# Fundamentals of Data Analytics SEN163A

Metadata

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# Content notification (CN)

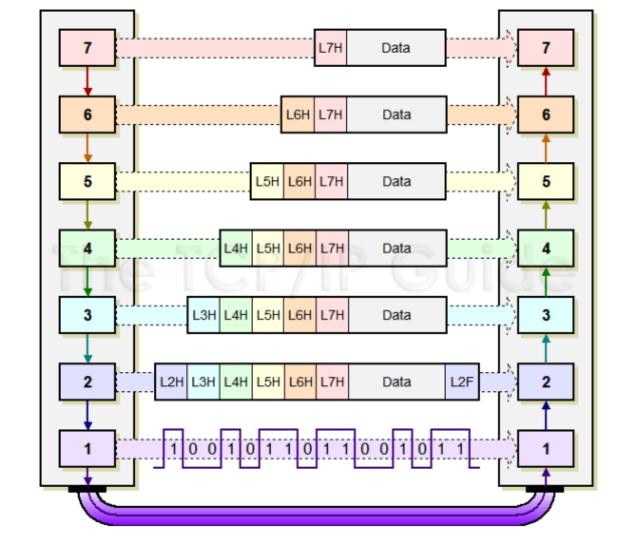
- Privacy violation
- Surveillance
- Pregnancy and abortion
- Symbols of fascism
- Genocide
- Prosecution of LGBTQ+ people
- If any of these topics emotionally affect you strongly, you are free to leave. We can then schedule an appointment where we can discuss the lecture's contents separated from these contents.



#### Not all data is alike

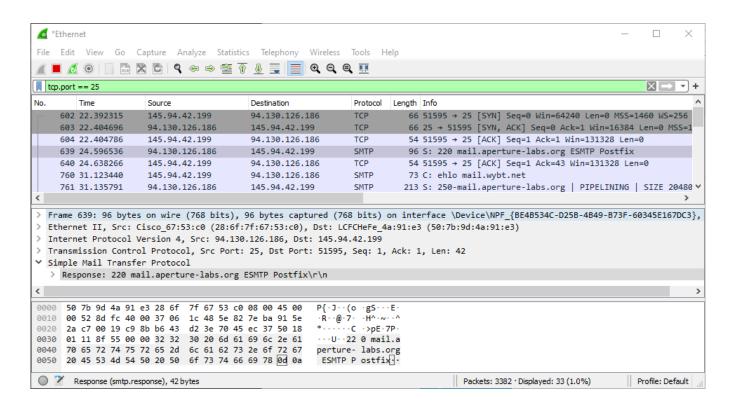
- In network measurement:
  - Metadata
  - Payload







# Payload in a TCP packet





# Metadata is protocol dependent

- For IP packets, TCP is already payload
- For TCP packets the protocol data is payload
- For an email, sender and recipient are metadata



#### Metadata of an email

```
Return-Path: <T.Fiebig@tudelft.nl>
Received: from mail.aperture-labs.org
        by mail.aperture-labs.org with LMTP
        id yPO3LPkVVV49awAAj3/rZg
        (envelope-from <T.Fiebig@tudelft.nl>)
        for <tobias@aperture-labs.org>; Tue, 25 Feb 2020 12:41:29 +0000
Delivered-To: tobias@aperture-labs.org
Return-Path: <T.Fiebig@tudelft.nl>
Received: from mail.aperture-labs.org (localhost [127.0.0.1])
        by mail.aperture-labs.org (Postfix) with ESMTP id 6F293C3BFEC
        for <tobias@fiebig.nl>; Tue, 25 Feb 2020 12:41:29 +0000 (UTC)
From: Tobias Fiebig <T.Fiebig@tudelft.nl>
To: "tobias@fiebig.nl" <tobias@fiebig.nl>
Subject: test
Thread-Topic: test
Thread-Index: AQHV69js7PIpFFhVvkaPDFjzRuE7Uw==
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2020 12:41:38 +0000
Message-ID: <712cab1b-f71a-41fb-925e-0aadbb311160@email.android.com>
Accept-Language: en-US, nl-NL
```





- Who called who
- Which cell tower you connected to
- How much traffic you make





#### Metadata

- Times when you write/post something
- What articles you read
- Which websites you visit



# Let's do a story in metadata...

- We have a user in our institution...
- The following things happen...

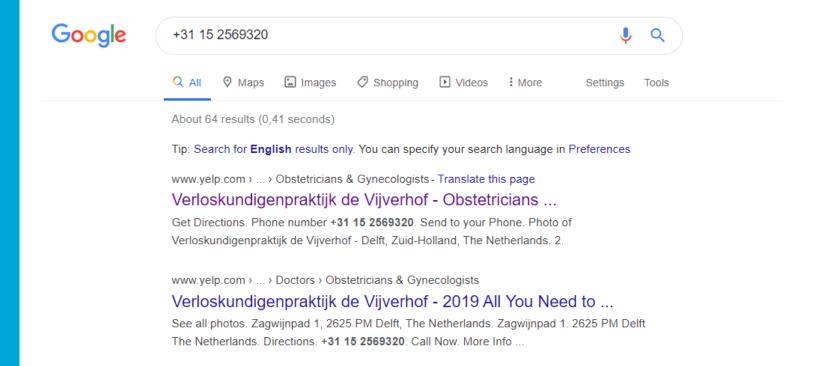


#### **Event 1: A received call**

- +31 15 27 85700 receives a call from +31 15 2569320
- The former is our employee... ok...
- The second one... Let's do some OSINT (Open Source Intelligence; Fancy word for googling...;-))



#### **Event 1: A received call**





# Ok... interesting...

- People often are called by their doctors at work
- People have the tendency of working when their doctors are working...



#### Event 2: An uncommon call

- +31 15 27 85700 dials out to +31 616 80 98 99
- The call last for 96 minutes
- This is obviously a mobile phone number
- This number has never been called from that phone before...
- Hm...

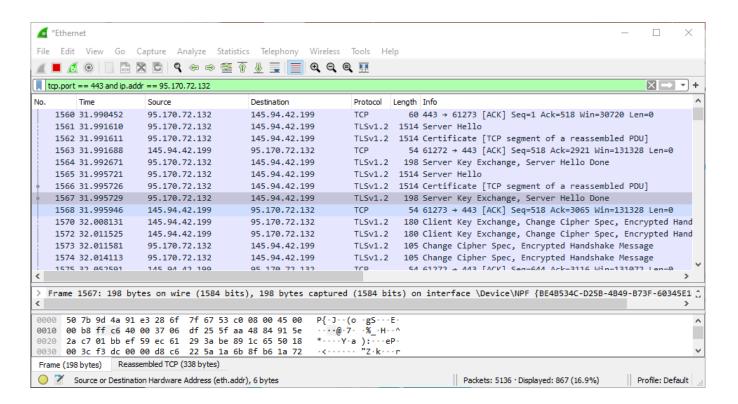


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 We ultimately find the number as the emergency contact for that person... their sister...



#### Event 3: A story in encrypted TCP Packets





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```
tfiebig@tardis ~ % host 145.94.42.199
199.42.94.145.in-addr.arpa domain name pointer x-
145-94-42-199.wired.tudelft.nl.
tfiebig@tardis ~ % host 95.170.72.132
132.72.170.95.in-addr.arpa domain name pointer
webhosting-cluster.transip.nl.
```



#### Event 4: Just another call...

- +31 15 27 85700 dials out to +31 20 693
  21 51
- The call lasts for 10 minutes...



#### Event 5: The employee calls in sick...

- The next day the employee calls in sick for a day
- A week later they call in sick for a week



# Question

What happened?



# A story in words...

- The employee received a call from their OBGYN informing her of her pregnancy
- The employee calls her sister, a person she trusts, and discusses this
- She decides to have an abortion, and visits <u>https://abortuskliniek-amsterdam.nl</u> which is reachable on 95.170.72.132
- As you can not make an appointment via mail, she gives them a call and makes an appointment for the next day
- After a mandatory wait time she receives medical care



### Moral of the story... as a data scientist

- The data you collect and work with can tell you a lot about the humans creating that data
- As an engineer and data scientist, you carry the responsibility for that data, and only wilding it in a responsible manner



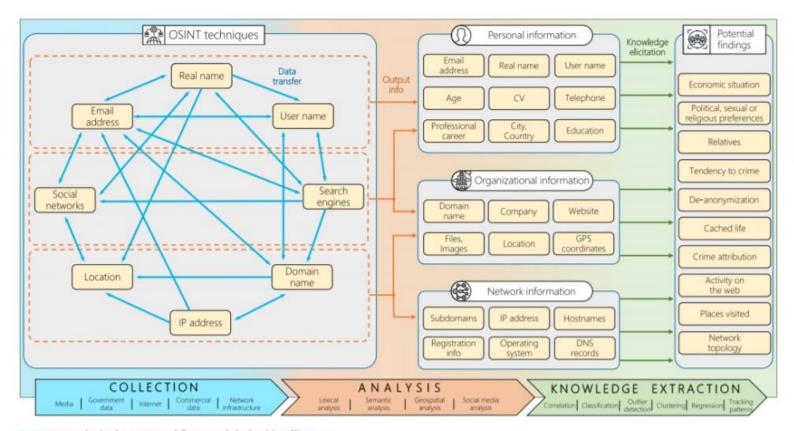


FIGURE 2. Principal OSINT workflows and derived intelligence.



# Moral of the story... as a end-user

- Trade-off between ease-of-use and data privacy/security
- Some tips and tricks for increasing online privacy: <a href="https://nordvpn.com/blog/how-to-be-anonymous-online/">https://nordvpn.com/blog/how-to-be-anonymous-online/</a>
- Disclaimer: I am not affiliated with NordVPN, DYOR and find the best provider.





# A story of not so meta-data



# Digital Government 101

 Imagine you make a small database of all people in you country... for easier administration

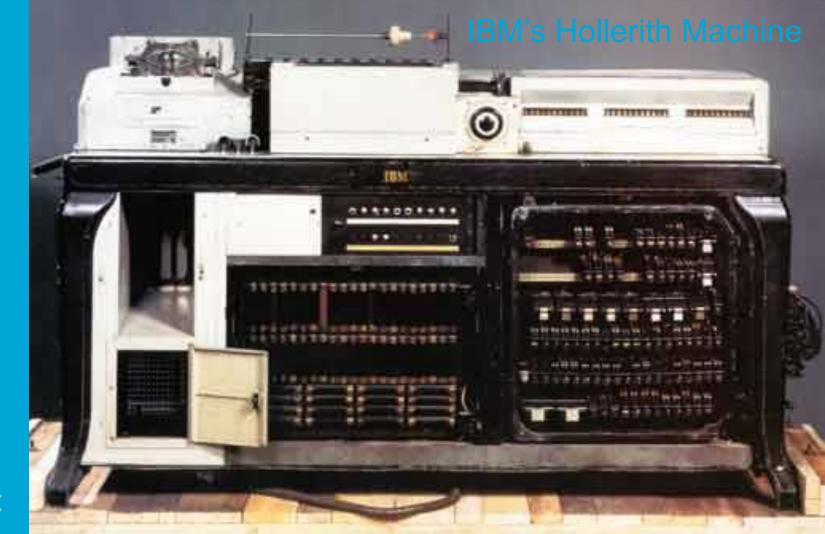
- Like every good government project:
  - Run by IBM
  - Insanely efficient
  - Big data for the 20<sup>th</sup> century!



# The Dutch: Always early adopters

- We have a highly digital government
  - Nearly everything—from taxes to registering in a flat—can be done online
  - Applying for social benefits? Online!
  - We have DigiD (a central authentication framework) to log into, e.g., our healthcare provider











#### Public Administration with IBM

- Rolled out in the Netherlands
- Used to ease municipal administration, taxation, census etc.
- Recorded names, addresses, and among other things—religion



# No privacy issue...

- ... the handling authority is well intentioned...
- ... it actually has to have that data...

What could possibly go wrong?





# Invasion...





# And then the new cards looked like this

**TU**Delft

# The Holocaust was supported by the first 'IT' systems (Punchcard Machines)

- Basically ran an IT infrastructure
  - (even before the Netherlands were occupied;
     Just happened to use the same supplier)

 One of the biggest crimes in human history would not have been as easy without engineers!







#### Background information

- Read these:
  - http://db.yadvashem.org/righteous/family.html?language=en&itemId=4043044
  - https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aanslag\_op\_het\_Amsterdams\_bevolkingsregister\_1943
  - https://www.verzetsmuseum.org/museum/nl/tweedewereldoorlog/begrippenlijst/achtergrond,aanslag/amsterdamse\_bevolkingsregister
- If you have family members still remembering those times, talk to them, learn from them. Understand history, keep the memory alive.





#### But we don't collect that anymore!

- Dutch authorities may no longer collect religion. ©
- So, things are good...
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- ... right?



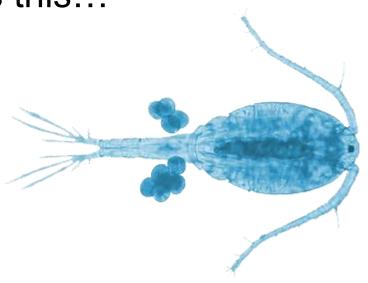
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- METADATA!



#### Little excursion...

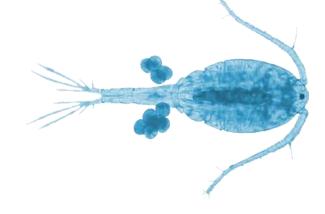
What is this...





# This is a copepod

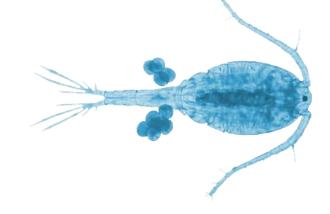
- Small crustacean living in New York tap water
- Not health critical
- Not...



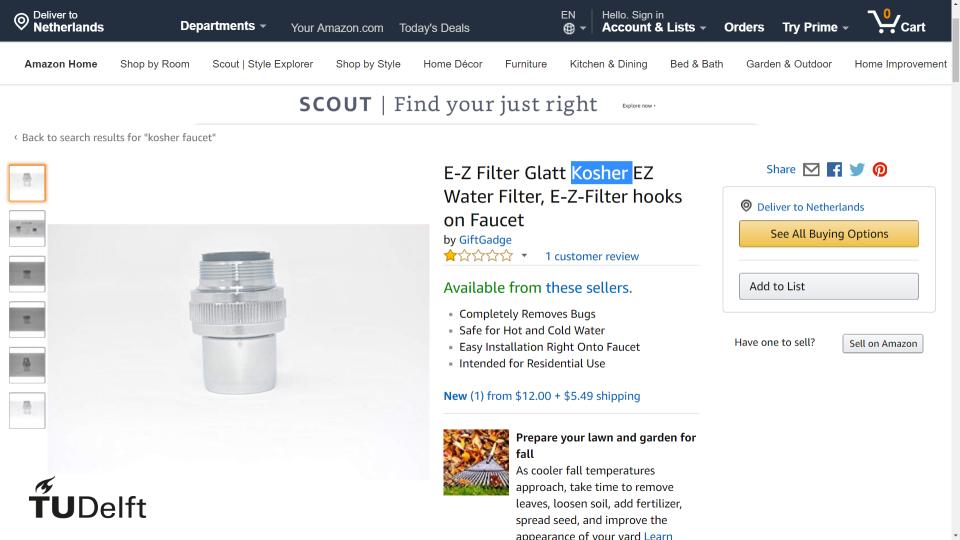


### This is a copepod

- Small crustacean living in New York tap water
- Not health critical
- Not... kosher.







#### What data do you have...

- ...that you need?
- ...that you accidentally collect?
- ...that you want?
- ...that you can not prevent yourself from collecting?



#### Who knows Tinder?



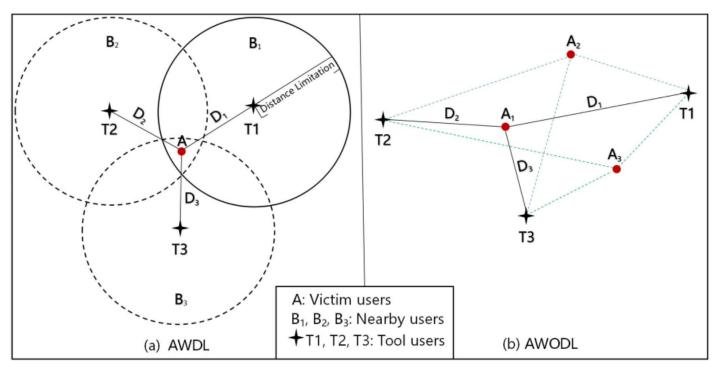


## Who knows... Grindr?





#### Location triangulation





Zhao, Fanghua, et al. "You Are Where You App: An Assessment on Location Privacy of Social Applications." 2018 IEEE 29th International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE). IEEE, 2018.

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- Actually used to hunt gay men:
   https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/egypts-police-using-social-media-and-apps-like-grindr-to-trap-gay-people-9738515.html



#### Let's look at another metadatapoint...

Wed Mar 4 14:17:46 CET 2020



# Question

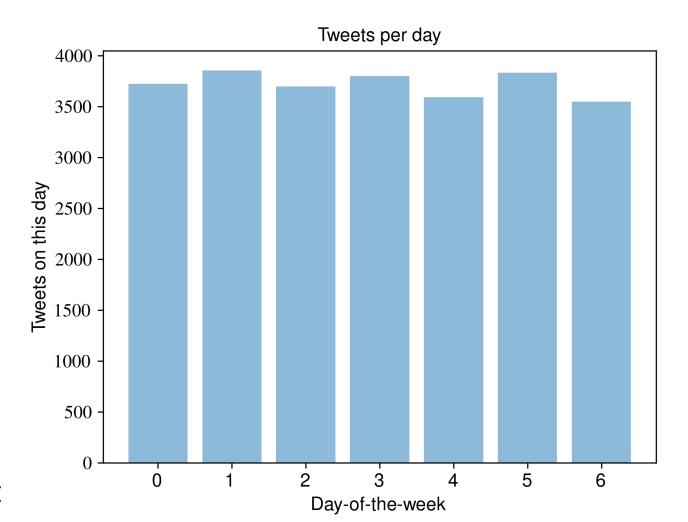
What can we learn from this?



### Let's try...

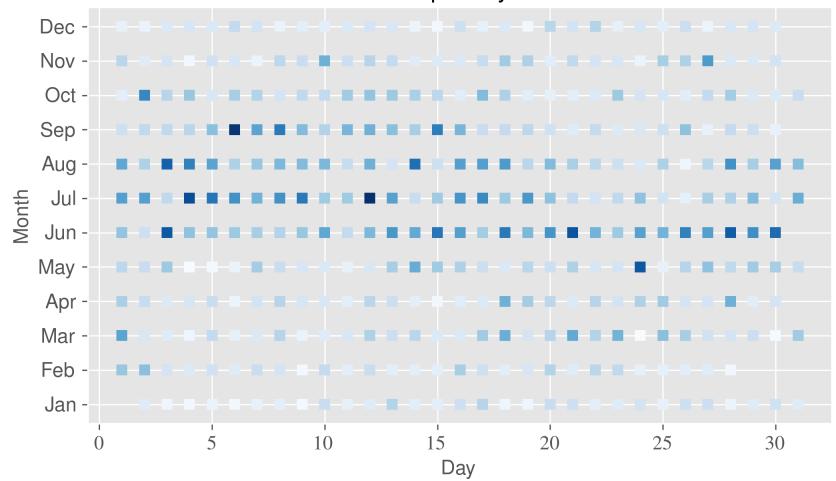
- What we have: 26,045 tweets from a single person over 7 years
- Let's see what we can... see



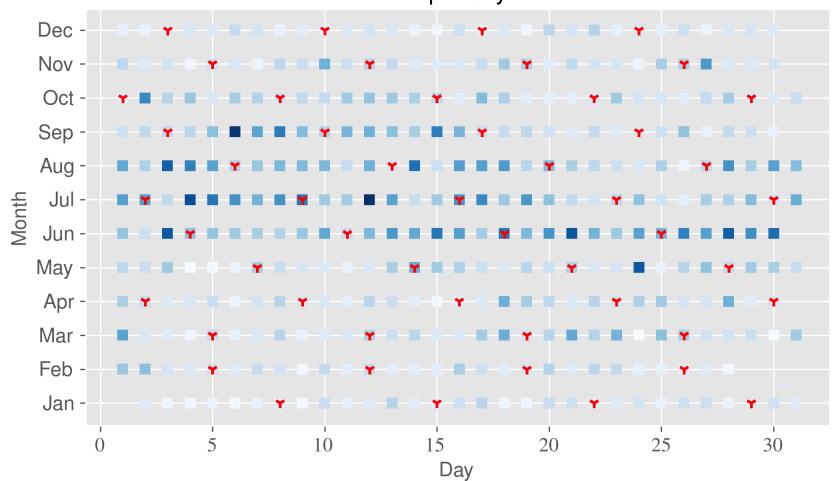




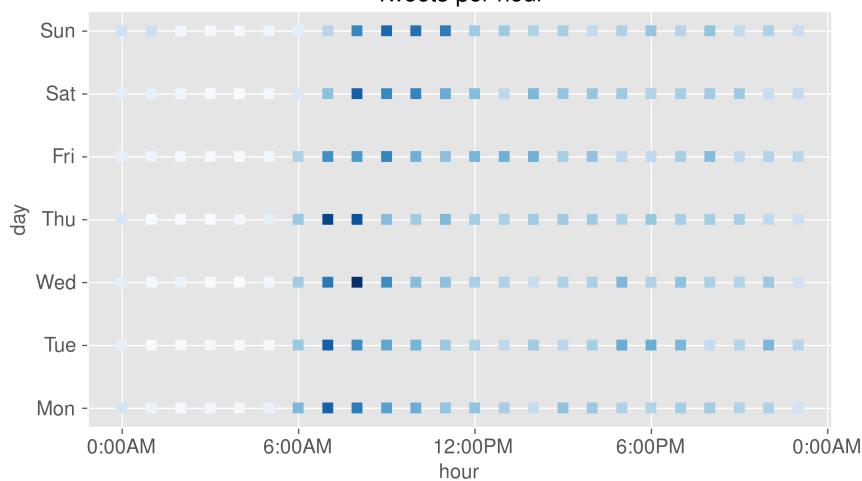
Tweets per day 2018

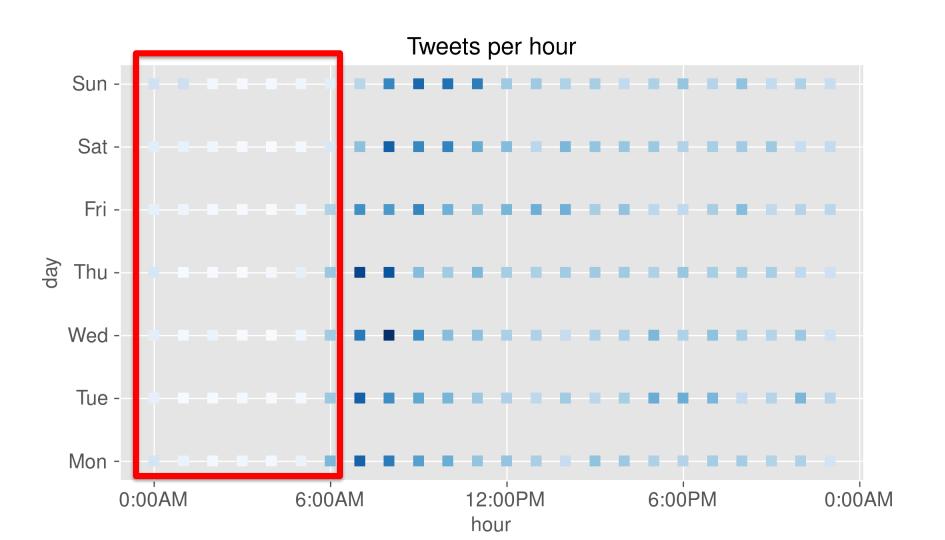


Tweets per day 2018



Tweets per hour

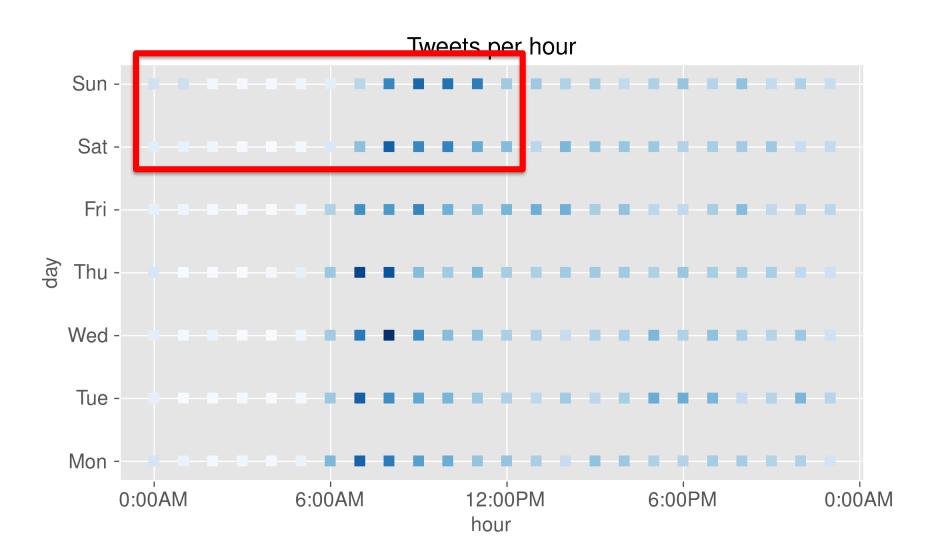




# Sleepingtime...



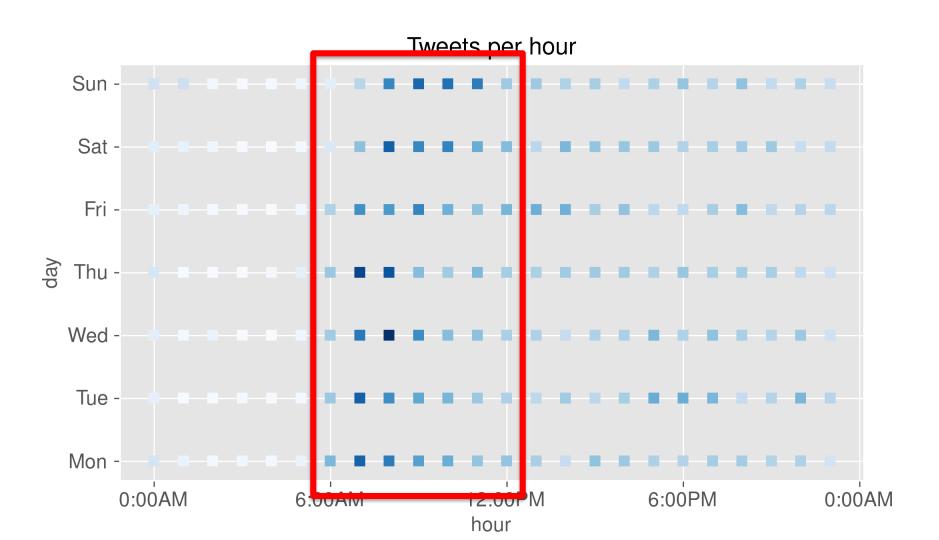




# Sleeping in on weekends...





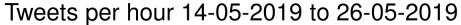


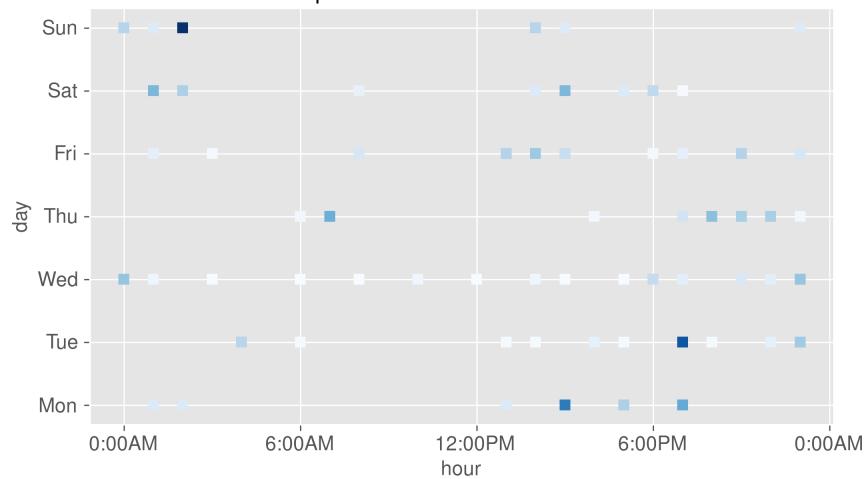
# Well... coffee and newspapers... I am not a boomer...











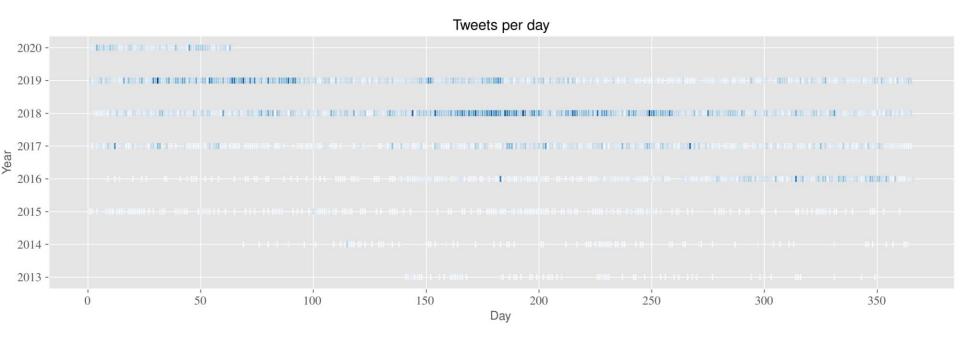
#### These weeks look different...



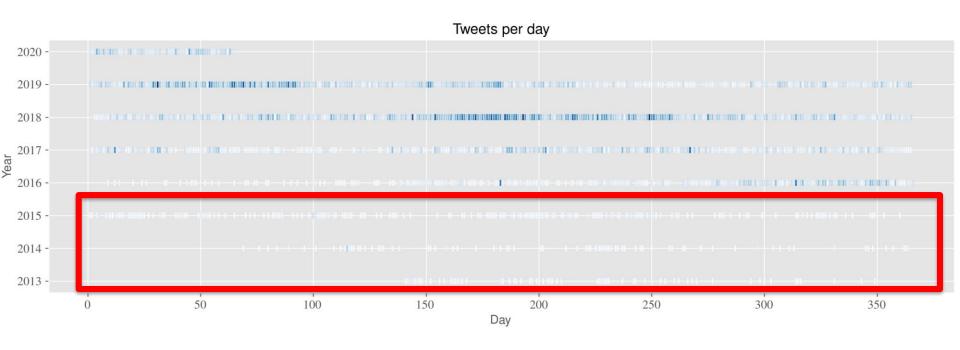
#### These weeks look different...

- Went to the US for two conferences that week
- No time for tweeting
- Highly different timezone

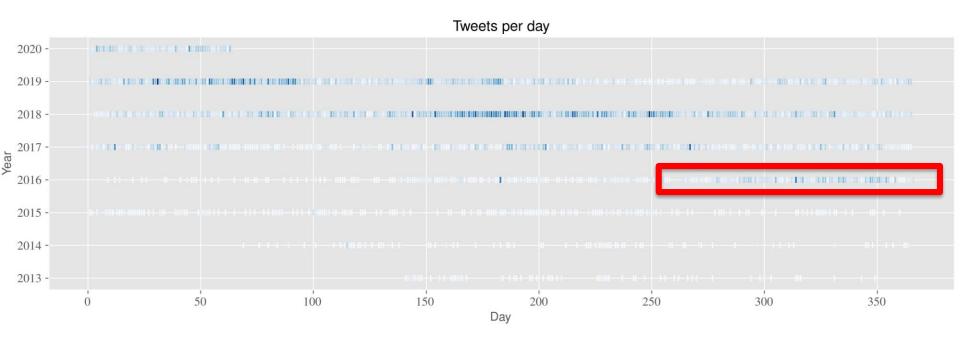




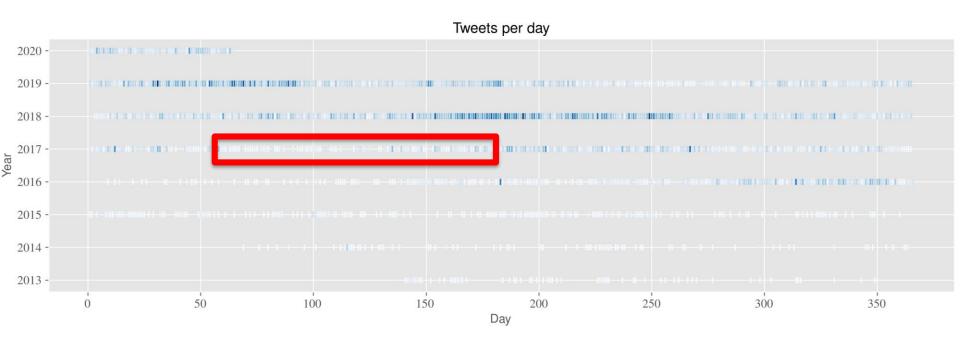




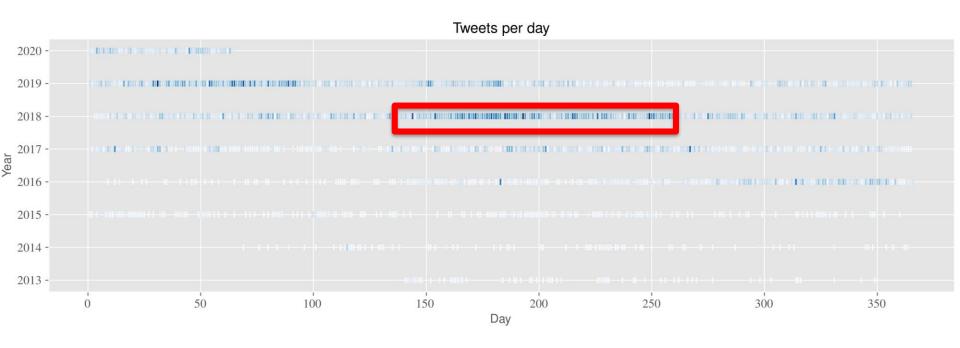




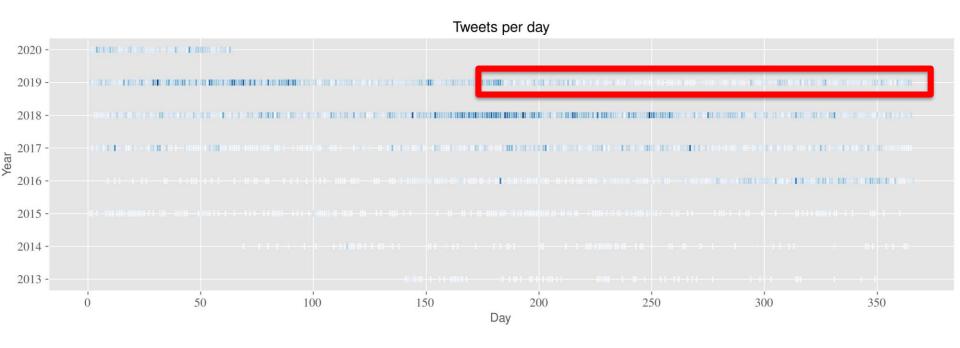














# Data may lie

- You interpret the data
- What you infer may have totally different causes
- Always cross-validate what you see with additional sources (if you can ©)



# **Getting Data**

- Webscaping!
- You can roll your own toolchain (Using python's URL library urllib3)
- You can use existing ones (selenium, BeautifulSoup)
- Example: <a href="https://www.edureka.co/blog/web-scraping-with-python/">https://www.edureka.co/blog/web-scraping-with-python/</a>



#### Assignment 3 – Webscaping



Import necessary libraries

from selenium import webdriver
from BeautifulSoup import BeautifulSoup
import pandas as pd



- Configure the 'driver' for selenium (a local browser
- Might look different on your system!
   Search the web on how to do this.

driver = webdriver.Chrome("/usr/lib/chromiumbrowser/chromedriver")



Set up some variables to store results

```
products=[]
prices=[]
ratings=[]
driver.get("https://www.flipkart.com/laptops/~buyback-
guarantee-on-laptops-/pr?sid=6bo%2Cb5g&uniq")
```



- Identify the right <div>s
- Klick 'inspect tab' (or hit F12)
- Identify the right <div> names:

```
Elements
            Console
                      Sources
                                Network
            tb-hdd-dos-ip-320e-laptop/p/itmf3...m=organic&iid=58f746cb-
            32a9-4e30-a932-1566dc9256f7.COMEW6QPHWZXCMWA.SEARCH">
              ▶ <div class=" 3SQWE6">...</div>

▼<div class=" 1-2Iqu row">
                ▼<div class="col col-7-12">
                   <div class=" 3wU53n">Lenovo Ideapad Core i3 6th
                   Gen - (4 GB/1 TB HDD/DOS) IP 320E Laptop</div> ==
                  ▶ <div class="niH0FQ">...</div>
                  ▶ <div class=" 3ULzGw">...</div>
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Parse the content

```
content = driver.page_source
soup = BeautifulSoup(content)
for a in soup.findAll('a',href=True,
attrs={'class':'_31qSD5'}):
    name=a.find('div', attrs={'class':'_3wU53n'})
    price=a.find('div', attrs={'class':'_1vC40E _2rQ-NK'})
    rating=a.find('div', attrs={'class':'hGSR34 _2beYZw'})
    products.append(name.text)
    prices.append(price.text)
    ratings.append(rating.text)
```



Store the data (or continue working with it)



#### With urllib3

- See: <a href="https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/">https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/</a>
- r.data has the remote resource as text, ready for parsing

```
>>> import urllib3
>>> http = urllib3.PoolManager()
>>> r = http.request('GET', 'http://httpbin.org/robots.txt')
>>> r.status
200
>>> r.data
'User-agent: *\nDisallow: /deny\n'
```

