# LAS 6292: QA/QC 2 - OpenRefine

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## **Objectives and Competencies:**

OpenRefine (formerly Google Refine) is a powerful, free, and open source tool that is used to work with and clean messy data. By the end of this lesson students will:

- 1. Be able to import a dataset into OpenRefine, make changes to the dataset and its structure, and export the revised Dataset.
- 2. Learn how to automatically track changes made and export the record of changes

### **Pre-class Preparation (Students):**

- 1. Install OpenRefine on your computer and verify it works by following the instructions here.
- 2. Scan the basic workflow for what we will be doing.
- 3. Read about OpenRefine and see some quick videos of how it works here

#### **Lessons & Resources Used in Class**

- 1. The Data Carpentry Lesson we did with Dr. Ye: OpenRefine for the Social Sciences
- 2. The repository with the data and metadata used in the lesson: SAFI\_Survey
- 3. URL for accessing OpenRefine if a new tab/window doesn't open: http://127.0.0.1:3333/
- 4. Guides for writing OpenRefine commands with General Refine Expression Language
  - OpenRefine GREL
  - a great GREL Guide from the Univ Illinois
  - EVEN BETTER: OpenRefine cheatsheets, including GREL commands

## Other OpenRefine tools and tutorials

- 1. Cleaning Data with OpenRefine: a tutorial from *The Programming Historian* website
- 2. Data Carpentry Lesson: OpenRefine for Ecologists # Sources
- 3. Cleaning Data with OpenRefine Video Tutorial No. 1 and Video Tutorial No. 2

## **UF Library Workshops**

- 1. The schedule of UF Library Workshops
  - Tidy Tuesday with Hao: practice data manipulation, clean-up, and analysis using the tidyverse with Dr. Hao Ye.
  - An upcoming OpenRefine workshop by Dr. Hao Ye (March 30,2021)