

W4121  
Computer Systems for Data Science  
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<https://w4121.github.io/>

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Data

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Data  
is for serious business

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Data  
is at the center of most things.

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Data  
is at the center of *everything*

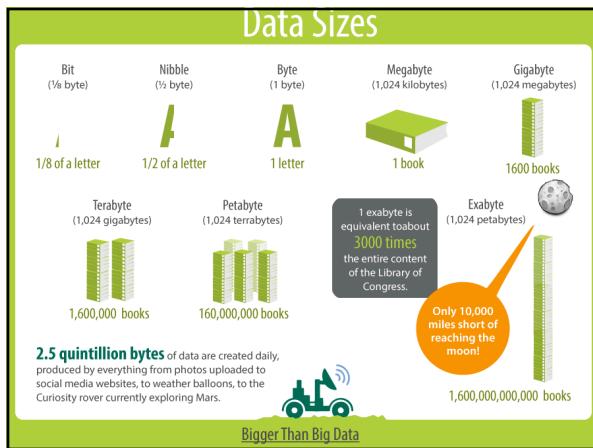
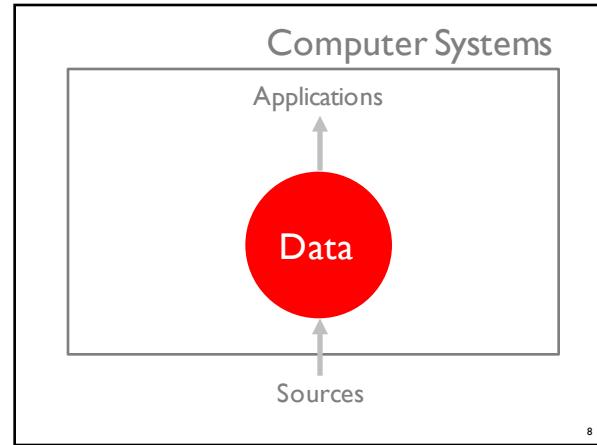
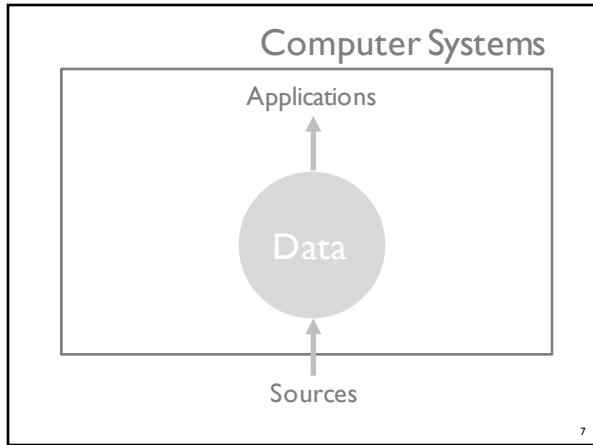
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Computer Systems

How is it used?

Data

Where does it come from?

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**How did we get here?**

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**Data was Manual**

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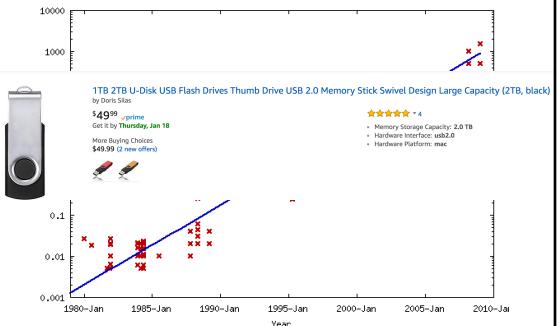
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### Data was Expensive



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### Data is Cheap



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### Data is Automated

Physical devices



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### Data is Automated

Physical devices  
Software logs

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### Data is Ubiquitous

Physical devices  
Software logs  
Phones



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### Data is Ubiquitous

Physical devices  
Software logs  
Phones  
GPS/Cars



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# Data is *Everywhere*

- Physical devices
- Software logs
- Phones
- GPS/Cars
- Internet of Things

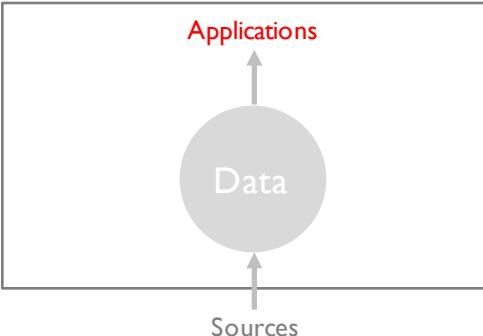


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## Data is *Temporal*

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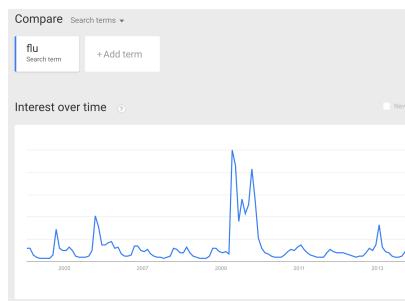
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## Data Science Applications



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Health



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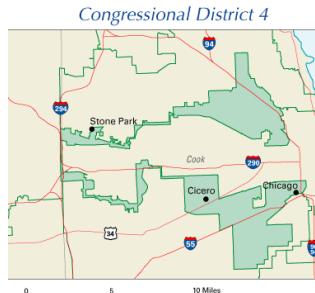
Health

**Thank you for stopping by.**

Google Flu Trends and Google Dengue Trends are no longer publishing current estimates of Flu and Dengue fever based on search patterns. The historic estimates produced by Google Flu Trends and Google Dengue Trends are available below. It is still early days for

## What are we doing with data?

Health  
Politics



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Triumph of the Nerds: Nate Silver Wins in 50 States

26.6k Shares Twitter +



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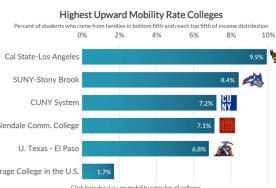
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## What are we doing with data?

[www.equality-of-opportunity.org](http://www.equality-of-opportunity.org) Peers, Slides, and Summaries Data Team Press Contact

The Equality of Opportunity Project

How can we improve economic opportunities for our children?  
We use big data to identify new pathways to upward mobility.



Latest Work  
Mobility Report Cards:  
The Role of Colleges in  
Intergenerational Mobility  
We use data on 30 million college students to compute mobility report cards – publicly available statistics on student mobility across all family incomes – for each college in America. Our analysis sheds light on how colleges shape children's prospects for upward mobility and how we can help more children climb the income ladder through higher education.

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## What are we doing with data?

Health  
Politics  
Investigative Journalism  
Society



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## What are we doing with data?

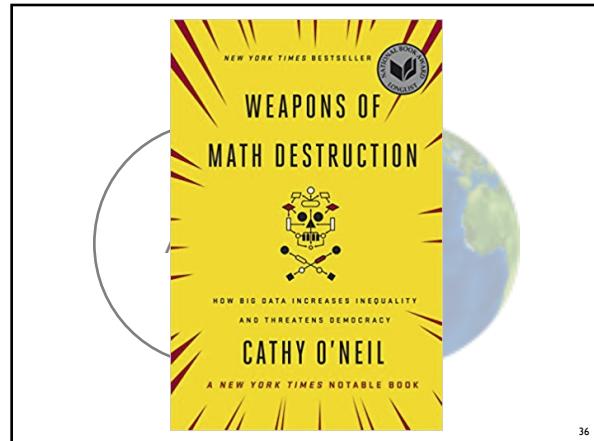
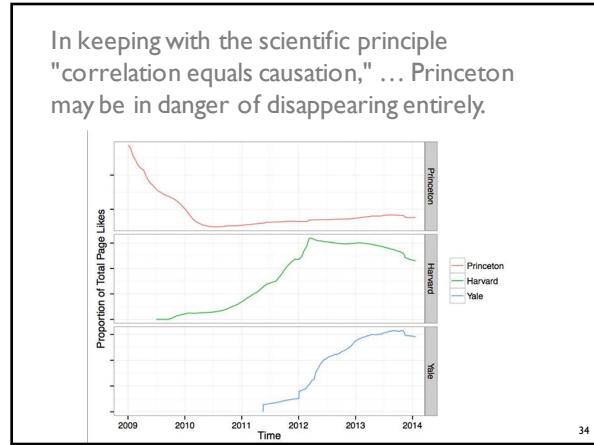
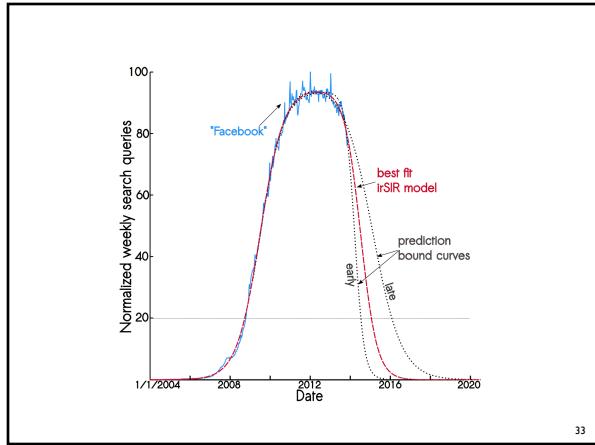
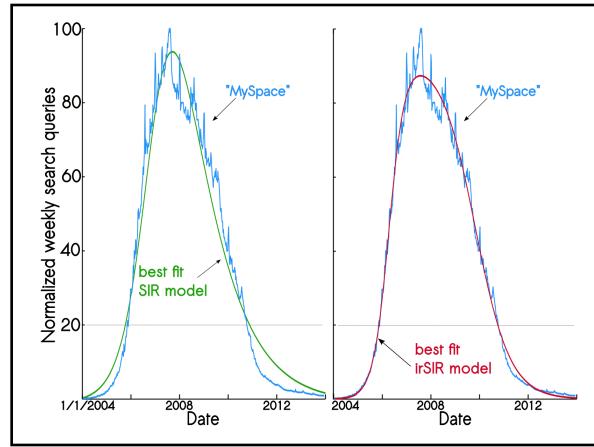
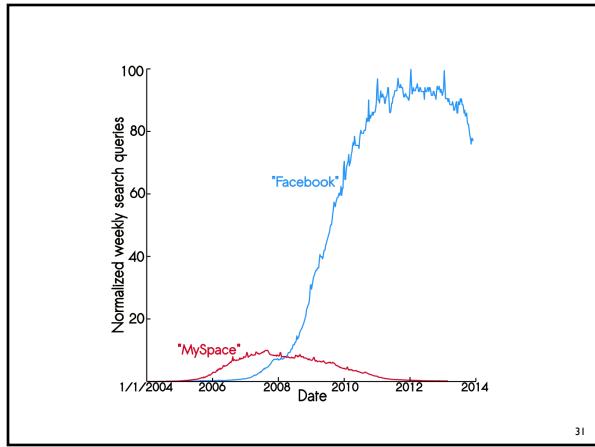
Epidemiological modeling of online social network dynamics  
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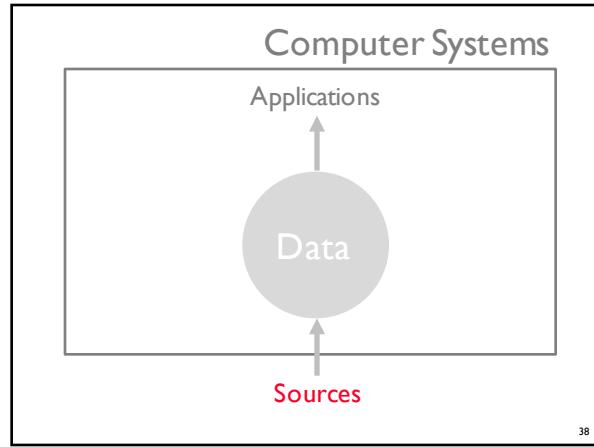
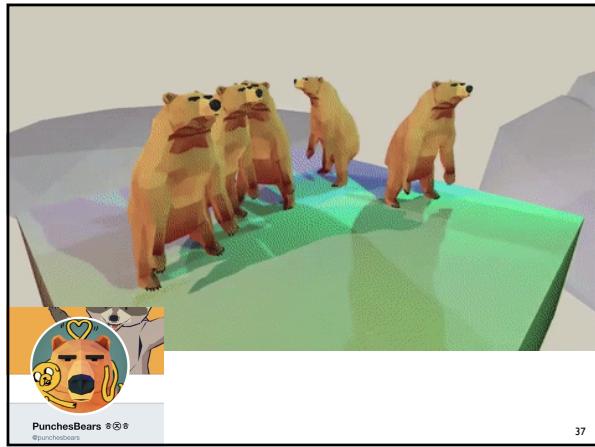
### Abstract

The last decade has seen the rise of immense online social networks (OSNs) such as MySpace and Facebook. In this paper we use epidemiological models to explain user adoption and abandonment of OSNs, where adoption is analogous to infection and abandonment is analogous to recovery. We modify the traditional SIR model of disease spread by including interesting infectious recovery dynamics such as contact between infected and uninfected members of the population is proportional to age. The proposed infectious recovery SIR model (iSIR model) is validated using publicly available Google search query data for "MySpace" as a case study of an OSN that has exhibited both adoption and abandonment phases. The iSIR model is then applied to search query data for "Facebook," which is just beginning to show the onset of an abandonment phase. Extrapolating the best fit model into the future predicts a rapid decline in Facebook activity in the next few years.

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Autogenerated – record every...

- Mouse click
- Car drive
- Ad impression
- Webpage visit
- Billing transaction
- Network message
- Error
- Video stream

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User generated

Twitter Yelp YouTube

Facebook Instagram WhatsApp

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Then there's the Q50, a smart watch for children. Marketed as a way to help parents easily communicate with and keep track of their kids, bugs in the watch would allow hackers to "intercept all communications, remotely listen to the child's surroundings and spoof the child's location," according to a report by Top10VPN, a consumer research company this month.

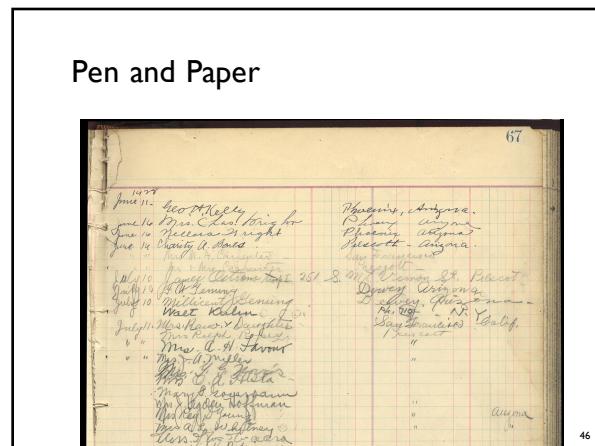
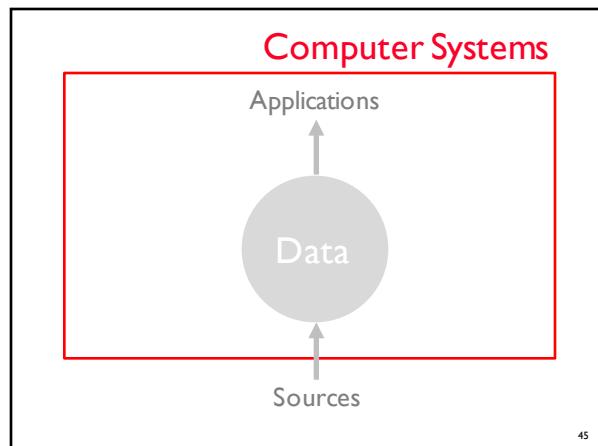
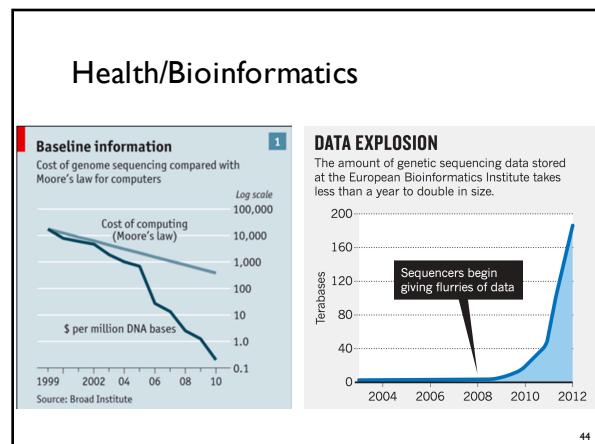
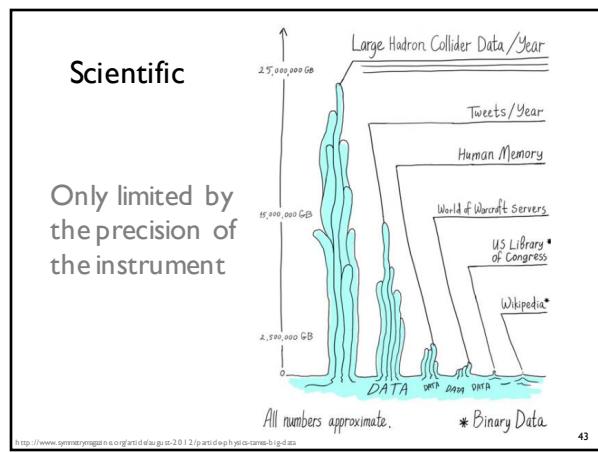
And the BB-8 droid, which was released with "The Last Jedi" this month also had an insecure

<https://twitter.com/internetslackingen>

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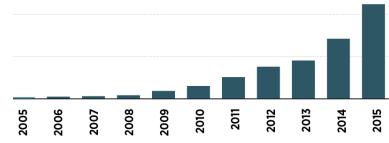
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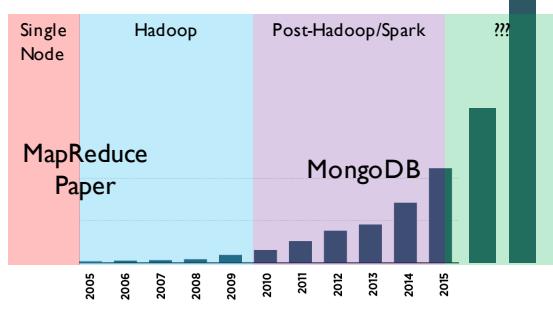


## Data Volume Over Time



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## Big Data Systems Over Time



Note: Post-2015 figures are predicted. Source: UNECE

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## Post-Spark: ML Systems?

### Lines of code in google's ML system

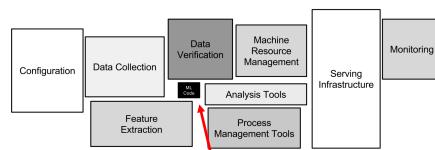


Figure 1: Only a small fraction of real-world ML systems is composed of the ML code, as shown by the small black box in the middle. The required surrounding infrastructure is vast and complex.

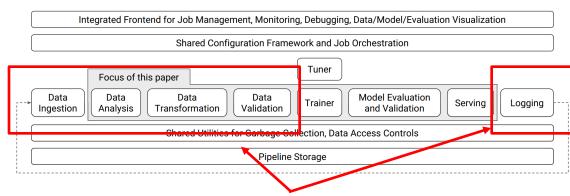
ML Training

Hidden technical debt in machine learning systems

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## Post-Spark: ML Systems?

### TFX: Google's TensorFlow ML Platform



Data Problems

TFX

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## Post-Spark: ML Systems?

Massive data management to support ML

Many data problems

collection, cleaning, merging, validation, analysis, monitoring, processing, finding, versioning, sharing

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## Course Goal

Understand fundamental principles behind large-scale data science systems

Data Processing Techniques for “big” data

Experience with modern data science tools (Spark)

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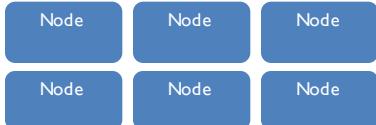
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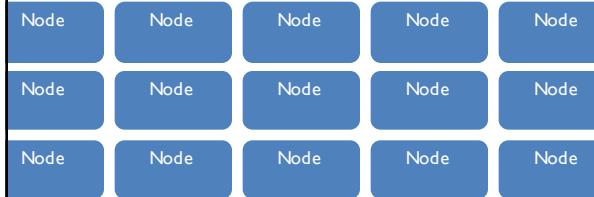
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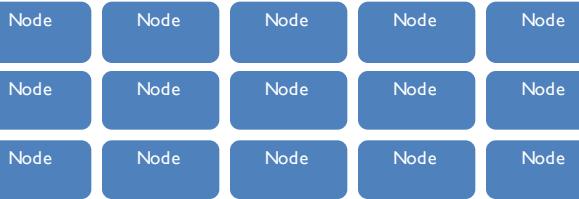


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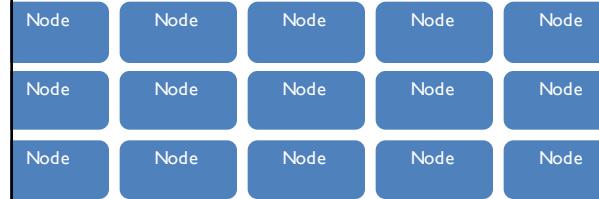
## Fundamental Issues

Applies to *any* multi-node system



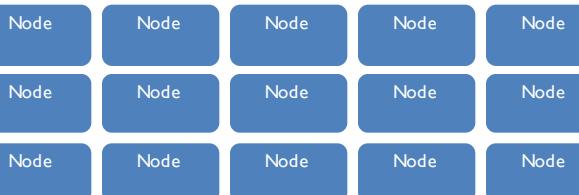
## Data Processing Issues

How to lay out, index, structure data to answer queries quickly, correctly



## Spark/Application Issues

How to use modern distributed computing system?



## Big Data Systems in the Wild

Spark  
Google Cloudflow  
Azure Cloud  
AWS/Redshift  
Tensorflow  
Cloudera  
...

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## Course Structure Overview

Three key modules and focus areas:

1. Data modeling and visualization (Wu)
  - \* Various data models and storage
  - \* Graph processing and big-data visualization
2. Storage at Scale (Gambus)

  - \* Challenges and core techniques for scalability and fault tolerance
  - \* Distributed transactions on sharded databases
  - \* Replication architectures and protocols
  - \* Design and implementation of Spanner, Google's geo-distributed, transactional store

3. Processing at Scale (Sahu)
  - \* Batch processing with Map Reduce and higher level programming construct
  - \* Real-time responsive analytics with Spark and Spark Streams

Designing Machine Learning Systems with Big Data

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## Course Administrative Details

### Course materials

- I. Primarily lecture notes. Additional reference readings will be provided as needed based on the lecture topics including research papers.

All course related submissions will be done using courseworks.

Important deadlines and communications will be done using Courseworks Announcement.

3-4 TAs will be available to assist in the course. We will announce their contact emails.

Good programming background in one of the languages Python/Java

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## Grading and Project

### Grading

1. 60% Homework
2. 30% Tests/Quizzes
3. 10% Participation (ask/answer questions)

### Optional Project

1. 0-40% Extra credit (does not affect curve)

### A+s

1. Hand selected by instructors for *exceptional* work

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## Logistics

Register with piazza

We will not answer direct emails

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## Collaboration Policy

Read Syllabus on course site for allowed conduct

CS Dept academic honesty policies

<http://www.cs.columbia.edu/education/honesty>

We will not tolerate *any* cheating

Cheating = Failing grade

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## Module I: Data Modeling Topics

Data models

Data cleaning

    Data wrangling, Entity Resolution, Explanation

Large scale analytics

Visualizations and scaling them

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## How does data get into a DBMS?

Entity resolution

Data extraction

Missing data

...



If text matches XXX, then...  
Thousands of rules

Extract  
Transform  
Load

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The New York Times

Technology

Medicaid's Data Gets an Internet-Era Makeover

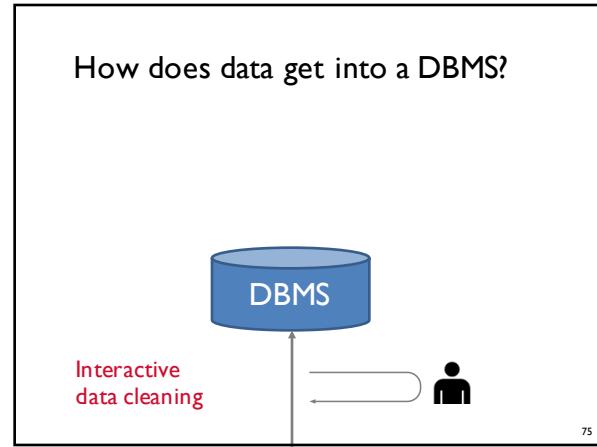
By STEVE LOHR  
JANUARY 9, 2017

Jini Kim's relationship with [Medicaid](#) is business and personal.

Her San Francisco start-up, [Nuna](#), while working with the federal government, has built a cloud-computing database of the nation's 74 million Medicaid patients and their treatment.

[Medicaid](#), which provides health care to low-income people, is administered state by state. Extracting, cleaning and curating the information from so many disparate and dated computer systems was an extraordinary achievement, health and technology specialists say. This new collection of data could inform the coming debate on Medicaid spending.

Andrew M. Slavitt, acting director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, described the cloud database as "near historic." Largely because Medicaid information resides in so many state-level computing silos, Mr. Slavitt explained, "we've never had a systemwide view across the program."



# How does data get into a DBMS?

## Text → data records

# Large scale analytics

# Large scale analytics

## Visualization

How to think about and approach visualization

Modern visualization tools

How to scale visualizations

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## Module 2: Storage at Scale

- Two key reasons for distributed systems:
  - Scaling: system capacity grows proportionally with # of machines.
  - Fault tolerance: being able to continue operation despite failures, which can happen constantly in a large system.
- But achieving scale and fault tolerance (at scale) is hard.
  - Consistency, coherence, semantics are one challenge.
  - Fault tolerance requires coordination, which limits scalability.
- The second model will teach key techniques and protocols for scaling and fault tolerance, with a particular focus on one system: Google's Spanner storage system.

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## Module 3: Processing at Scale

Computation on huge amount of data is not a luxury – it is a necessity!

Imagine Facebook logs for logins. FB wants to compute how many people are logging in from which continents for each hour.

How to compute?

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## What's the big deal?

- How big is the data?
- Huge data – the data file does not fit into single server's disks...how do you compute if data does not even fit into server's storage?
- Data is on multiple servers – on a cluster of servers. So how do you compute and where do you compute what?
- How do we compute the final results?
- Who takes care of some machine or computing failure?
- How do you automate such computations spread across machines?

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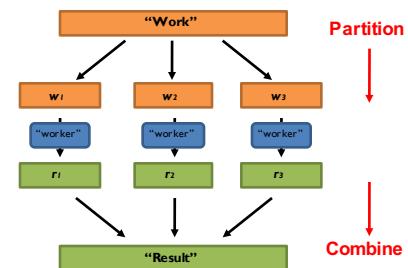
## Computing Models for Big Data

We will learn two computing paradigm for big data on a cluster of machines

1. Batch processing with Map Reduce
  - 1. Idea is to divide and conquer the task – compute partial results on smaller chunks of data and then merge the partial results to compute final result
  - 2. Move computing task to where data is
- Real-time processing with Spark
  - Map Reduce is great but too slow due to lot of disk based operations
  - Spark computes with in-memory data

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## Divide and Conquer



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## So what is Hadoop/Map Reduce

Hadoop/Map Reduce is a computing system on a cluster of machines that provide at the minimum the following

- Storage across a cluster of machines (HDFS)
- A computation model to divide-conquer a task (map-reduce)
- A runtime to enable map-reduce style of computation

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## Why MapReduce not efficient for iterative computations?

- Map Reduce is an excellent computing model that scales for log processing type of computations described earlier
- What about iterative models that use the same data again and again?
  - Every operation is to read and write to disk. So every iteration requires reading and writing to disk. Too many disk based operations for iterative computing.
  - Many machine learning based computations are iterative in nature.
- So what are the solutions? Can the data be somehow kept in memory until all the operations on it complete...
- **Spark Model:** Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD)
  - Recent computing model that is 100x faster and more suitable for iterative and real-time analytics
  - We will learn how to write real-time analytics using Spark and Spark Streams.

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