

We Don't Do That Any More

Because doing the wrong thing better is, technically...**Doing the Wrong Thing**

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If You Start With A Drucker Quotation, It Can't Be Dumb

“There is nothing quite so useless,
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What Are The Dumb Things We're Doing?*

A – Assuming

B – Bridging

C – Coding

D – Debugging

E – Estimating & Extrapolating

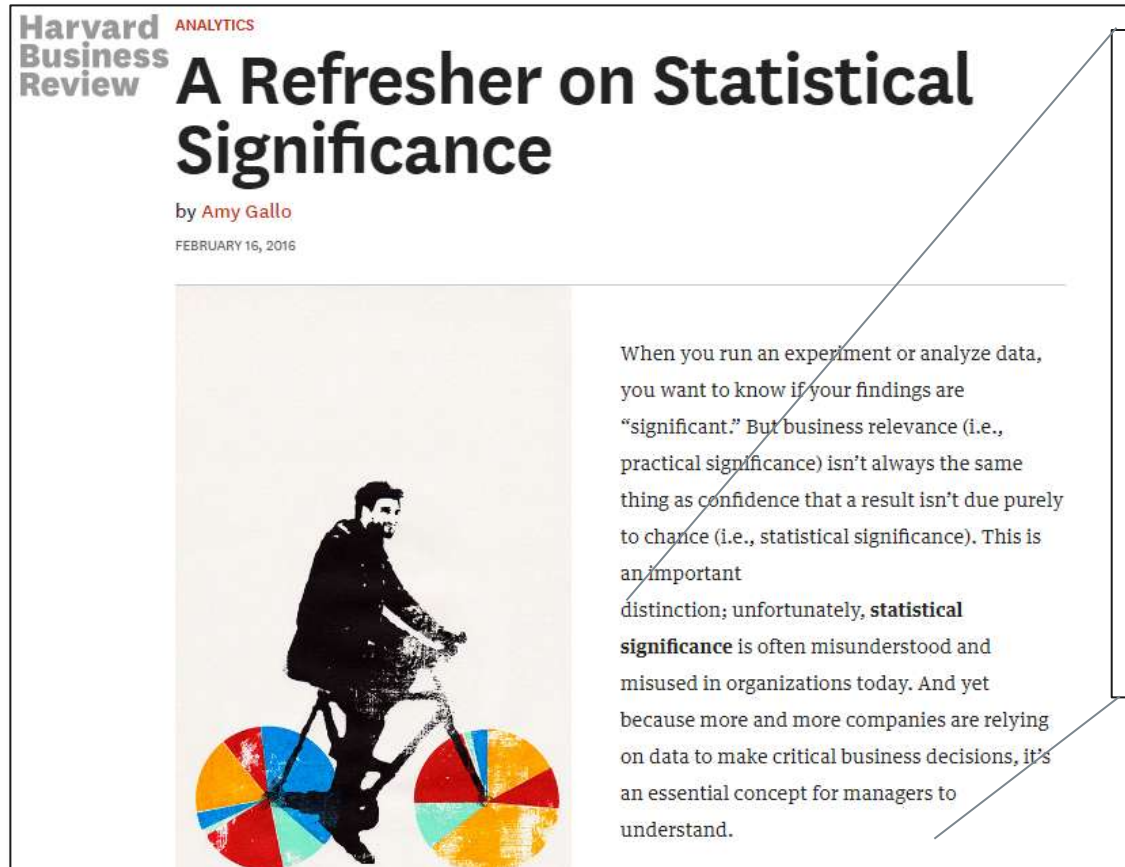
* Short forms for convenient reference. Details to come.



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distinction; unfortunately, **statistical significance** is often misunderstood and misused in organizations today. And yet because more and more companies are relying on data to make critical business decisions, it's an essential concept for managers to understand.

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“The distributed ledger makes it easier to create cost-efficient business networks where **virtually anything of value can be tracked and traded**—without requiring a central point of control.”

- developer.ibm.com/bluemix/2016/05/09/blockchain-on-bluemix-now-beta/



Salesforce Open-API architecture grabs the future of data



“The Salesforce.com¹ platform can push and pull data from the Blockchain APIs used on the web application built on Heroku with Node.js.

“Using the CRM software, businesses that operate with a Bitcoin License can generate reports on their customers, their Bitcoin transactions, their tax requirements on capital gains; and pull all of this data from blockchain APIs.

“The power is in the endless capabilities of Salesforce¹ and the real-time data intensive transaction data built on Node.js. There is so much data available from the Blockchain.”

- <https://domsteil.com/tag/bitcoin-and-salesforce/>

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Why Began With “”: Silos Were the Side Effects

Processes captured data from activities

Programmers wrapped that data in code



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Silos fragmented process & identity

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We "keep the books" of business and society in ways that destroy much of the value of what we know; we can do better

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Is future success about “learning to code”?



Long-Haul “Driver”: \$90k/year



F1 “Driver”: \$30 million per year

Uber “Driver”: \$34k/year*



I can't recommend becoming a “coder”



* www.buzzfeed.com/johanabhuiyan/what-uber-drivers-really-make-according-to-their-pay-stubs

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This is Game Theory: we should

- Deter
- Deceive
- Defend
- Detect
- Develop

Game theory is "the study of mathematical models of conflict and cooperation between intelligent rational decision-makers."



Someday, You Will Be Hacked. Design For That Day.

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Safe as houses: how the super-rich make their homes super-secure

Hugo Cox

From face-recognition cameras to blast-resistant windows, the wealthy are going to greater lengths to protect their properties



“If you still hanker for a good old-fashioned safe, make sure it has two codes: one for normal use, the other for when you’re being forced to open it, simultaneously alerting the police or your security team.”

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How to Share a Secret

Adi Shamir
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

In this paper we show how to divide data D into n pieces in such a way that D is easily reconstructable from any k pieces, but even complete knowledge of $k - 1$ pieces reveals absolutely no information about D . This technique enables the construction of robust key management schemes for cryptographic systems that can function securely and reliably even when misfortunes destroy half the pieces and security breaches expose all but one of the remaining pieces.

Key Words and Phrases: cryptography, key management, interpolation

- (1) knowledge of any k or more D_i pieces makes D easily computable;
- (2) knowledge of any $k - 1$ or fewer D_i pieces leaves D completely undetermined (in the sense that all its possible values are equally likely).

Such a scheme is called a (k, n) threshold scheme.

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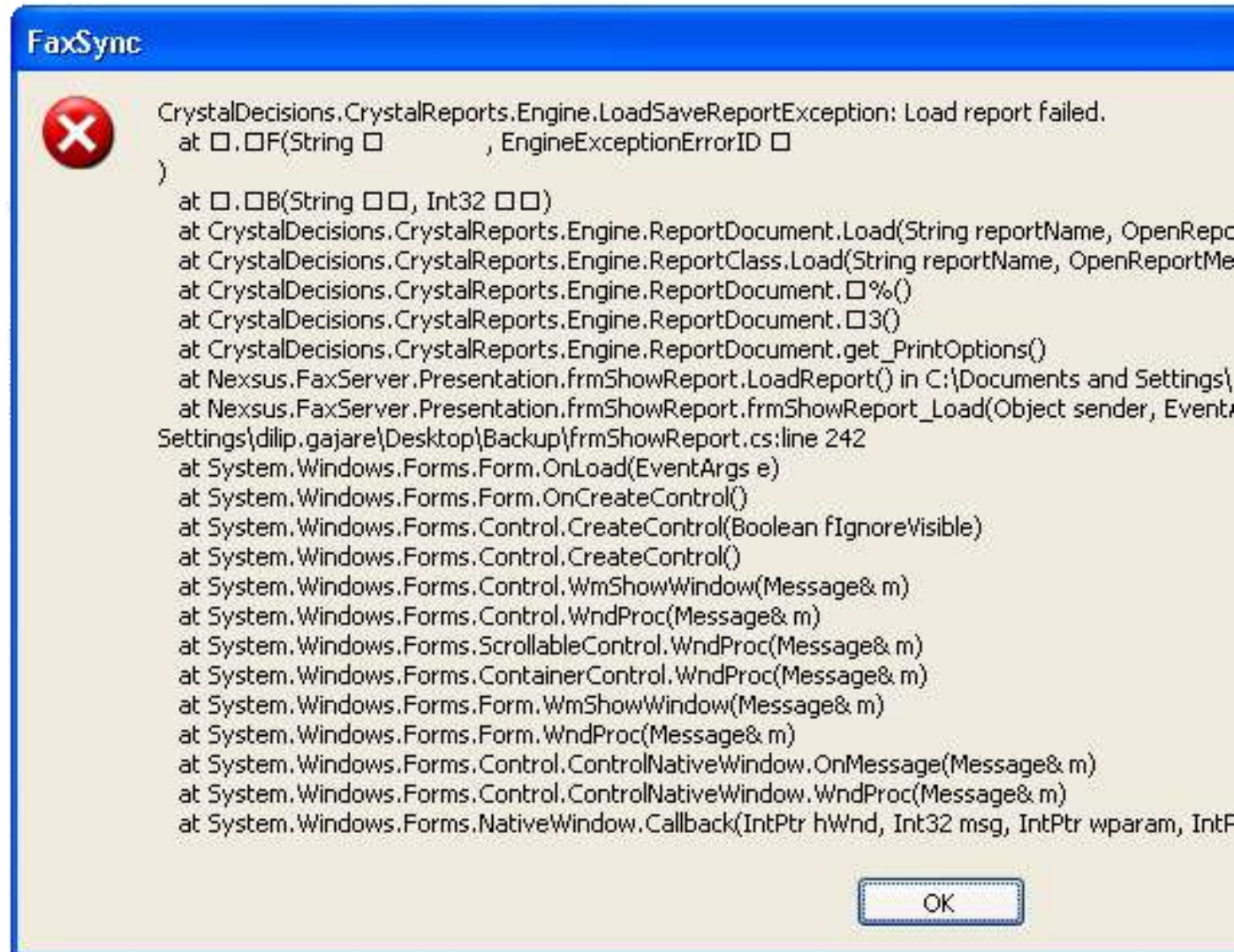
Estimation & Extrapolation: We Should Measure and Model

All existing market research spends too much to (mis)learn too little



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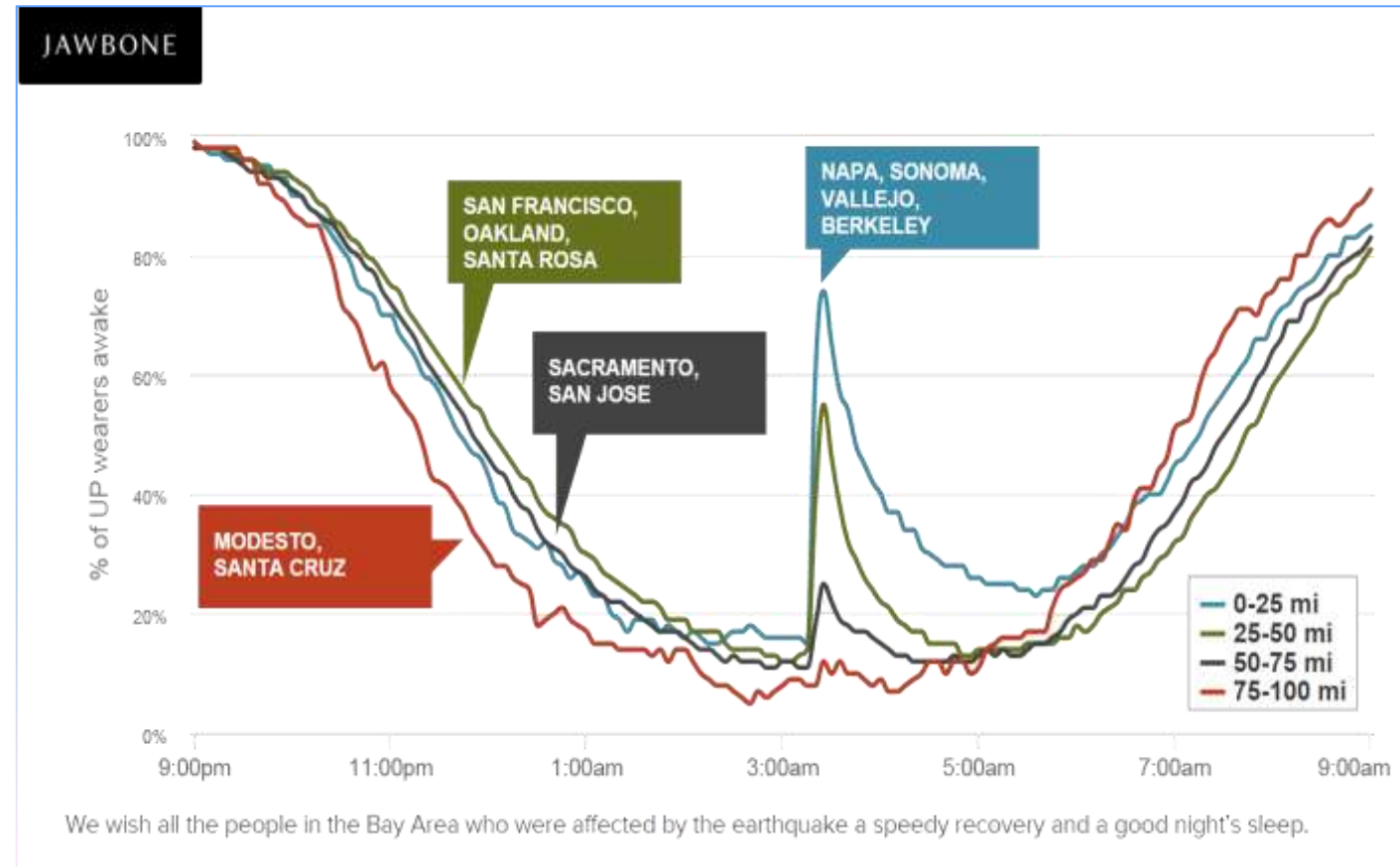
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- Statistical significance emerges much sooner with accurate, timely collection at global scale



Don't Talk to Me About “Digital Transformation.”

Making it ‘Digital’ is just the beginning

The *reason* to make it digital is to make it
computable and transformable

The stuff you think is cool today
is tomorrow’s 1984 Macintosh



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We will do things indistinguishable from magic...

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...but we're still working on getting the *simple* things right.

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“If you want something new,
you have to stop doing
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“Management is doing things right;
leadership is doing
the right things.”

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- A – **Assuming & Optimizing** instead of **Assessing and Adapting**
- B – **Bridging Isolations** instead of **Chaining Collaborations**
- C – **Coding** instead of **Composing**
- D – **Debugging Brittleness** instead of **Gaming for Resilience**
- E – **Estimating & Extrapolating** instead of **Measuring & Modeling**

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