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Data Science Pipeline

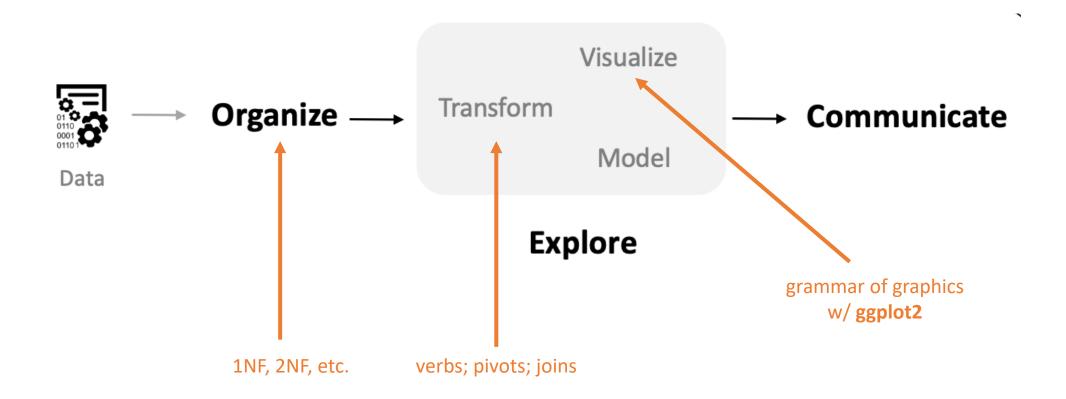
A standard, highly abstract diagram showing the flow of information when doing data science work.





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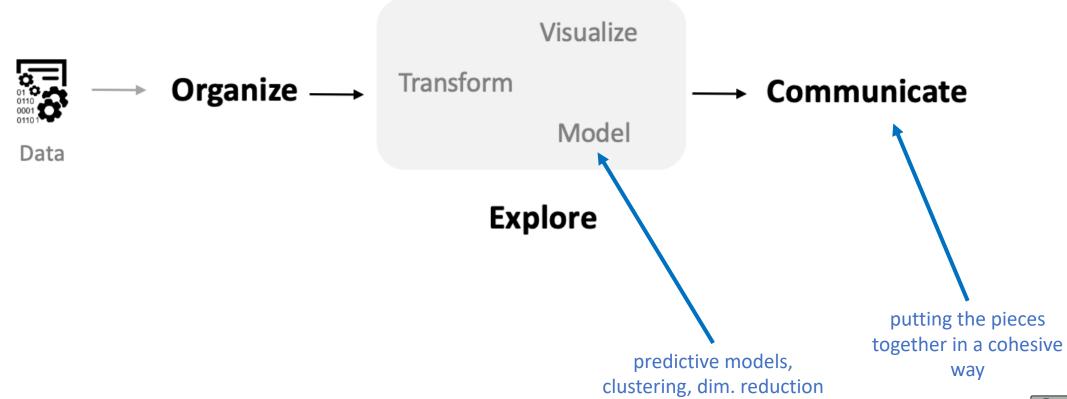
In our Intro to Data Science course, we focused most heavily on the interior parts of the pipeline.





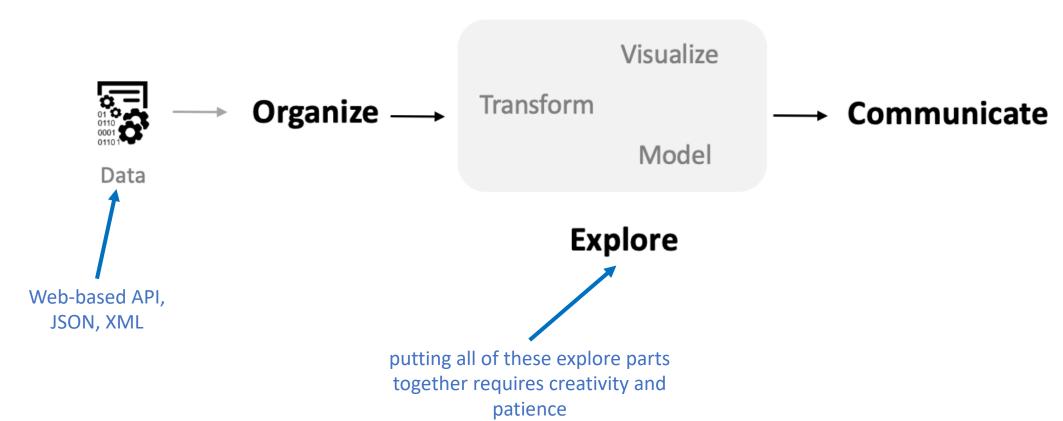
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For this class, we focused on the end of the pipeline while continuing to practice the interior methods.



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We also focus on the explore step as a whole and in the final project collecting data from an external API (a bit of a review for those in the Fall 2021 version of 289).





Projects











ML Concepts

Core Concepts

- error rates
- train/validation split
- cross-validation
- confusion matrix
- overfitting

Some Other Metrics

- false positive rate
- ROC curves / AUC
- Top-k error rate
- test/holdout error
- gain/lift



Supervised Models

Core Techniques

- linear regression
- logistic regression
- elastic net
- k-nearest neighbors
- decision trees
- gradient boosted trees

Others You May See

- support vector machines
- additive models
- Bayesian models
- structural equation models
- kernel techniques



Unsupervised Models

Core Techniques

- principal components
- UMAP
- k-means
- hierarchical clustering

Some Others You May See

- neural network embedding
- spectral clustering

The choice of distance metric as a large effect on unsupervised models. We used Euclidean and TF-IDF. Many other techniques will modify the distance function but use a classical technique on the modified data



Text-Specific Techniques

Core Techniques

- tokenization
- lemmatization
- POS tagging
- N-grams
- Topic Models
- KWiC
- G-scores

Some Others You May See

- stochastic processes
- word2vec
- recurrent neural networks
- transformers (i.e., GPT-4)



Data Creation

Core Concepts

- APIs and HTTP
- Web Scraping
- XML & Xpath
- JSON & map functions
- iteration

Some Others You May See

- regular expressions
- functional programming
- authentication
- cookies

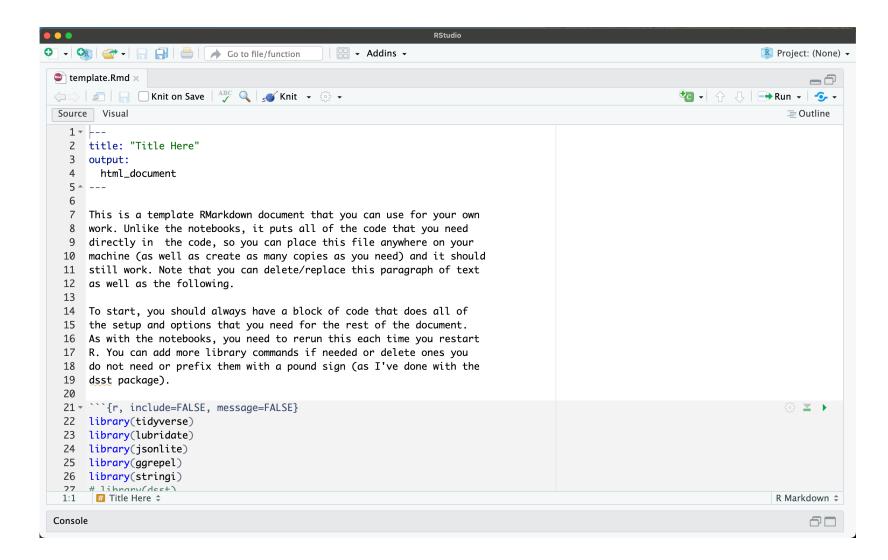
We only covered the basics of HTTP, XML, and JSON. You'll have enough to get started and can use other tutorials and documentation if you need to do something more complicated.



On Your Own

I have included a template file that you can get in our class notes. You can copy and use this file to run any code from class independently of the rest of the class setup.

The class notes will also remain online indefinitely in case you want to return to them.





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