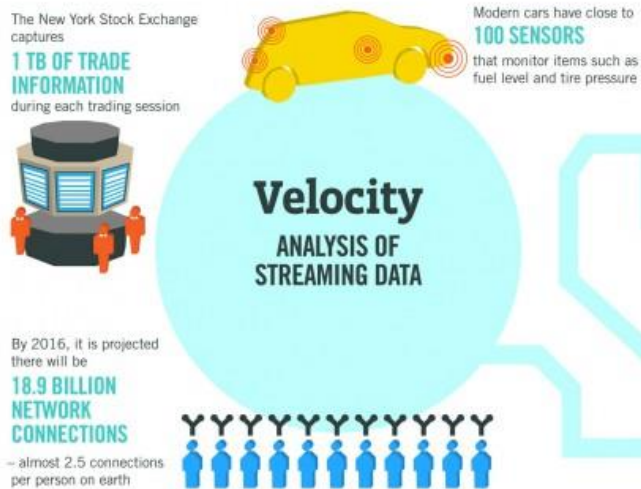
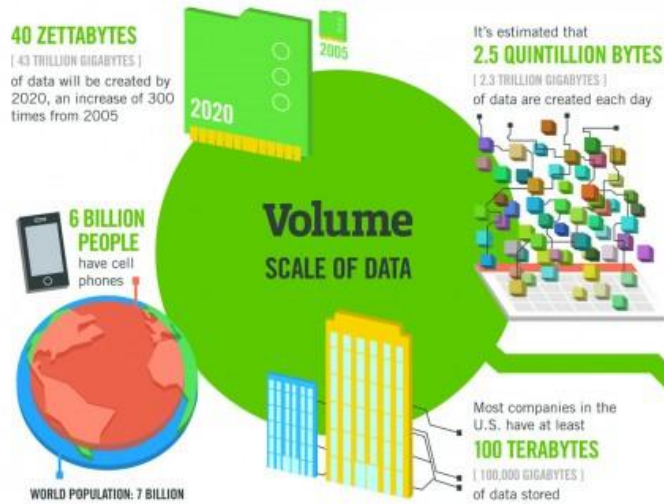


A complex network graph with numerous nodes of varying sizes and shades of gray, connected by a dense web of thin lines. The nodes are distributed across the entire frame, with a higher concentration in the center where the text is located.

Web GIS 1: Big Data & GIS

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What is Big Data?



The FOUR V's of Big Data

From traffic patterns and music downloads to web history and medical records, data is recorded, stored, and analyzed to enable the technology and services that the world relies on every day. But what exactly is big data, and how can these massive amounts of data be used?

As a leader in the sector, IBM data scientists break big data into four dimensions: **Volume, Velocity, Variety and Veracity**

Depending on the industry and organization, big data encompasses information from multiple internal and external sources such as transactions, social media, enterprise content, sensors and mobile devices. Companies can leverage data to adapt their products and services to better meet customer needs, optimize operations and infrastructure, and find new sources of revenue.

By 2015
4.4 MILLION IT JOBS
will be created globally to support big data, with 1.9 million in the United States

As of 2011, the global size of data in healthcare was estimated to be

150 EXABYTES
[161 BILLION GIGABYTES]



30 BILLION PIECES OF CONTENT
are shared on Facebook every month



By 2014, it's anticipated there will be **420 MILLION WEARABLE, WIRELESS HEALTH MONITORS**

4 BILLION+ HOURS OF VIDEO
are watched on YouTube each month



400 MILLION TWEETS
are sent per day by about 200 million monthly active users

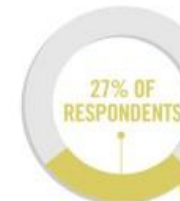


1 IN 3 BUSINESS LEADERS

don't trust the information they use to make decisions



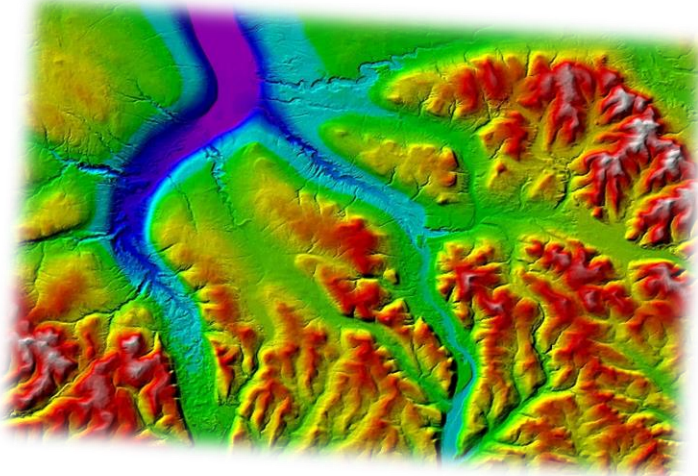
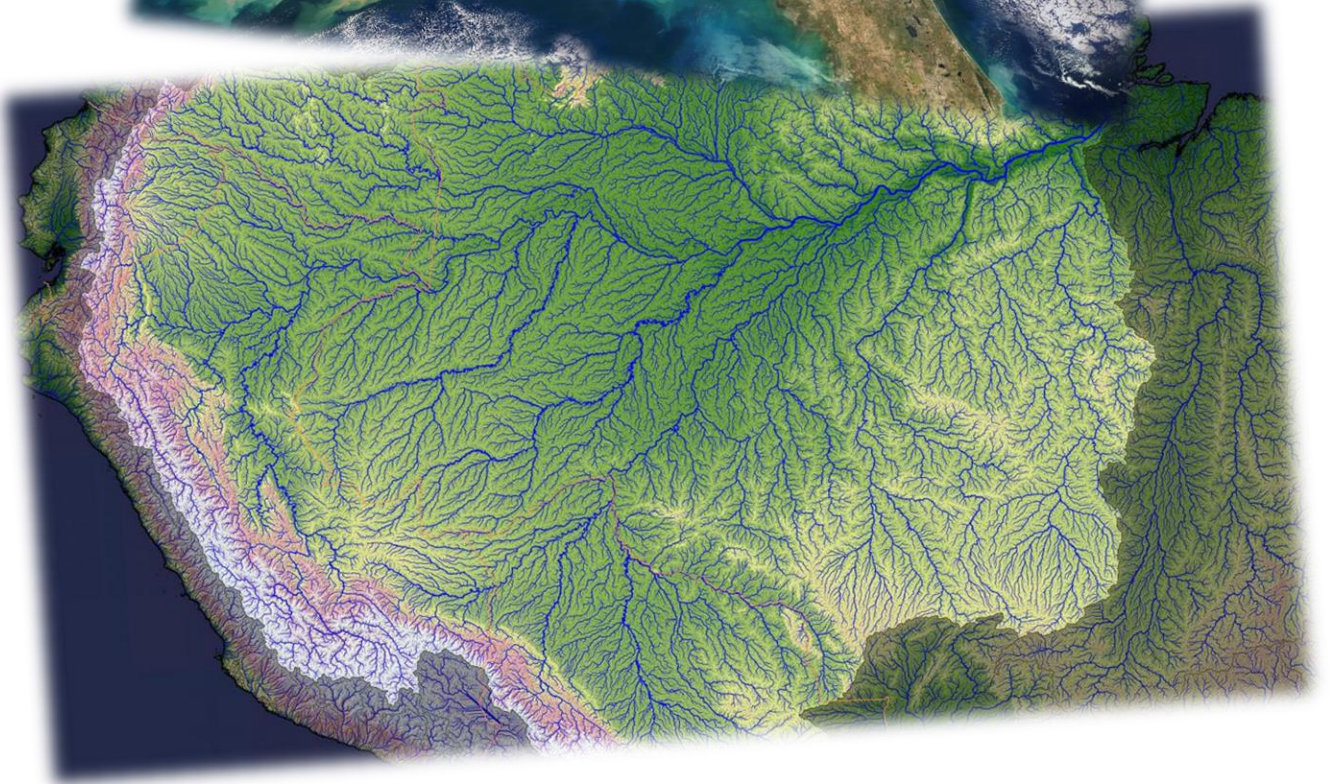
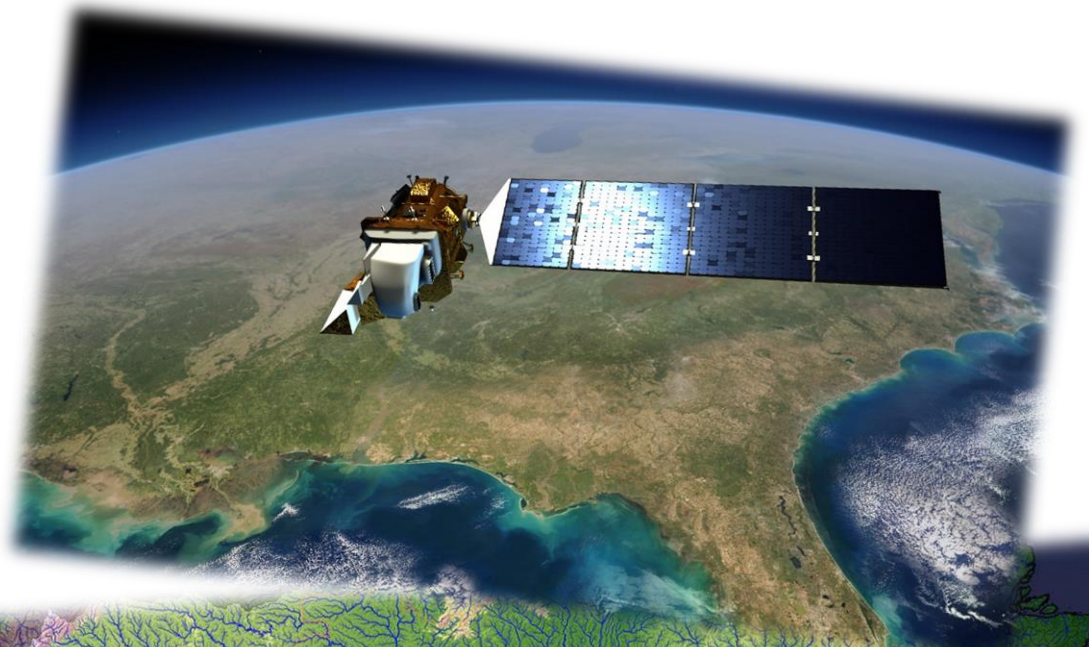
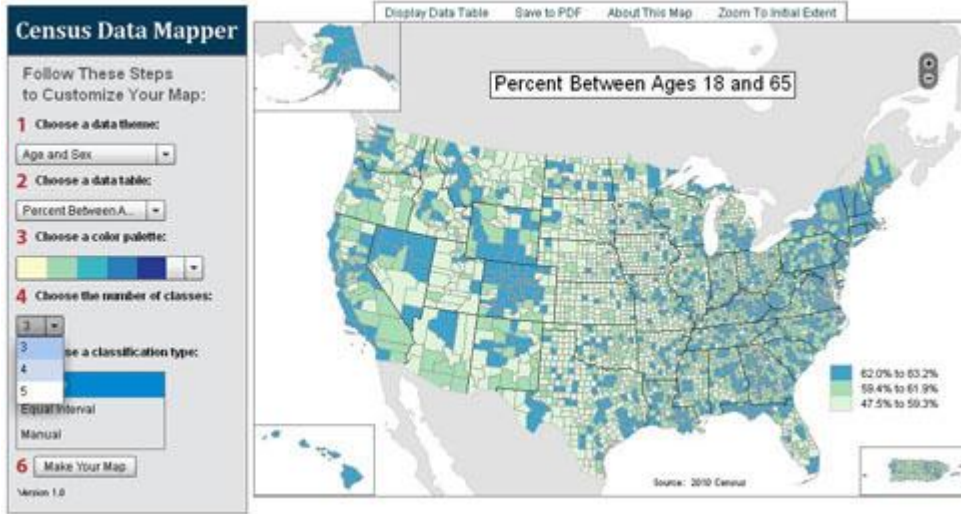
Poor data quality costs the US economy around **\$3.1 TRILLION A YEAR**



in one survey were unsure of how much of their data was inaccurate

**Veracity
UNCERTAINTY OF DATA**

Big Data & GIS



Big Data & GIS



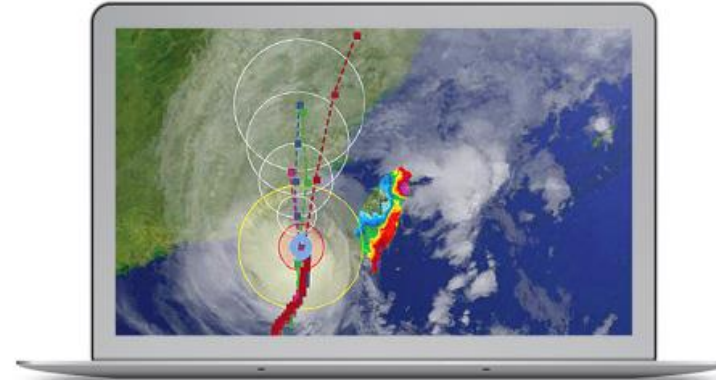
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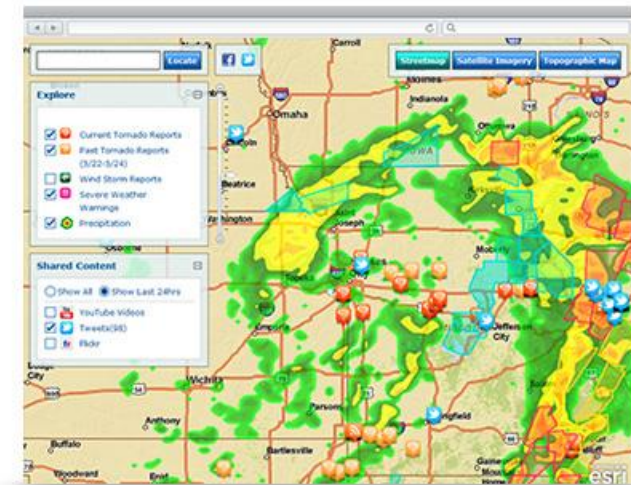
Exposing Patterns



Predictive Modeling



Link with Social Media



Finding Relationships



Big Data & GIS



Big Data, GIS, & *US*

How do we, as GIS users, leverage the Big Data revolution?



- **Tapping into Big datasets**

- Automating data downloads
- Direct access to Big data

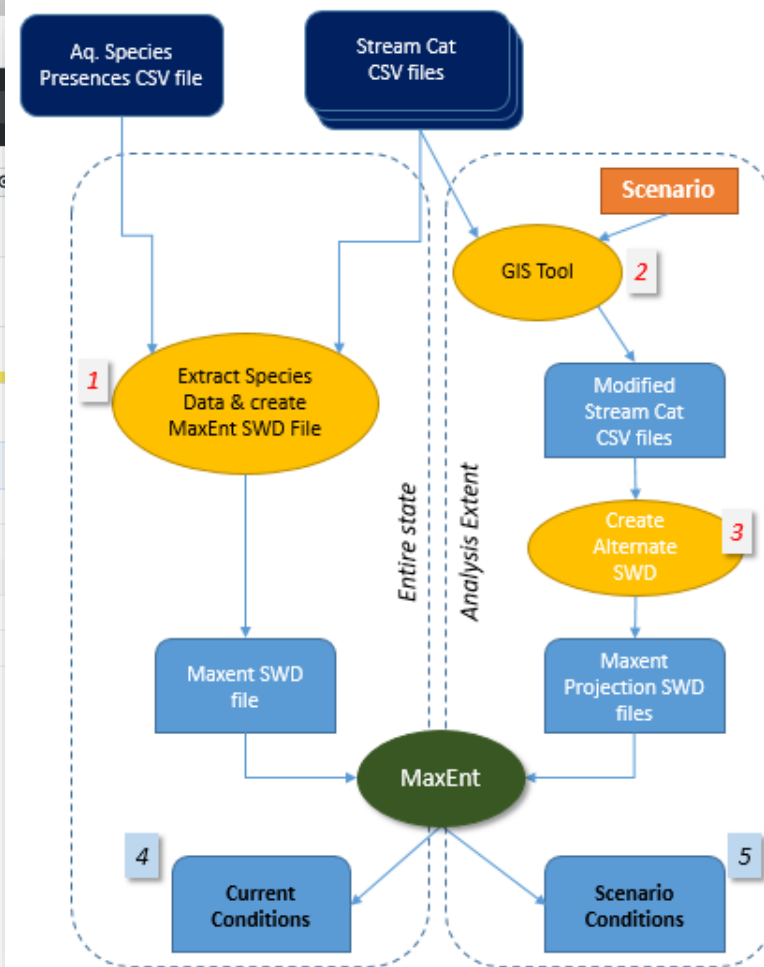
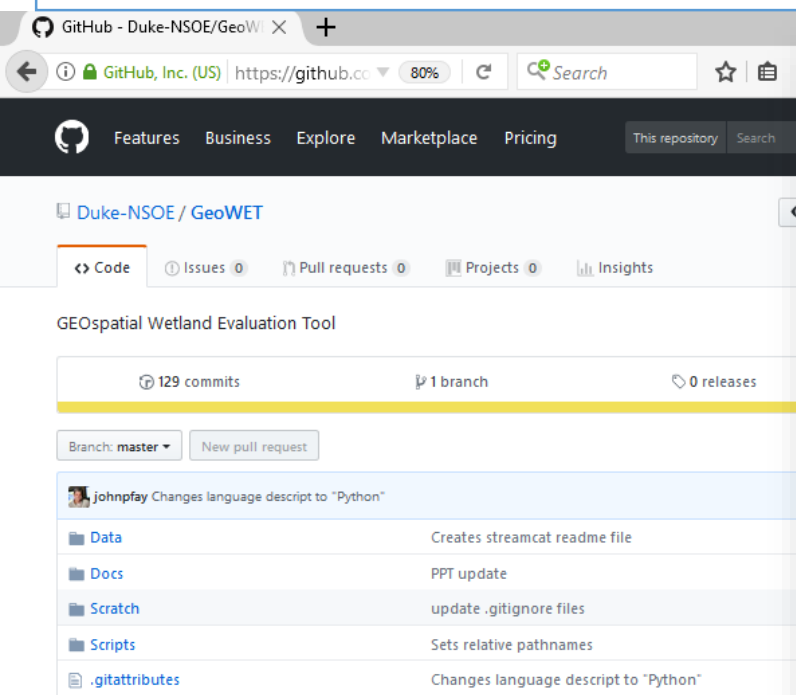
- **Beyond the Desktop**

- Data processing in the cloud
- Building lightweight apps

Automating data download w/



<https://github.com/Duke-NSOE/GeoWET>



- 1
 - Identifies the HUC8s in which the species was found and extracts all StreamCat catchment records within them.
 - Removes any records with missing data where the species was not found and then any attributes with no data where the species was found.
 - Removes any attributes with no significant correlation with presence/absence ($p > 0.05$). Then identifies cross-correlated attributes pairs ($r > 0.75$) and removes the one with the least correlation with presence/absence.
 - Formats columns and column names to suit the MaxEnt species with data (SWD) format.
- 2
 - Allows user to draw a shape on a map reflecting a change in land cover type.
 - The user also designates the analysis extent for projecting uplift. This is usually the HUC 6 in which the modification occurs.
 - Based on this change, adjusts values in appropriate StreamCat attribute values for affected records.
- 3
 - Converts each set of StreamCat within the analysis extent (e.g. HUC 6) into its own Maxent SWD files that can be used as MaxEnt projection scenarios.
- 4
 - Listing of each catchment and the estimated percent likelihood of finding the species there based on current conditions (unmodified StreamCat values).
- 5
 - Listing of each catchment and the estimated percent likelihood of finding the species there based on altered conditions (modified StreamCat values).

Automating data download w/



Why automate?

- Too time intensive to acquire manually...
 - Update or reuse for new data...
 - Reproducibility...
-
- Some data are only available through an Application Programming Interface (API)...

Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Grabbing static text from a web site via its web address (URL)


https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nc/nwis/water_use?format=rdb&rdb_compression=value&wu_area=County&wu_year=ALL&wu_county=ALL&wu_category=IN&wu_county_nms=--ALL%2BCounties--&wu_category_nms=Industrial

```
#
# File created on 2017-11-03 09:58:50 EDT
# Refresh Date: 2014-12
#
# U.S. Geological Survey
#
# This file contains selected WaterUse data
#
# The data you have secured from the USGS NWISWeb database may include data that have
# not received Director's approval and as such are provisional and subject to revision.
# The data are released on the condition that neither the USGS nor the United States
# Government may be held liable for any damages resulting from its authorized or
# unauthorized use.
#
# * References to sources of water-use data can be found here. - https://water.usgs.gov/watuse
#
# Search Criteria:
# Year(s)          - ALL
# Area             - County
# County Codes(s)  - ALL
# County Name(s)   - --ALL Counties--
# Category Code(s) - IN
# Category Name(s) - Industrial
#
# Columns:
```










Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Grabbing hosted binary file(s) from a web address

<https://www2.census.gov/geo/tiger/TIGER2017/TRACT/>



United States[™]
Census
Bureau

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
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 tl_2017_01_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:26	9.9M	
 tl_2017_02_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:26	3.0M	
 tl_2017_04_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:26	7.1M	
 tl_2017_05_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:26	8.2M	
 tl_2017_06_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:27	28M	
 tl_2017_08_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:27	7.1M	
 tl_2017_09_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 23:27	2.5M	
 tl_2017_10_tract.zip	27-Sep-2017 12:57	1.0M	


Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Grabbing hosted binary file(s) from an FTP server

<ftp://newftp.epa.gov/EPADataCommons/ORD/NHDPlusLandscapeAttributes/StreamCat/States/>

Index of <ftp://newftp.epa.gov/EPADataCommons/ORD/NHDPlusLandscapeAttributes/StreamCat/States/>

 [Up to higher level directory](#)

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 AgMidHiSlopes_CO.zip	1027 KB	4/3/2017	12:00:00 AM
 AgMidHiSlopes_CT.zip	178 KB	4/3/2017	12:00:00 AM
 AgMidHiSlopes_DE.zip	44 KB	4/3/2017	12:00:00 AM

Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Grabbing a table seen on a web page

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Happiness_Report#International_rankings







International rankings [\[edit \]](#)

Data is collected from people in over 150 countries. Each variable measured reveals a populated-weighted average score on a scale running from 0 to 10 that is tracked over time and compared against other countries. These variables currently include: real GDP per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and perceptions of corruption. Each country is also compared against a hypothetical nation called Dystopia. Dystopia represents the lowest national averages for each key variable and is, along with residual error, used as a regression benchmark.

2017 report [\[edit \]](#)

The 2017 report[?] features the happiness score averaged over the years 2014-2016. For that timespan, Norway is the overall happiest country in the world, even though oil prices have dropped. Close behind are Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland in a tight pack. All the top ten countries have high scores in the six categories. The ranked follow-on countries in the top ten are: Finland, the Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Sweden.

Table of data for 2017.^[47]

Overall Rank	Change in rank	Country	Score	Change in score	GDP per capita	Social support	Healthy life expectancy	Freedom to make life choices	Generosity	Trust	Residual
1	▲ 3	 Norway	7.537	▲ 0.039	1.616	1.534	0.797	0.635	0.362	0.316	2.277
2	▼ -1	 Denmark	7.522	▼ -0.004	1.482	1.551	0.793	0.626	0.355	0.401	2.314
3	— 0	 Iceland	7.504	▲ 0.003	1.481	1.611	0.834	0.627	0.476	0.154	2.323
4	▼ -2	 Switzerland	7.494	▼ -0.015	1.565	1.517	0.858	0.620	0.291	0.367	2.277
5	— 0	 Finland	7.469	▲ 0.056	1.444	1.540	0.809	0.618	0.245	0.383	2.430
6	▲ 1	 Netherlands	7.377	▲ 0.038	1.504	1.429	0.811	0.585	0.470	0.283	2.295
7	▼ -4	Canada	7.346	▼ -0.000	1.470	1.494	0.825	0.644	0.426	0.297	2.497

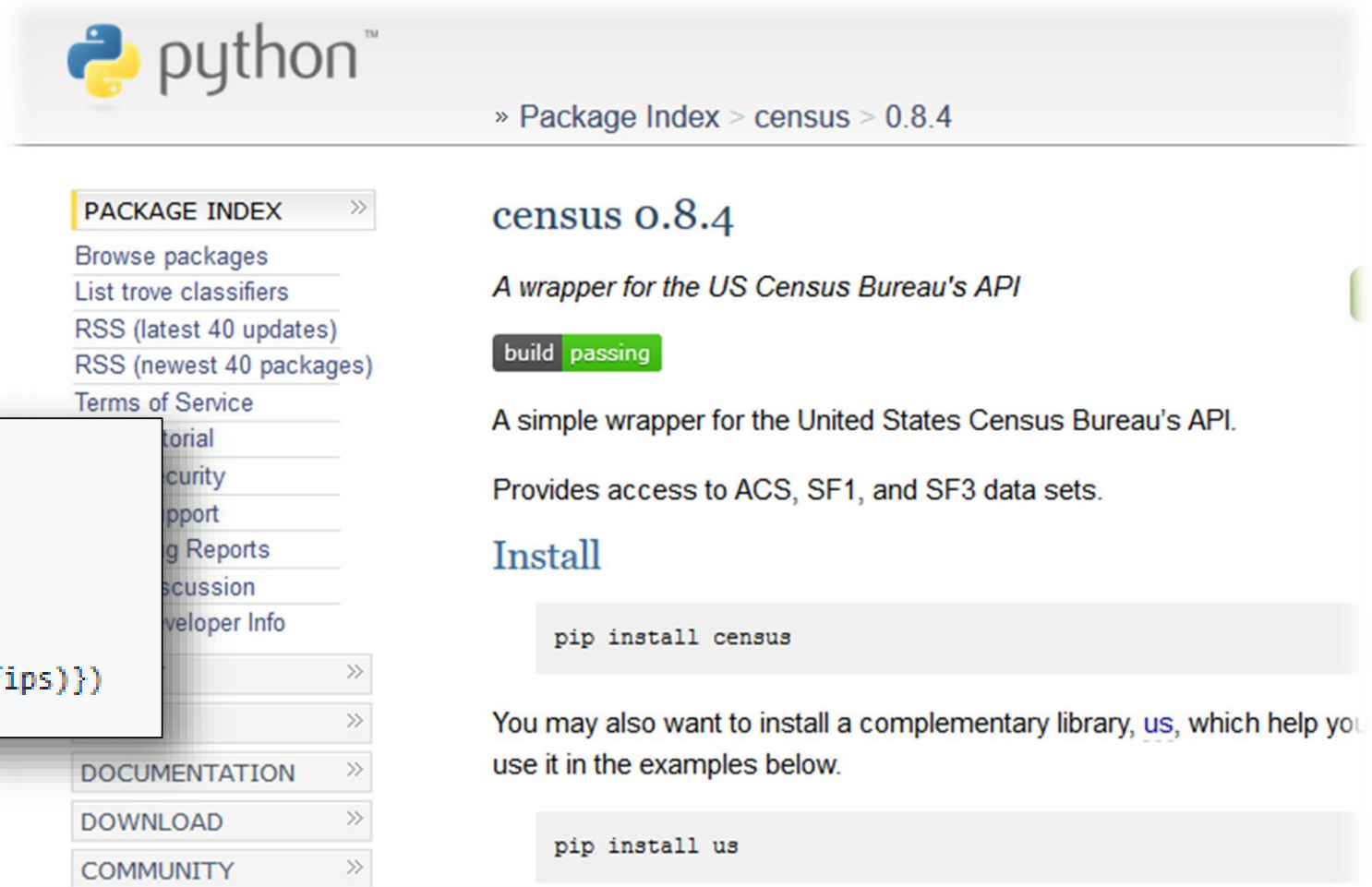
Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Specialized Python packages

<https://pypi.python.org/pypi/census>

```
from census import Census
from us import states

c = Census("MY_API_KEY")
c.acs5.get(('NAME', 'B25034_010E'),
          {'for': 'state:{}'.format(states.MD.fips)})
```



The screenshot shows the PyPI page for the 'census' package. At the top, the Python logo and 'python™' are visible. Below this, the breadcrumb '» Package Index > census > 0.8.4' is shown. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'PACKAGE INDEX' section with links: 'Browse packages', 'List trove classifiers', 'RSS (latest 40 updates)', 'RSS (newest 40 packages)', 'Terms of Service', 'Tutorial', 'Security', 'Support', 'Bug Reports', 'Discussion', and 'Developer Info'. The right column features the package title 'census 0.8.4', a description 'A wrapper for the US Census Bureau's API', a 'build passing' status badge, and a paragraph 'A simple wrapper for the United States Census Bureau's API. Provides access to ACS, SF1, and SF3 data sets.' Below this is an 'Install' section with a code block showing 'pip install census'. At the bottom of the right column, there is a note 'You may also want to install a complementary library, [us](#), which help you use it in the examples below.' and another code block showing 'pip install us'.

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» Package Index > census > 0.8.4

PACKAGE INDEX >>

Browse packages
List trove classifiers
RSS (latest 40 updates)
RSS (newest 40 packages)
Terms of Service
Tutorial
Security
Support
Bug Reports
Discussion
Developer Info

census 0.8.4

A wrapper for the US Census Bureau's API

build passing

A simple wrapper for the United States Census Bureau's API.
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Install

```
pip install census
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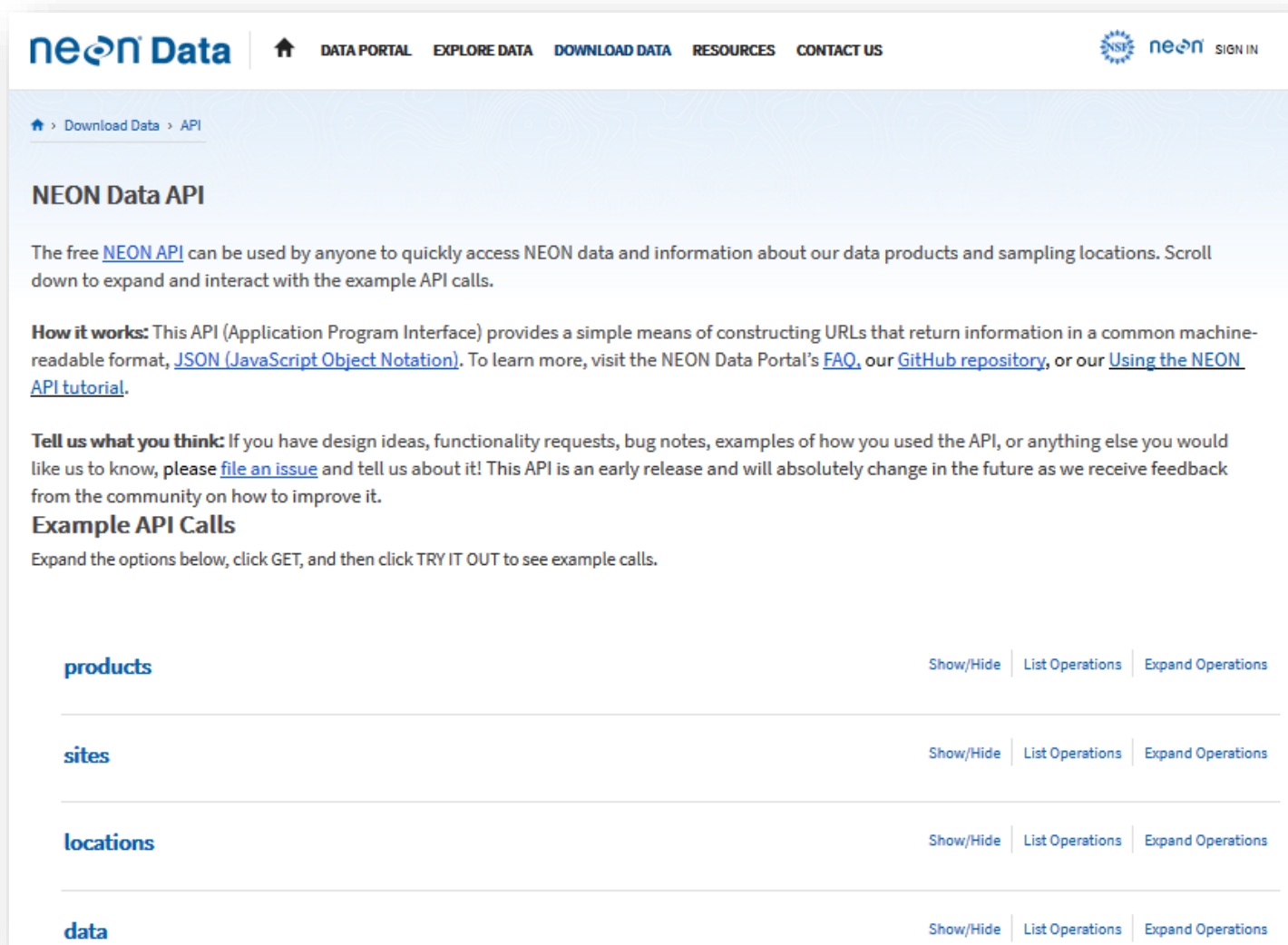
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Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Access via API

<http://data.neonscience.org/data-api>

A screenshot of the NEON Data API page. The page has a header with the 'neon Data' logo, a home icon, and navigation links: DATA PORTAL, EXPLORE DATA, DOWNLOAD DATA, RESOURCES, and CONTACT US. On the right of the header is the NSF logo, the 'neon' logo, and a 'SIGN IN' link. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: 'Download Data > API'. The main content area is titled 'NEON Data API'. It contains a paragraph explaining that the free NEON API can be used to quickly access NEON data and information about data products and sampling locations. It then describes how it works, stating that the API provides a simple means of constructing URLs that return information in a common machine-readable format, JSON (JavaScript Object Notation). It also provides links to the NEON Data Portal's FAQ, the GitHub repository, and a tutorial. Below this is a section titled 'Tell us what you think' with a link to file an issue. The final section is 'Example API Calls', which instructs users to expand options, click GET, and then click TRY IT OUT to see example calls. At the bottom of the page, there are four expandable sections: 'products', 'sites', 'locations', and 'data'. Each section has a 'Show/Hide' button, a 'List Operations' button, and an 'Expand Operations' button.

Tiers of accessing on-line data

- Grabbing static text or a file from a web site via its web address (URL)
- Bulk downloading files from a web or ftp server
- Grabbing (and converting) data seen on a web page – “Scraping”
- Specialized Python modules for accessing on-line data
- Using Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to pull data

Diving in!

- Download the zip file (or sync from GIT)
- Run through examples & discuss what's going on...