

# Data Quality: The Backbone of Effective Analytics and Al

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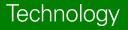


## Refinery Data Scientist

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- Use Data Science Toolkit to solve High Impact work not meant for product teams
- Deliver quick insights, Accelerate Root-cause analyses, Automate workflows
- Help refinery identify valuable Data Science use cases
- Combine data science expertise with downstream business knowledge for efficient and effective solutions

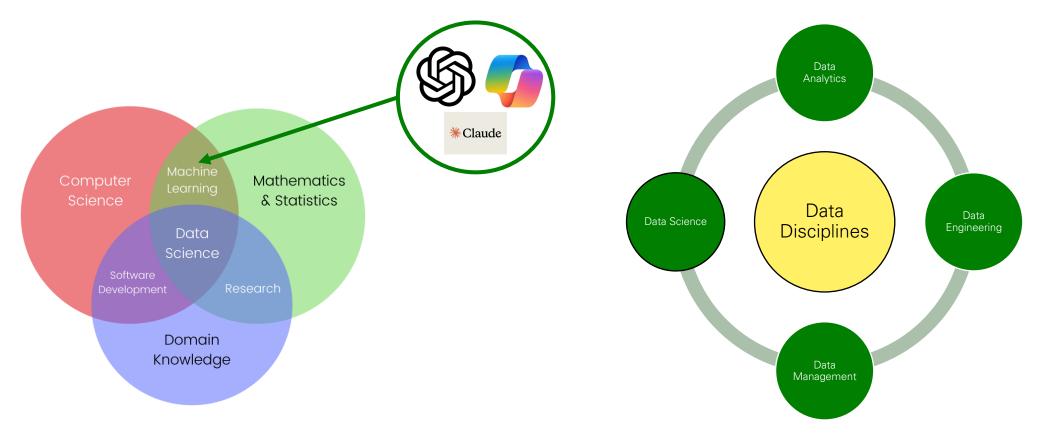


# **Project Examples**

- Insights and Correlations from Process Unit Feed Rates, temperatures, and pressures
- Large Language Models (LLMs) trained on Turnaround Reports, Equipment History, Reference Material
- Predictive Models for Product % Yields and Quality
- Automated Reports on Health and Safety Incident Data

## What is Data Science

- Mixture of statistics, computer science, information science, and domain expertise to analyze, interpret and gain knowledge and insights from structured and unstructured data
- These actionable data insights are used to make informed decisions



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# A <u>Model</u> is only as good as its Data.

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### What is Data Quality?





## What is Data Quality: A Basketball Example

What is a Player's Shooting% Over a Season?



Accuracy	Timeliness	Reliability	Relevance
<ul> <li>A Player shot 6/10 3-Pointers, but the system is showing 10/10</li> <li>Overestimation of a player's ability could occur</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stats from the previous year carry over into the stat sheet.</li> <li>Real-time feedback is unavailable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stats are recorded from a distracted spectator, instead of the official scorekeeper.</li> <li>Unreliable data can introduce bias</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The player's shoe color being recorded.</li> <li>Irrelevant data can clutter a model and dilute meaningful patterns</li> </ul>



## What is Data Quality: A Basketball Example

What is a Player's Shooting% Over a Season?



#### Completeness

- All games track FGs and FTs, but only a few games track 3PTs.
- Empty values or inconsistent sampling removes model confidence

• There are 82 games over a season, but the system uses data from just 10.

Quantity

• Fewer instances results in less confidence  Your scorekeeper only allows special access to stats, or they are stored on one analyst's computer.

Accessibility

 Valuable insights are delayed or lost entirely

#### Consistency

- Some games Free Throws are counted and some games they aren't.
- Inconsistent comparisons can flaw results

#### Technology

### Importance of Data Quality

- The foundation upon which successful data science and AI projects are built
- Enables accurate insights, efficient processes, trustworthy results, compliance, and scalability
- Understanding the type of data collected, and being organized in how it's handled leads to effective Model Utilization!



## Improving Data Quality

#### Key components

#### Clear Data Management Goals

- File naming conventions
- Folder structures and locations
- Objectives from data storage and leveraging

#### Data Governance Framework

- Quality: How confident are we in the values of our data?
- Security: How sensitive is the data?
- Compliance: Are we adhering to all relevant regulations and standards

#### • Are there useful insights we cannot realize because we aren't recording the right data?

Identify any Data

Gaps

- Frequency of data Collection
- Different mediums of collection

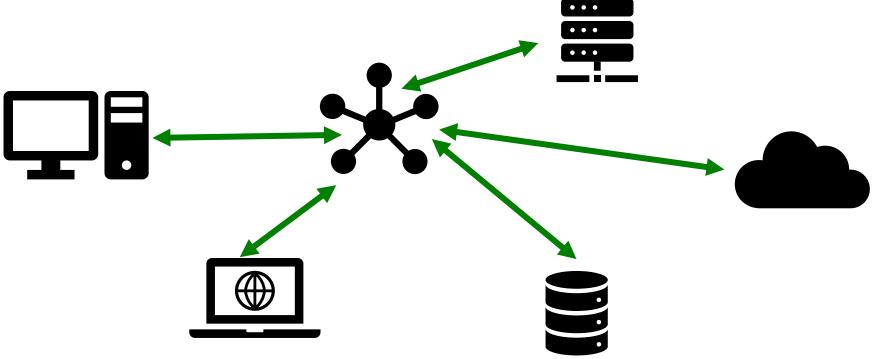
#### Data Audits & Compliance Checks

- Are we adhering to all relevant regulations & standards
- Routine Checks of Data Quality



## Data Engineering

- The practice of designing and building systems for the collection, storage and analysis of data at scale
- Crucial for enabling subsequent data analysis and data science activities
- Data Engineers create infrastructure that allows organizations to process and utilize large datasets to gain real-time insights



## Prompt Engineering

- The process of designing and refining prompts to guide generative AI models, such as LLMs, to produce desired outputs
- Crafting **specific, clear, and contextually rich inputs** that the AI can interpret effectively to generate accurate and relevant responses



Tips:

- Break a task down into multiple sections or smaller answers
- Provide context of a particular data source and examples to improve LLM understanding and result
- Ask for details and justification so output will have reasoning for its answer



## Key Takeaways

- Data Quality is paramount to enable an organizations effective utilization of Data Science and AI
  - Accuracy, Timeliness, Reliability, Quantity, Relevance, Completeness, Accessibility, Consistently
- A Machine Learning Model is only as good as its Data!
- An organization needs a **Data Governance Framework**:
  - Quality, Security, Compliance
  - Clear Data Management Goals
  - Data Engineering and Data Science teams will save time and money for your organization
- Prompt Engineering skills are increasingly valuable in the modern world





# Thank You

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