

# DATA COLLECTION

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Slides originally by WESLEY WILLETT

VISUAL ANALYTICS

# WHERE DOES DATA COME FROM?

We tend to think of data as a thing...  
in a database...  
somewhere...

# WHY DO YOU NEED DATA?

(HINT: Usually, because you have a question you need to answer!)

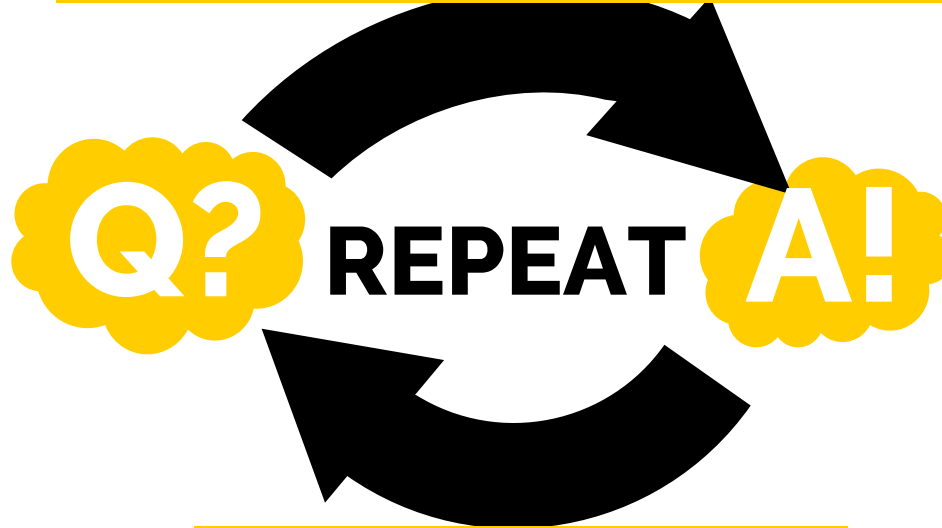
**DATA → ANSWERS**





# ANALYSIS IS A CYCLE

GATHERING DATA,  
APPLYING STATISTICAL TOOLS, AND  
CONSTRUCTING GRAPHICS TO  
ADDRESS QUESTIONS



INSPECT "ANSWERS" AND  
ASSESS NEW QUESTIONS

(SOMETIMES YOU'LL  
ALREADY START WITH DATA...)

**“EXPLORATORY  
DATA ANALYSIS”**



**JOHN TUKEY**

We already saw this...

(...BUT OFTEN YOU START  
WITH A QUESTION AND NEED  
TO COLLECT DATA TO FIT IT)

# CHOOSING A QUESTION

“How has language evolved over time?”

“What will the weather be like next month?”

“Are the right people seeing my advertisements?”

“What is the current temperature?”

# A PROBLEM OF SCALE

**CHALLENGING  
TO FIND DATA**

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**NOT AS  
INTERESTING**

# HOW TO OBTAIN DATA?

## COLLECT IT

- OBSERVATION
- SURVEYS
- LOGGING
- SENSORS
- CROWDSOURCING

## FIND OR EXTRACT IT

- OPEN CORPUSES
- DATA RETAILERS
- APIS
- SCRAPING THE WEB

## GENERATE IT

- SIMULATIONS

ALL OF THESE HAVE  
**PROS/CONS**

# THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE

This lecture is intended to expose you to just a few useful data sources and collection methods.

# COLLECTING DATA

Choosing the best way to capture information you need.



# SURVEYS

Paper surveys / In person interviews

**STILL ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO GET  
DETAILED DATA OR DATA ABOUT  
SENSITIVE SUBJECTS**

# SURVEYS ONLINE

qualtrics

Ask Questions  
Get Answers

Collect → Analyze

Create your form

SurveyMonkey®

1. How well do the professors teach at this university?

- Extremely well
- Quite well
- Moderately well
- Slightly well
- Not at all well

2. How effective is the teaching outside your major programs?

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Moderately effective
- Slightly effective

This survey asks students to assess educational, social, and safety on campus? When you get to know what your students programs and your overall enrollment and retain students. Or questions if you want to know how students experienced sp

Google consumer surveys

What would most influence your decision to buy clothes online instead of in-store?

Response	Percentage
Free shipping	40.5%
Online discounts	24.9%
Ability to return in store	16.4%
Free returns	16.1%

To find out what people really think, just ask the Internet.

When you want answers to your business questions, you need to reach everyday people — not just those who choose to participate in research panels.

The Ridiculously Power

# CROWDSOURCING DATA COLLECTION

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome>. The page title is "Amazon Mechanical Turk". The main heading is "HITs containing 'short survey'" with a sub-heading "11-20 of 49 Results". Below this, there is a "Sort by:" dropdown menu set to "HITs Available (most first)", a "GO!" button, and links for "Show all details" and "Hide all details". Navigation links include "First << Previous < 1 2 3 4 5 > Next >> Last".

HIT Title	Requester	HIT Expiration Date	Reward	Time Allotted	HITs Available
Answer a short survey about Work Team Dynamics	Whitney Ohmer	Oct 12, 2014 (2 weeks 5 days)	\$0.25	60 minutes	1
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Short Survey	David Tannenbaum	Oct 12, 2014 (2 weeks 5 days)	\$0.10	60 seconds	1
Short survey about website experience (on average it takes 13 minutes)		Oct 12, 2014 (2 weeks 5 days)	\$1.50		

# WEB LOGGING

Tracking Visits, Click-Throughs, and Traffic Patterns and other measures of User Activity.

- Google Analytics
- Open Web Analytics
- and many others...

# EDITS & ACCESSS LOGS ON WIKIPEDIA

Wikipedia:Statistics: Revision history

en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Statistics&action=history

Create account Login

Project page [Talk](#) [Read](#) [Edit](#) [View history](#)

## Wikipedia:Statistics: Revision history

[View logs for this page](#)

Browse history

From year (and earlier):  From month (and earlier):

For any version listed below, click on its date to view it.

# SENSORS

- Weather stations
- Personal activity trackers
- Cameras
- Mobile phones



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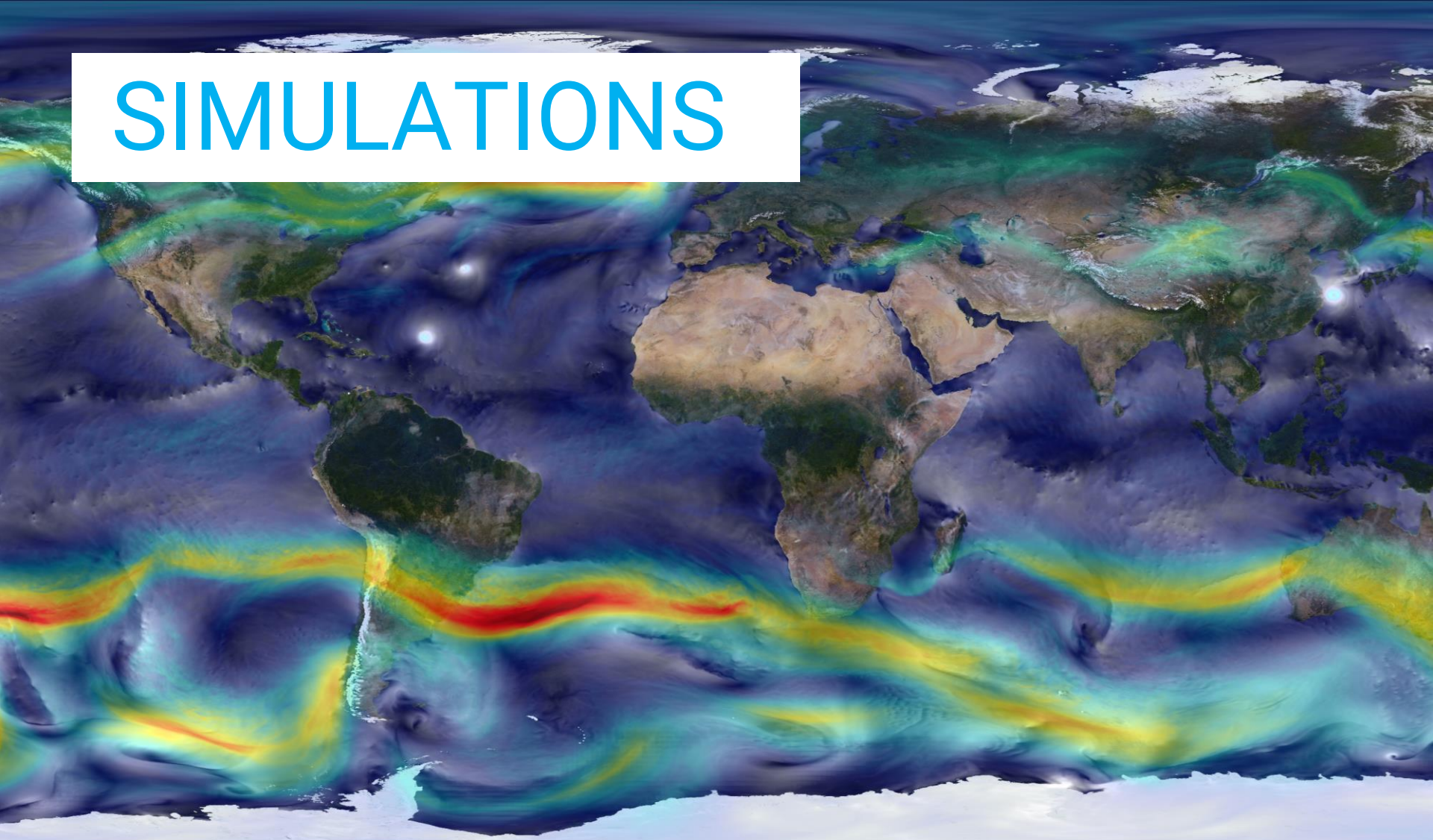
## GENERATE IT

- SIMULATIONS

# GENERATING DATA



# SIMULATIONS



# The Upshot

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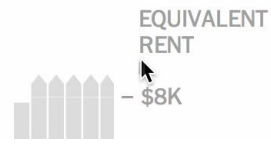
## Is It Better to Rent or Buy?

By MIKE BOSTOCK, SHAN CARTER and ARCHIE TSE

The choice between buying a home and renting one is among the biggest financial decisions that many adults make. But the costs of buying are more varied and complicated than for renting, making it hard to tell which is a better deal. To help you answer this question, our calculator takes the most important costs associated with buying a house and computes the equivalent monthly rent. [RELATED ARTICLE](#)

### Home Price

A very important factor, but not



**If you can rent a similar home for less than ...**



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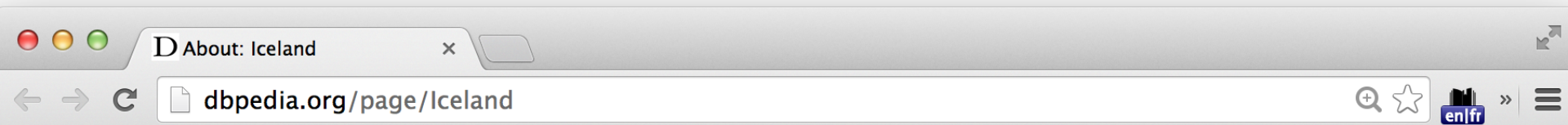
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# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

LARGE OPEN CORPUSES

# DBPEDIA



## About: Iceland

An Entity of Type : [place](#), from Named Graph : <http://dbpedia.org>, within Data Space : [dbpedia.org](#)

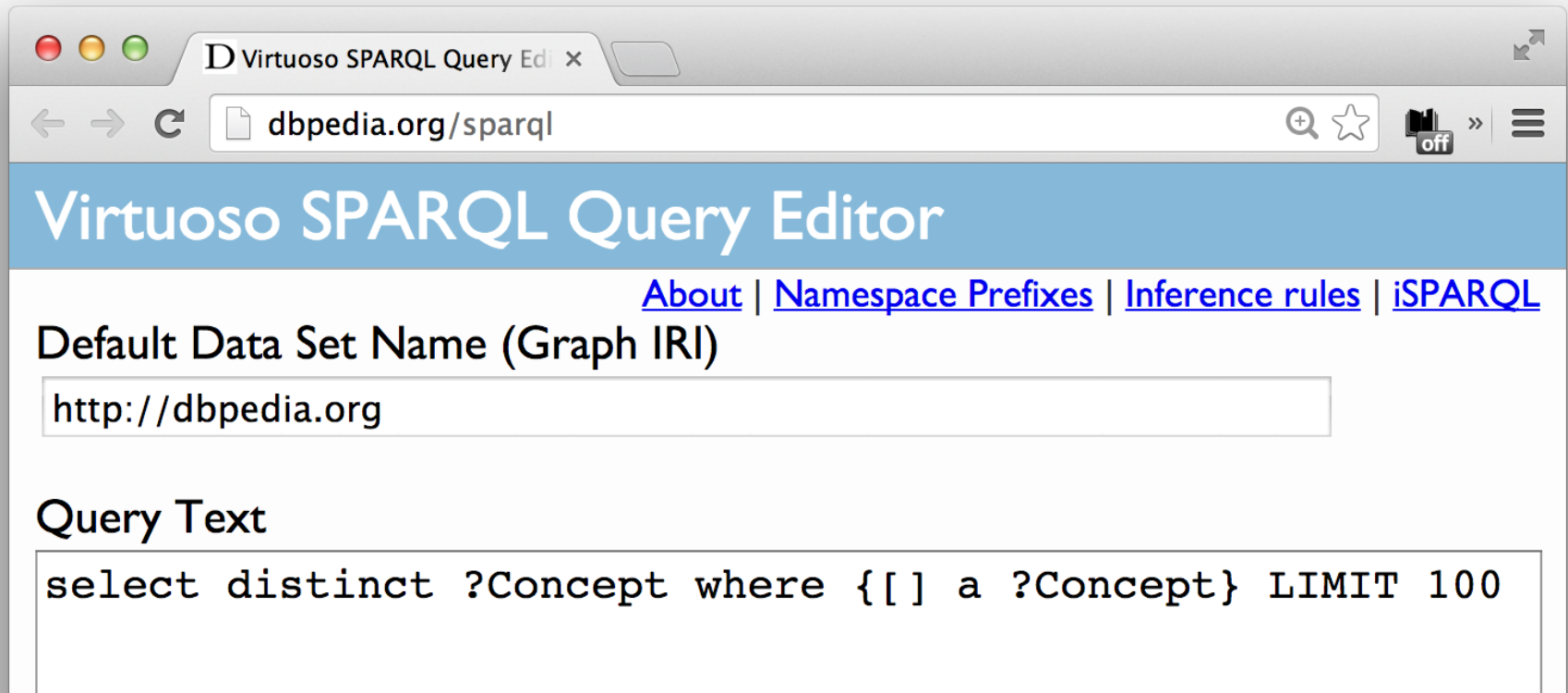


Iceland /ˈaɪslənd/ (Icelandic: Ísland [ˈistlant]), sometimes referred to in full as the Republic of Iceland (Lýðveldið Ísland), is a Nordic island country marking the juncture between the North Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean, on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. The country has a population of 325,671 and a total area of 103,000 km<sup>2</sup> (40,000 sq mi), which makes it the most sparsely populated country in Europe.

**Property**

**Value**

# QUERYING DBPEDIA



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window displaying the Virtuoso SPARQL Query Editor. The browser's address bar shows the URL `dbpedia.org/sparql`. The page title is "Virtuoso SPARQL Query Editor". Below the title, there are navigation links: [About](#), [Namespace Prefixes](#), [Inference rules](#), and [iSPARQL](#). The "Default Data Set Name (Graph IRI)" field contains the text `http://dbpedia.org`. The "Query Text" field contains the SPARQL query: `select distinct ?Concept where {[] a ?Concept} LIMIT 100`.

Virtuoso SPARQL Query Editor

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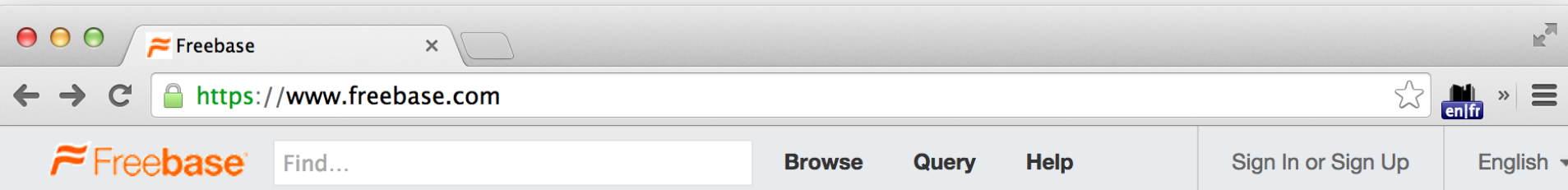
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Query Text

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# FREEBASE



2,653,581,676

Facts  
(and counting)

A community-curated database of well-known people, places, and things

- Data
- Schema
- Queries
- Apps
- Loads
- Review Tasks
- Users

## Explore Freebase Data

Domain	ID	Topics	Facts
Music	/music	29M	200M
Books	/book	6M	15M
Media	/media_common	5M	16M

### How can you get started?

#### Learn how it works

Discover what kind of information Freebase contains, how it's organized, and how Freebase allows you to uniquely identify identities anywhere on the web

# WIKIDATA

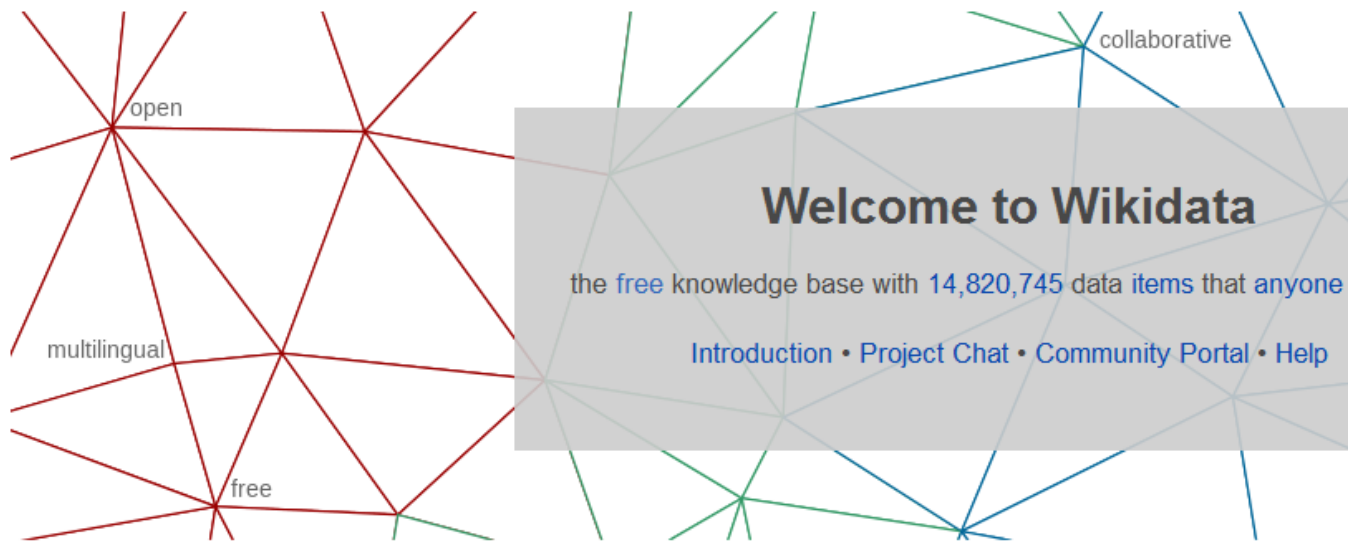


Main Page Discussion

Main page  
Community portal  
Project chat  
Create a new item  
Item by title  
Recent changes  
Random item  
Help  
Donate

Print/export  
Create a book  
Download as PDF  
Printable version

Tools  
What links here  
Related changes  
Special pages  
Permanent link  
Page information



## Welcome!

Wikidata is a free linked database that can be read and edited by both humans and machines.

Wikidata acts as central storage for the **structured data** of its Wikimedia sister projects including Wikipedia

## Learn about data

New to the wonderful world of Wikidata? Get up to speed and feeling comfortable with Wikidata.



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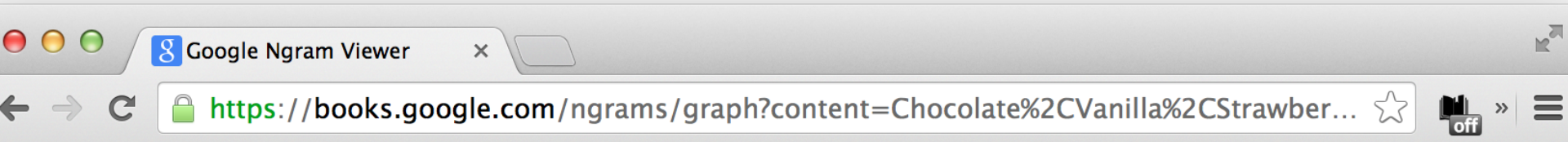


The Kama Sutra of Vatsyayana

Vatsyayana

13285 downloads

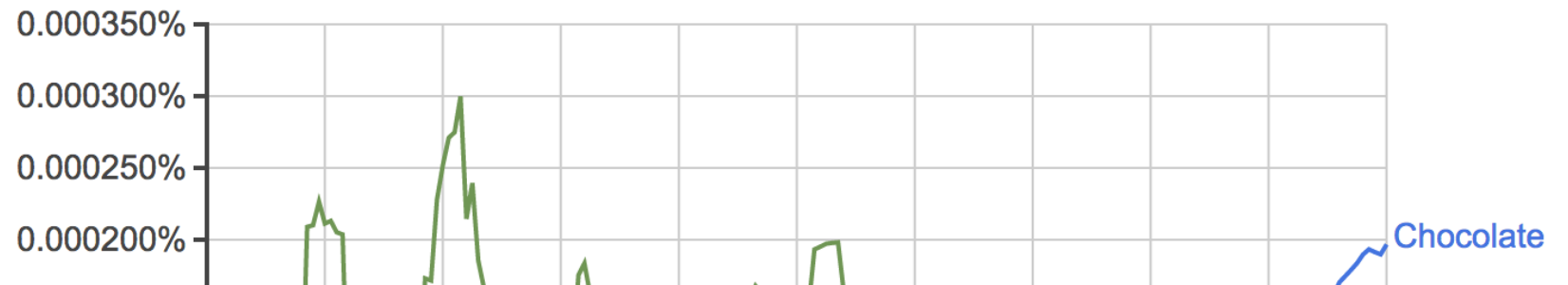
# GOOGLE N-GRAMS



## Google books Ngram Viewer

Graph these comma-separated phrases:   case-insensitive

between  and  from the corpus  with smoothing of  . [Search lots of books](#)



# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL  
DATA INITIATIVES

# DATA.WORLDBANK.ORG

The screenshot shows the homepage of data.worldbank.org. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About', 'Data', 'Research', 'Learning', 'News', and 'Projects & Operations'. Below this is a 'Data' section with tabs for 'By Country', 'By Topic', 'Indicators', 'Data Catalog', and 'Microdata'. A sidebar on the right contains 'Find an indicator' and 'BROWSE DATA' sections. The main content area features several news articles, including 'Launch of a live, interactive application for the India Country Partnership Strategy' and 'Global child mortality rate dropped 49% since 1990'.

The screenshot shows the OECD Data Lab page. The header includes the OECD logo and the tagline 'BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'OECD Home', 'About', 'Countries', 'Topics', 'Statistics', and 'Newsroom'. The 'Topics' section is expanded, showing a grid of categories such as 'Agriculture and fisheries', 'Education', 'Innovation', 'Regulatory reform', etc. Below the topics is a 'topics:' section with a grid of interactive cards for 'Product Market Regulation', 'OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook', 'Environmental Outlook', and 'Climate Change'. A large black banner with the text 'DATA.OECD.ORG' is overlaid at the bottom of the page.

# GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

WWW.DATA.GOV (US)

DATA.GOV.UK

DATA.GOV.BE

The screenshot shows the homepage of Data.gov. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Data.gov logo and the text "DATA TOPICS". Below this, a large blue banner contains the text "The home of the data" and "Here you will find data, tools, web and mobile applications". A search bar is visible on the right side of the page. At the bottom, there is a section titled "BROWSE TOPICS" with a search input field containing the text "Health Care Provider Charge".

The screenshot shows the search results page on Data.gov.uk. The header includes the Data.gov.uk logo and the tagline "Opening up Government". Below the header, there is a search bar with the text "Search for data..." and a link to "conduct map based search". A green bar indicates "19422 Results". The first result is titled "Live traffic information from the Highway" and is from the "Highways Agency". The description states: "Live traffic information data showing traffic information on the road network in England, maintained by the Highways Agency. August 2013 Following a change of...". The second result is titled "Learning Aim Reference Service" and is from the "Skills Funding Agency". The description states: "Learning Aim Reference Service (LARS) service will offer a 'Quick facility, allowing users to search by most commonly used fields full set of search fields will still...".

The screenshot shows the datasets page on Data.gov.be. The header includes the Data.gov.be logo and the text "Beta". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with the text "HOME CONDITIONS D'UTILISATION DATA APPS IDÉES FORUM". A search bar is visible. Below the search bar, there is a section titled "Liste de sets de données disponibles comme 'open data'". There are three dropdown menus for "Catégorie", "Type", and "Granularité", all set to "- Tout -". An "Appliquer" button is next to the dropdowns. Below the dropdowns, there is a table with the following columns: "Titre", "Catégorie", and "Type".

Titre	Catégorie	Type
<a href="#">Zones de stationnement voirie 2013</a>	Mobilité	Téléchargement
<a href="#">Usages TIC des ménages wallons</a>	TIC	Téléchargement Service web
<a href="#">Usages TIC des citoyens wallons</a>	Population, Economie, TIC	Téléchargement Service web
<a href="#">UDP Mars 2013 par commune</a>	Energie, Pouvoirs publics	Téléchargement
<a href="#">UDP Mai 2013 par commune</a>	Energie, Pouvoirs publics	Téléchargement

# NEW DATA INITIATIVES JUST TO TRACK ALL THE DATA INITIATIVES

Browse by country | re3dat x

← → ↻ [www.re3data.org/browse/by-country/](http://www.re3data.org/browse/by-country/)

**re3data.org**  
REGISTRY OF RESEARCH DATA REPOSITORIES

Home Search **Browse** Suggest FAQ  
About Schema Contact Imprint

# INITIATIVES IN FRANCE

[HTTP://DATA.GOUV.FR](http://data.gouv.fr)

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The background window is the homepage of data.gouv.fr, featuring a search bar, a navigation menu with categories like 'Agriculture et alimentation', 'Culture', and 'Économie et Emploi', and a 'Partagez, les données' section. The foreground window is opendata.paris.fr, displaying the 'PARISDATA' logo, a navigation menu with 'Les données', 'Les Data Challenges', 'L'API', 'La licence', 'La démarche', and 'Le forum', and a search bar with the text 'Trouver un jeu de données...'. A 'Zones de rencontre' section is visible at the bottom of the foreground window.

[HTTP://OPENDATA.PARIS.FR/EXPLORE/](http://opendata.paris.fr/explore/)

# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

OTHER PUBLIC DATA REPOSITORIES



# MORE REPOSITORIES OF PUBLIC DATA SETS

VISUALIZING.ORG

<http://visualizing.org/data/browse>

AMAZON PUBLIC DATA HOSTING

<http://aws.amazon.com/publicdatasets/>

GOOGLE PUBLIC DATA

<http://www.google.com/publicdata/directory>

KAGGLE

<https://www.kaggle.com/>

# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

DATA RETAILERS

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**FACTUAL**

<http://www.factual.com/>

**Dawex**

<https://www.dawex.com/en/>

**Datamean**

<https://datmean.com/>

Weather stations, ...

AND AGAIN, THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE...

# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

APIS

# TWITTER

Streaming APIs (live data by users and by topics)

The “Firehose” (all of live twitter)

Complete Archives via “Gnip” and eventually (maybe) the US Library of Congress

[HTTPS://DEV.TWITTER.COM](https://dev.twitter.com)

## ≡ API reference index

The API reference index is a central list of all endpoints included on the Twitter Developer Platform across our different APIs.

Jump to...

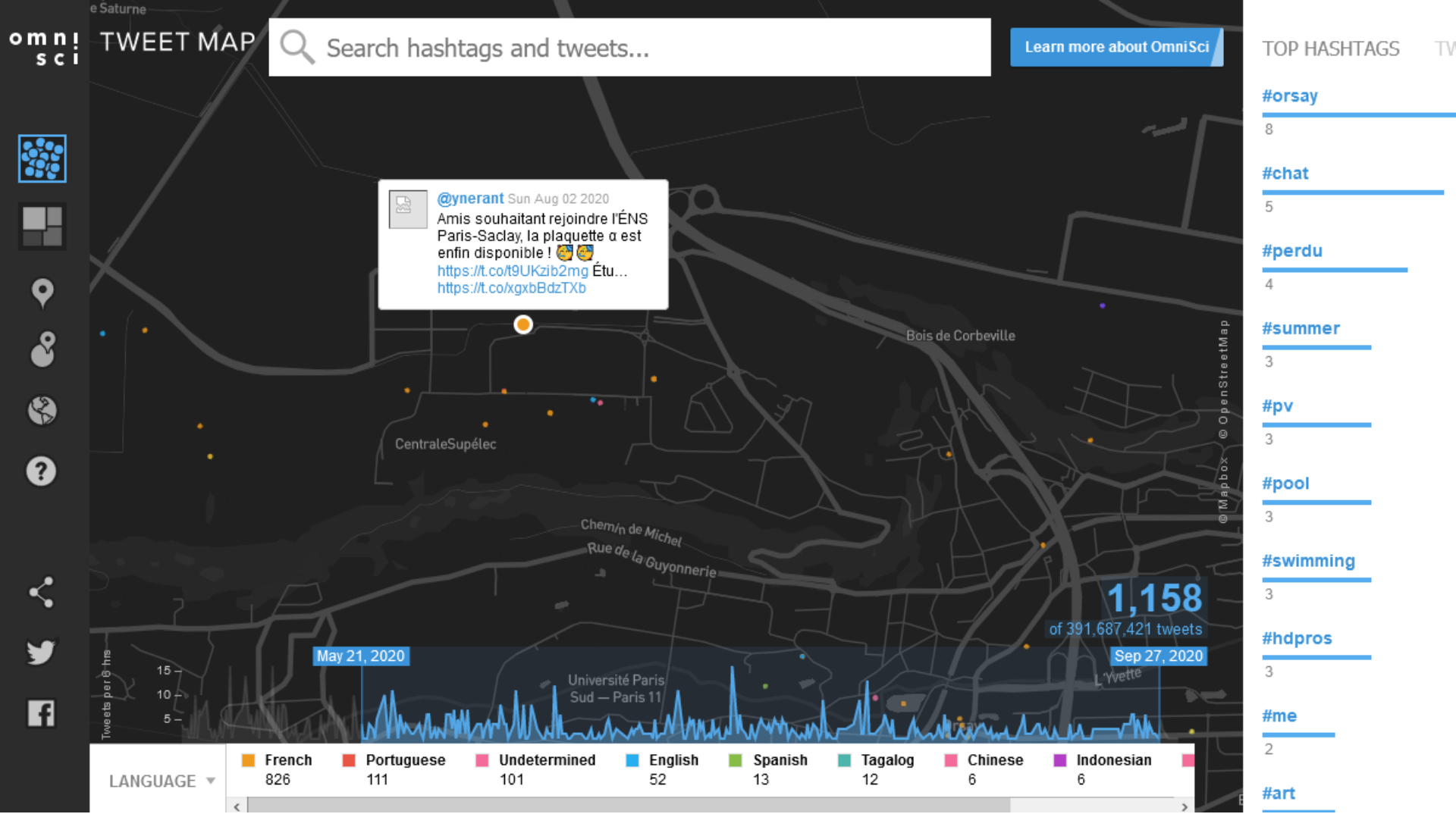
- [Twitter API v2](#)
- [Twitter API v1.1](#)
- [Twitter Ads API](#)
- [Labs](#)
- [Platform-wide](#)

## Twitter API v2: Early Access

### Tweets

#### Filtered stream

- [GET /2/tweets/search/stream](#)
- [GET /2/tweets/search/stream/rules](#)
- [POST /2/tweets/search/stream/rules](#)



# Tottenham Riots

402 sources sharing 551 tweets matching "tottenhamriots" or "tottenham"

## Search

(enter search terms here)

Search

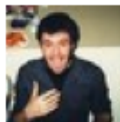
## Sort

# times retweeted

## Show Sources (showing 8 of 10 sources loaded)

All Ordinary People Journalists / Bloggers Organizations Uncategorized Eyewitnesses

 Daniel Carr, @daniel\_carr (2 years, 3 months old)

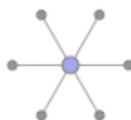


Myself in 160 characters: Schizophrenic. Also a criminologist

NETWORK SKETCH

213  
Followers

163  
Following



FRIENDS' LOCATIONS



London, GB  
34.48%



Glasgow, GB  
5.17%



Manchester, GB  
3.45%

TOP ENTITIES MENTIONED HISTORICALLY

Bruce Grove, Tottenham Hale, London, BBC, Haha,

London, United Kingdom



Journo/Blogger

41

RTed

56

Klout

## Show Tweets

All Exclude RTs Images & Videos

31 Tweets

#tottenham #tottenhamriots Fire near Bruce Grove Station, larger one towards Lordship Lane  
Aug. 6, 2011, 11:27 p.m.

#tottenham #tottenhamriots @MrsCheddies by Bruce Grove I mean north of previous fires, on High Rd towards Lordship Lane  
Aug. 6, 2011, 11:24 p.m.

@hackneyhive yeah around that area there are 2 fires, one small now, one very large #tottenham #tottenhamriots

Aidan Rowe, @Aidan\_Rowe (1 year, 2 months old)



Post-punk, proto-utopian, anarchist, activist, musician, blogger, student, failed comedian.

<http://redwriters1.blogspot.com>

NETWORK SKETCH

215  
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395  
Following



FRIENDS' LOCATIONS



Dublin, IE  
43.48%



London, GB  
4.35%



Cork, IE  
1.74%

TOP ENTITIES MENTIONED HISTORICALLY

Oslo, BBC, Dublin, Dermot Mulqueen, Johann Hari,



Ordinary Person

23

RTed

49

Klout

5 Tweets

"Why couldn't the people in #Tottenham just have held a nice dignified protest for us to ignore?" - Liberals #tottenhamriots

Aug. 7, 2011, 12:49 a.m.

Any reports of arrests? #tottenham #tottenhamriots Hope everyone is safe. #acab

Aug. 7, 2011, 12:06 a.m.

SRSR

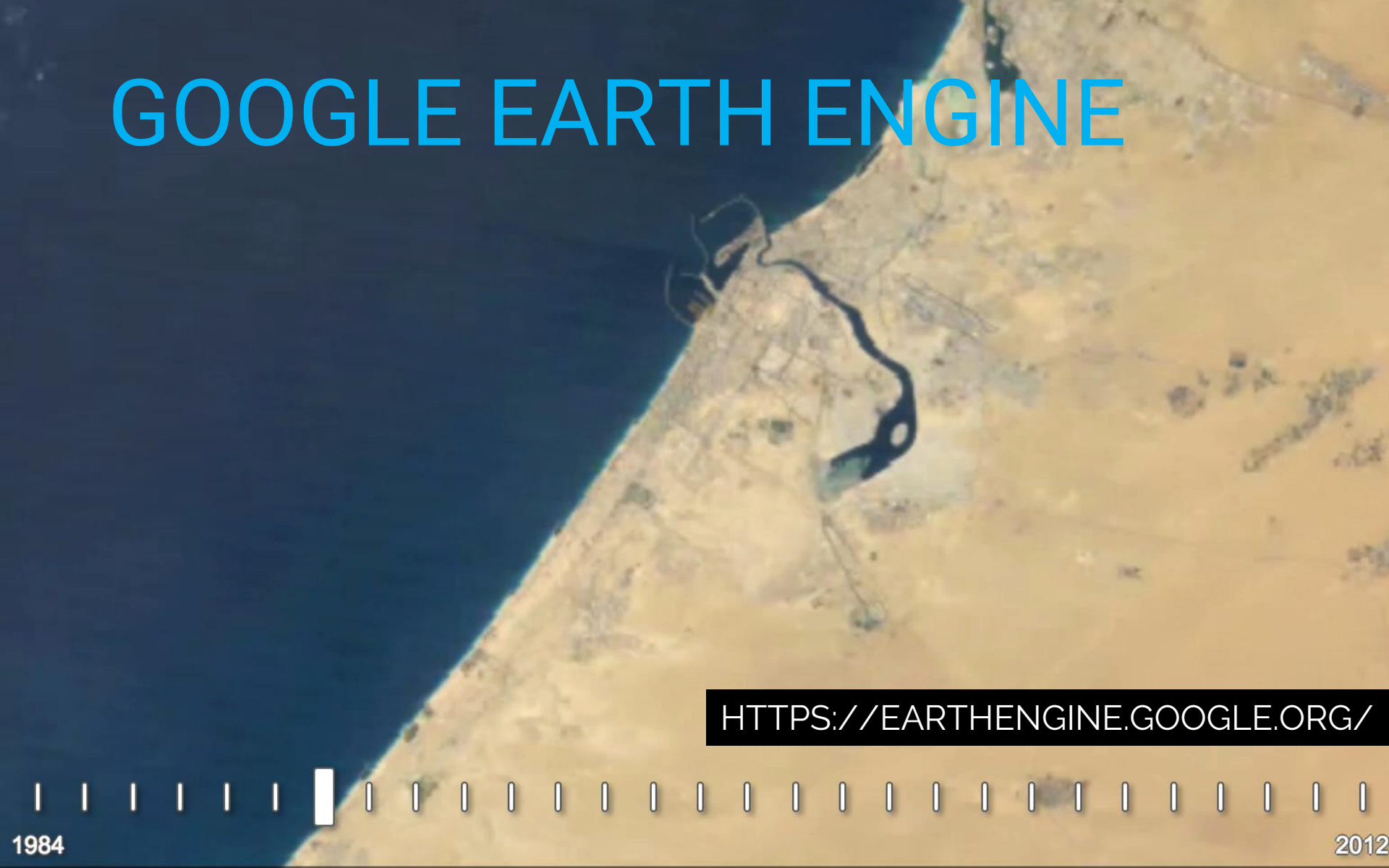
[DIAKOPOULOS ET AL. 2012]

# GOOGLE EARTH ENGINE

[HTTPS://EARTHENGINE.GOOGLE.ORG/](https://earthengine.google.org/)

1984

2012





# MORE APIS

## (APPPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACES)

### NEW YORK TIMES APIS

<http://developer.nytimes.com/>

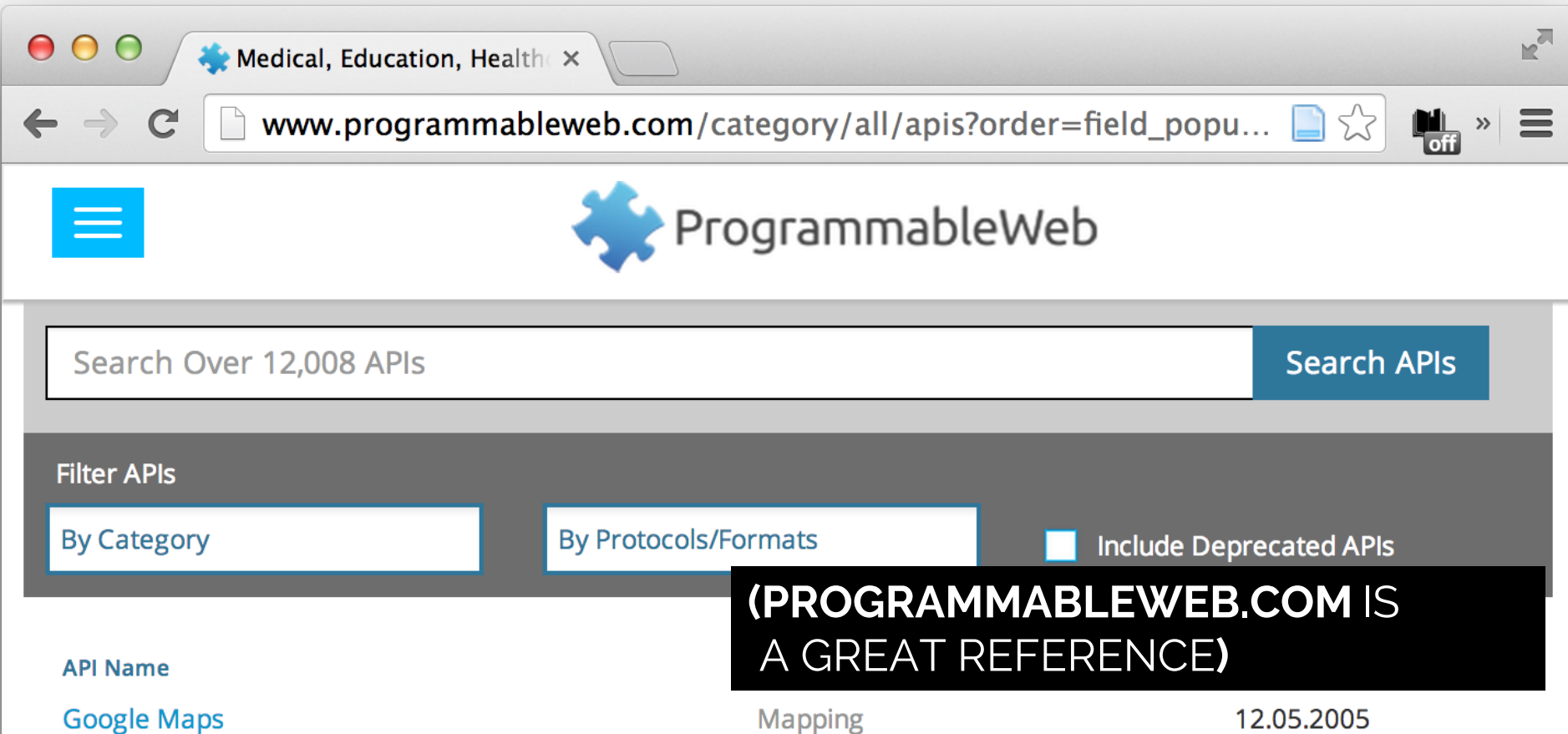
(Archival news articles from 1851, books, movies, geographical, and political data)

### OPEN STREET MAP

<http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/API>

(Detailed location and map data for the whole world)

# AND THE LIST GOES ON!



The image shows a browser window with the URL `www.programmableweb.com/category/all/apis?order=field_popu...`. The page features the ProgrammableWeb logo, a search bar with the text "Search Over 12,008 APIs" and a "Search APIs" button, and a "Filter APIs" section with options for "By Category", "By Protocols/Formats", and "Include Deprecated APIs".

**(PROGRAMMABLEWEB.COM IS A GREAT REFERENCE)**

API Name  
Google Maps  
Mapping  
12.05.2005

# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

SCRAPING THE WEB

# WHY SCRAPE?

No API exists for the data you want  
(can't access the right data, wrong format, etc.)

Simplicity – Usually don't need to authenticate, no rate-limiting, etc.

Want to capture context of pages or relationship between them.

# FOR EXAMPLE...

CommentSpace

http://www.commentspace.net/commentspace/?vis=http://www.commentspace.net/media/swf/tourdefrance/TDFGapsVis.swf&showlinks=false&workspace=TourD

Home

Search

Tagged As: Hypothesis, Question, To-Do

Linked As: Evidence For, Evidence Against

Views: All Views, Current View Only (1)

Show Comments From My Friends Only

This breakaway in 2009's stage 12 gained close to 5 minutes on the field, but still didn't seem to help most of the riders who were part of it. Why?

-Wesley W. 02:22:12 PM

how can I zoom in on the graph?

-Tom R. 02:47:47 AM

Would it be possible to select one rider as a baseline, then compare select riders to that individual?

-Sean S. Thu Jul 1 2010

Wow, Sastre, Stage 17 really did you in.

-Wesley W. Thu Jul 1 2010

2009 Green jersey winner, Thor Hushovd, and KOM, Franco Pellizzotti, weren't even in the top third. Why no relationship between climbing and sprinting ability and overall classification?

-Wesley W. Thu Jul 1 2010

Do riders ever make up much time on the leader? When does this happen? Does it correspond to lead changes?

-Wesley W. Thu Jul 1 2010

Do some teams reliably ride together? Does usually mean a predict a poor performance? Shil-Shimano dropped together in 2009.

-Jay X. Thu Jul 1 2010

"The team that sticks together fails together?" (more examples)

2009

Gap Behind Leader

Tour de France 2009  
Rider Times by Stage

Teams

- AG2R-LA MONDIALE
- AGRITUBEL
- ASTANA
- BBOX BOUYGUES TELECOM
- CAISSE D'EPARGNE
- CERVELO TEST TEAM
- COFIDIS LE CREDIT EN LIGNE
- EUSKALTEL-EUSKADI
- FRANCAISE DES JEUX
- GARMIN-SLIPSTREAM
- LAMPRE-N.G.C
- LIQUIGAS
- QUICK STEP
- RABOBANK
- SILENCE-LOTTO
- SKIL-SHIMANO
- TEAM COLUMBIA-HTC
- TEAM KATUSHA
- TEAM MILRAM
- TEAM SAXO BANK

Shift-Click to select multiple teams or riders

Plot:  Gap  Gain/Loss

Color by:  Team  Gain/Loss


Rider Search

	<b>SORENSEN Nicki (DEN)</b>	+0h 46' 34"
	TEAM SAXO BANK	
	<b>PELLIZZOTTI Franco (ITA)</b>	+0h 56' 19"
	LIQUIGAS	
	<b>LEFEVRE Laurent (FRA)</b>	+1h 01' 29"
	BBOX BOUYGUES TELECOM	






















**5** 19:16 Top 5 🕒 19:14 The winner is... Marcel Kittel 🕒 19:10 All together with 3km to go

**PARIS TOURS**  
12/10/2014

 Individual Points Team Climber Youth Combative

## Overall individual time classification

Total distance covered: **3660.5 KM**

RANK	RIDER	RIDER NO.	TEAM	TIMES	GAP
1.	 NIBALI Vincenzo	41	ASTANA PRO TEAM	<b>89h 59' 06"</b>	
2.	 PÉRAUD Jean-Christophe	81	AG2R LA MONDIALE	<b>90h 06' 43"</b>	+ 07' 37"
3.	 PINOT Thibaut	127	FDJ.FR	<b>90h 07' 21"</b>	+ 08' 15"
4.	 VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro	11	MOVISTAR TEAM	<b>90h 08' 46"</b>	+ 09' 40"
5.	 VAN GARDEREN Tejay	141	BMC RACING TEAM	<b>90h 10' 30"</b>	+ 11' 24"
6.	 BARDET Romain	82	AG2R LA MONDIALE	<b>90h 10' 32"</b>	+ 11' 26"
7.	 KONIG Leopold	201	TEAM NETAPP-ENDURA	<b>90h 13' 38"</b>	+ 14' 32"
8.	 ZUBELDIA AGIRRE Haimar	169	TREK FACTORY RACING	<b>90h 17' 03"</b>	+ 17' 57"
9.	 TEN DAM Laurens	67	BELKIN PRO CYCLING	<b>90h 17' 17"</b>	+ 18' 11"
10.	 MOLLEMA Bauke	61	BELKIN PRO CYCLING	<b>90h 20' 21"</b>	+ 21' 15"
11.	 ROLLAND Pierre	151	TEAM EUROPCAR	<b>90h 22' 13"</b>	+ 23' 07"
12.	 SCHLECK Frank	161	TREK FACTORY RACING	<b>90h 24' 54"</b>	+ 25' 48"
13.	 VAN DEN BROECK Jurgen	131	LOTTO-BELISOL	<b>90h 33' 07"</b>	+ 34' 01"
14.	 TROFIMOV Yury	29	TEAM KATUSHA	<b>90h 35' 47"</b>	+ 36' 41"
15.	 KRUIJSWIJK Steven	64	BELKIN PRO CYCLING	<b>90h 37' 21"</b>	+ 38' 15"
16.	 FEILLU Brice	211	BRETAGNE - SECHE ENVIRONNEMENT	<b>90h 43' 05"</b>	+ 43' 59"
17.	 HORNER Christopher	114	LAMPRE - MERIDA	<b>90h 43' 37"</b>	+ 44' 31"
18.	 NIEVE ITURRALDE Mikel	5	TEAM SKY	<b>90h 45' 37"</b>	+ 46' 31"
19.	 GADRET John	13	MOVISTAR TEAM	<b>90h 46' 36"</b>	+ 47' 30"

# **SOMETIMES YOU DON'T NEED A SCRAPER!**

A few tips and tricks...



# PULLING DATA TABLES FROM THE WEB

Google



IMPORTHTML

Imports data from a table or list within an HTML page.

# Demographics of India

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*This article is about the people from India. For other uses, see [Indian \(disambiguation\)](#).*

The **demographics of India** are inclusive of the [second most populous](#) country in the world, with over 1.21 billion people (2011 census), more than a sixth of the [world's population](#).

Already containing 17.5% of the world's population, India is projected to be the [world's most populous country](#) by 2025, surpassing [China](#), its population reaching 1.6 billion by 2050.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Its population growth rate is 1.41%, ranking [102nd](#) in the world in 2010.<sup>[6]</sup> Indian population reached the billion mark in 2000.

Demographics of India	
<b>Population</b>	1,236,344,631 (July 2014 est.) <sup>[1]</sup> ( <a href="#">2nd</a> )
<b>Growth rate</b>	1.51% (2009 est.) ( <a href="#">93rd</a> )
<b>Birth rate</b>	20.22 births/1,000 population (2013 est.)
<b>Death rate</b>	7.4 deaths/1,000 population (2013 est.)
<b>Life expectancy</b>	68.89 years (2009 est.)
<b>• male</b>	67.46 years (2009 est.)
<b>• female</b>	72.61 years (2009 est.)
<b>Fertility rate</b>	2.44 children born/woman (SRS 2011)
<b>Infant mortality rate</b>	44 deaths/1,000 live births (2011 est.)
Age structure	

Population distribution in India by states

Rank	State / Union Territory	Type	Population	% <sup>[18]</sup>	Area <sup>[19]</sup> (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (/km <sup>2</sup> )	Males	Females	Sex Ratio <sup>[20]</sup>	Literacy	Rural <sup>[21]</sup> Population	Urban <sup>[21]</sup> Population
1	Uttar Pradesh	State	199,812,341	16.50	240,928	828	104,480,510	95,331,831	912	67.68	131,658,339	34,539,582
2	Maharashtra	State	121,455,333	9.28	307,713	365	58,243,056	54,131,277	929	82.34	55,777,647	41,100,980
3	Bihar	State	103,804,637	8.60	94,163	1,102	54,278,157	49,821,295	918	61.80	74,316,709	8,681,800
4	West Bengal	State	91,276,115	7.54	88,752	1,030	46,809,027	44,467,088	950	76.26	57,748,946	22,427,251
5	Madhya Pradesh	State	72,626,809	6.00	308,245	236	37,612,306	35,014,503	931	69.32	44,380,878	15,967,145
6	Tamil Nadu	State	72,147,030	5.96	130,058	555	36,137,975	36,009,055	996	80.09	34,921,681	27,483,998
7	Rajasthan	State	68,548,437	5.66	342,239	201	35,550,997	32,997,440	928	66.11	43,292,813	13,214,375
8	Karnataka	State	61,095,297	5.05	191,791	319	30,966,657	30,128,640	973	75.36	34,889,033	17,961,529
9	Guirarat	State	60.439.692	4.99	196.024	308	31.491.260	28.948.432	919	78.03	31.740.767	18.930.250



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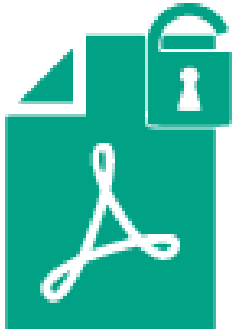


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7	6	Tamil Nadu	State	72,147,030	5.96	130,058

# PARSING PDFS

## Tabula



Tabula is a tool  
locked inside P

### Extracted tabular data

2		
All Students	79,858	99%
Gender		
Male	40,492	98%
Female	39,134	99%
Ethnicity		
White	10,665	99%
Black	49,379	99%
Latino/Hispanic	13,717	98%
Asian	4,746	100%
Native American	132	99%
Multiracial	941	98%
Other Groups		
IEP	11,471	98%

Use row/columns separators

Close

Copy to clipboard as CSV

Download data

# BUILDING A WEB SCRAPER

FETCHING DATA + PARSING DATA

YOU SHOULD **SEPARATE** THESE  
PROCESSES **WHENEVER POSSIBLE!**

# FETCHING DATA

## DON'T DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE

Download complete pages and save them locally before you process them.

## DEALING WITH PAGINATION

If results or records are spread across multiple pages, you may need to parse the page to find the link to the next page.

# PARSING DATA

**SERIOUSLY, DON'T DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE!**

**Processing** data from local files means you **don't have to get it right the first time.**

**USE YOUR BROWSER'S DEVELOPER TOOLS**

All modern web browsers have built-in tools that let you inspect web pages.

# BE CAREFUL - YOU CAN GET YOURSELF BLOCKED

Many sites will try to slow or block heavy access (both to prevent scraping and DoS attacks)

**To get around this...** You can introduce delays in your scraper or scrape from multiple locations.



# **A FEW MORE NOTES ABOUT DATA MANAGEMENT**

FORMATS AND BEST-PRACTICES

# DATA FORMATS

## STRUCTURED vs. UNSTRUCTURED

STRUCTURED DATA is more like what you'd find in a traditional **spreadsheet** or **database**.

UNSTRUCTURED DATA can include **raw text**, **streaming data**, even **images** or **video**.

SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA is more organized, but doesn't follow a fixed schema (e.g. DBPEDIA data)

# CSV

(Comma-Separated Value)

```
1 firstName,lastName,age,streetAddress,city,state
2 John,Smith,25,21 2nd Street,New York,NY,10021,2
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
John	Smith	25	21 2nd Street	New York	NY	10021	212 555-1239	646 555-4567	male

We will mostly use CSV in this course

# CSV BEST PRACTICES

Remove unnecessary rows or cells

- empty cells, comments, write NA for missing values

Row	author keyword	author frequency	expert keyword	expert frequency
1	data partitioning		1 data and data management	64
2	visual knowledge discovery		13 knowledge discovery	29
3	feature selection		1 features and attributes	38
4	guided visualization		1 interaction	152
5	regression		2 machine learning & statistics	55
6	model building		1 machine learning & statistics	55
7	decision support systems		1 analysis process	113
8	model validation and analysis		1 machine learning & statistics	55
9	program analysis		1 analysis process	113
10	multi-variate statistics		1 multidimensional / multivariate	83
11	visual analytics		86 visual analytics	86
12	cultural heritage		2 applications	103
13	wall paintings		1 art and aesthetics	10
14	degradation		1 applications	103
15	nonnegative matrix factorization		1 matrices	10
16	interactive clustering		3 clustering	50

# CSV BEST PRACTICES

Splits cells if you can

If needed create a second file

	First page	Last page	ous (capstone, keynote, VAST challenge, panel, poster, ...)	Abstract	Author Names
	457	457	M		Donna J. Cox
↓	6	13, 460	C	The use of critical po	James Helman; Lambertus Hesselink
↓	14	27, 461	C	The authors discuss	Gordon V. Bancroft; Fergus Merritt; Todd Plessel; Paul G. Kelaita; R. Kevin McCabe; Al Globus
↓	28	35, 462	C	The VIS-5D system	William L. Hibbard; David A. Santek
↓	36	44, 462	C	The author presents	James L. Montine
↓	45	50, 462	C	Some ideas and tech	Gregory M. Nielson; Bernd Hamann
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↓	67	73	C	The animation of two	Anthony J. Maeder
↓	74	82, 464	C	The authors propose	James V. Miller; David E. Breen; Michael J. Wozny
↓	83	92, 465	C	The authors present	Ping-Kang Hsiung; Robert H. Thibadeau; Christopher B. Cox; Robert H. P. Dunn; Michael Wu; Pat
↓	93	96, 467	C	The authors describe	Richard A. Becker; Stephen G. Eick; Eileen O. Miller; Allan R. Wilks
↓	97	106, 46	C	The authors describe	Andrew J. Hanson; Pheng-Ann Heng; B. C. Kaplan
↓	107	113	C	The authors describe	Bowen Alpern; Larry Carter; Ted Selker

# CSV BEST PRACTICES

Give meaningful unique column names

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>ExistingFieldName</b>	<b>UserFriendlyFieldName</b>		
2	AccMngDpt	Department		
3	AccMngName	Account Manager		
4	CusAccMngID	Account Manager ID		
5	CusAddress	Customer Address		
6	CusCoulD	Customer Country		
7	CusID	Customer ID		
8	CusName	Customer		
9	DelAddress	Delivery Address		
10	DelDate	Delivery Date		
11	DelDesc	Delivery Description		
12	DelID	Delivery ID		
13	DelTime	Delivery Time		
14				
15				
16				
17				

Make column name casing consistent

For pandas, snake\_case is recommended  
→ with it you can do:

`df.column_name` or  
`df['column_name']`

# XML

## (eXtensible Markup Language)

```
<person>
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith</lastName>
  <age>25</age>
  <address>
    <streetAddress>21 2nd Street</streetAddress>
    <city>New York</city>
    <state>NY</state>
    <postalCode>10021</postalCode>
  </address>
  <phoneNumbers>
    <phoneNumber type="home">212 555-1234</phoneNumber>
    <phoneNumber type="fax">646 555-4567</phoneNumber>
  </phoneNumbers>
  <gender>
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
John	Smith	25	21 2nd Street	New York	NY	10021	212 555-1239	646 555-4567	male

# JSON

## (JavaScript Object Notation)

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "age": 25,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021"
  },
  "phoneNumber": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1239"
    },
    {
      "type": "fax",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    }
  ]
}
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
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# YAML

## (YAML Ain't Markup Language)

```
---
firstName: John
lastName: Smith
age: 25
address:
  streetAddress: 21 2nd Street
  city: New York
  state: NY
  postalCode: 10021

phoneNumber:
  -
    type: home
    number: 212 555-1234
  -
    type: fax
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
John	Smith	25	21 2nd Street	New York	NY	10021	212 555-1239	646 555-4567	male

# HANDLING DATA

## STORING DATA

- Always keep backups
- Password protect or encrypt any data with personal or sensitive information

## PROVENANCE

- Keep track of where/when data was collected
- Record any data processing steps so you (or others) can repeat them if necessary

# IP, COPYRIGHT, AND (RE)SHARING DATA

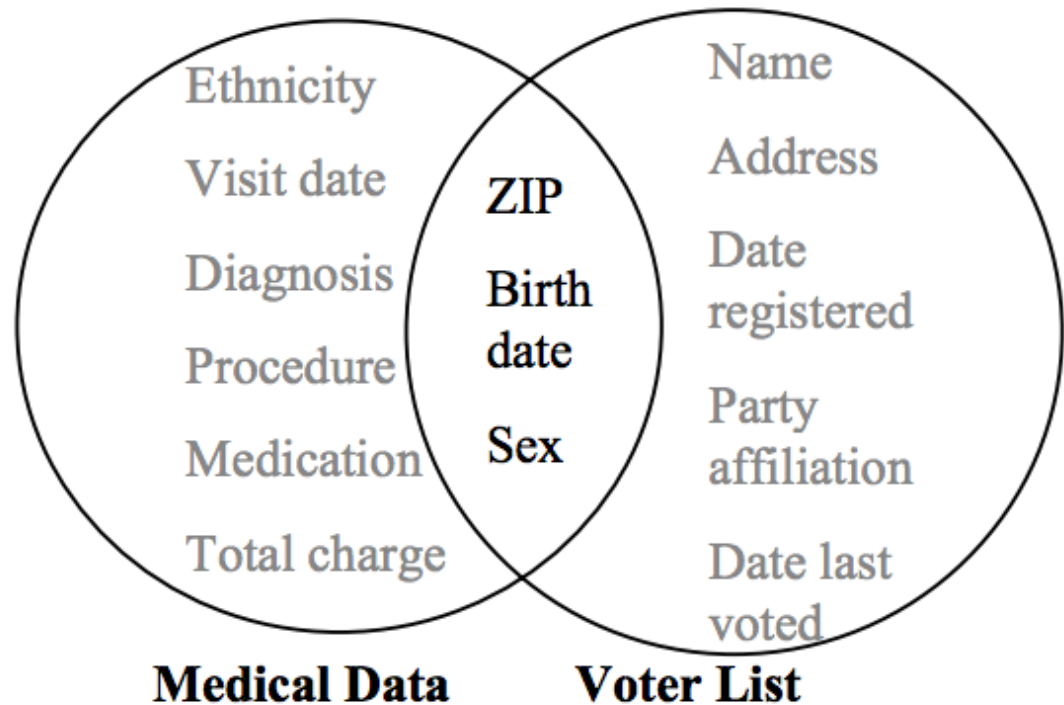
- Be sure you know who owns the data.
- Think early on about whether or not you'll need to publish or (re)share data.
- Be careful you aren't violating copyright, especially when scraping.

# PRIVACY AND ANONYMIZING DATA

- Any information that could be used to identify individuals is sensitive!
- There may be legal repercussions for releasing it.
- In some cases you might need to anonymize data before sharing.

**JUST REMOVING NAMES IS  
OFTEN NOT ENOUGH!**

# OTHER INFORMATION CAN STILL BE UNIQUE

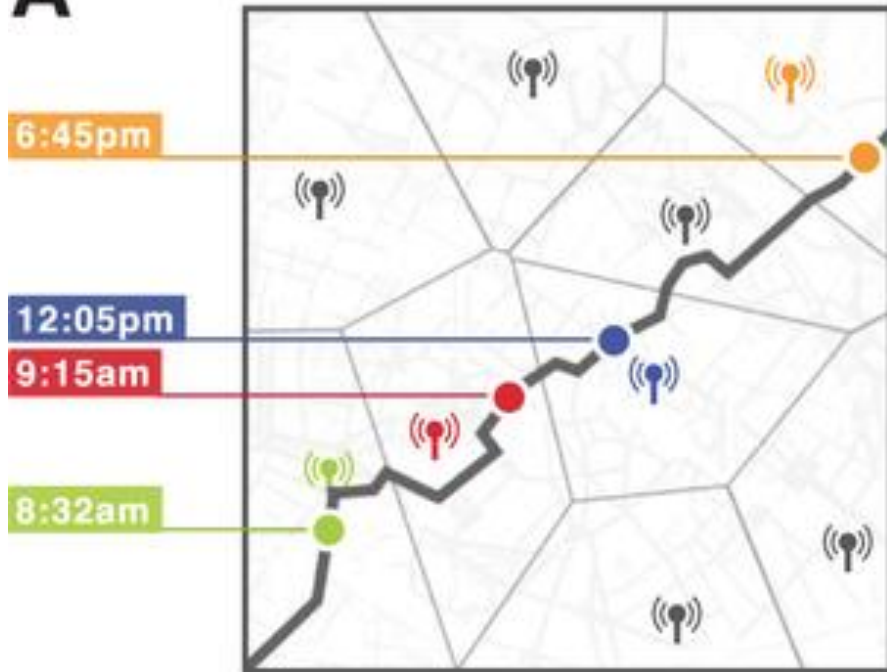


[L. Sweeney. 2002]

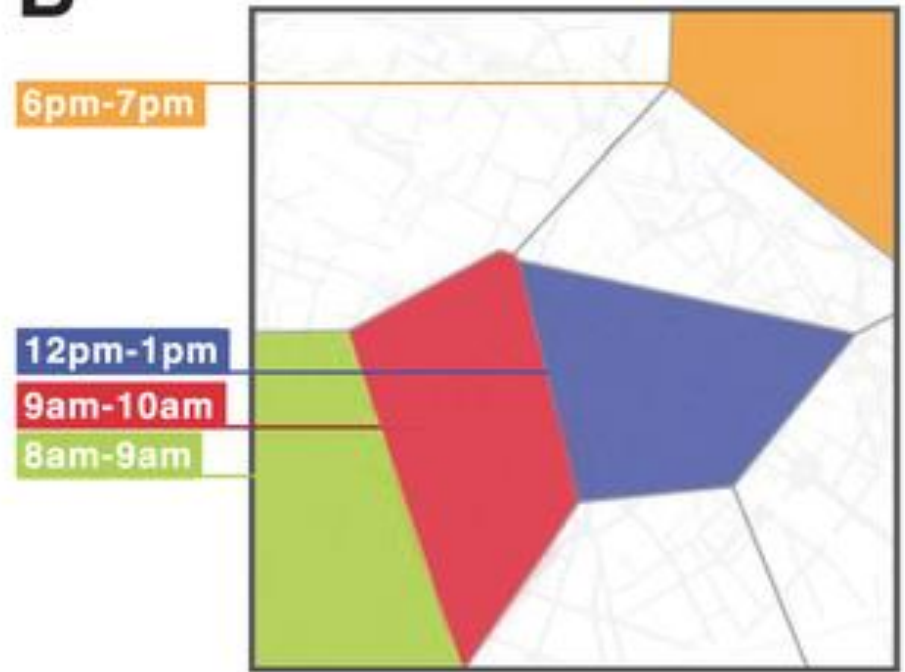
[k-ANONYMITY: A MODEL FOR PROTECTING PRIVACY](#)

# LOCATION DATA IS ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE

**A**



**B**



[de Montjoye et al. 2013]

[Unique in the Crowd: The privacy bounds of human mobility](#)

# REGULATIONS (ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH)

Institutional Review and Ethics Boards may need to approve experiments or data collection before it happens.

Studies involving people may need informed consent.



# REGULATIONS (INDUSTRY)

Some governments have placed limits on how long user data can be kept.

Some kinds of tracking (e.g., cookies) may now require opt-in or notifications.  
(However this varies by country).

# SOCIAL EXPERIMENTS

Experimental evidence of massive-scale emotional contagion via social networks

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Emo  
cont.

without them

in laboratory experiments

negative emotions to others.

network, collected over a 20-y period

moods (e.g., depression, happiness) can be tracked

networks [Fowler JH, Christakis NA (2008) *BMJ* 337:a2338]

though the results are controversial. In an experiment with people

who use Facebook, we test whether emotional contagion occurs

outside of in-person interaction between individuals by reducing

the amount of emotional content in the News Feed. When positive

expressions were reduced, people produced fewer positive posts

and more negative posts; when negative expressions were reduced,

the opposite pattern occurred. These results indicate that

emotions expressed by others on Facebook influence our own

emotions, constituting experimental evidence for massive-scale

After the social network altered the news feeds of nearly 700,000 users without telling them, Sen. Mark R. Warner wants to know if there should be oversight on these types of experiments.

## Senator asks FTC to investigate Facebook's mood study

later seen by... (8). Because people see... content than one person can... stories, and activities undertaken by... primary manner by which people see content... Which content is shown or omitted in the News Feed... determined via a ranking algorithm that Facebook continually develops and tests in the interest of showing viewers the content they will find most relevant and engaging. One such test is

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PSYCHOLOGY  
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# “EXPERIMENTING ON HUMAN BEINGS”



Dating Research from OkCupid

## We Experiment On Human Beings!

July 28th, 2014 by [Christian Rudder](#)

 [Tweet](#) 2,760

 [Share](#) 10k

I'm the first to admit it: we might be popular, we might create a lot of great relationships, we might blab blab blab. But OkCupid doesn't

# GDPR

## General Data Protection Regulation

- The world's strongest data protection rules
- Define how organization can handle information about people (customers etc.)

# GDPR & RESEARCH

Collection of personal data

= data from which people can be identified

(data that is pseudonymous is still personal data)

# PERSONAL DATA



=Any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person; (Art 4, 1)

# DATA PROCESSING

lawful, fair and transparent

get ethics approval

only process the minimal amount of necessary personal data; anonymize where possible

# IN SUMMARY: THERE ARE LOTS OF TOOLS AT YOUR DISPOSAL!

## COLLECT IT

- OBSERVATION
- SURVEYS
- LOGGING
- SENSORS
- CROWDSOURCING

## FIND OR EXTRACT IT

- OPEN CORPUSES
- DATA RETAILERS
- APIS
- SCRAPING THE WEB

## GENERATE IT

- SIMULATIONS



# BEFORE NEXT CLASS

INSTALL :



**OpenRefine** (formerly Google Refine)

<http://openrefine.org/>