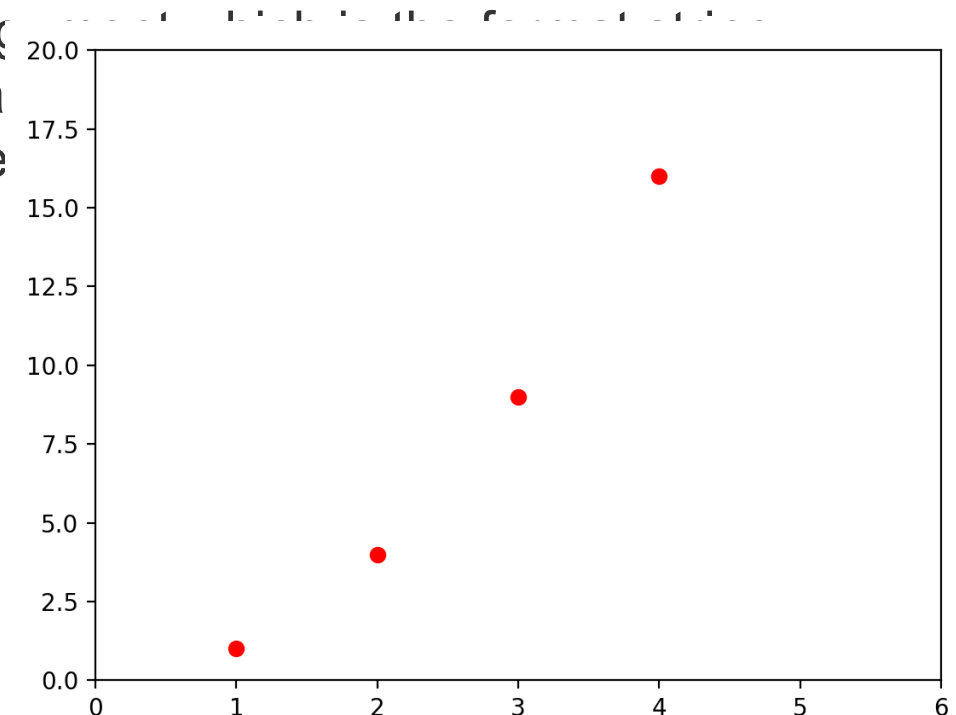
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Formatting the style of your plot

For every x, y pair of arguments, there is an optional third argument that indicates **the color** and **line type** of the plot. The letters are from MATLAB, and you concatenate a color string with a line string is 'b-', which is a **solid blue line**.

For example, to plot the above with red circles, you would issue

```
plt.plot([1, 2, 3, 4], [1, 4, 9, 16], 'ro')  
plt.axis([0, 6, 0, 20])  
plt.show()
```



Data Visualization Tools:

- Matplotlib
 - Controlling line properties
 - Plotting with keyword strings
 - Plotting with categorical variables
 - Working with multiple figures and axes
 - Working with text
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Data Visualization Tools:

- Seaborn

Another library we really dig is [seaborn](#), a library to maximize aesthetics of matplotlib plots. It's by [Michael Waskom](#). You'll need to install it with "pip install seaborn" .

Seaborn provides an API on top of Matplotlib that offers sane choices for plot style and color defaults, defines simple high-level functions for common statistical plot types, and integrates with the functionality provided by Pandas DataFrames.

Data Visualization Tools:

- Plotly. <https://plotly.com/python/>

Plotly is an open-source library that provides a whole set of chart types as well as tools to **create dynamic dashboards**. You can think of Plotly as a suite of tools as it integrates or extends with libraries such as Dash or Chart Studio to provide **interactive dashboards**. Plotly's Python graphing library makes **interactive, publication-quality graphs**.

Plotly supports **dynamic charts and animations** as a first principle and this is the main difference between other visualization libraries like matplotlib or seaborn.

Data Visualization Tools:

- Plotly.

Main Properties of Plotly:

- It can be used with other languages such as R, Python, Java.
- No JavaScript knowledge is required at all. You code Plotly in your choice of supported languages.
- Each Plotly visual is a JSON object. In this way, the visual can be accessed and used in different programming languages.
- With Plotly you can also build dynamic dashboards using **Dash** extension.
- Chart Studio allows you to create and update the graphics you want without any coding. It has a very simple and useful interface. It is especially useful in areas such as business intelligence.
- Plotly allows you to view the entire dataset in the same figure which is very important for the user experience.
- Transforming Matplotlib charts to Plotly charts is supported.
- Plotly has been added to the Pandas plotting backend with the new version of Pandas. So we can make plotting on Pandas without having to import Plotly Express.

Data Visualization Tools:

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Getting Started with Data Visualization Using Plotly

To create interactive visualizations you first have to install the Plotly package in the working environment.

Install the package

To install the package run the below command in the terminal or in the Jupyter notebook.

Step 1: Open Jupyter Notebook

Step 2: In the Jupyter Notebook, cre

Step 3: In the notebook run the below

```
!pip install plotly
```

```
In [1]: !pip install plotly
```

```
Collecting plotly
  Downloading plotly-5.3.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (23.9 MB)
Requirement already satisfied: six in c:\users\user\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from plotly) (1.15.0)
Collecting tenacity>=6.2.0
  Downloading tenacity-8.0.1-py3-none-any.whl (24 kB)
Installing collected packages: tenacity, plotly
Successfully installed plotly-5.3.1 tenacity-8.0.1
```

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Basic Architecture of the Plotly Library

The Plotly library has the following modules:

1. **Graph_objs (plotly. graphs_objs):** It is the module that contains the objects or shape templates used to visualize.
2. **Plotly Express(plotly.express):** Plotly Express is the high-level API of Plotly and it's much easier to draw charts with this module.
3. **Subplots(make_subplots):** This module contains the helper functions for layouts of the multi-plot figures. Figures with predefined subplots configured in 'layout'.
4. **Figure Factories(plotly.figure_factory):** This module provides many special types of figures such that drawing these in Plotly or Plotly Express is quite difficult.
5. **I/O:** This module is the low-level interface for displaying, reading, and writing figures for static images, JSON, HTML and etc.

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Data Visualization Using Plotly Example

Let's take a sample dataset (taken from Open Source) and create a line chart, bar graph, histogram, etc from the data.

Step 1: Make Sure you have installed the Plotly package, if not then run the command to install the required library.

```
In [1]: !pip install plotly  
  
Collecting plotly  
  Downloading plotly-5.3.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (23.9 MB)  
Requirement already satisfied: six in c:\users\user\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from plotly) (1.15.0)  
Collecting tenacity>=6.2.0  
  Downloading tenacity-8.0.1-py3-none-any.whl (24 kB)  
Installing collected packages: tenacity, plotly  
Successfully installed plotly-5.3.1 tenacity-8.0.1
```

Step 2: Import the required packages and dataset.

Note: In this demo, the [Cereal](#) dataset is being used. You can download the dataset from Kaggle on your laptop.

```
import pandas as pd  
import plotly.express as px  
  
df = pd.read_csv("C:\\Users\\user\\Desktop\\Sample Dataset\\cereal.csv")
```

Give Your File Path
For the Dataset

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Step 3: You can view the dataset headers (column names) by running the following command.

In [10]: `df.info()`

Note: df is the variable where we have stored the data in the previous step

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 77 entries, 0 to 76
Data columns (total 16 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   name        77 non-null    object
1   mfr         77 non-null    object
2   type        77 non-null    object
3   calories    77 non-null    int64
4   protein     77 non-null    int64
5   fat         77 non-null    int64
6   sodium      77 non-null    int64
7   fiber       77 non-null    float64
8   carbo       77 non-null    float64
9   sugars      77 non-null    int64
10  potass      77 non-null    int64
11  vitamins    77 non-null    int64
12  shelf       77 non-null    int64
13  weight      77 non-null    float64
14  cups        77 non-null    float64
15  rating      77 non-null    float64
dtypes: float64(5), int64(8), object(3)
memory usage: 9.8+ KB
```


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Step 4: To view the entries of the dataset run the `df.head()` command.

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```
In [11]: df.head()
```

Out[11]:

	name	mfr	type	calories	protein	fat	sodium	fiber	carbo	sugars	potass	vitamins	shelf	weight	cups	rating
0	100% Bran	N	C	70	4	1	130	10.0	5.0	6	280	25	3	1.0	0.33	68.402973
1	100% Natural Bran	Q	C	120	3	5	15	2.0	8.0	8	135	0	3	1.0	1.00	33.983679
2	All-Bran	K	C	70	4	1	260	9.0	7.0	5	320	25	3	1.0	0.33	59.425505
3	All-Bran with Extra Fiber	K	C	50	4	0	140	14.0	8.0	0	330	25	3	1.0	0.50	93.704912
4	Almond Delight	R	C	110	2	2	200	1.0	14.0	8	-1	25	3	1.0	0.75	34.384843

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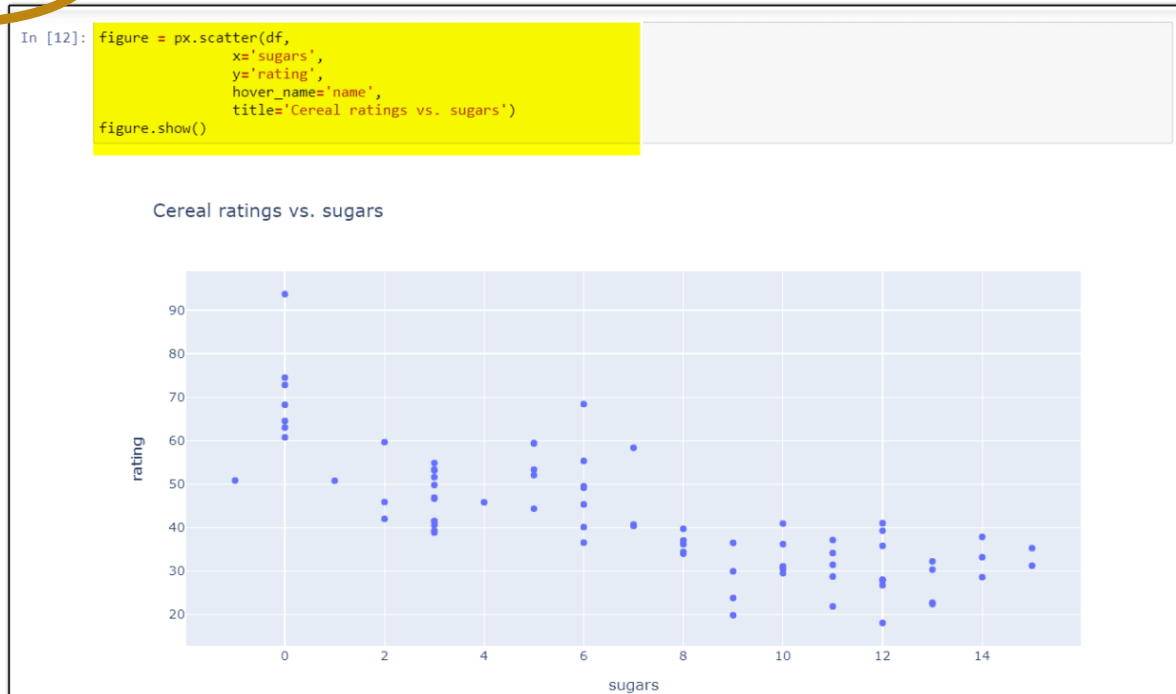
Step 5: Let's look at the relationships between the **rating** and **sugars** and include the cereal name as a hover label. Run the below command to do so

```
figure = px.scatter(df,  
                    x='sugars',  
                    y='rating',  
                    hover_name='name',  
                    title='Cereal ratings vs. sugars')
```

Display figures in python

`figure.show()`

In most situations, you can omit the call to `.show()` and allow the figure to display itself.

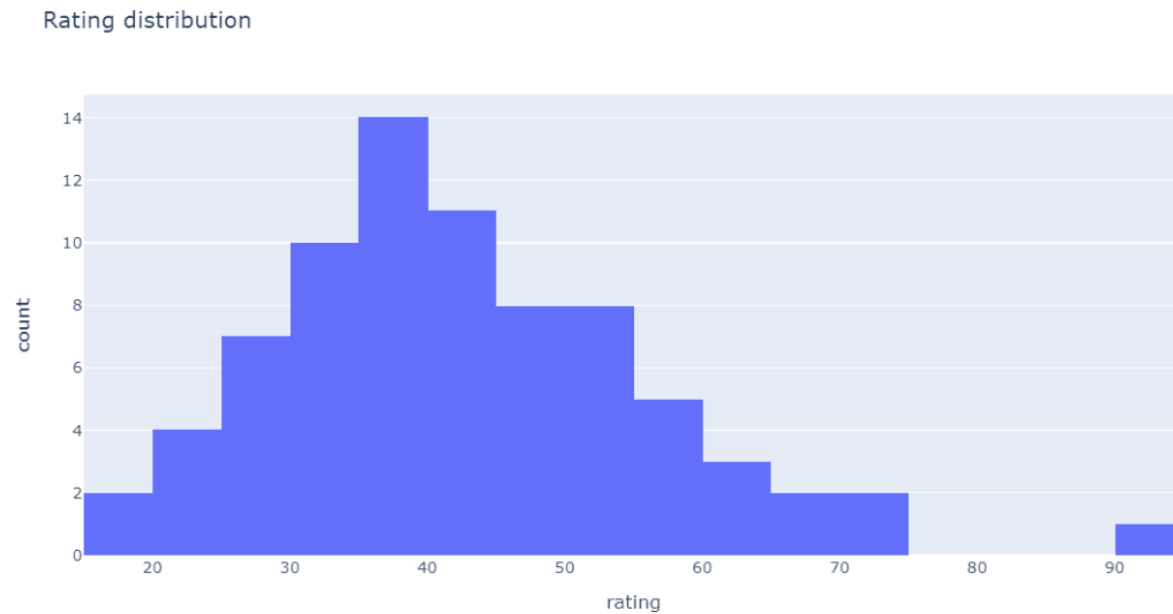


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Step 6: Create a static histogram image for the rating distribution.

```
fig = px.histogram(df, x='rating', title='Rating distribution')  
fig.show()
```

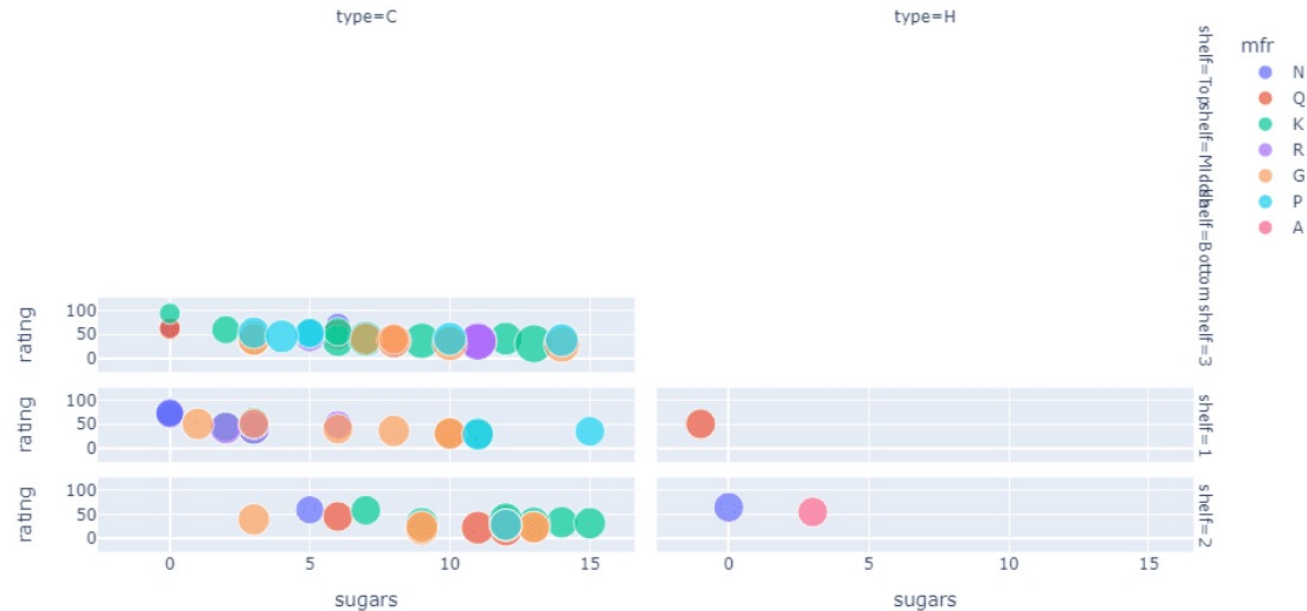
```
In [13]: rating_histogram = px.histogram(df, x='rating', title='Rating distribution')  
rating_histogram.show()
```



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Step 7: In addition to the different chart types, most types support the same basic function signature so you can easily facet the data or change colors or sizes based on the values in your DataFrame using the below code.

```
In [15]: example = px.scatter(df,
    x='sugars',
    y='rating',
    color='mfr',
    size='calories',
    facet_row='shelf',
    facet_col='type',
    hover_name='name',
    category_orders={'shelf': ['Top', 'Middle', 'Bottom']})
example.show()
```



Data Visualization Tools:

- Plotly.

This was just an example of how you can create scatter plots, histograms, etc using simple python commands and Plotly for data visualization purposes. Similarly, you can create some advanced and visual funnel charts, treemaps, geographical maps, etc to perform data visualization using Plotly.

Data Visualization Tools:

- Plotly.

For best results, you can copy and paste this Notebook and key. Run `$ pip install plotly` inside a terminal then start up a Notebook. We'll also be using ggplot, seaborn, and prettyplotlib, which you can also all install from pip. Let's get started.

```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # side-stepping mpl backend
import matplotlib.gridspec as gridspec # subplots
import numpy as np
```

You can sign up for an account on Plotly. Plotly is free for public use, you own your data, and you control the privacy.

```
!pip install plotly
!pip install chart_studio
!pip install credentials
import chart_studio
import chart_studio.plotly as py

import plotly.tools as tls
from plotly.graph_objs import *
from credentials import *

#https://chart-studio.plotly.com/settings/api#/
#creat your own account
username = # type in your username
key = # type in your key
py.sign_in(username, key)
```

For HW and project, use your own account!

Explore:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSPmj7mK6ng&ab_channel=CharmingData
- <https://github.com/q-tong/CS405-605-Data-Science/tree/main/Fall2023/Lecture/5.Visualization/Visualization>