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**Data Rescue  
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**Keeping the  
Boat Moving:  
What Data  
Rescue Has  
Taught Us**

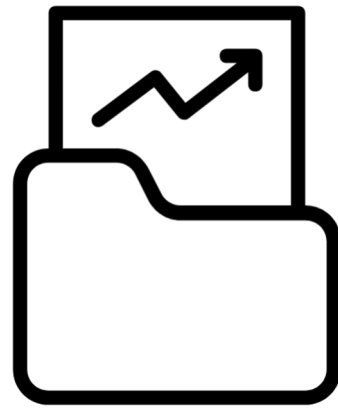


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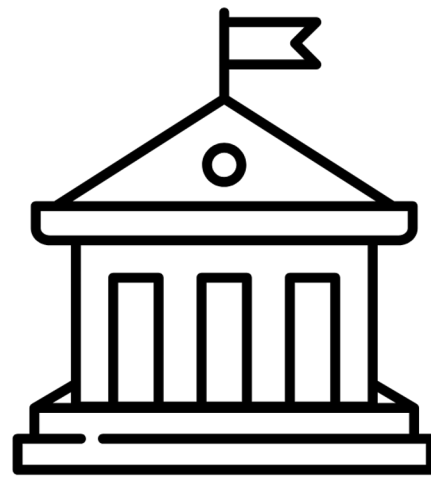


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# The DRP at a Glance



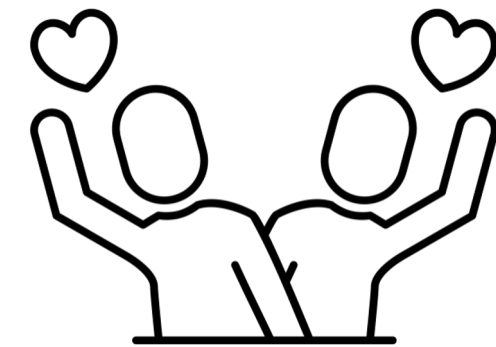
**2900+  
rescued  
datasets**



**90+ at-risk  
gov't offices  
covered**



**Hundreds of  
Terabytes of  
mirrored data**



**Hundreds of  
volunteers**



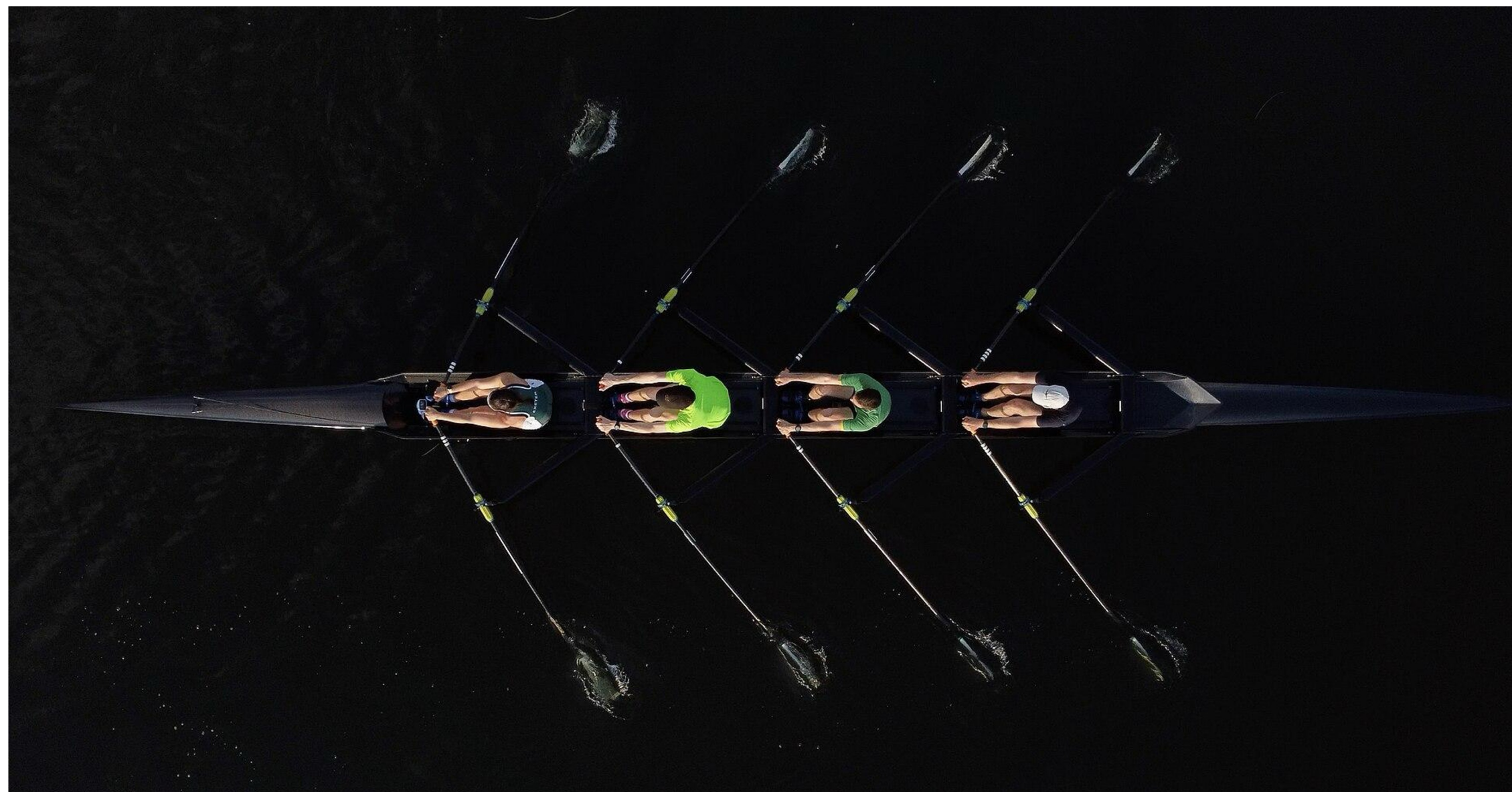
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# Five Lessons from Data Rescue (through the lens of rowing)



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# Lesson 1: A Boat Moves Only When Everyone Rows Together

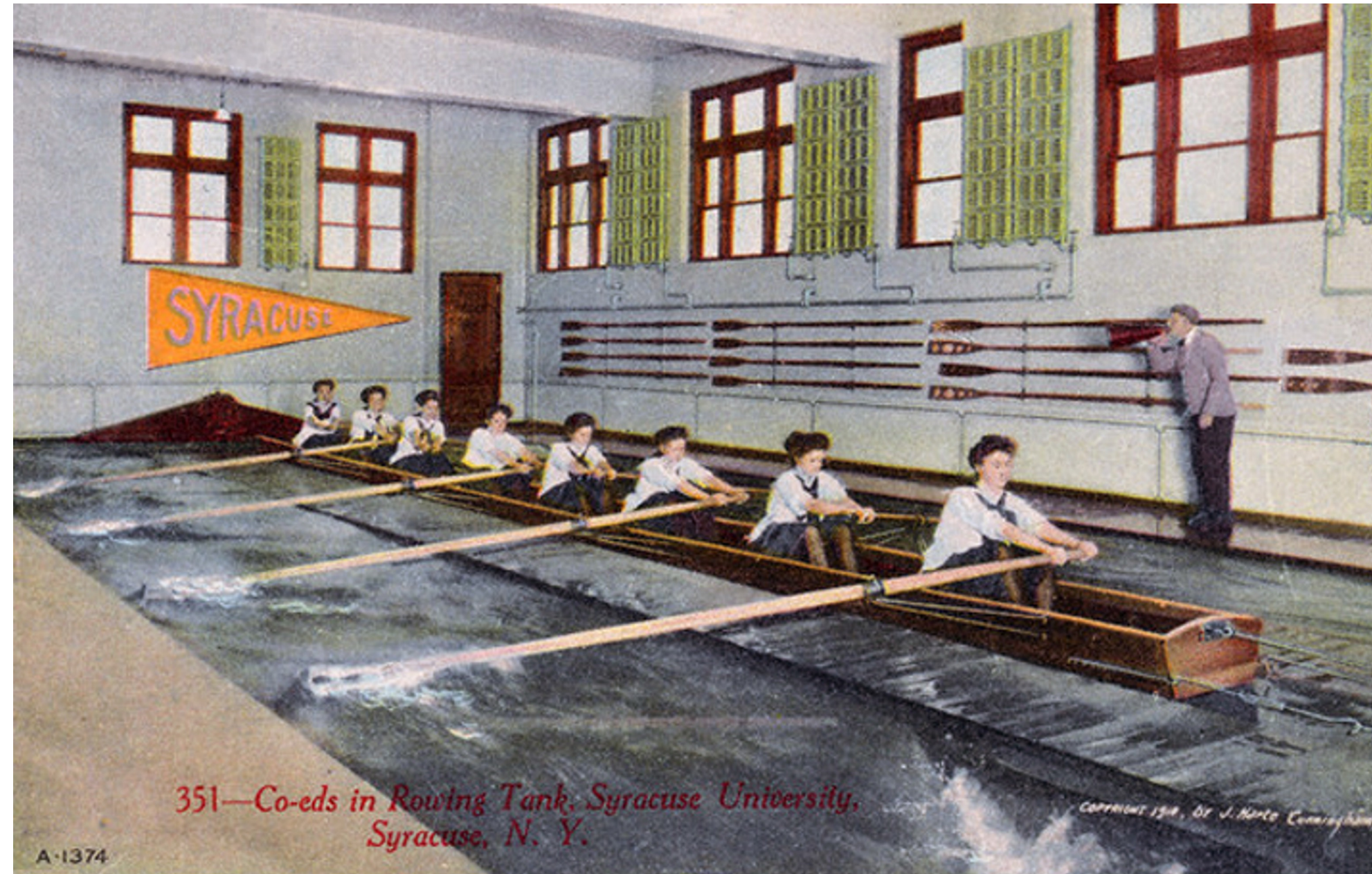


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# Lesson 2: Speed Matters, but Technique Matters More



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# Lesson 3: You Can't Control the Water



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Rowing crew with coxswain. Columbus Metropolitan Library, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons.

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# Lesson 4: The Coxswain Cannot Row the Boat



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# Lesson 5: The Recovery Wins Races



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# Keep the boat moving



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