

Baker 2016, Nature

<https://www.nature.com/news/1-500-scientists-lift-the-lid-on-reproducibility-1.19970>

Reproducible research is still a challenge

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<https://ropensci.org/blog/2014/06/09/reproducibility>

why is this still hard?

complexity

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tooling

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incentives + motivation

nobody cares

(Apart from people doing it out of the goodness of their hearts of course)

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VACCINE IMPACT MODELLING CONSORTIUM

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GATES *foundation*

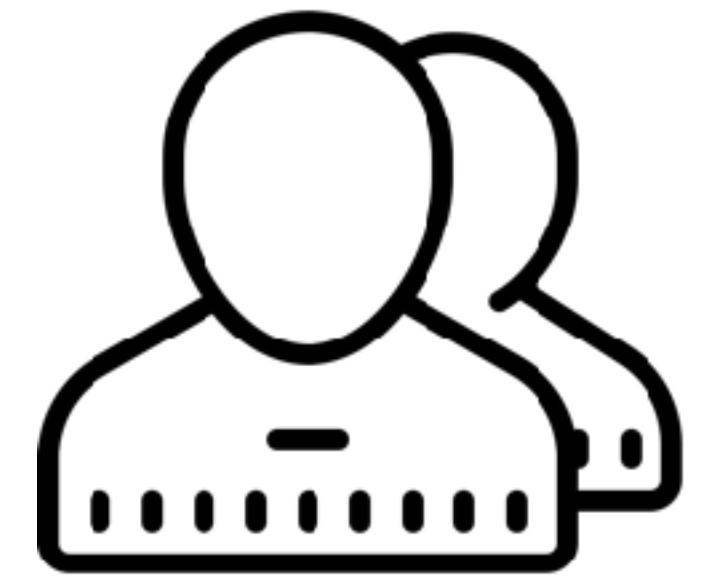
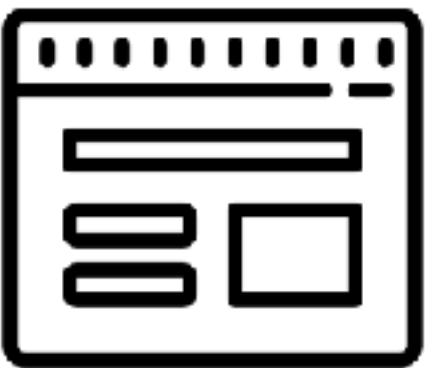
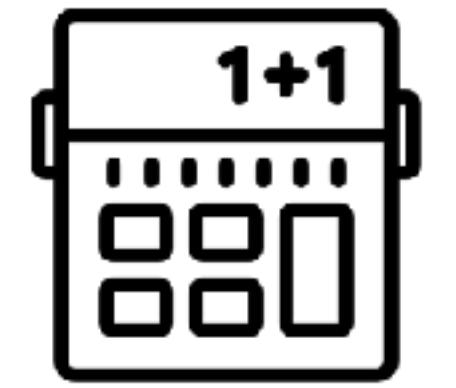
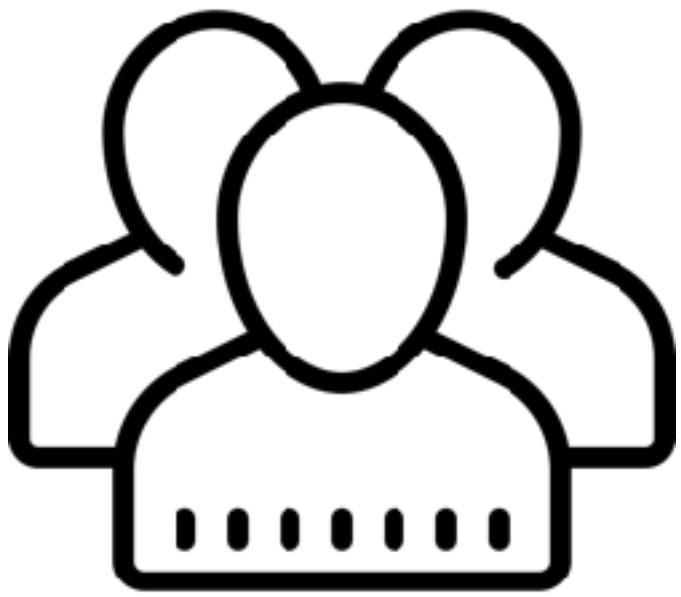


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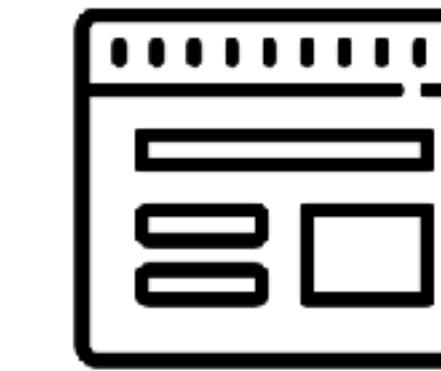
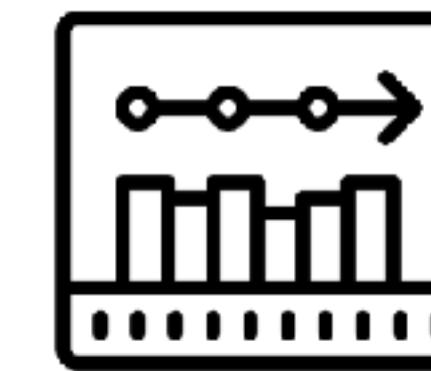
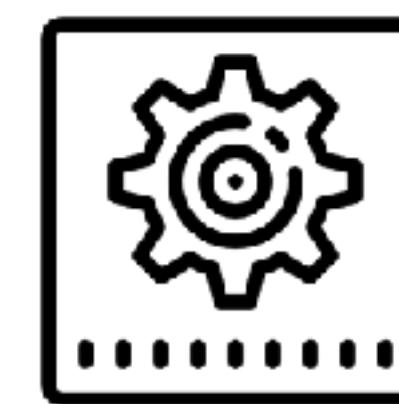
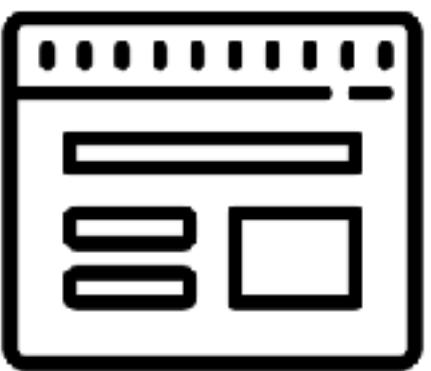
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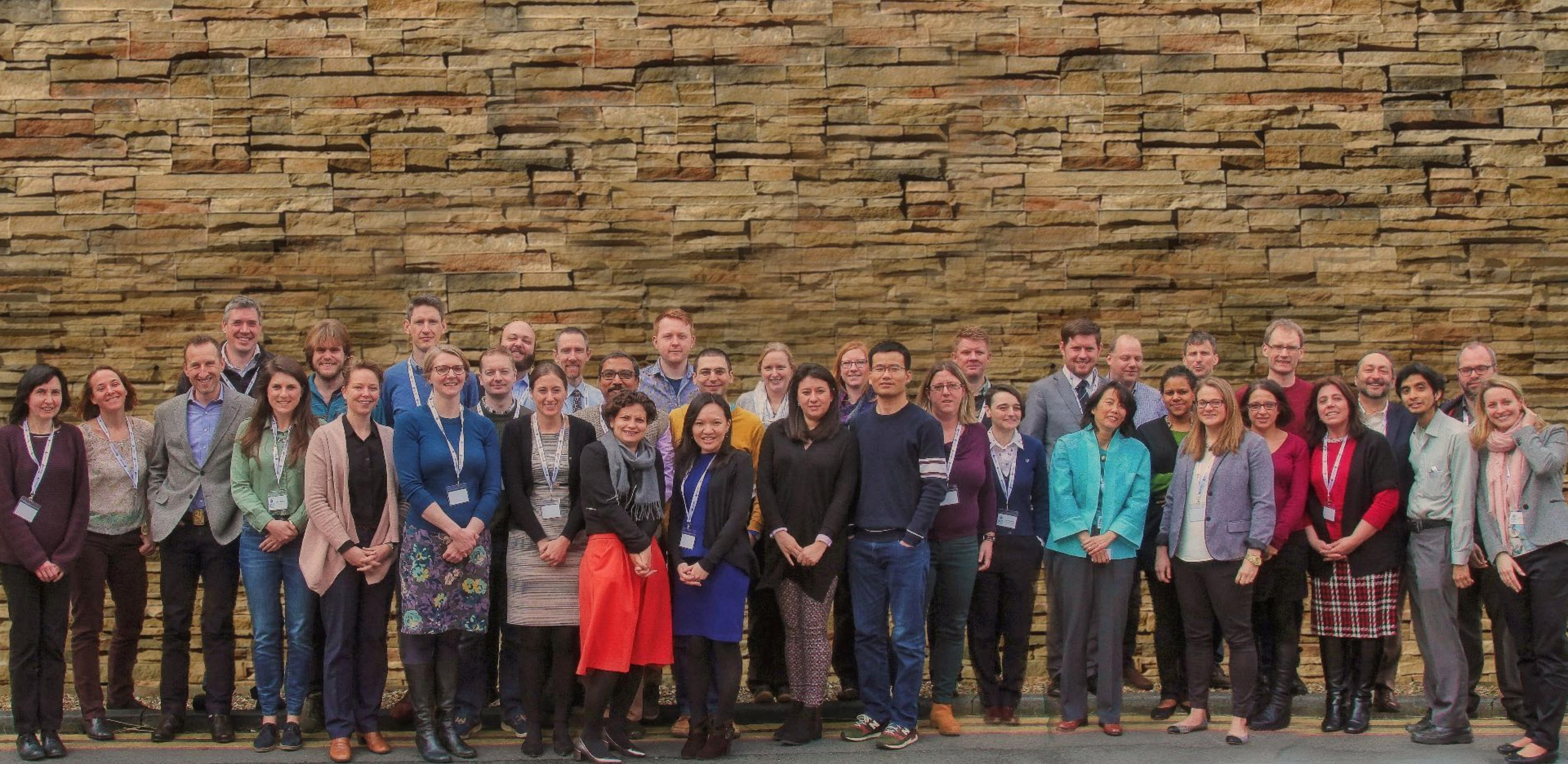
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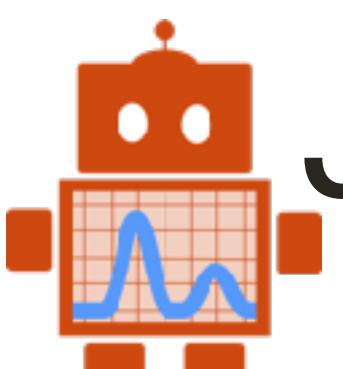
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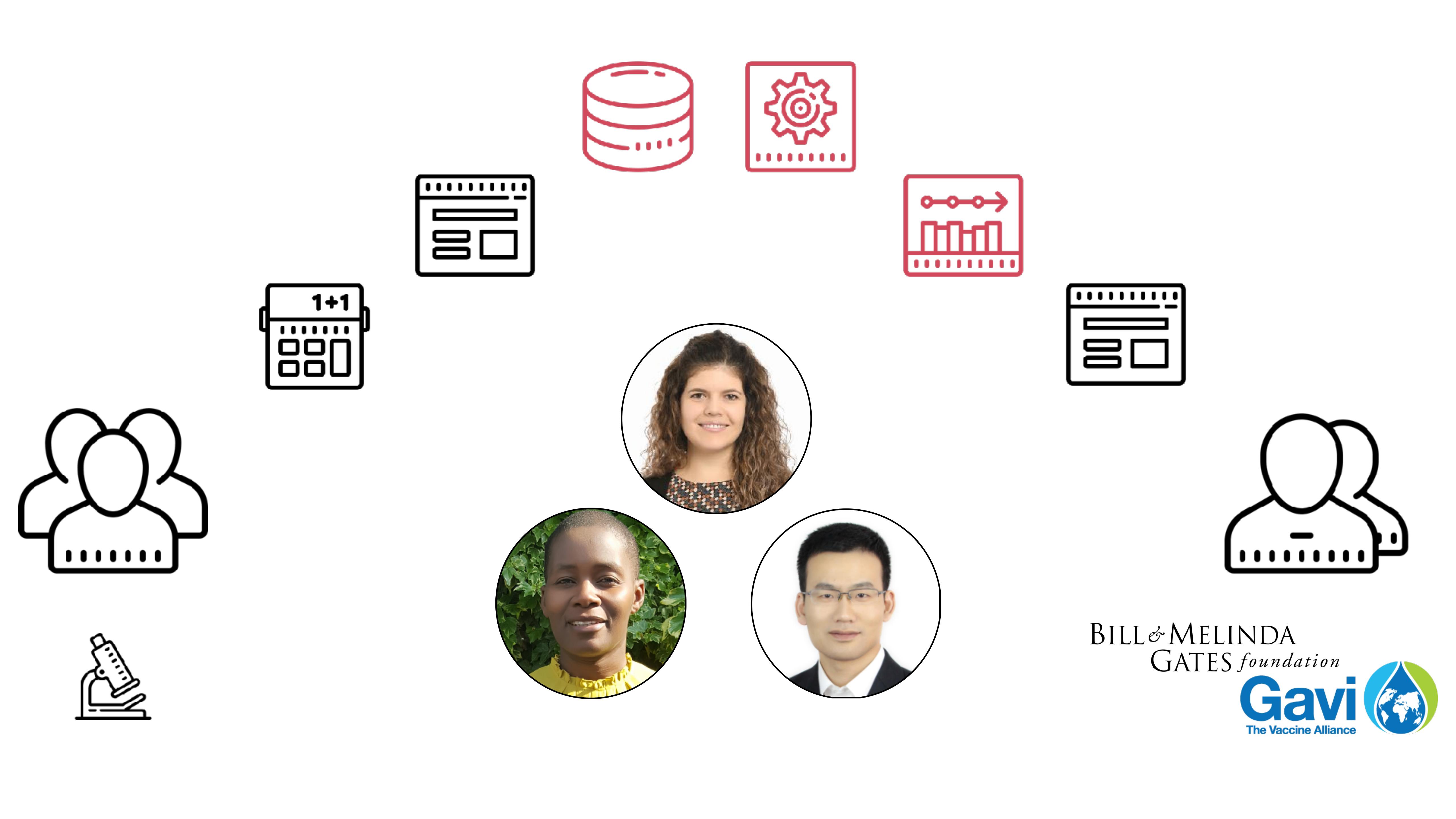


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rmarkdown

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RStudio

example.Rmd x

ABC Knit Insert Run

```
1 ---  
2 title: "Example"  
3 output: html_document  
4 ---  
5 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}  
6 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)  
7 ```  
8  
9  
10 ## R Markdown  
11  
12 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.  
13  
14 When you click the **Knit** button a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document. You can embed an R code chunk like this:  
15  
16 ```{r cars}  
17 summary(cars)  
18  
19  
20 ## Including Plots  
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22 You can also embed plots, for example:  
23  
24 ```{r pressure, echo=FALSE}  
25 plot(pressure)  
26  
27  
28 Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.  
29
```

2:16 # Example R Markdown

Console

example.html Open in Browser Find Publish

~/example.html

Example

R Markdown

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summary(cars)
```

```
##      speed          dist  
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##  1st Qu.:12.0   1st Qu.: 26.00  
##  Median :15.0   Median : 36.00  
##  Mean   :15.4   Mean   : 42.98  
##  3rd Qu.:19.0   3rd Qu.: 56.00  
##  Max.   :25.0   Max.   :120.00
```

Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

A scatter plot showing the relationship between pressure and distance. The x-axis is labeled "pressure" and ranges from approximately 400 to 800. The y-axis ranges from 400 to 800. There are three data points plotted at approximately (400, 500), (600, 600), and (800, 800).

How to draw an Owl.

"A fun and creative guide for beginners"

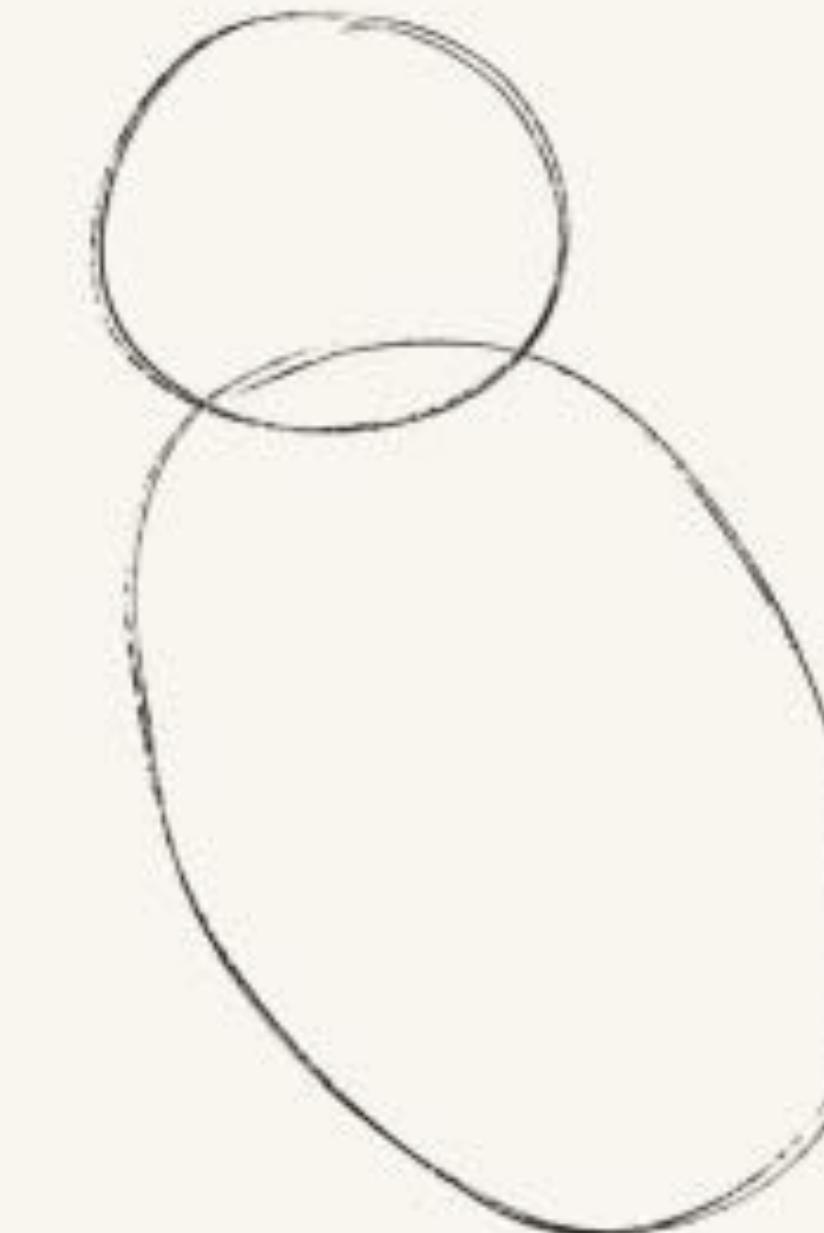
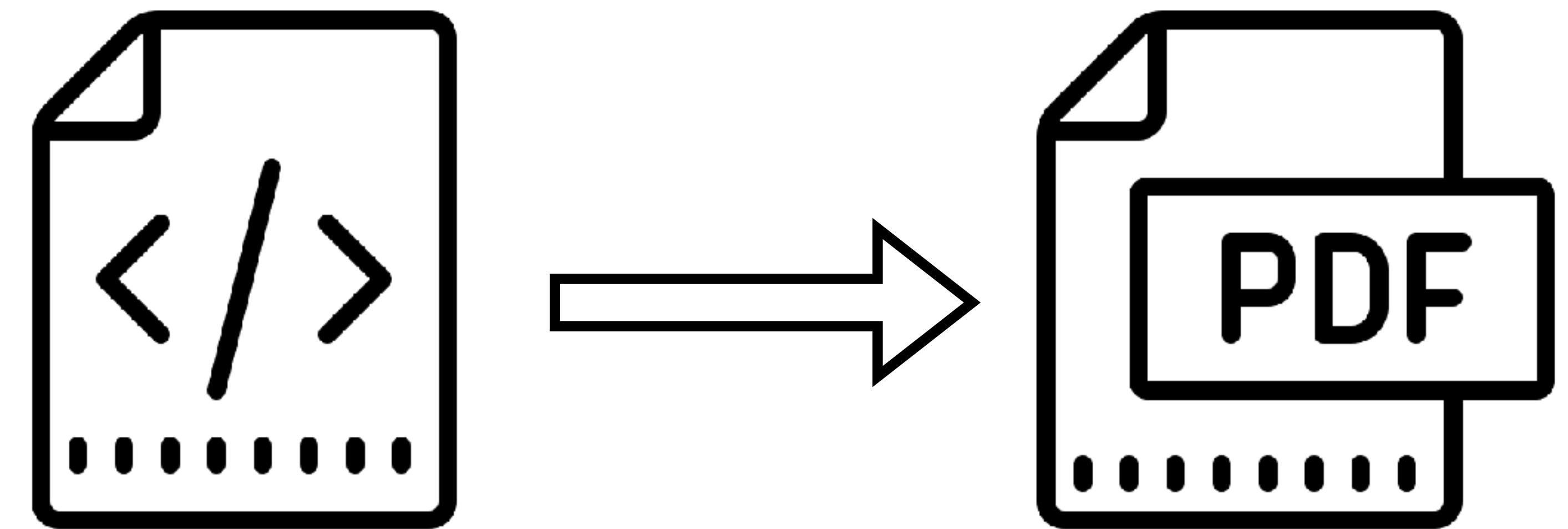
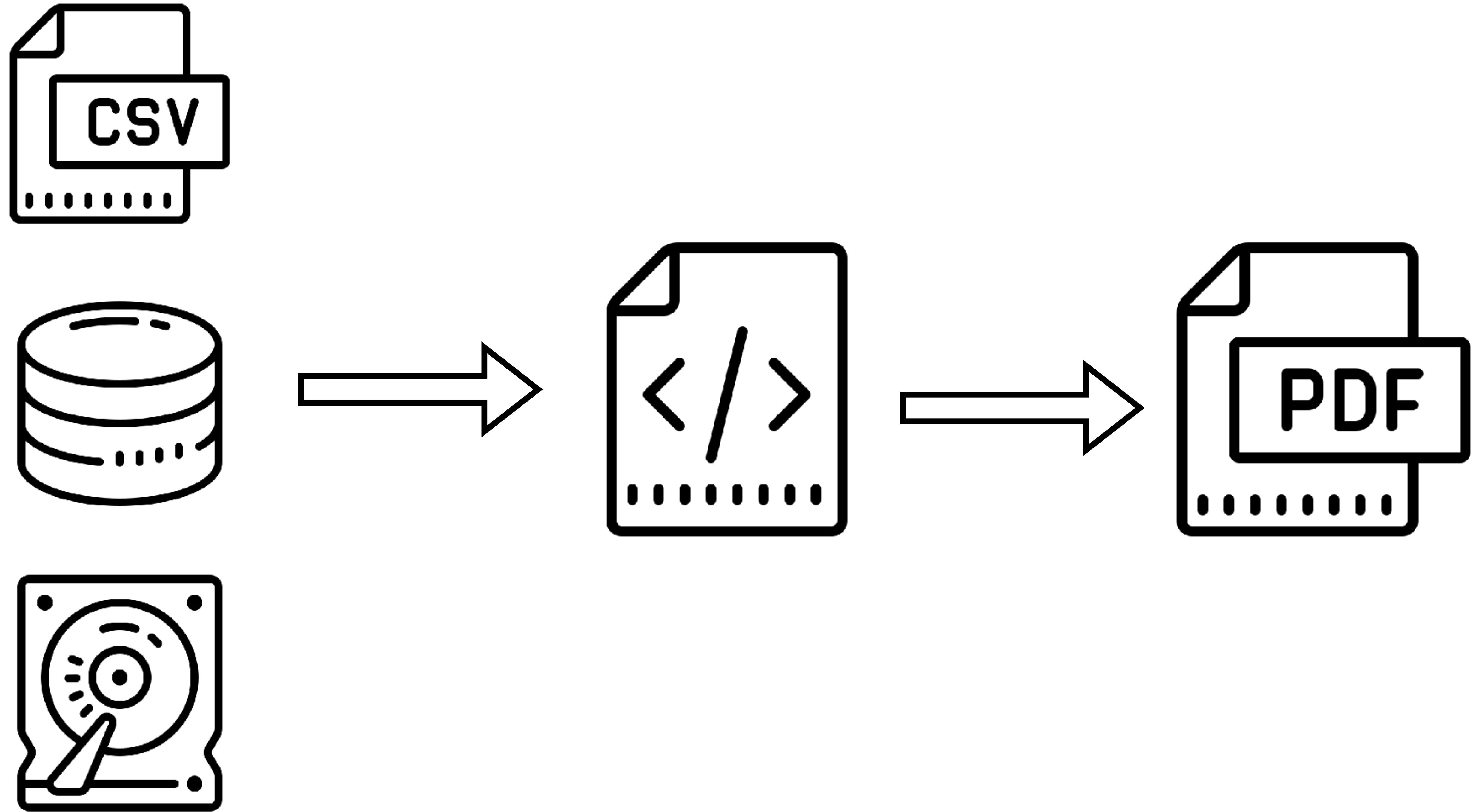


Fig 1. Draw two circles



Fig 2. Draw the rest of the damn Owl





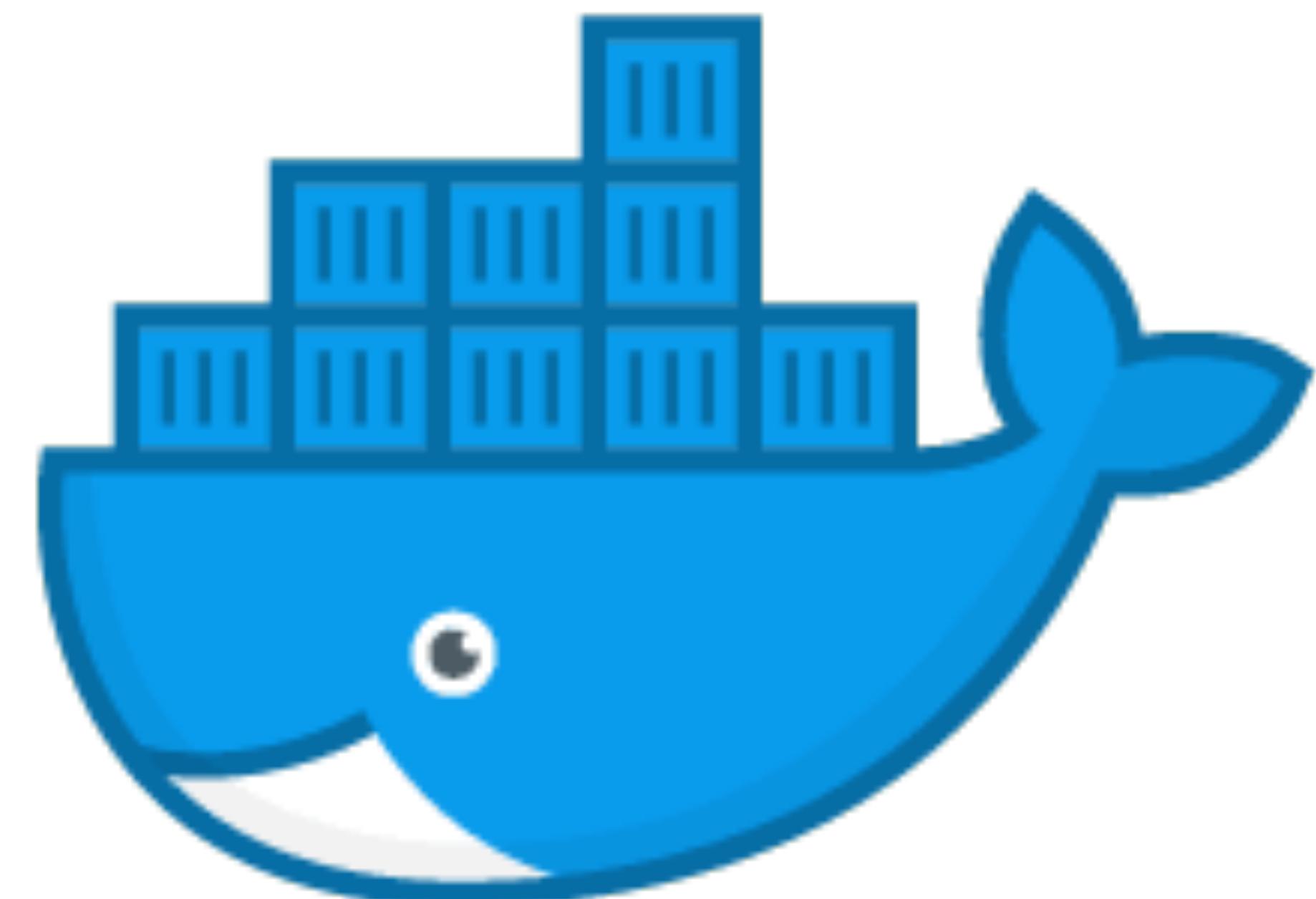


drake

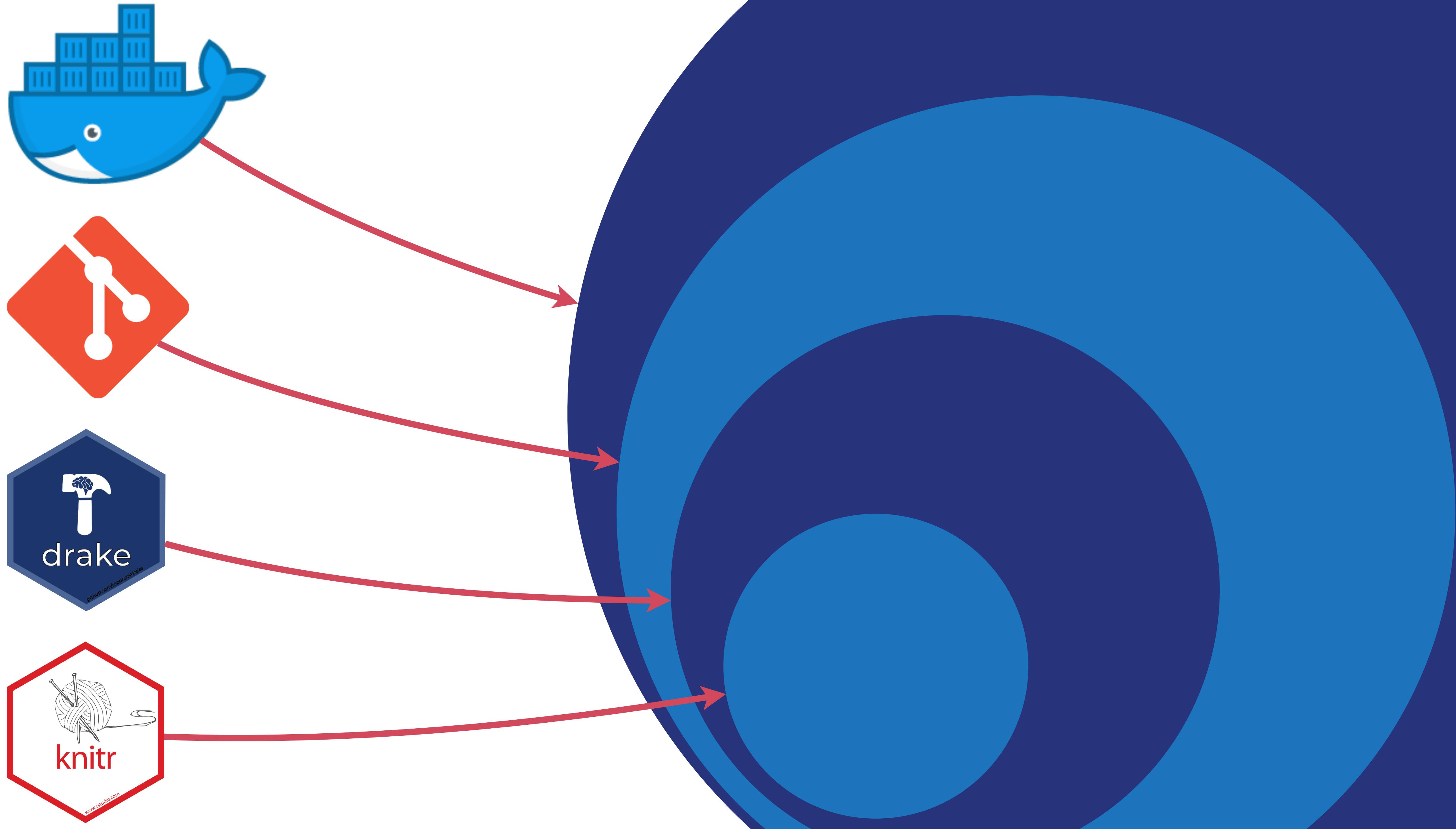
github.com/openscience/drake



git



docker





Go To Statement Considered Harmful

Key Words and Phrases: go to statement, jump instruction, branch instruction, conditional clause, alternative clause, repetitive clause, program intelligibility, program sequencing

CR Categories: 4.22, 5.23, 5.24

EDITOR:

For a number of years I have been familiar with the observation that the quality of programmers is a decreasing function of the density of **go to** statements in the programs they produce. More recently I discovered why the use of the **go to** statement has such disastrous effects, and I became convinced that the **go to** statement should be abolished from all "higher level" programming languages (i.e. everything except, perhaps, plain machine code).

```
add <- function(a, b) {  
  a + b  
}
```

```
expect_equal(  
    add(1, 3),  
    4)
```

```
#' @param a,b inputs
#' @return the sum
#' @export
```

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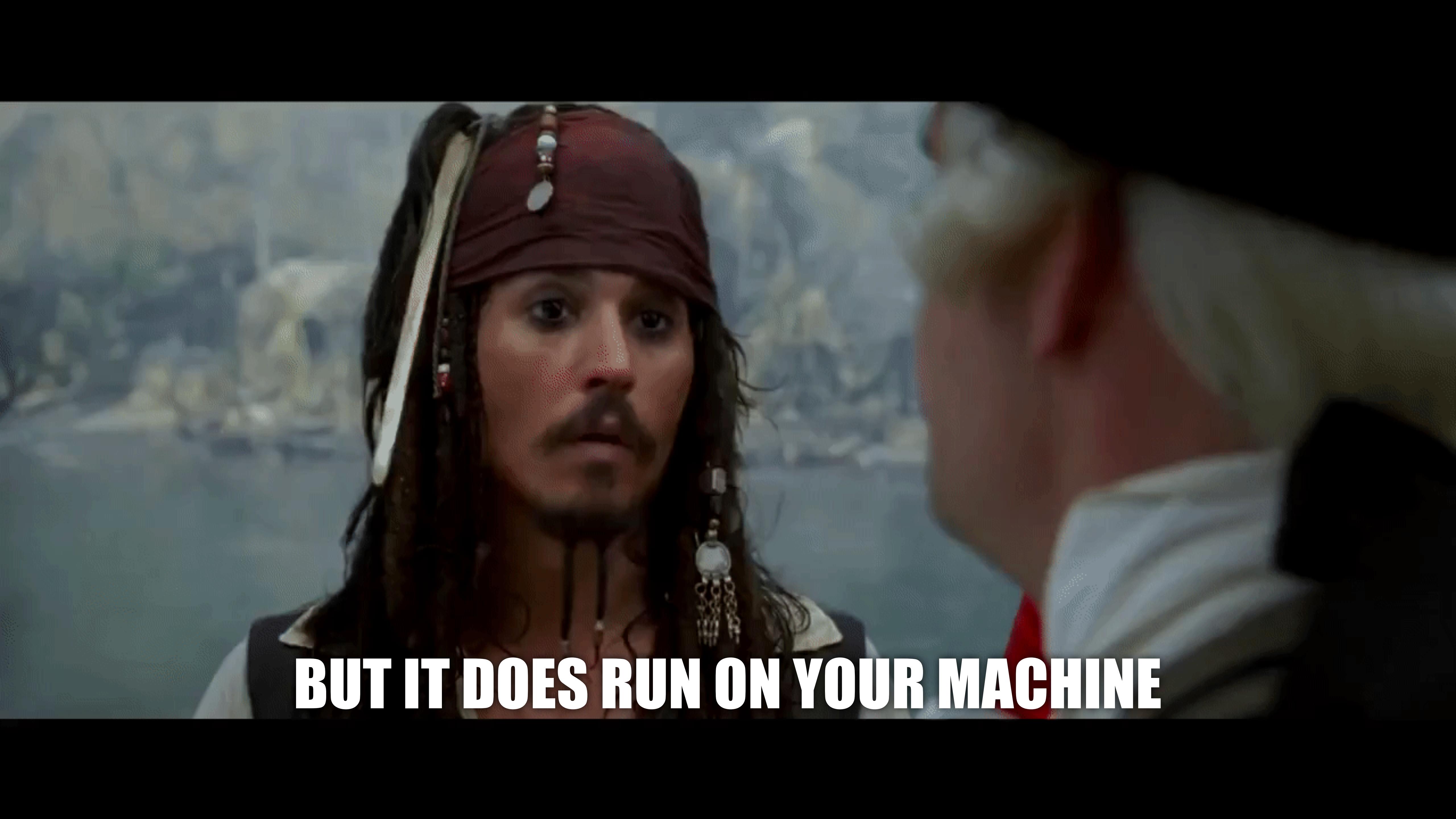
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Our approach

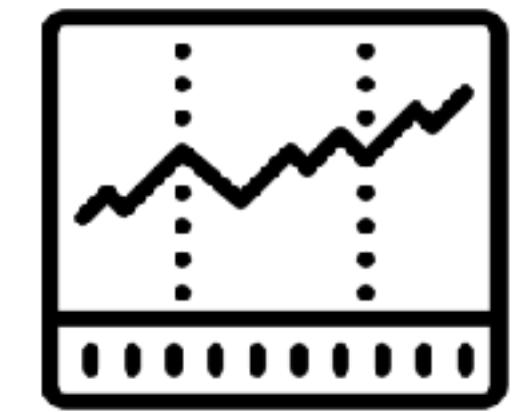
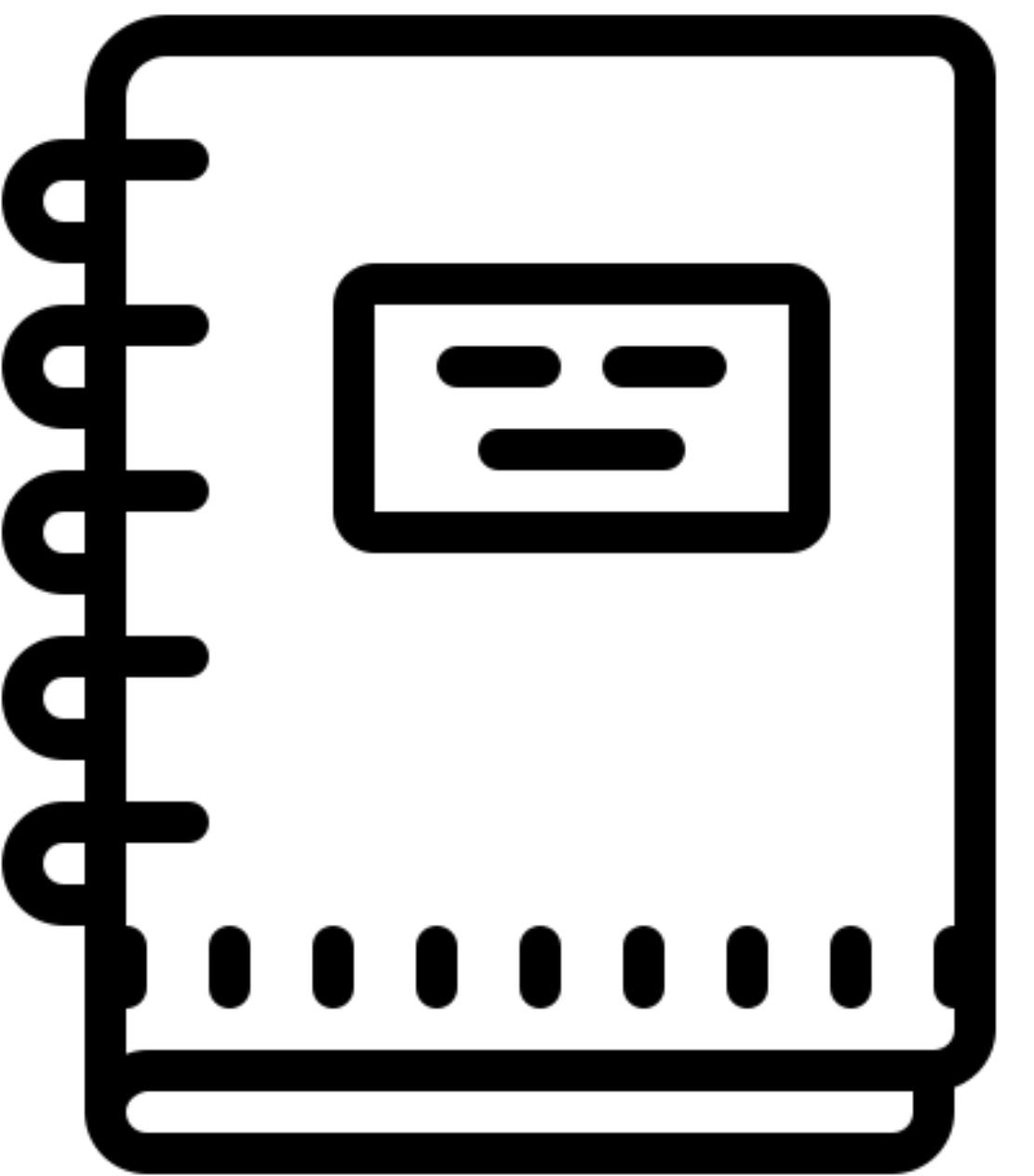
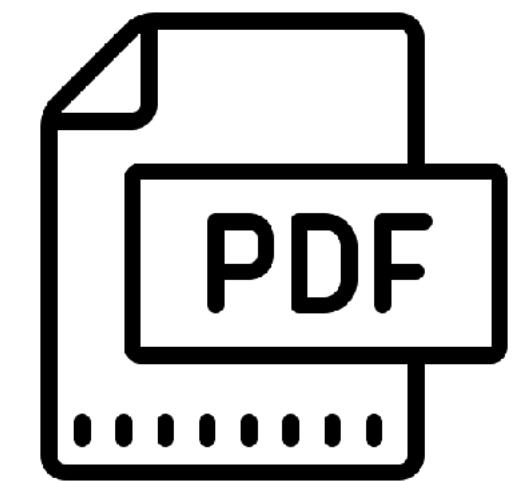
Blackbox the analysis like a function

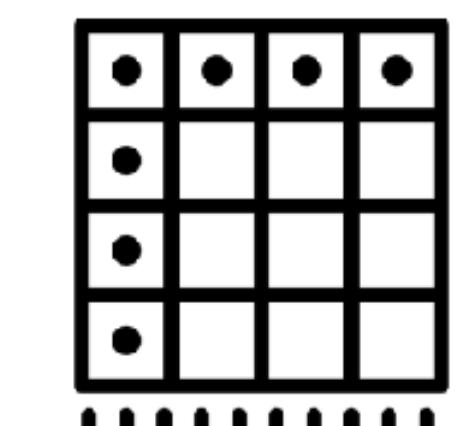
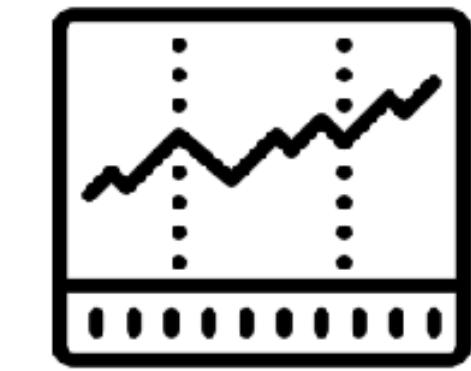
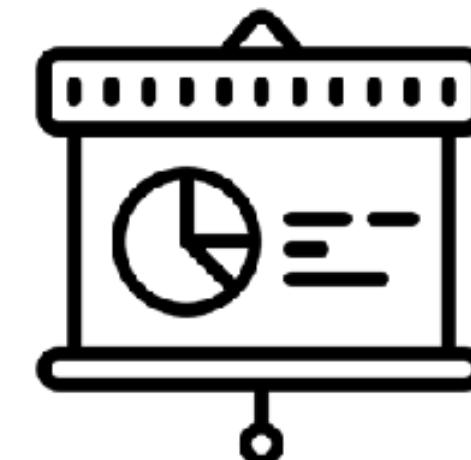
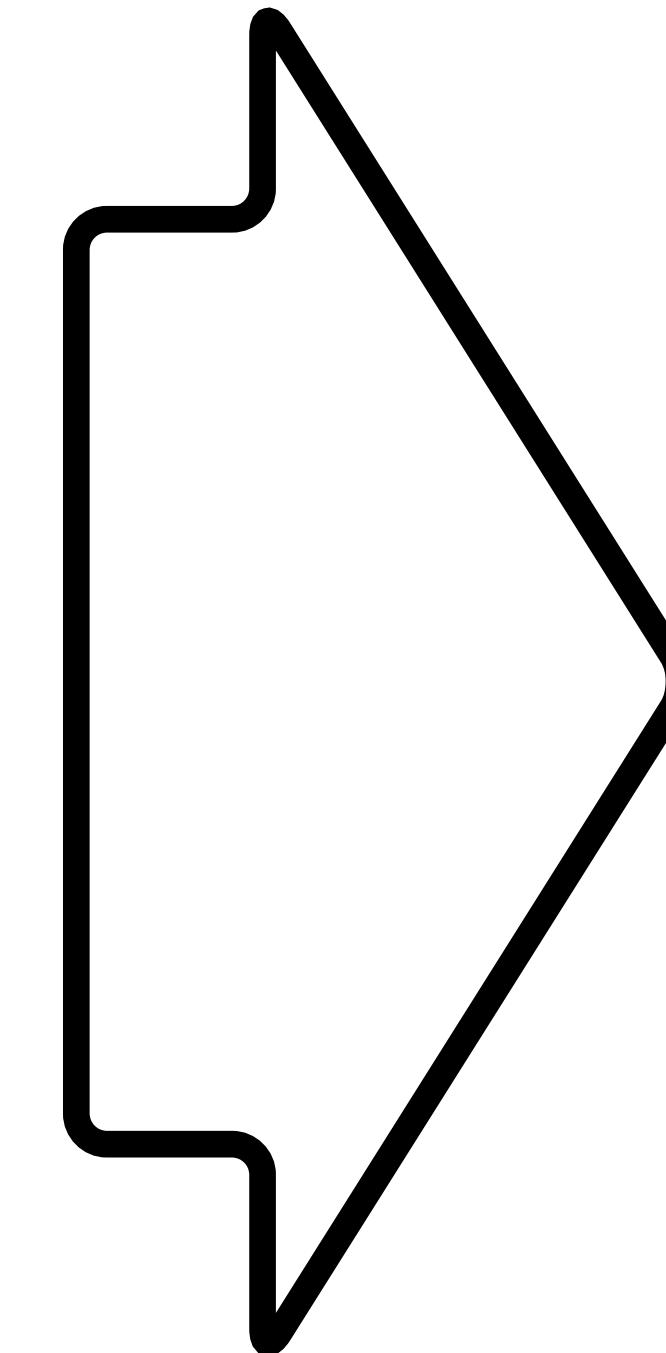
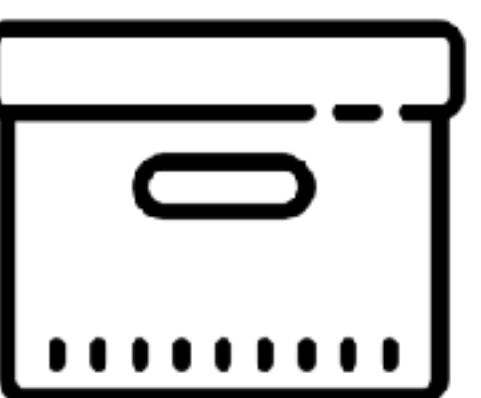
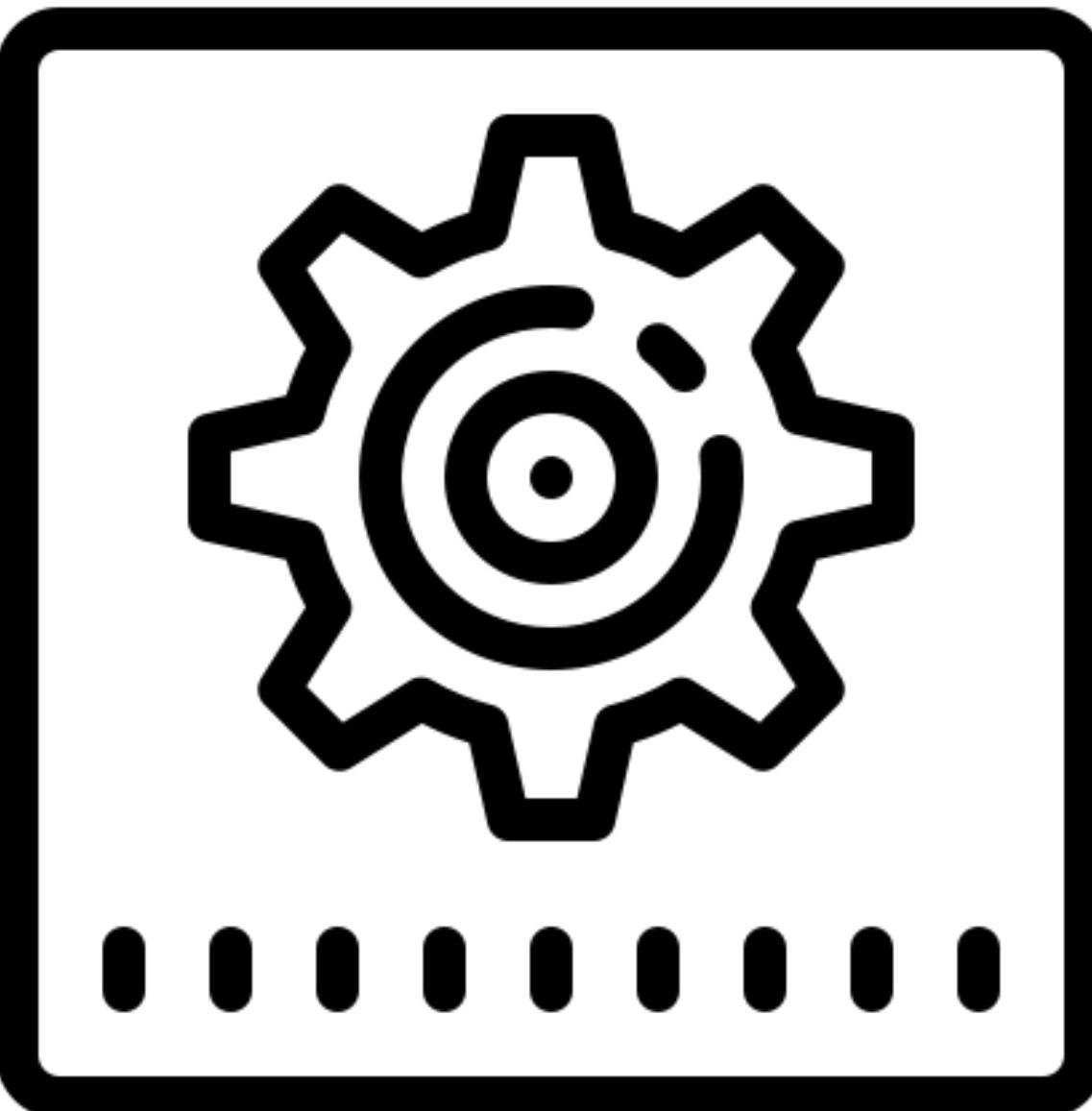
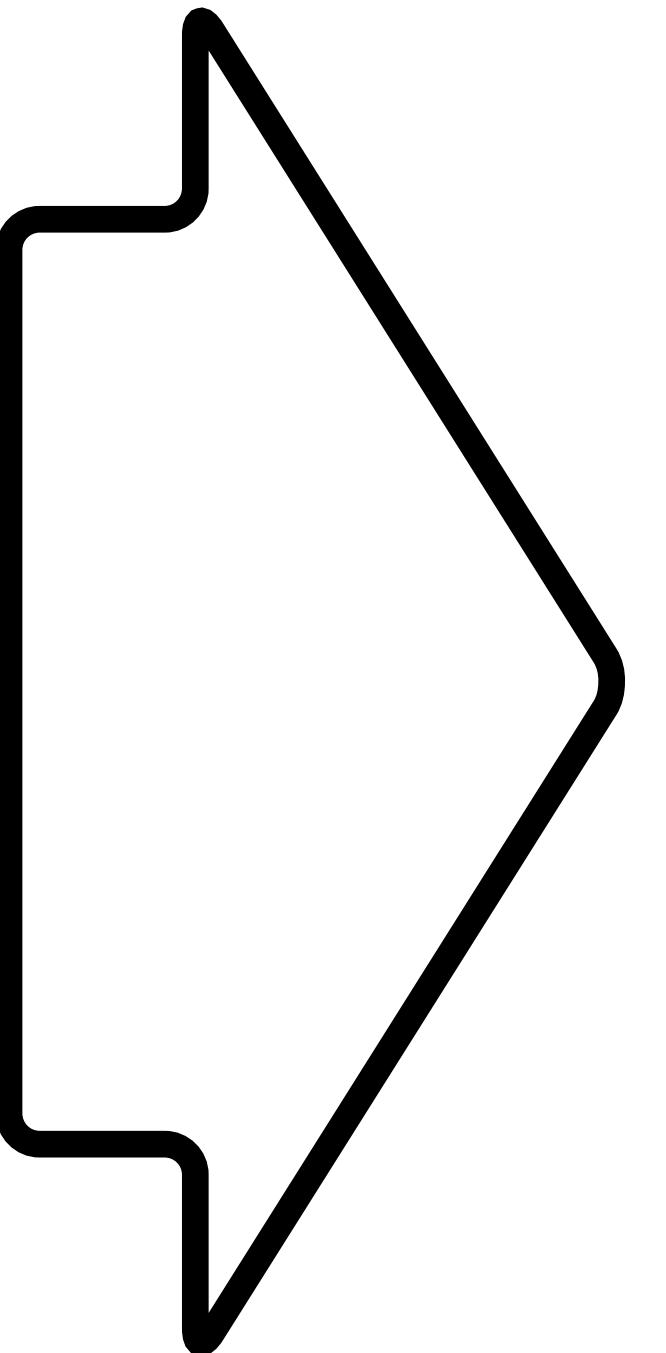
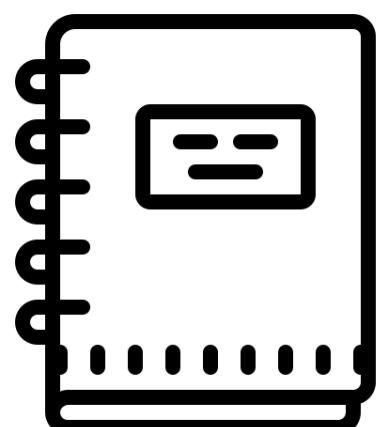


THIS IS THE WORST CODE I HAVE EVER RUN ON MY MACHINE

A close-up portrait of Captain Jack Sparrow, played by Johnny Depp. He has his signature wild brown hair, a red bandana with a white skull and crossbones, and a long, dark goatee. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious, intense expression. The background is a blurred, cloudy sky.

BUT IT DOES RUN ON YOUR MACHINE

A black and white line-art icon of a 5x5 grid. Some cells in the grid contain small black dots, while others are empty.



orderly

<https://github.com/vimc/orderly>

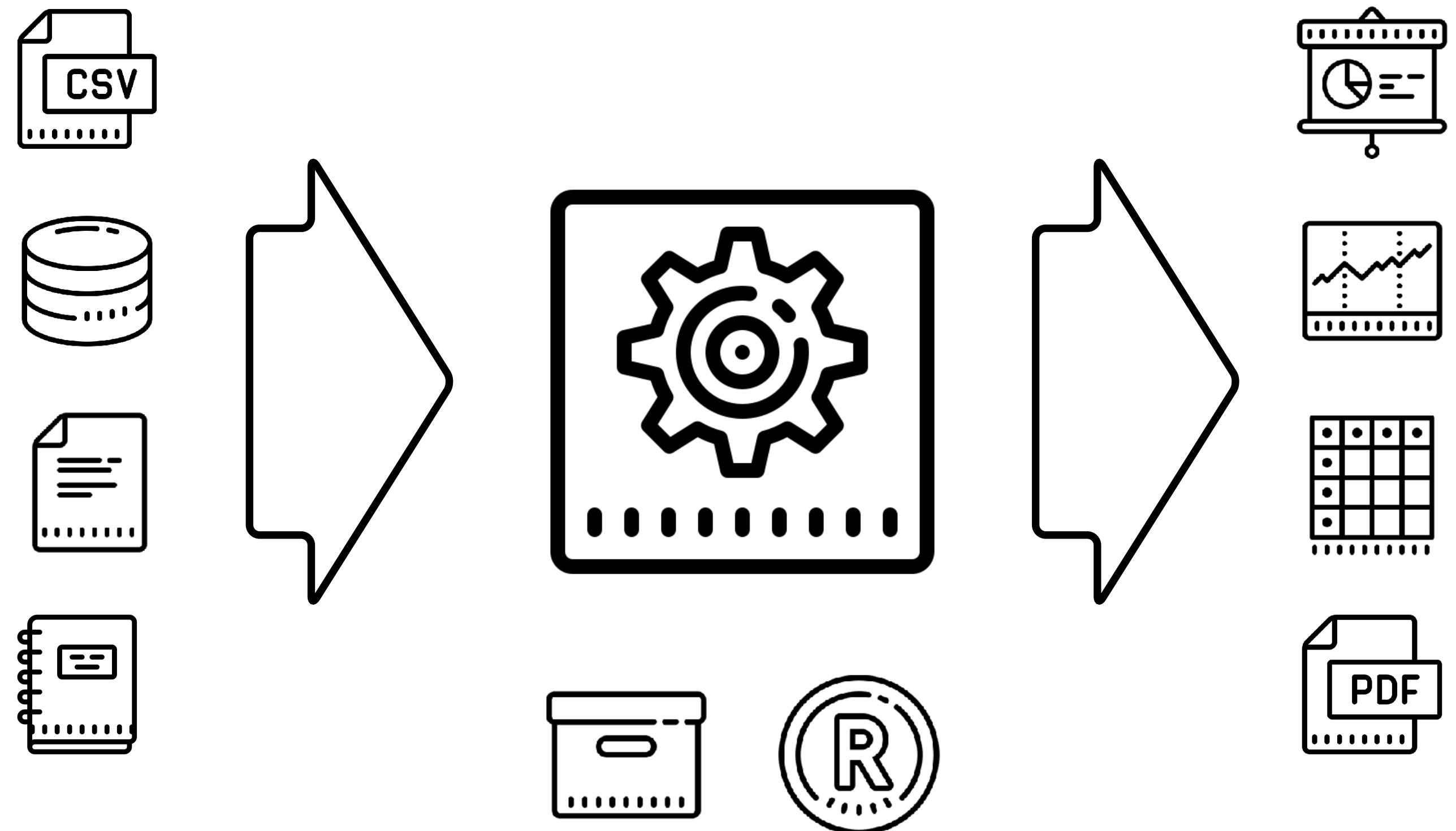
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  - metadata.csv
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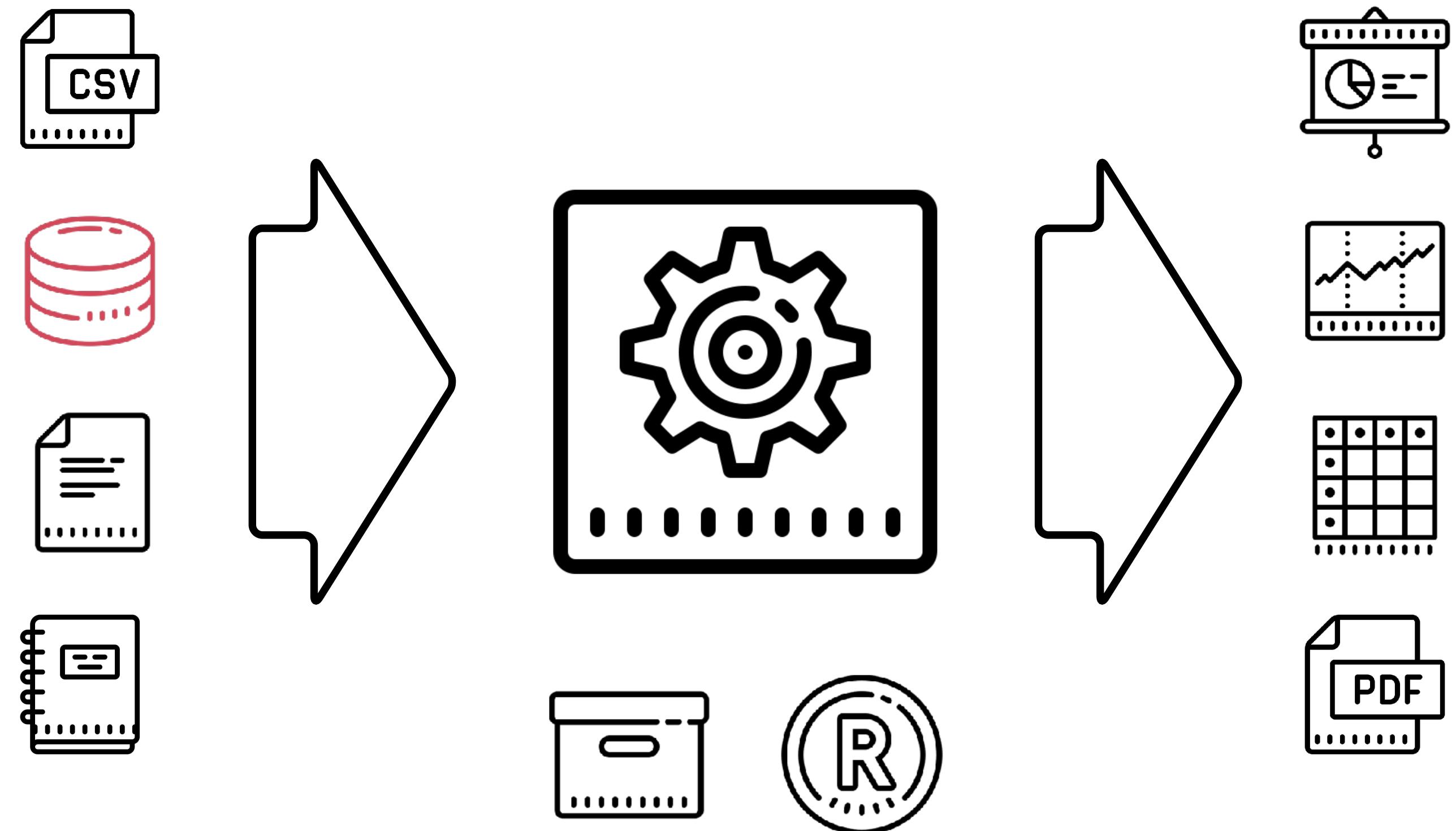
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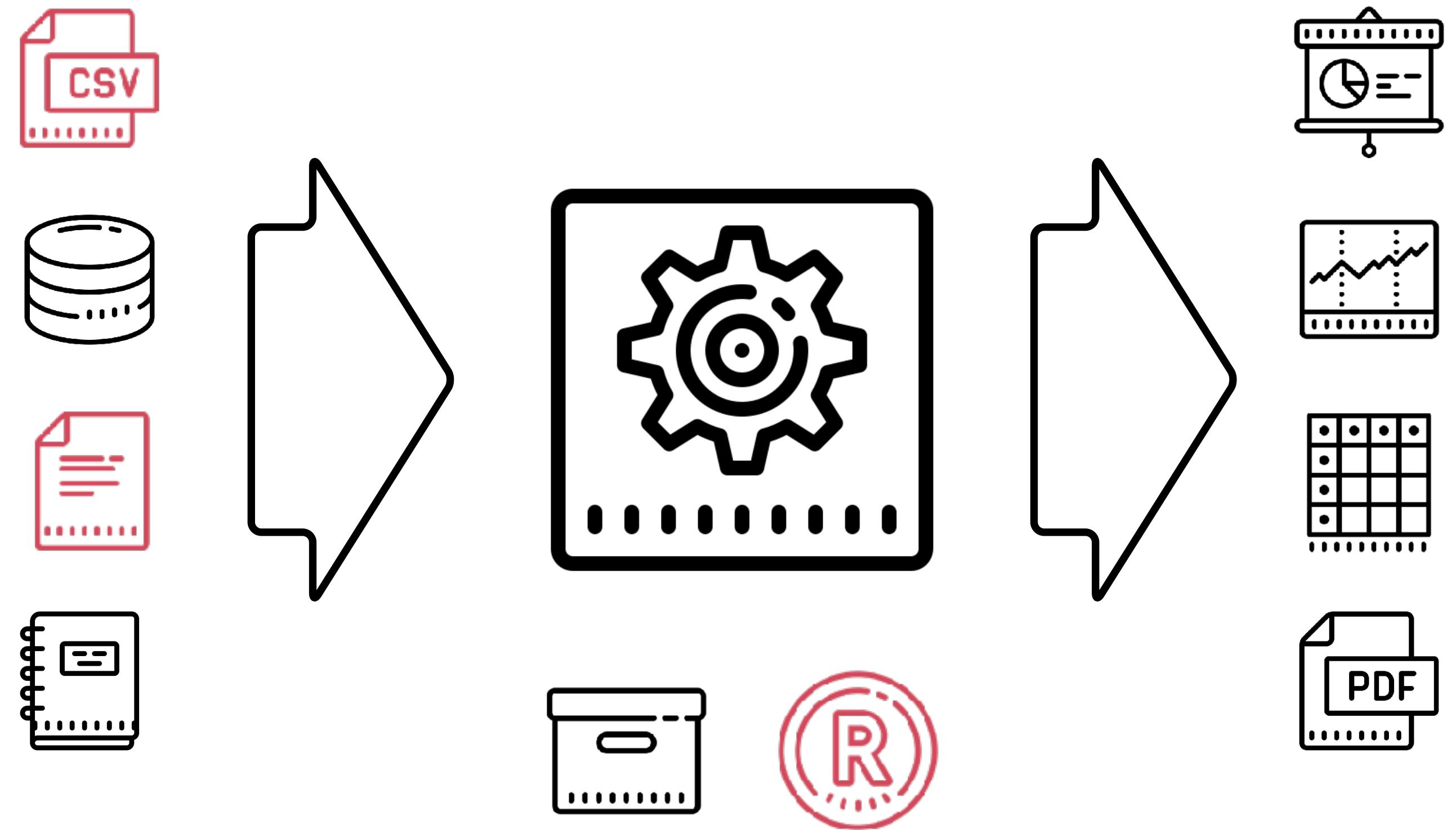
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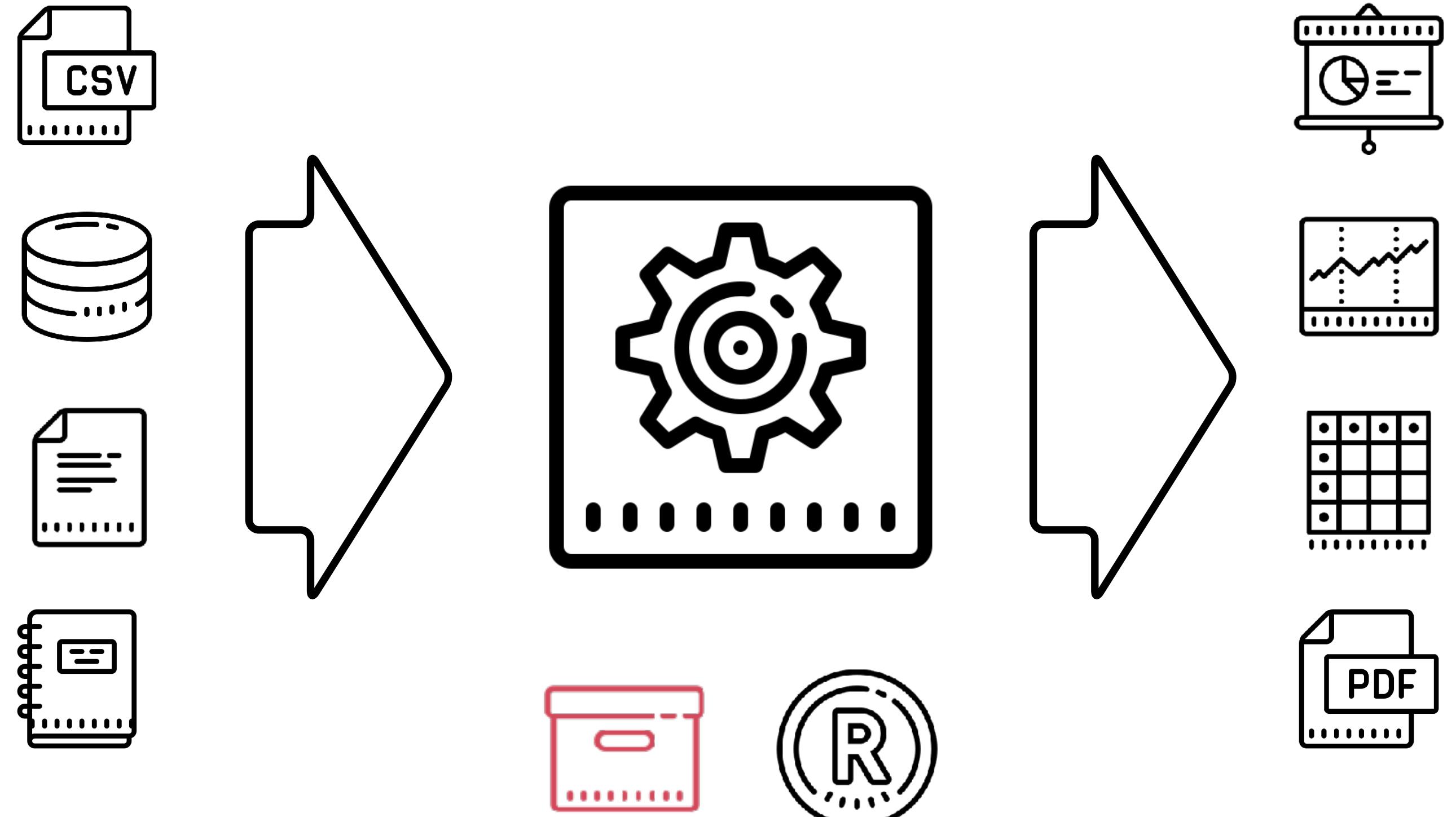
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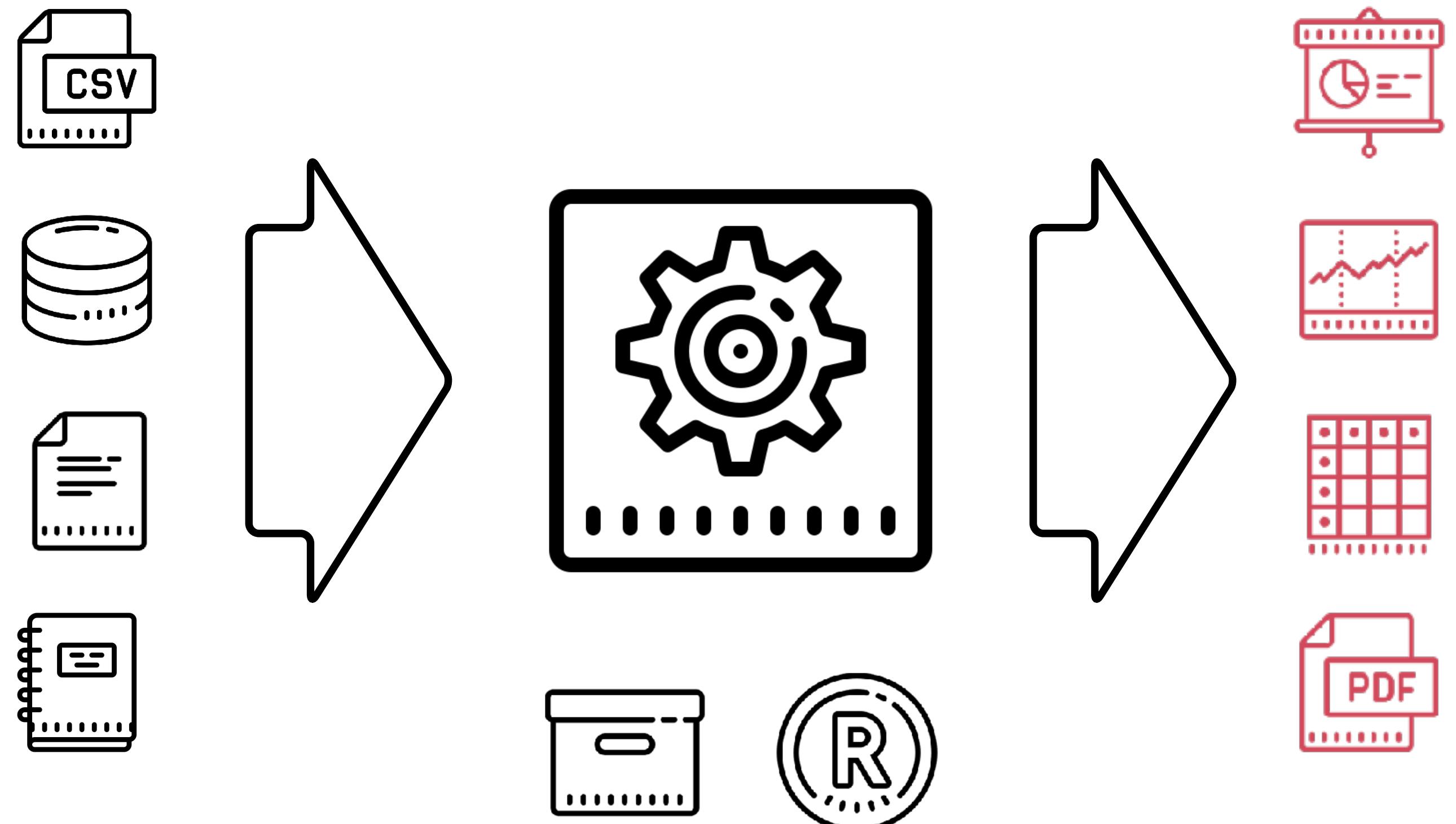
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Automate the boring bits

This is embarrassingly
simple

Interface for Stakeholders

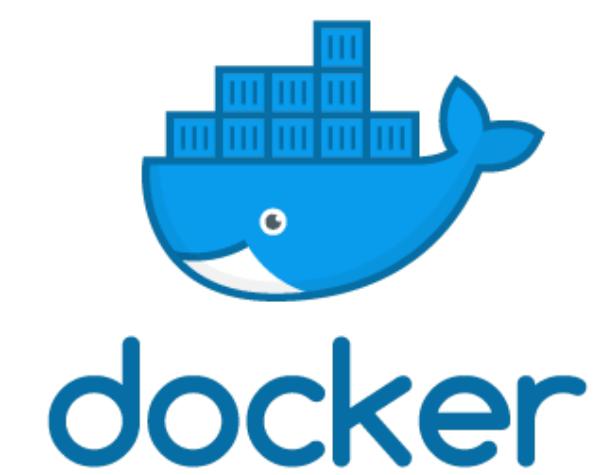
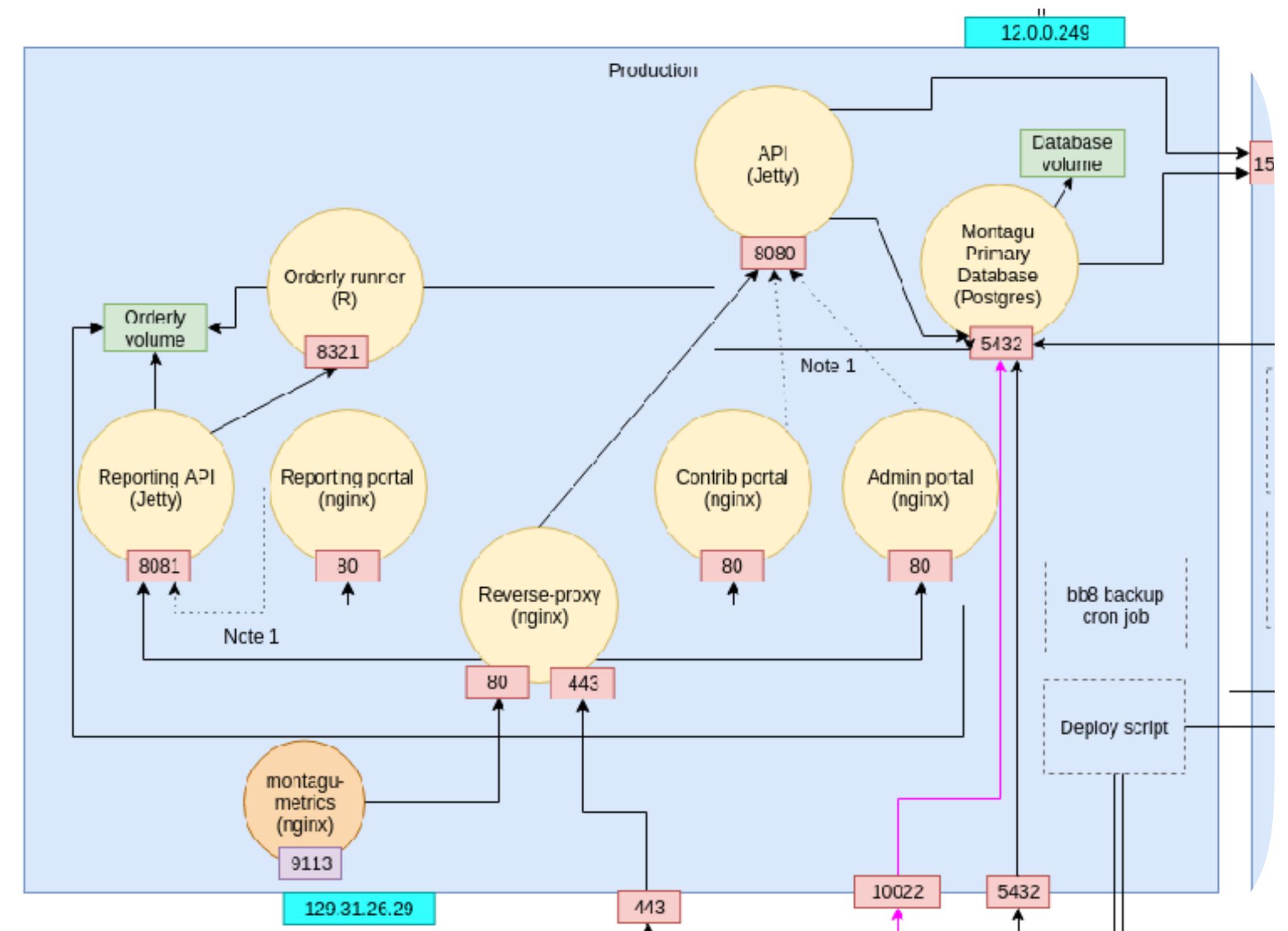
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Interface for Engineering team



Interface for Science team

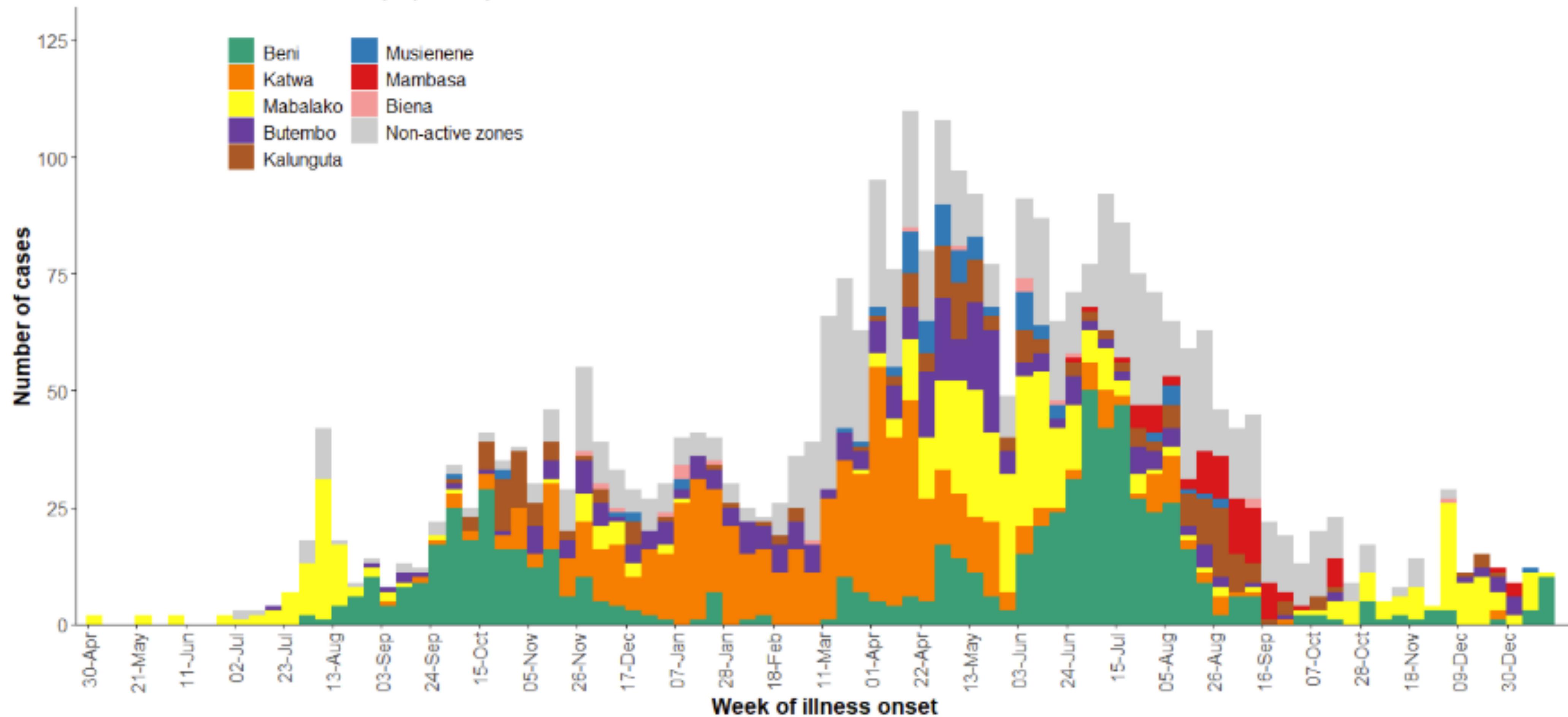
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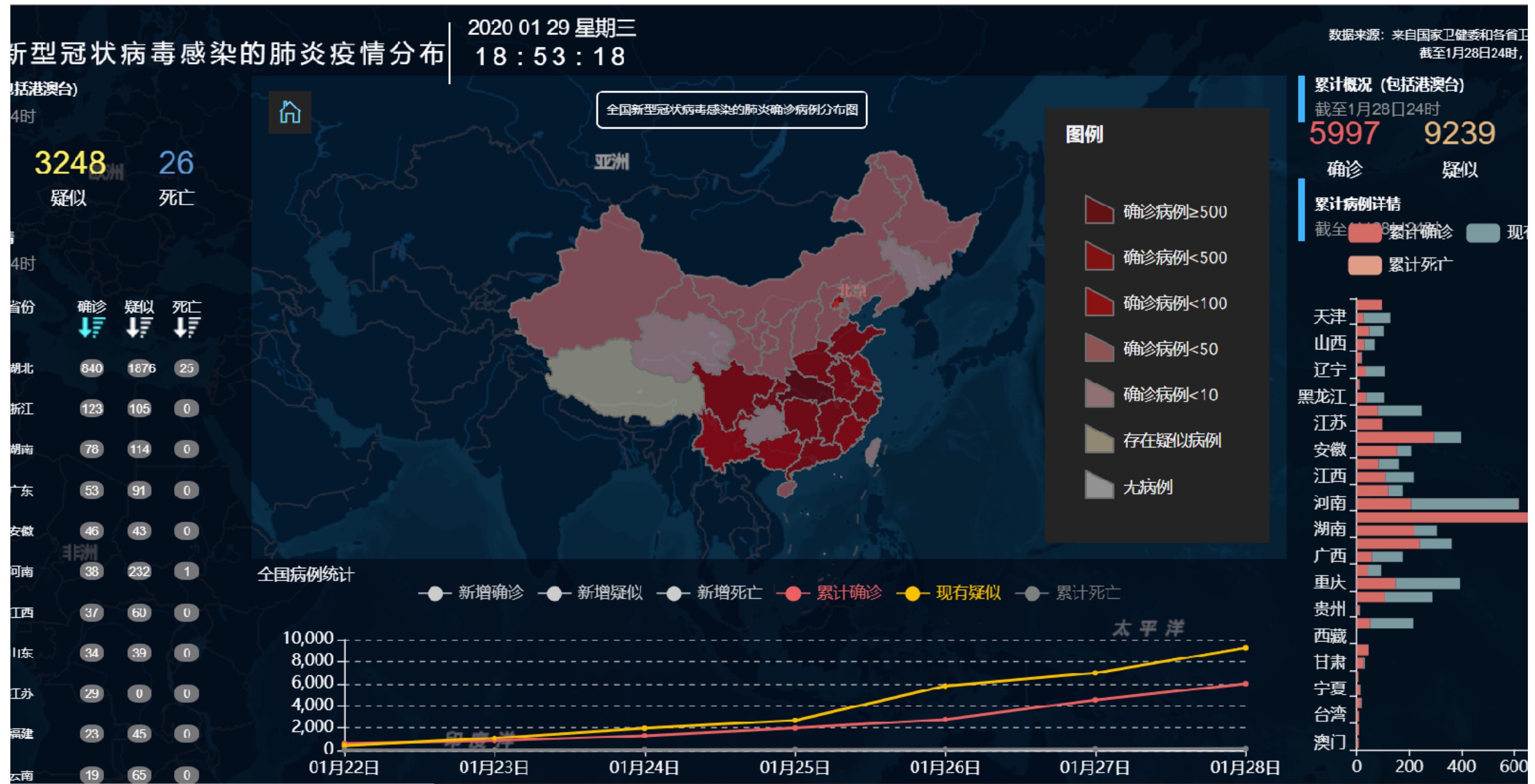
Ebola in DRC

Epidemic curve by active health zones

Health zones with cases in the last 42 days specified by color



2019-nCoV



Lessons learnt

you can blackbox too much

code reuse is really hard

reproducibility can be easy

problems are as social as technical

Work the way people
want to work





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Resources

<https://vimc.github.io/orderly>
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