



Weather & Transportation

Streaming the Data, Finding Correlations

Provide capability to Data for Democracy democratizing_weather_data

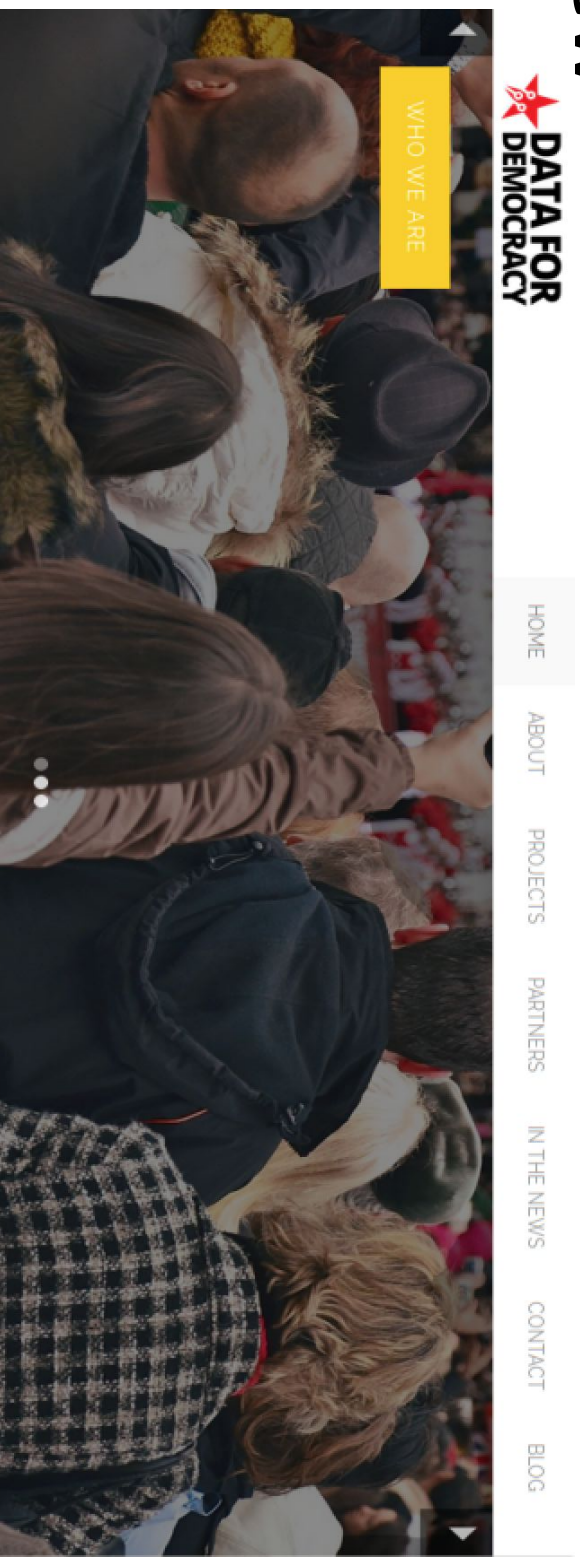
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Overview



Our
“Client”

Their Mission

To be an inclusive community for data scientists and technologists to volunteer and collaborate on projects that make a positive impact on society.

Our Mission

- Provide a streaming capability to extract weather and traffic data from multiple Web API's, and produce a clean merged dataframe suitable for Machine Learning and other Data Science analysis.
- Deliver code to D4D's Github Repository
- Use vendor-neutral, opensource solutions, implemented in python and Jupyter notebooks

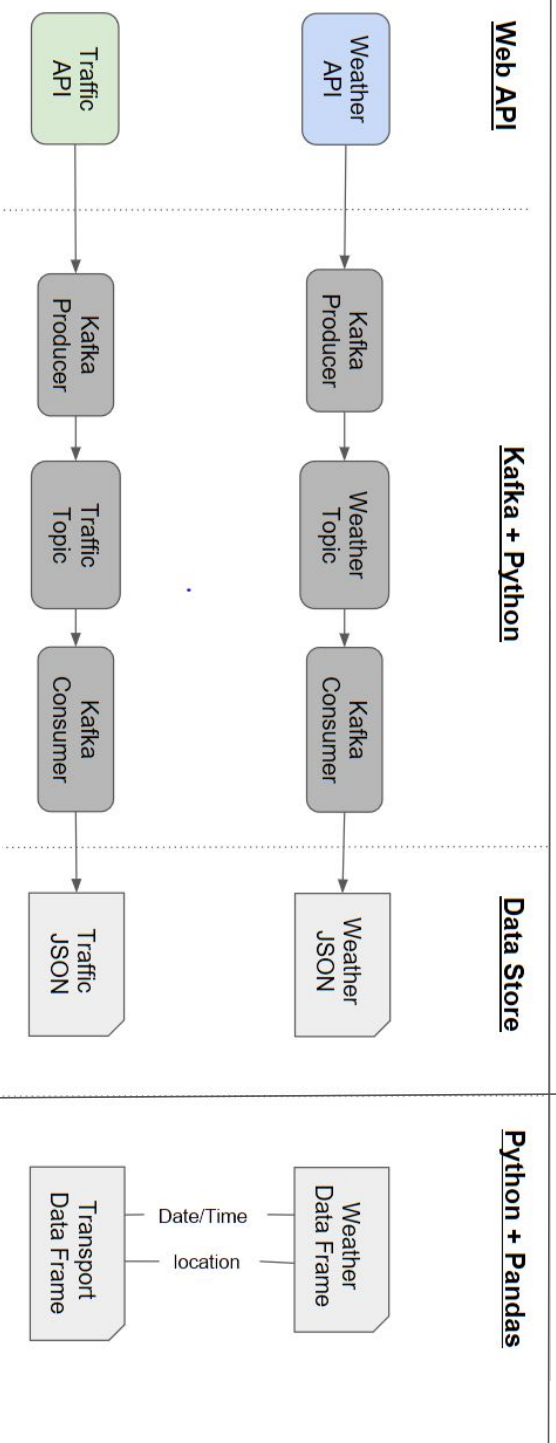
Learn More

[www.datafordemocracy.org](https://datafordemocracy.org) https://github.com/Data4Democracy_democratizing_weather_data/streaming

Pipeline



kafka



- Kafka transport mechanism (vendor-neutral, open source)
- Message value is an entire JSON document
- One topic per source API, guarantees consistent schema
- Multiple json documents (sharing same schema) combined into a single dataframe
- Dataframe records joined based on space and time

Web APIs

ProgrammableWeb.com

- A massive searchable directory of over 15,500 web APIs that are updated daily
- Includes sample source code for APIs

The screenshot shows the search results for the 'wdsdot weather' API on ProgrammableWeb.com. The page has a navigation bar with links like 'LEARN ABOUT APIs', 'WHAT IS AN API?', 'API NEWS', 'API DIRECTORY', and 'ADD API'. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for API name, description, Mashups, and Followers.

APIs (3)	Articles (1)		
Search			
wdsdot weather			
APIs (3)			
WSDOT Traveler Information	The Traveler Information APIs allow you access to WSDOT data. This...	Mashups 0	Followers 0
WSDOT Traveler Information Tool	This API allows you access to WSDOT Tolling data. This includes: current toll...	0	3
WSDOT Traveler Information WSF Fares	The WSDOT Traveler API's provides a single gateway to all of WSDOT...	0	1

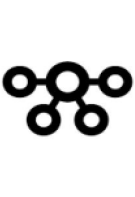
Postman

- Great tool for interacting with potential APIs.
- Friendly GUI for constructing requests and reading responses.
- Provided JSON files before pipeline was completed. Allowed analysis of data in parallel

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a GET request to the URL 'http://wdsdot.wa.gov/TrafficApexWeatherInformation/WeatherInformation/REST/GetCurrentWeatherInformation?AccessCode=46830e9-44d5-43b5-a388...'. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing a JSON response with weather data for a specific location.

```
{
  "BarometricPressure": null,
  "Latitude": 47.4748,
  "Longitude": -122.2704,
  "PrecipitationInches": null,
  "ReadingTime": "/Date(1503172802000-0700)/",
  "RelativeHumidity": 50,
  "SkyCoverage": "N/A",
  "StationID": 1909,
  "StationName": "58 I-5 144th",
  "TemperatureInFahrenheit": 71,
  "Visibility": null,
  "WindDirection": 325,
  "WindDirectionCardinal": "NE",
}
```

Producers



kafka

```
1 import sys
2 from kafka import KafkaClient, SimpleProducer
3 import json, requests
4 from apscheduler.schedulers.blocking import BlockingScheduler
5 import logging
6
7 logging.basicConfig()
8
9
10 def pulldata():
11     topic = sys.argv[1]
12     kafka = KafkaClient('localhost:9092')
13
14     producer = SimpleProducer(kafka)
15
16     #url = 'http://countdown.pri.tfl.gov.uk/interfaces/ura/instant_v1'
17     url = sys.argv[2]
18     r = requests.get(url, stream=True)
19
20     for line in r.iter_lines():
21         producer.send_messages(topic, line)
22         print(line)
23
24     kafka.close()
25
26 sched = BlockingScheduler()
27 sched.add_job(pulldata, 'interval', minutes=1)
28 sched.start()
```

Arguments

- Topic
- URL + Access Key

Message.Value

- JSON document

Consumers

```
1 import sys
2 import logging
3 import multiprocessing
4 import json
5 import time
6 from datetime import datetime
7 from kafka import KafkaConsumer
8
9 class Consumer (multiprocessing.Process):
10     def __init__(self, topic_name):
11         self.topic_name = topic_name
12
13     daemon = True
14
15     def run(self):
16         consumer = KafkaConsumer(bootstrap_servers = 'localhost:9092',
17                                   auto_offset_reset = 'latest')
18         consumer.subscribe(self.topic_name)
19         for message in consumer:
20             print (message.value.decode('utf-8'))
21             with open(datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d-%H-%M-%S"), 'w') as outfile:
22                 outfile.write(message.value.decode('utf-8'))
23
24     def main():
25         topic_name = sys.argv[1:]
26         consumer = Consumer(topic_name)
27         consumer.run()
28         time.sleep(10)
29
30     if __name__ == "__main__":
31         logging.basicConfig(
32             format = '%(asctime)s: %(message)s: %(thread)d: %(levelname)s: %(process)d: %(message)s',
33             level = logging.INFO
34         )
35     main()
```

- One complete JSON file on disk per message
- Filename includes timestamp
- "utf-8" decoded text file



kafka

Analysis

7 days of data (includes eclipse!) 30 minutes between readings

Load json file, normalize, save as dataframe.

Repeat for next json file, append to prior.

54 Weather Json Files from Yahoo (54 rows x 31 columns)

394 Weather Json Files from WSDOT (40,931 rows x 16 columns)

395 Traffic Json Files from WSDOT (70,998 rows x 20 columns)

Merge WSDOT & Yahoo Weather Dataframes (use columns common to both)

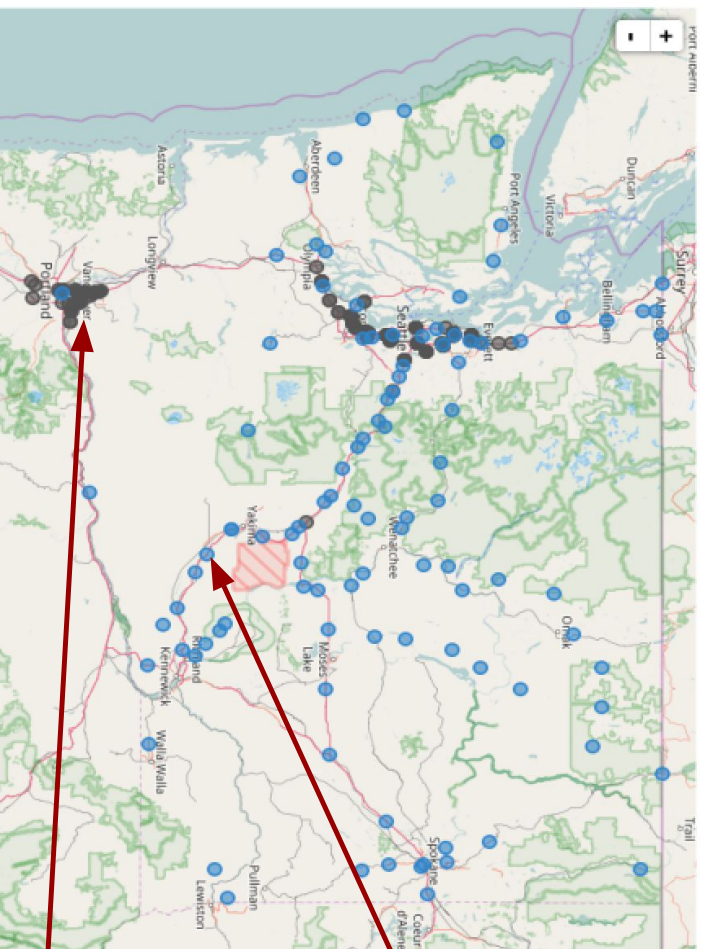
Merge Traffic/Weather Dataframes. Each Row has:

- Traffic data from a specific Traffic dataframe row
- Weather data from a weather station within 20 miles and 30 minutes of traffic reading.

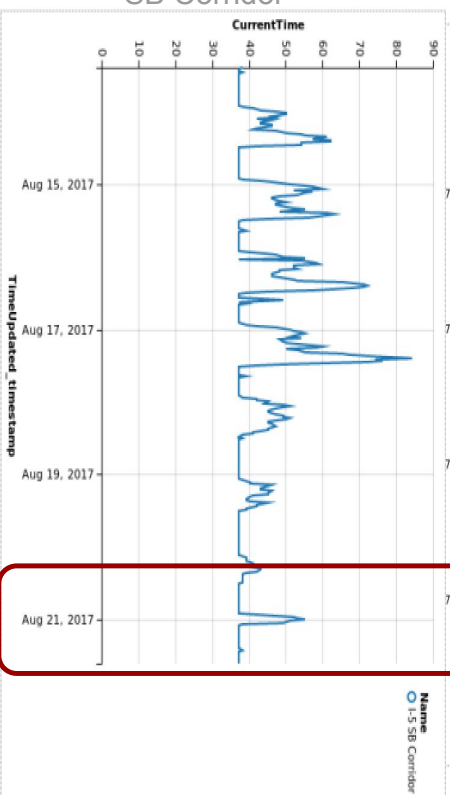
1 Merged Traffic/Weather Table (52,975 rows x 30 columns)

Visualization

Mapping with Folium (traffic in black; weather in blue)

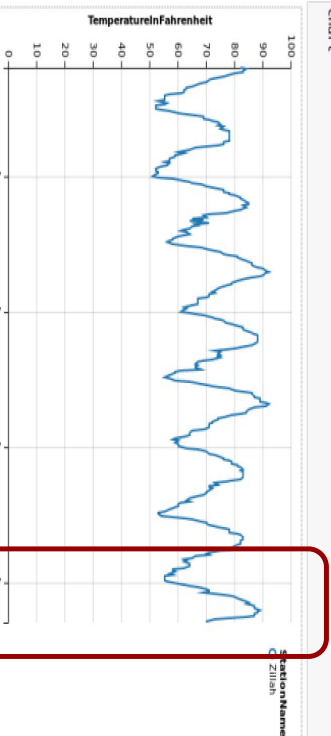


Current Travel Time for I-5
SB Corridor



Eclipse

Temperature for Zillah, WA



Charting with Altair

```
chart = Chart(clean_multi_wsdot_weather_df.loc[clean_multi_wsdot_weather_df['StationName'] == 'Zillah']).mark_line().encode(x='ReadingTime_timestamp', y='TemperatureinFahrenheit', color='StationName',)
chart
```

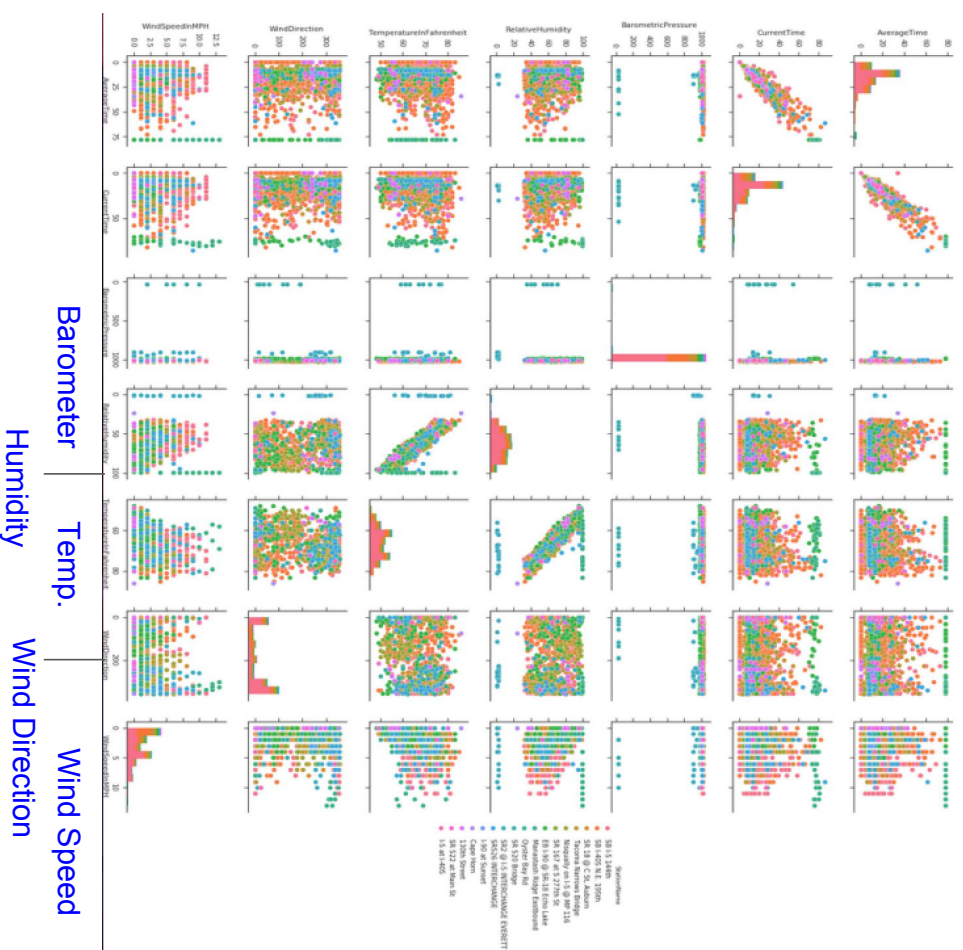


Analyzing the Merged/Traffic Weather Dataset

Scatterplot Matrix with Seaborn (10% random sample)

Average Travel Time

Current Travel Time



Wrapping Up ...

Key Takeaways

- Choose your python libraries carefully (2 lines of code for a fully-labeled lineplot vs. dozens)
- Spatial plots first, data-joins later (l-5 traffic data vs. statewide weather, also Portland)
- The fastest way to count records in a dataframe is `df.shape[0]`

Conclusion

- Data for Democracy has a repeatable way to extract weather and transportation data from WSDOT and Yahoo
- Jupyter Notebook provides a teaching/coding environment
- Bitnami provides low-cost simple Kafka infrastructure

Further Work

- Upload csv and zipped json's to data.world
- Better parameters for Producer scripts (ex. Longitude, Latitude, Date, Time)
- Config files for access keys
- More matrix plots, Data Science, Machine Learning
 - Gather data for longer time frames (fewer readings per day?)
 - Isolate matrix plots to specific locations and/or time.

THANK YOU!

