

Computational Analysis of Big Data

Week 1

Mostly an introduction, but also:

Coding with data in Python

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212 def randomize_by_edge_swaps(G, num_iterations):
213     """Randomizes the graph by swapping edges in such a way that
214     preserves the degree distribution of the original graph.
215
216     Source: https://gist.github.com/gotgenes/2770023
217     """
218     newgraph = G.copy()
219     edge_list = newgraph.edges()
220     num_edges = len(edge_list)
221     total_iterations = num_edges * num_iterations
222
223     for i in xrange(total_iterations):
224         rand_index1 = int(round(random.random() * (num_edges - 1)))
225         rand_index2 = int(round(random.random() * (num_edges - 1)))
226         original_edge1 = edge_list[rand_index1]
227         original_edge2 = edge_list[rand_index2]
228         head1, tail1 = original_edge1
229         head2, tail2 = original_edge2
230
231         # Flip a coin to see if we should swap head1 and tail1 for
232         # the connections
233         if random.random() >= 0.5:
234             head1, tail1 = tail1, head1
235
236         if head1 == tail2 or head2 == tail1:
237             continue
238
239         if newgraph.has_edge(head1, tail2) or newgraph.has_edge(
240             head2, tail1):
241             continue
242
243         # Succeeded checks, perform the swap
244         original_edge1_data = newgraph[head1][tail1]
245         original_edge2_data = newgraph[head2][tail2]
246
247         newgraph.remove_edges_from((original_edge1, original_edge2))
248
249         new_edge1 = (head1, tail2, original_edge1_data)
250         new_edge2 = (head2, tail1, original_edge2_data)
251
252         newgraph.add_edges_from((new_edge1, new_edge2))
253
254         # Now update the entries at the indices randomly selected
255         edge_list[rand_index1] = (head1, tail2)
256         edge_list[rand_index2] = (head2, tail1)
257
258     assert len(newgraph.edges()) == num_edges
259
260     return newgraph

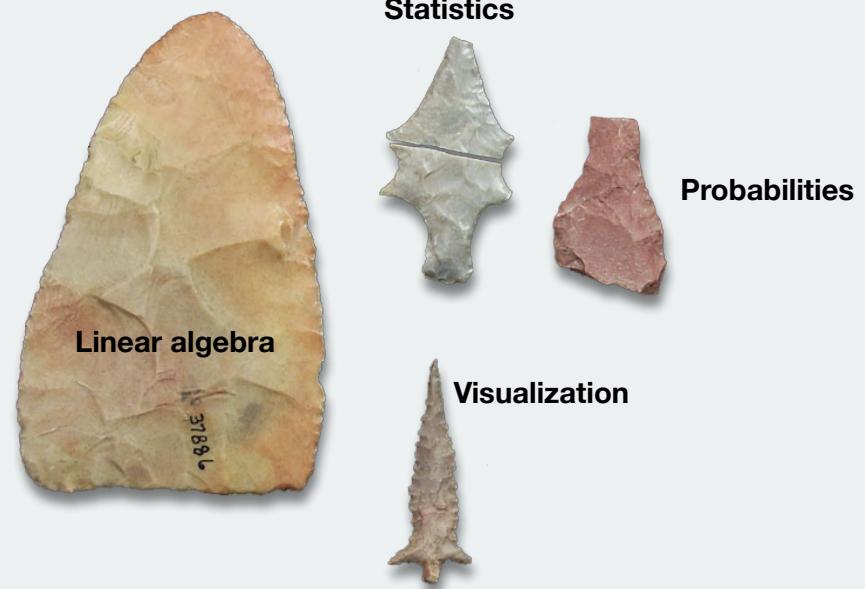
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Aim: Get comfortable with basic Python

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Aim: Refresh math skills and learn how to use them in Python

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The screenshot shows a Wikipedia page for "Marvel Comics". The page content is being processed by a tool, with the output displayed in a large text area below the page. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the DOM structure of the page.

Marvel Comics

This article is about the comic book company using this name beginning in 1961. For the earlier comic book series, see [Marvel Mystery Comics](#).

Marvel Comics

MARVEL

Marvel Entertainment, LLC (The Walt Disney Company)

Active

Founded 1939, 79 years ago (as [Timely Comics](#))

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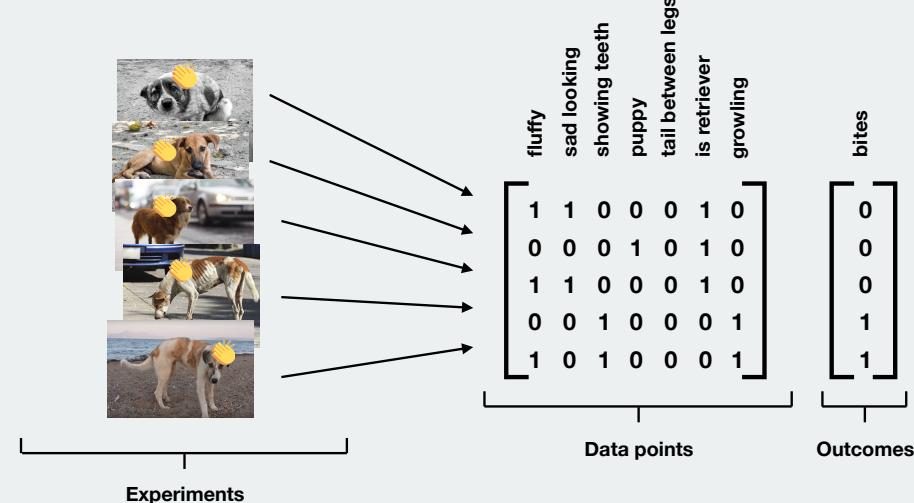
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Aim: Learn how to get data from web and get some from the Wiki API

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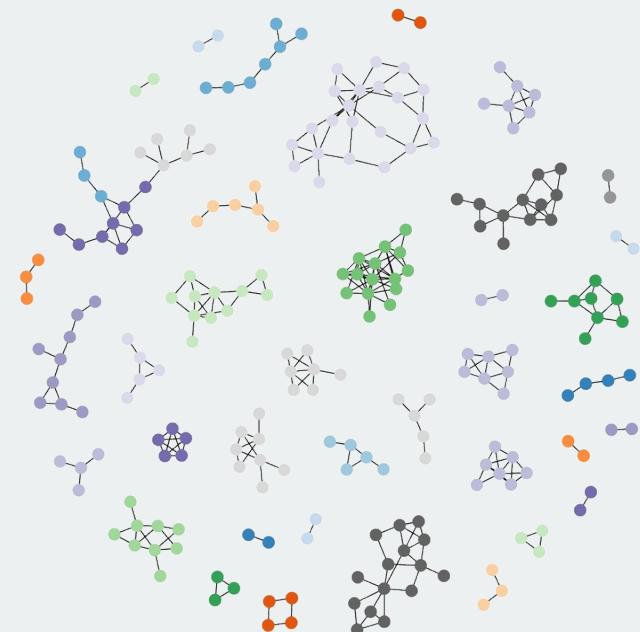


Aim: Understand the paradigm, learn how (some of) it works

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Aim: Learn how to describe and visualize complex data as a network

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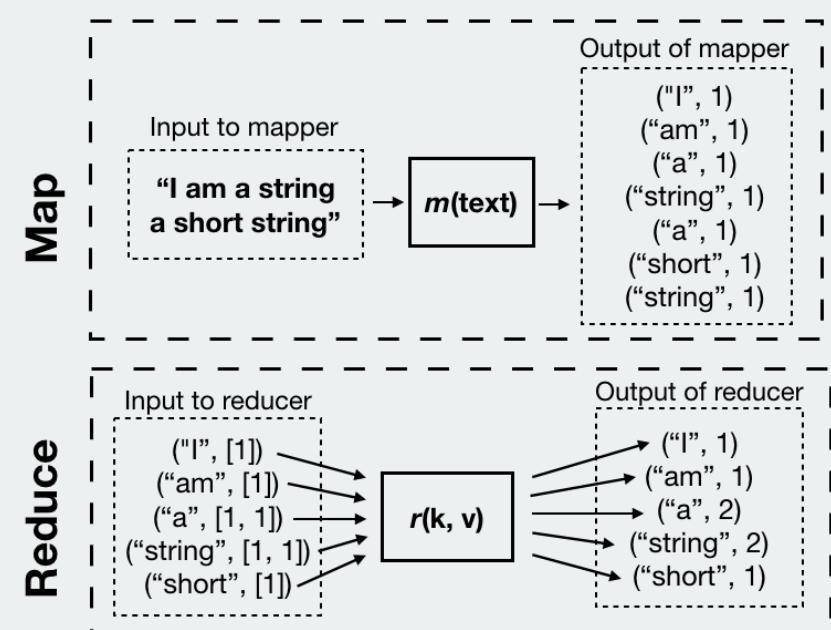


Aim: Get introduced to the (huge) field of NLP, and learn a few skills

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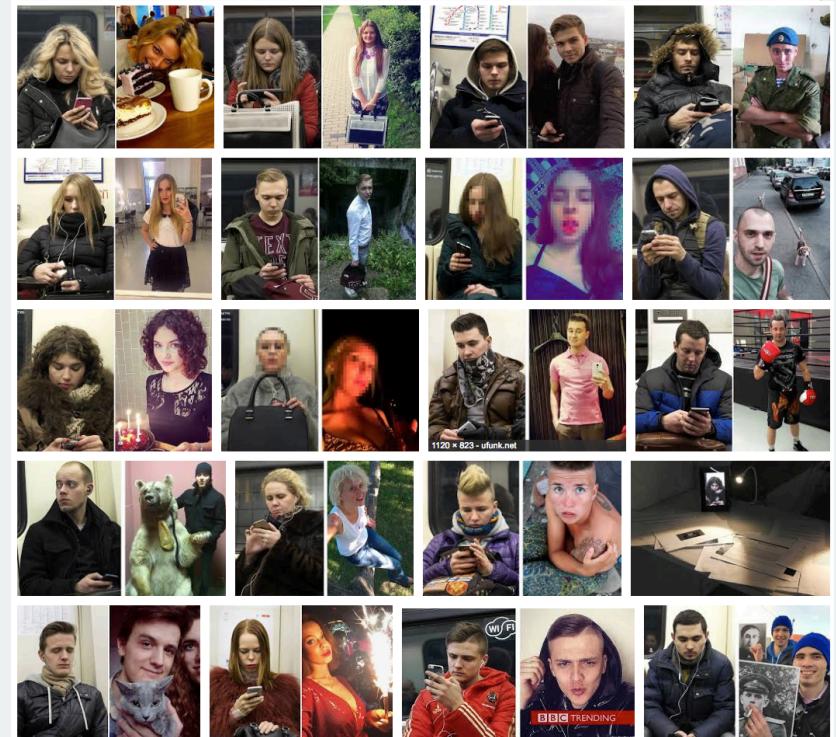


Aim: Process a massive dataset with an awesome method

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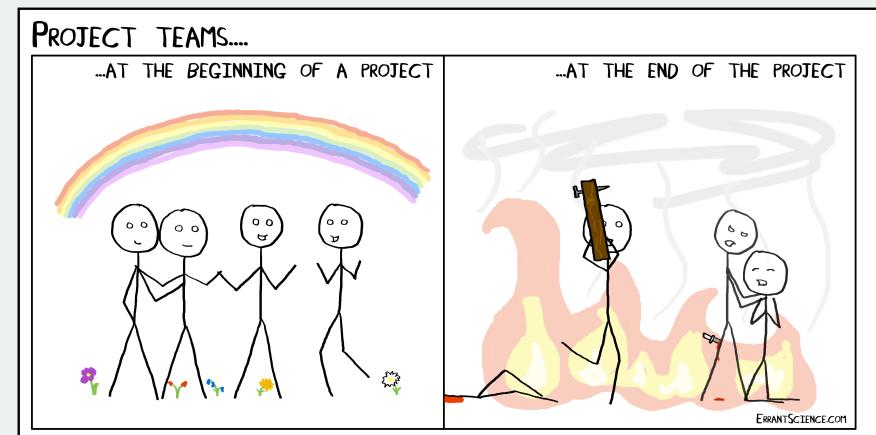


Aim: Reflect on some of the issues that powerful algorithms produce

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**Aim: Synthesize all the thing you have learned
and make a project for your portfolio**

What will you learn?

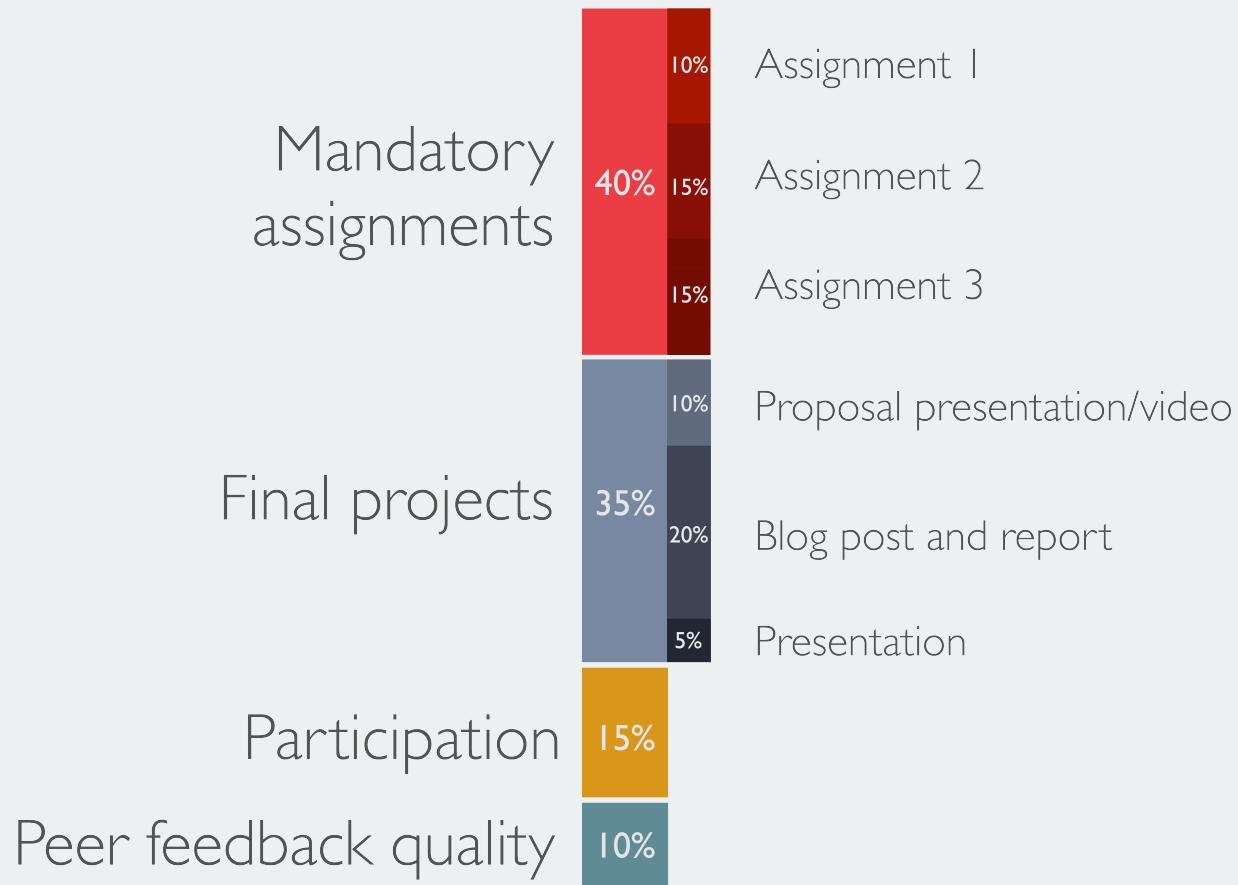
Knowledge and competences

- Get to know the landscape of problems and tools in Data Science
- Learn what Big Data is in this context
- Know where to start when you want to analyze something that requires lots of data

Concrete skills

- Juggle data in Python
- Predict outcomes from input data (machine learning)
- Visualize complex data
- Analyze Big Data using parallel methods (MapReduce)

How will you be graded?



How assignments work

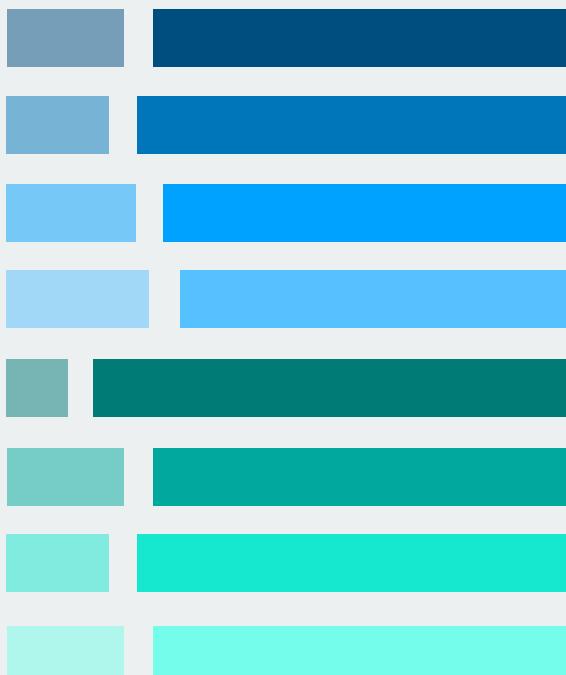
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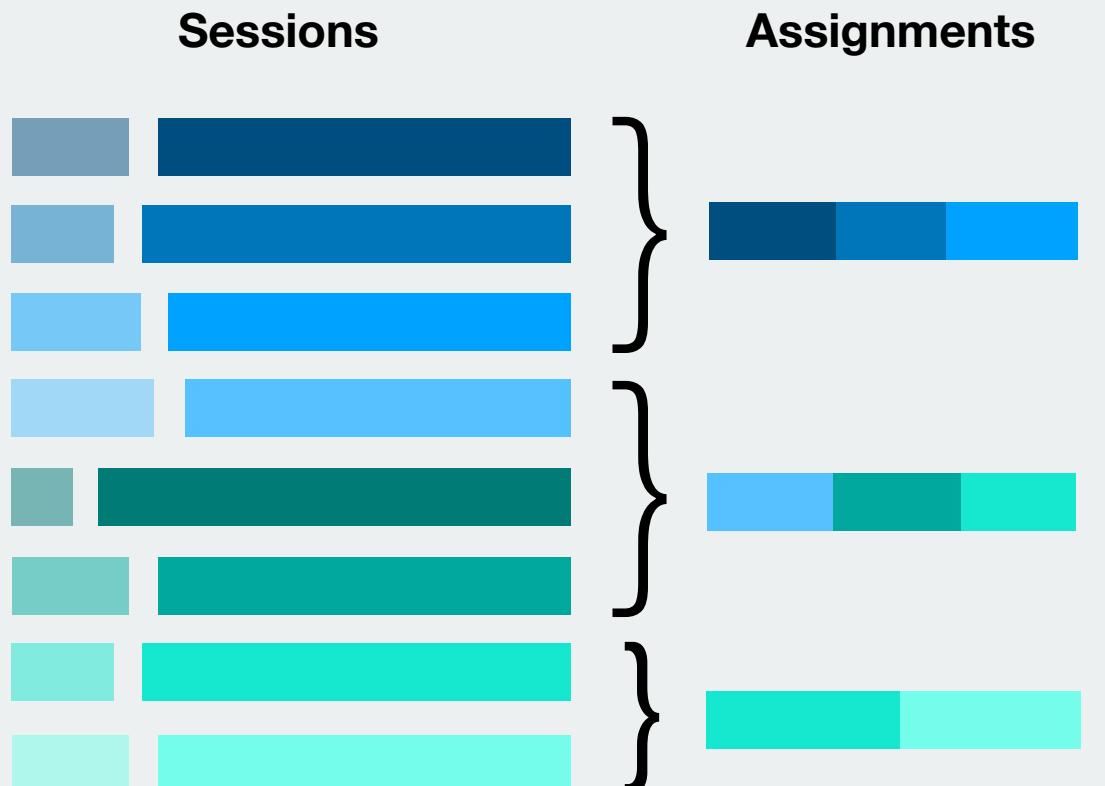
Solve exercises

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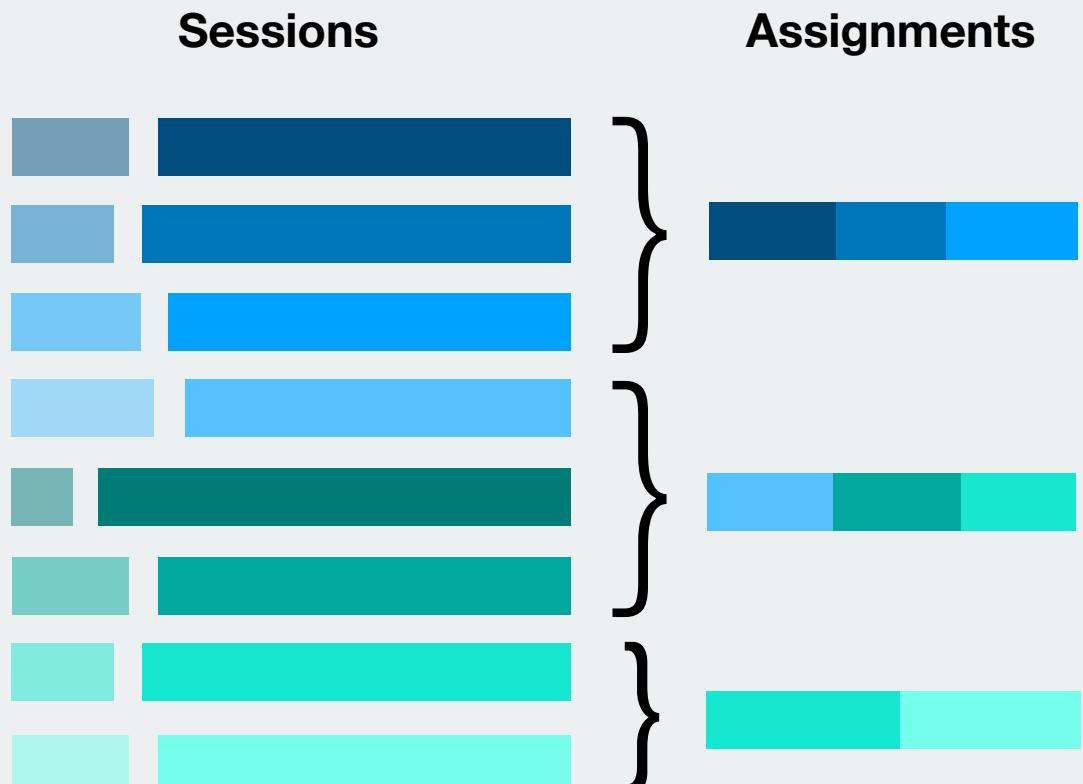
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How assignments work



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Timeline

- Assignment 1
 - Posted:..... Thursday.....September 5.....after class
 - Hand-in due:..... Wednesday...September 18.....23:59
 - Peer-grading due:..... Wednesday...September 25.....23:59
 - Peer-grading feedback due: Sunday.....September 29.....23:59
- Assignment 2
 - Posted:..... Thursday.....October 3.....after class
 - Hand-in due:..... Wednesday...October 16.....23:59
 - Peer-grading due:..... Wednesday...October 23.....23:59
 - Peer-grading feedback due: Sunday.....October 27.....23:59
- Assignment 3
 - Posted:..... Thursday.....October 24.....after class
 - Hand-in due:..... Wednesday...November 6.....23:59
 - Peer-grading due:..... Wednesday...November 13.....23:59
 - Peer-grading feedback due: Sunday.....November 17.....23:59

The final project

November 7

I validate your
project idea

Part A November 14

You present a
proposal video

Deliverable

Part B December 4

You deliver a blog
post and your code

Deliverable

December 5

You give a
presentation

Previous students projects

“What makes us happy?”

“The secrets hidden in your Venmo and Instagram data”

“Pizza Makes the World go Round”

How to do well in this course

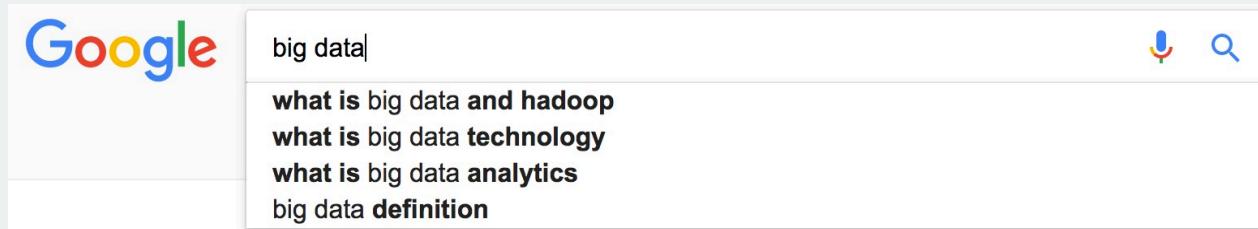
Best strategy:

1. Complete the *preparation goals* for each session (see wiki)
2. Be inquisitive. Ask lots of questions to your neighbors and me, and up your googling-game

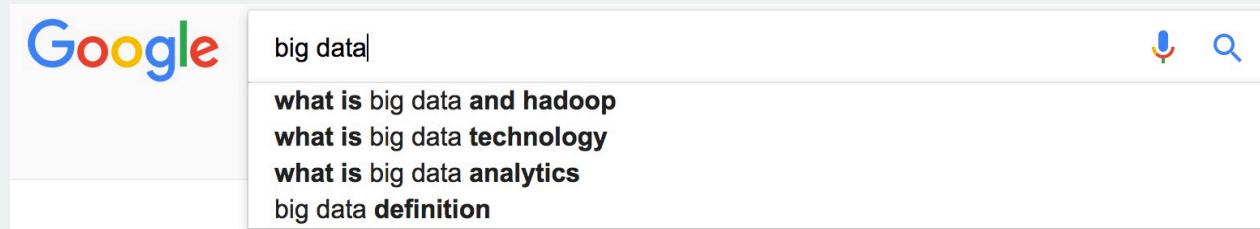
Everything else is on the wiki on Canvas

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<http://www.internetlivestats.com/>

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In this course: **Datasets with potential to reveal interesting insight**

Where and for what is Big Data being used?

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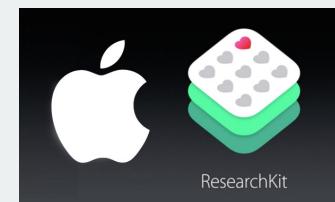
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Ted Talk: “Is Big Data Killing Creativity?”

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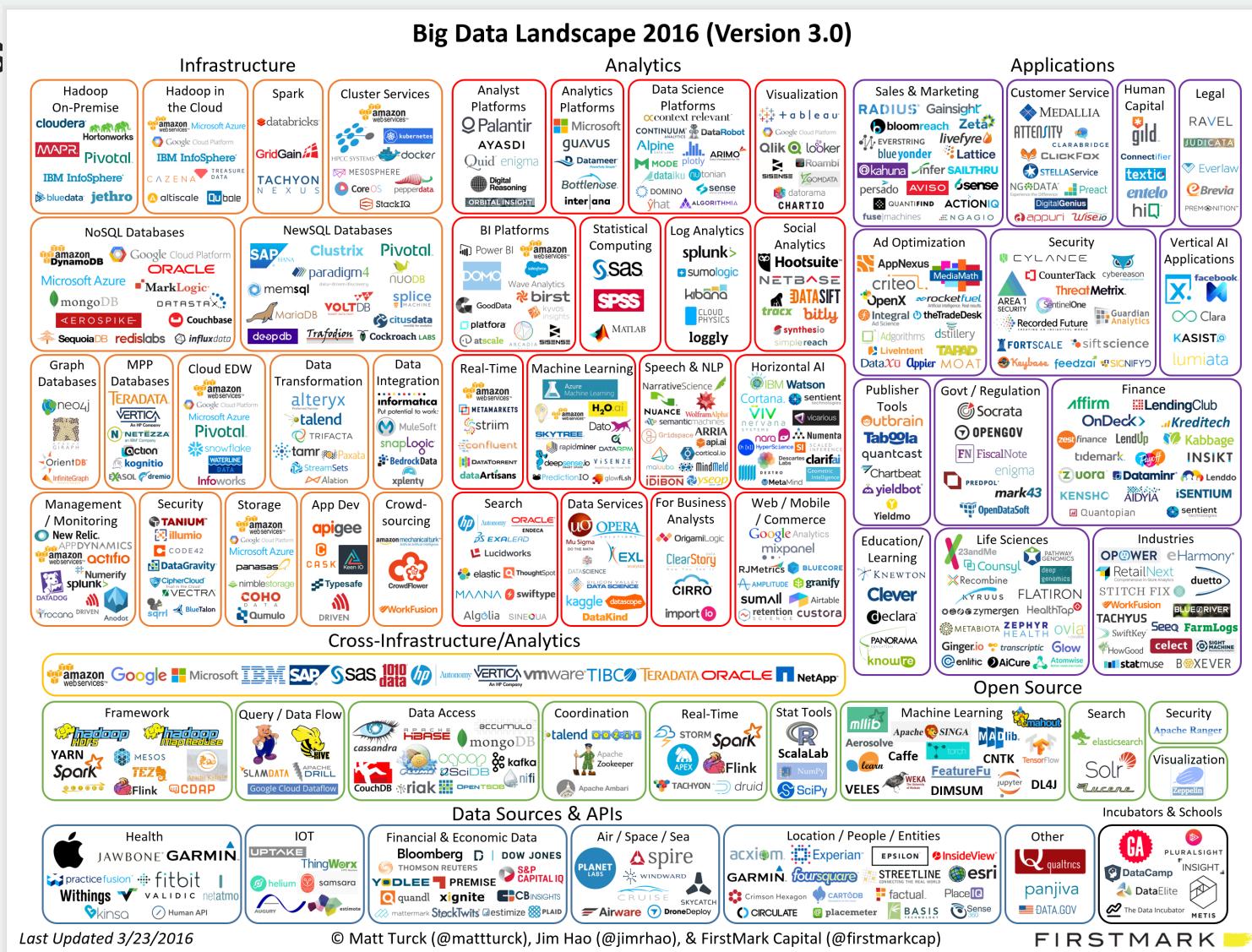


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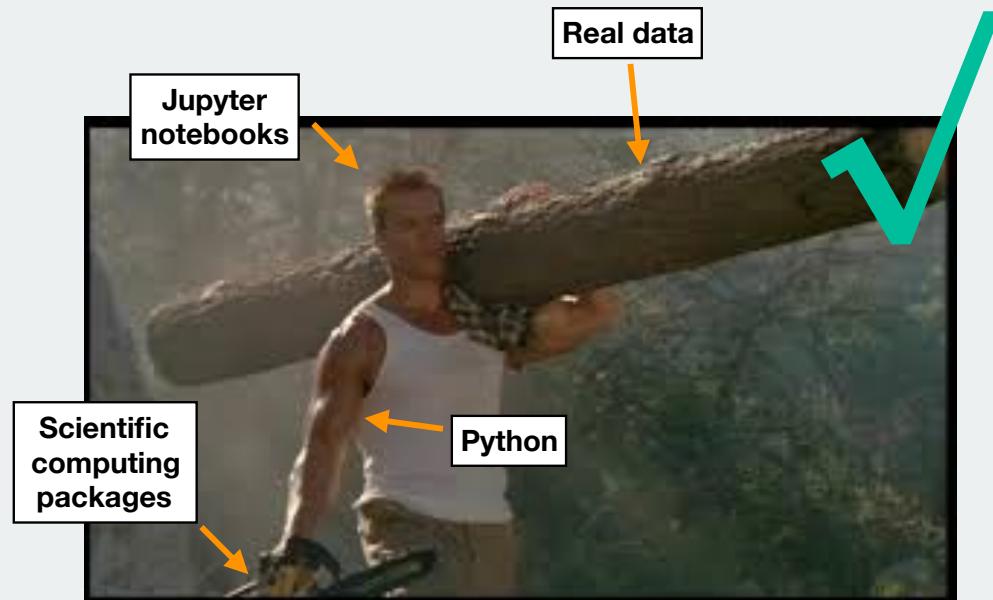
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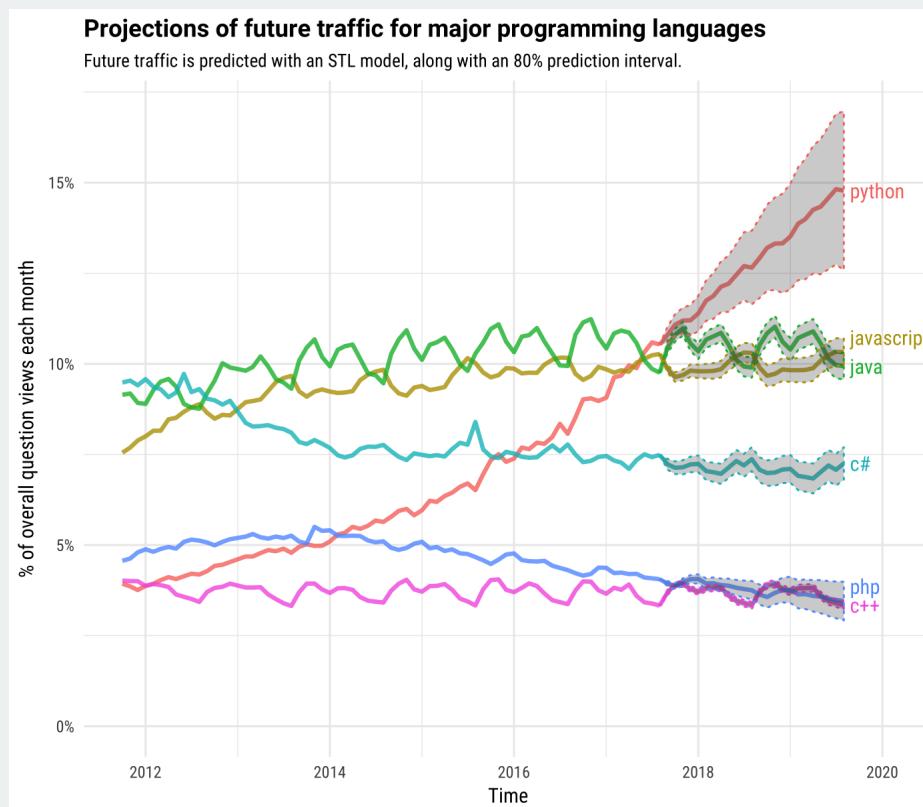
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In this course: Everything from scratch



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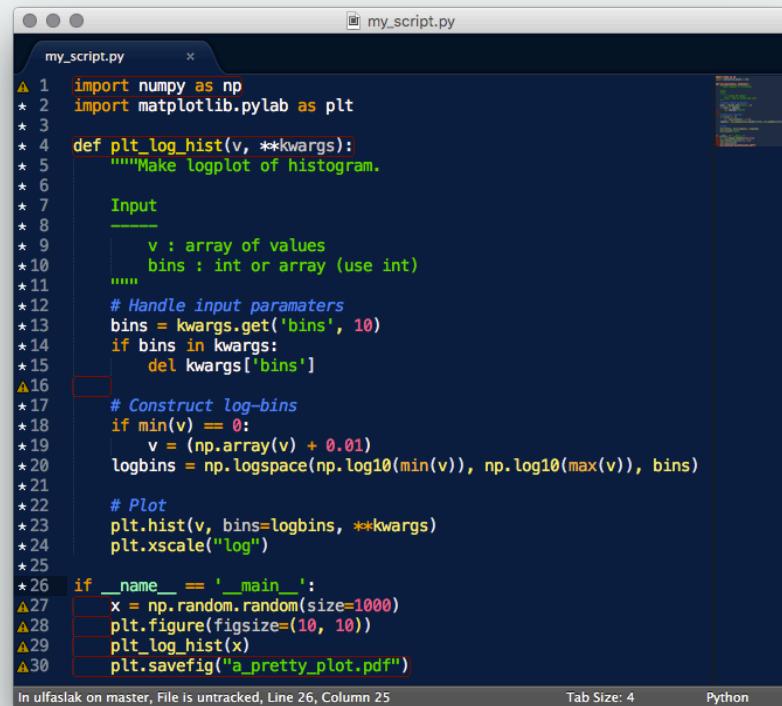


<https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/09/06/incredible-growth-python/>

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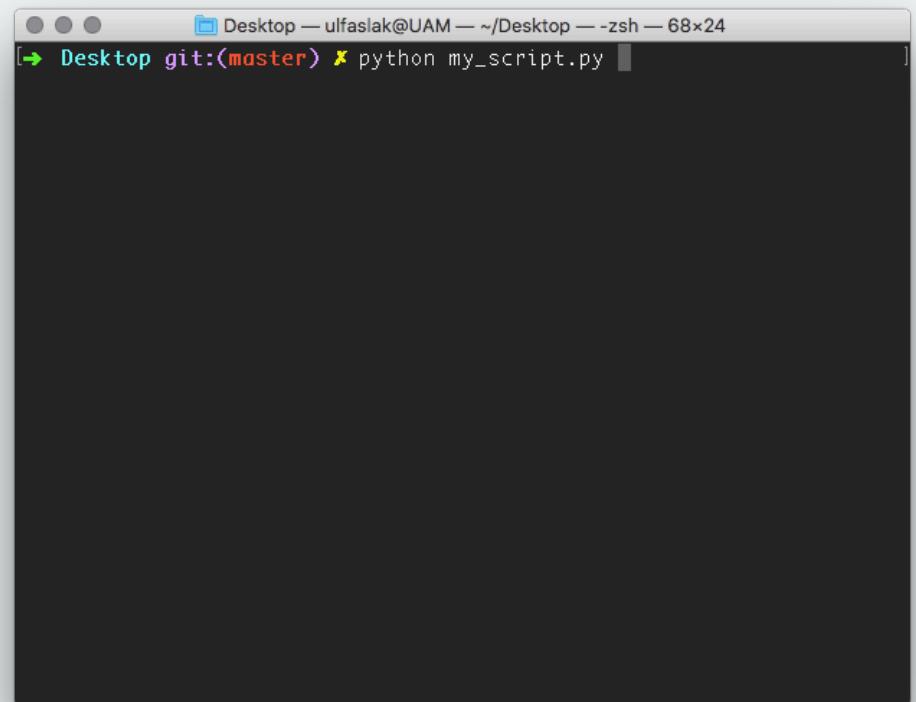
- A programming language: Interpreted, high-level, general-purpose. Created by Guido van Rossum.
- High and growing popularity in both industry and research.
- Simple syntax, easy to learn
- Supports multiple paradigms: object-oriented, functional, imperative, procedural.
- Fast: bindings to C
- Open source. Has packages for almost everything.

Using Python with scripts



```
my_script.py
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 def plt_log_hist(v, **kwargs):
5     """Make logplot of histogram.
6
7     Input
8     -----
9         v : array of values
10        bins : int or array (use int)
11    """
12    # Handle input parameters
13    bins = kwargs.get('bins', 10)
14    if bins in kwargs:
15        del kwargs['bins']
16
17    # Construct log-bins
18    if min(v) == 0:
19        v = (np.array(v) + 0.01)
20    logbins = np.logspace(np.log10(min(v)), np.log10(max(v)), bins)
21
22    # Plot
23    plt.hist(v, bins=logbins, **kwargs)
24    plt.xscale("log")
25
26 if __name__ == '__main__':
27     x = np.random.random(size=1000)
28     plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
29     plt_log_hist(x)
30     plt.savefig("a_pretty_plot.pdf")
```

In ulfaslak on master, File is untracked, Line 26, Column 25 Tab Size: 4 Python



```
Desktop git:(master) ✘ python my_script.py
```

Using Python with Jupyter notebooks

The screenshot shows a Jupyter notebook interface running in a web browser. The title bar indicates the notebook is titled "gobook" and is located at "localhost:8888/notebooks/Desktop/python_playspace/gobook.ipynb". The notebook has two cells:

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    # Plot
    plt.hist(v, bins=logbins, **kwargs)
    plt.xscale("log")
```

In [33]:

```
x = np.random.lognormal(size=1000)
plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5))
plt.log_hist(x)
plt.show()
```

A histogram plot is displayed below the second cell, showing the distribution of the generated data. The x-axis is logarithmic, ranging from 10^{-3} to 10^0 , and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 600.

Let's get started!

1. If you haven't already: download and install Anaconda (Python 3.7 version) <https://www.continuum.io/downloads>.
2. Make a folder for this course. Open a terminal (Mac) or a console (PC) and navigate to that folder.
3. Run the following command in your terminal/console: git clone https://github.com/ulfaslak/caobd_f19
4. In your terminal/console, navigate into the exercises folder inside of the newly created **caobd_f19** directory, and run the following command: jupyter notebook exercises_week1.ipynb.