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# Data to Dashboard Training



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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Hackathon Objective
- Deliverables and Resources
- General Information
- Data to Dashboard



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# The Objective of HPC in the City: St. Louis

The hackathon aims to harness the resources, skills, and knowledge found in the HPC community in an effort to provide applied exposure towards students from 2-4 year post-secondary educational institutions. In short, the hackathon will provide HPC skills and training while targeting problems that directly affect the participants.

- Develop knowledge about solutions to identified issues affecting St. Louis through application of data analysis/presentation or management.

## Student Outcomes

- Increased familiarity with data science in the cloud
- Experience collaborative software engineering
- Develop professional communication skills

# Student Deliverables and Resources

## Deliverables:

- **Source code Including Comments**
- **PDF of presentation**
  - Team members with pictures
  - Use of HPC technology in the project
  - Regional (St. Louis) implications of the project
- **Github Repository Link**
  - README.md with project description

## Resources:

- **Google Cloud (Provided Credits)**
- **Cloudy Cluster**
- **Most Commonly Used**
  - Python
  - Jupyter Notebooks
  - Node.Js (JavaScript)
  - Repl.it (Collaborative Environment)
  - HTML
- **Discord**  
<https://discord.com/invite/rSXasYKDwE>



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# General Information (the 3 T's)

- **Teams**

- 4-5 Students
- 1 Primary Mentor
- 1 Specialist/Staff

- **Time**

- November 4th - 8th
  - 11/4@~6pm ET Event Start
    - Team formation
  - 11/[5-8] @ 11 ET & 6pm ET- Checkins
  - 11/8@6pm ET-Final Presentations

- **Topic Examples**

- Data Analysis of COVID 19
- Economic disparities and their effects on college participation
- Genomics, Molecular Dynamics, or Weather Modeling in the Cloud.
- Social Justice
- AI-based Crowd Status
- Public Data Management
- Graduation Rates
- Broadband Access
- Insurance vs. Public Health Resilience

*Presenter: Melissa Pearson (TACC)*

# Creating a Data-based Dashboard Application



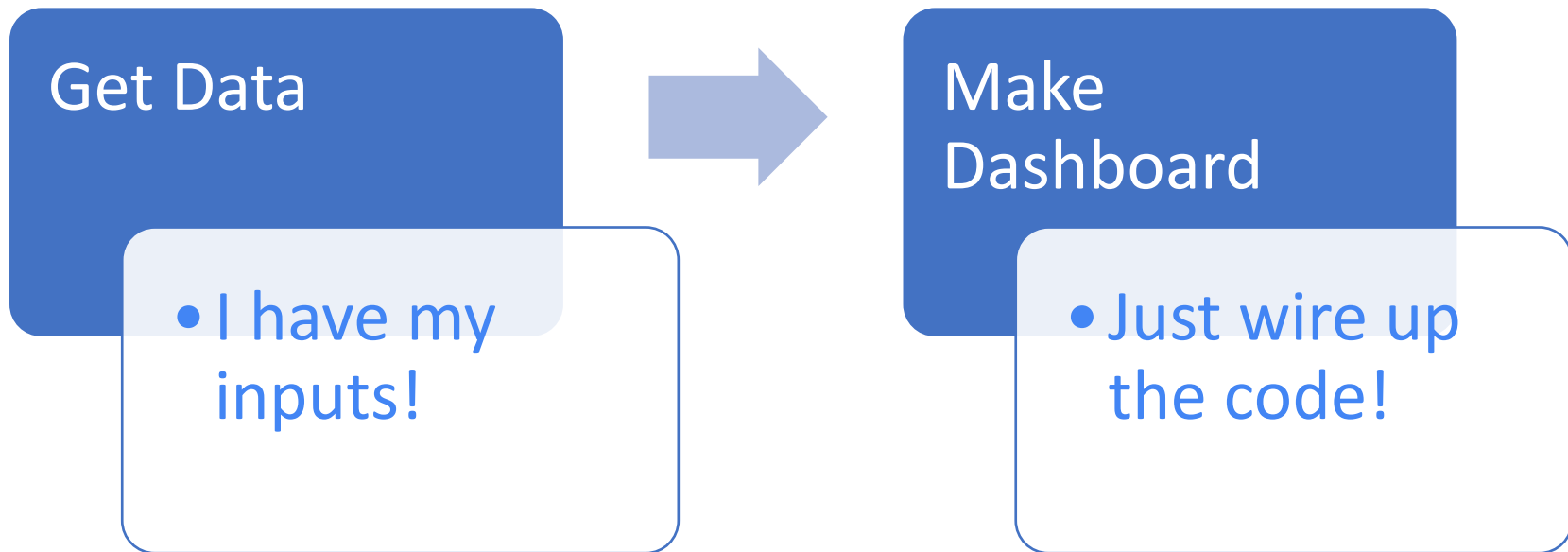
# Talk Structure

*BLUF: Bottom Line Up Front*

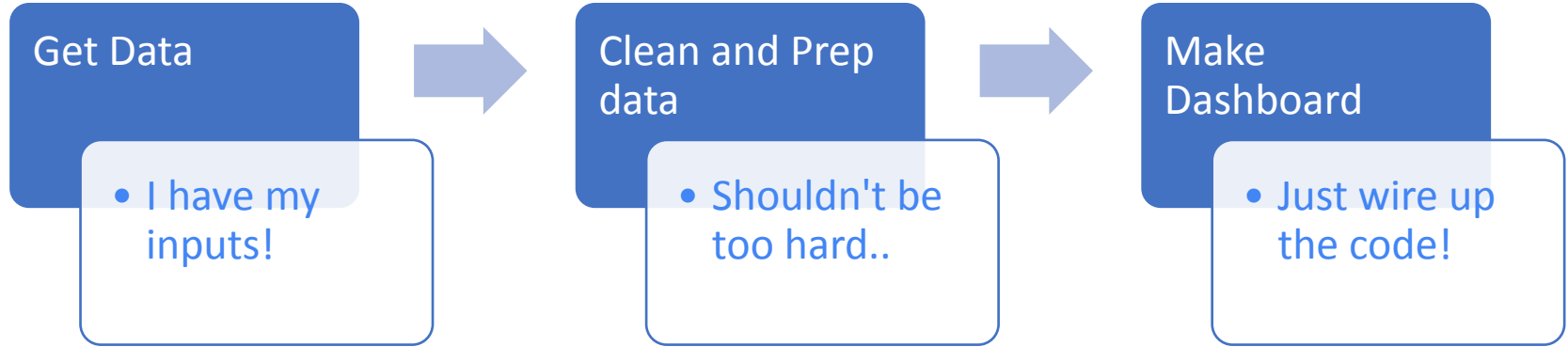
Data to Dashboard Workflows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Workflow: Perception....</li><li>● .... vs. Reality</li><li>● Step by Step walkthrough</li></ul>
Example Dash App	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Simple application use case: TX Congressional District Info</li><li>● Example of workflow and products at each step</li><li>● Quick overview of deploying Github repo to Heroku</li></ul>
Data Piping: In Detail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Data Cleaning and Wrangling</li><li>● <u>E</u>(xtraction), <u>I</u>(ransformation) and <u>L</u>(oad)</li><li>● "Tidy" Data</li></ul>

# **Data to Dashboards: Workflows**

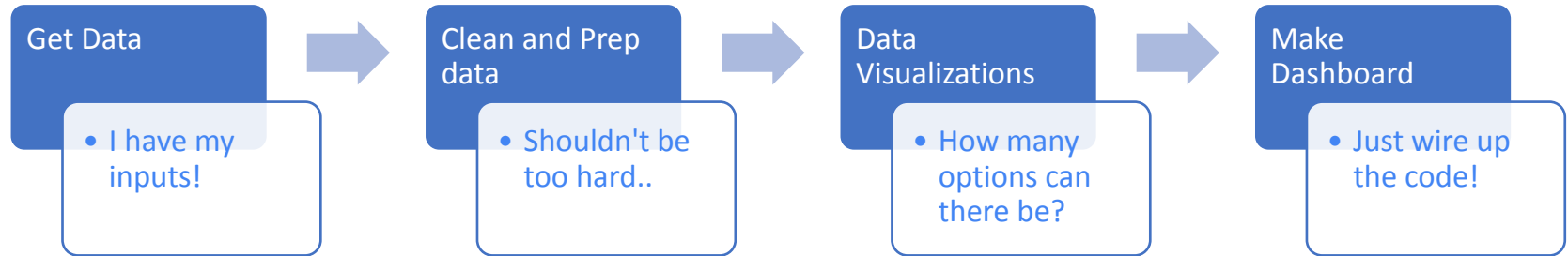
## How people imagine the workflow....



# ....when you point out the missing data cleaning step....

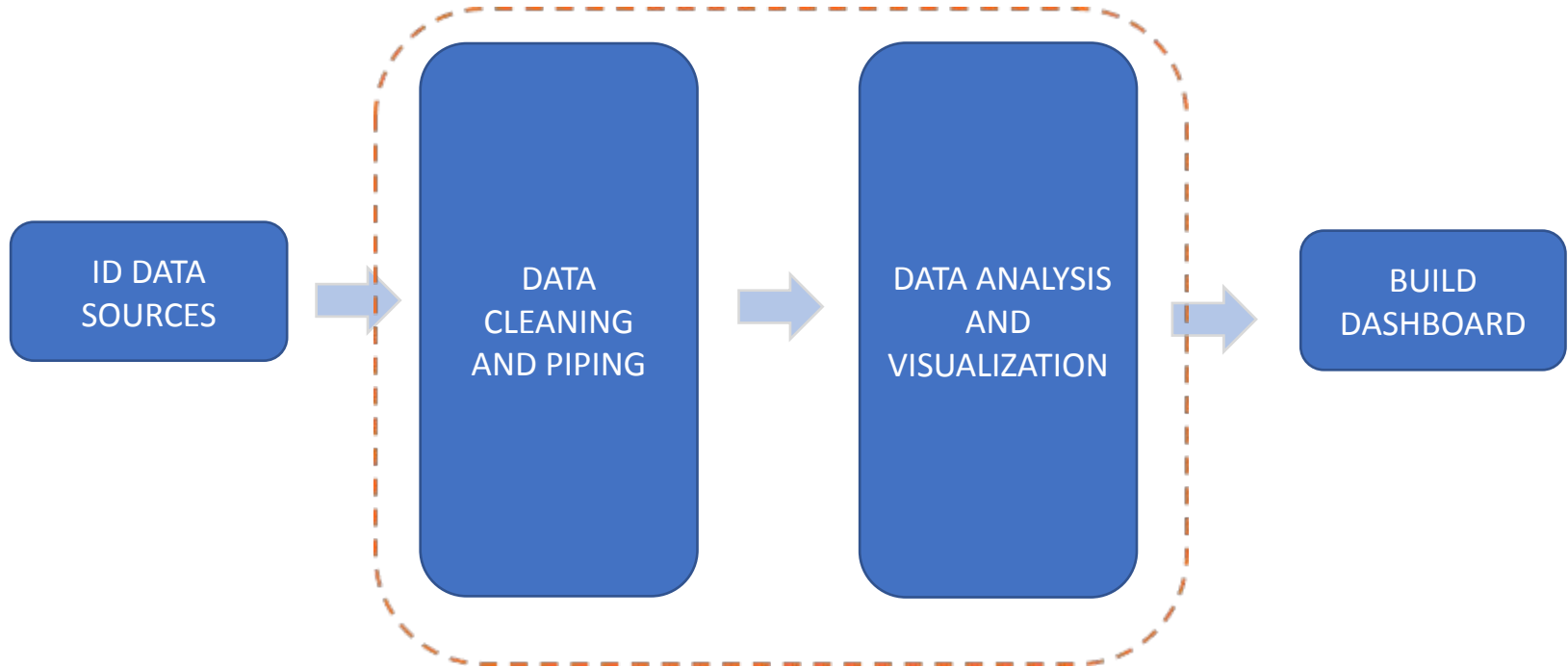


# ....and data visualization development....



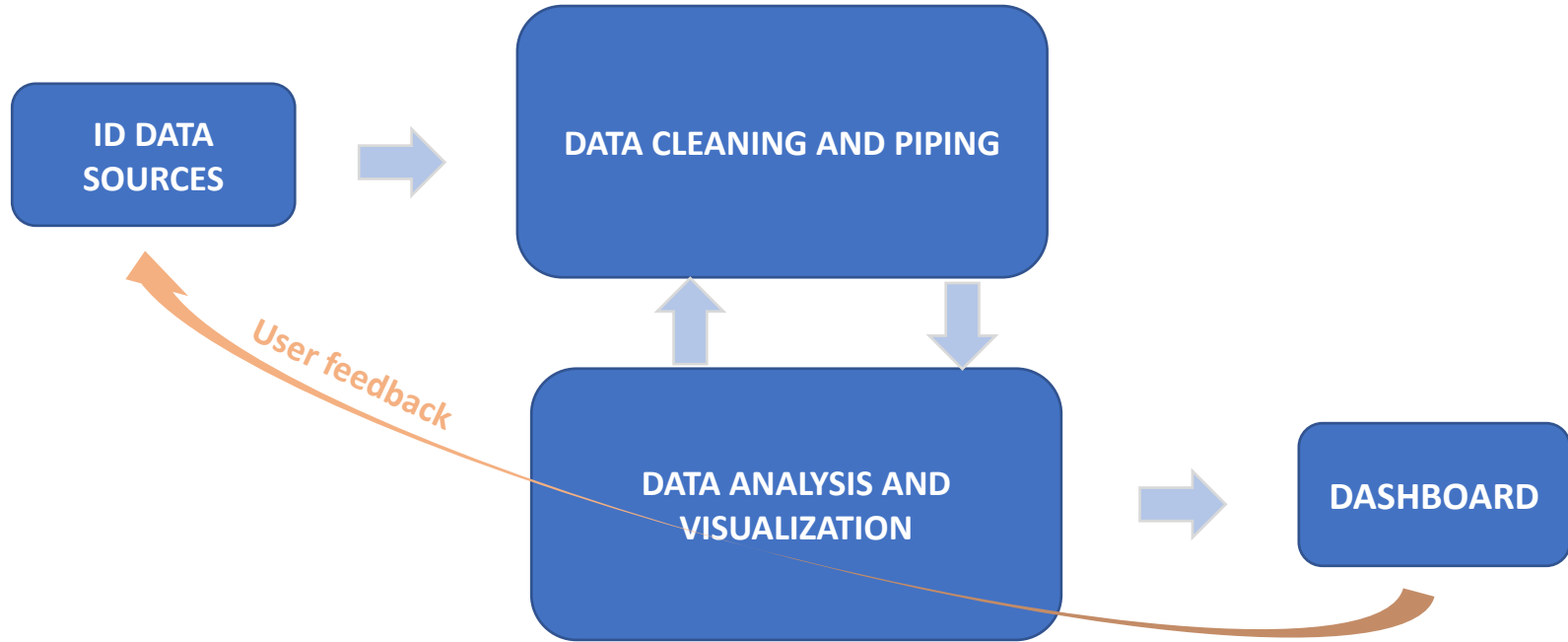
# ....and scale it to work effort....

*Expect data wrangling = 80% of your project.*

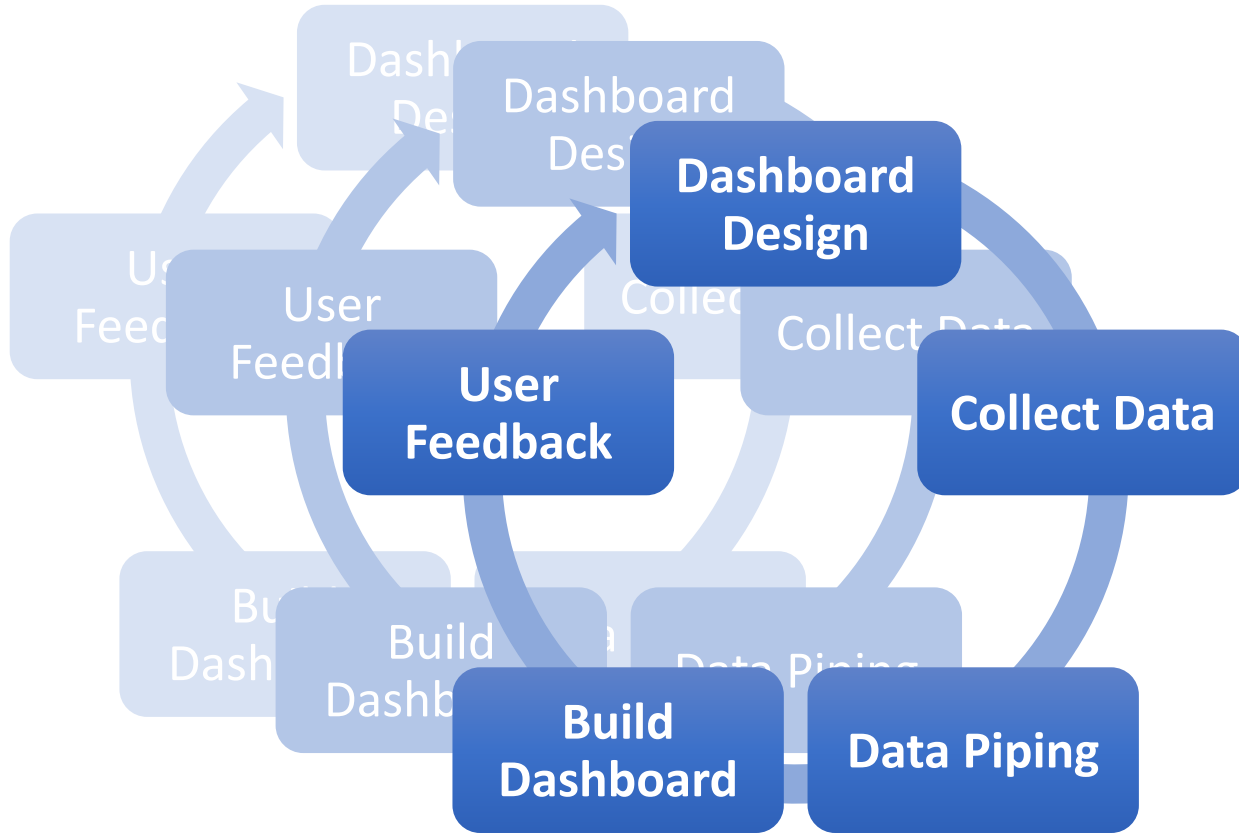


# ....and reflect iterative communication.

*Good dashboard development is Agile*



# Development Cycle

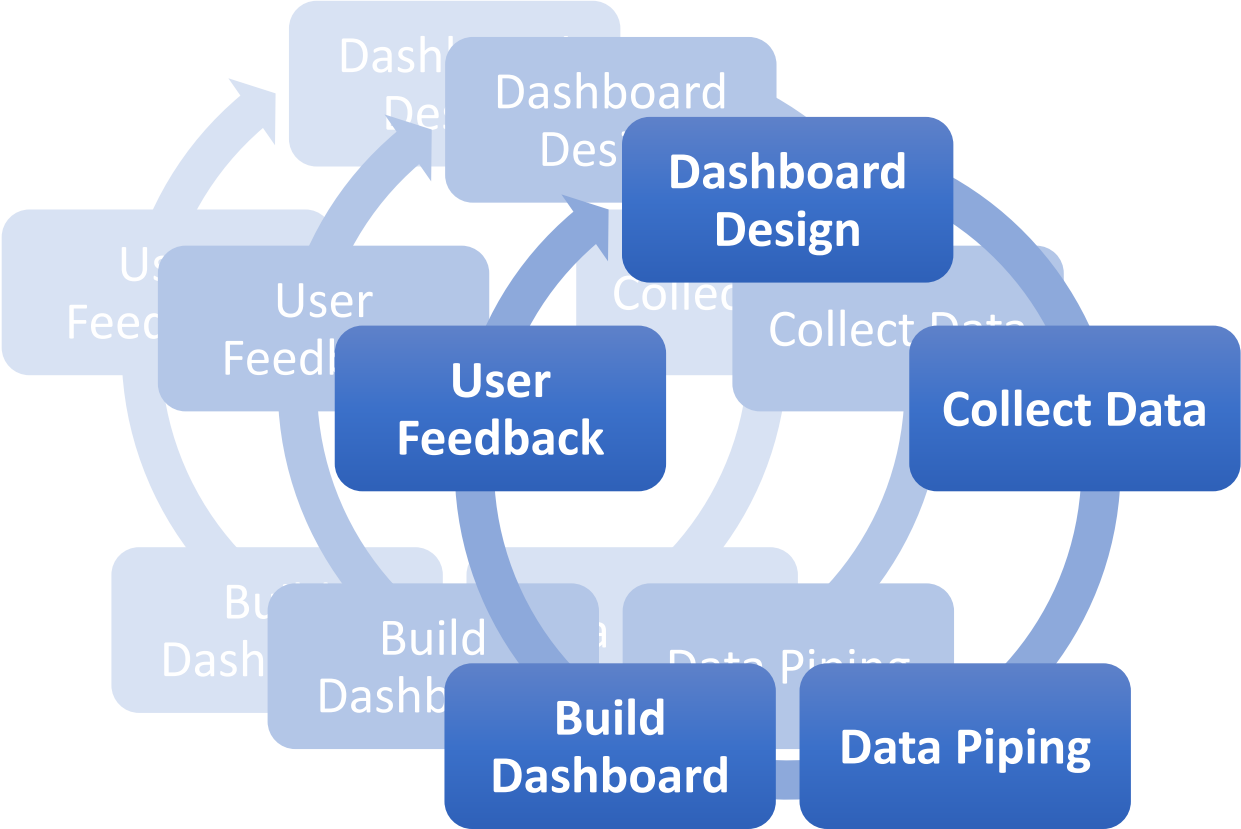


- Agile development is *iterative*.
- Quick cycling / rapid feedback.
- Keeps project from veering too far off course before a chance for correction.

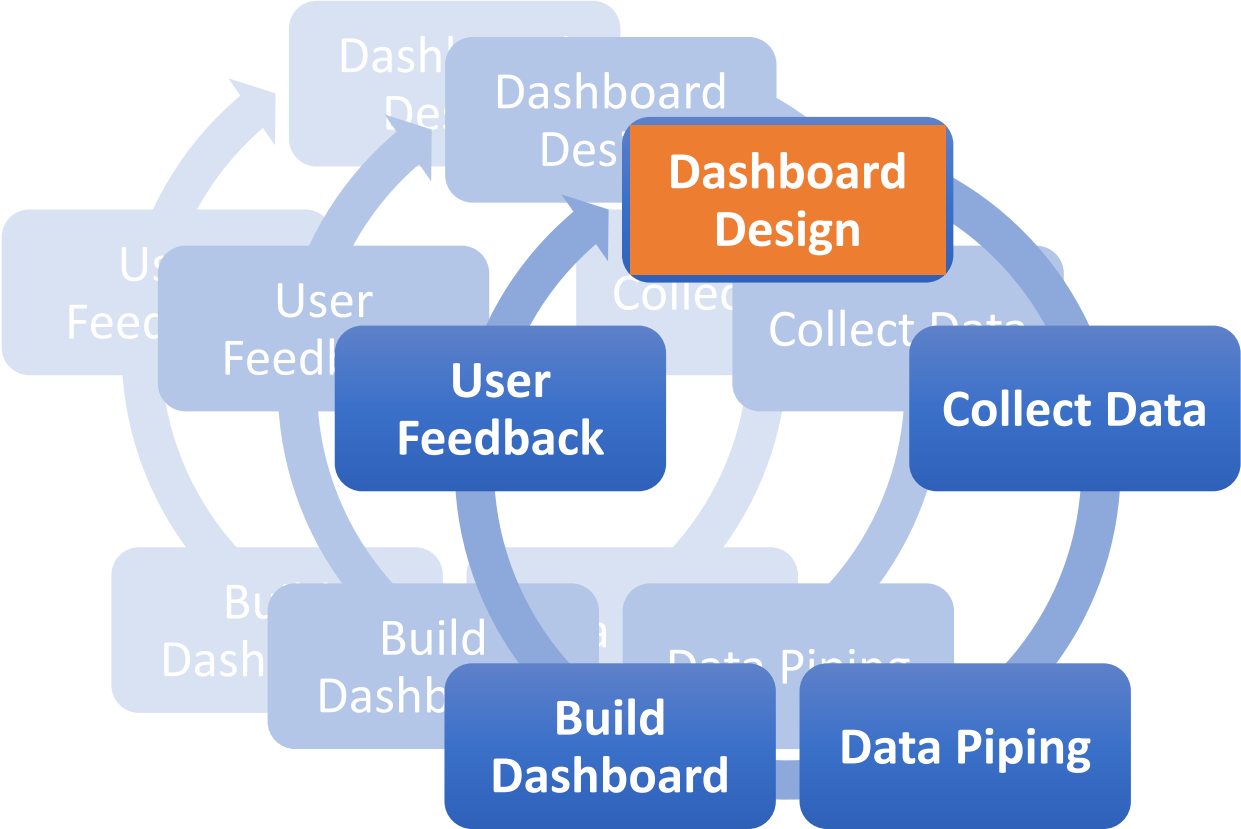


# Development Cycle

STEPS



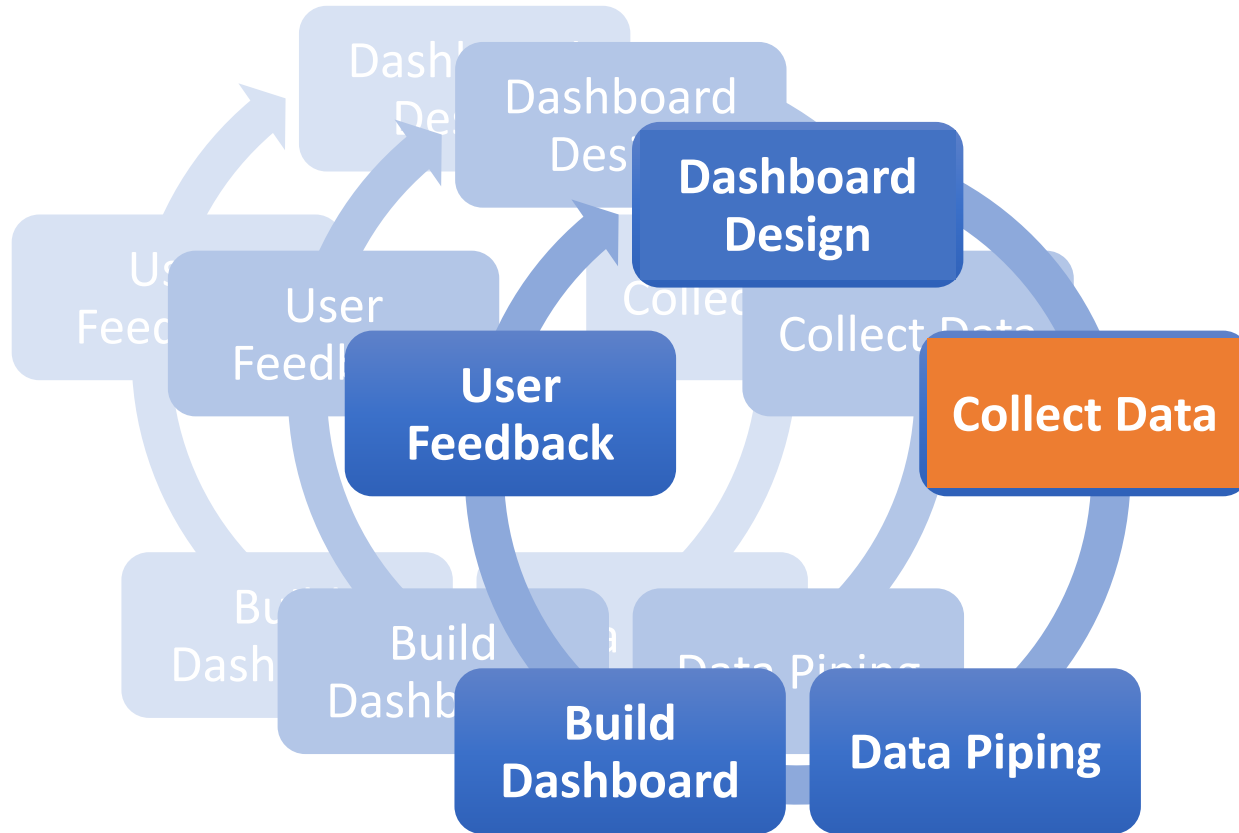
# Development Cycle



## STEPS

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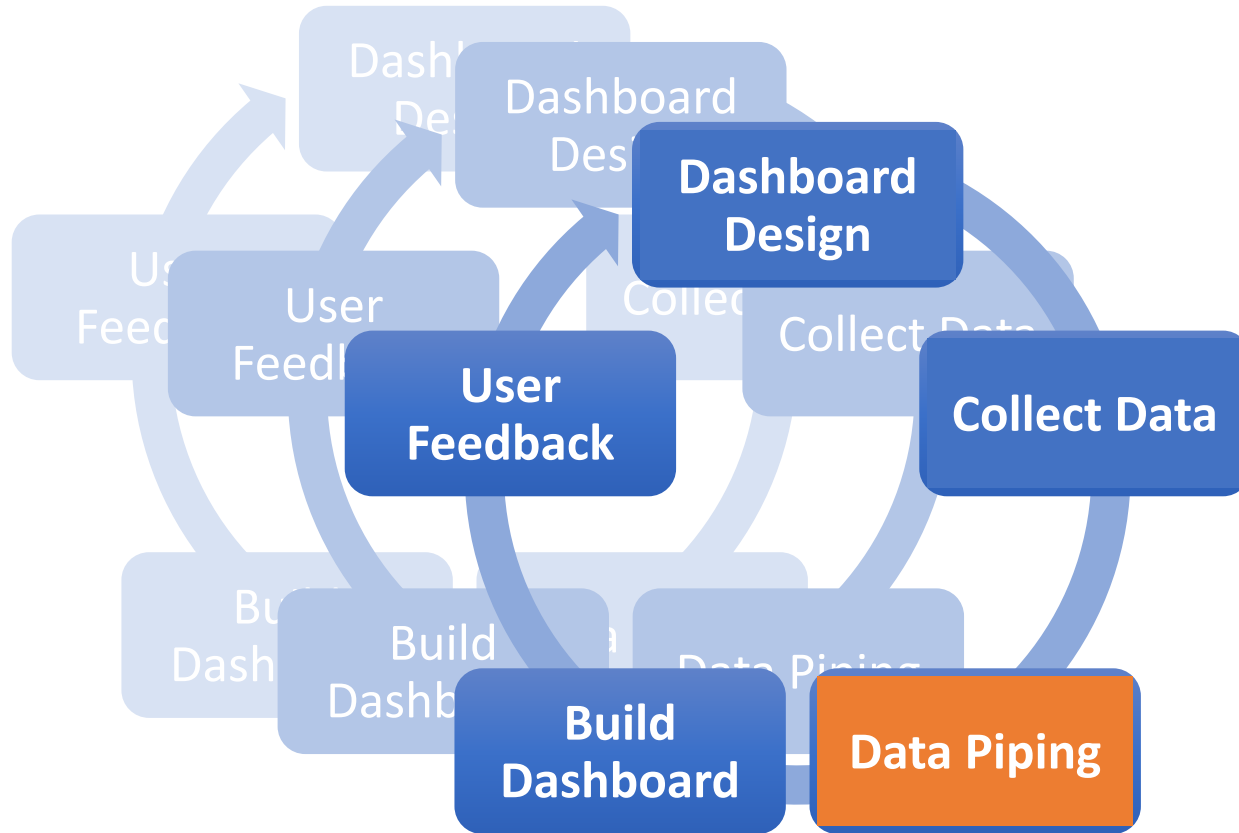
# Development Cycle



## STEPS

1. Basic design / purpose
2. **Get your data**

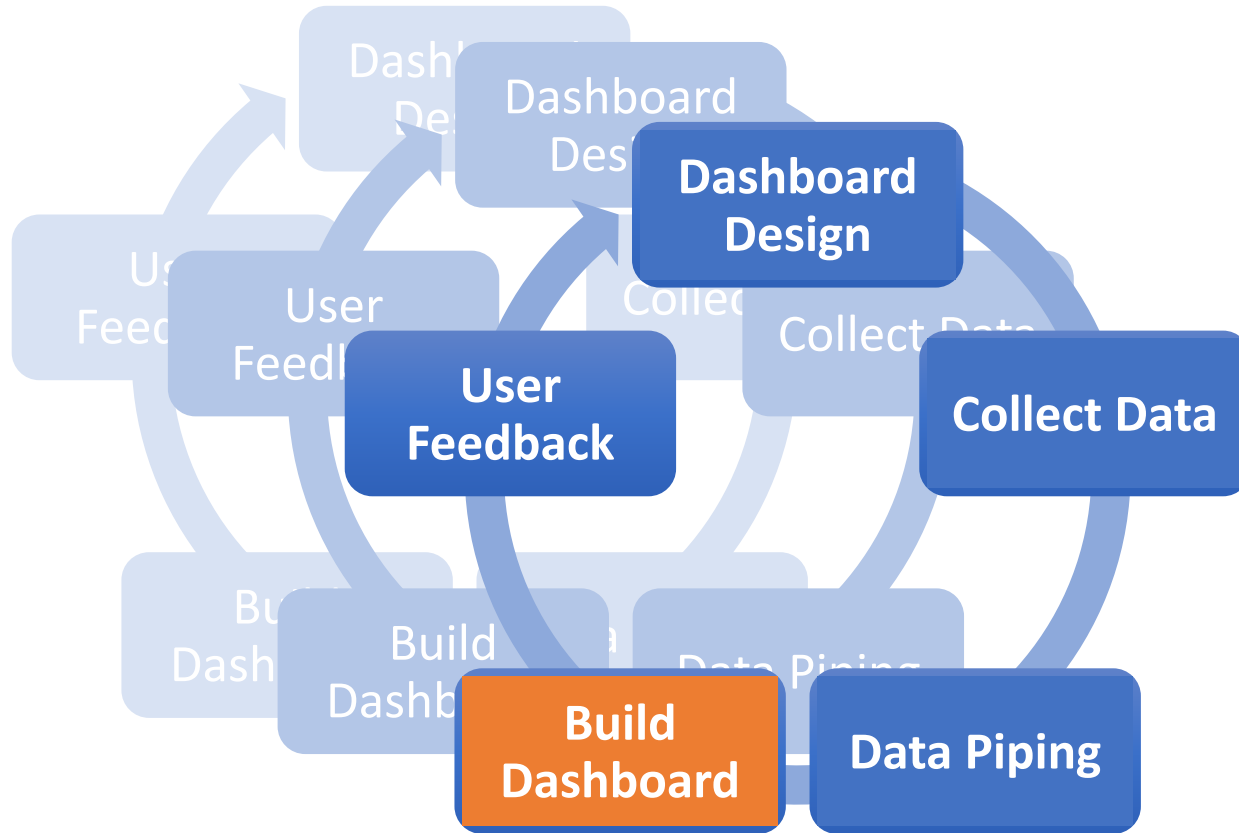
# Development Cycle



## STEPS

1. Basic design / purpose
2. Get your data
3. **Move, clean and shape the data.**

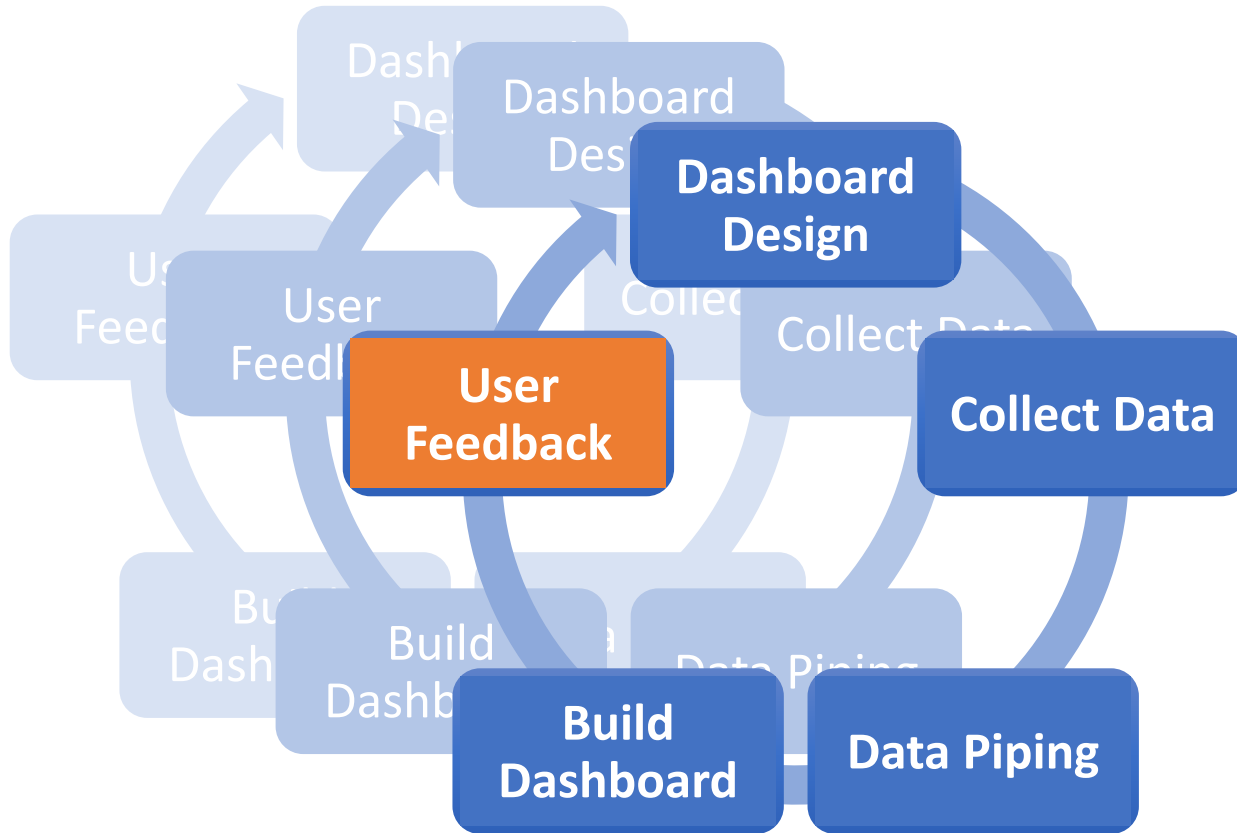
# Development Cycle



## STEPS

1. Basic design / purpose
2. Get your data
3. Move, clean and shape the data.
4. **Build and deploy data visualization dashboard**

# Development Cycle



## STEPS

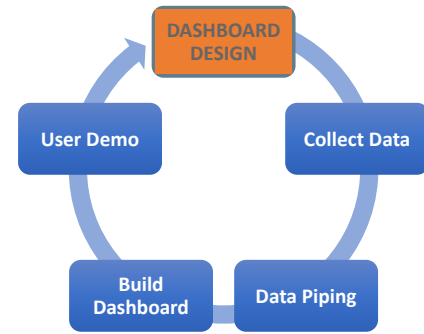
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3. Move, clean and shape the data.
4. Build and deploy data visualization dashboard
5. **Demo with User for feedback.**

*...and Repeat*

**Data to  
Dashboards:  
Workflow  
Steps -  
*Detailed***

# Dashboard Design

- A Dashboard frames the problem and tells the story in your data
  - Who – is the audience
  - What – information should they get from your dashboard
  - When – temporal connection between the dash and data [live vs not]
  - Where – platform, desktop vs. mobile
  - Why – goal for the whole project
- Data Visualization: the right chart for the need (see Resources)



**OUTPUT FROM STEP: Site mockup**

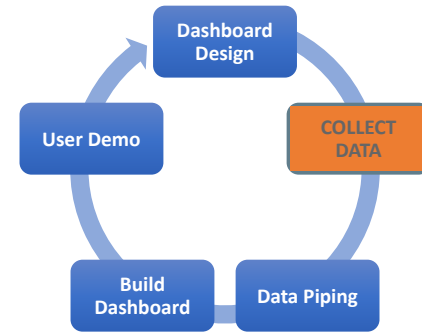
WHITEBOARD  
PEN AND PAPER



# Collect Data

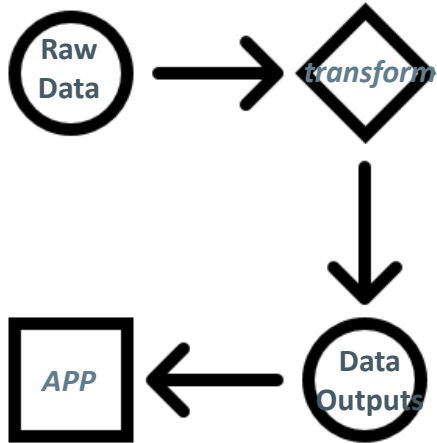
- What data do you have access to
- What questions do you \*want\* to ask of the data?
- What questions \*can\* you answer from the data you have?
- *"You can't always get what you want"*

***OUTPUT FROM STEP: Documentation, data dictionaries, file directory***



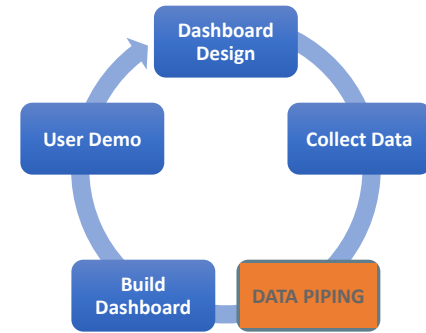
Github  
Google Drive  
Local File Directory

# Data Piping



- Take raw data in
- Write scripts for necessary data transformations
- Identify data storage locations
- Handle moving data between locations
- *Consider: data that changes over time*

***OUTPUT FROM STEP: scripts for transformation, output files, database connections***

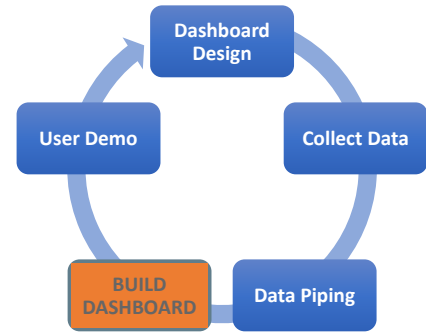


Github  
Conda  
Jupyter Notebook

# Build Dashboard

- Load outputs of data pipes into app
- Layout elements on page
- Wire-up User interactivity
  - Data filters
  - Selections
  - Changing elements

*Form follows Function*



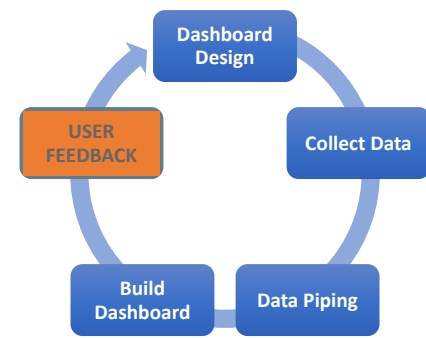
***OUTPUT FROM STEP: Code to build dashboard, deployed locally or to the cloud***

Dash  
IDE [Atom]  
Github

# User Feedback

- Demonstrate to Client / Users
  - Ideally deployed version that they can use
  - Try to WATCH user while they use system
  - Screenshots / PDF better than nothing
  - Collect feedback
- Integrate feedback into next iterative development cycle
- **KEY QUESTION:** DID DASHBOARD TELL THE STORY / AID THE DECISION

***OUTPUT FROM STEP: Documented feedback to inform next iterations of design***



Website [Heroku]  
Powerpoint  
PDF

# Data to Dashboards: Dash App Example

*Note: This example is written in Dash 2.0 and dash-bootstrap-components 1.0 (pre-release)*

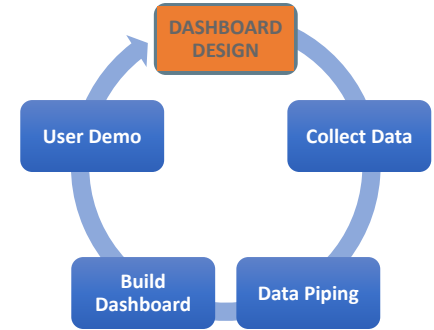
# 1. Dashboard Design

WHAT:

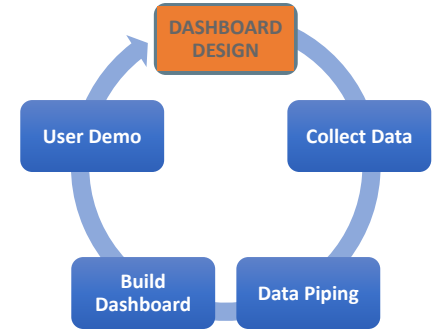
Dashboard to link TX residents with information for their US Congressional District

DESIRED ELEMENTS:

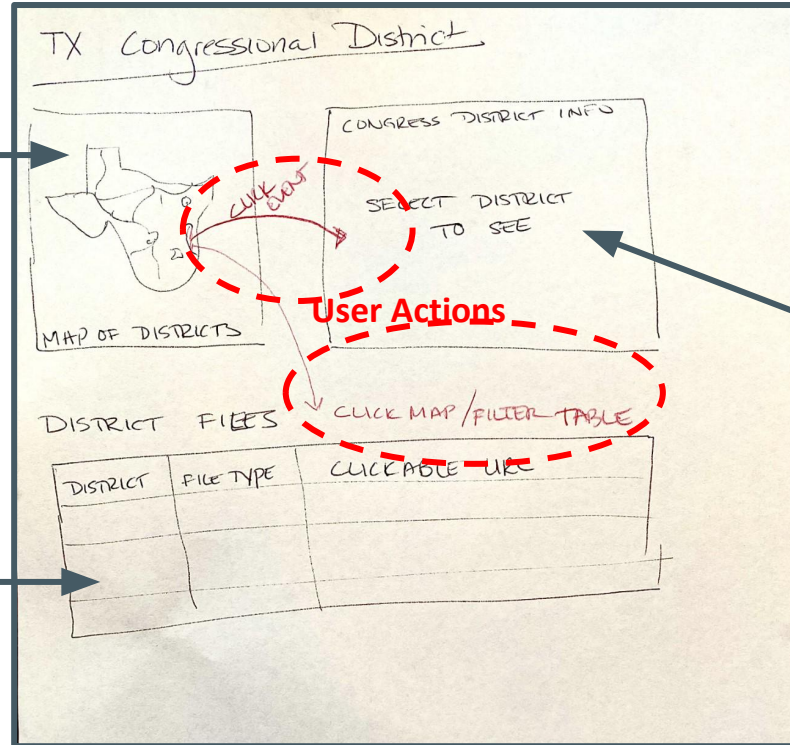
1. Selectable map of Congressional Districts
2. Display section for information related to selected District
3. Table of clickable links to access District Information Files



# 1. Dashboard Design: mock-up



1. Selectable Map



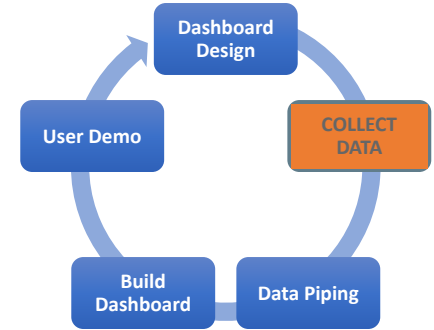
2. Table of District Files with linked URLs

3. District Specific Information

## 2. COLLECT DATA

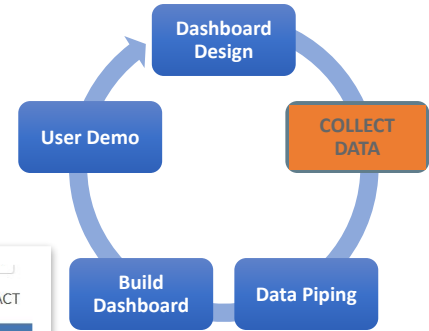
Identify online Data repositories.

- Geospatial data – Congressional District Geometries (map)
- PDF maps of individual districts
- Information on individual members  
*[data source identified, not yet collected]*





# 2. COLLECT DATA: Geospatial data



congressional district shapefiles

About 131,000 results (0.57 seconds)

<https://cdmaps.pollsci.ucla.edu> :  
**U.S. Congressional District Shapefiles** ✓  
This site provides digital boundary definitions for every U.S. Congressional District in use between 1789 and 2012. These were produced as part of NSF grant ...

<https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/tiger-line-shapefile-2...> :  
**TIGER/Line Shapefile, 2018, nation, US, 116th Congressional ...** ✓  
The 116th Congress is seated from January 2019 to 2021. The TIGER/Line shapefiles for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas (American ...  
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<https://www.census.gov/geo/carto-boundary-file> :  
**Cartographic Boundary Files - Shapefile - Census Bureau** ✓  
For state-based and national congressional district cartographic boundary files for the 103rd through 110th Congresses, see our FTP site.

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### TIGER/Line Shapefile, 2018, nation, U.S., 116th Congressional District National

Metadata Updated: January 15, 2021

The TIGER/Line shapefiles and related database files (.dbf) are an extract of selected geographic and cartographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Master Address File / Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (MAF/TIGER) Database (MTDB). The MTDB represents a seamless national file with no overlaps or gaps between parts, however, each TIGER/Line shapefile is designed to stand alone as an independent data set, or they can be combined to cover the entire nation. Congressional Districts are the 435 areas from which people are elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. After the apportionment of congressional seats among the States based on census population counts, each State is responsible for establishing congressional districts for the purpose of electing representatives. Each congressional district is to be as equal in population to all other congressional districts in a State as practicable. The 116th Congress is seated from January 2019 to 2021. The TIGER/Line shapefiles for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) each contain a single record for the non-voting delegate district in these areas. The boundaries of all other congressional districts reflect information provided to the Census Bureau by the states by May 1, 2018.

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Dataset extent

Access & Use Information

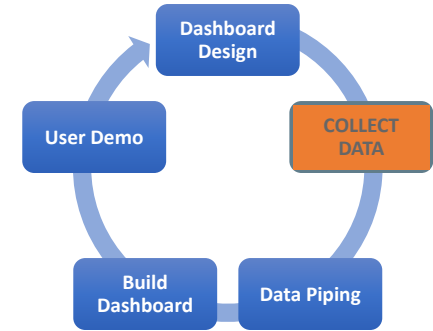
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Downloads & Resources

Shapefile Zip File  
tl\_2018\_us\_cd116.zip

Download

# 2. COLLECT DATA: District files



Current Districts

redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/Current-districts#us-congress-section

U.S. CONGRESS

The 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, enacted S.B. 4 (PLAN C235). The districts are identical to the interim plan, ordered by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, used in 2012 to elect members of the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress. This plan is effective January 2013. PLAN C2100 is the representation of the current congressional districts drawn on 2020 census geography.

Texas has 36 congressional districts, as determined by apportionment following the 2010 census. According to results of 2020 census congressional reapportionment, Texas will have 38 districts, and each district will have an ideal 2020 census population of 766,987.

Maps

- Statewide map
- District viewer interactive map: PLAN C2100
- District Nos. 1 - 36:  
District 20 ▾
- Additional maps

m1.pdf

wrm.capitol.texas.gov/fyiwebdocs/PDF/congress/dist20/m1.pdf

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 20

U.S. Congress

BANDERA

MEDINA

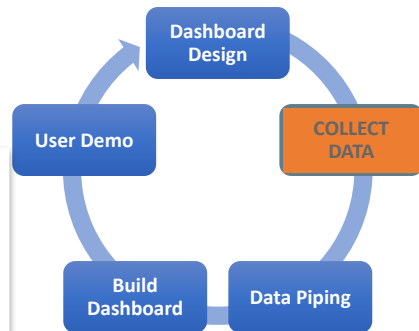
BEXAR

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio

Get links to Congressional District maps from redistricting.capitol.texas.gov site

## 2. COLLECT DATA: member info (to do)



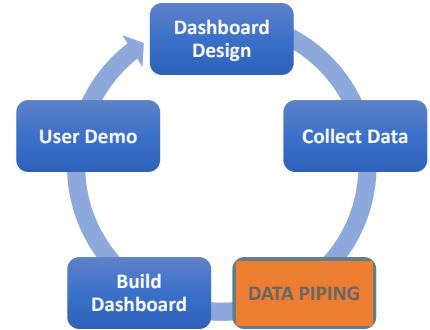
The screenshot shows the Congress.gov website with a search for members in Texas. The search results are filtered to show 824 members. A developer tool is open over the search results, showing the HTML structure of a member profile.

House members website

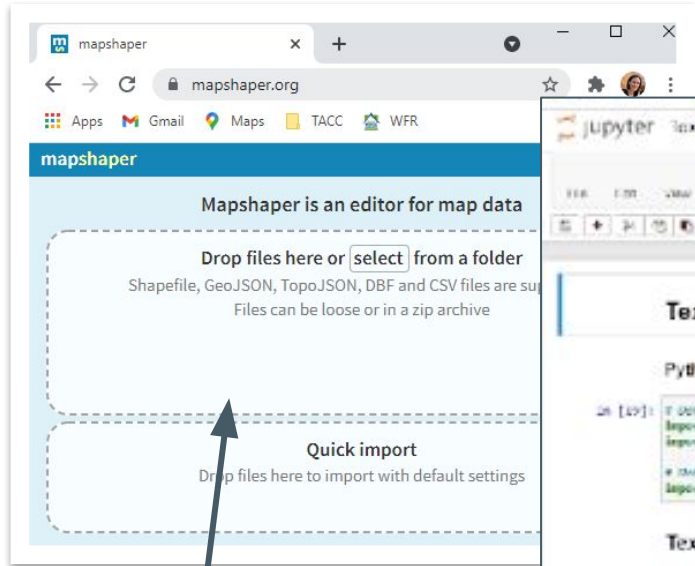
Examine content with developer tools to determine how to scrape site

# 3. DATA PIPING

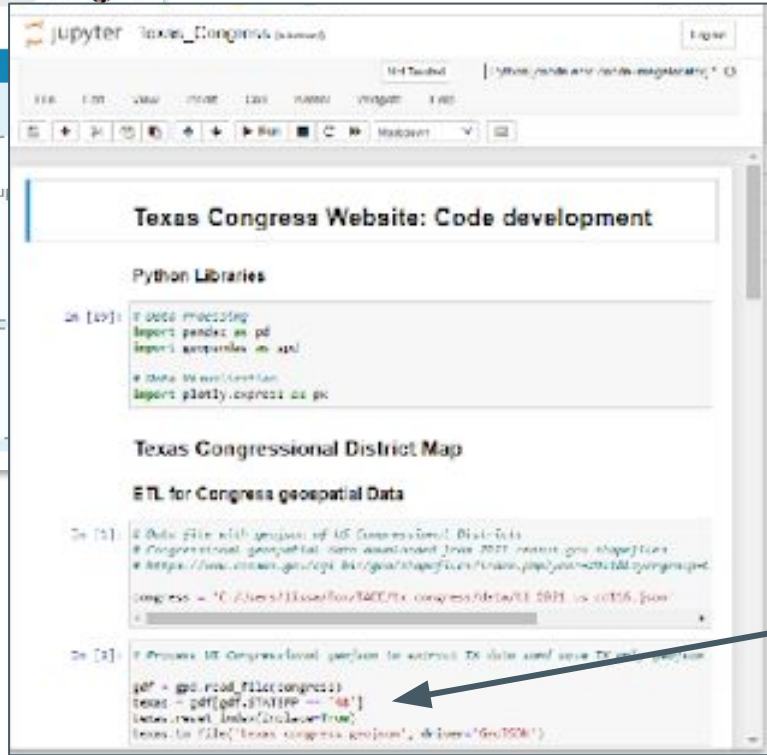
- For data that needs transformation: move data where needed, transform, save new data output
- Load data files in local data directory
- Jupyter notebook to perform data transformations and develop data visualizations



# 3. DATA PIPING: geospatial

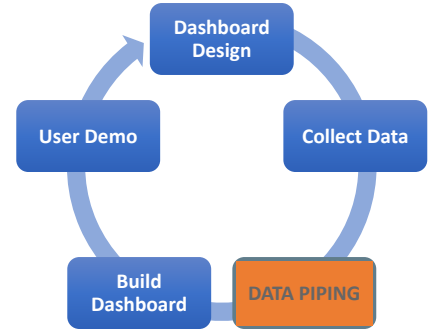


Import US district shapefile from Census to Mapshaper.org  
 geojson

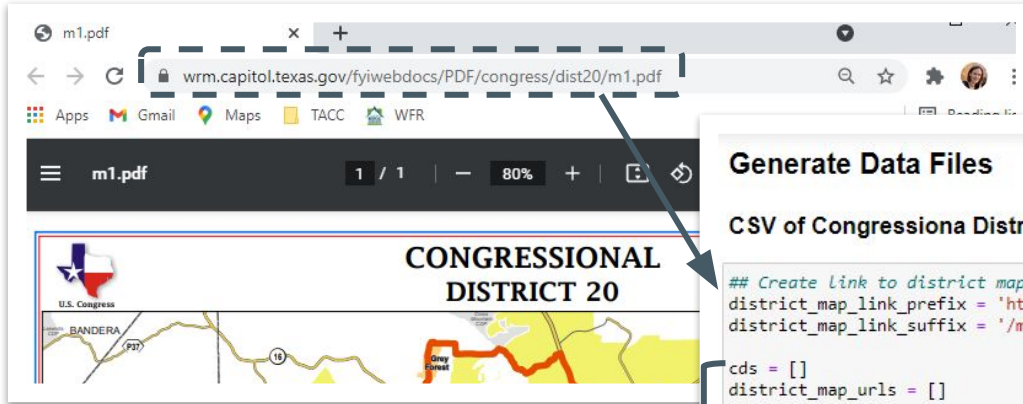
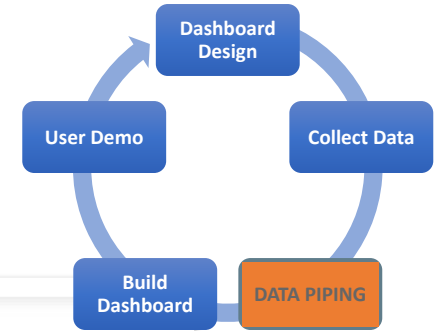


Use geopandas package in Jupyter notebook to extract Texas-only geojson

*Jupyter Notebook file available in assets folder of Github repo*



# 3. DATA PIPING: district maps file



1. Determine pattern to generate map url for each district

2. Generate dataframe of congressional district and links to file urls.

3. Export dataframe to csv file

## Generate Data Files

### CSV of Congressional District and Redistricting Map pdf

```
## Create link to district map
district_map_link_prefix = 'https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/fyiwebdocs/PDF/congres
district_map_link_suffix = '/m1.pdf'

cds = []
district_map_urls = []

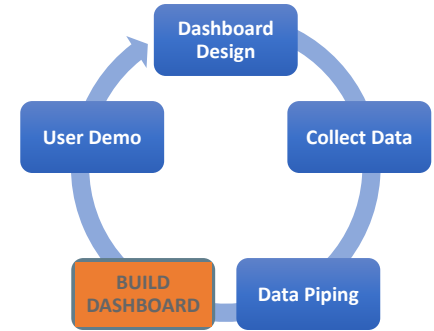
for i in range(1,37):
    cd = str(i)
    cd_url = ''.join([district_map_link_prefix,str(i),district_map_link_suffix])
    if len(cd) == 1:
        cd = '0' + cd
    cds.append(cd)
    district_map_urls.append(cd_url)

district_dict={'CD116FP' : cds,
              'district_map_url' : district_map_urls,
              'type' : 'map',
              'filetype' : '.pdf',
              'description' : 'District Map from https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov'
              }
district_files = pd.DataFrame(district_dict)

# Export data frame to csv
district_files.to_csv('district_files.csv')
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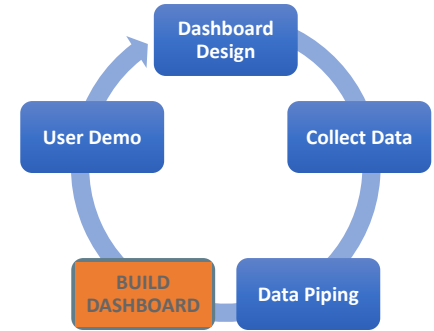
# 4. BUILD DASHBOARD

- Write Dash code in IDE of choice
- Parts of App.py File:
  1. Python libraries
  2. DATA Loading and DATA Visualizations
  3. APP Layout – layout elements of page, similar to html
  4. Callbacks – provide user interactivity / communication between elements
  5. Run App





# 4. BUILD DASHBOARD



## Develop Locally

1. Clone Github Repo [[mepearson/texas\\_congress](https://github.com/mepearson/texas_congress)]
2. Create and launch virtual environment
3. Develop changes locally using IDE of choice [atom, vstudio, etc.]
4. Command Line: > python app.py

## Deploy to Heroku

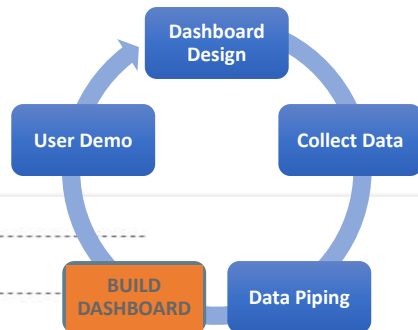
1. Push changes to Github
2. Create site on Heroku linked to Github repo
3. Manually Deploy



# 4. BUILD DASHBOARD: layout & callbacks

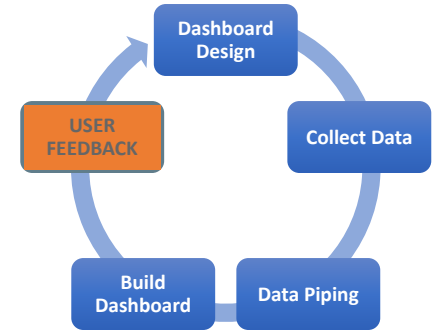
```
76 # -----
77 # APP Layout
78 # -----
79
80 external_stylesheets = [dbc.themes.LITERA]
81
82 app = Dash(__name__, external_stylesheets=external_stylesheets)
83
84 app.layout = html.Div([
85     dbc.Row([
86         html.H2('Texas Congressional District Information'),
87     ]),
88     dbc.Row([
89         dbc.Col([
90             dcc.Graph(
91                 id='graph-map',
92                 figure=map_fig,
93             ),
94         ],width=4),
95         dbc.Col([
96             html.Div(id='div-map-select'),
97             html.Div('Maps from https://redistricting.capitol.gov'),
98         ],width=8),
99     ]),
100 ],),
101 dbc.Row([
102     dbc.Col([
103         html.Div(id='div-files'),
104     ])
105 ])
106 ])
107
```

```
109 # -----
110 # CALLBACKS
111 # -----
112
113 @callback(
114     Output('div-map-select', 'children'),
115     Output('div-files', 'children'),
116     Input('graph-map', 'clickData'))
117 def update_figure(clickData):
118     # Data for table of files
119     table_data_cols = ['Congress', 'State', 'District', 'File']
120     table_data = district_files[table_data_cols]
121
122     if clickData is None:
123         div_map = html.P('Select a Congressional district from the map at left to load the District Map')
124
125
126     # If District selected in map, display specialty map and filter files list
127     else:
128         # get value of district selected
129         cd = clickData['points'][0]['customdata'][0]
130         if cd[0] == '0': # remove leading 0
131             cd = cd[1:]
132         # get link to District map for selected district
133         cd_link = ''.join([district_map_link_prefix, cd, district_map_link_suffix])
134         div_map = html.Embed(src=cd_link, width="600", height="600", type="application/pdf")
135         # filter files table to district
```



# 5. USER FEEDBACK

- Formal vs. Informal
- Decide how will collect feedback
- Set a process to track and prioritize feedback [spreadsheet, github issues, etc.]
- Use this to assign tasks
- Product Management is key. Tasks should have clear decision makers / authority for action.



**Data to  
Dashboards:  
DATA PIPING**

# Data Cleaning and Wrangling

- "You can't always get what you need"
- Data arrives in many – usually Messy! - forms
- Data dashboards require standardized data
- Clean and wrangle what you get --> what you need
- What you need:
  - Quality controlled data...
  - Where you can access it..
  - In the right structure.

*Garbage in --> Garbage out*

# Quality Control Data

- If collecting your own data: make sure it's good.
- Pre-existing data:
  - review for quality [assess provider, etc.]
  - handle missing values
- Cite your data. Track sources and date acquired.

# Move and Shape your data [ETL]

- ETL has specific meaning, but abstract concept useful here
- ETL = Extract, Transform, Load
- Extract data from data sources [websites, databases, files]
- Transform data into the necessary format
  - Clean – handle null values and bad data
  - Shape – wrangle data into required structure
- Load data into intermediate repository [database, file] or directly into dashboard

# Shaping data: make it 'Tidy'

- Everything assumes clean structured data, usually in 'Tidy' format
- Concepts language agnostic – learn on what you know best
- See 'Resources' slides for in depth discussion and references

# TIDY Data: what it is

Each variable  
is a column.

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	17245	19987071
Afghanistan	2000	1666	20595360
Brazil	1999	37737	172006362
Brazil	2000	80488	17404898
China	1999	212258	1272915272
China	2000	210766	128042583

variables

Each observation  
is a row.

country	year	cases	population
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observations

Each value  
is a cell.

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	99	725	987071
Afghanistan	00	666	595360
Brazil	99	737	006362
Brazil	00	488	504898
China	99	2258	915272
China	00	766	42583

values



# Shaping data: how to make it 'Tidy'

How to Tidy data: tools available

- R: Tidyverse packages
- Python: pandas and associated packages
- Excel: pivot tables and other built in functions to add text

# **Data to Dashboards: Resources**

## Data Management

- R for Data Science. Code in R / concepts useful any language  
[Welcome | R for Data Science \(had.co.nz\)](https://www.had.co.nz/)
- Blog Overview (easy read): [Tidy data for efficiency, reproducibility, and collaboration \(openscapes.org\)](https://openscapes.org/)
- Original paper by Hadley Wickham (founder of R) who pioneered the concept of tidy data:
  - Official Paper: [Tidy data \(had.co.nz\)](https://www.had.co.nz/)
  - informal and example code heavy (in R) version: [Tidy data • tidyr \(tidyverse.org\)](https://www.tidyverse.org/)

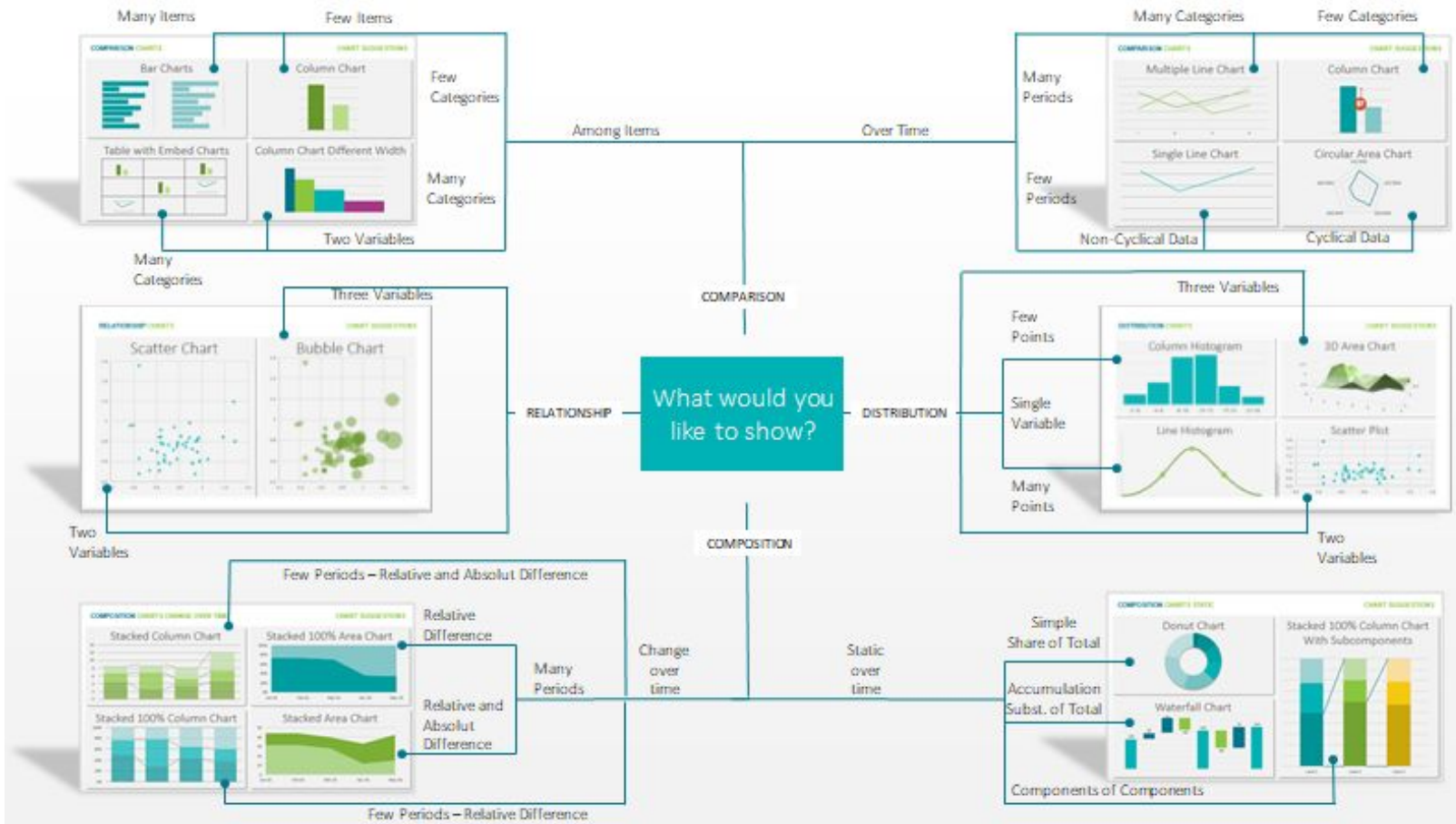
## Data Visualization

- Chart Chooser — Juice Analytics - <https://www.juiceanalytics.com/chartchooser>
- Plotly graphing library - <https://plotly.com/python/>

## Dash App

- Dash App documentation - <https://dash.plotly.com/>
- Deploy to Heroku
  - integration from github [<https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/github-integration>]
  - Dash guidance / command line (scroll past Enterprise information to Heroku / free section) - <https://dash.plotly.com/deployment>

# Dashboard Design: Chart Selection



# Questions and Concerns

Next Training Sessions:

- **Beginning to End Project Example** - [10/28/21]

- **Kick-Off** - [11/4/21]

Schedule:

<https://jeaimehp.github.io/HackHPC-HPCintheCity21/>

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