

Building data analytics capacity in Higher Education: How hard can it be?

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Overview

- Introduction
- Data science lifecycle
- Action research framework
- Workshop series
- Conclusion



Introduction

IBM

More data has been created in the past 2 years than in the entire history of the human race!

10 million new photos uploaded every hour!



Processes more than 24 petabytes a day!
(1 petabyte = 1million gigabytes)



Exceeds 400 million tweets a day!

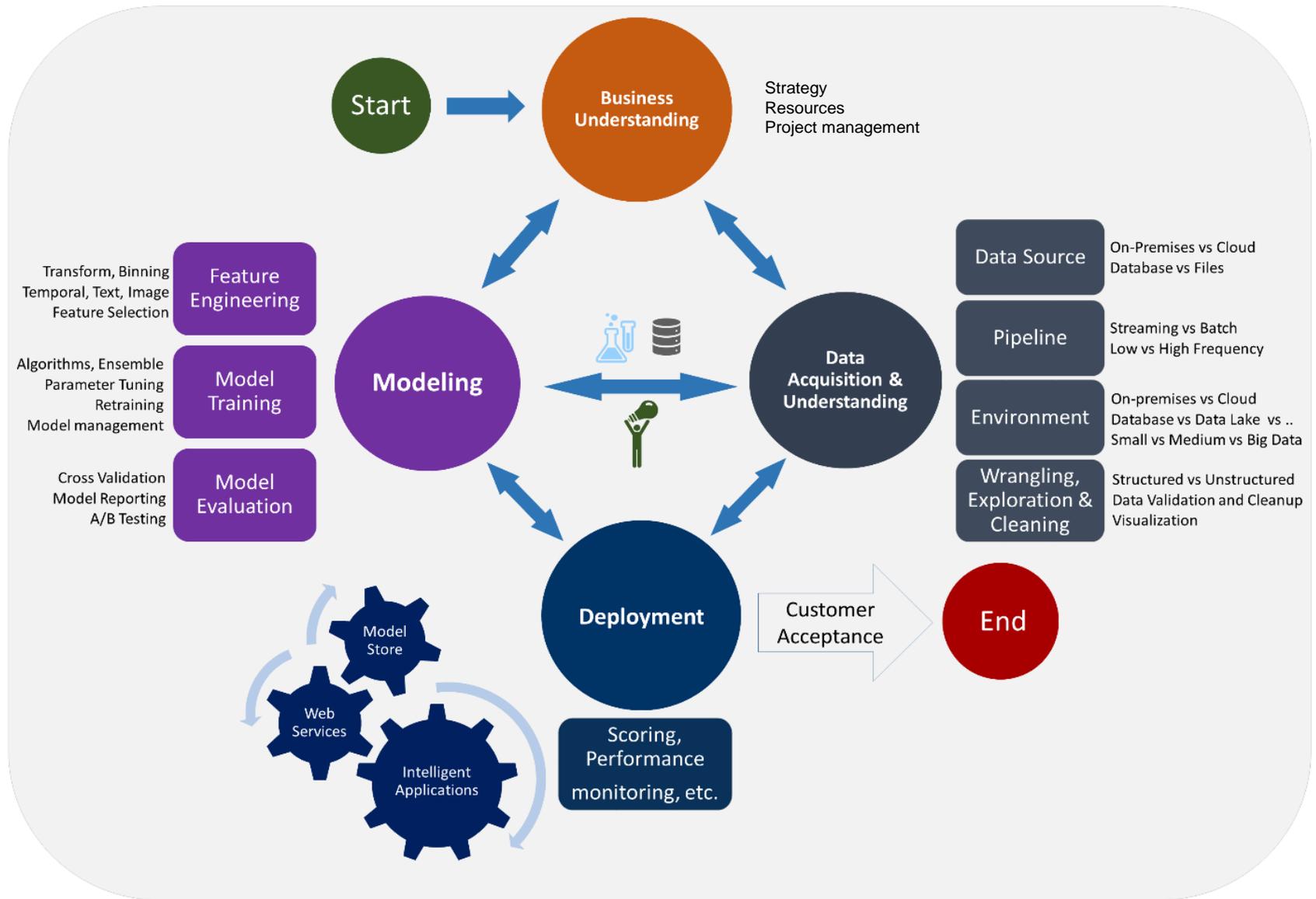
Google

Stored information grows 4x faster than the world economy!

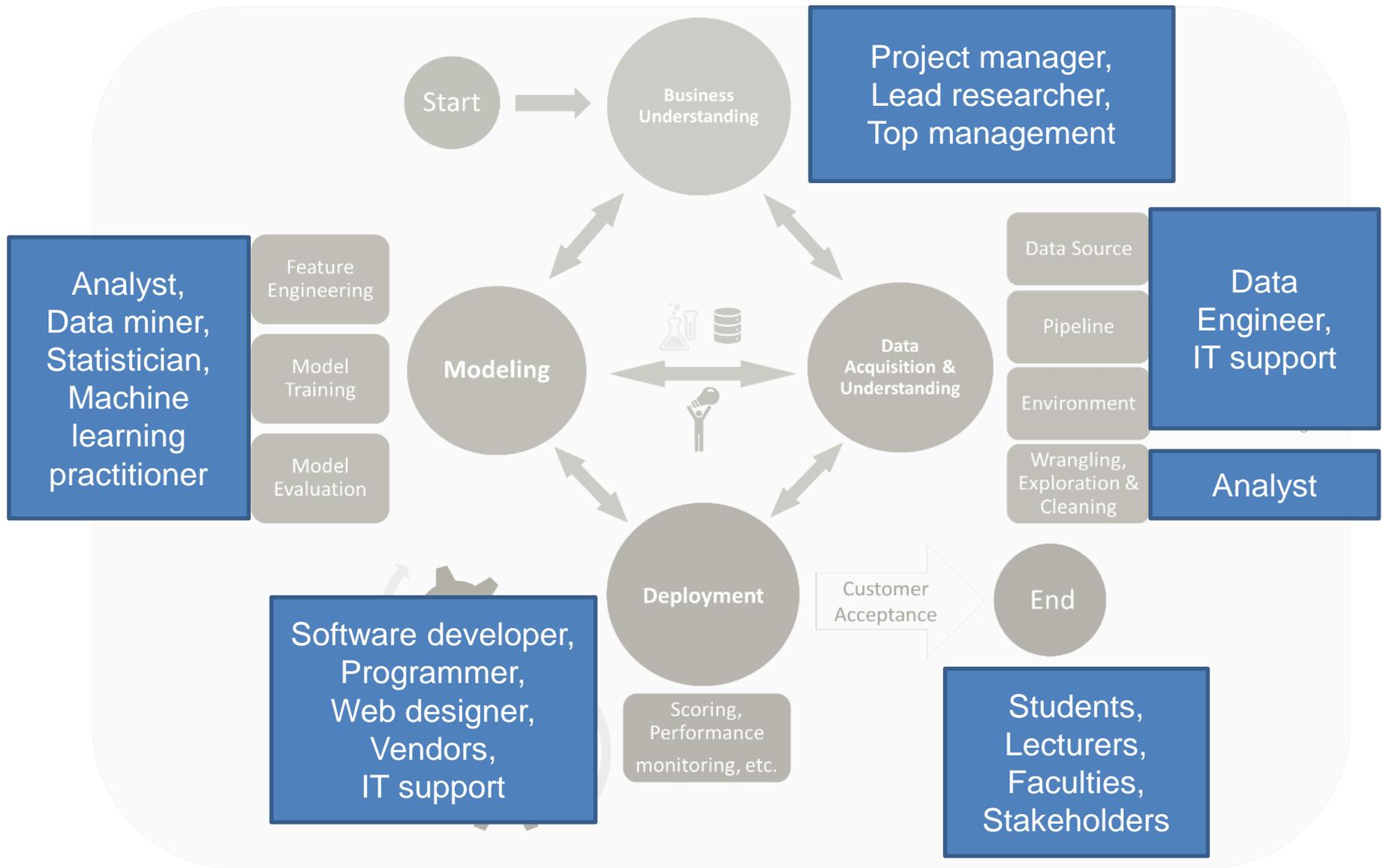


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Data Science Lifecycle

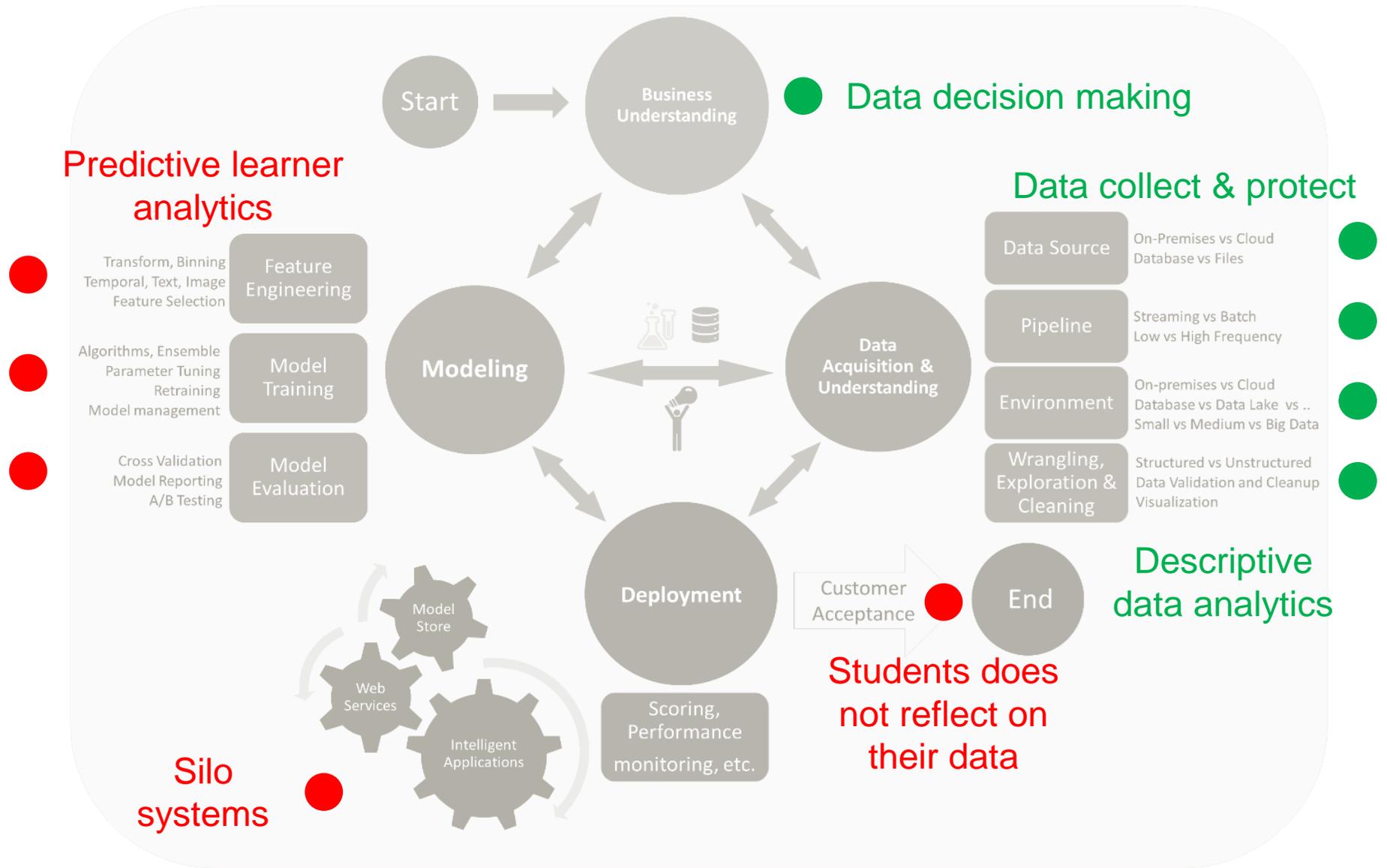


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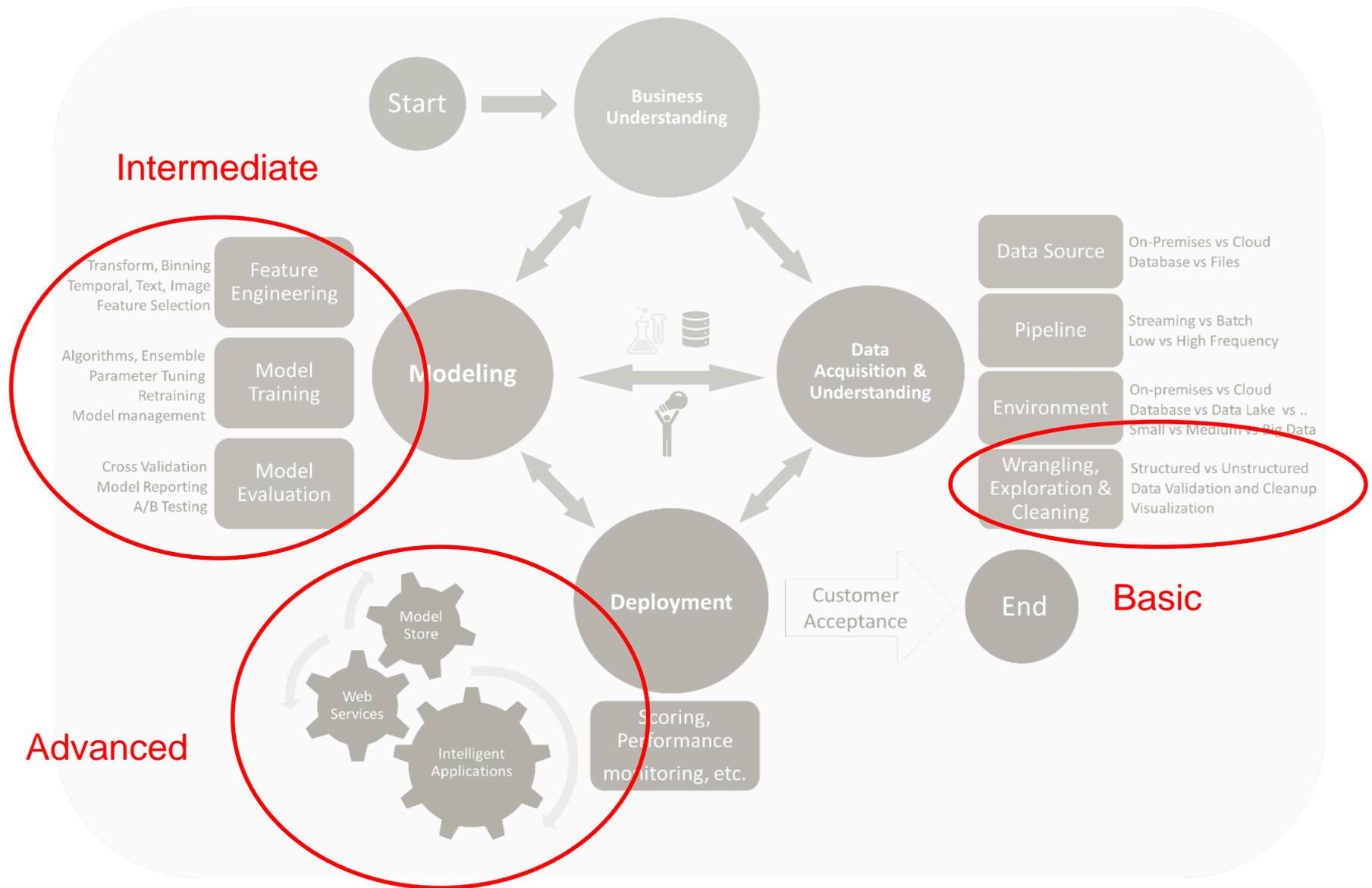


Capacity needed

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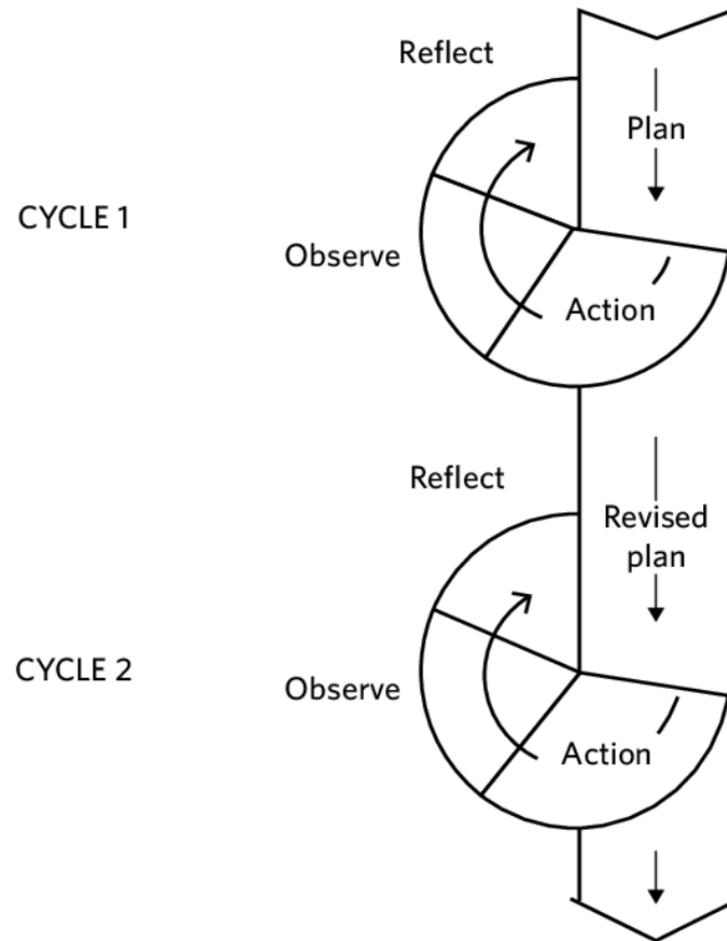
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Action research framework



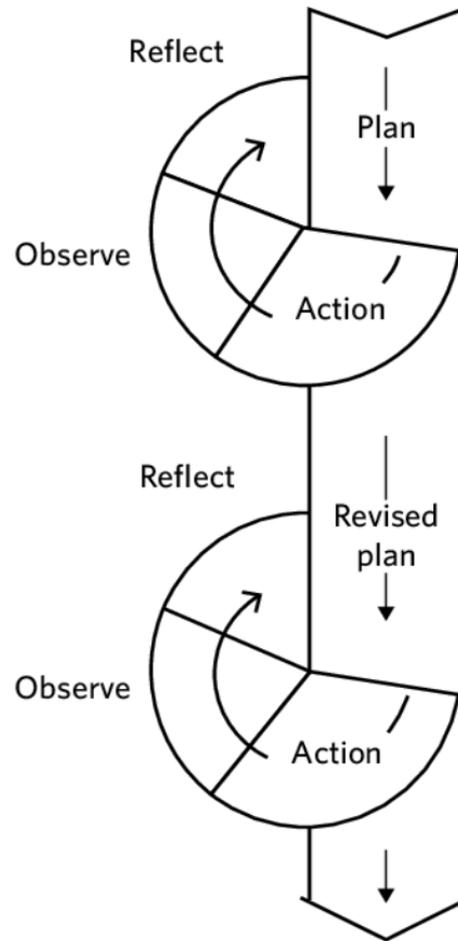
Kemmis and
McTaggart model

Action research framework

Cycle 1 = Basic

Cycle 2 = Intermediate

Cycle 3 = Advanced



Blended learning approach:

- LinkedIn Learning videos
- Workshop exercises

First workshop



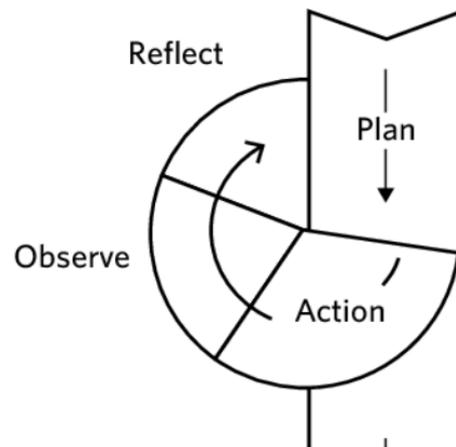
Cycle 1: Basic

1. Plan:

- Basic statistics
- Interpretation
- Working with data

3. Observe:

- Evaluation forms



2. Action:

- First videos
- Then exercises
- Spread over couple of months
- E.g.

4. Reflect:

- Themes from evaluation

Reflection: Basic

Expectation	Relevant	Teach	Improve	Exercises	Blackboard	Recommendations
Remind me. Confidence.	Kind of. Need Excel formulas.	If I focus, I can interpret.	20 min watch time. Too many videos.	Had to leave. All usefull. Data verification, cleaning, dictionary.	Not sure what wanted to engage with. Will engage more. Didn't need appointment - under	All relevant. Tailored engagement. Too little time for activities.
Basic stats. Engaged predictive stats.	Highly relevant.	Summarized undergrad work.	More programming. Advanced methods.	Predictive analytics.	.	It is excellent.
Refresher.	Too theoretical. Little relevant.	Data cleaning.	How videos are presented.	Taught additional features of Excel. Used the Tasks function.	Portal for tasks.	None, the workshop is ideal for my experience.
Refresher. Time constraints.	Data cleaning and management.	More effective/efficient ways.	None. Finding time was issue.	Pivot tables and application.	Not interacted. Knew what was expected of me.	Liked group work.
Skimmed videos. Basics and usefull exerisces.	Data sorting, capturing.	Have to watch videos.	Time consuming. Align concepts to help retain knowl	Liked data dictionary. Pivot tables. Report writing.	Not interacted. Only downloaded.	Engagement is great. Short 2-3 hour sessions - online activities
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Positive feedback:

- Statistics refresher
- Informative videos
- **Relevant exercises**
- Functions and pivot tables exercises

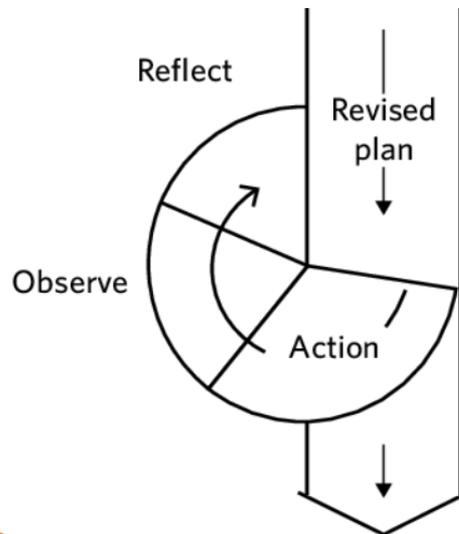
Negative feedback:

- Didn't have time to watch videos
- Videos too long and not organized according to **workflow**
- Didn't collaborate on Blackboard
- Some struggle, limited statistics background

Cycle 2: Intermediate

1. Plan:

- Modelling
- Programming



2. Action:

- Drop video
- Workflow exercises
- 2 days back to back workshops
- Then resources
- E.g.

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- Fun and enjoyable
- Hands on and interactive
- Applicable to day to day work
- Like **workflow** approach

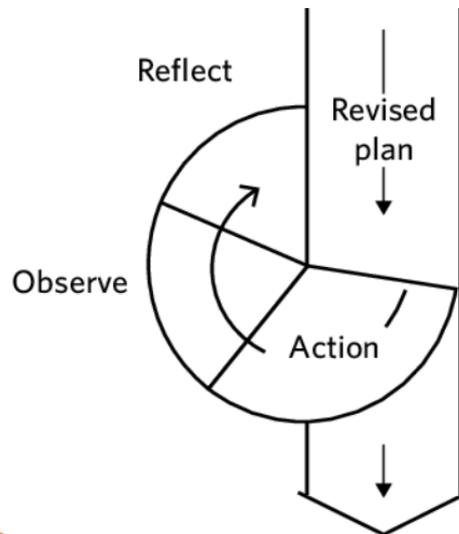
Negative feedback:

- Some **concepts** are new and not all content were easy to follow
- No prior experience makes workshops difficult
- Give participants **problems to solve**

Cycle 3: Advanced

1. Plan:

- Advanced topics



2. Action:

- Project
- Scaffolding difficult concepts

3. Observe:

- Assessment

4. Reflect:

- Themes from evaluation

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- As institutions are collecting more data, people are forced to work with data (even ULD) i.e. global evidence based culture
- Basics:
Everyone will have to develop basic data **interpretation** skills
- Intermediate:
Analysts gets buried by data, needs to build proficiency / **productivity**
- Advanced:
Teach to drive **innovation** and push student success forward

Thank you