# Using Interactive Visualizations to Explore Relationships in Data



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#### Overview

Building interactive visualizations in Python

Zooming, panning and using tooltips
Introducing the Vega visualization
grammar

Interactive visualizations using Altair
Interactive visualizations using Plotly

# Introducing Altair

# Altair

A declarative, statistical visualization library for Python that is great for building interactive visualizations. Based on visualization grammars named Vega and Vega-lite.

## Declarative Syntax



#### Declare links between

- Data channels
- Visual encoding channels

#### Grammar needed for declarative syntax

- Vega
- Vega-lite

# Vega

A visualization grammar, a declarative language for creating, saving, and sharing interactive visualization designs.

# Vega-lite

A high-level grammar for building interactive graphics using concise JSON specifications. These specifications can be compiled into Vega specifications.

#### Vega-lite



JSON specification that maps data to points, bars

Vega-lite compiler adds axes, legends, scales

Specification is concise and adheres to Vega-lite rules

## Vega-lite and Altair



Concise syntax that is understood by Altair

Altair then renders interactive visualization

#### Vega-lite Functionality

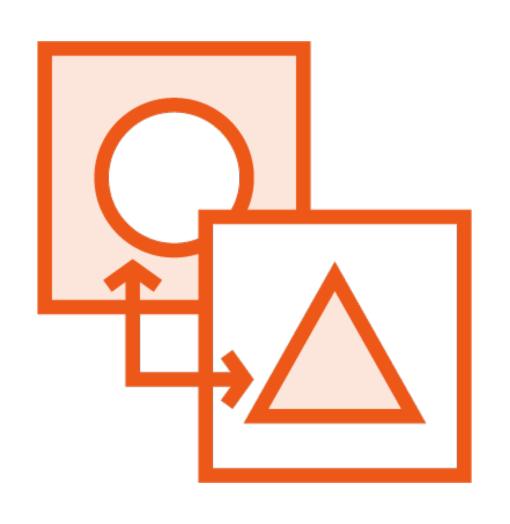
**Data transformations** 

Visual transformations

Composition

Interactivity

#### Data Transformations



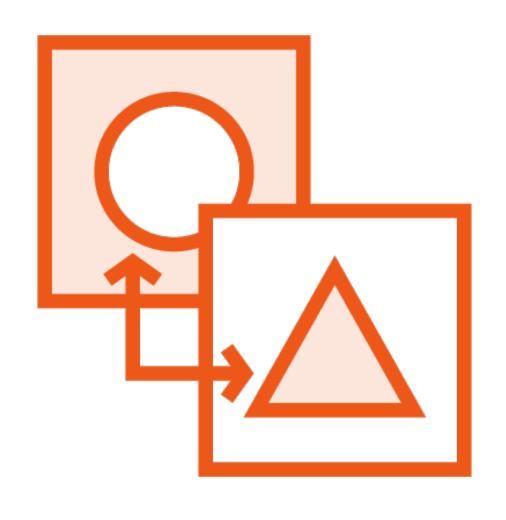
Aggregation

**Binning** 

**Filtering** 

Sorting

#### Visual Transformations



Stacking

**Faceting** 

## Composition



Combine specifications

Layered displays

**Multi-view displays** 

Getting started with Altair charts

Creating basic plots in Altair to explore data

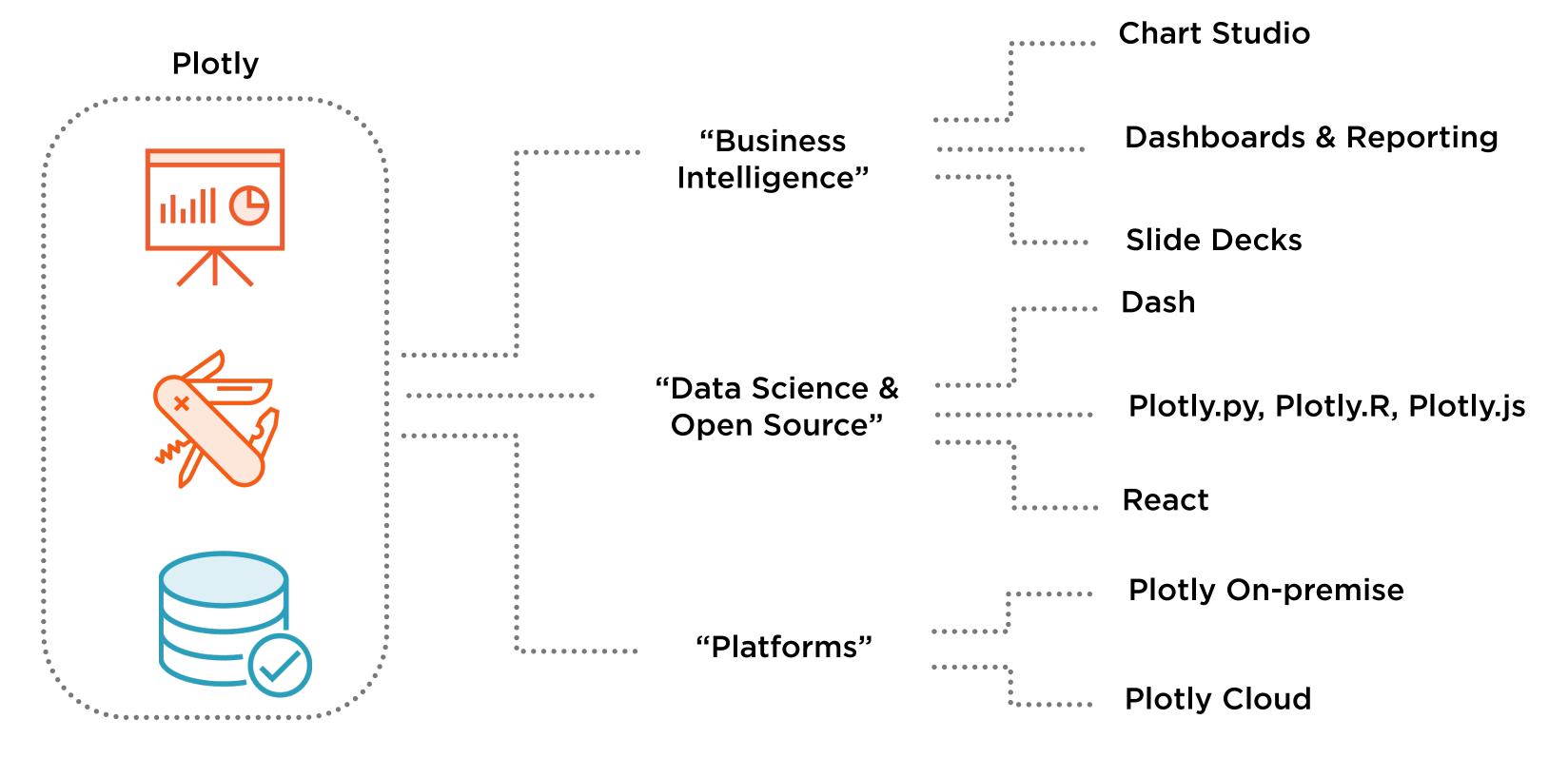
Visualizing binning and aggregation results in Altair

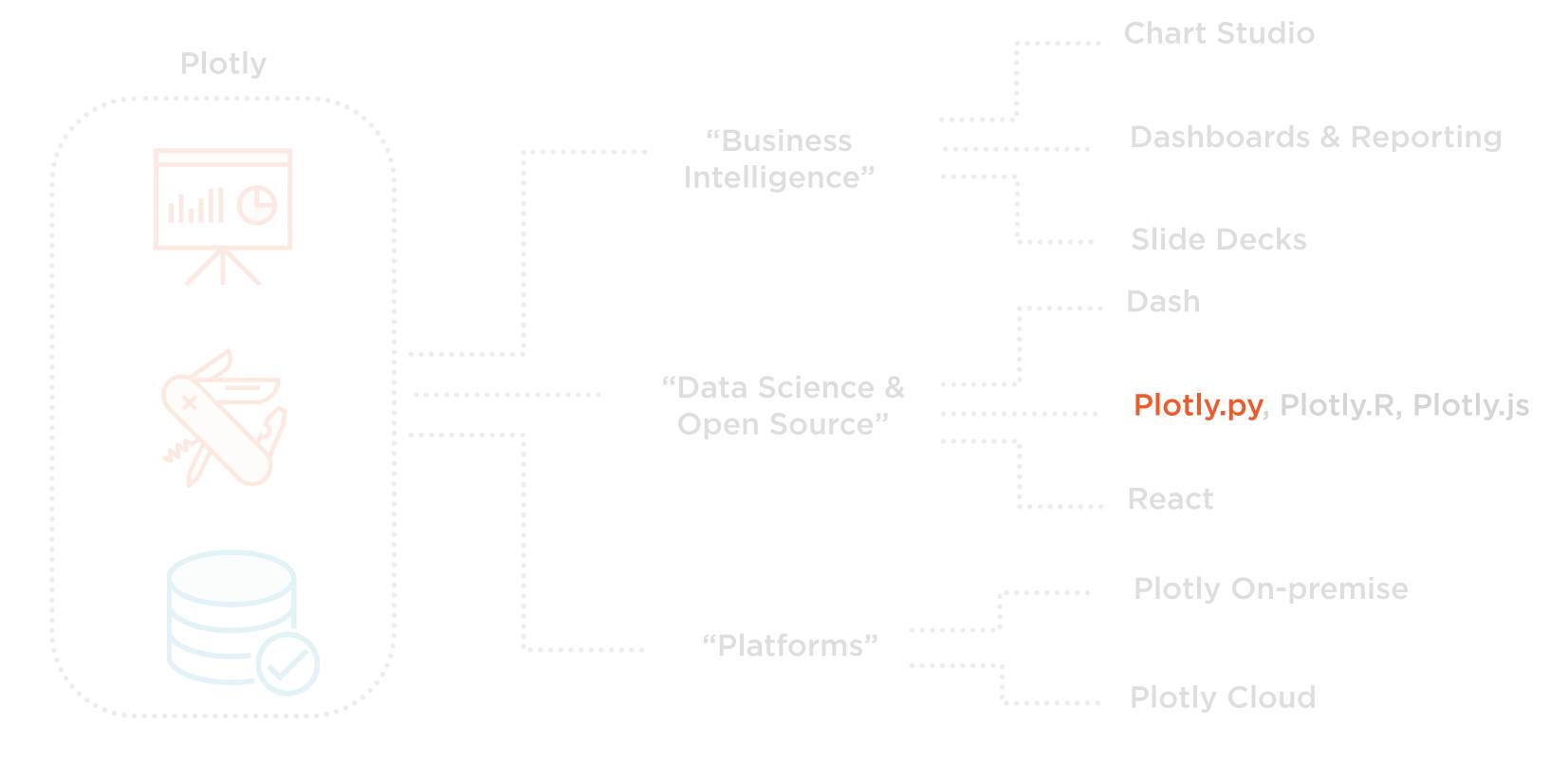
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# Introducing Plotly

Plotly, also known by its URL, Plot.ly, is a technical computing company headquartered in Montreal, Quebec, that develops online data analytics and visualization tools.

Wikipedia





# Plotly.py

Plotly's Python graphing library makes interactive, publication-quality graphs online.

plot.ly/python



Under the hood, each plotly graph is a JSON object

#### Elements of a Plot

#### Data

List object in python which contains the traces

#### Layout

Object that defines the look of the plot

#### **Figure**

Final object to actually be plotted

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Viewing geographical data using bubble maps in Plotly

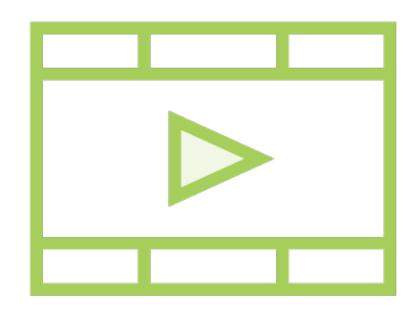
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