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# From Data to Insights

AI for Business Masterclass Series

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# Welcome - introductions

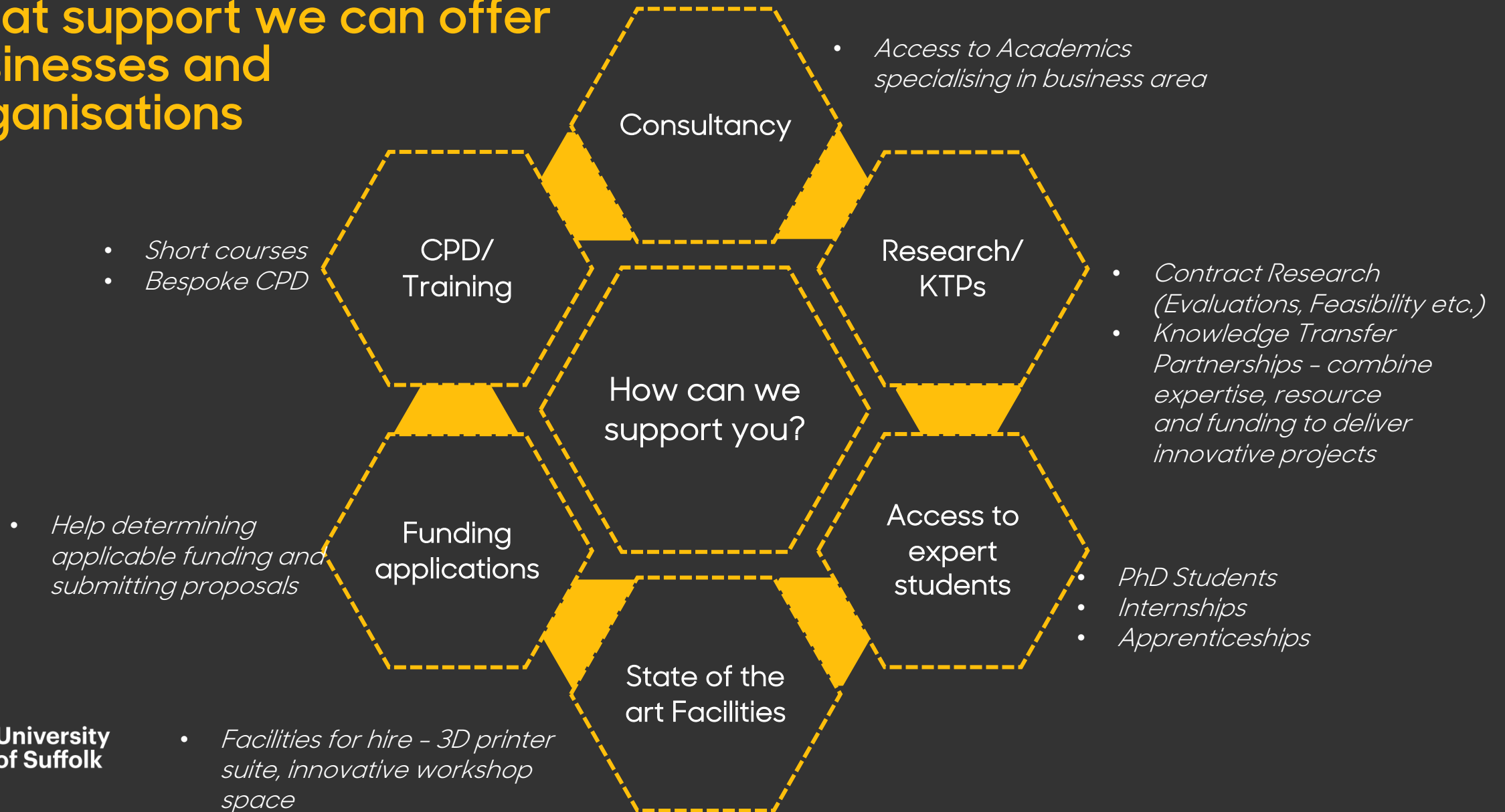
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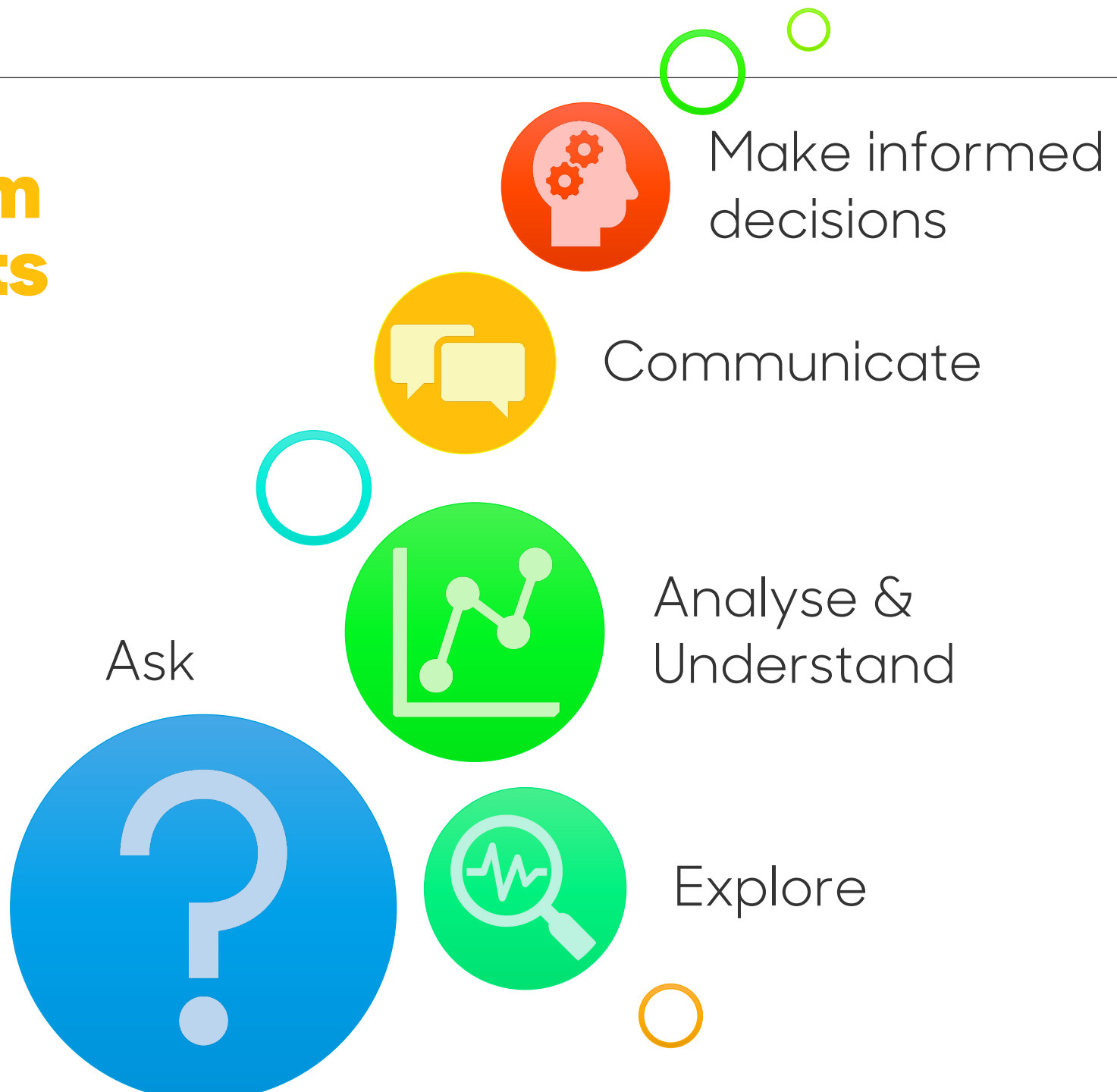
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How cloud computing can benefit your  
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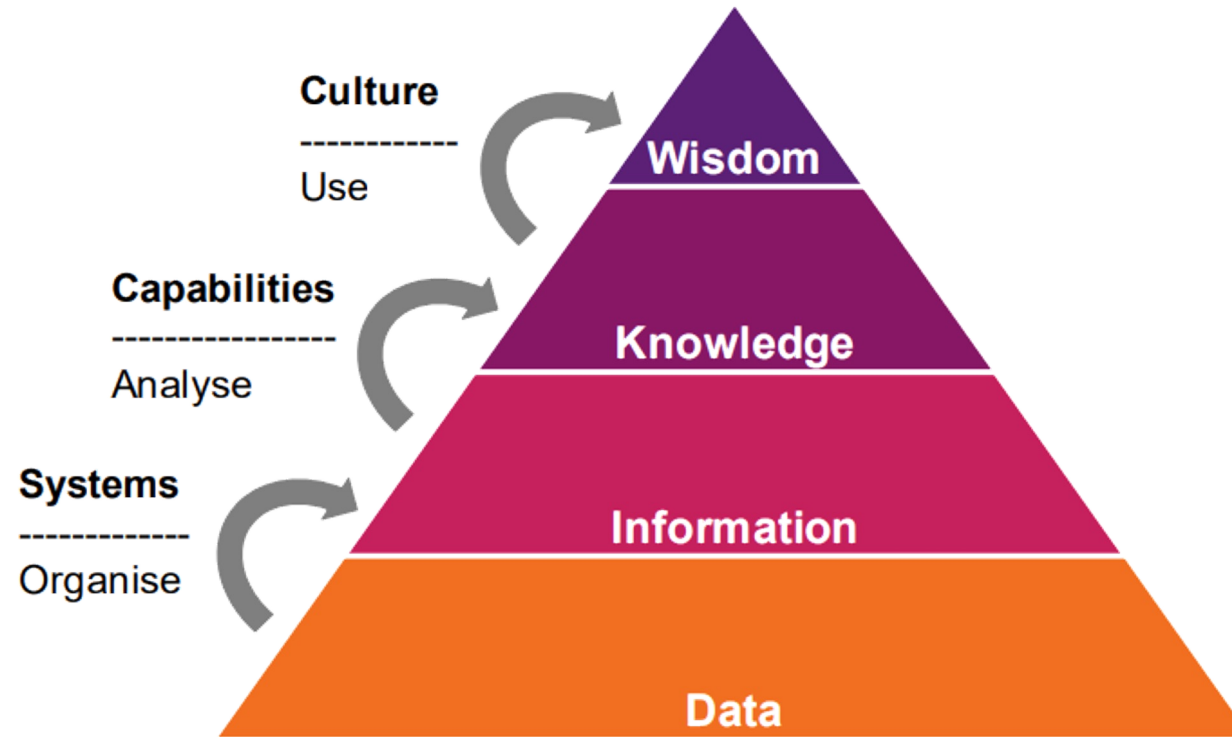
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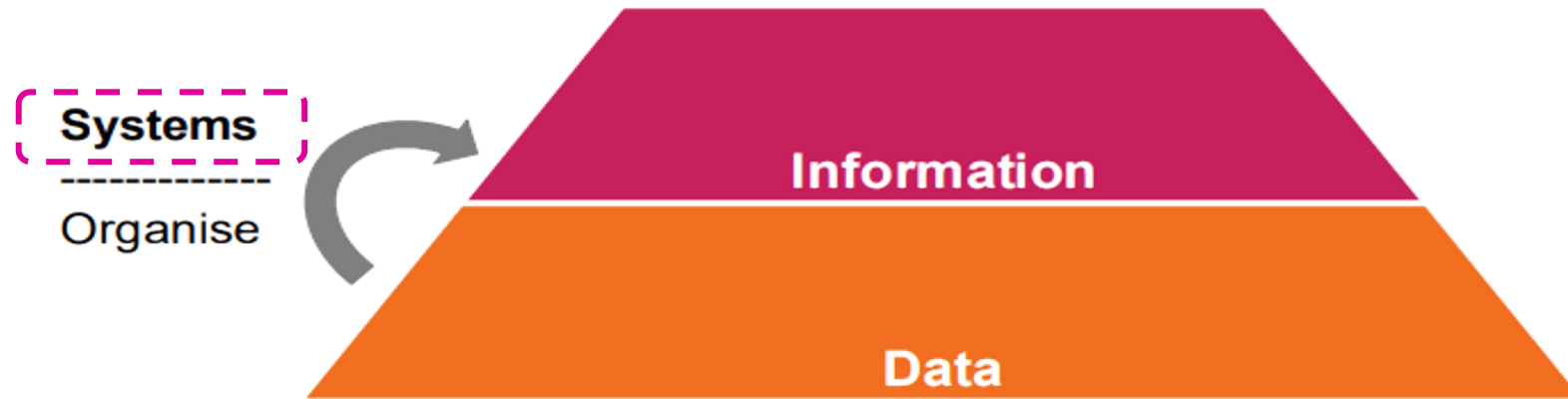
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Stage one: Data - Collecting **good quality** data

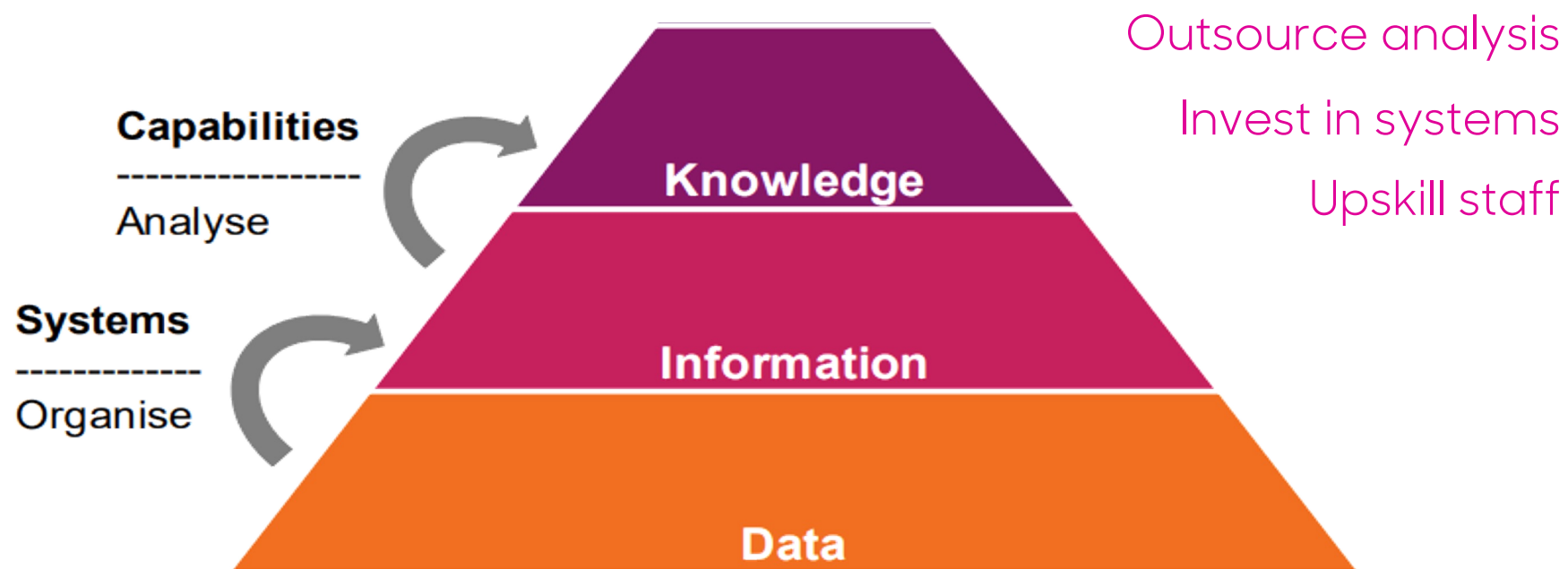


# Transforming data into insights

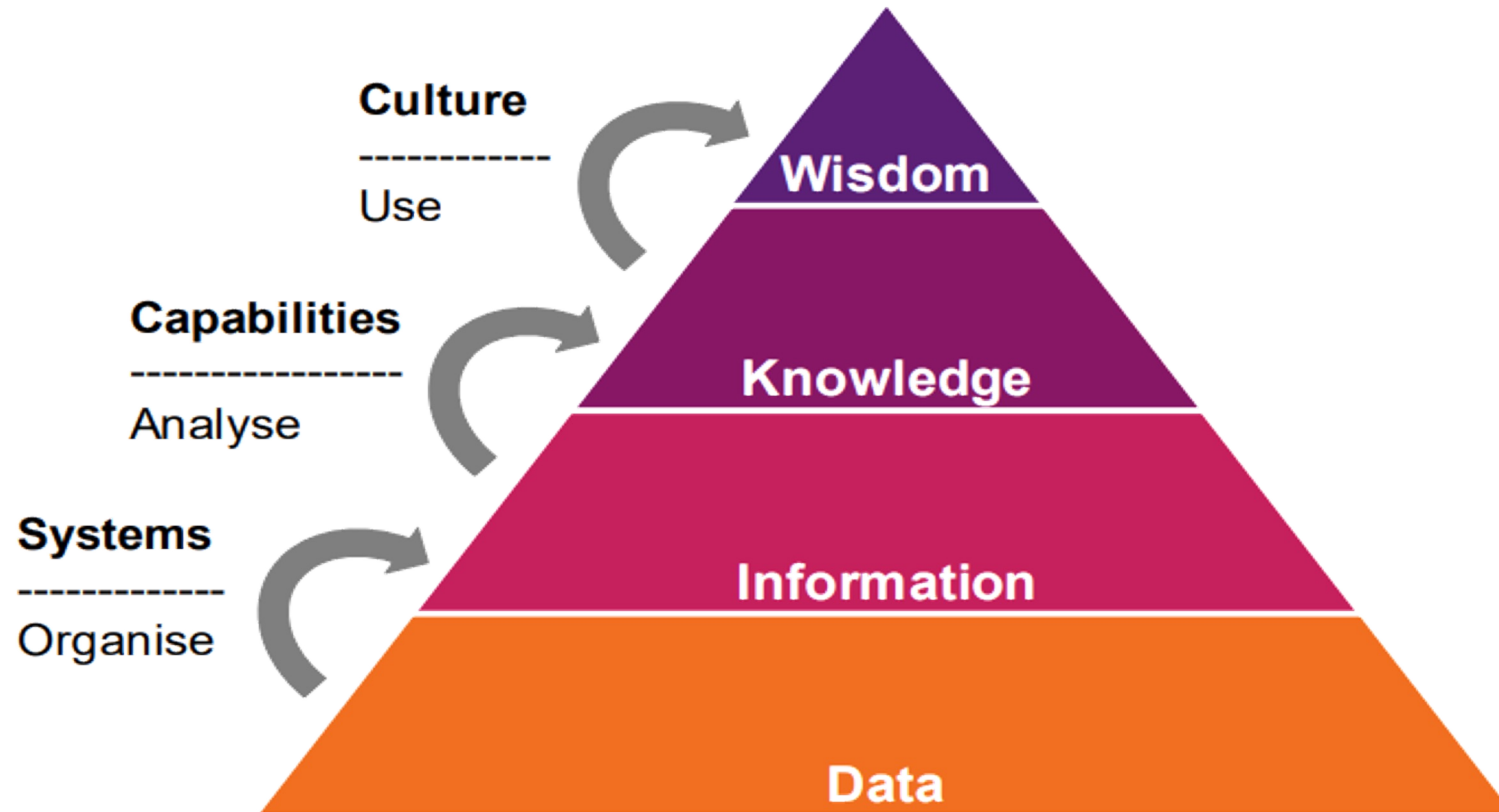
Stage two: Raw data collated and organised



### Stage three: Turning information into knowledge



## Stage four: Use this new knowledge to improve





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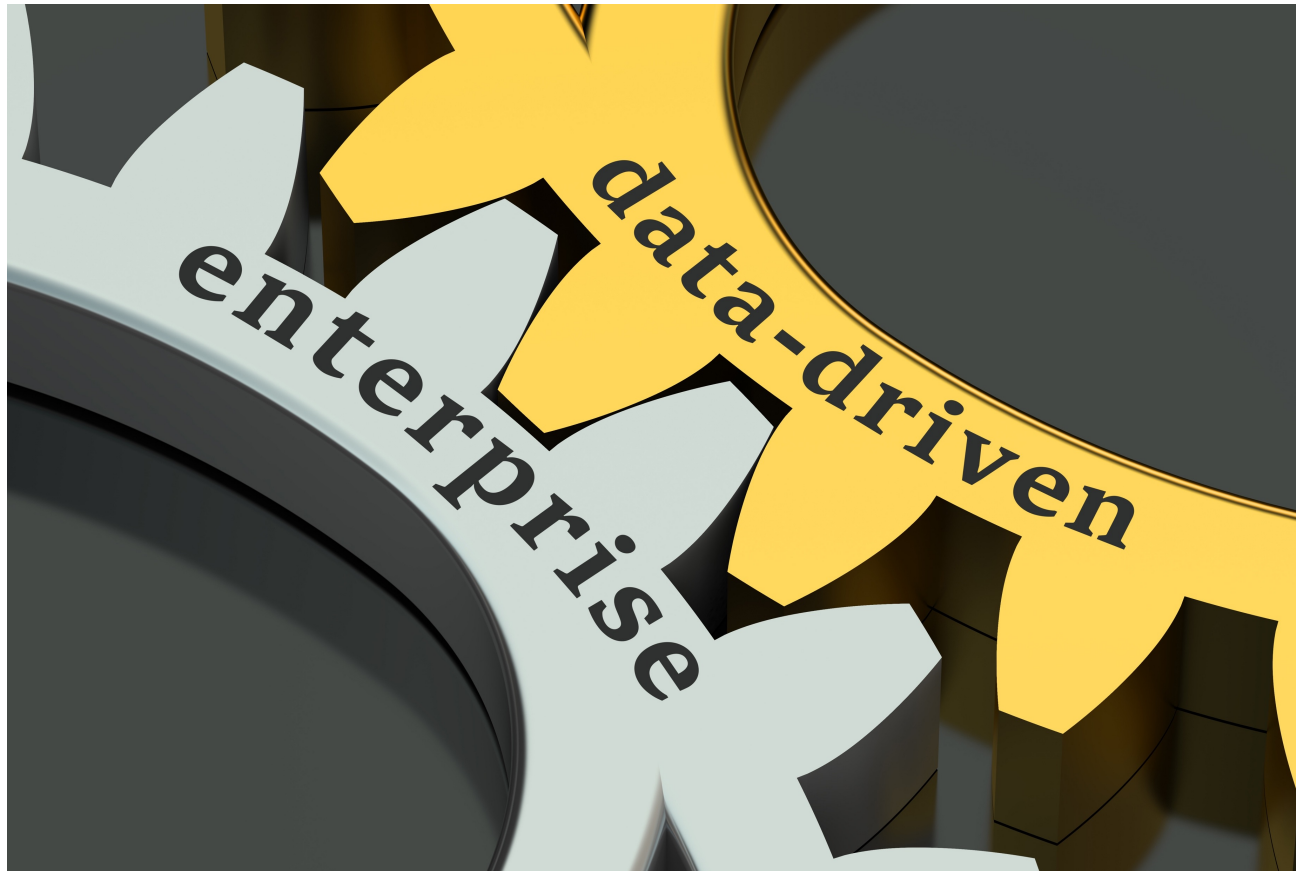
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# Data, Data, Data

# What do you understand by data?



# Examples



Your sales team might have customer information in their personal email account or on social media.



There could be some customer information stored in your old email program, and some stored in the new program you've just upgraded to.



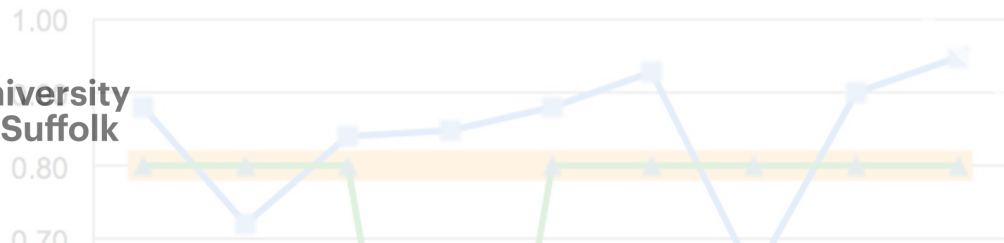
There could be customers who made purchases but were never entered into your CRM.



What data have you been using in your organization?

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B	0.80	0.72	0.6
C	0.80	0.84	0.04
D	0.80	0.85	0.05
E	0.80	0.88	0.08
F	0.80	0.93	0.13
G	0.80	0.65	0.15
H	0.80	0.90	0.10
I	0.80	0.95	0.15
<b>Deviation</b>			<b>0.86</b>



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# Types of data

## Qualitative

- Text & stories (non-numerical)
- Provide insights into experiences, behaviours or beliefs
- Answers: how? Why?

### Examples:

- Focus groups
- Observations
- Interviews
- Document analysis

## Quantitative

- Numerical
- Can be quantified and statistically analysed
- Draw connections between factors
- Answers: what? How many? Who?

### Examples:

- Surveys
- Questionnaires
- Administrative data

# Why turn data to insights?

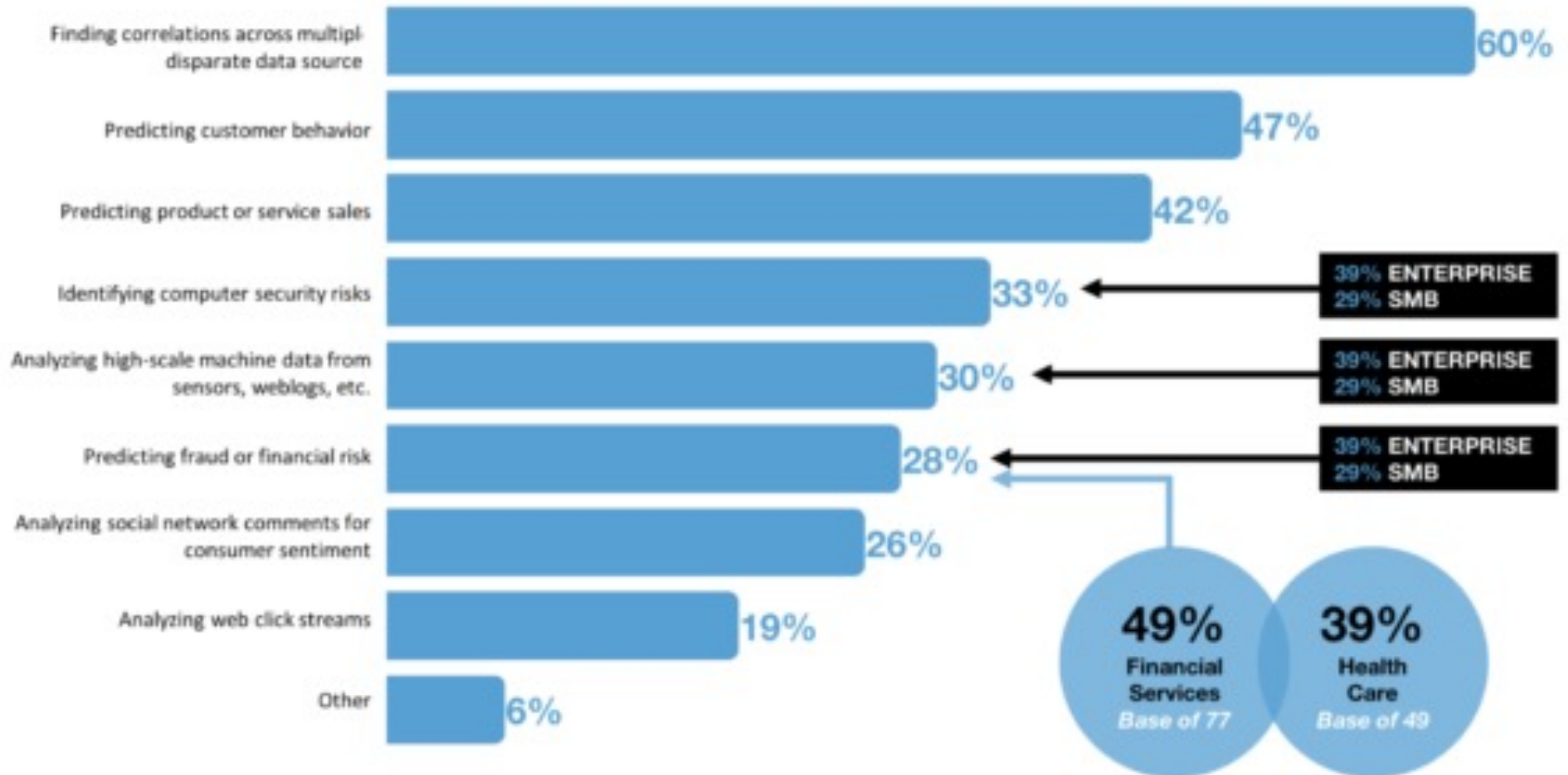
- Data analysis can help your organisation enhance stakeholder engagement
- A.I. and machine learning can complement human interventions to reduce risk and manage demand
- Internal data can allow you to make savings and improve efficiencies
- Data can provide greater market and demographic insight



# Why turn data to insights?

- Open data can be used allow organisations to be true innovators and improve the service user experience
- Data can demonstrate impact in order to secure future funding
- Data can measure project success and outcomes
- Data analysis can predict future demand and identify where services are needed most

# Data can help businesses solve challenges



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# Define your core organization/business aims



What is your business trying to accomplish?



What does success look like?



Align IT and Business strategy objectives to Data strategy.



Identify a champion to sponsor change

# Conduct a data audit

Identify available data and data gaps

- what data do you have that will help you measure your performance and predict future trends? What are you missing?
- is it of good quality and coverage? is it of the right level of detail for the analysis?
- is updated with the right frequency to answer the question effectively?
- where is it housed? who owns them?
- how is it gathered?

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# Use your favourite tool

- Excel (yes, it's fine)
- Power BI
- Statistical Packages (R, SPSS, STATA)
- Programming Languages (Python, Java, other?)

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# What's in a review? - Yelp ratings EDA

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Data Visualization

Exploratory Data Analysis

Online Communities

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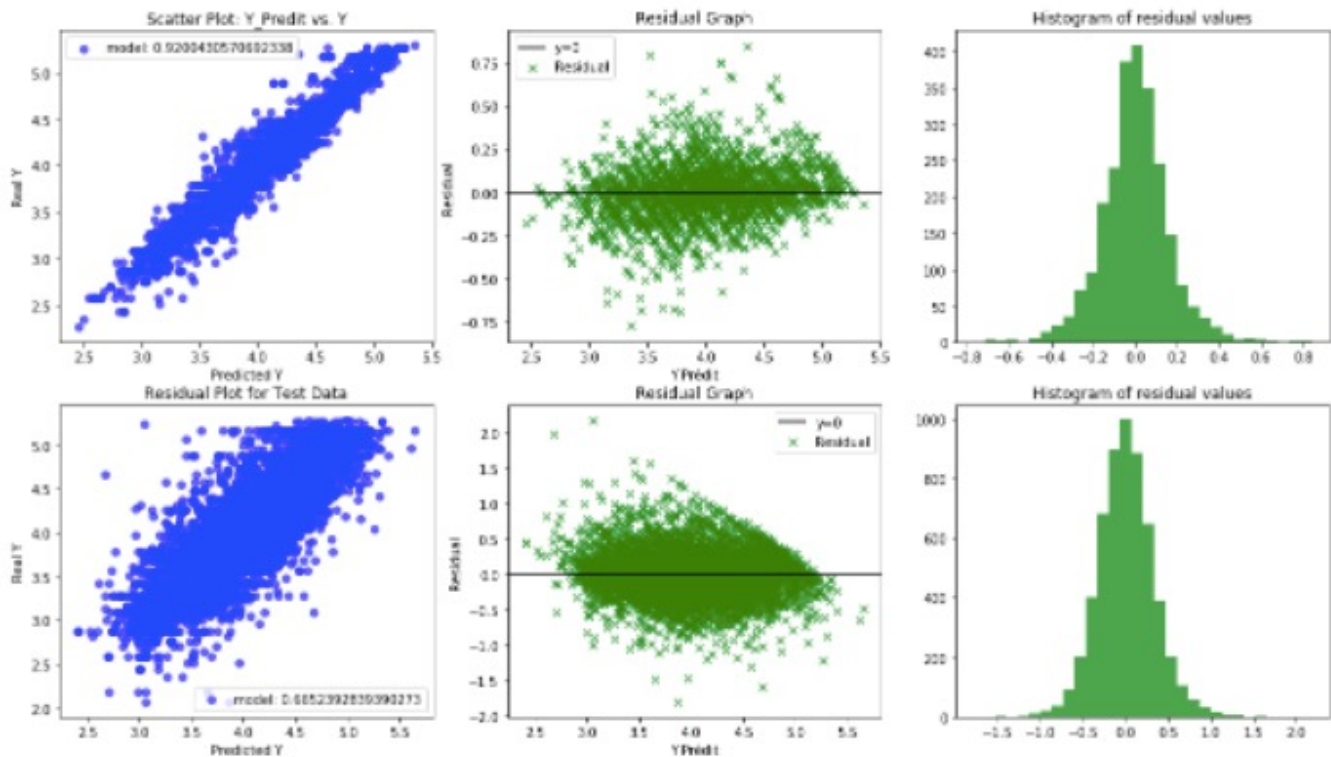
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- I. Key facts of the study
- II. Exploration and questionings
3. Data cleaning
- 4. Prediction**

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# Product Recommendation System for e-commerce

Python · Amazon - Ratings (Beauty Products), Home Depot Product Search Relevance

Notebook Data Logs Comments (14)



Competition Notebook  
Home Depot Product Search Relevance

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- Computer Science Engineering, (August, 2019)

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## 4. Analyse your data (to get insights)



recommendations for how to apply analytics to extract business-critical insights



data visualization is key: data easier to understand and interpret



interaction with the data should be possible by all



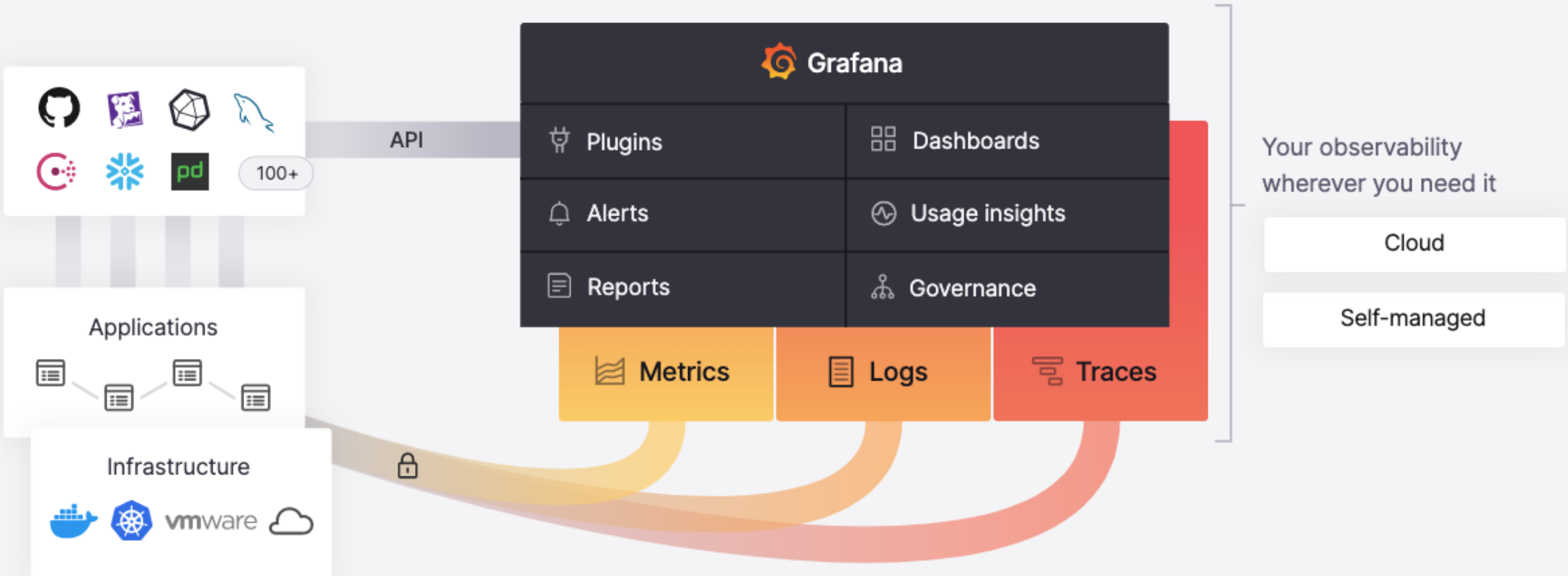
processes should be automated as much as possible to allow for widespread use



everyone should be able to create reports from the data

Success stories →

# Compose and scale observability with one or all pieces of the stack



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# What is data visualisation?



*Data viz is a graphical representation of information and data.*



With visual elements like charts, graphs and maps, data visualisation tools provide an accessible way to see and understand trends, outliers and patterns in data.

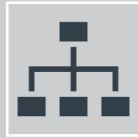


Essential part of working with data

You can summarise large amounts of information into an easy to digest format  
"one picture is a thousand words"  
No need to see the raw data



# Things to consider when creating a data viz



What are the types of measures, features or categories that you intend to plot?



Who is the audience?



What is the story you would like to tell to the reader?

# What makes a good visualisation?

McCandless (2014) (Knowledge is beautiful)

1. Information (data) +
2. Story (concept) +
3. Goal (function) +
4. Visual form (a metaphor) =

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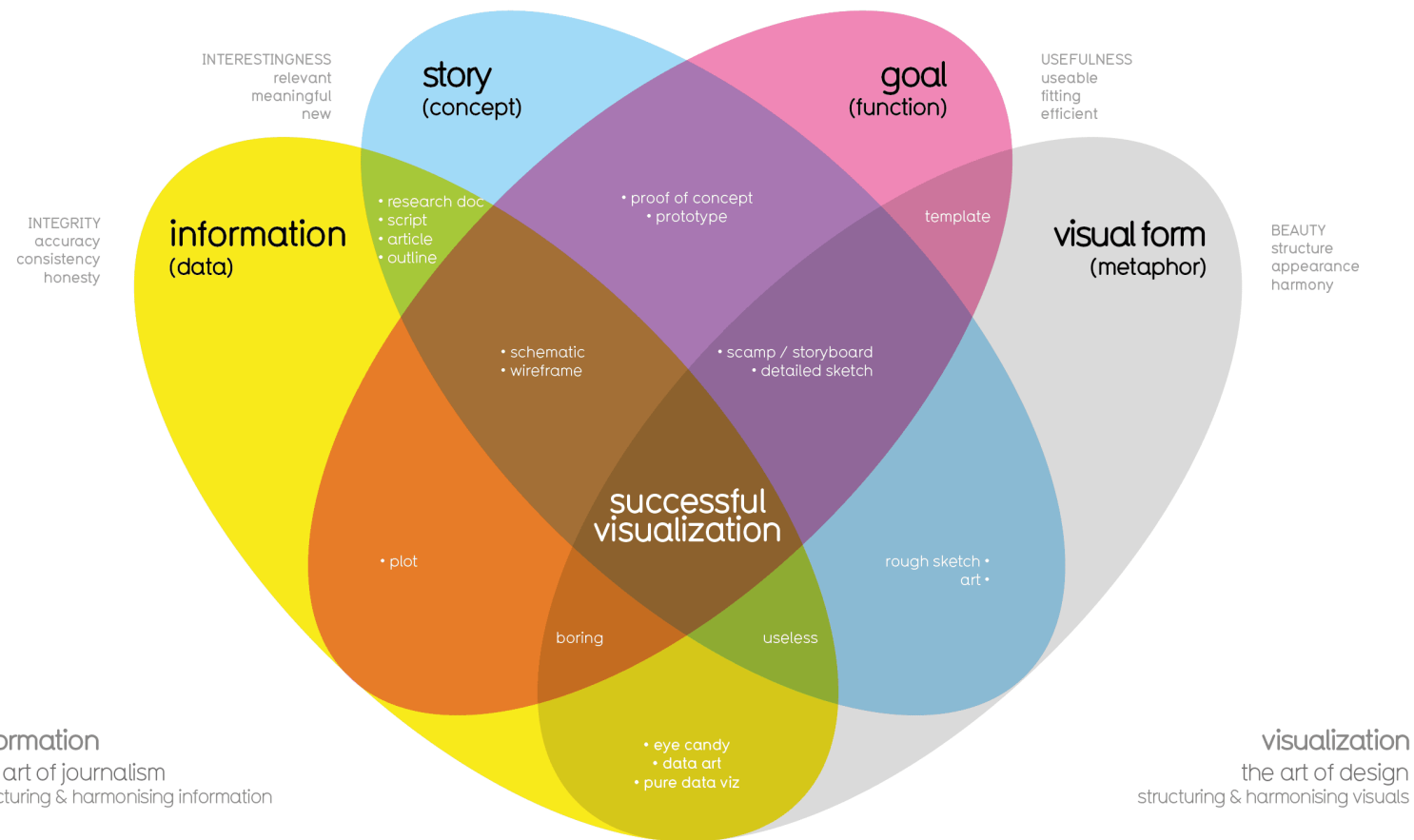
A successful visualisation

# What makes a good visualisation?

Source: [InformationisBeautiful.net](http://InformationisBeautiful.net)

## What Makes a Good Visualization?

explicit (implicit)

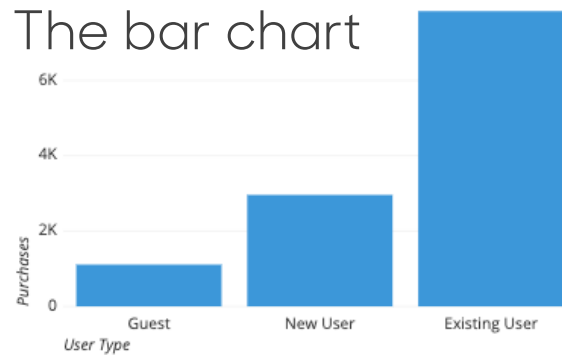


# Choosing the best chart for your data

# The Fantastic Five

Purchases by User Type

The bar chart

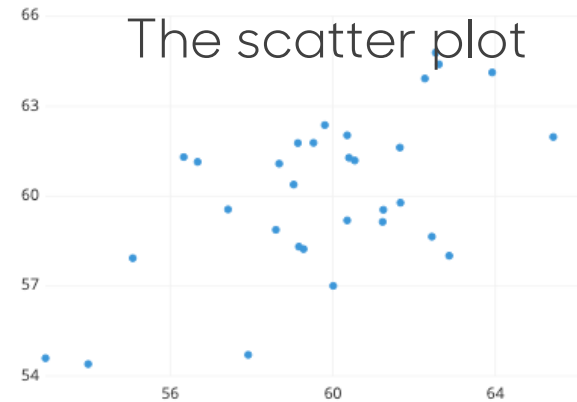


ZZD to QQY Exchange Rates

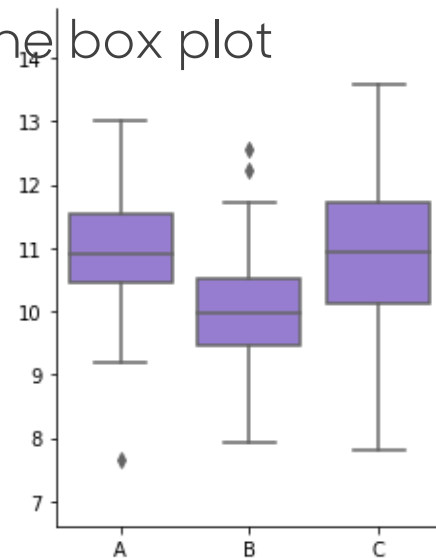


The line chart

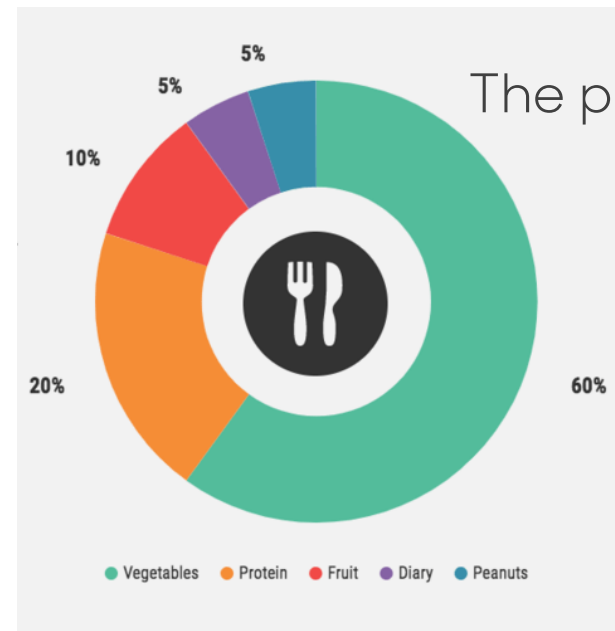
The scatter plot



The box plot



The pie chart



# How to choose the best chart for your data?

Is the purpose of your visualisation to:

**1. Inform?**

- You are trying to convey a data point?

**2. Compare?**

- You are trying to compare categories or show composition?

**3. Show Change?**

- You would like to depict change over time or by location?

**4. Organise?**

- You are trying to show groupings, rankings or processes?

**5. Reveal relationships?**

- You are showing groupings rankings or processes?

# 1. If you are trying to inform, use...

Source: [Venngage.com](http://Venngage.com)



These convey data points very clearly!

# AIRBORN ILLNESS'S



**25%**

of people have an efficient immune system to fight off a **few airborne pathogens.**



**50%**

of people have an efficient immune system to fight off a **many airborne pathogens.**



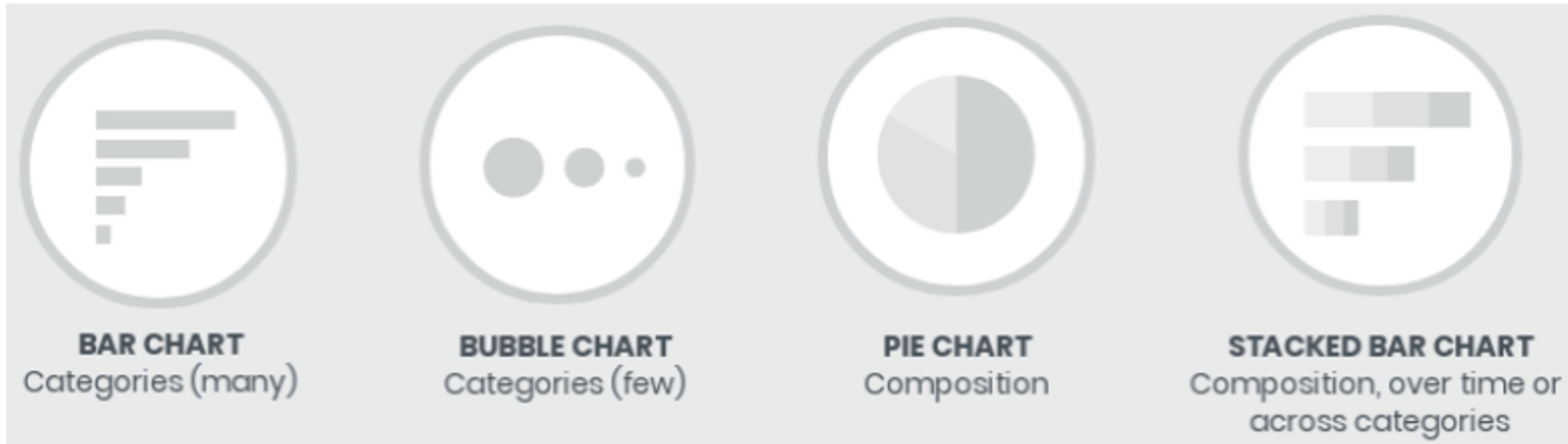
**75%**

of people have an efficient immune system to fight off a **most airborne pathogens.**



## 2. If you are trying to compare, use...

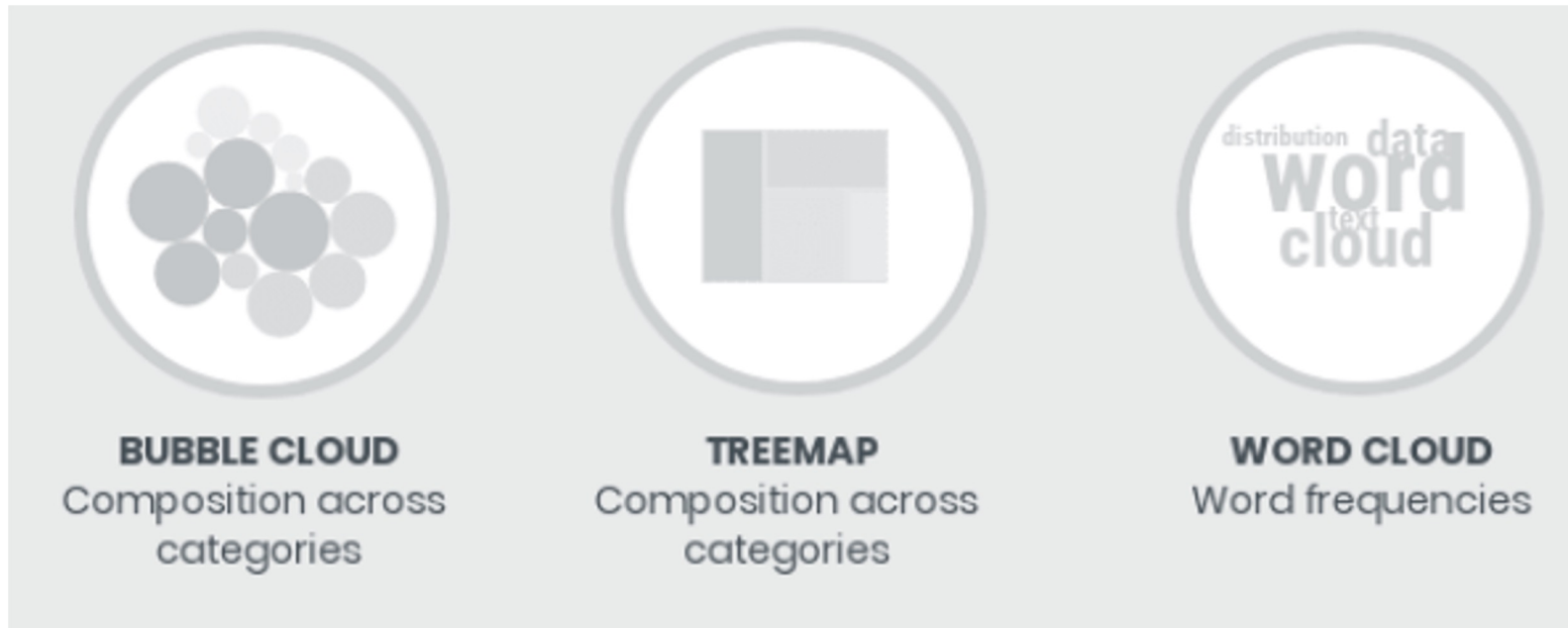
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To help you compare categories or show composition

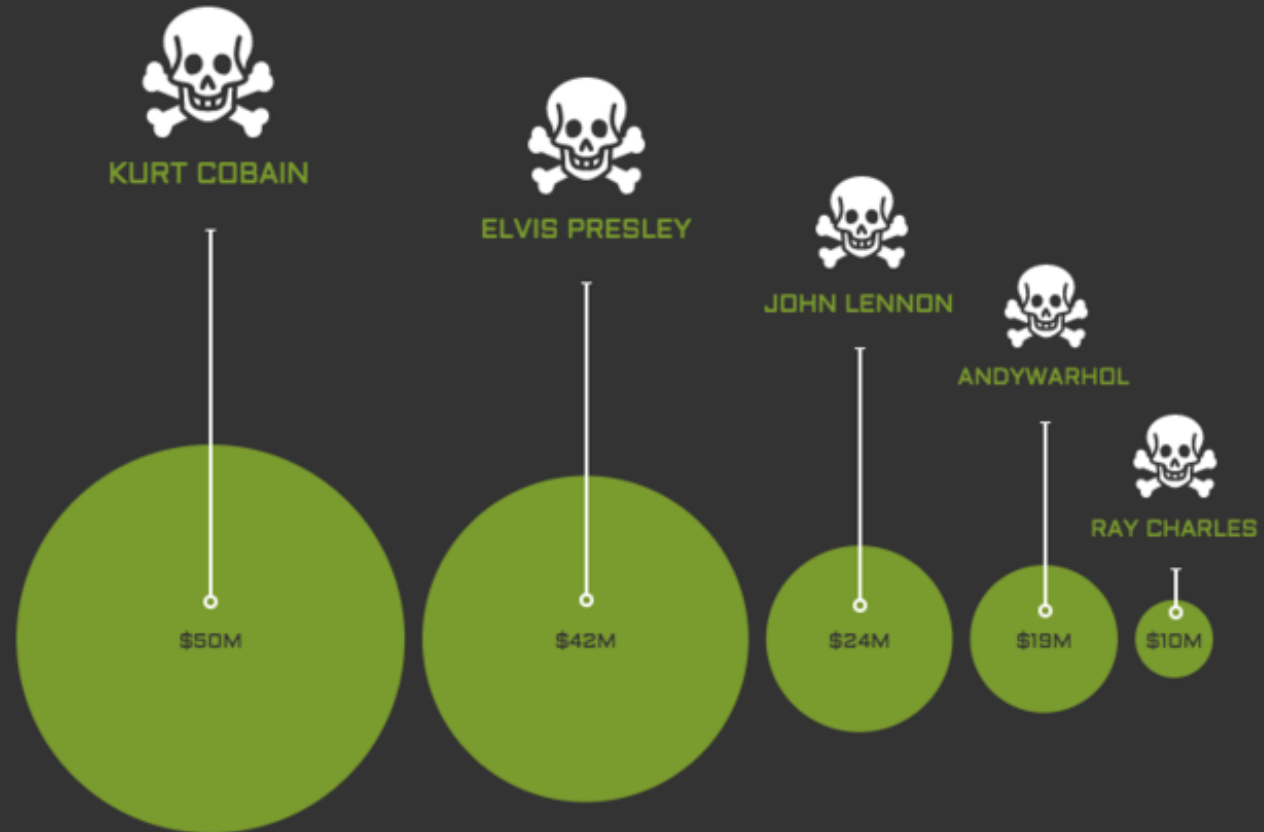
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# ANNUAL INCOMES *of* DEAD CELEBRITIES



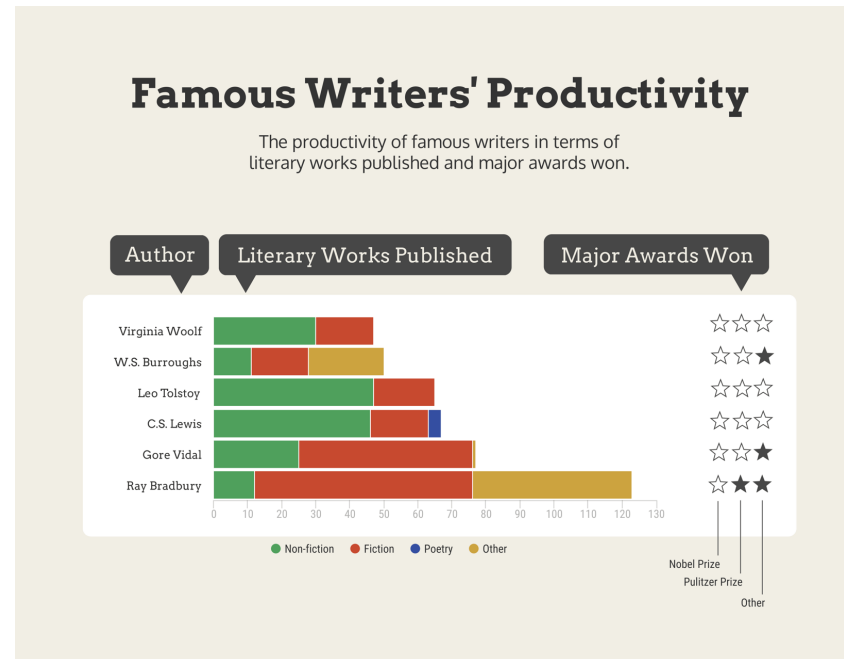
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ADAPTED FROM "TOP-EARNING DEAD CELEBRITIES" BY FORBES MAGAZINE, OCTOBER 2006

# Comparing multiple values

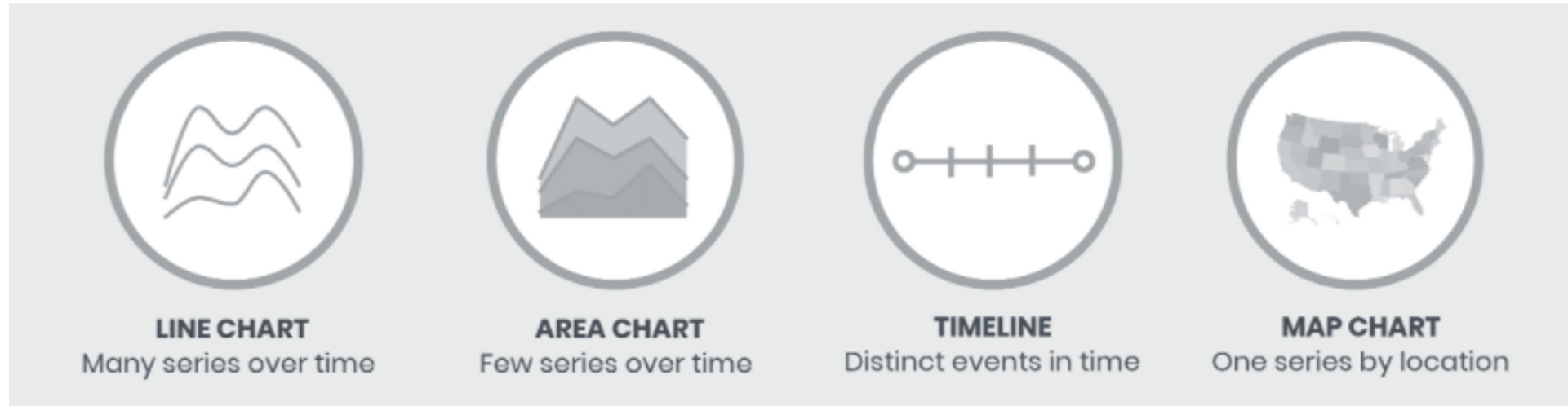
- Bar charts are the best!
- You might need more than one bar charts if too many relationships

Source: [Venngage.com](https://venngage.com)



# 3. If you are trying to show change, use...

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To help you show change over time or by location

# Use a map series to show changes in location data over time

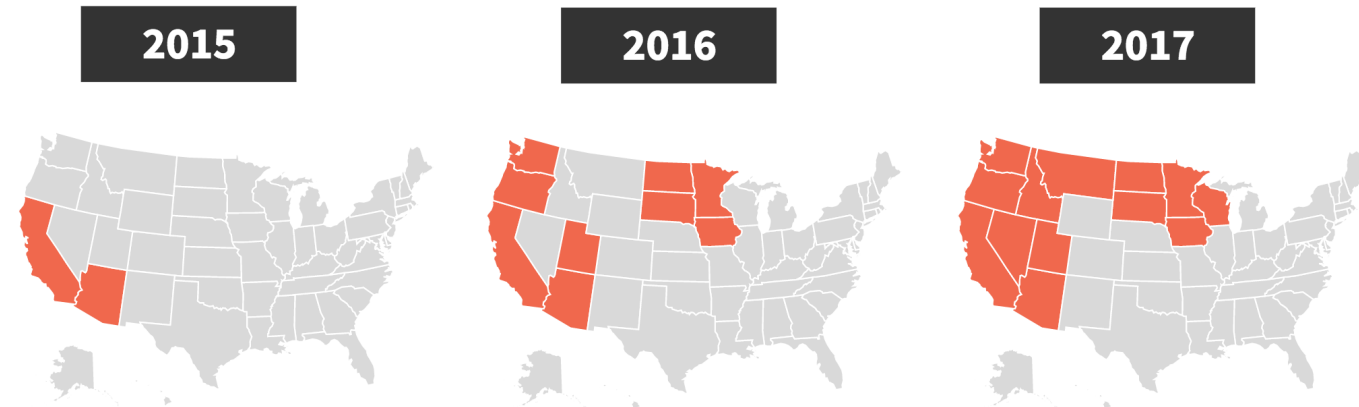
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## Market Segmentation Report

### Geographic Analysis

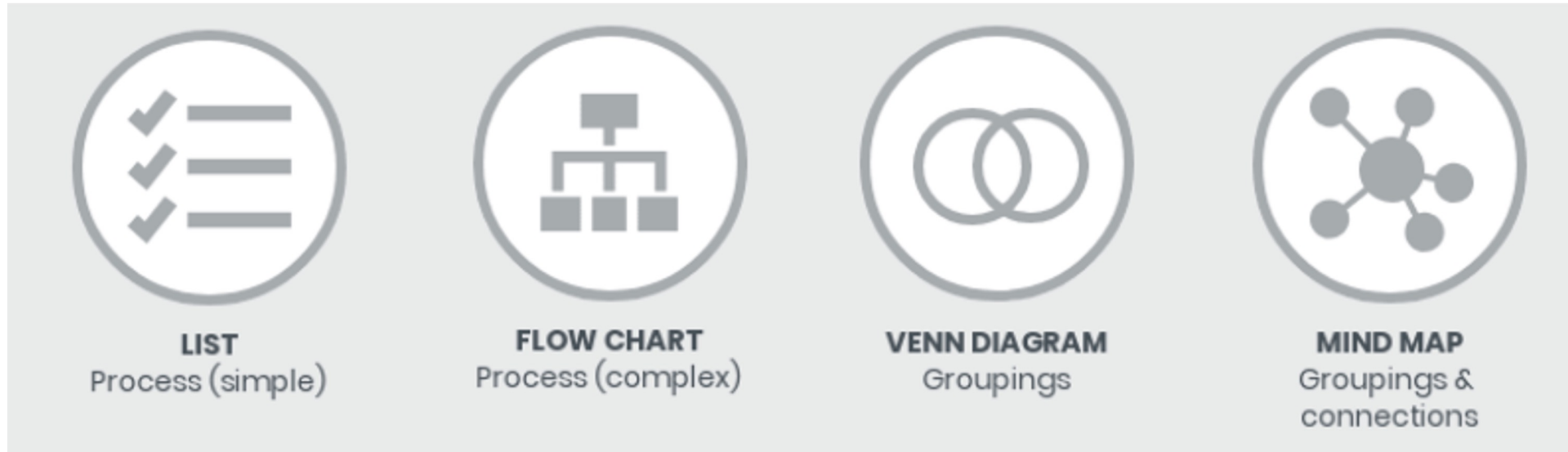
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From 2015 to 2017, we saw dramatic growth of our customer base across the **Midwest** and the **West Coast** of the United States. Our 2018 goal is to target the **Eastern Seaboard**, including New York, Florida, and North Carolina.



# 4. If you are trying to organise info, use...

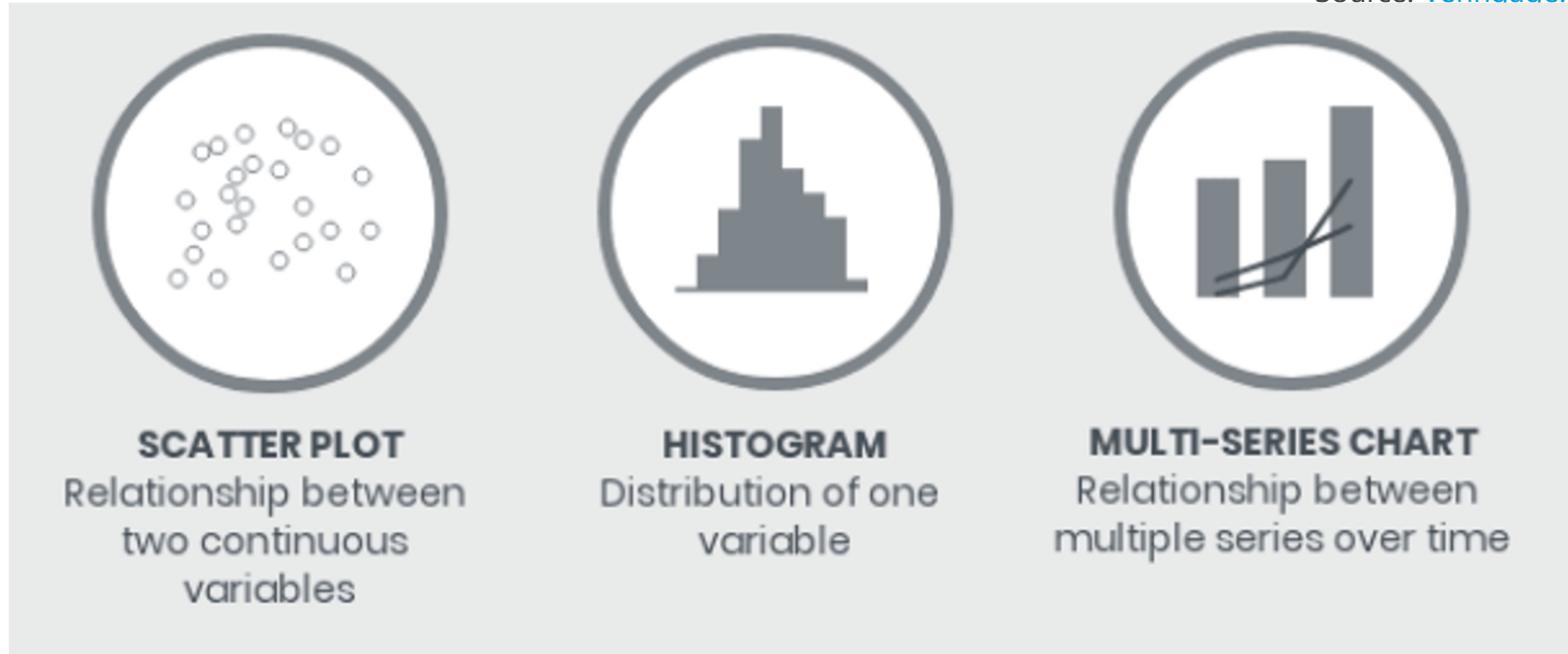
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To help you show groupings, rankings or processes

# 5. If you are trying to show relationships, use...

Source: [Vennaaae.com](http://Vennaaae.com)



To help you reveal relationships like correlations or distributions



# Where to get inspiration from?

- <https://informationisbeautiful.net/>
- <https://looker.com/blog/different-types-graphs-charts-uses>
- <http://selection.datavisualization.ch/>
- [https://infovis-wiki.net/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://infovis-wiki.net/wiki/Main_Page)

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# Q & A session

# Resources

# Try it yourself!

- Designing your Data strategy? Use the ODiTT Data Strategy worksheet to help you get started:  
<https://bit.ly/ODiTT-DataStrategy>
- Planning your data audit? Use this worksheet instead:  
<https://bit.ly/ODiTT-DataAudit>

# Additional Material & Resources

- Example of a GDPR data audit exercise:
  - <https://ico.org.uk/media/2615577/parish-councils-data-audit-exercise.pdf>
- SAS White paper:
  - [https://www.sas.com/content/dam/SAS/en\\_us/doc/whitepaper1/5-essential-components-of-data-strategy-108109.pdf](https://www.sas.com/content/dam/SAS/en_us/doc/whitepaper1/5-essential-components-of-data-strategy-108109.pdf)
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- What's your Data Strategy?
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