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Search Jobs



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# 19<sup>th</sup> Century



Adolphe Quetelet

19<sup>th</sup>  
Century

# THE AVERAGE MAN

(L'homme Moyen)



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# THE AVERAGE MAN

# Physical

Weight, Height  
(Body Mass Index)



THE AVERAGE MAN

**Social**

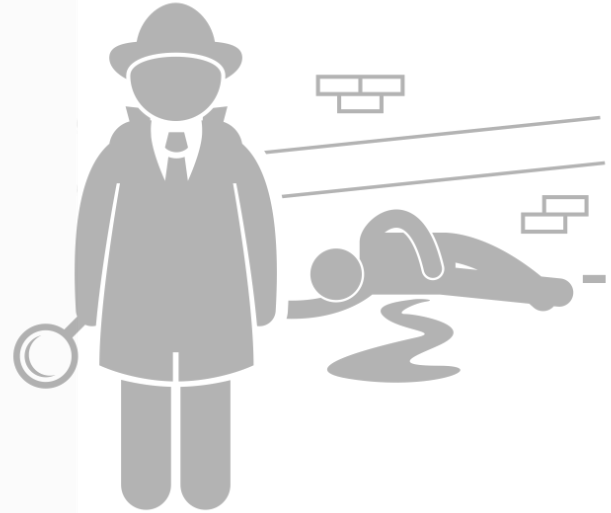
Marriage



The AVERAGE MAN

**Moral**

Crimes



For Quetelet

**THE AVERAGE MAN**

**=**

**PERFECTION**





“

If an individual at any given epoch of society possessed all the qualities of the **AVERAGE MAN**, he would represent all that is great, good, or beautiful.

”



Adolphe Quetelet



Who Is The **“AVERAGE MAN”**  
in Your Society?

# Are You Just a Deviant from The “**AVERAGE MAN**”



Many **Disagree** !

**Now...**

Now...

**Tremendous Growth of Data**



# Misuse of SUMMARY STATISTICS



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POP CULTURE

# Just How Food- Obsessed Is the Typical Millennial?

Millennials are forking over \$96 billion a year on food. Here, a less-than-scientific look at their purchases.

FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
BY ANNA PEELE

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We'd hire a statistics tutor to teach us the distinction between the mean and the median.

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there comes a time in every data scientist's career when management asks you to take an average of averages, and that's when you find out what you're really made of

7:22 PM - 28 Mar 2018 from [Seattle, WA](#)

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## Explore the Right Jobs & Career Opportunities

**Senior Back-End Developer** Full time



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Full Time · Experienced · 2-5 Yrs of Exp · 4 Vacancies · OOP Software Testing · Computer Engineering · Computer Science · Angular JS · MVC · ASP.NET · *2 days*

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Company Name - Location

- 13 days ✓ Applied
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Track your job application status whether it is viewed, shortlisted, rejected, or if a company accessed your contacts. With the tracking feature, you will be one step ahead on your job hunting plan.

## Take Control Over Your Exposure



**Sherif Mohamed Medhat**  
Software Engineer, Social Entrepreneur  
Cairo, Egypt

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# What Do We Optimize For?

**1**  
**Quality**

**2**  
**Quantity**

**3**  
**Relevance**

Matching Jobs & Job Seekers



Let's talk about **DATA**  
**KPIs**  
**METRICS**

“The **average** job seeker applies for  $N$  jobs per month”

**Me:**



“The **average** number of applications per job this month is GREAT”

**Me:**



What **AVERAGE**  
Do You Measure?



Who is The  
**AVERAGE**  
Job Seeker?





Can We Tell  
Better **STORIES**  
About Our Users?



We can tell better stories with....

**Contextual  
Understanding** + **Effective  
Data Analysis**



# Contextual Understanding

Culture

Socioeconomic Status

Market Dynamics



Effective  
Data Analysis

Contextual  
Understanding



# Effective Data Analysis

Mindset

Workflow

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# Contextual Understanding



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**Better Stories**

Contextual Understanding

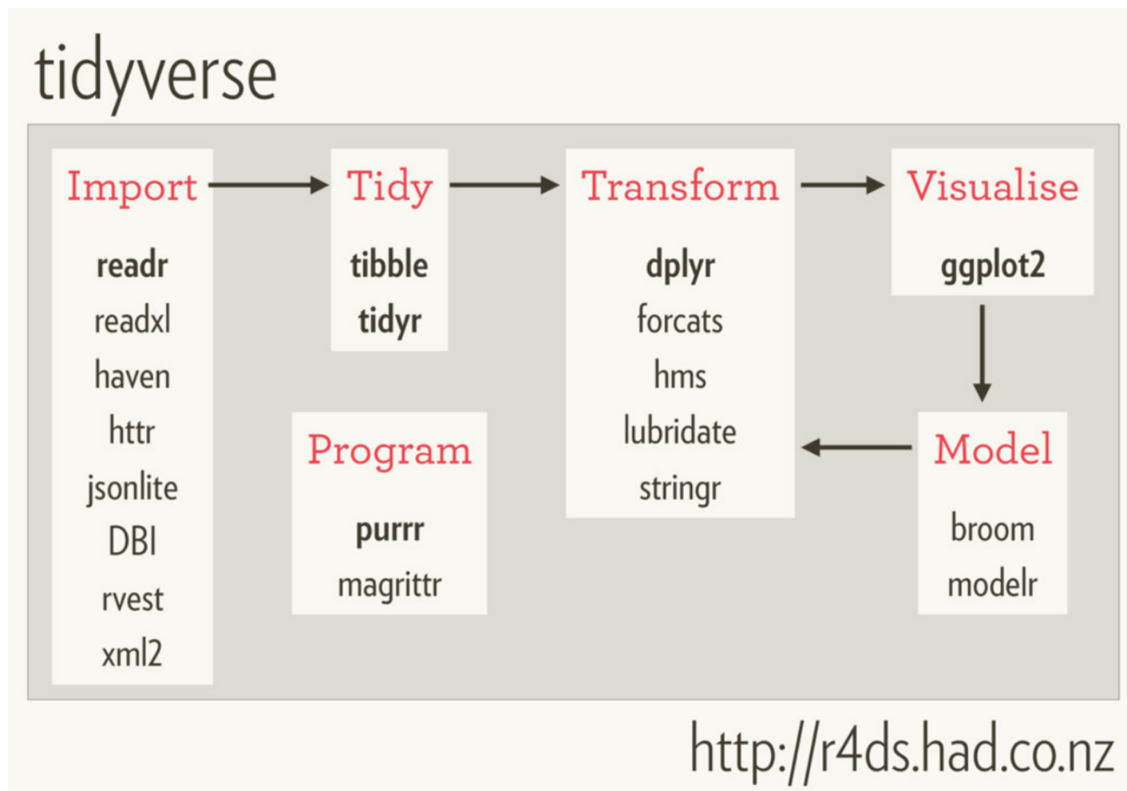
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Effective Data Analysis

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**Actionable  
Insights**

# Framework/Tools



+ Compatible Packages

# The Tidyverse

Let's focus on

**3** Main Concepts

# Three Main Concepts

# 1 Tidy Data



by: @\_inundata & @jcheng



# Three Main Concepts

# 1

## Tidy Data

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A variable in a column

An observation in a row

Tidy your data

And here you go!

**[tibble, tidyr, dplyr, and friends]**

Data comes  
from **different**  
**SOURCES**



Google Sheets



Google Analytics



elastic

And more...

Data comes  
in different  
**FORMATS**



Google Sheets



Google Analytics



elastic

And more...


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**DATAFRAME**  
(TIBBLE)

# Tidy Data

user	job_id	job_title	company	application_date
Sara 	A1234	Software Developer	Company A	2017-01-02
Sara 	A1568	Senior Software Engineer	Company B	2017-03-02
Sara 	A1590	Software Engineer	Company C	2017-03-03
....	....	...	...	...
Omar 	A1234	Software Developer	Company A	2017-01-03
Omar 	A1580	Android Developer	Company C	2017-01-20
....	...	...	...	....

Three Main Concepts

# 2 Nested Data



## Three Main Concepts

# 2 Nested Data

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One row per group

**Instead of**



One row per observation

**[tidyr]**

# Nested Data






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Sara 	A1234	Software Developer	Company A	2017-01-02
Sara 	A1568	Senior Software	Company B	2017-03-02
Sara 				
.....				
Omar 				
Omar 				
.....				

```
user_data %>%  
  group_by(user) %>%  
  nest(.key = "applications")
```





user	applications
Sara 	<Tibble [3 x 4]>
Omar 	<Tibble [2 x 4]>
...	.....



# Nested Data

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.....				
Omar 				
Omar 				
.....				

```
job_data %>%  
  group_by(job_id) %>%  
  nest(.key = "applications")
```

job_id		applications
A1234		<Tibble [2 x 4]>
A1568		<Tibble [30 x 4]>
A1590		<Tibble [100 x 4]>
A1580		<Tibble [120 x 4]>

Three Main Concepts

3

# Functional Programming



Three Main Concepts

# 3 Functional Programming

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Handle iteration problems powerfully and emphasize the actions rather than the objects

**[purrr]**







# Iterate and answer more questions

user	applications	preferences
Sara 	<tibble [2 x 10]>	<tibble [4 x 10]>
Omar 	<tibble [2 x 15]>	<tibble [2 x 10]>
...	...	...

```
user_data <- user_data %>%  
  mutate(common_jobs = map2(applications, preferences,  
    ~intersect(.x[["job_title"], .y[["job_title"]]))
```

# Iterate and answer more questions

user	applications	preferences	common_jobs
Sara 	<tibble [2 x 10]>	<tibble [4 x 10]>	<chr [2]>
Omar 	<tibble [2 x 15]>	<tibble [2 x 10]>	<chr [0]>
...	...	...	

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```

Let's Look Closer !



# Problem

**Overall growth** and **good KPIs**

**Shortage** in applications for certain  
**Software Development** jobs



# Problem

Shortage in applications for certain  
**Software Development** jobs



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**Dissatisfied Employers**

# Problem

Shortage in applications for certain  
**Software Development** jobs



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**Flagged by different sources**

# Problem

Shortage in applications for certain  
**Software Development** jobs



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**Masked by high-level metrics**

A still from the TV series 'Sherlock' showing Sherlock Holmes and John Watson in a room. Sherlock is on the right, wearing a dark coat and scarf, looking towards John. John is on the left, wearing a dark jacket, looking back at Sherlock. The room has a staircase on the left, a framed picture on the wall, and a table with a lamp on the right.

The game,

# Hypotheses

# 1 Talent Shortage

What if we just have a small pool of job seekers who are interested in the affected jobs?

# Hypotheses

## 2 Irrelevant Jobs

Maybe employers are not catching up with the global trends or job seekers aspirations!

# Hypotheses

## 3

### Hidden Jobs

What if some jobs do not get enough exposure in the search/recommendation pages?



# Investigation

# 1<sup>st</sup> The Job's Side

# The Job's Side

## What about applications details per job?

```
job_app <- left_join(jobs, apps,  
                    by = c("job_id" = "job_id")) %>%  
  group_by(job_id, job_title, post_date) %>%  
  nest(.key = "app_data")
```

```
# A tibble: 2,934 x 5
```

	job_id	job_title	app_data	app_count
	<chr>	<chr>	<list>	<int>
1	5e934219	Junior Communication Engineer	<tibble [219 x 4]>	219
2	cba698f2	Web Developer	<tibble [26 x 4]>	26
3	60596486	Office Manager	<tibble [45 x 4]>	45
4	f4343410	Real Estate Sales Executive	<tibble [29 x 4]>	29
5	124aae63	Senior SharePoint Developer	<tibble [17 x 4]>	17

```
# ... with 2,929 more rows, and 1 more variables: post_date <date>
```

# The Job's Side

## Job applications details

```
# A tibble: 2,934 x 5
```

```
  job_id      job_title      app_data app_count
  <chr>      <chr>      <list>   <int>
1 5e934219 Junior Communication Engineer <tibble [219 x 4]> 219
2 cba698f2      Web Developer <tibble [26 x 4]> 26
3 60596486      Office Manager <tibble [45 x 4]> 45
4 f4343410 Real Estate Sales Executive <tibble [29 x 4]> 29
5 124aae63 Senior SharePoint Developer <tibble [17 x 4]> 17
# ... with 2,929 more rows, and 1 more variables: post_date <date>
```

```
# A tibble: 219 x 4
```

```
  application_id application_date user_id app_day
  <chr>          <date>    <chr> <time>
1 66851a93      2017-04-03 8d6cfddf 0 days
2 c71e39f5      2017-04-03 c6223d74 0 days
3 e53333f3      2017-04-03 56c5c8df 0 days
# ... with 216 more rows
```

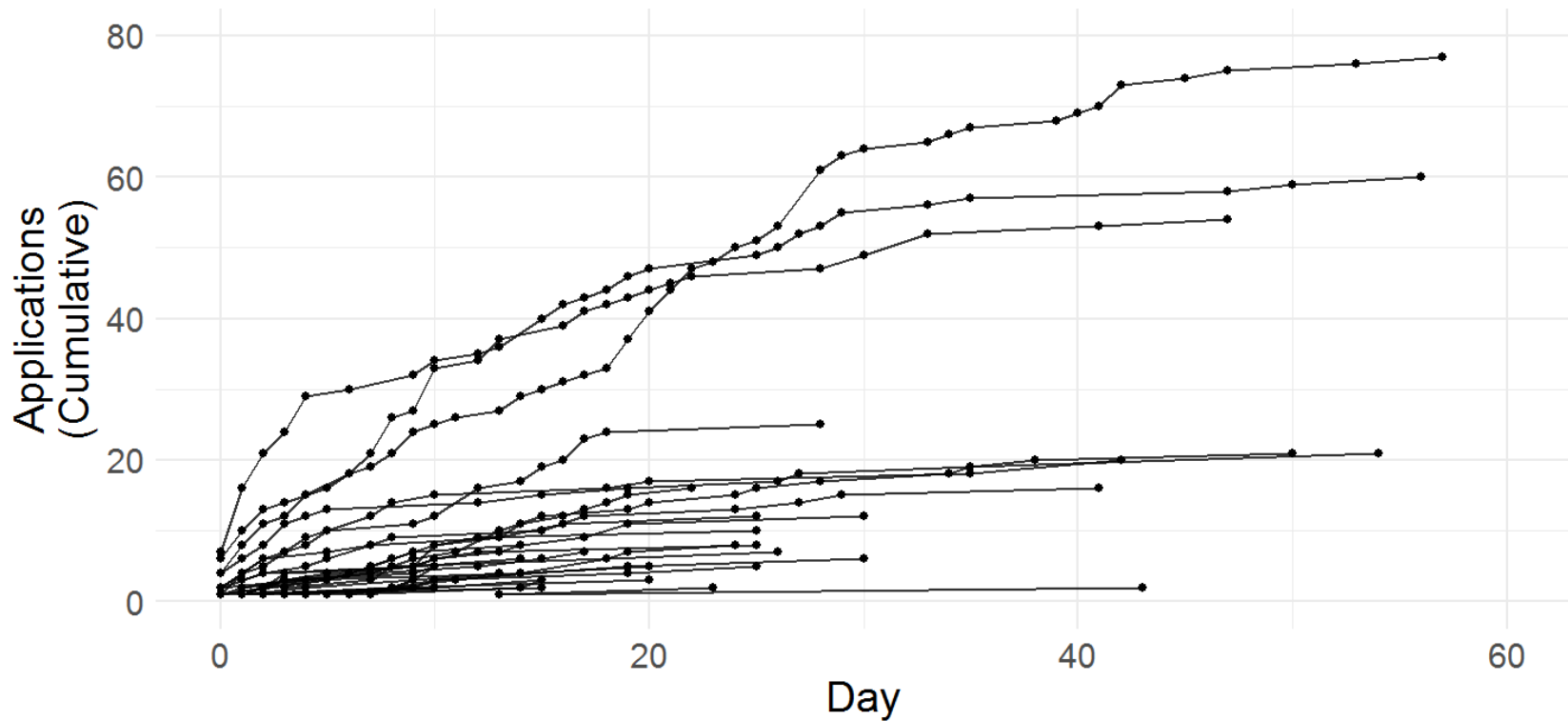
# The Job's Side

## What about iOS job applications?

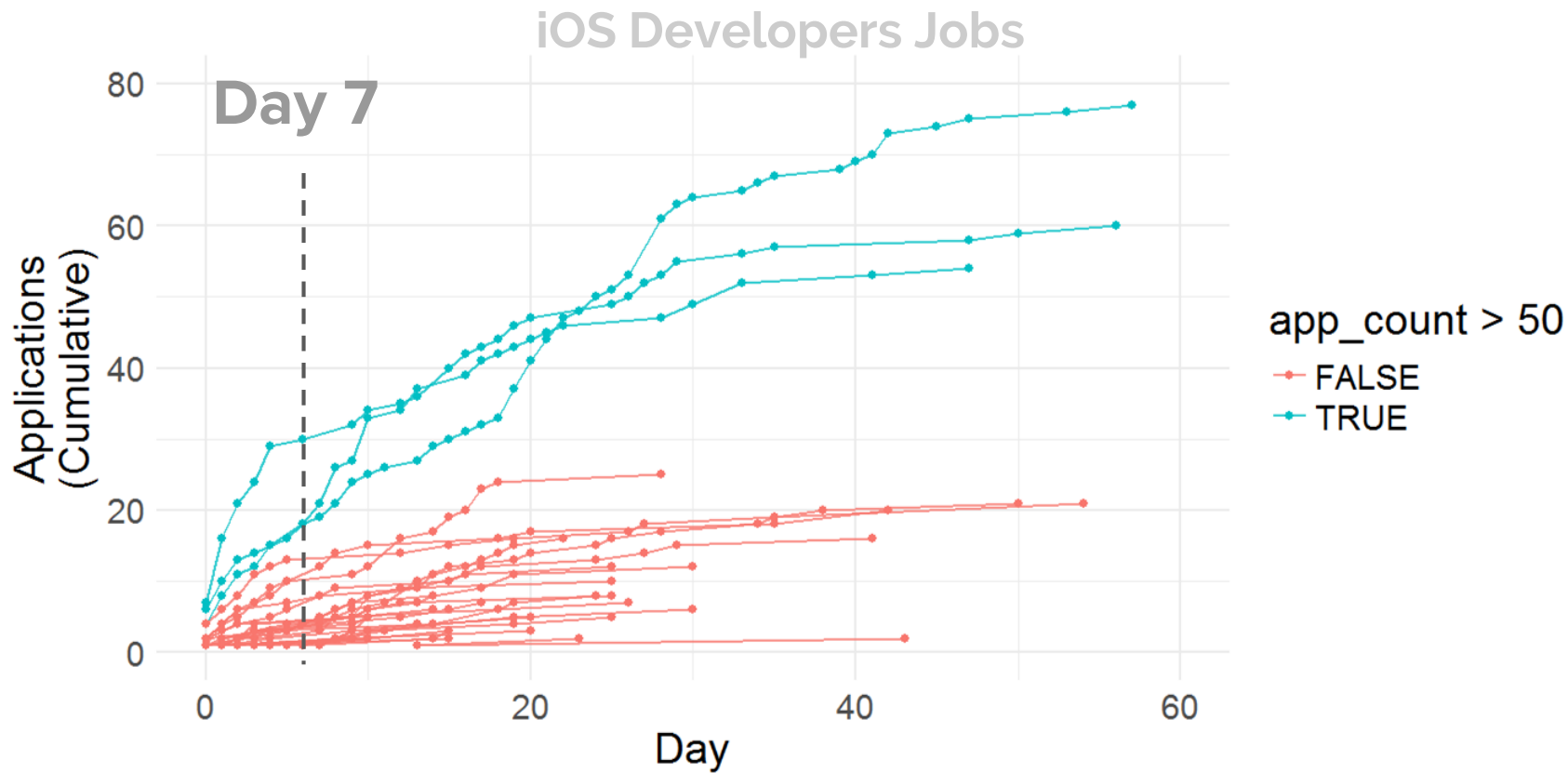
```
job_app_ios <- job_app %>%  
  filter(grepl("\\biOS\\b", job_title ))  
  
# A tibble: 34 x 4  
  job_id      job_title      app_data app_count  
  <chr>      <chr>          <list>   <int>  
1 54344870 iOS Developer <tibble [2 x 4]>      2  
2 d647f642 iOS Developer <tibble [2 x 4]>      2  
3 b3e9f878 iOS Developer <tibble [6 x 4]>      6  
4 b137842c iOS Developer <tibble [7 x 4]>      7  
5 7b1f1998 iOS Developer <tibble [10 x 4]>    10  
# ... with 29 more rows
```

# Job Applications Growth over time

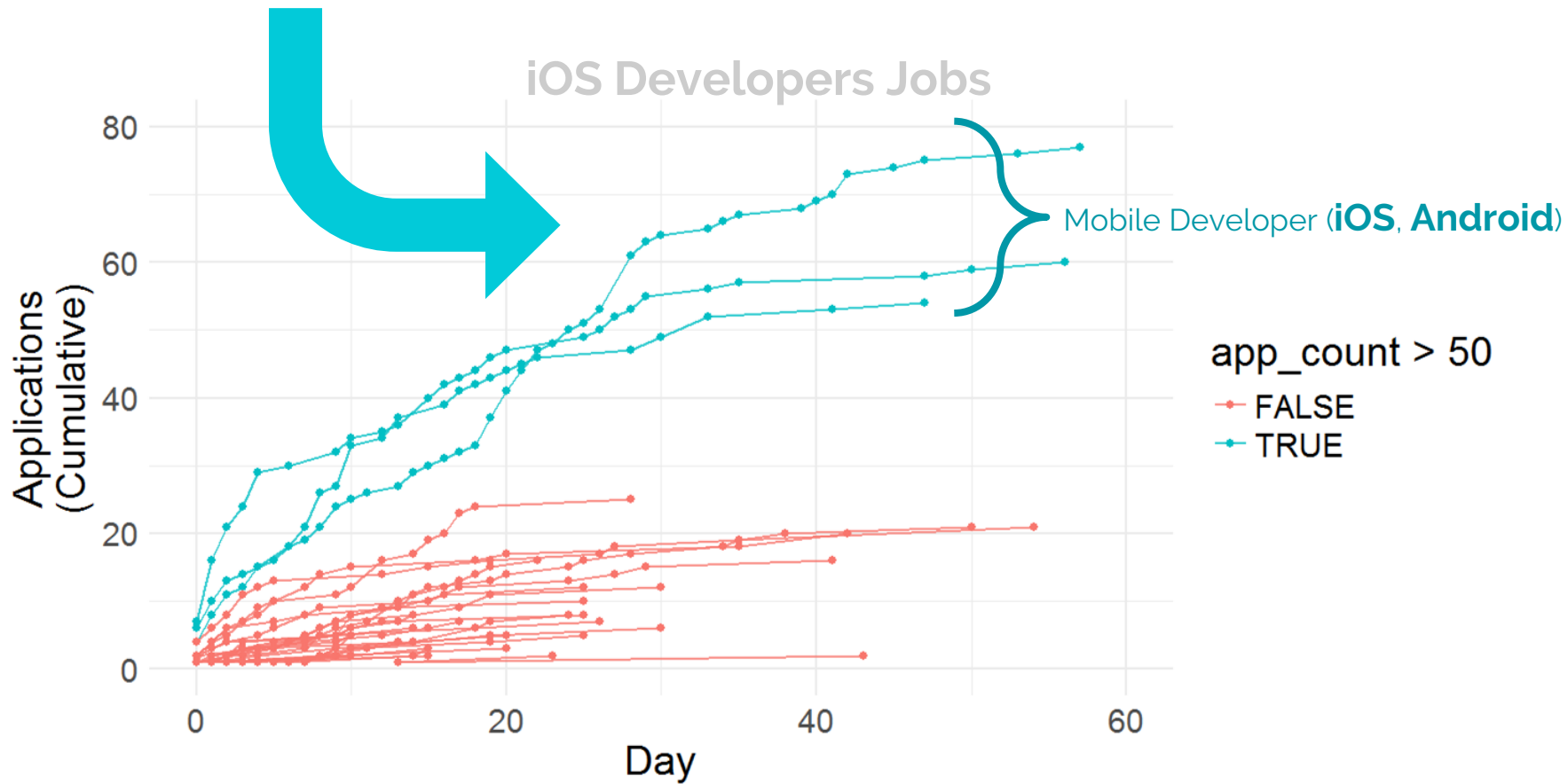
## iOS Developers Jobs



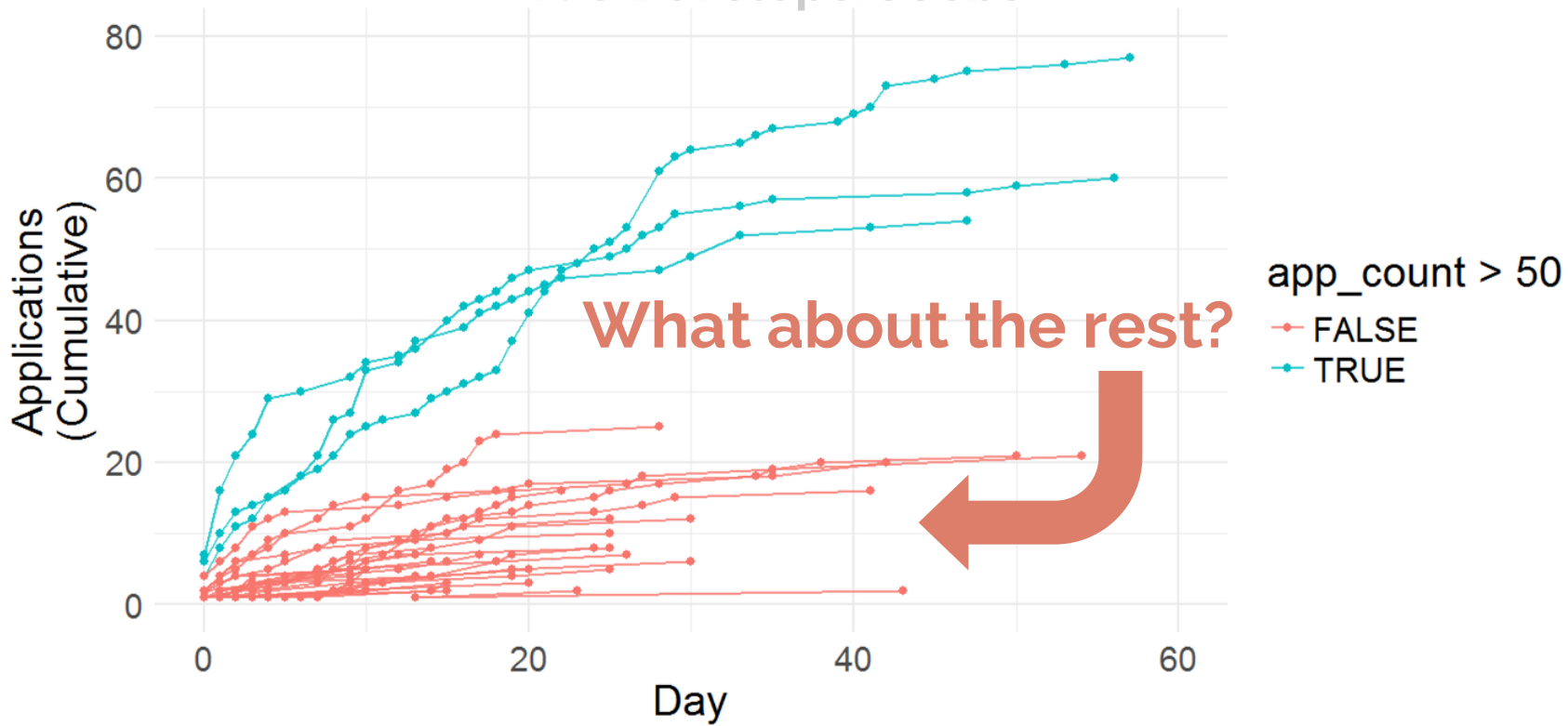
# What happens to job posts on day X?



# What is special about these jobs?

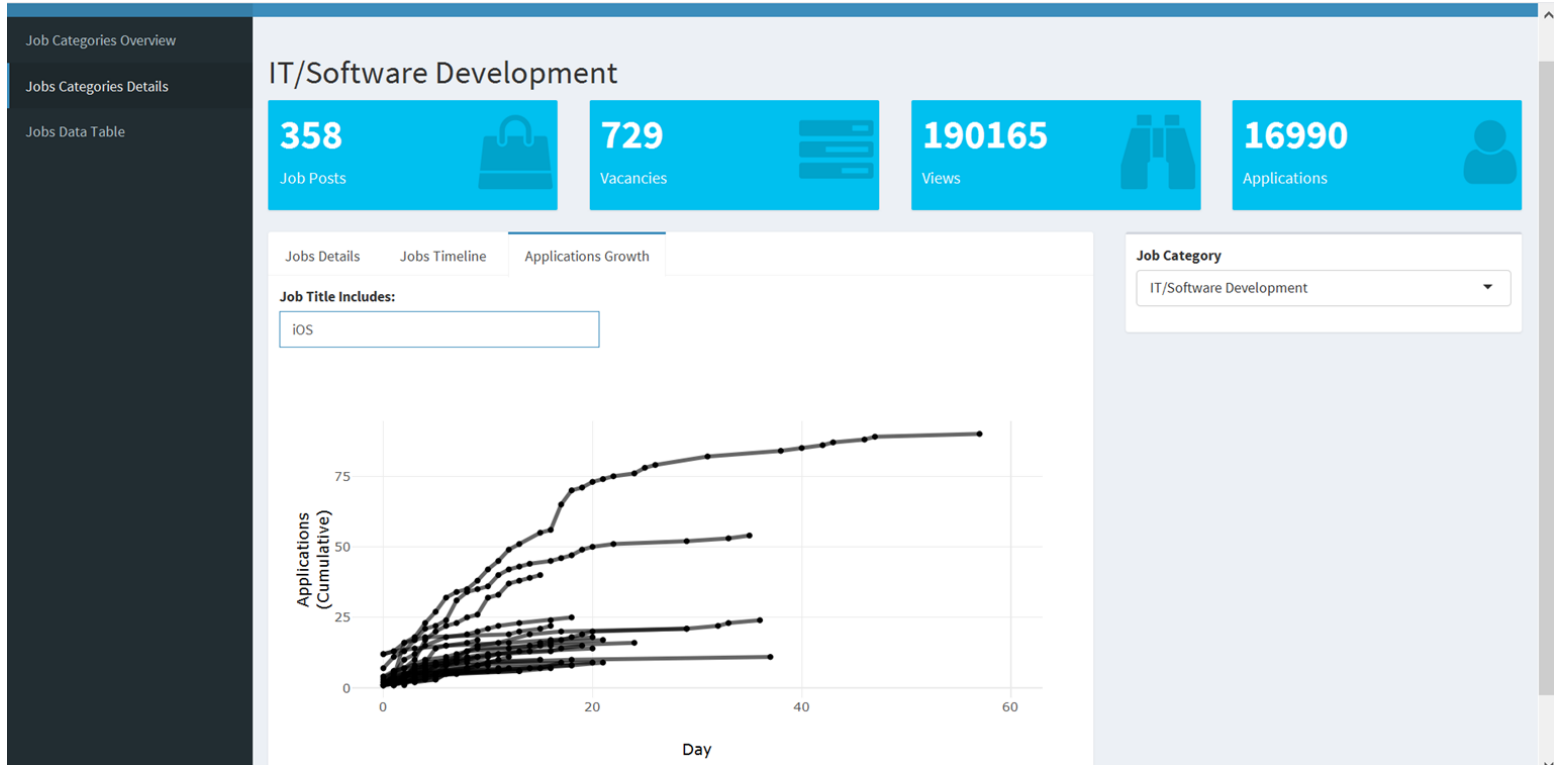


# iOS Developers Jobs





# More with Shiny...



\*Sample of Wuzzuf Job Posts

# Investigation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> The Job Seeker's Side

# The Job Seeker's Side

## How do job seekers fill their profiles?

```
js_data_details <- js_data%>%  
  filter(grepl("\\bios\\b", query_list)) %>%  
  mutate(kw_freq = map(query_list, ~ tidytext::unnest_tokens(.x, term, value,  
    token = "regex",  
    pattern = "|") %>%  
    count(term, sort = TRUE)))
```



tidytext

# The Job Seeker's Side

## How do job seekers fill their profiles?

```
# A tibble: 388 x 3
  user_id query_list      kw_freq
  <chr>   <list>         <list>
1 4003e037 <chr [1]> <tibble [19 x 2]>
2 9d0ba246 <chr [1]> <tibble [20 x 2]>
3 eeac5b9e <chr [1]> <tibble [24 x 2]>
4 32a1e586 <chr [1]> <tibble [22 x 2]>
5 f48c2ee0 <chr [1]> <tibble [15 x 2]>
# ... with 383 more rows
```

### Details of job seeker's keywords

```
# A tibble: 22 x 2
  term      n
  <chr> <int>
1 asp net 3
2 android engineer 1
3 android 1
4 asp 1
5 c# 1
# ... with 17 more rows
```

# The Job Seeker's Side

## What about the repetition in the extracted keywords?

```
js_data_details <- js_data %>%  
  filter(grepl("\\bios\\b", query_list)) %>%  
  mutate(kw_freq = map(query_list, query_kw_freq)) %>%  
  mutate(kw_count = map_int(kw_freq, nrow)) %>%  
  mutate(kw_freq_max = map_int(kw_freq, ~max(.x[["freq"]])))
```

# The Job Seeker's Side

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```

```
# A tibble: 388 x 5
```

	user_id	query_list	kw_freq	kw_count	kw_freq_max
	<chr>	<list>	<list>	<int>	<int>
1	4003e037	<chr [1]>	<tibble [19 x 2]>	19	2
2	9d0ba246	<chr [1]>	<tibble [20 x 2]>	20	5
3	eeac5b9e	<chr [1]>	<tibble [24 x 2]>	24	3
4	32a1e586	<chr [1]>	<tibble [22 x 2]>	22	3
5	f48c2ee0	<chr [1]>	<tibble [15 x 2]>	15	5

```
# ... with 383 more rows
```

**Summaries from  
Job Seeker's Keywords**

# The Job Seeker's Side

## Which jobs match each user's profile?

```
js_data_details <- js_data_details %>%  
  mutate(jobs_search_results = map(query_list,  
    ~ solrium::solr_search("jobs",  
      q = .x,  
      fl= job_fields,  
      rows = 20)))
```



**solrium**



# The Job Seeker's Side

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    ~ solrium::solr_search("jobs",  
      q = .X,  
      fl= job_fields,  
      rows = 20)))
```

# A tibble: 388 x 6

	user_id	query_list	kw_freq	jobs_search_results	kw_count
	<chr>	<list>	<list>	<list>	<int>
1	4003e037	<chr [1]>	<tibble [19 x 2]>	<tibble [20 x 5]>	19
2	9d0ba246	<chr [1]>	<tibble [20 x 2]>	<tibble [20 x 5]>	20
3	eeac5b9e	<chr [1]>	<tibble [24 x 2]>	<tibble [20 x 5]>	24
4	32a1e586	<chr [1]>	<tibble [22 x 2]>	<tibble [20 x 5]>	22
5	f48c2ee0	<chr [1]>	<tibble [15 x 2]>	<tibble [20 x 5]>	15

# ... with 383 more rows, and 1 more variables: kw\_freq\_max <int>



# The Job Seeker's Side

## Which jobs match each user's profile?

### Recommended Jobs Details

```
# A tibble: 388 x 6
```

```
  user_id query_list      kw_freq jobs_search_results kw_count
  <chr>   <list>          <list>          <list>          <int>
1 4003e037 <chr [1]> <tibble [19 x 2]> <tibble [20 x 5]>      19
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4 32a1e586 <chr [1]> <tibble [22 x 2]> <tibble [20 x 5]>      22
5 f48c2ee0 <chr [1]> <tibble [15 x 2]> <tibble [20 x 5]>      15
# ... with 383 more rows, and 1 more variables: kw_freq_max <int>
```

```
# A tibble: 20 x 5
  job_id      job_title      post_date
  <chr>      <chr>          <chr>
1 4a871cd4 Senior Web & Mobile Apps Developer 2017-03-04T18:03:01Z
2 48cd2159      Mobile Apps Developer 2017-06-20T00:00:00Z
3 4ec0abe3      Full Stack Team Leader 2017-02-21T09:49:57Z
4 694443c0      .NET Software Developer 2017-03-07T16:03:09Z
5 cc8381d8      Senior Android Engineer 2017-03-12T16:36:18Z
# ... with 15 more rows, and 2 more variables: max_salary <int>,
# skills <chr>
```

What **ACTIONS**  
Did This Analysis  
Trigger?



# Recommended Actions

## 1 Talent Shortage

- Acquire more senior developers
- Activate the existing developers
- Support the community

# Recommended Actions

## 2

## Irrelevant Jobs

- Advise employers about the market
- Revisit preference-based matching

# Recommended Actions

## 3

### Hidden Jobs

- Revisit text fields indexing
- Tune field weights for scoring
- Improve mail recommendation

# 3 Main Concepts

Tidy Data

Nested Data

Functional Programming

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Contextual Understanding + Effective Data Analysis = Actionable Insights

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