




# Working with Data



# Objectives

After completing this section of the course you should understand:

- » The different Data Types
  - » The Data Acquisition & Examination process
  - » How to transform your Data
  - » Data Exploration: understanding your data
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# Data Types

## Quantitative

Discrete or continuous data and typically any variables that are **countable**

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**Quantitative**

## Categorical

Nominal data offering a **way of distinguishing and labelling** values.

## Ordered

Similar to categorical data but with an order within the data


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**Qualitative**





# Data Types' Influences

- » The **type of exploratory data analysis** you can undertake
  - » The editorial thinking you establish
  - » The **specific chart types** you might use
  - » The **colour choices** and **layout decisions** around composition
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# Understanding your data





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- » Mean vs. Median
  - » Actual vs. Rank Index vs. Percentile
  - » Change vs. Actual
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# Mean vs. Median

## Hockey Player Points Scored

6	7	13	17	22	22	24	25	27	27
28	35	35	50	517					

### Mean

- » Add the values and divide by the number of items in the list
- » Great for **consistent values**
- » Real center

**Mean**  
**57**

### Median

- » Take the number in the middle of the list
- » Better when there are **outliers**

**Median**  
**25**



# Actual vs. Rank index vs. Percentile

##	1, 2, 3	%
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## GDP data

\$15,684,800,000,000

\$3,092,000,000

Rank: 1

Percentile: 100th

Rank: 161

Percentile: 20th





# Change vs. Actual



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## GDP data

\$59,000,000,000

\$43,000,000,000



## Where should I invest?

GDP Growth: **-10%**

GDP Growth: **+8.5%**



# Two more concepts

## Sample Size & Methodology

- » How many entries?
- » How data was collected?
- » How was the data corrected?

## Correlation vs. causation

- » Does data move in the same direction?
- » Is there a real causality?

## Quality and reliability

### Impact


- » Footnotes
  - » Legends
  - » Labels
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# Converting your data




# Common Data Adjustments

- » Calculating indexes and ratios
  - » Calculating percentiles
  - » Aggregating
  - » Regrouping
  - » Converting from Excel/CSV to JSON/XML/MySQL
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# Calculating indexes and ratios

- » Comparing data side-by-side
  - » Getting the data on a similar scale
  - » **Example:** Minimum Wage
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# Calculating percentiles

- » Comparing data as part of a whole
  - » A portion of the entire dataset
  - » **Example:** GDP
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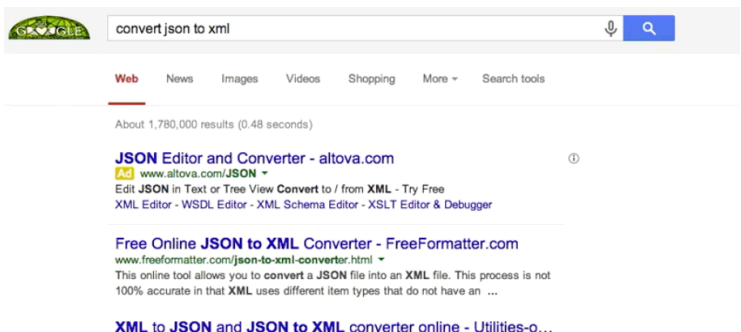


# Aggregating

- » Pivot the table
  - » Look at raw data from different granularity level
  - » **Example:** Excel Pivot Table
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# Converting from Excel/CSV to JSON/XML/MySQL

- » Converting from one form to other
- » Move to tabular data
- » Move to Web standards



products.json:

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[{
  "_id": {
    "$oid": "5968dd23fc13ae04d9000001"
  },
  "product_name": "sildenafil citrate",
  "supplier": "Wisozk Inc",
  "quantity": 261,
  "unit_cost": "$10.47"
}, {
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  },
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  "supplier": "Keebler-Hilpert",
  "quantity": 292,
  "unit_cost": "$8.74"
}, {
  "_id": {
```





# THANKS!

## Any questions?


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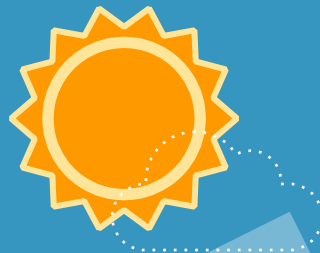
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