

Engaging with the Business

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Agenda



Business Impact

Data Science Radar

Being a Communicator

Skills Required









About Me

- Maths & Stats
- Statistician (SAS)
- Insightful (S+)
- Mango (R)
- RConsortium
- R in 24 Hours
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Data Science & Business

- Statistics can be a "reactive" process
- Data Science and Big Data has changed how the world of "Analytics" is viewed
- "Analytics" is now a proactive activity
- It is now a strategic aim for organisations

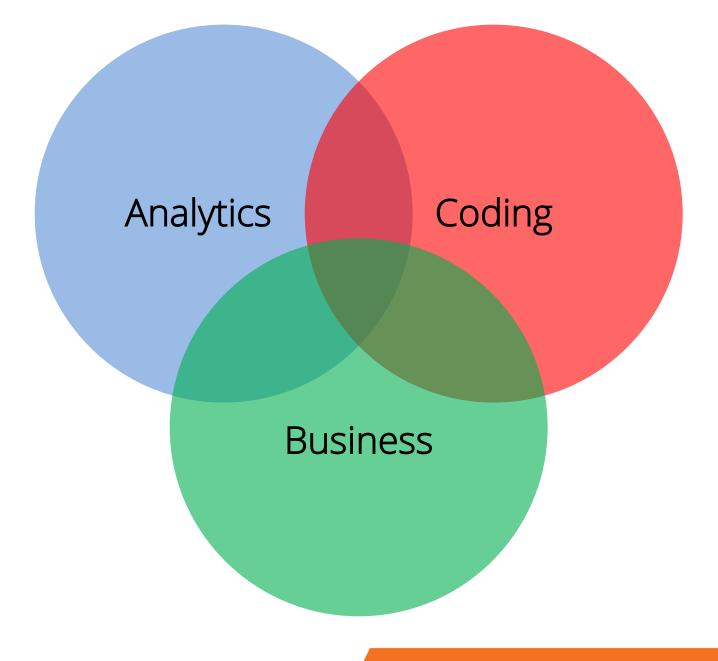


Challenges

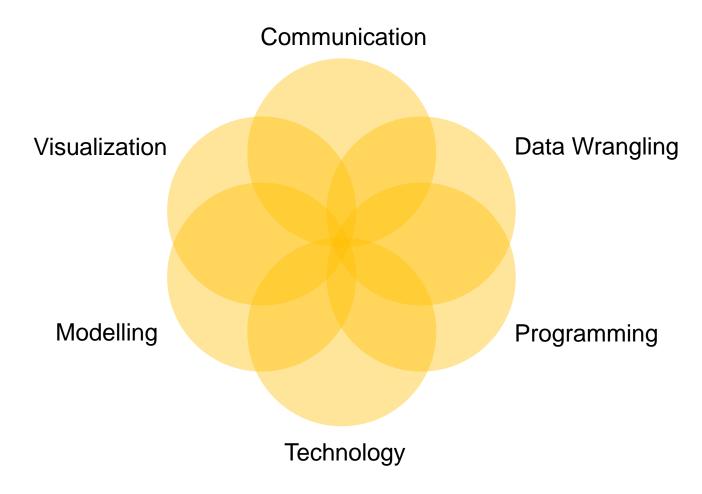
- Business users may not understand:
 - What analytics "is"
 - What analytics "can do"
 - What analytics "can't do"
 - That analytics isn't a magic wand
- The "marketing machine" doesn't help



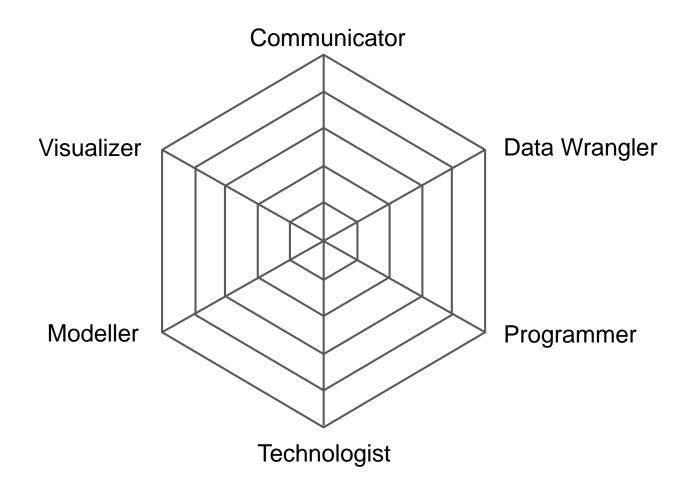




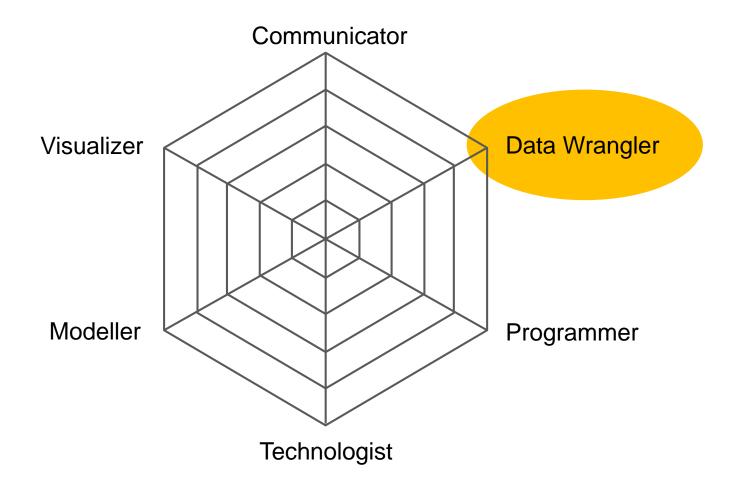




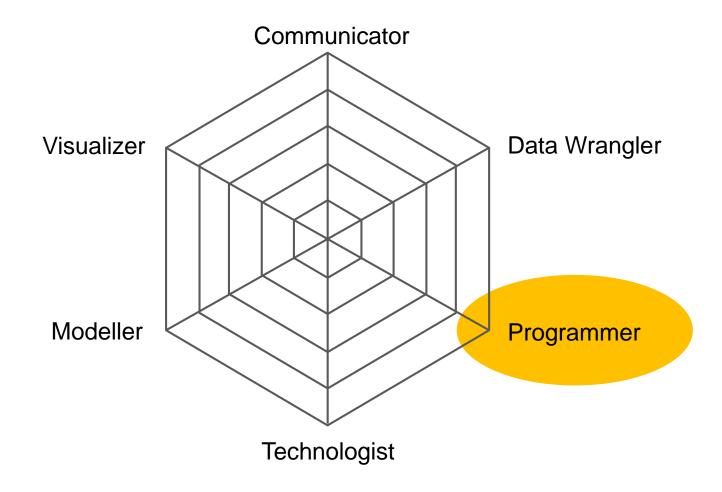




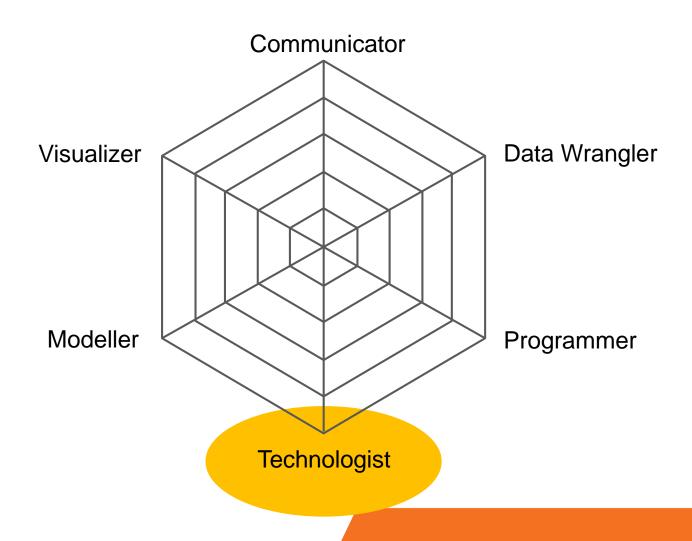




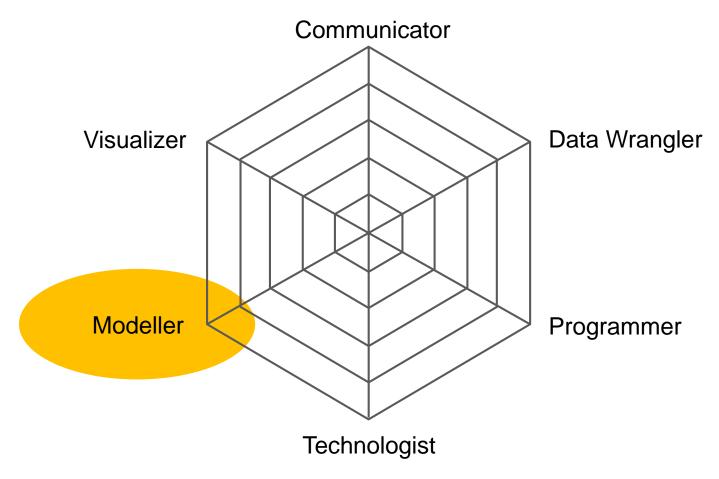




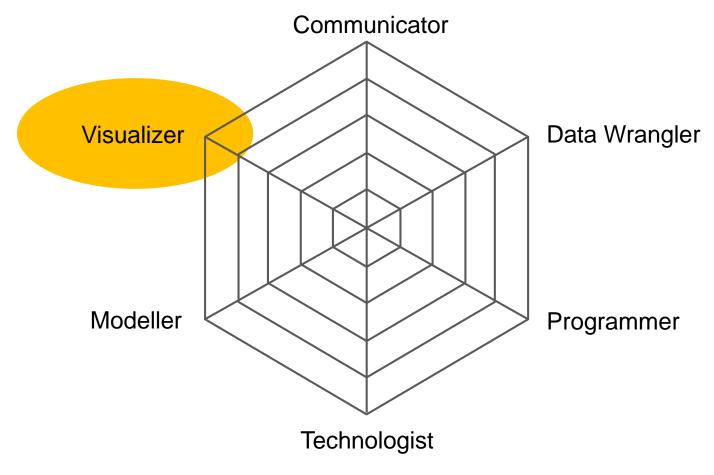




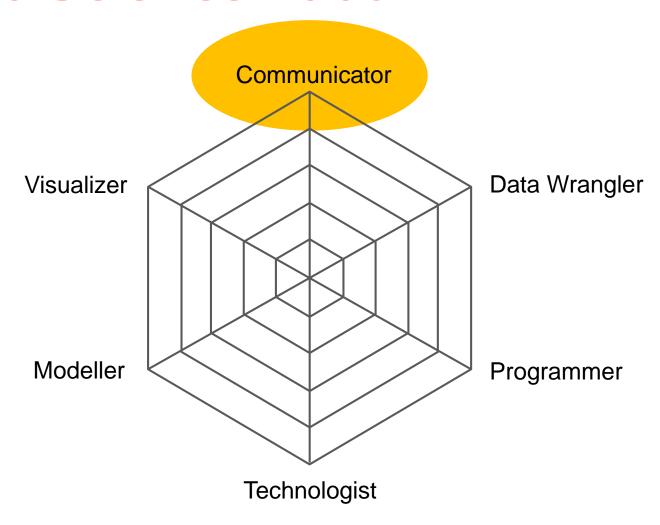




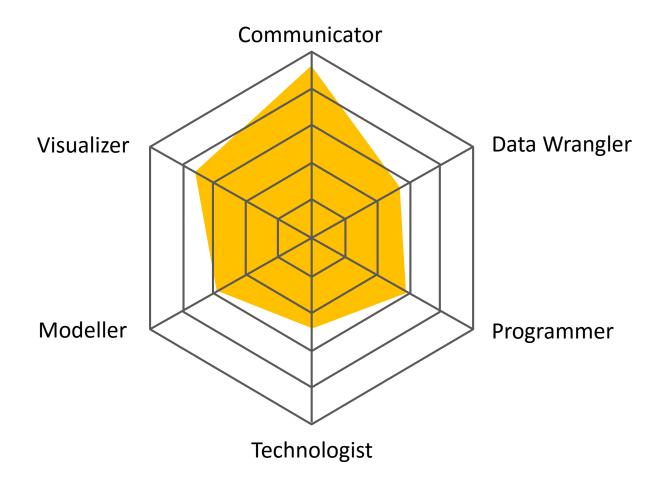
















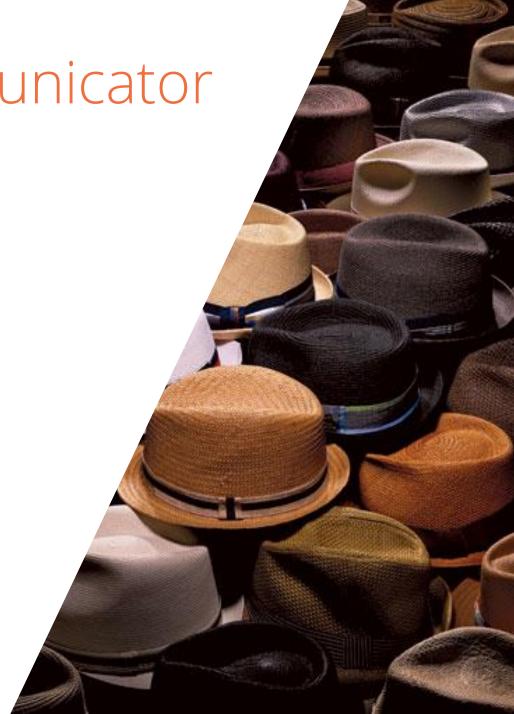
Being a Communicator

• Business Person

Teacher

- Inquisitor
- Storyteller
- Sales Person





Business Person

• Increasingly involved in the business discussion

Understanding of financial

and cultural impact

Grasp of finance in company objectives

Domain knowledge





Teacher

 Educate business on analytics

 Common language for business and analytics

 Introduce high level model diagnostic language





Inquisitor

- What is the real question we want to answer?
- How will people change when they know the answer?
- Question to test assumptions?







 Communicating insight in a manner that business understands

• Fit in with cultural style (e.g. highly visual)

Narrative

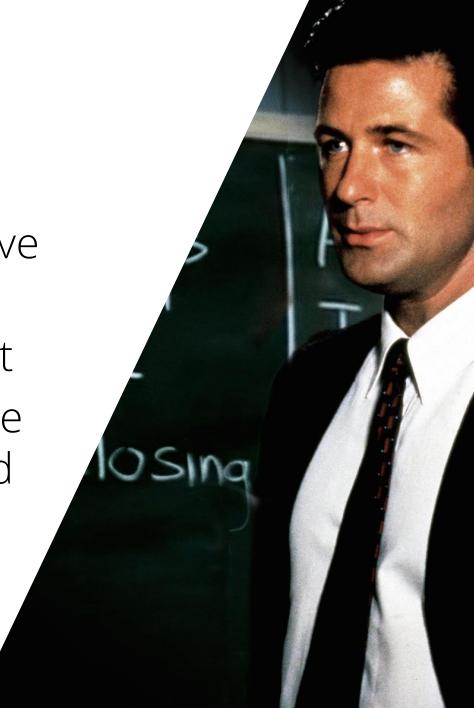


Sales Person

 Data Science is reassuringly expensive

Business will want a return on investment

 Business people have challenges that could be resolved





Skills Required

- Empathy
- Creativity
- Patience
- Business
- Communication



The End

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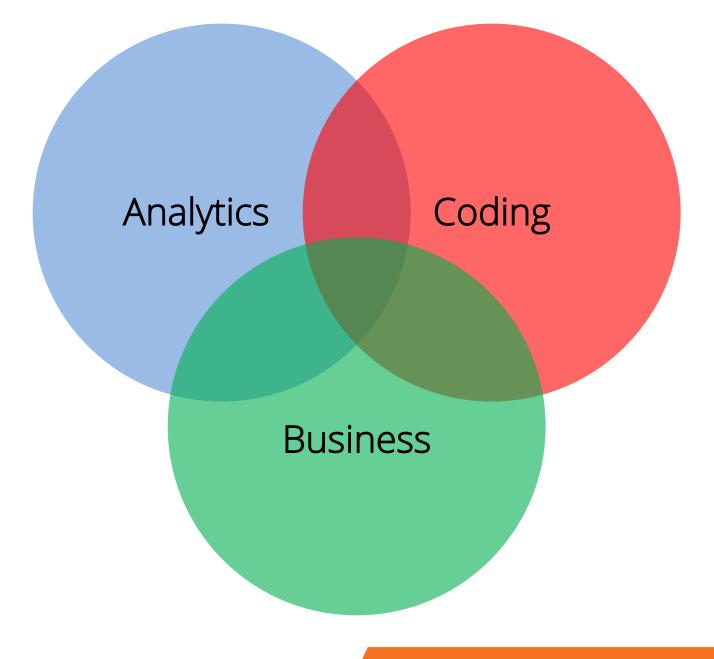
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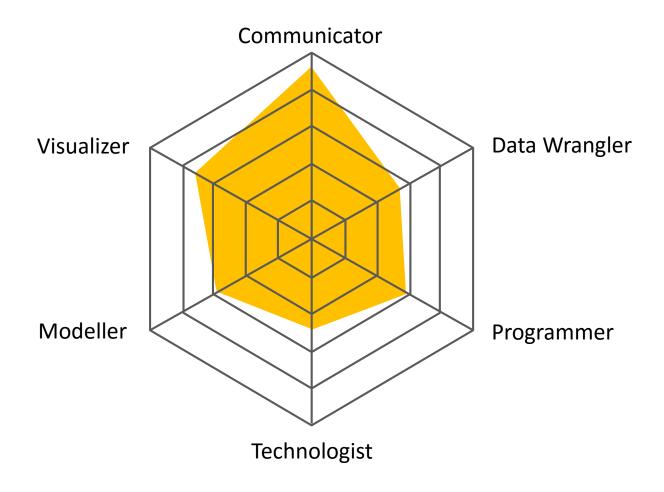








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