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Data Science in Python: Past, Present & Future
(PyData Track @ PyConLT 2019, SMK; #PyConLT19 #PyConLT)

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Talk Structure

- 1. Introduction, History of Data Science & Why Python for Data Science?/Motivation (5-8 min.)
 - Humble Beginnings of Data Science
 - What is Data Science & Data Science Workflow
 - History of Python & Future of Data Science
- 2. Main (tools), Where to start & How to do it? (10-12 min.)
 - Python & Data Science (IDE-s and tools)
 - Why should people care? (PyData Worldwide & PyData movement/educational programme)
- 3. PyData Bratislava (where we were/are & our activities), Partners, Meetups & Conferences (2-5 min.)
- 4. Conclusion (the end of talk +vision), Potential & Results (2-5 min.)
 - Future of Data Science (in/outside Python)
 - Data-Driven Approach. Everywhere. Now. (Citizen Data Science)

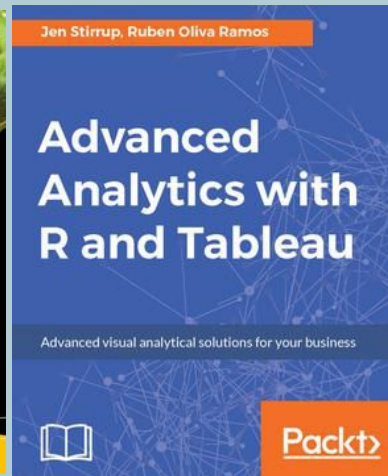
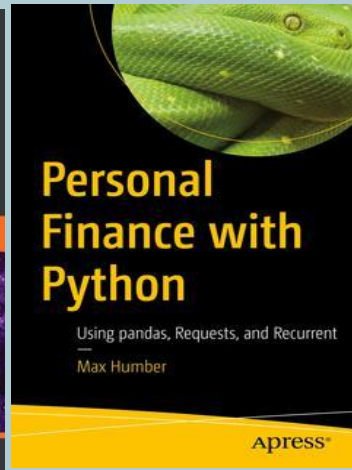
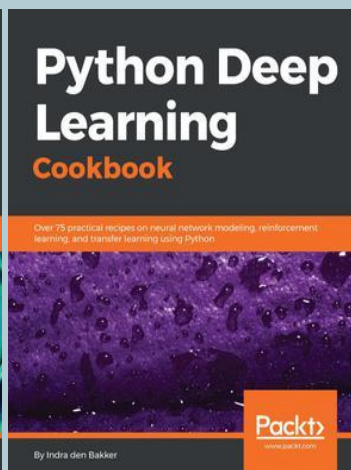
About me

- ▣ Economist (Macro, Finance, Statistics)
- ▣ Principal Data Scientist, Consulting (public, private)
- ▣ R, Python, Julia, Tableau > Matlab, SAS, Stata
- ▣ Data Science & Open Data & Public Policy
- ▣ PyData Bratislava, R <- Slovakia, SlovakiaJUG, skczTUG
football/soccer (FC Economist), Effective Altruism Slovakia



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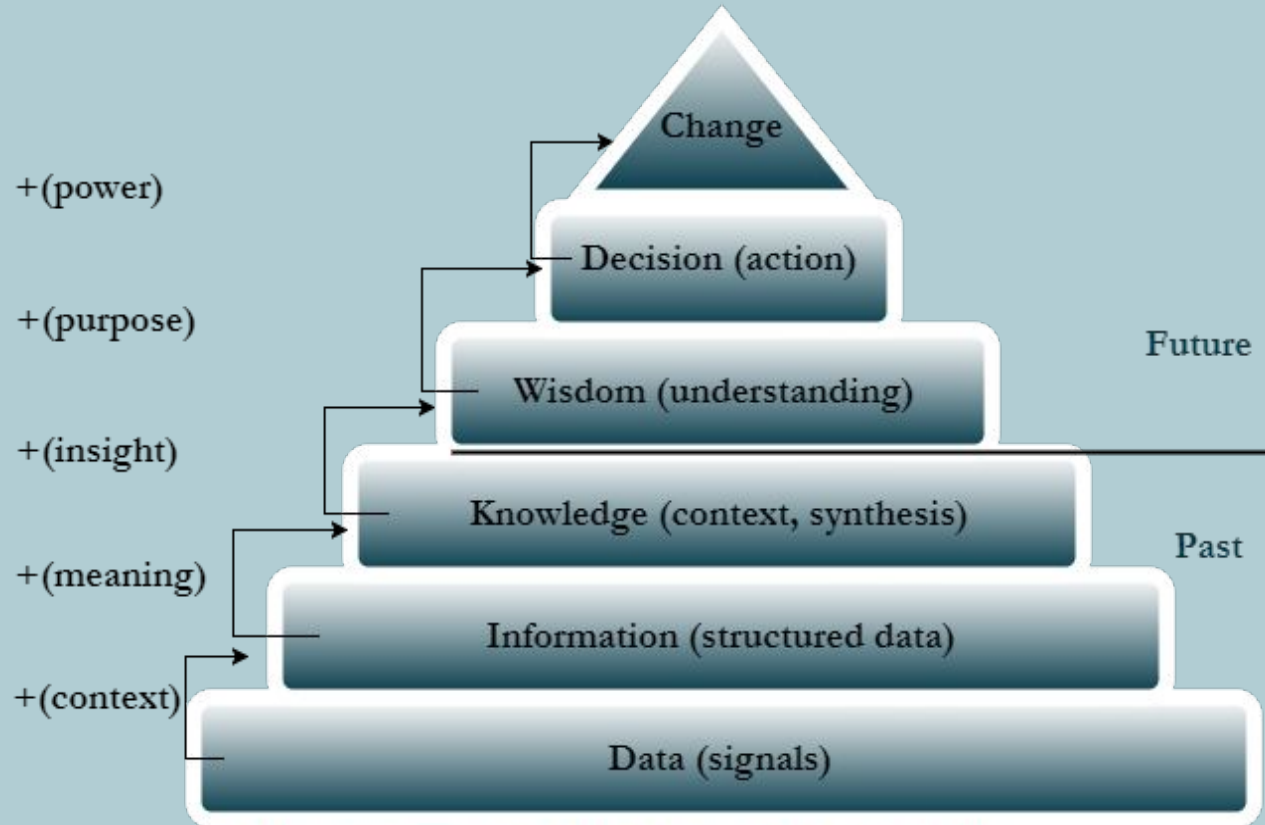
How old is Data Science & who “coined” it?



- John Tukey, Bell Labs (+John von Neumann, 50's), DJ Patil (1st US Chief Data Scientist + Jeff Hammerbacher “coined term Data Science”, 2012)
- collection of scientific results and methods for transformation of data from raw form to meaningful information, knowledge and wisdom, which should support better decisions
- Data Science \neq Big Data
- Data Science: Statistics + programming; data analysis + Computer Science, modelling + Econometrics, Big Data, ML/DL
- More on History of Data Science: Donoho, David (2015, Stanford),
<https://courses.csail.mit.edu/18.337/2015/docs/50YearsDataScience.pdf>

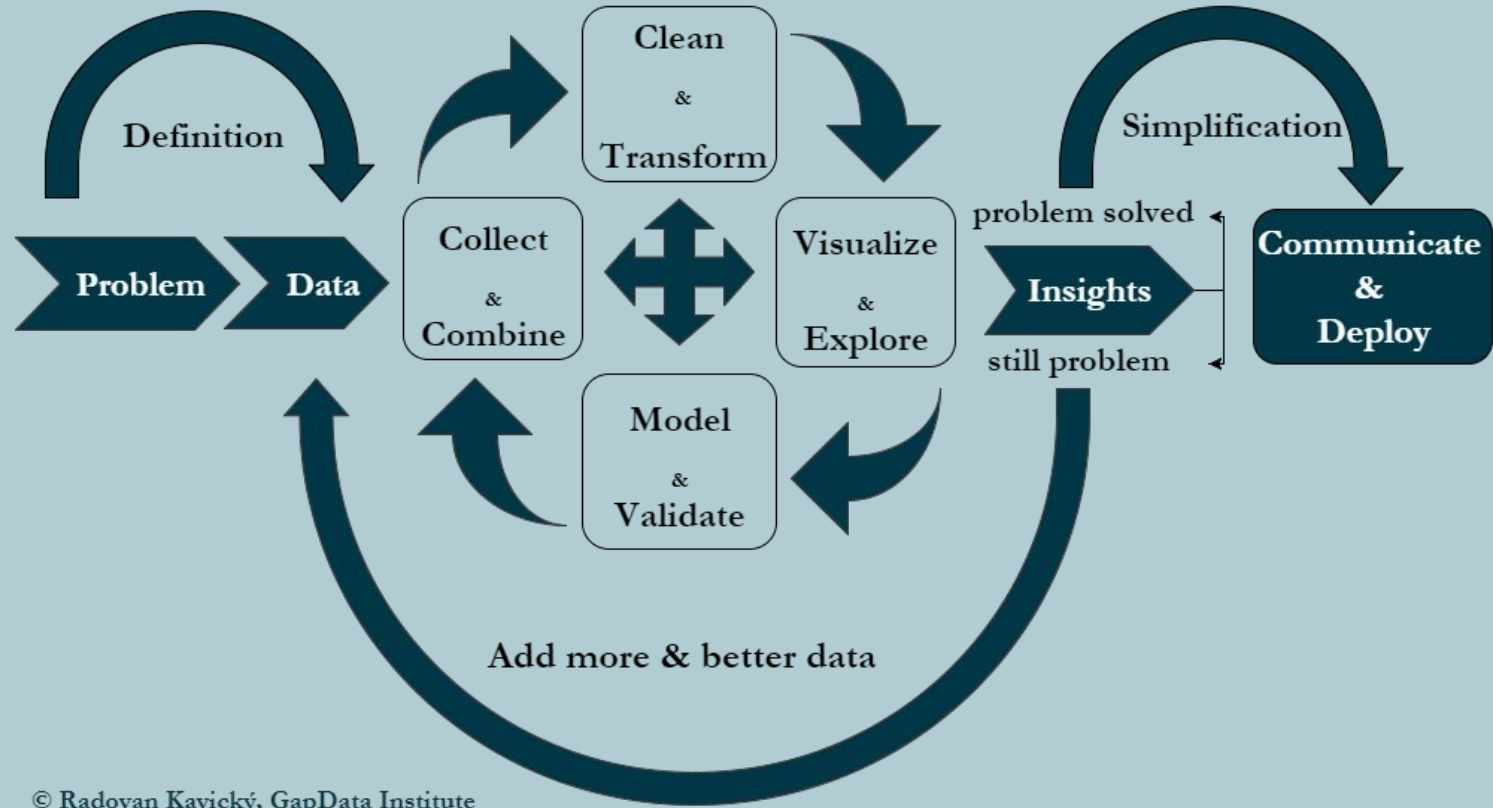


Data Science Pyramid



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Data Science Process & Workflow



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Where & When did Python



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IP[y]:
IPython



- 80's (idea), December 1989 (beginning), Guido van Rossum (Netherlands/Python is Dutch, CWI Research Institute)
- 1994 (1.0), 2000 (2.0), 2008 (3.0/3000/Py3K), 2020 (4.0 +end 2.0)
- hobby project during holidays
- Monty Python Flying Circus
- ABC language (cancelled +SETL), Amoeba (OS) needed script language
- First PC (ideal), universal a multiplatform+ easy to use, hard to master
- Not for data analysis and Data Science (s-l-o-w)
- IPython/Jupyter Notebook (Fernando Perez) –JULia, PYthon, teR

R & Data Science



- Programming language S - John Chambers, Bell Labs (USA) + Rick Becker, Allan Wilks

1976, Fortran subroutines, later S-Plus (commercial version)

- R - Robert Gentleman and Ross Ihaka (New Zealand, University of Auckland)

August 1993, C + Fortran

- R as implementation of S (didn't want to pay license)



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What was your first Data Science programming language?

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Python & Data Science



- Travis Oliphant (NumPy + SciPy/Matlab alternative)

1995 (Numeric), 2006 (Numpy)

- John Hunter (matplotlib)

2003



- Wes McKinney (pandas)

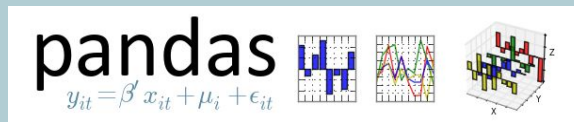
January 2008, Python, C, Cython

- Anaconda as one of the Python distributions (1000 selected libraries for Data Science)



- NumFocus

- PyData conferences and local meetups (PyData Bratislava)



Python & Data Science (tools)



IDE's – Jupyter Notebooks (IPython kernel), PyCharm, JupyterLab

Data Collection – Feather (binary file format/non-csv/Apache Arrow/Wes McKinney), pandas datareader

Data Visualization – Seaborn (matplotlib based/static), Bokeh (interactive/d3.js like), Plotly (declarative dataviz), Altair (static/js)

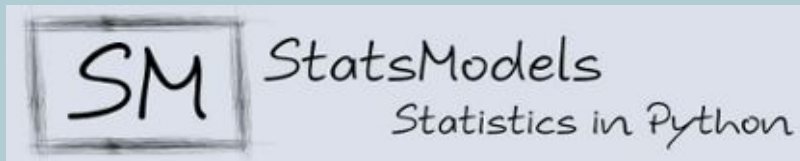
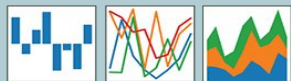


Data Cleaning & Transform - datacleaner (automate cleaning your data in Pandas), Blaze (NumPy/pandas-like), Dask (parallel computing)

Data Modeling – StatsModels + Patsy (describe statistical models), PyMC3 (Bayes/statistical modeling), Keras (TensorFlow & PyTorch/DL)

pandas

$$y_{it} = \beta' x_{it} + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it}$$



R vs/ & Python “war” in Data Science



R - Studio (IDE for R & Python)

Jupyter Notebook (Irkernel) + r-essentials (conda)

Anaconda (open-source distribution of Python&R)

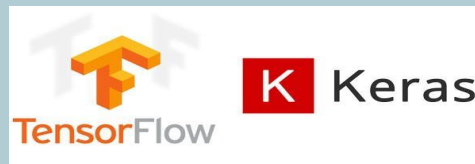
Tidyverse (tidyverse.tidyverse.org, Magrittr, %>%)
dplyr, tidyr (subsetting, joining, data manipulation)

ggplot2, rBokeh, ggvis (data visualization)

caret – modelling (regression, classification)

H2O.ai, Tensorflow & Keras – ML & DL

Shiny, blogdown, R Markdown (publication, Rmd, blog)



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Which IDE's do you use for most of your Data Science work in Python?

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Future of Data Science (Pythonic or Future is Female/Julia?)



- Fast as C, syntax/easy to read as Python, dynamic as Ruby, mathematic notation as Matlab, statistics as in R, string processing as Perl, true macros like Lisp
- Creators (2009, 2012, MIT): Viral B. Shah, Stefan Karpinski, Jeff Bezanson, prof. Alan Edelman
- Julia Computing (developers 1.0 – summer 2018)
- Future of Data Science & designed with Data Science in mind
- Python not for analysis and Data Science (s-l-o-w)
- Julia is (f-a-s-t/ LLVM compiler)
- Solves “two-language problem” - prototype (slow, dynamic), delivery (quick, static)
- IPython/Jupyter (Fernando Perez) –Julia, PYthon, teR



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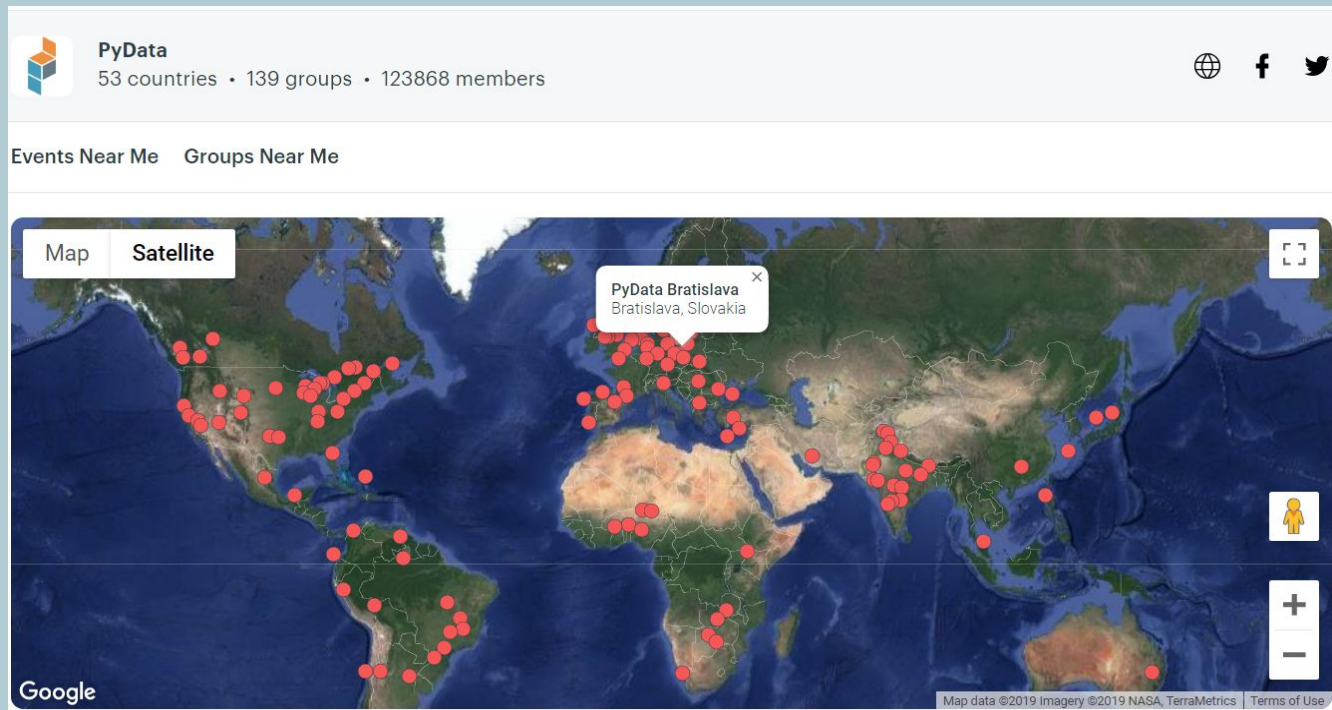
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What's the future of Data Science according to you?

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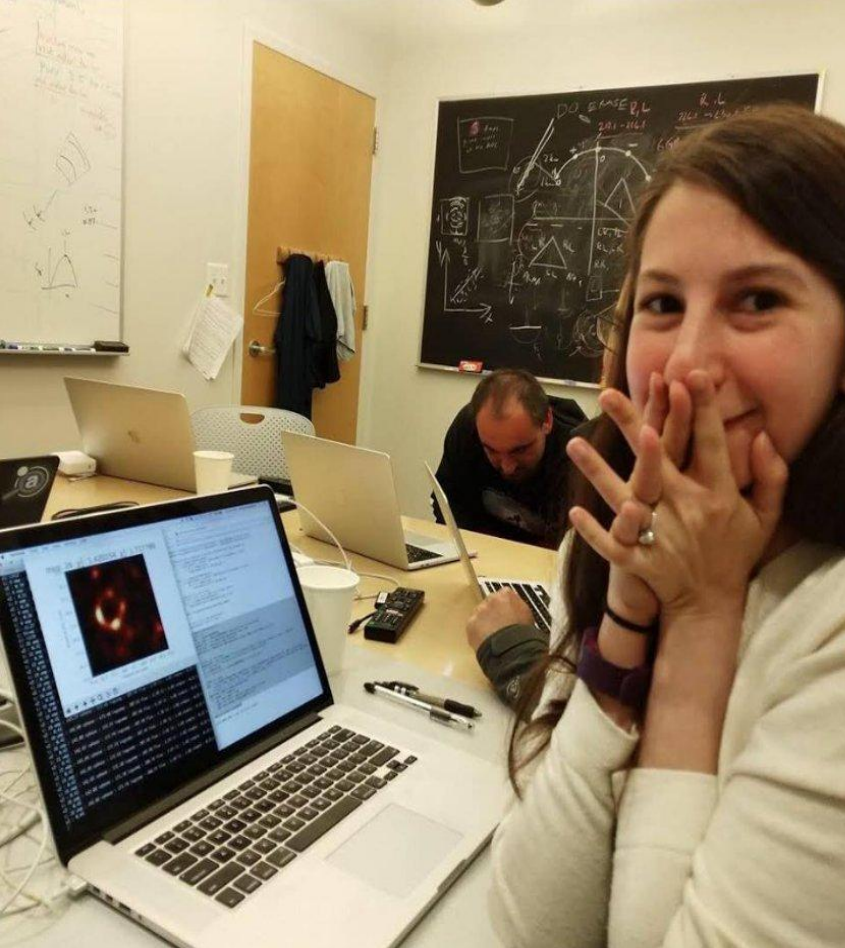
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PyData as global movement



Source: <https://www.meetup.com/pro/pydata/>

- More Meetups outside US than within
- Slovakia (40th globally):
- Few days after us LA (as 41st & 11th in US)
- Before us: Poland (Warsaw, Wroclaw, Krakov), Austria (Vienna, few months)
- After us: Czechia (Prague, 2 years), Hungary (Budapest, 1 year)



NUMFOCUS

OPEN CODE = BETTER SCIENCE

April 2019 Newsletter

The Headlines:

The recent breakthrough image of a black hole was powered by multiple NumFOCUS projects!



Dr. Katherine Bouman

- Numpy (van der Walt et al. [2011](#))
- Scipy (Jones et al. [2001](#))
- Pandas (McKinney [2010](#))
- Astropy (The Astropy Collaboration et al. [2013](#), [2018](#))
- Jupyter (Kluyver et al. [2016](#))
- Matplotlib (Hunter [2007](#))

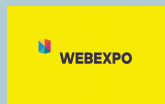
PyData Bratislava & activities within CEE + V4



- 300+ members
- 600+ on mailing list
- 800+ followers



AI Startup Showcase Machine Learning Prague



- Partners: O'Reilly, robime.it, Learn2Code, sli.do
- Sponsors: H2O.ai, SwissRe, ERNI, Kiwi Security
- WeAreDevelopers World Congress (“GAPDATA-25” & “PYDATA-25”), Berlin, 6.-7. June
- OSCON 2019 (“PCGAPDATA” for 25% discount)
- TechSummit, Bratislava, 29.-30. May (“pydatabratislava20” for 20% discount)
- Our Conferences (satRday, PyData Bratislava)

#AllForJan Hackathon (cooperation with FIIT STU)



- ❑ Data journalism
- ❑ Public Policy, Activism & Data
- ❑ Useful tools for journalist
- ❑ Agricultural data (dotations)
- ❑ Vice-dean FIIT Pištek & GapData Institute
- ❑ LOD (linked open data), transparency check
- ❑ All outputs public (GitHub)
- ❑ Over 50 developers & data scientists

Source: <https://github.com/AllForJan>

GapData Institute (GDI) and how to support us.



- Economic Research & Public Policy & Data Science think-tank (data-tank)
- Data. Think. Change.
- GapData Institute (GDI) is a non-profit nonpartisan research institution harnessing power of data & wisdom of economics for public good.
- Transparent account (from day #1;
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<https://www.fio.sk/ib2/transparent?a=2200933920>)
- Partnership (openness, transparency)
- Slides (this talk): tiny.cc/pyconLT2019vilnius
- <https://github.com/radovankavicky/PyConLT2019>



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Future is awesome.
All we have to do
now is to build it.

#PyData

Data Science & Data Visualization in Python.
How to harness power of Python for social good?



Source: PyData Berlin 2017, Talk on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5578BhU4sE>

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Thank you for your attention

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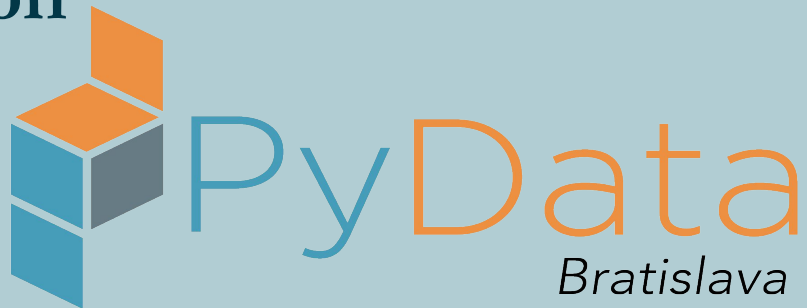
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<https://github.com/GapData/PyDataBratislava>



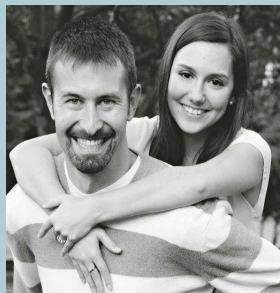
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SatRday Bratislava 2019 in September & PyData Bratislava 2019 in December?



- Saturday, 28th of September 2019, Bratislava Slovakia
- Chester Ismay (DataCamp, Curriculum Lead/Head of Content Development, Oregon/US)
- Szilard Pafka (EP0CH, Chief Data Scientist, Founder: Data Science.LA)
- R Consortium, NumFocus
- PyData conferences and local meetups (PyData Bratislava)
- PyData Bratislava conference/track (December 2019 maybe?)

