

# Chicago Crime Mapper



An interactive, visual website dedicated to interpreting Chicago  
crime data 2001-Present

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# City of Chicago Crime Data Portal

- Data provided by City of Chicago Data Portal

- <https://data.cityofchicago.org/Public-Safety/Crimes-2001-to-present/ijzp-q8t2/data>

- A lot of useful information
- Too difficult to interpret

OUR GOAL:

Present the data in a better way



The screenshot shows the City of Chicago Data Portal interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the City of Chicago logo and links for Home, About, Help, Status Blog, Developers, Terms of Use, City of Chicago, Sign Up, and Sign In. Below this is a yellow banner for 'Unsaved View' with 'Save As...' and 'Revert' buttons. A search bar labeled 'Find in this Dataset' is on the right. A row of action buttons (Manage, More Views, Filter, Visualize, Export, Discuss, Embed, About) is below the search bar. The main content is a table with columns: ID, Case Number, Date, Block, IUCR, Primary Type, and Description. The table contains 16 rows of crime data, each with a row number and expand/collapse icons. The last row is a 'Totals' row. The footer includes '© 2011 City of Chicago' and links for API, Privacy Policy, Web Standards, and Site Map.

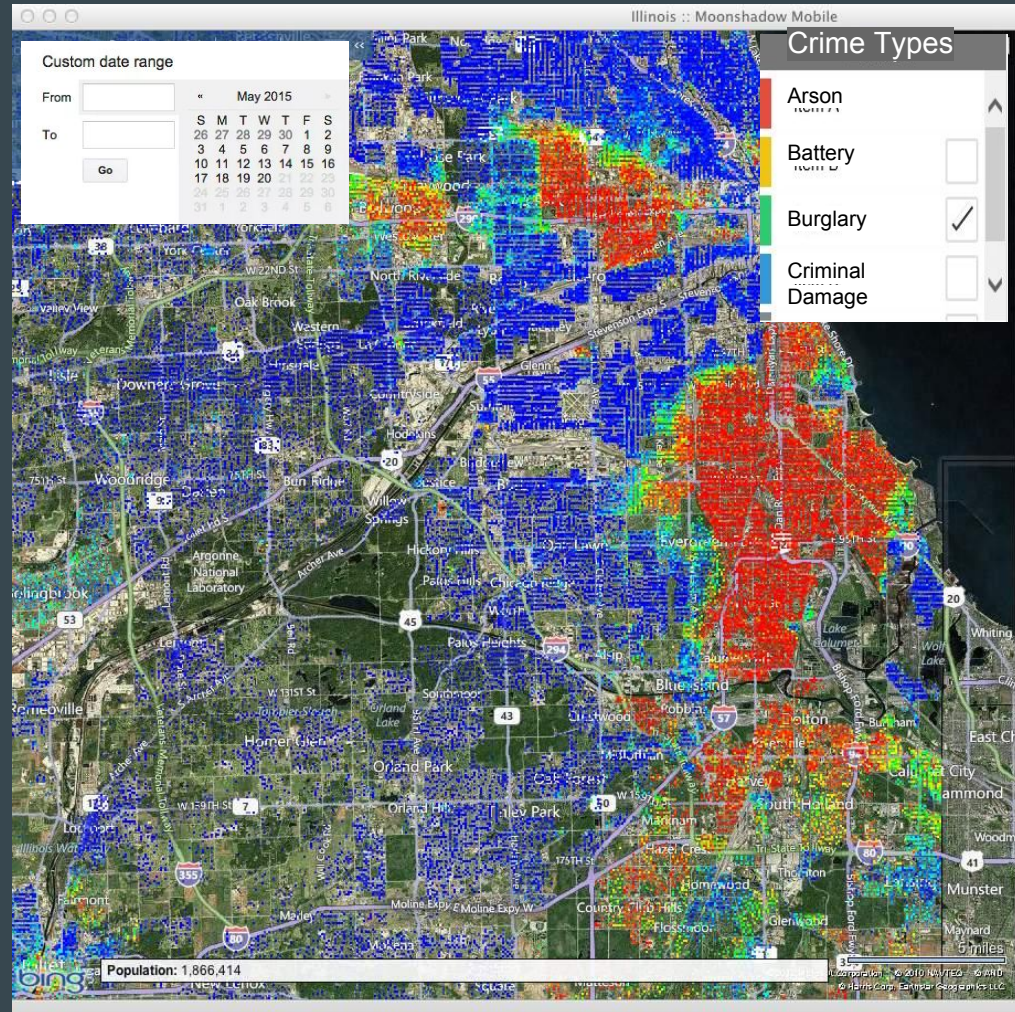
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3	10855132 JA160253	02/19/2017 11:50:00 PM	012XX W 79TH ST	502P	OTHER OFFENSE	FALSE/STOLEN/ALTERED TRP
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6	10855151 JA160240	02/19/2017 11:48:00 PM	074XX S STATE ST	0312	ROBBERY	ARMED:KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT
7	10855121 JA160221	02/19/2017 11:39:00 PM	027XX E 80TH ST	502P	OTHER OFFENSE	FALSE/STOLEN/ALTERED TRP
8	10855178 JA160271	02/19/2017 11:34:00 PM	030XX E 79TH PL	2017	NARCOTICS	MANU/DELIVER:CRACK
9	10855130 JA160228	02/19/2017 11:32:00 PM	027XX S AVERS AVE	0486	BATTERY	DOMESTIC BATTERY SIMPLE
10	10855201 JA160248	02/19/2017 11:30:00 PM	050XX S DREXEL BLVD	041A	BATTERY	AGGRAVATED: HANDGUN
11	10855393 JA160570	02/19/2017 11:30:00 PM	033XX S WENTWORTH AVE	1320	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	TO VEHICLE
12	10855218 JA160285	02/19/2017 11:27:00 PM	006XX S INDEPENDENCE BLVD	4625	OTHER OFFENSE	PAROLE VIOLATION
13	10855160 JA160233	02/19/2017 11:20:00 PM	008XX E 88TH PL	031A	ROBBERY	ARMED: HANDGUN
14	10855657 JA160915	02/19/2017 11:20:00 PM	043XX W 16TH ST	0920	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	ATT: AUTOMOBILE
15	10855162 JA160218	02/19/2017 11:20:00 PM	089XX S COTTAGE GROVE AVE	0486	BATTERY	DOMESTIC BATTERY SIMPLE
16	10855185 JA160249	02/19/2017 11:18:00 PM	034XX N HALSTED ST	0530	ASSAULT	AGGRAVATED: OTHER DANG WEAPON
Totals			6277441			

# Learning about Crime Trends in various Neighborhoods

- Neighborhoods change
- There is an overwhelming amount of information
- A visual representation distilling those changes is the easiest way to understand them

# Presenting the Data

- Maps allow a lot of data to be displayed at once
- Comparative data is made clear



# Plan of Action

- Divide tasks into Front and Back end
- Divide the City of Chicago into Zones
- Begin with partial data
- Compile a zone “score” for data
- Serve up data to a front end

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# Front End

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- Displays map
- Gathers user input
- Receives info about zones
- Displays info about zones as colors

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# How the front end will operate

## Displaying The Map:

- Importing map from Google Maps or Open Street Maps
- HTML, JavaScript, CSS
- Folium
  - Python & Leaflet.js strengths

## Gathering User Input:

- Calendar fields for range
- Drop down menu for crime filter

## Sending receiving info:

- Send JSON object for date range and crime
- Receive JSON for zone:value map

# Back End

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- **Receives parameters from end user**
  - **Filters database for correct info**
  - **Processes information**
  - **Returns a dictionary-like object mapping numerical values to zones**
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# How the back end will operate

## Gathering user input:

- Receives end user parameters as a JSON.

## Filtering the data:

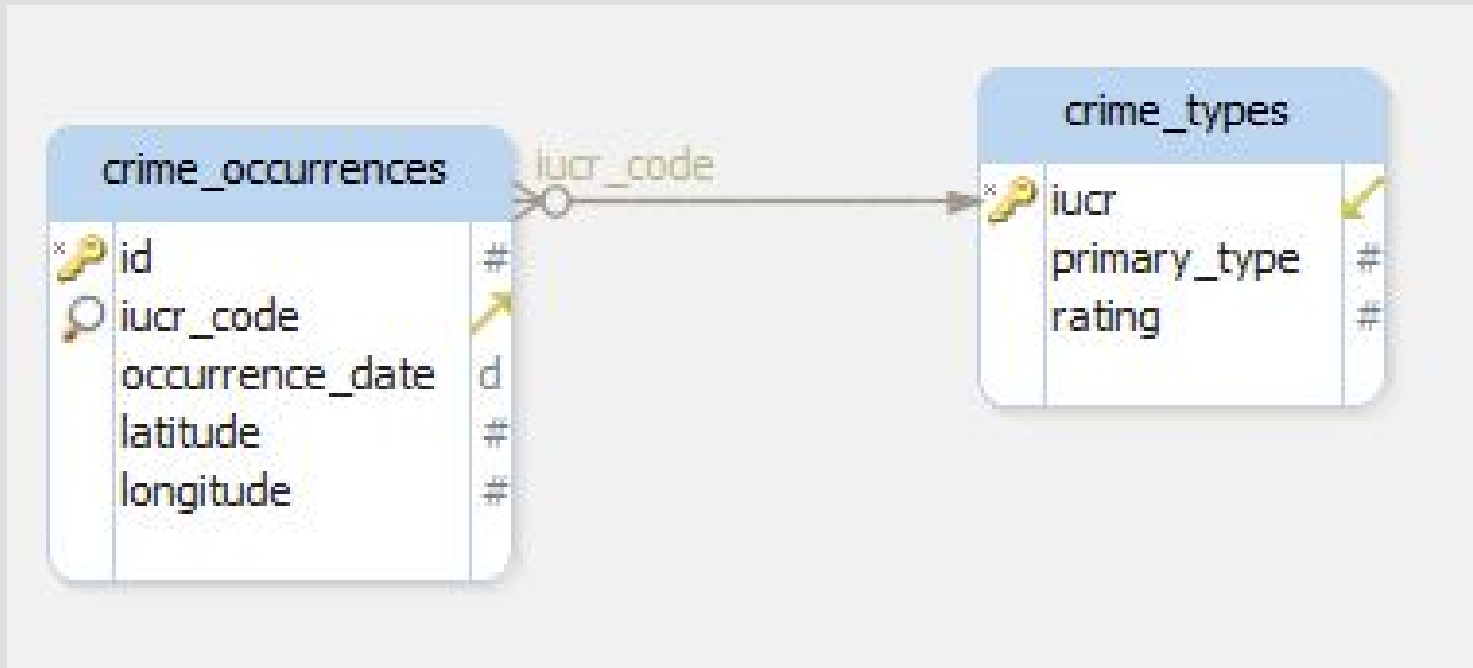
- Queries the SQL server for the appropriate data.

## Processing and returning the data:

- Calculates a zone score based on:
  - Freq.
  - City Av.
  - Time delta

# SQL Schema

- Two tables indicating:
- Crime Occurrence
  - Crime type



# Plan for Calculating the Zone Scores

## KEY:

1: No Crime



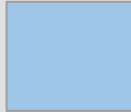
2: Below  
Average



3: Average



4: Above  
Average



5: Excessive



6: Super Rude



Compare frequency in zone to city average

1 = 1-25% of Average (Outlier)

2 = 25-75 % of Average

3 = 75-125% of Average

4 = 125-175% of Average

5 = 175- 225% of Average(Outlier)

6 = 225% + of Average (Far Outlier)

Normal Curve: Standard Deviation

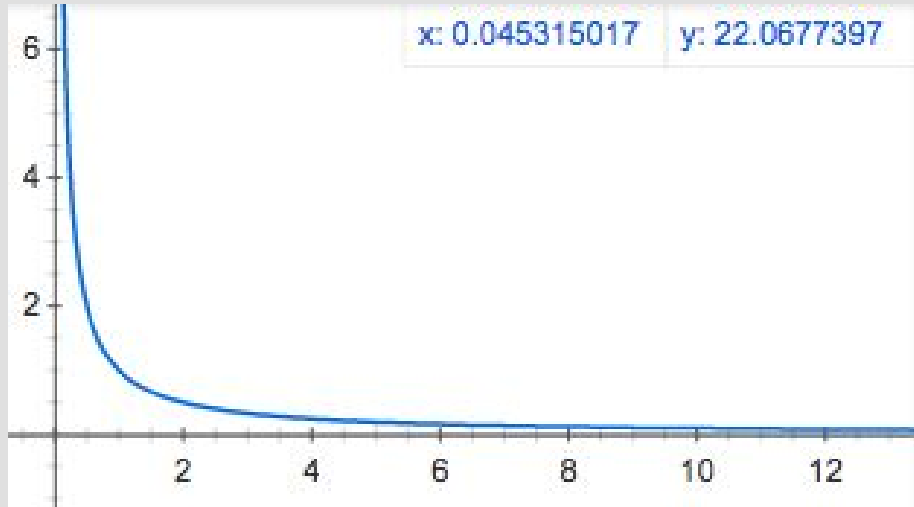
# Calculating Aggregate Zone Scores

**POSSIBLE FUNCTION:  $1/X$**

**Crime weight decreases  
as Time Delta increases**

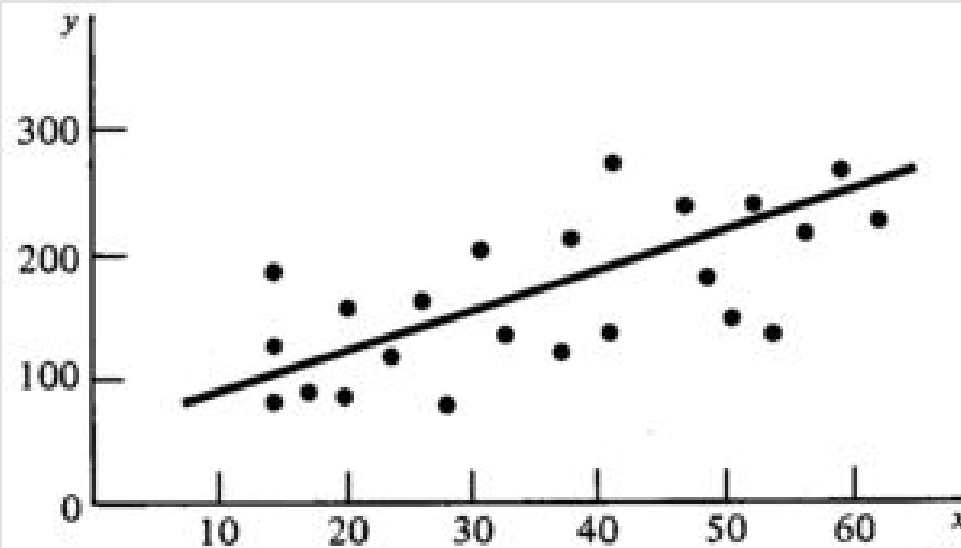
**Weighted Time Function**

**10 year old crime score affects  
current score by  $1/10$**

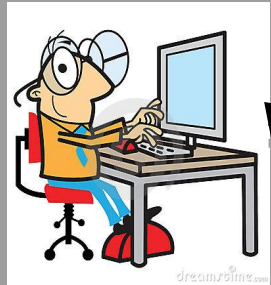


# Crime Trends

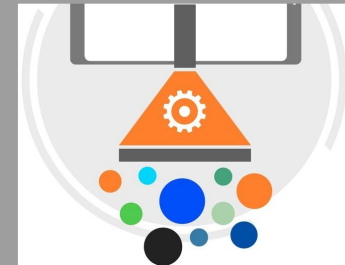
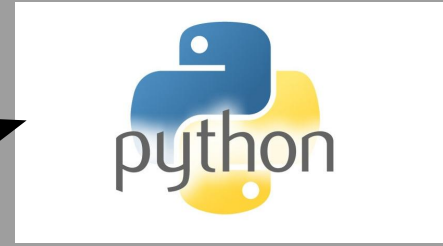
- Creating a linear regression
- Creating boundaries for that regression (very challenging!)



# System Architecture

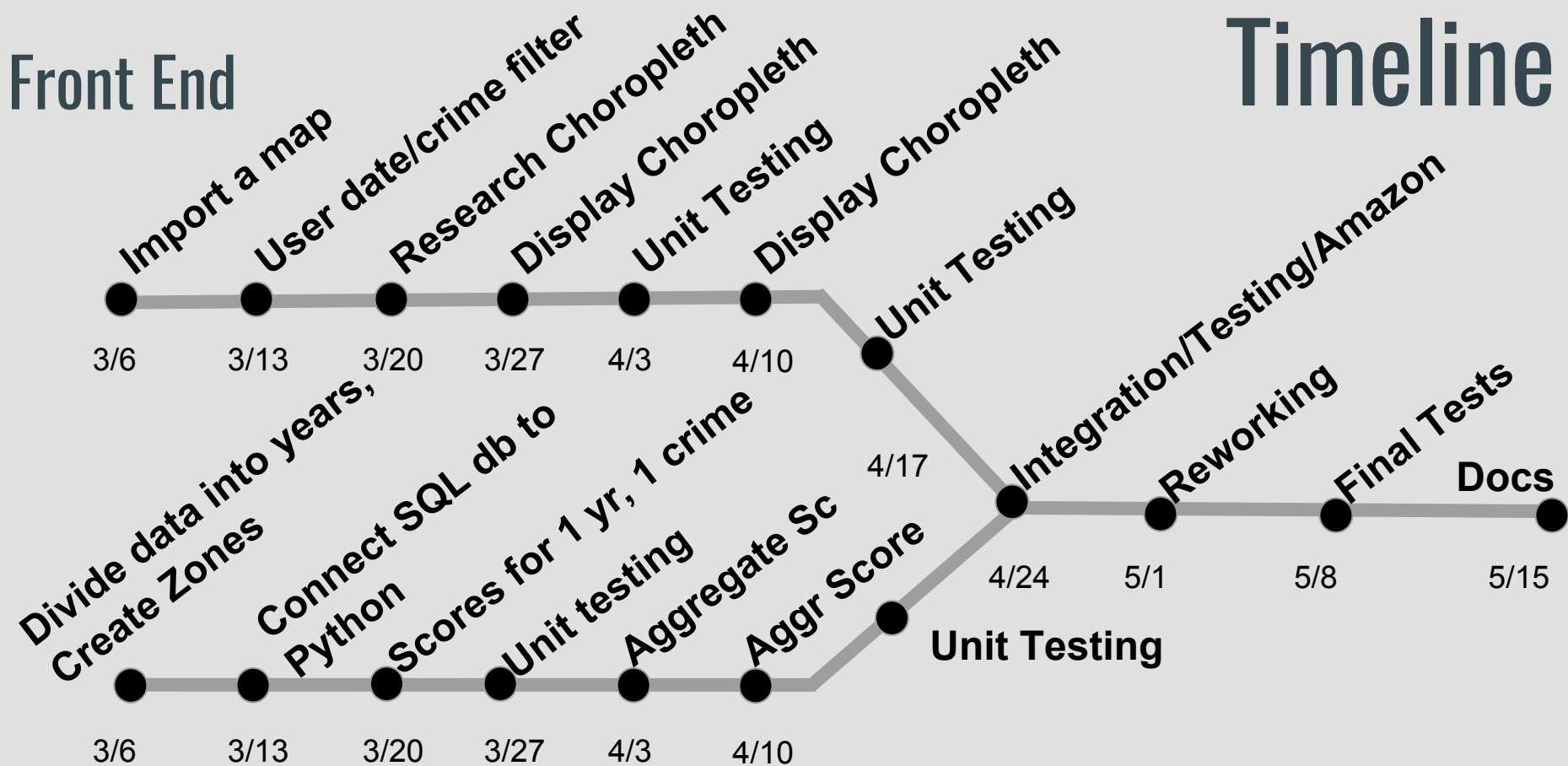


JSON



# Front End

# Timeline



# Back End

# Further Links

GitHub: <https://github.com/HunterCrimeMapper/ChicagoCrimeMapper>

Team webpage: <http://69.120.125.192:4009>



# Questions?

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