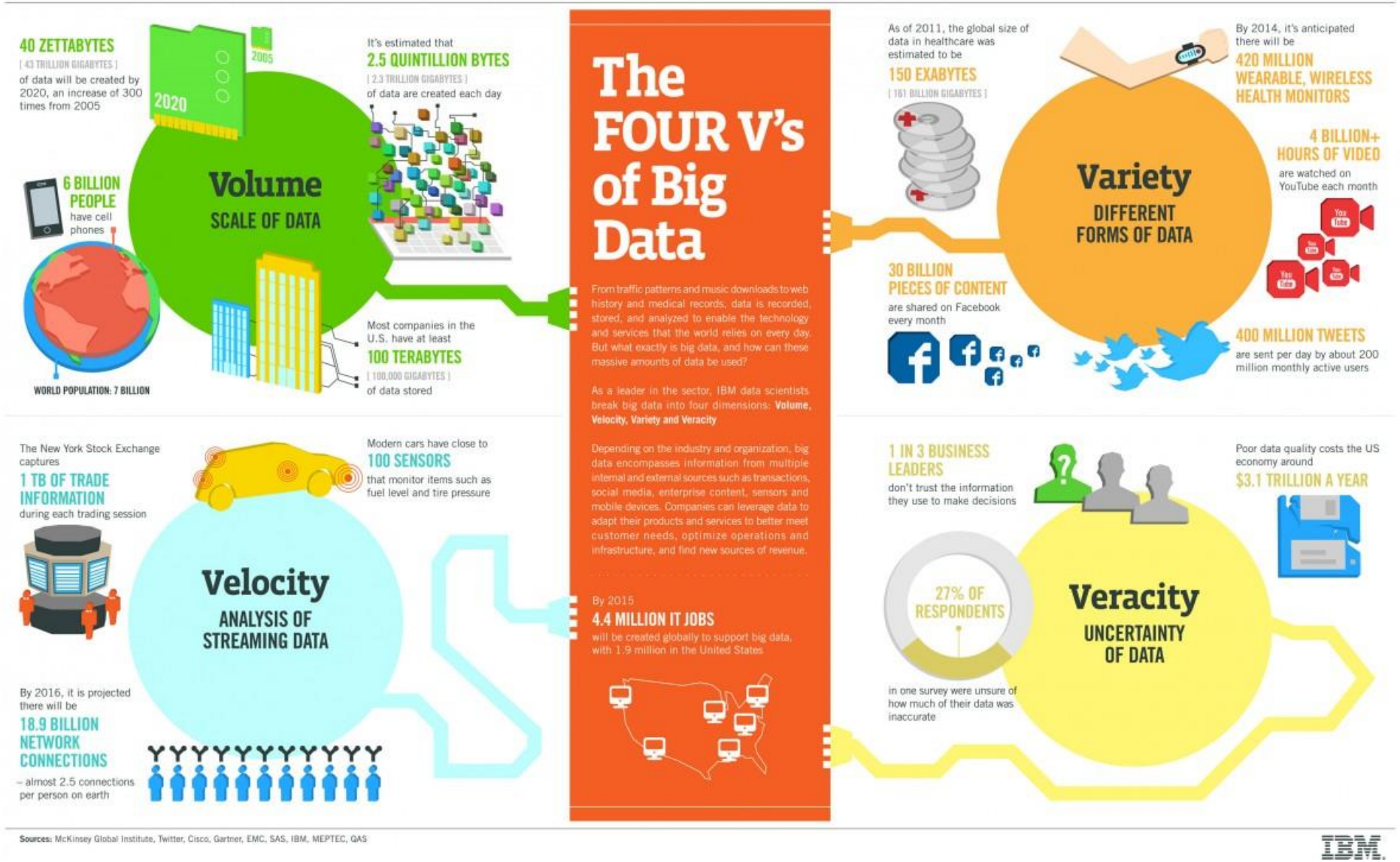
Web GIS 1: Big Data & GIS

ENV 859 – Advanced GIS

What is Big Data?



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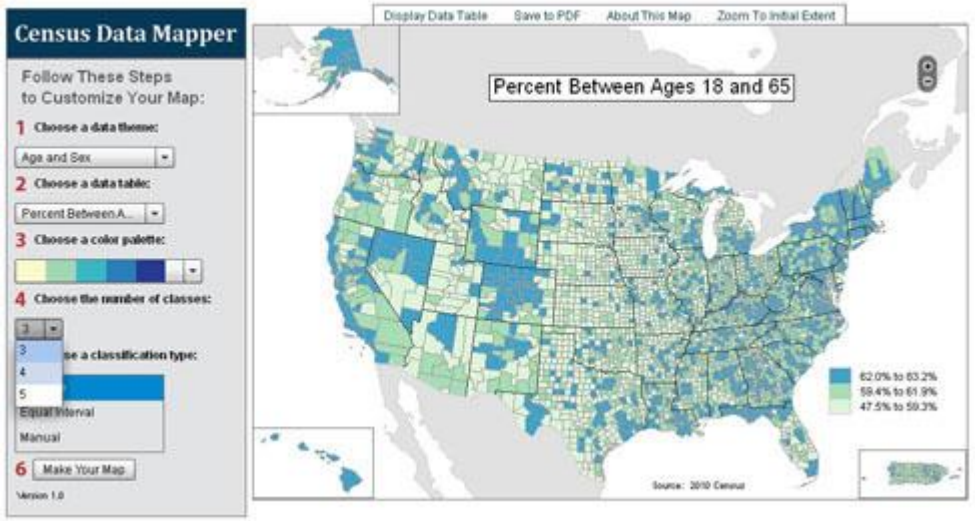
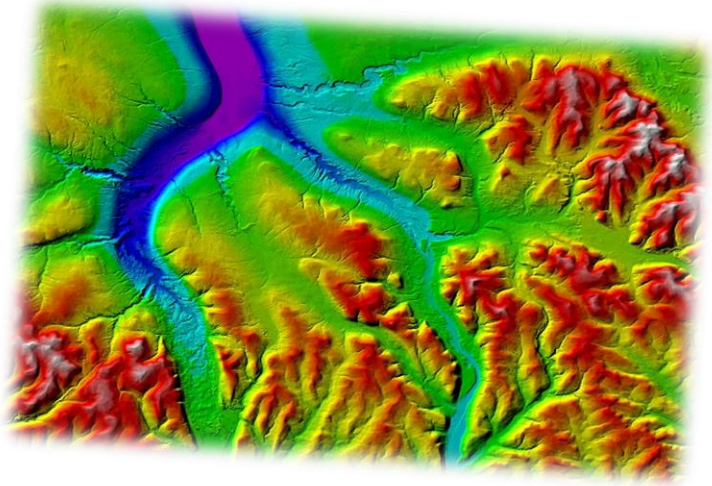
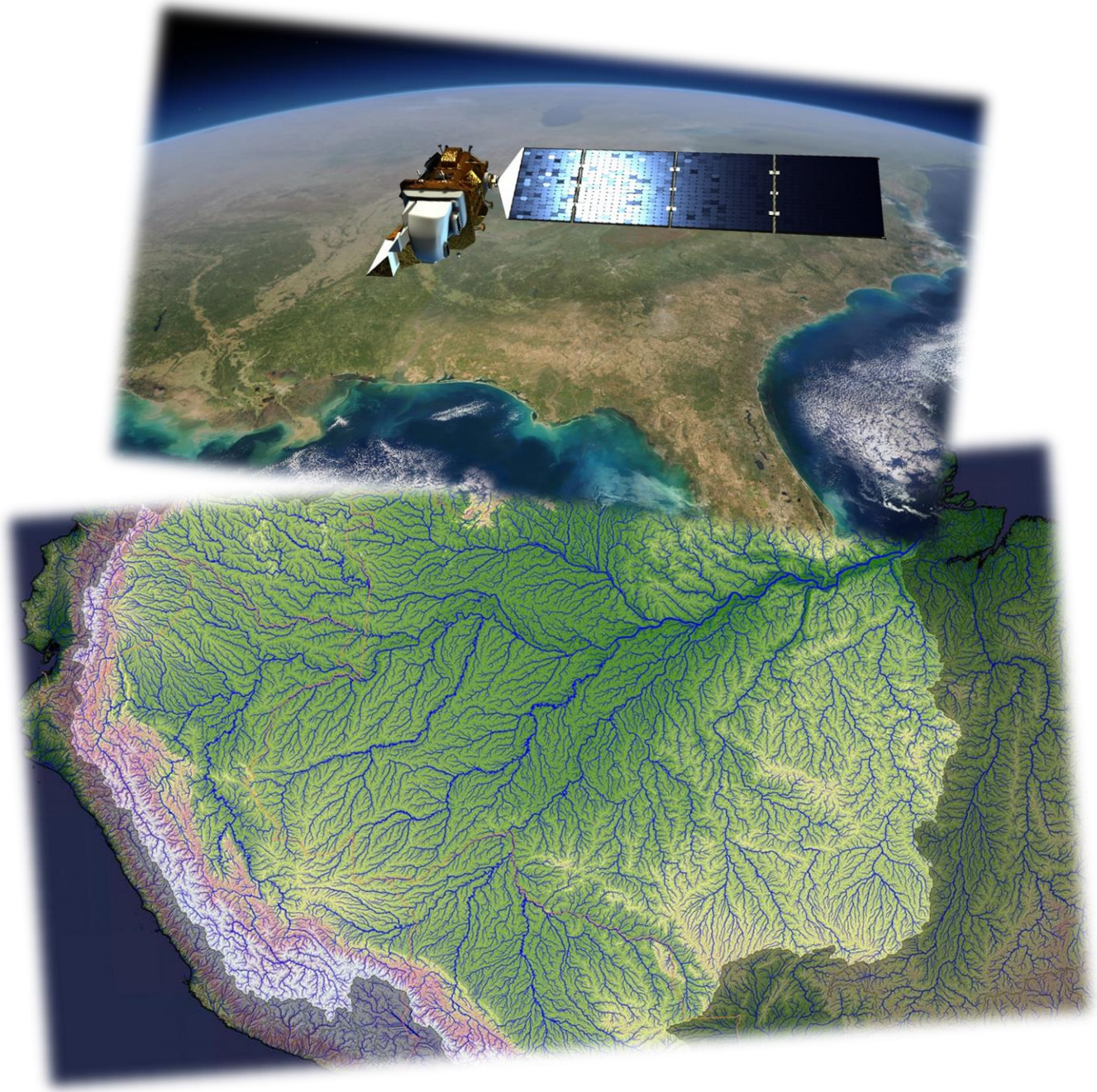

Census Data Mapper
Follow These Steps to Customize Your Map:
1 Choose a data theme:
Age and Sex
2 Choose a data table:
Percent Between A...
3 Choose a color palette:
4 Choose the number of classes:
3
4
5
Equal Interval
Manual
6 Make Your Map
Version 1.0
Display Data Table
Save to PDF
About This Map
Zoom To Initial Extent
Percent Between Ages 18 and 65
62.0% to 83.2%
59.4% to 61.9%
47.5% to 59.3%
Source: 2010 Census





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http://www.esri.com/products/arcgis-capabilities/big-data

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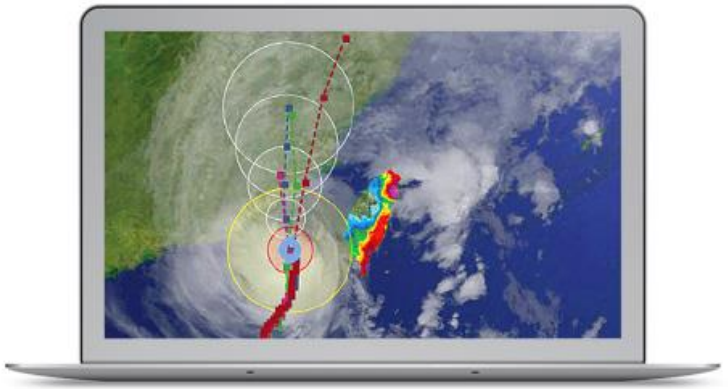
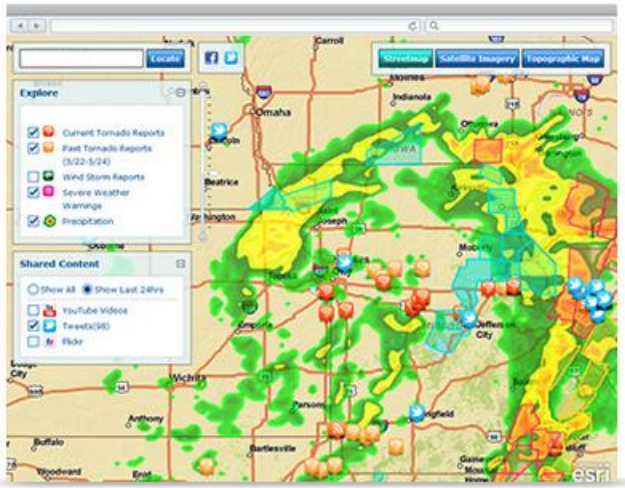
Exposing Patterns

Predictive Modeling



Finding Relationships

Link with Social Media



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Cloud
GIS
Knowledge
Workers
Managers
Geospatial
Professional
Catalog
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Groups
Apps
Hosting
Content
Services
Policy
Makers
Casual
Users
ArcGIS Online
esri
Intelligent
Web Maps

Big Data, GIS, & *US*

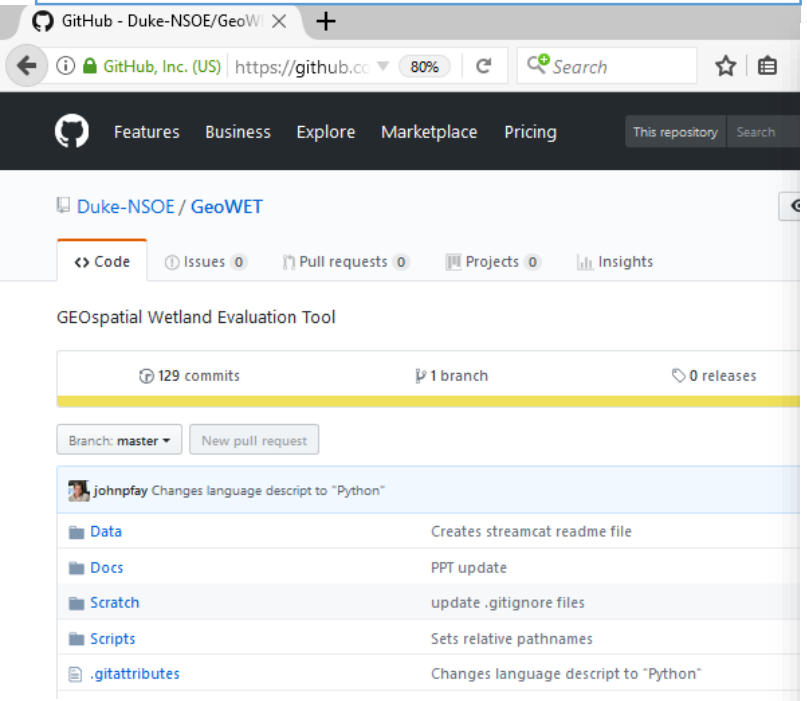
How do we, as GIS users, leverage the Big Data revolution?

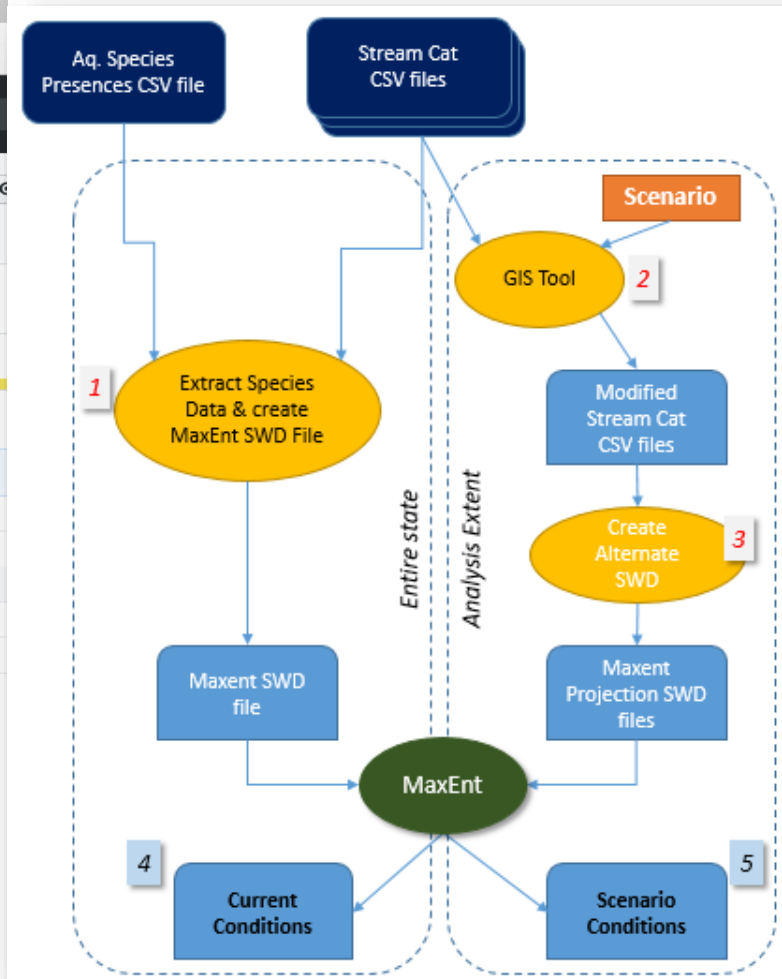
- **Tapping into Big datasets**
  - Automating data downloads
  - Direct access to Big data

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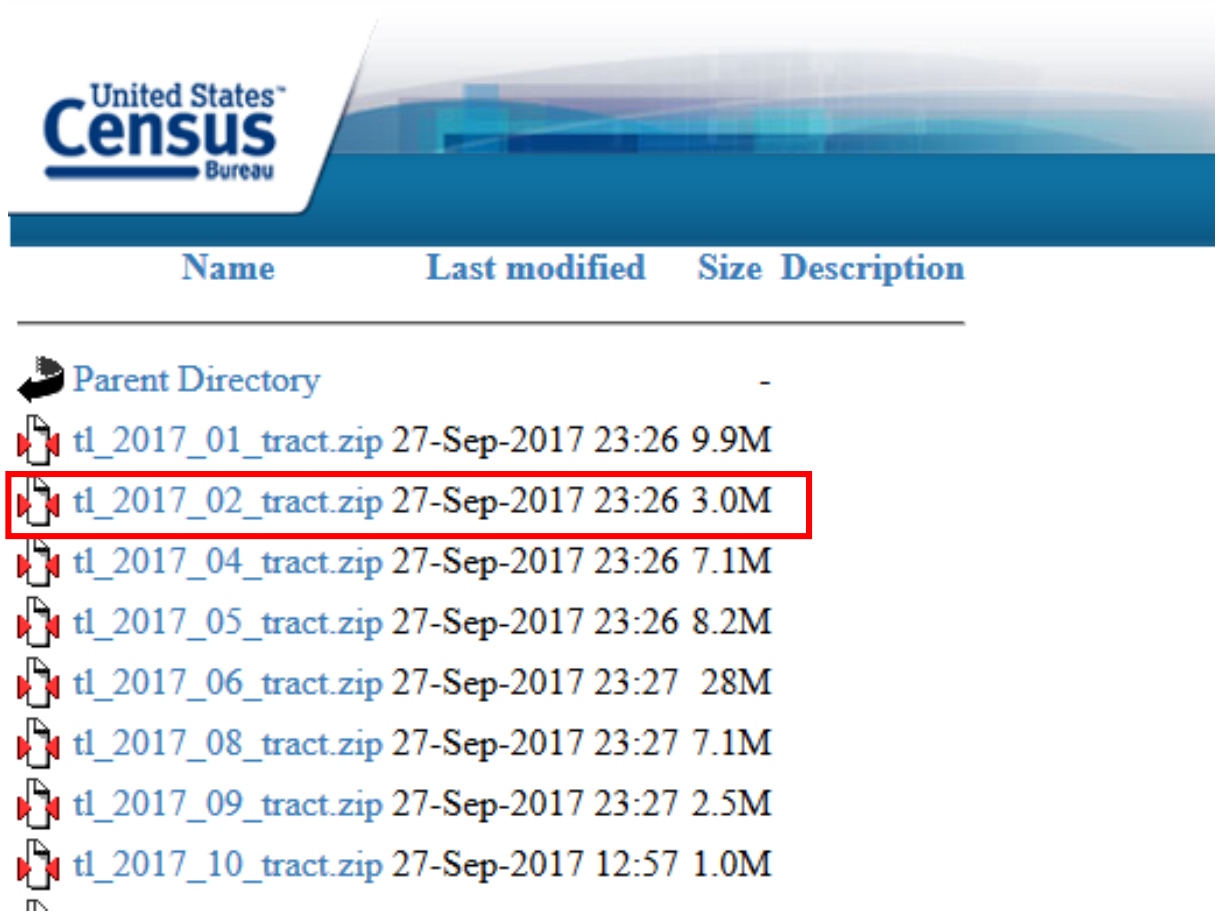
- Grabbing hosted binary file(s) from a web address

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



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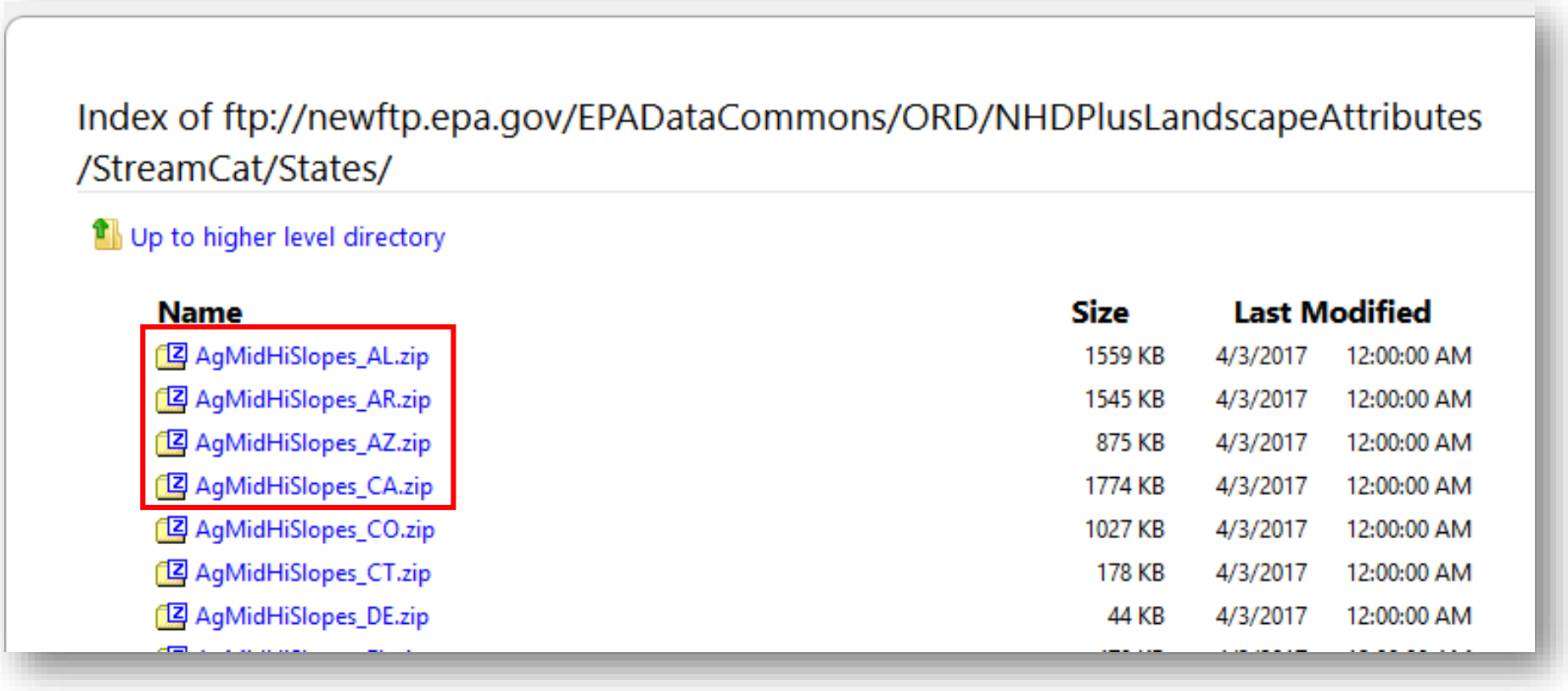
- Grabbing hosted binary file(s) from an FTP server

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



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- 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

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- 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)})
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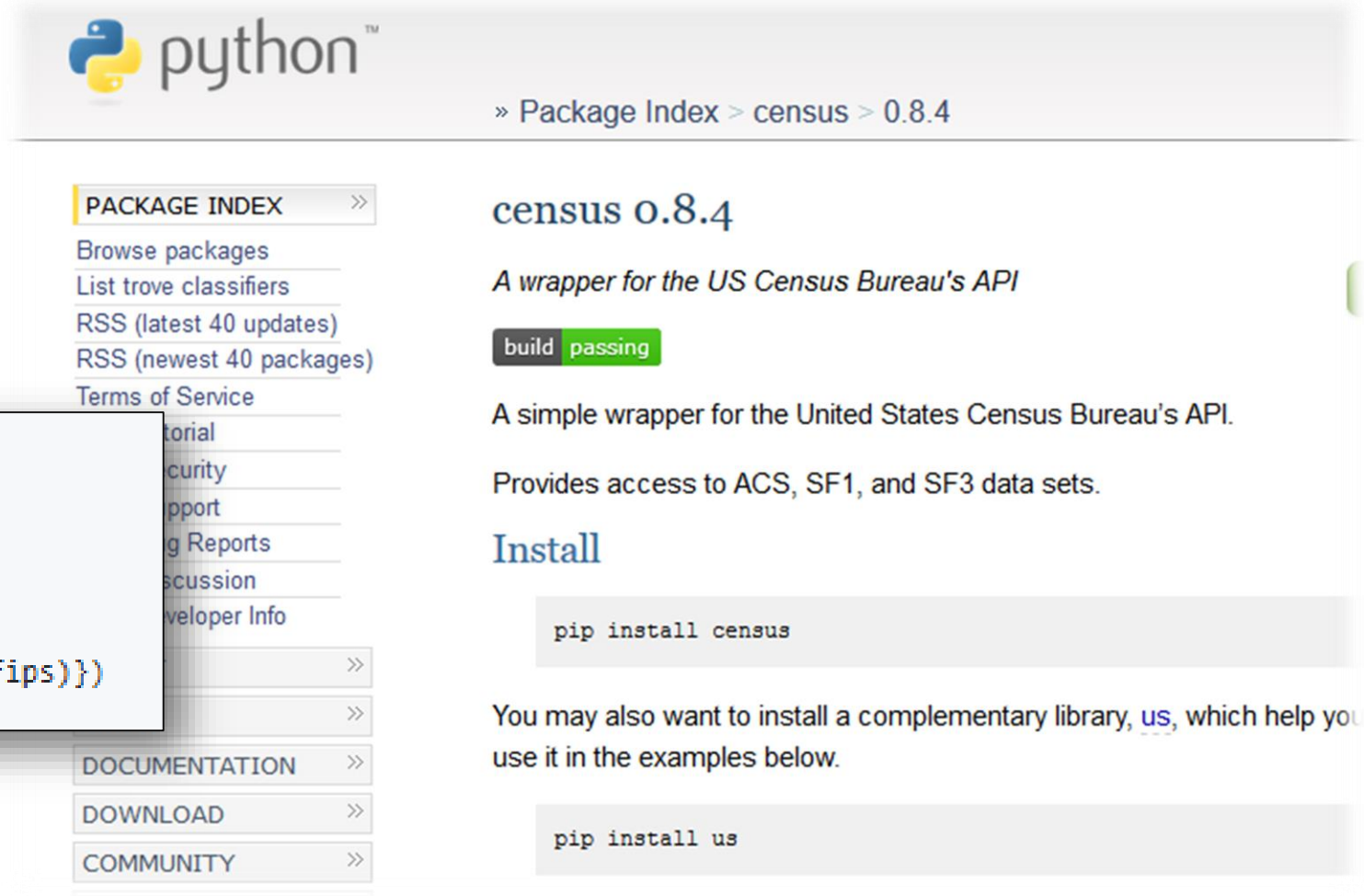

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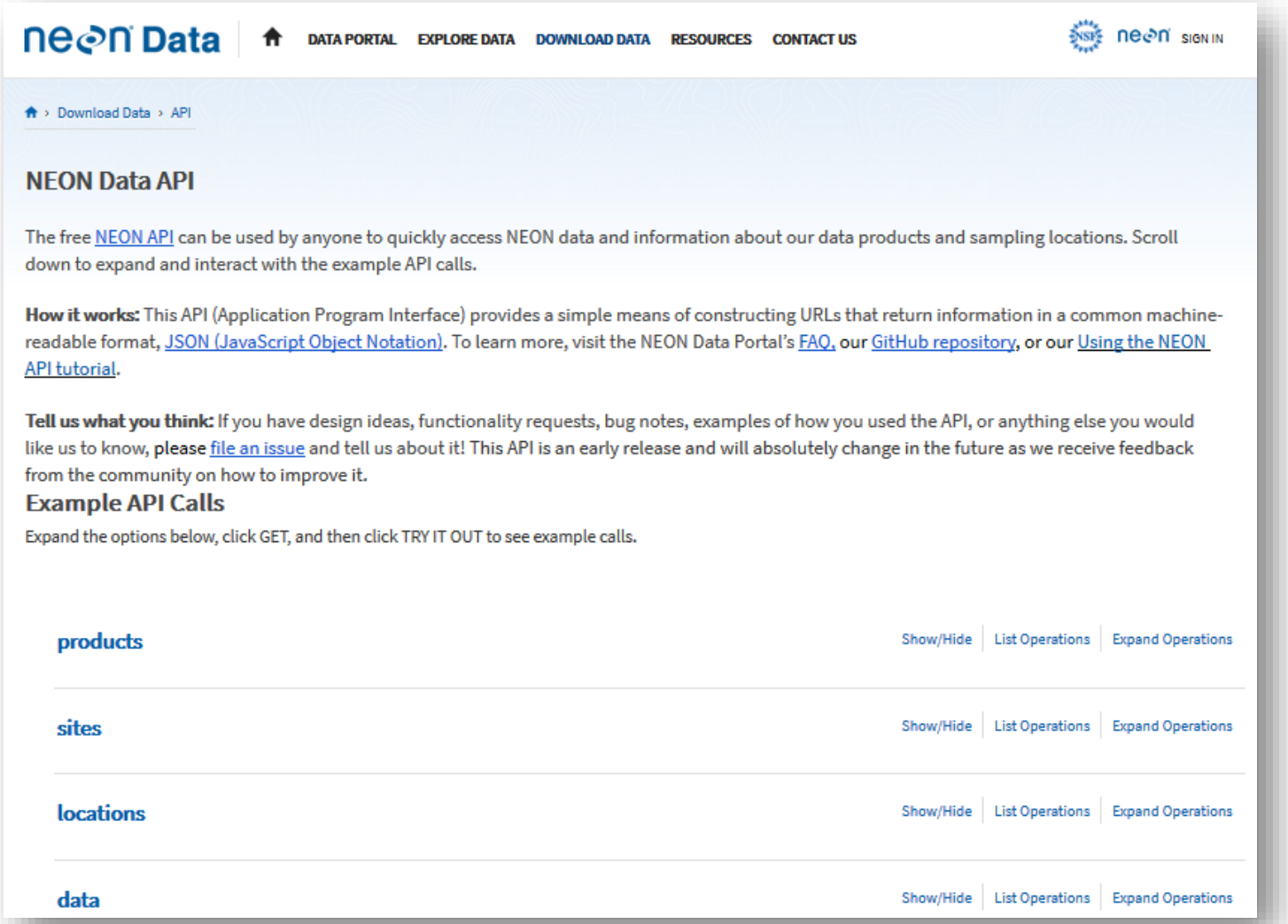
- Access via API
  http://data.neonscience.org/data-api



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…