

What really is "big data"?

Big Data, the Internet of Things, Cloud and all that

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Datalytyx two minute overview





- 8 years in business privately owned
- Mix of Data Architects, Data Engineers & Data Scientists

Focus on delivering:

- Data Centric Solutions, Data Quality and MDM
- Data Engineering & Data Analytics
- Real-time data pipelines & processing

Head Office in Central London

- Second office in Surrey
- Offshore team

High profile customers & industry leading technology partners

- Snowflake Rockies Partner, 2018
- Talend Partner of the Year 2016, 2017 and 2018





































Let's just slow down a minute

- ★ We've had data for ages what's different now?
 - ★ The data explosion
 - → The ingredients: data sources, the Internet, processing/storage
 - ₹ The result
- **₹ How data solutions are evolving**
- ★ What should a business consider?
- **₹ Defining some terms**
- **₹ Points to take away**





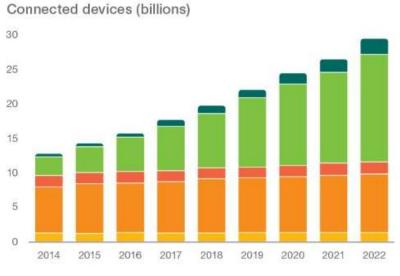
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...what's different now?

The data explosion

More data was created in 2017 than the previous 5,000 years of humanity





		2016	2022	CAGR
Œ,	Wide-area IoT	0.4	2.1	30%
9	Short-range IoT	5.2	16	20%
	PC/laptop/tablet	1.6	1.7	0%
	Mobile phones	7.3	8.6	3%
	Fixed phones			0%
		16 billion	29 billion	10%



The ingredients

₹ Just imagine if:

- ★ There's no need to imagine for most of us this is already true
- **₹ And it's also amazingly cheap**
- ₹ Let's look at how this has happened:

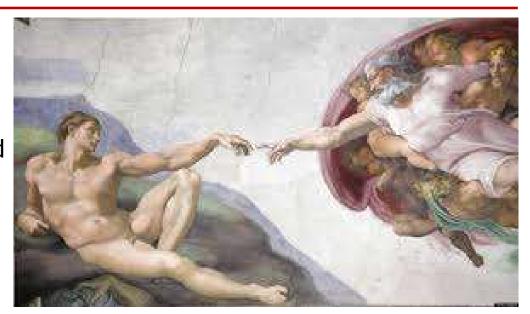
 - ₹ Communication
 - ₹ Processing & storage



The ingredients

₹ Just imagine if:

- * there was limitless storage and processing power everywhere, and
- you could receive or send data from anywhere to anywhere else instantly
- ★ There's no need to imagine for most of us this is already true
- [⋆] And it's also amazingly cheap





Ways to make data





1990's



2000's







2010's



The Internet

- → Born "Arpanet", the Internet emerged as de facto interconnect for everything.
- ₹ Everything's gone digital:
 - ₹ The written word:
 - ★ Email boom: 1990 to 2000
 - - ⊀ Skype (2000)

 - → DAB radio / Radio players
 - ✓ Video:
 - ★ Freeview (2001)
 - ★ BBC iPlayer (2003)
 - → Netflix
- ₹ Throughout, the telco's have kept up, supplying bandwidth to meet demand.

Ways to Process Data

→ Processing/storage

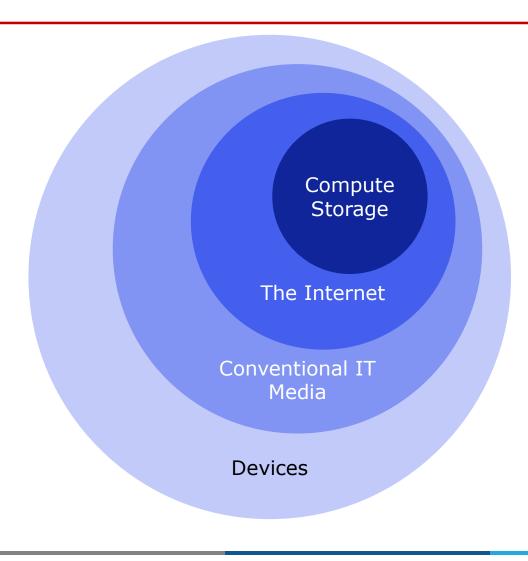
- ✓ Ultra cheap memory/disk
- Amazing amounts of CPU power

₹ Virtualization

- Allowing access to this power on an on-demand basis



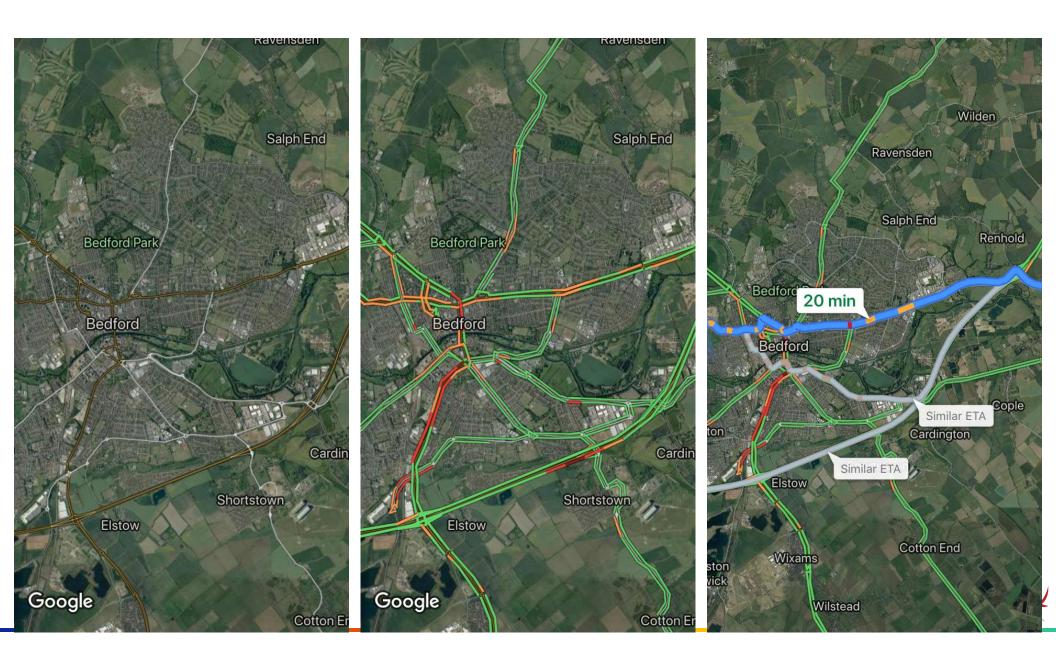
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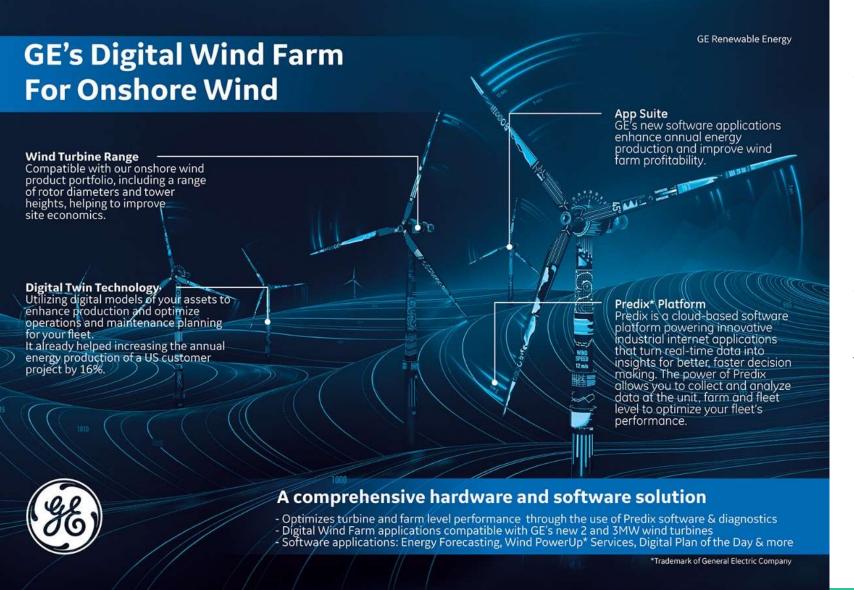






How data solutions are evolving





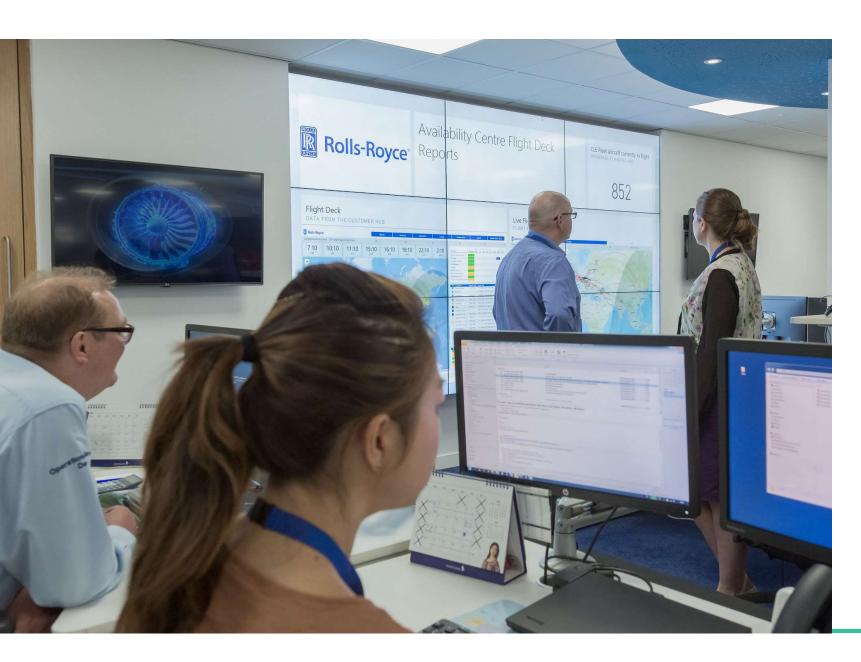
Wind turbine telemetry

Captured, monitored and used to direct maintenance crews

Only visit turbines when necessary

"Predictive maintenance"





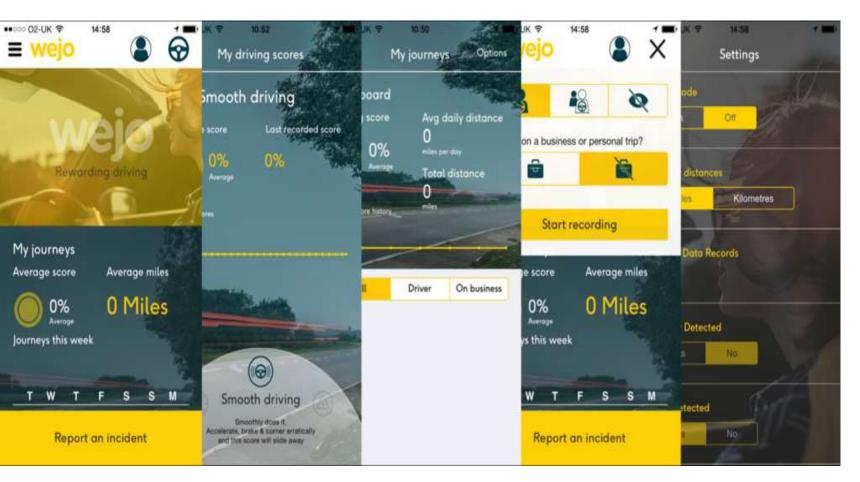
Jet engine telemetry

Captured, monitored and used to direct Rolls Royce maintenance engineers

RR sell engines as a service, not as assets

"Servitization"





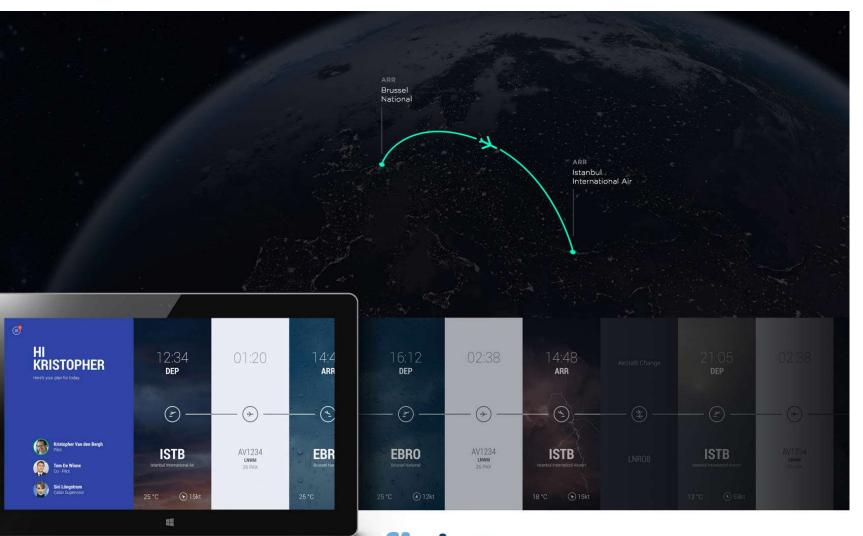
Wejo collect car location and driving behaviour

Anonymized and sent to insurers, retailers and manufacturers

Drivers receive rewards, e.g. free parking, coffee vouchers

"Rewarding driving"





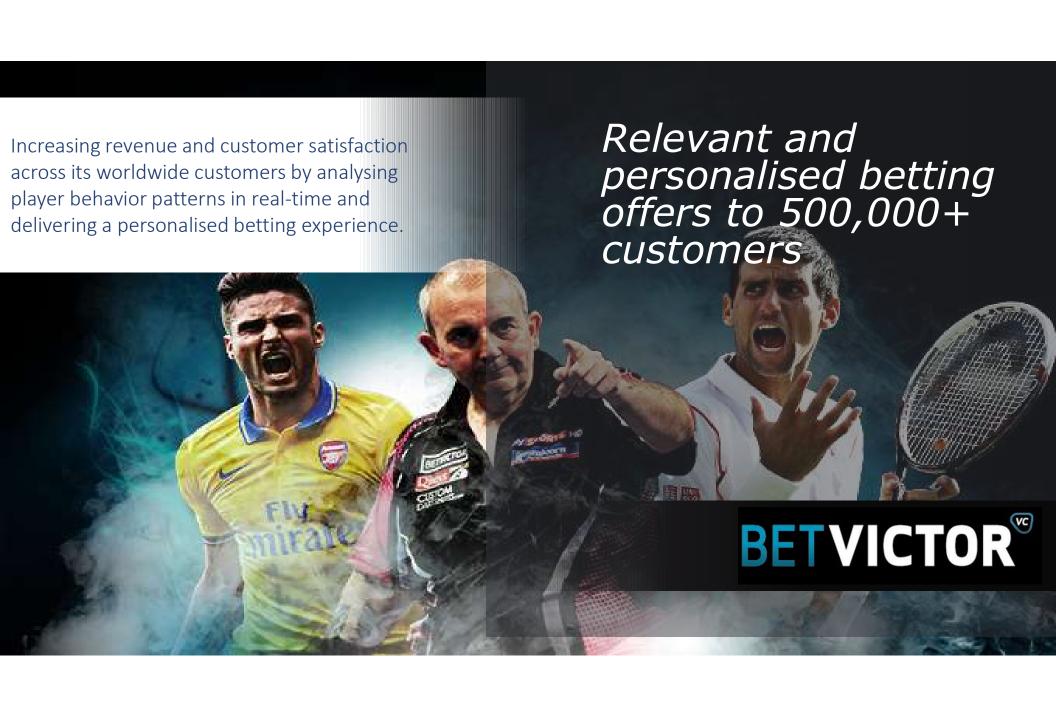
Flybe crew receive daily itinery / plane assignments via iPad

Calculate load sheets for each flight

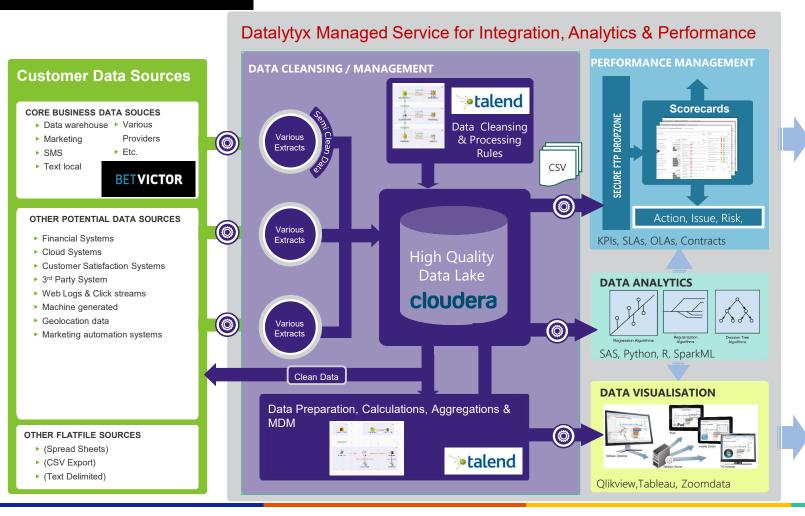
Log incidents

Integrated with back-end information systems by Datalytyx





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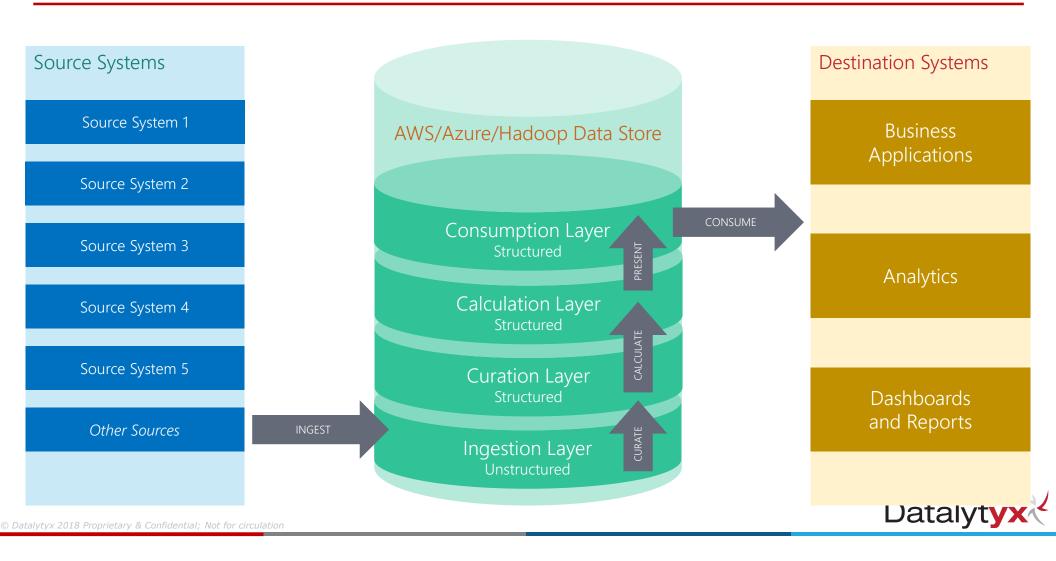
Performance Scorecard



Analytics Dashboards



Modern Data Warehouse Architecture





Go Cloud: buy basic IT services from the cloud Be "Data First"

Think about a data future



₹ Go Cloud: buy basic IT services from the cloud

- You don't own your own generator to make electricity for your office

- ✓ Use the SAAS offering from all your business software providers.



₹ Be "Data First"

- Pool data about customers into one place, to make a "single view of the customer"
- * Ask yourself if data can help you run your operations more efficiently
- ▼ Be prepared for data protection questions and GDPR



₹ Think about a data future

- Can you add value by providing information (data) to suppliers or customers?
 - ₹ Power utility smart meters let customers see their usage statistics.





Speed masterclass in data terminology

Big Data

Data has a number of characteristics – all beginning with "V":

- Volume how much of it is there, how much is being made?
- Velocity is it moving, and if so how fast?
- Variety does the data itself, and more importantly its format, change?
- Veracity can we trust it to be correct?
- Value what benefit can it bring?

Big Data is defined as:

- Large Volume
- Large Velocity
- Large Variety



The Internet of Things

A pretty recent phenomenon...

- Brought on by the right conditions (see above)
- Multiplier effect:
 - small packets across thousands / millions devices = BIG DATA

Also high Veracity – devices generally produce reliable, accurate data Also high Value, for example:

- Geo-location (as above) for traffic management
- Asset telemetry: jet engines, wind turbines, anything hard to reach or expensive can be monitored from a distance, "predictive" maintenance
- Healthcare: patient sensors, remote diagnostics, targeted interventions



Cloud Computing

What Cloud computing isn't:

- A website
- Putting a PC on the Internet and "remote desktopping" to it to access an app
- Logging into a web server on the Internet which runs an application/suite

Cloud Computing is:

- Creating a virtual server by filling in a form and clicking OK
- Being able to change the RAM, disk or compute power up/down instantly
- Paying by the second for the CPU cycles used
- Calling a serverless function (written in JavaScript, Python or C#), e.g. to reformat a data value (AWS call these Lambda functions)
- Accessing a database managed as a service (e.g. Snowflake) specifying the amount of compute power to apply as part of the SQL query



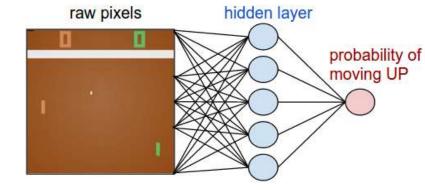
Machine Learning

Machine learning is:

- the repeated recording of varying conditions and resultant outcomes
- from which a computer can deduce the likely outcome of a future set of conditions

Example: Pong

- 1. Take in images from the game and preprocess them (remove color, background, downsample etc.).
- 2. Use the Neural Network to compute a probability of moving up.
- 3. Sample from that probability distribution and tell the agent to move up or down.
- 4. If the round is over (you missed the ball or the opponent missed the ball), find whether you won or lost.
- 5. When the episode has finished(someone got to 21 points), pass the result through the backpropagation algorithm to compute the gradient for our weights.
- 6. After 10 episodes have finished, sum up the gradient and move the weights in the direction of the gradient.
- 7. Repeat this process until our weights are tuned to the point where we can beat the computer.





Artificial Intelligence

The apparent ability of a computer to perform a supposedly complex or "clever" task a human might do

- Play pong
- Play chess
- Weld a car body together
- Predict stock market movements
- Navigate a route across the country
- Drive a car

Do you really believe the computer is "clever"?

These are specific tasks computers have been specifically programmed to perform



Artificial General Intelligence

Artificial General Intelligence seeks to:

- combine machine learning
- and pre-programmed abilities to perform certain skills (AI)
- in order to provide a general purpose, adaptable machine suited to a particular environment or set of complex tasks

Examples:

- Minefield clearance
- Deep sea exploration / underwater maintenance
- Home help: Siri / Alexa / Google Assistant / Cortana (not yet, but you wait...)

Say, in five years time, you gave Alexa a body. What would you have?...





Points to take away

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- ₹ The result is a boom in data generation and processing
- → Previously inconceivable uses are possible, from airborne telemetry to intelligent cities to genetic analytics
- ₹ Businesses can easily collect and gain insight from data about their customers and services they consume
- → Not doing so is simply to give ground to competitors





Q&A

Thanks for listening