



# Weather & Transportation

## Streaming the Data, Finding Correlations

Provide capability to Data for Democracy democratizing\_weather\_data

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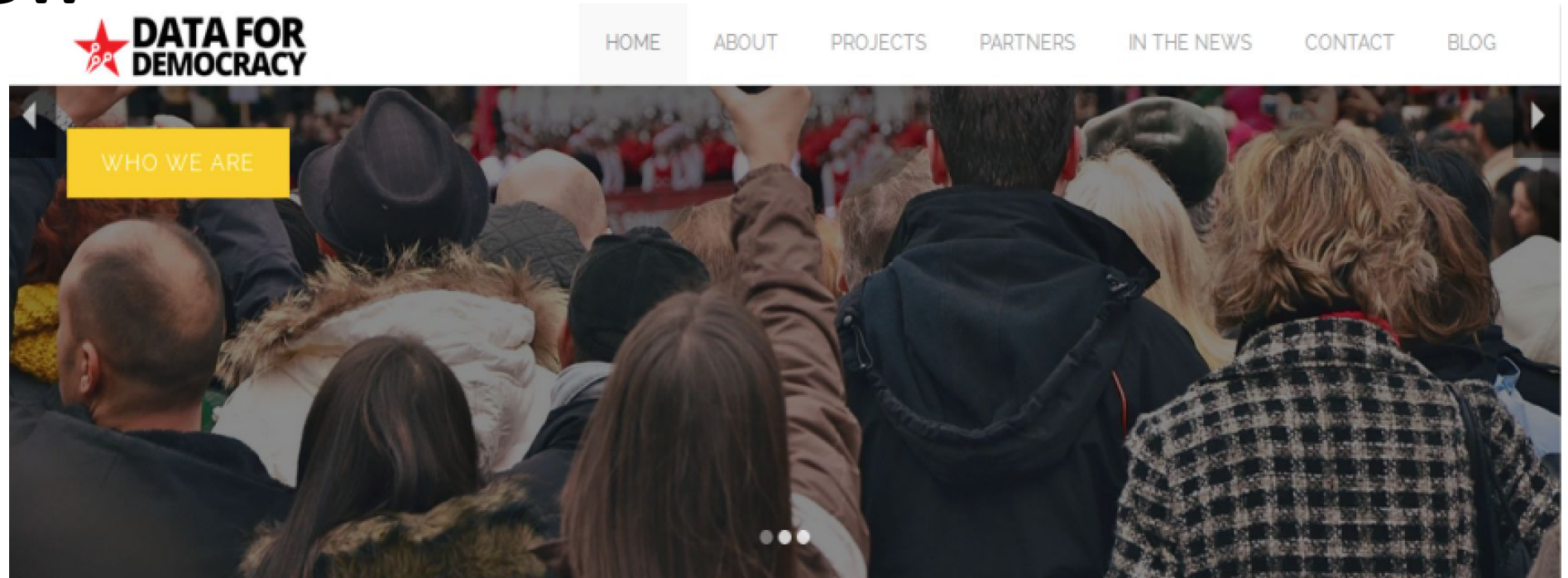
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# Overview

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.

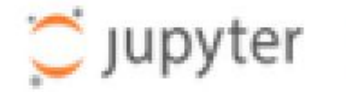
Our Mission

- 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](http://www.datafordemocracy.org) [https://github.com/Data4Democracy\\_democratizing\\_weather\\_data/streaming](https://github.com/Data4Democracy_democratizing_weather_data/streaming)

# Pipeline

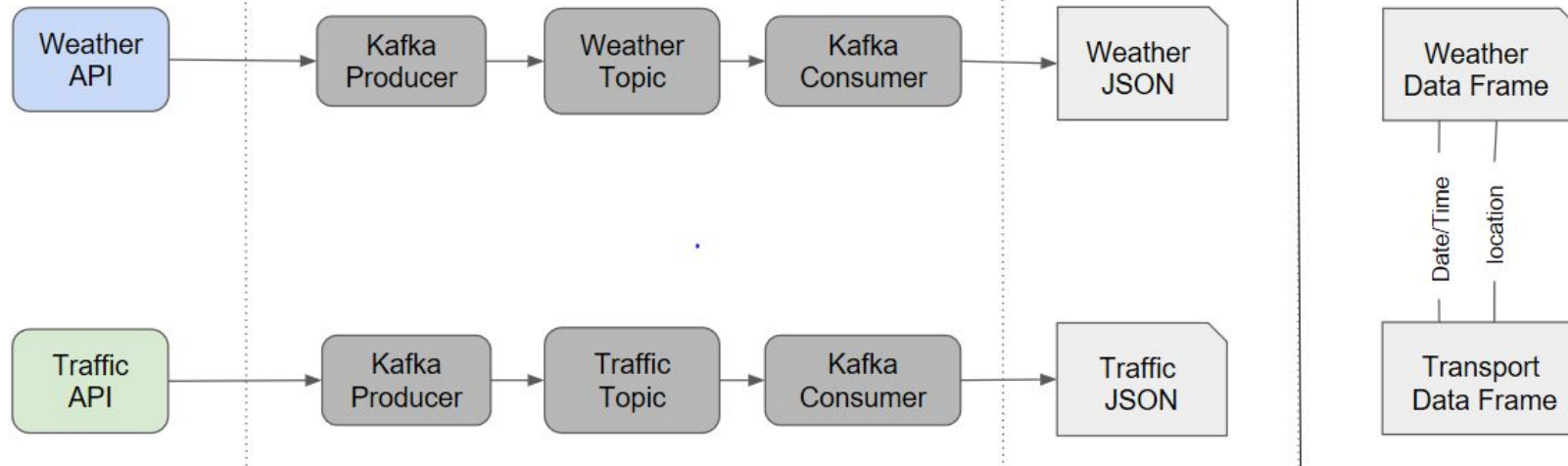


## Web API

## Kafka + Python

## Data Store

## Python + Pandas



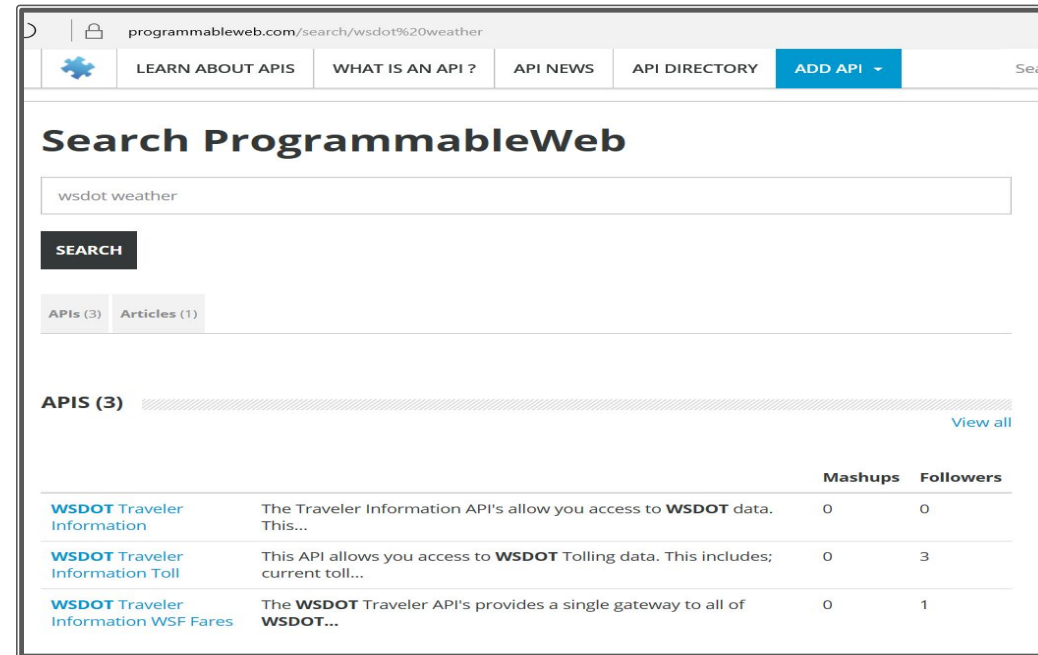
- Kafka transport mechanism (vendor-neutral, open source)
- Message value is an entire JSON document
- One topic per source API, guarantees consistent schema
- Multiple json documents (sharing same schema) combined into a single dataframe
- Dataframe records joined based on space and time



# Web APIs

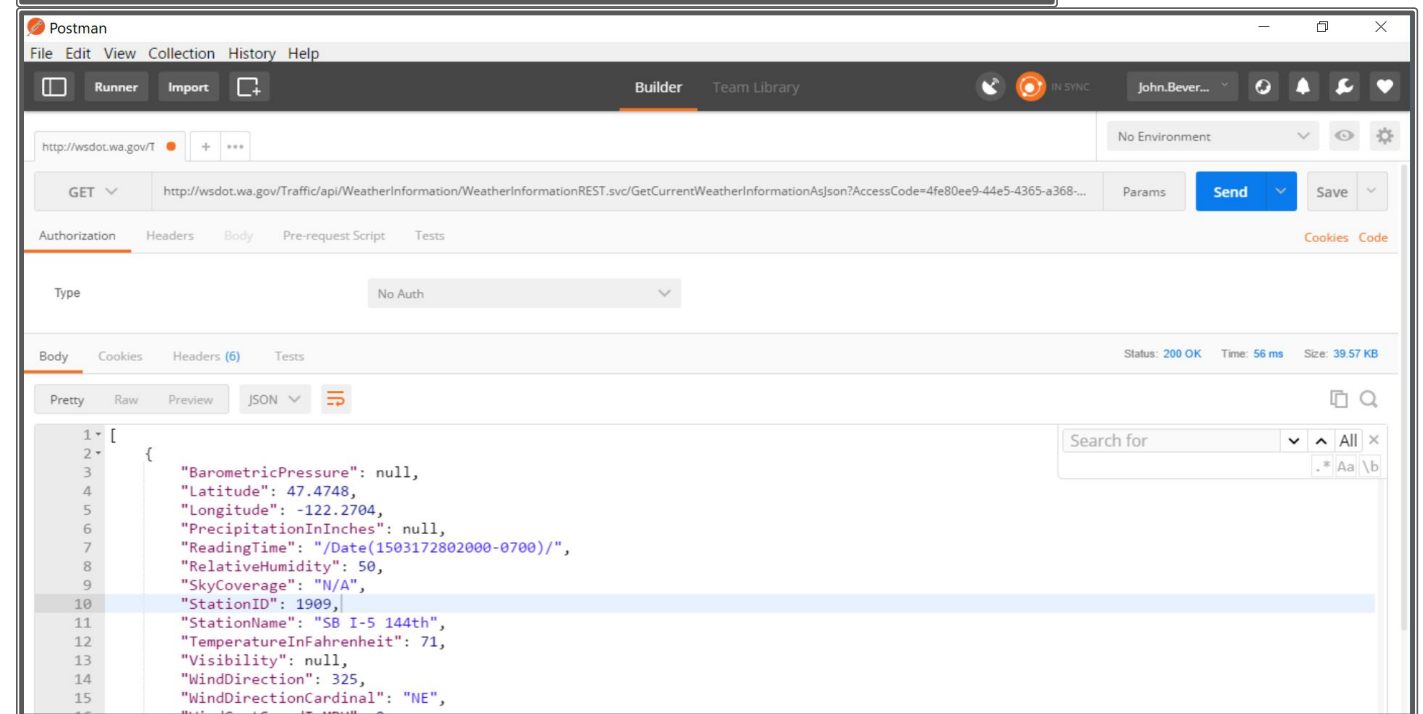
## ProgrammableWeb.com

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



## 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**



# Producers



```
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.api.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.%(msecs)s:%(name)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

# 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)

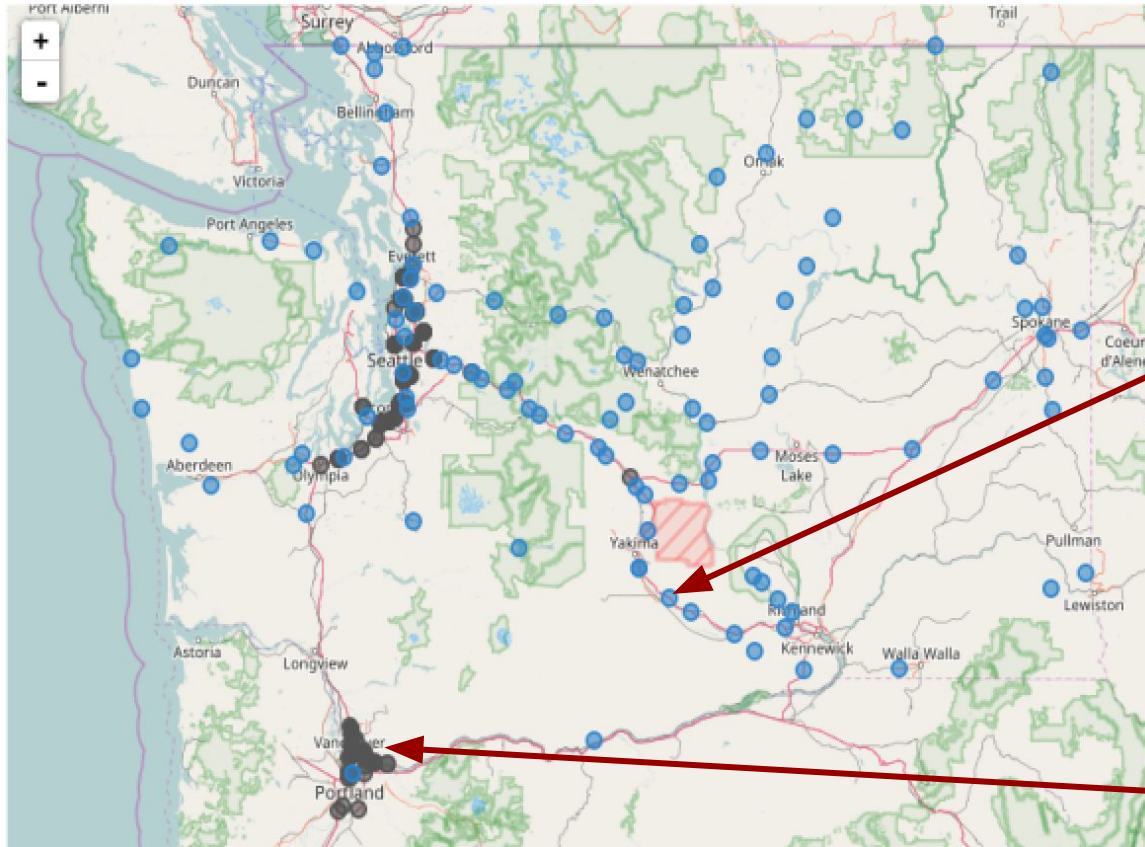
Merge Traffic/Weather Dataframes. Each Row has:

- 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

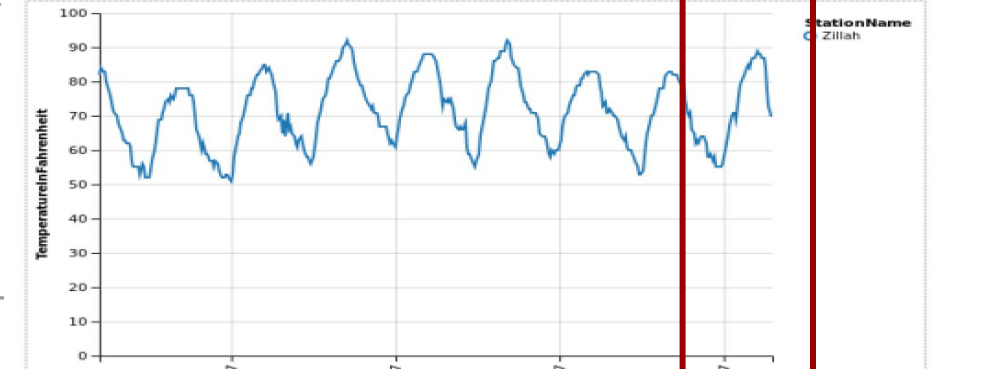
Mapping with Folium (traffic in black; weather in blue)



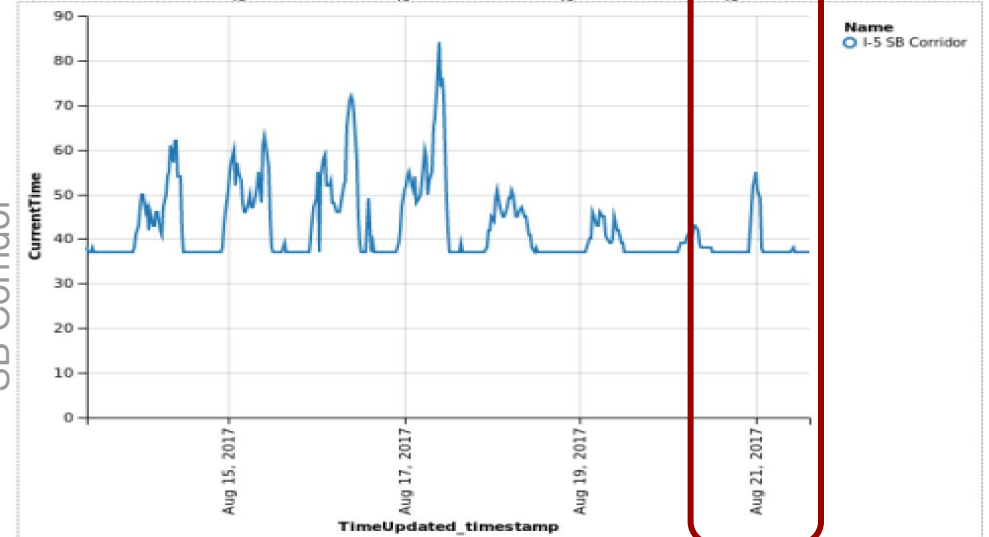
Charting with Altair

```
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
```

Temperature for Zillah, WA



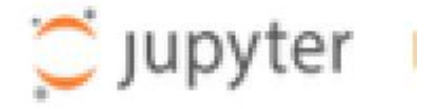
Current Travel Time for I-5 SB Corridor



Eclipse



# Analyzing the Merged/Traffic Weather Dataset



Scatterplot Matrix with Seaborn (10% random sample)

Average Travel Time

Current Travel Time



Barometer

Temp.

Wind Speed

Humidity

Wind Direction

# 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 (I-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!

