

# **DATA SCIENCE**

## **LECTURE 2: DATA FORMAT, ACCESS & TRANSFORMATION**

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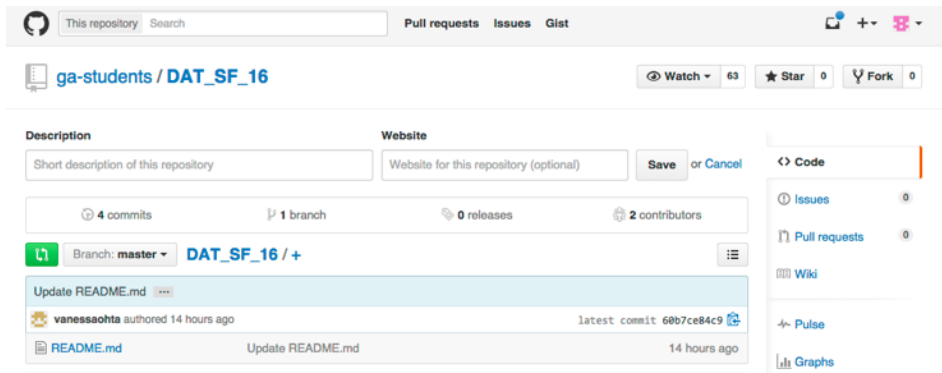
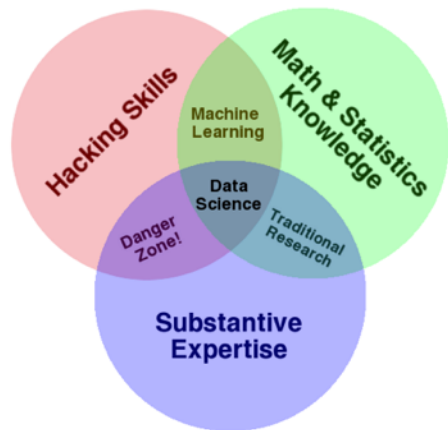
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**WHERE DOES THE  
DATA COME FROM?**

## DATA FLOW

### Data Retrieval



### Data ETL and Aggregation



### Data Visualization



### Machine Learning



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Data Retrieval

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# DATA SOURCES

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







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### How to Access The Data

Source: <http://www.usa.gov/About/developer-resources/1usagov.shtml>



## DATA SOURCES



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- 1) PETE SKOMOROCZ (LINKEDIN) [HTTPS://DELICIOUS.COM/PSKOMOROCZ/DATASET](https://delicious.com/pskomoroch/dataset)
- 2) HILARY MASON (ACCEL PARTNERS, BITLY) [HTTPS://BITLY.COM/BUNDLES/HMASON/1](https://bitly.com/bundles/hmason/1)
- 3) KEVIN CHAI (U. OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY) [HTTP://KEVINCHAI.NET/DATASETS](http://kevinchai.net/datasets)
- 4) JEFF HAMMERBACHER (CLOUDERA) [HTTP://WWW.QUORA.COM/JEFF-HAMMERBACHER/INTRODUCTION-TO-DATA-SCIENCE-DATA-SETS](http://www.quora.com/Jeff-Hammerbacher/introduction-to-data-science-data-sets)
- 5) JERRY SMITH (3I-MIND) [HTTP://DATASCIENTISTINSIGHTS.COM/2013/10/07/DATA-REPOSITORIES-MOTHERS-MILK-FOR-DATA-SCIENTISTS/](http://datascientistinsights.com/2013/10/07/data-repositories-mothers-milk-for-data-scientists/)
- 6) GREGORY PIATETSKY-SHAPIO (KDD) [HTTP://WWW.KDNUGGETS.COM/DATASETS/INDEX.HTML](http://www.kdnuggets.com/datasets/index.html)
- 7) [HTTP://WWW.QUORA.COM/DATA/WHERE-CAN-I-FIND-LARGE-DATASETS-OPEN-TO-THE-PUBLIC](http://www.quora.com/Data/Where-can-I-find-large-datasets-open-to-the-public)
- 8) [HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/CAESAR0301/AWESOME-PUBLIC-DATASETS](https://github.com/caesar0301/awesome-public-datasets)

**PAIR EXERCISE:**

**CHOOSE A DATA SOURCE AND LOOK AT WHAT DATA YOU CAN GET**

**DISCUSS HOW YOU WOULD USE THE DATA**

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**DATA FORMAT, ACCESS & TRANSFORMATION**

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**QUESTIONS?**

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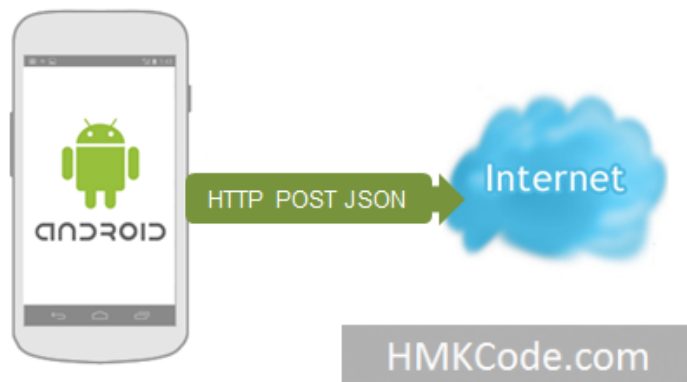
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**JSON, CSV, ETC...**

**JSON** (JavaScript Object Notation) is:  
a lightweight **data-interchange format**  
a **string**

## JSON

JSON can be passed  
between applications  
easy for machines to parse and generate



JSON are passed through applications  
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```
{ "empinfo" :  
  {  
    "employees" : [  
      {  
        "name" : "Scott Philip",  
        "salary" : f44k,  
        "age" : 27,  
      },  
      {  
        "name" : "Tim Henn",  
        "salary" : f40k,  
        "age" : 27,  
      },  
      {  
        "name" : "Long Yong",  
        "salary" : f40k,  
        "age" : 28,  
      }  
    ]  
  }  
}
```

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JSON STRING —→ PYTHON OBJECT

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```
import json  
  
py_object = [ { 'a':'A', 'b':(2, 4), 'c':3.0 } ]  
  
json_string = json.dumps(py_object)  
  
print 'JSON:', json_string
```

```
JSON: [{"a": "A", "c": 3.0, "b": [2, 4]}]
```

```
decoded = json.loads(json_string)
```

<https://docs.python.org/2/library/json.html>

## CSV (Comma Separated Values):

```
name,game,points  
John,basketball,3  
Mary,volleyball,5  
James,ping pong,2  
...
```

## CSV (Comma Separated Values):

- easy to read and write
- structured like a table
- very common
- can export to/from MS Excel

<https://docs.python.org/2/library/csv.html>

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## OTHER DATA FORMATS

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txt

tsv

xml

dat

images

binary

etc...



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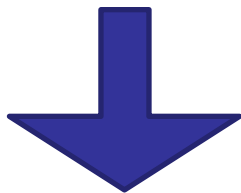
**APIs**

**APIs** (Application Programming Interface) allow people to **interact** with the structures of an application

- get
- put
- delete
- update
- ...

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Representational State Transfer (REST)

## RESTFUL EXAMPLE

RESTful API HTTP methods

Resource	GET	PUT	POST	DELETE
<b>Collection URI, such as</b> <code>http://example.com/resources/</code>	<b>List</b> the URIs and perhaps other details of the collection's members.	<b>Replace</b> the entire collection with another collection.	<b>Create</b> a new entry in the collection. The new entry's URI is assigned automatically and is usually returned by the operation. <sup>[9]</sup>	<b>Delete</b> the entire collection.
<b>Element URI, such as</b> <code>http://example.com/resources/item17</code>	<b>Retrieve</b> a representation of the addressed member of the collection, expressed in an appropriate Internet media type.	<b>Replace</b> the addressed member of the collection, or if it does not exist, <b>create</b> it.	Not generally used. Treat the addressed member as a collection in its own right and <b>create</b> a new entry in it. <sup>[9]</sup>	<b>Delete</b> the addressed member of the collection.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational\\_state\\_transfer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer)

- The Base URL
- An interactive media type (usually JSON)
- Operations (GET, PUT, POST, DELETE)
- Driven by http requests

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## REST API EXAMPLE

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Collection



**GET <https://api.instagram.com/v1/users/10>**



Operation

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## REST API EXAMPLE

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**GET https://api.instagram.com/v1/users/  
search/?q=andy**



Querystring



<https://dev.twitter.com/rest/public>

<https://developer.linkedin.com/docs/signin-with-linkedin>

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## LIST OF PYTHON APIS

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

**PAIR EXERCISE:**

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

**1) CHOOSE 1 API: WHAT DATA YOU CAN GET?**

**2) INSTALL PYTHON MODULE, TRY TO EXTRACT DATA**

**3) DISCUSS: HOW COULD YOU LEVERAGE THAT API? HOW COULD YOU USE THE DATA?**

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[www.kimonolabs.com](http://www.kimonolabs.com)

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**QUESTIONS?**

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**INTRO TO PYTHON**

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# **PYTHON QUICK REVIEW**

*Q: What is Python?*

*A: An open source, high-level, dynamic scripting language.*

- open source: *free! (both binaries and source files)*
- high-level: *interpreted (not compiled)*
- dynamic: *things that would typically happen at compile time happen at runtime instead (eg, dynamic typing)*
- scripting language: *“middle-weight”*



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## PEP 20: THE ZEN OF PYTHON

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Beautiful is better than ugly.  
Explicit is better than implicit.  
Simple is better than complex.  
Complex is better than complicated.  
Flat is better than nested.  
Sparse is better than dense.  
Readability counts.  
Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.  
Although practicality beats purity.  
Errors should never pass silently.  
Unless explicitly silenced.  
In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.  
There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.  
Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.  
Now is better than never.  
Although never is often better than *\*right\** now.  
If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.  
If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.

*Lets write a list of:*

- *python data types*
- *python control flow statements*
- *misc python useful commands*

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**INTRO TO PYTHON**

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# **PYTHON DATA STRUCTURES**

*The most basic data structure is the None type. This is the equivalent of NULL in other languages.*

*Basic numeric types:*

1. int ( $< 2^{63}$ ) / long ( $\geq 2^{63}$ )  
\* on 64-bit OS X/Linux, `sys.maxint = 2**63-1`
2. float (a “decimal”)
3. bool (True/False) or (1/0)
4. complex (“imaginary”)

```
>>> type(None)
<type 'NoneType'>
>>> type(1)
<type 'int'>
>>> type(2.5)
<type 'float'>
>>> type(True)
<type 'bool'>
>>> type(2+3j)
<type 'complex'>
```

*Array type, implemented in Python as a **list**.*

- *zero-base numbered, ordered collection of elements*
- *elements of arbitrary type.*
- *mutable (can be changed in-place)*

```
>>> a = [1, 'b', True]
>>> a[2]
True
>>> a[1] = 'aa'
>>> a
[1, 'aa', True]
```

Tuples: *immutable arrays of arbitrary elements.*

```
>>> x = (1, 'a', 2.5)
>>> x[0]
1
>>> x[0]='b'
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
>>> a,b = (1,2)
>>> a
1
```

*Tuples are frequently used behind the scenes in a special type of variable assignment called tuple packing/unpacking.*

### *The string type*

- *immutable ordered array of characters (note there is no char type).*
- *support slicing and indexing operations like arrays*
- *have many other string-specific functions as well*

*String processing is one area where Python excels.*

dictionary *type*

- *Associative arrays (or hash tables)*
- *unordered collections of key-value pairs*
- *keys must be immutable*

```
>>> this_class={'subject':'Data Science','location':'501 Folsom',  
'duration':11,'has_begun':True}  
>>> this_class['subject']  
'Data Science'  
>>> this_class['has_begun']  
True
```



### **Sets**

- *unordered mutable collections of distinct elements*
- *useful for checking membership of an element*
- *useful for ensuring element uniqueness*

```
>>> y = set([1,1,2,3,5,8])  
>>> y  
set([8, 1, 2, 3, 5])
```

file object

*e.g open connection to a file*

```
>>> with open('output_file.txt', 'w') as f:  
...     f.write('test')
```

*note the "with" statement context manager, which automatically closes the file handle when it goes out of scope.*

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# **PYTHON CONTROL FLOW**

**if-else** allows to execute alternative statements based on conditions

```
>>> x, y = False, False
>>> if x :
...     Print 'x is True'
... elif y :
...     Print 'y is True'
... else :
...     Print 'Neither...'
...
Neither...
```

**while loop** *executes while a given condition evaluates to True*

```
>>> x = 0
>>> while (x < 3) :
...     print 'HELLO!'
...     x += 1
...
HELLO!
HELLO!
HELLO!
```

**for loop** *executes a block of code for a range of values*

```
>>> for k in range(4) :  
...     print k**2  
...  
0  
1  
4  
9
```

*The object that a for loop iterates over is called (appropriately) an iterable.*

## try-except block

```
>>> try:
...     print undefined_variable
... except :
...     print 'An Exception has been caught'
...
An Exception has been caught
```

*useful for catching and dealing with errors, also called exception handling.*

## *custom* functions

```
>>> def x_minus_3(x) :  
...     return x - 3  
...  
>>> x_minus_3(12)  
9
```

*NOTE: Functions can optionally return a value with a return statement (as this example does).*



*Functions arguments as inputs, and these arguments can be provided in two ways:*

1) as positional arguments:

```
>>> def f(x,y) :  
...     return x - y  
...  
>>> f(4,2)  
2  
>>> f(2,4)  
-2
```

2) as keyword arguments:

```
>>> def g(arg1=10, arg2=20) :  
...     return arg1 / float(arg2)  
...  
>>> g()  
0.5  
>>> g(1,20)  
0.05  
>>> g(arg2=100)  
0.1
```

## Classes *with member attributes and functions:*

```
>>> from math import pi
>>>
>>> class Circle() :
...     def __init__(self, r=1) :
...         self.radius = r
...     def area(self) :
...         return pi * (self.radius ** 2)
...
>>> c=Circle(4)
>>> c.radius
4
>>> c.area()
50.26548245743669
>>> 3.141592653589793 * 4 * 4
50.26548245743669
```

***import** statement to load libraries and functions:*

```
>>> import math
>>> math.pi
3.141592653589793
>>> from math import sin
>>> sin(math.pi/2)
1.0
>>> from math import *
>>> print e, log10(1000), cos(pi)
2.71828182846 3.0 -1.0
```

*The three methods differ with respect to the interaction with the local namespace.*

*Comments are very important to make your code readable to others*

```
# break when msg timestamp passes t_end
try:
    if created >= t_end:
        break

# if created DNE, keep going
except Exception as details:
    print details
    pass
```

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