Project Phase-I Report

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Dataset

I will be using NYPL Menu data set for the final project which is available at http://menus.nypl.org/. This is dataset of Restaurant Menu collection dating from 1840s collected by New York Public Liberary. This collection is one of the largest in the world, used by historians, chefs, noveists and every food enthusiasts. This collection mainly contains details about different Menus from the past along with details of dishes, price range, menu size, location, sponsor details of the Menus.

Target Use Cases

U_1 - Main Use Case

One of the interesting use case with this data-set could be about dishes. Like when a dish appeared for the first time and on which Menu, who was the sponsor and which year it appeared. For this we will need to clean this dataset to make sure that we have cleaned information about name of the dishes, Restaurants, sponsor and year information. Based on that we should be able to search this database to filter out this details for any dish.

\boldsymbol{U}_0 - No Data Cleaning Required

To find out average number of dishes in Menu for each by each year or decade.

$oldsymbol{U}_2$ - Data Clearning not Sufficient

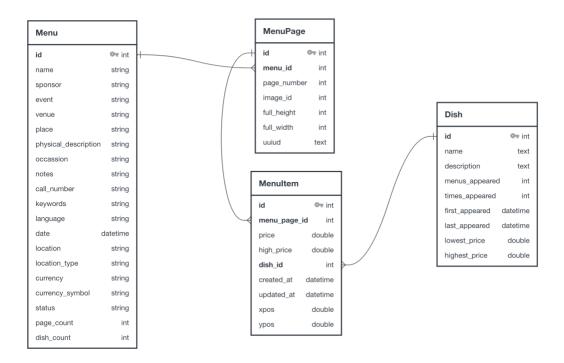
Origin Language of the Menu. This information is available for some of the menus in Notes field, but it is not available for all of them. Also, there is a language column. But this information is not available there as well. So, even if we try to clean the data under notes column we will not be able to find this information for all the Menus.

Dataset Details

This is data set for Menu details collected by NYPL with the help of Crowdsourcing. This menu collection go back to the year 1840 and contains details of Menus like dishes, occassion, sponsor, venue type, place, location, number of dishes along with physical properties of Menu like number of pages, bind type etc. This dataset mainly contains data in following 4 files

- 1. **Menu** It contains overall details of each menu like Date, Sponsor, Event, Venue, Restaurant, Number of pages, Number of dishes in the Menu
- 2. **Menu Page** Unique key in this set is Page id and for each Menu along with Page Number it contains Image details and dimensions of the Menu
- 3. **Menu Item** Contains details of items/dishes, price, and dish id in a Menu
- 4. **Dish** It contains details of the dish including name, description, number of occurrence in Menus, Occurrence timeline and price details.

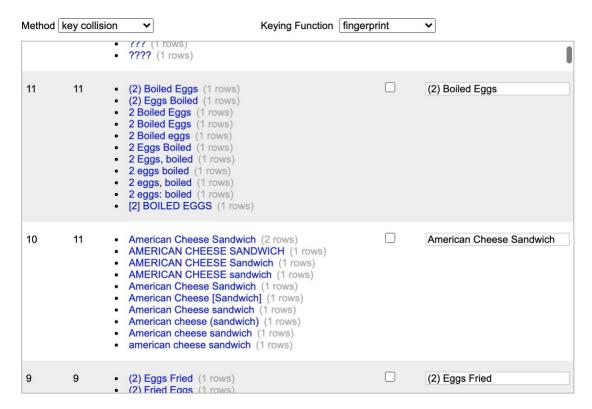
Basic database schema of this dataset is as follows



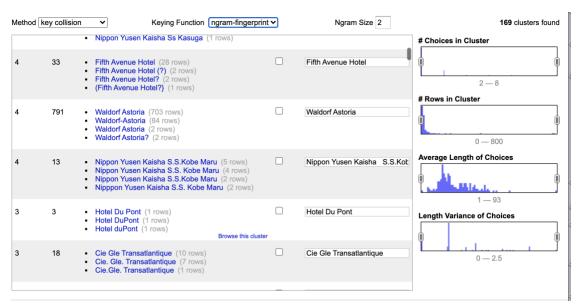
Data Quality Problems

At minimum we will need to address following data quality problems with this dataset to make it usable for use case U_1

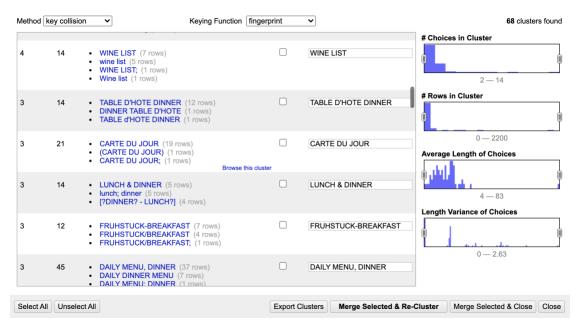
1. *Cleaning up Dishes name*: Below is the screenshot of few examples name of the dishes we will need to clean.



2. *Cleaning up Sponsor/Location Details*: Below is the screenshot of few examples Sponsor/Location names we need to clean up



3. *Clean Event Types*: Below is the screenshots for sample event types names required cleaning



4. **Date Values**: There seems to some date values outside range will require some cleaning, like following

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6599 choices Sort by: name count
0001-01-01 2
0190-03-06 1
1091-01-27 1
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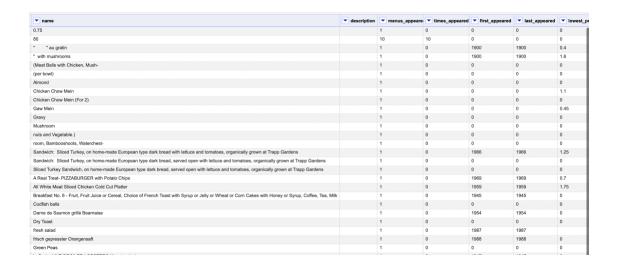
- 5. *Additional Cleaning*: Apart from fields needed for usecase U1. There are some more fields can be cleaned and provide more details about menus. Like following
 - 1. *Physical Details of the Menus*: Seems like following can be cleaned and we can at-least get some information about Menu build like Card, Folder, etc.



2. *Occasion*: Occasion details can also be cleaned to get the details if Menu was used for certain Occasion



3. *Additional Cleaning for Dishes*: There are certain dishes having 0 count for Menu occurrence and not year information. We should be able to drop those from our analysis



Initial Plan

Cleaning Steps

- 1. Convert data to appropriate formats like Date, number or text.
- 2. Using OpenRefine clean the text fields for leading and trailing spaces and also clean for consecutive spaces
- 3. Remove any special characters using OpenRefine and Regular Expression
- 4. Using OpenRefine use clustering methods to clean the fields like Dishes name, Sponsor, Location, Event, Occasion
- 5. Trying cleaning Physical Description of the Menu using Regular Expression to find Build Type of the Menu
- 6. Using SQLite build the database schema for the dataset to check for ICs like:
 - 1. All ids should be unique for Dishes, Menus, Menu Pages
 - 2. ids should not be null for Dishes, Menus, Menu Pages
 - 3. Check for the dishes where last appeared or first appeared is 0
 - 4. Lowest Price should not be greater than Highest Price
 - 5. First Appeared should not be greater than last appeared
 - 6. Page count in a Menu should not be null or 0