

Community of Practice



Is there one for data wranglers?



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What is a Community of Practice?



- *Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern, a set of problems or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis. ...*
- *These people do not necessarily work together every day, but they meet because they find value in their interactions.*
- *As they spend time together, they typically share information, insight and advice. They help each other to solve problems.*



(Wenger, McDermott and Snyder, 2002)

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What does it do?

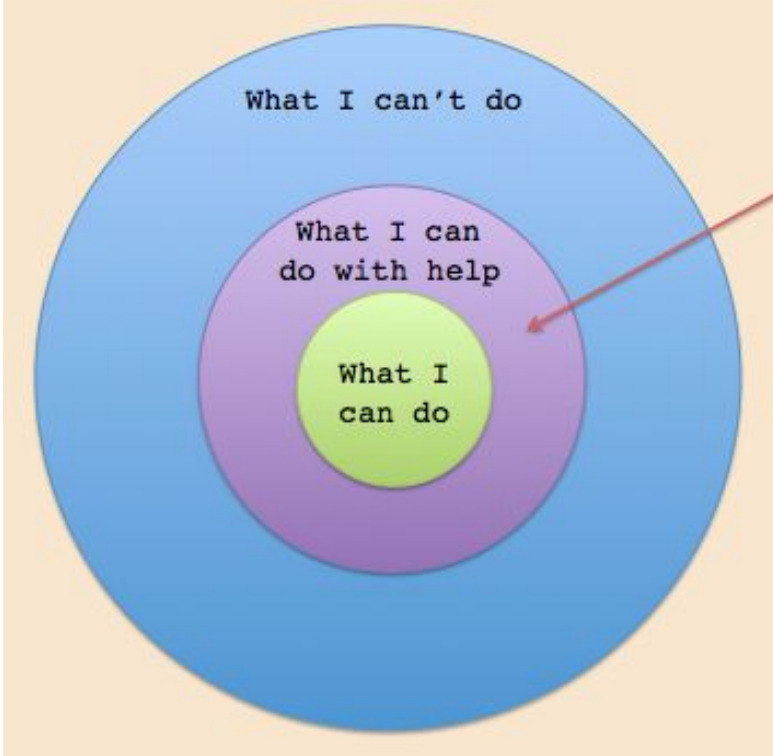
- It moves away from individual learning and focuses on **shared** and **improved** practice
- It has 3 components:
 - A **area of knowledge** which defines a set of issues: in this case data journalism
 - A **community of people** who care about this domain: journalists and (?)
 - A **shared practice** that they are developing to be effective in their domain: wildlife crime reporting



Sequence is everything

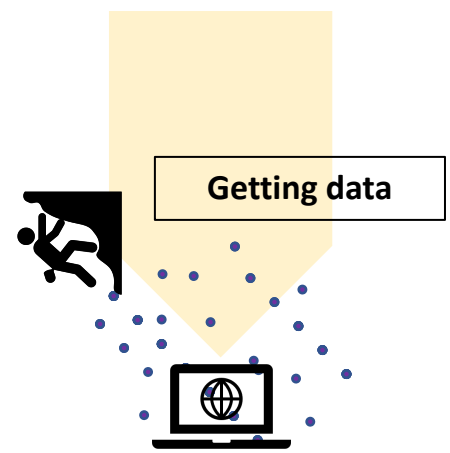
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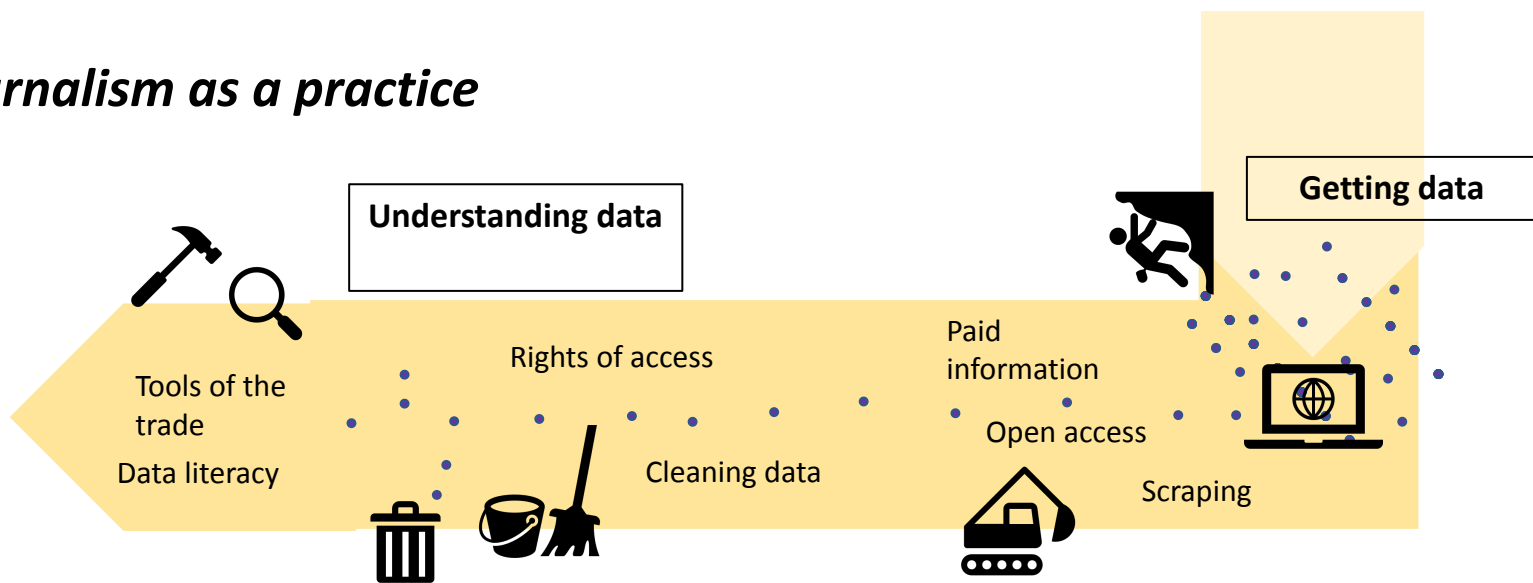


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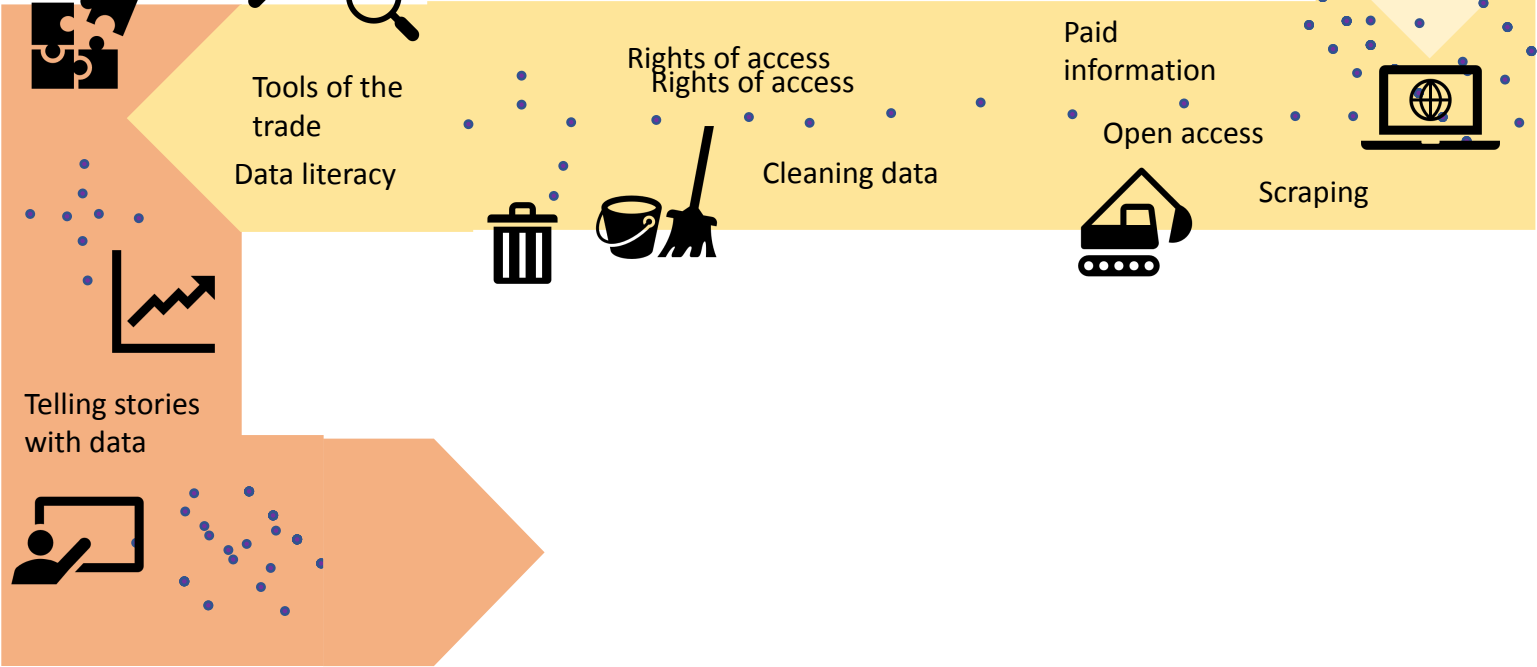
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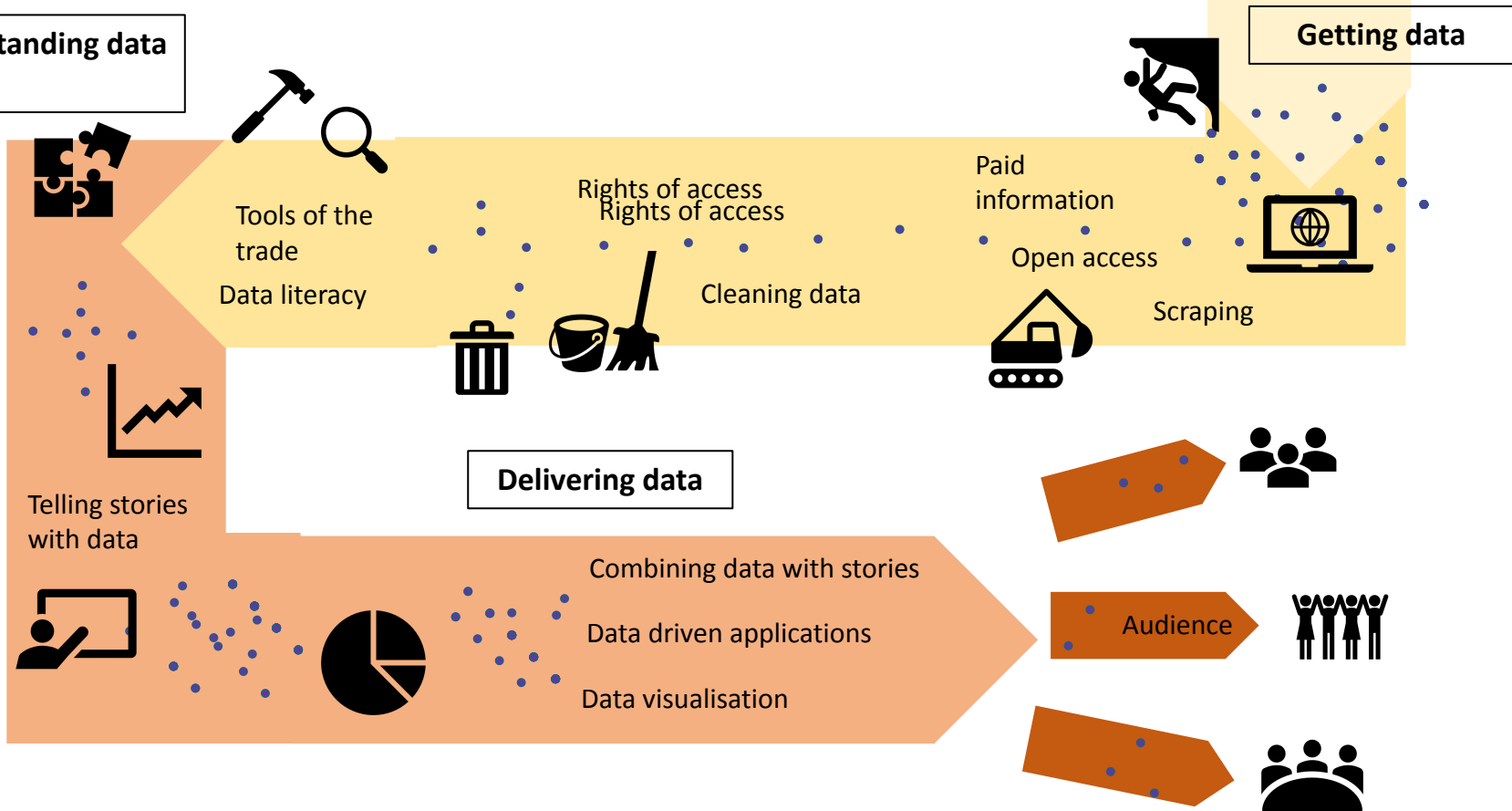
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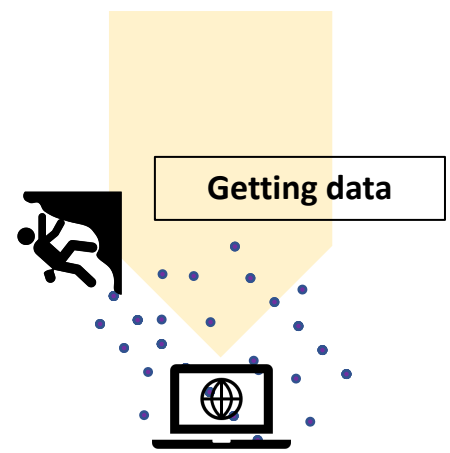
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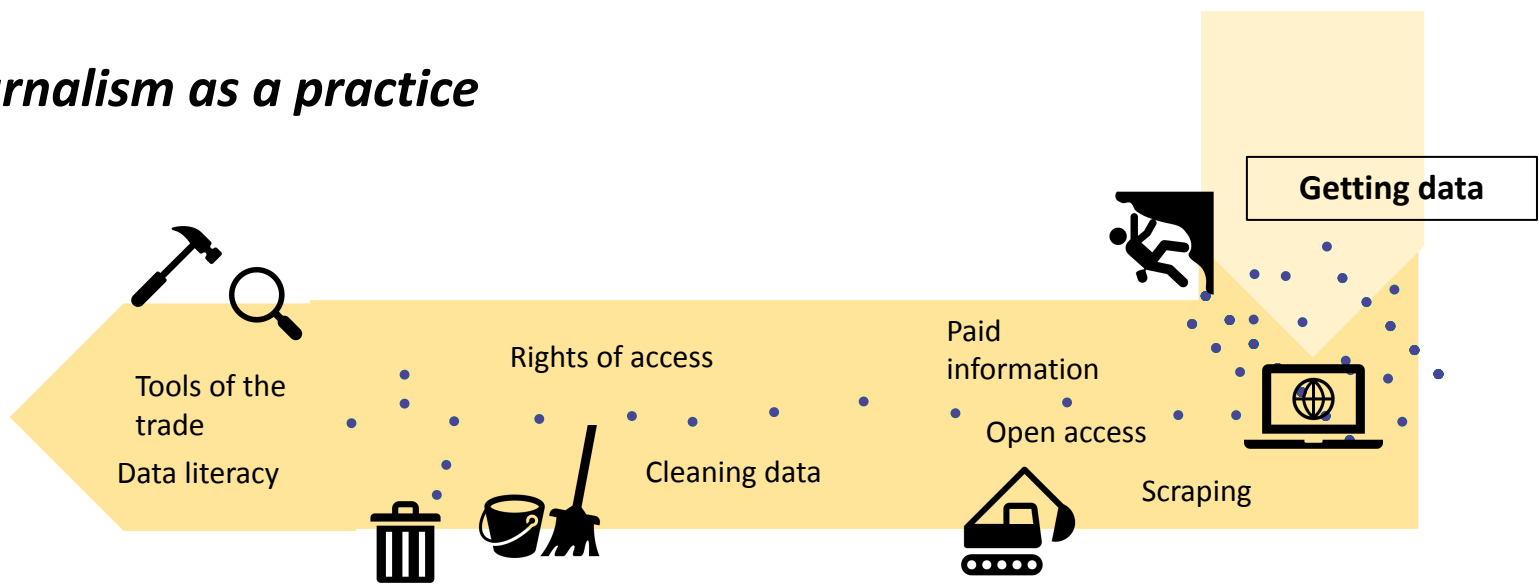
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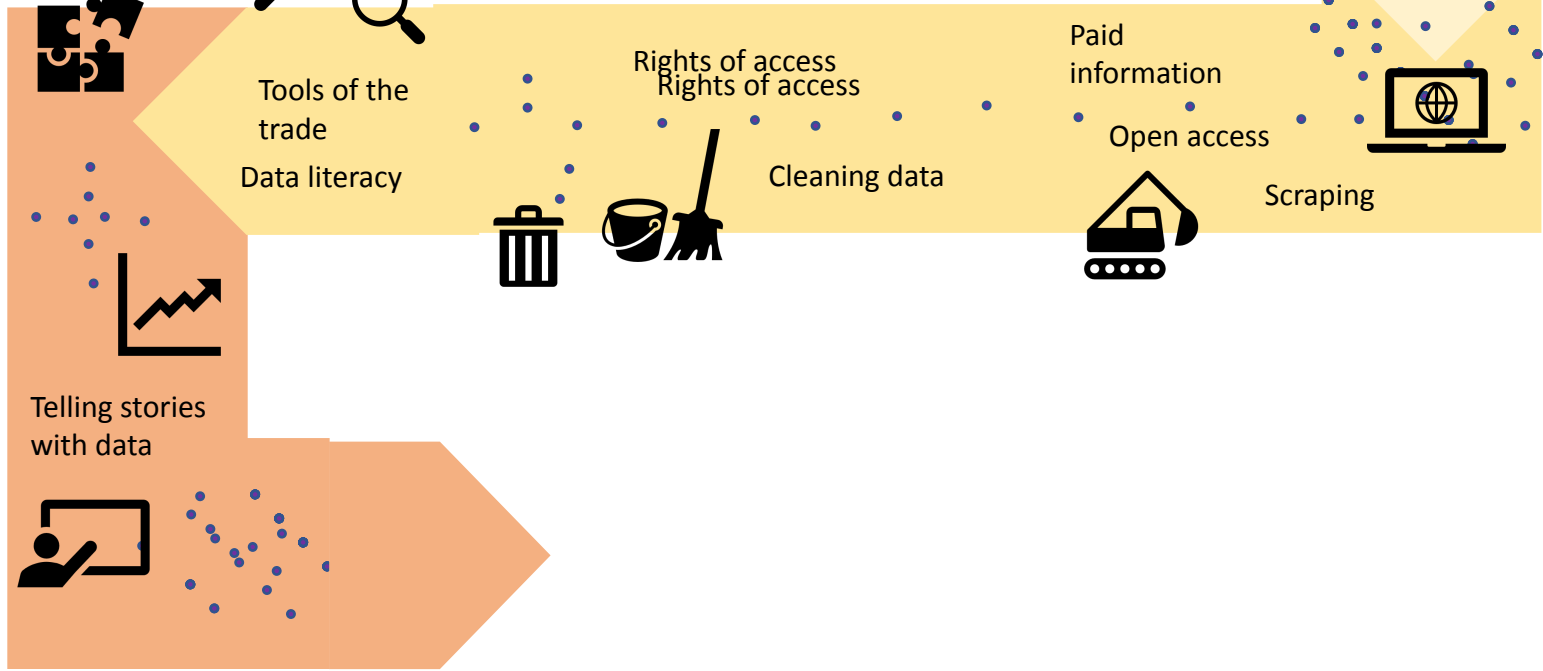
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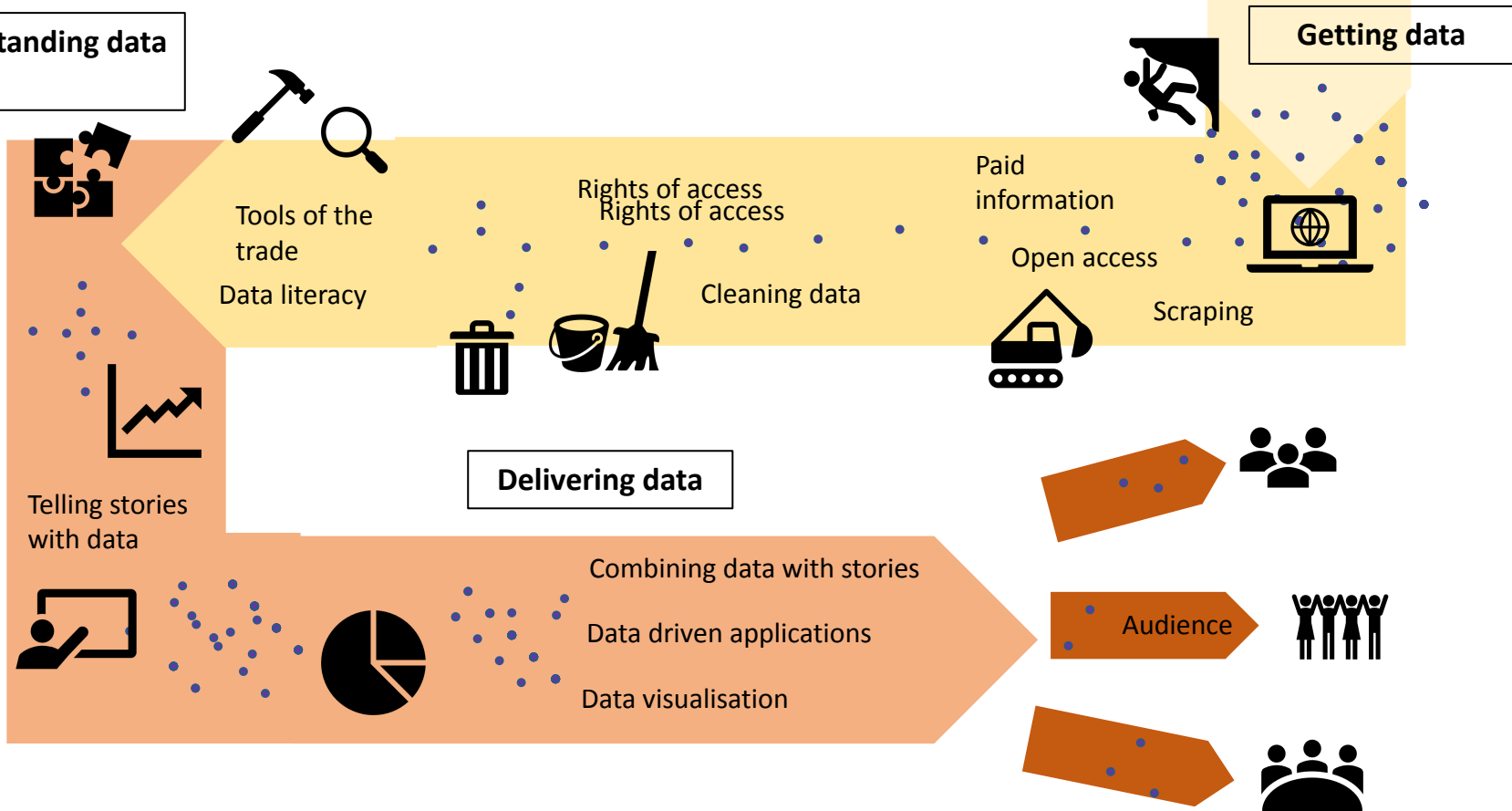
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A community of practice is built on:

- a. Sense of urgency and purpose
- b. Feelings of interdependence amongst members (what is a commonly held interest or goal)
- c. Members organise themselves around opportunities for interaction and assistance
- d. A degree of confidence that working together will benefit all (trust)
- e. Accepted systems for interaction (WhatsApp, #Wildeye etc)
- f. Willingness to learn and make mistakes and learn within the group

Do data wranglers need a community of

Why?



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