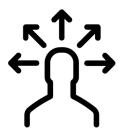
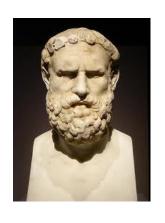
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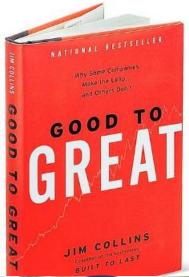
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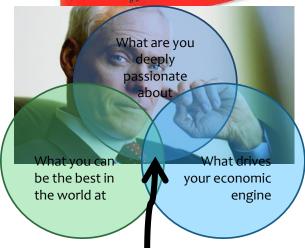


The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing. -- Archilochus, 700 B.C.



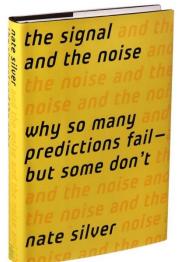
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Hedgehog Concept

Jim Collins, 2001



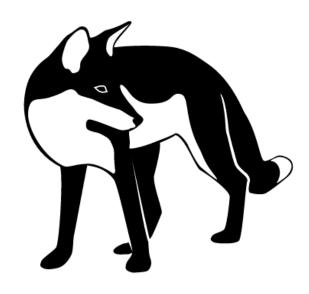


Nate Silver, 2012

## Which is the right approach to analytics?



Hedgehog



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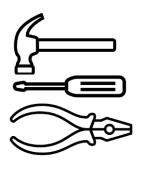
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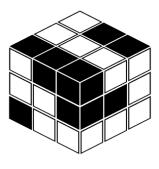


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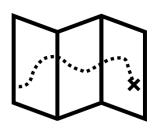
**Troubles** 







Challenges



**Routes** 

# You say Data, I say datums





**Banks** 













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#### **Troubles**

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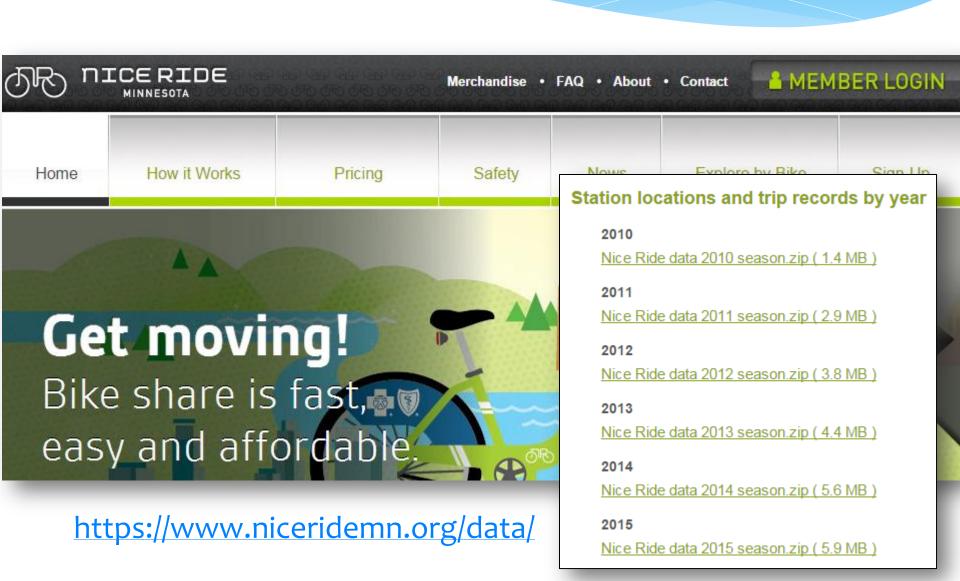
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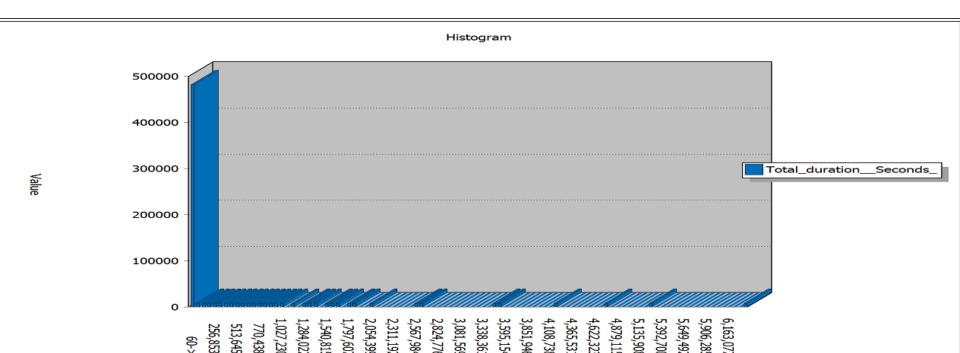
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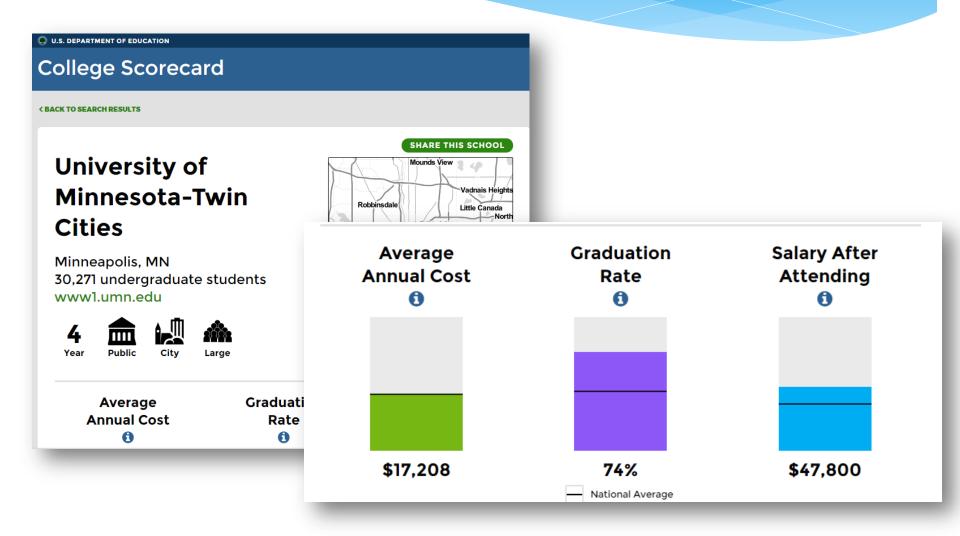


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Data integrity Volume Issues Outliers skew







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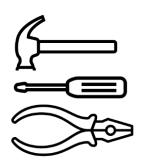


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# Choosing the right tool set







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## **Strengths and Weaknesses**







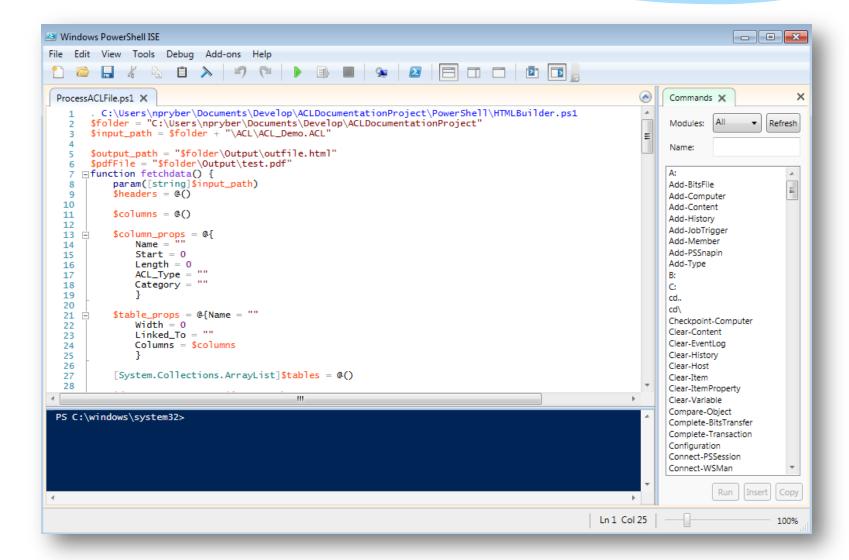
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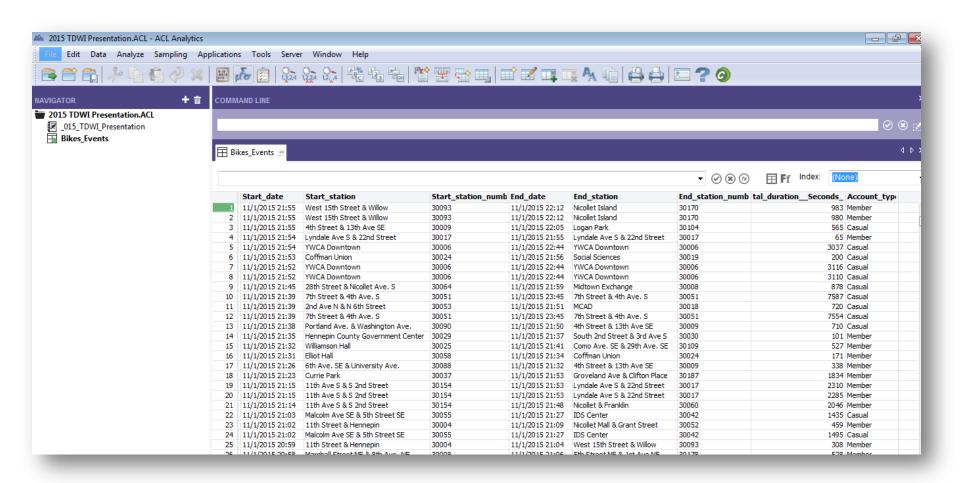


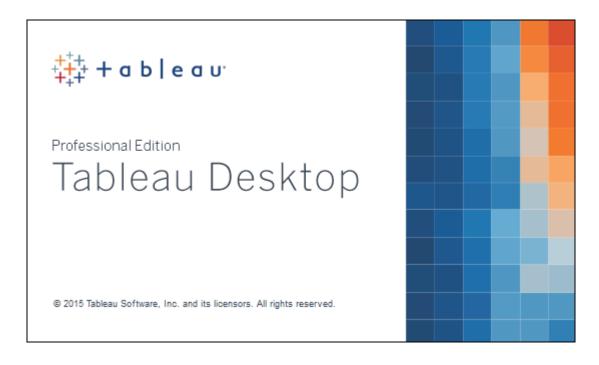
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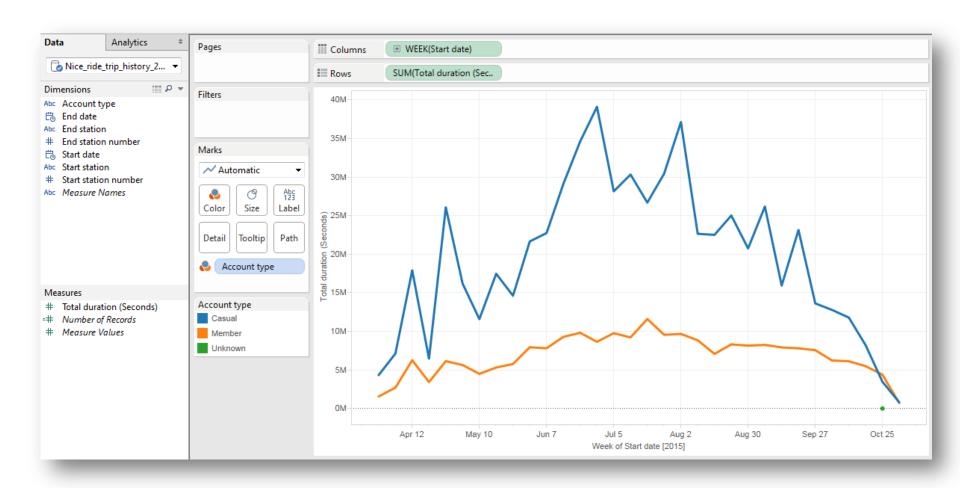


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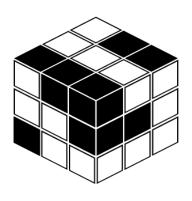




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# Challenges





#### **Concatenate Reports**



### **Report Intake**



## **Trending**





#### **Altitude**



**Lost Stations** 



**Lazy Bikers** 





#### **Column Selection**



Sampling



**Regional Maps** 



## Is there a silver bullet?





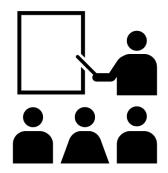
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Learn



**Flexibility** 



**Teach** 



**Practice** 

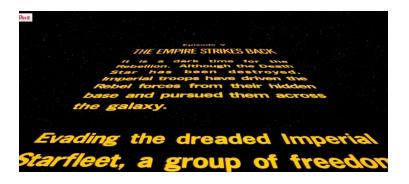


**User Groups** 

## Which is the right approach?



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