Module Outline

Data Visualisation with Google Fusion Tables

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Introduction

This document is the course outline for the "Data Visualisation with Google Fusion Tables" module.

Summary

This module is targeted at participants who:

- Work with large data sets

- Want to convey their research hypotheses/outcomes to lay readers

This module assumes knowledge of:

- basic usage of Microsoft Excel (filtering/sorting)

- using a web browser (downloading/saving etc.)

By the end of the modules, participants will understand:

- how to import data into Google Fusion Tables

- how to merge multiple data sets in Google Fusion Tables

- how to create heat maps Google Fusion Tables

- how to vary the visualisation used to illustrate your data in Google Fusion Tables

External Resources

In these modules, you will make use of some external materials. These materials were not created by Intersect, but are either standard tools used in the area or are particularly useful for teaching purposes.

Resources Used in this Module

For this module, the following resources are used

Name	Location	Description
NSW LGA Data	http://www.tallyroom.com.au/maps	This website has links to a number of useful keyhole mark-up files (KML) which that describes the boundaries of all the LGAs in NSW using geospatial coordinates
Crime Statistics	http://bocd.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/bocd/cmd/crime/Init	This "Specific Crime Information Tool" offered through the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research's (BOCSAR) website allows users to search NSW crime statistics based on a number of search criteria
Google Account	https://accounts.google.com/NewAccount	Google requires you to create a Google Account to utilise many of its services, e.g. Google Drive & Fusion Tables
Google Drive	https://drive.google.com/	Google Drive is a tool which allows you to store files on Google's servers
Google Fusion Tables		Google's support page for Google Fusion Tables

Further Reading

The following resources will help consolidate or extend the information presented here:

Name	Location	Description
NSW	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Local_government_areas_of_New	This Wikipedia page describes the 152 NSW Local government areas (LGA's) which are

LGA	_South_Wales	referred to as shires, councils, cities, etc.
Google Drive	http://www.google.com/drive/about.html	To learn more about Google Drive, please read further here
Google Apps	https://sites.google.com/site/fusiontablestalks/home	To learn more about Google Fusion Tables and other Google app's, please read further here
Google Fusion Tables	https://support.google.com/fusiontables/answer/2571232?hl=en http://www.google.com/support/fusiontables/	More information about using Google Fusion Tables
Practical use of Google Fusion Tables	http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2012/mar/24/guardian-open-weekend-google-fusion	Read about how the Guardian uses Google Fusion tables in their newspaper

Units Outline

Name	Concepts Introduced	Learning Outcomes
Download your datasets	Finding publically available data sets Using BOSCAR's "Specific Crime Information Tool" to find relevant data	• how to download data sets • how to import datasets into Google Refine
Clean up your data with Excel	Cleaning up XML data using Microsoft Excel	• how to sort data in Excel •
Importing the LGA boundaries and crime statistics	Using the Google Fusion Tables tool to import your research data	• how to import a datasets into Google Refine
Merging the tables	Using the Google Fusion Tables tool to merge multiple data sets	• how to merge multiple datasets in Google Refine
Creating the "Heat Map"	Using the Google Fusion Tables tool to create a visual heat map to illustrate your data	• how to create a heatmap and modify the appearance of the visualisation

Revision History

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1.0	17/07/2013	Initial draft	Mairéad Stephens