### **ORIE 3120**

Lecture 8: Tableau and Database Connections









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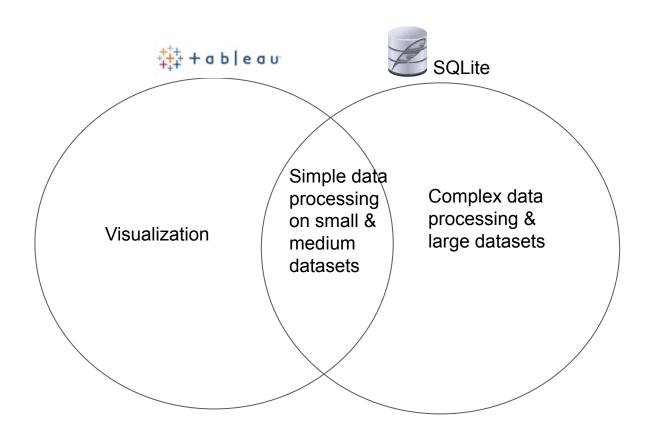


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#### How to Install Tableau

- Tableau is a tool for data visualization.
- There are two pieces of software: Tableau Desktop & Tableau Prep Builder.
   We'll focus on the first one, Tableau Desktop
- Instructions:
  - Click on this link and select "Download Tableau Desktop" (we don't need "Tableau Prep Builder"). On the form, enter your Cornell
    email address for Business E-mail and enter Cornell for Organization.
  - Activate with the ORIE 3120 your product key: TCPD-8E63-6AF0-65E2-52BF
  - Already have a copy of Tableau Desktop installed? Update your license in the application: Help menu → Manage Product Keys
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Pros of **Tableau** for data analysis

 Graphical user interface is intuitive & easier to learn



**SQLite** 

Pros of **SQL** for data analysis

- Can analyze datasets with hundreds of millions of records
- Supports complex tasks
- Integrates with real-time operations and many users

#### Advice

If your analysis isn't too complex & your data isn't too big:

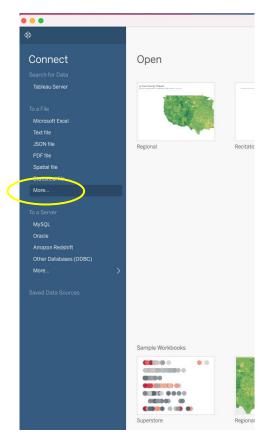
Do all your analysis in Tableau

If your analysis is too slow or complex to do in Tableau, or you need to collaborate:

- Do your analysis in SQL and then visualize it in Tableau
- To use data from SQL in Tableau, either export as a CSV or create a direct database connection

## Visualization in Tableau

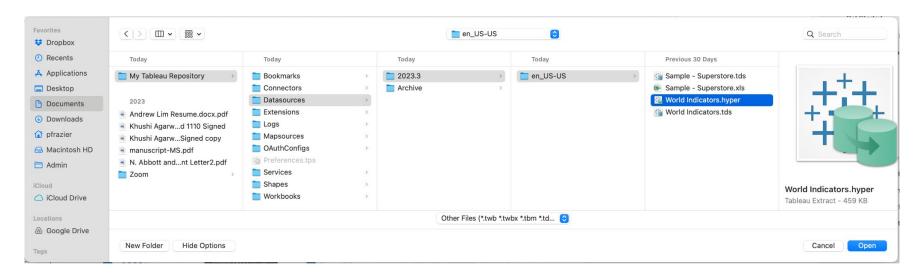
### Importing data



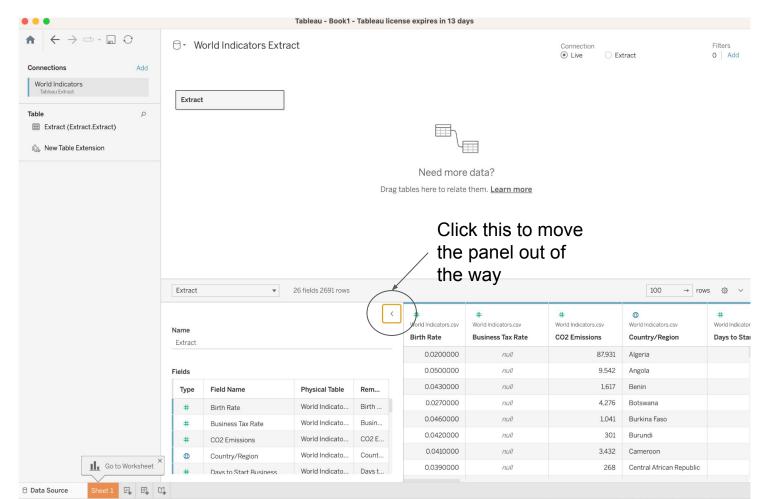
On the left side of Tableau's menu, choose the type of data you are trying to import.

Click "More..."

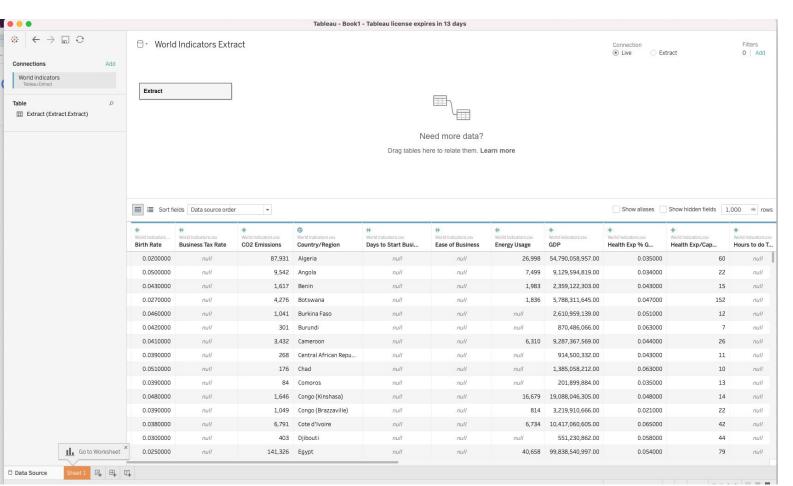
#### We'll use the World Indicators sample data source



#### It should look like this



#### Now it will look like this



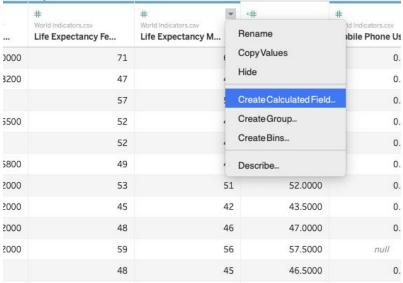
This is like an SQL Table or an Excel Sheet

You can sort data, create calculated fields, & do some other operations

You can also add other tables with joins & relationships (more soon)

#### Creating calculated fields





#### Step 2:



#### Creating calculated fields

#### Here's the result:

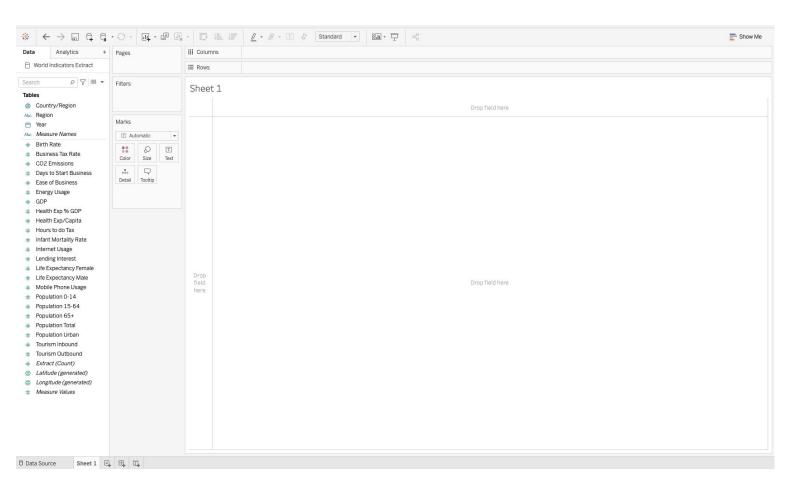
# World Indicators.csv Life Expectancy Female	=# Calculation Life Expectancy	# World Indicators.csv Life Expectancy Male
71	69.0000	67
47	45.5000	44
57	55.0000	53
52	50.5000	49
52	50.5000	49
49	48.0000	47
53	52.0000	51
45	43.5000	42
48	47.0000	46
59	57.5000	56
48	46.5000	45
53	52.0000	51
47	46.5000	46
59	57.0000	55
71	68.5000	66
49	47.5000	46

#### We will make some graphs. Go to Sheet 1

Click in the lower left of the screen



#### It should look like this



#### Tables Country/Region Measure Names Birth Rate Business Tax Rate CO2 Emissions Days to Start Business Ease of Business Energy Usage GDP Health Exp % GDP Health Exp/Capita Hours to do Tax Infant Mortality Rate Internet Usage Lending Interest Life Expectancy Female Life Expectancy Male Mobile Phone Usage Population 0-14 Population 15-64 Population 65+ Population Total Population Urban Tourism Inbound Tourism Outbound Extract (Count) Latitude (generated)

Longitude (generated) Measure Values **Dimensions** 

Measures

#### Explanation for what we see

- Each field from the data source is listed with an icon indicating its type
- A field's color indicates whether it is "discrete" or "continuous"
- <u>Dimensions</u> are "qualitative" values that you might use to categorize or segment data, e.g., the name of a country or region.
  - o Dimensions are usually discrete.
  - o Think of them as "dimensions along which we can categorize"
- Measures are quantitative values that you can aggregate and plot as a number, e.g., the GDP
  - Measures are usually continuous.
  - Think of them as "things we've measured"
- You can change whether a field is a dimension or a measure by mousing over it and clicking on the arrow. You can also change its data type, whether it is treated as discrete or continuous, and some other properties.
- There are some other fields in italics. These are auto-generated. Don't worry about them for now.

<u>Tableau documentation</u> for more detail

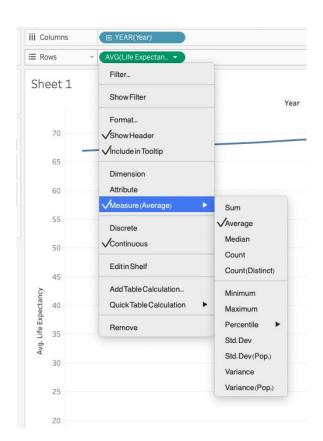
#### Plotting Life Expectancy vs. Year

Drag "Year" onto the "Columns"

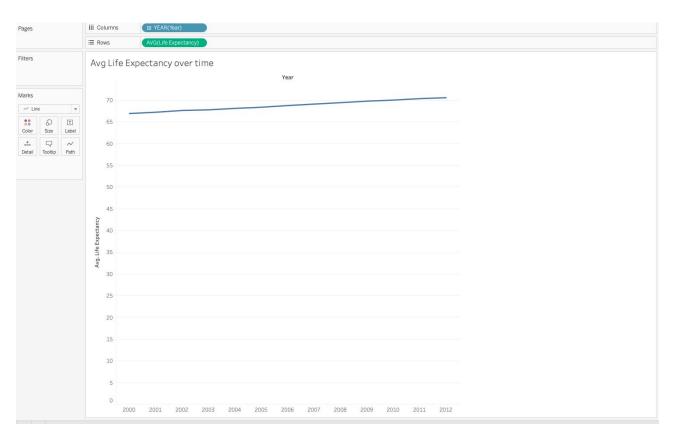
Drag "Life Expectancy" onto the "Rows". It will become "SUM(Life Expectancy)".

Tableau is doing a GROUP BY and plotting the results of SELECT Year, SUM([Life Expectancy]) FROM [World Indicators] GROUP BY Year

Change "SUM" to "AVG" so that it plots the average over countries instead of the SUM.



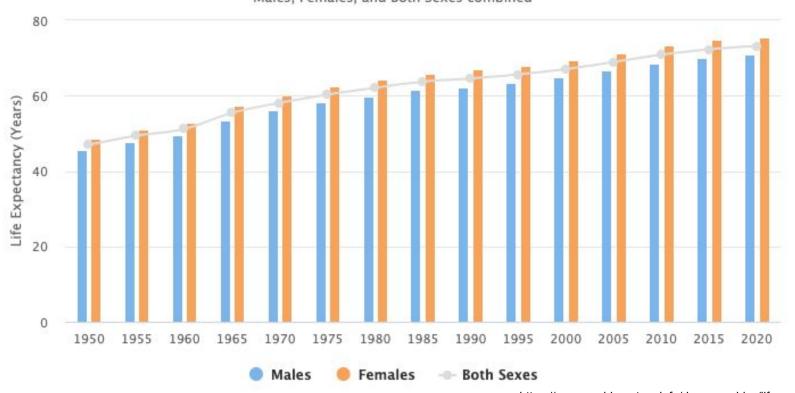
#### Here's the result (unweighted average)



Except for COVID, life expectancy across the world has been going up for a long time

#### Life Expectancy in the World from 1955 to Present

Males, Females, and Both Sexes combined



#### How would we get the weighted average?

The unweighted average isn't quite right because we'd like to weight our average by a country's population, and this is weighting equally.

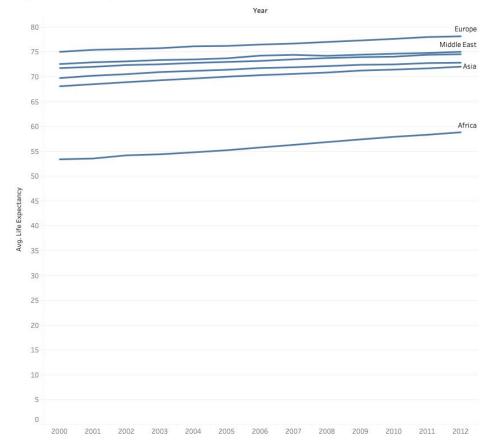
To fix this, we'd need to either use SQL or Tableau Prep to compute the fraction of the world's population in each country in each year and then join to World Indicators

# Q1: Which query gives us the fraction of the world's population in a country?

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WITH TAS (
SELECT Year, SUM([Total Population]) As WorldPop FROM [World Indicators] GROUP BY Year
(a) SELECT Country, [Total Population] *1.0 / T.WorldPop
FROM [World Indicators]
INNER JOIN T ON T. Year = [World Indicators]. Year
(b) SELECT T. Year, Country, [Total Population] *1.0 / T. WorldPop
FROM [World Indicators]
INNER JOIN T ON T. Year = [World Indicators]. Year
(c) SELECT T. Year, Country, [Total Population] *1.0 / T. WorldPop
FROM [World Indicators]
INNER JOIN T ON T. Year = [World Indicators]. Year AND T. Country = [World Indicators]. Country
(d) SELECT Country, [Total Population] *1.0 / T.WorldPop
FROM [World Indicators]
INNER JOIN T ON T. Year = [World Indicators]. Year AND T. Country = [World Indicators]. Country
```

#### Let's plot separately by region





Drag "Region" to the "Label" square in the "Marks" panel



## Joins in Tableau

# Tableau data has 2 layers: logical & physical

- Logical layer
  - Seen by default in Tableau
  - Logical tables can be combined via "relationships"
- Physical layer
  - Each logical table consists of one or more physical tables
  - Physical tables can be combined via "joins" within one logical table
  - Get to this layer by double-clicking on a logical table

LOGICAL LAYER

Noodles = Relationships



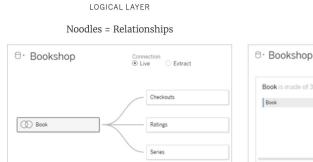
PHYSICAL LAYER

Venn diagram = Joins



### Combining data in Tableau

- Combining data via "relationships" at the logical layer
  - Tableau tries to guess what you want
  - Requires less user knowledge
  - Harder to get Tableau to do exactly what you want
  - Slower
- Combining data via "joins" at the physical layer
  - Closer to SQL
  - Requires you to know what an Inner Join / Left Join / Right Join / Outer Join are
  - You get more control
  - Faster



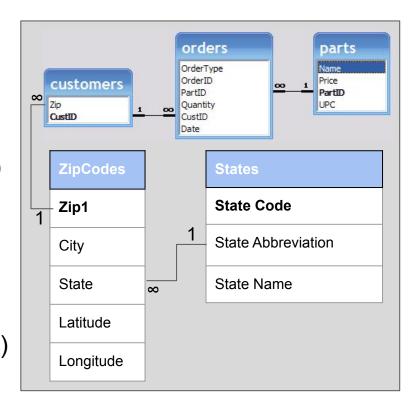


PHYSICAL LAYER

We'll show you how to do joins (physical layer) using an example from Recitation 4

### **Example from Recitation 4**

- Zip = 5 digit zipcode of dealer
- OrderType = "RR" (replenishment order) or "EO" (emergency order)
- Quantity = quantity ordered by dealer
- Date = date ordered by dealer
- Price = unit price of part
- Name = part description
- UPC = uniform product code
   (a useful classification of parts)



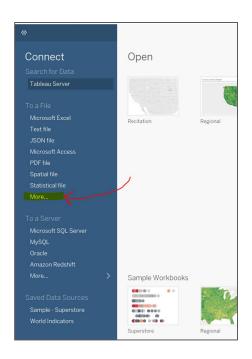
### Getting the data for this example

Download the Recitation 4 zip file from Canvas, put it in an easy to access directory, and unzip it.

You should now have 5 CSV files.

After downloading, open the program.

### Importing data

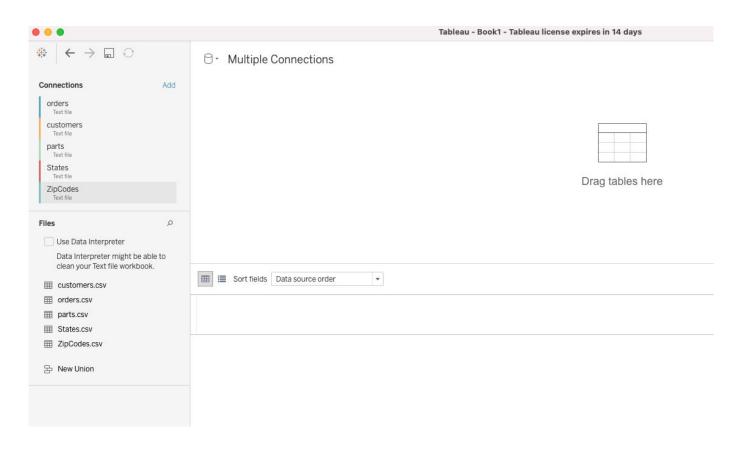


On the left side of Tableau's menu, choose the type of data you are trying to import.

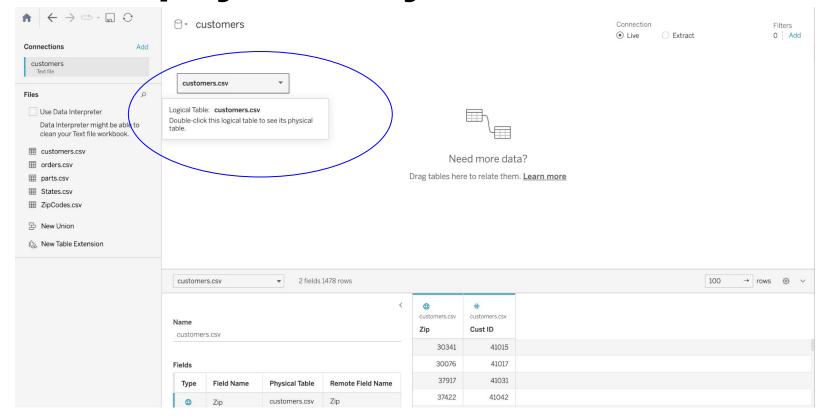
For this lab, we are using csv files. Choose "more" to find that option.

Import all csv files for the lab.

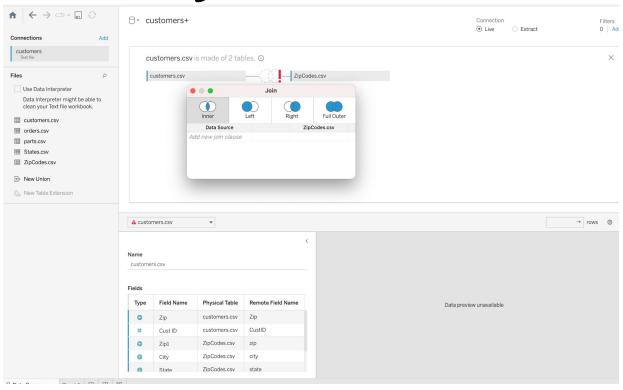
### Here's what it should look like



# Double click on a table to get to the physical layer

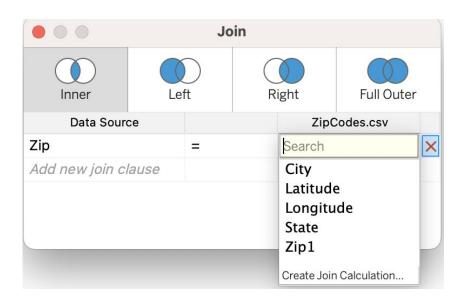


### How to join tables



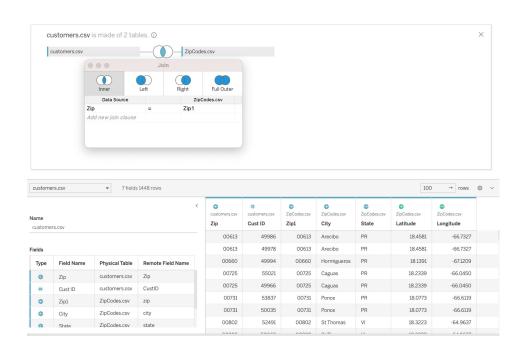
- Drag ZipCodes from "Files" on the left to Customer table's physical layer
- This dialog box will pop up
- You will click "Add new join clause" to specify the join clause
- You can also change the kind of join from Inner to Left / Right / Full Outer

### Specifying the Join Clause



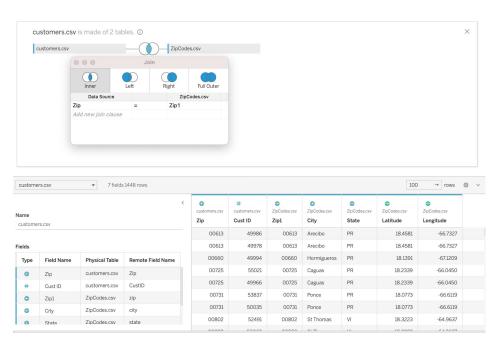
- After you click "Add new join clause", select two fields to use and a logical operator (e.g., =)
- You can use a calculated field by selecting "Create Join Calculation"
- You can also add additional join clauses — these are combined using AND

### Specifying the Join Clause



 Here we are doing SELECT \* FROM Customers INNER JOIN ZipCodes ON Customers.Zip = ZipCodes.Zip1

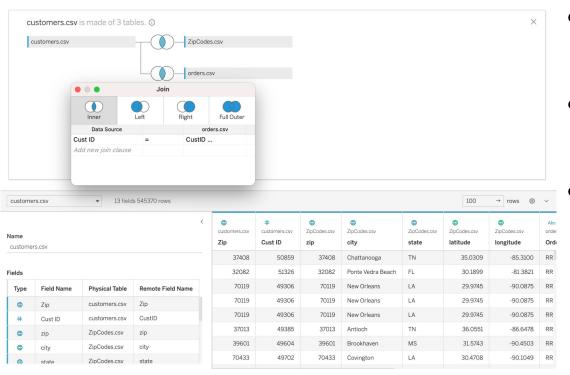
### Specifying the Join Clause



Below Tableau is showing the results from

SELECT \*
FROM Customers
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ON Customers.Zip =
ZipCodes.Zip1

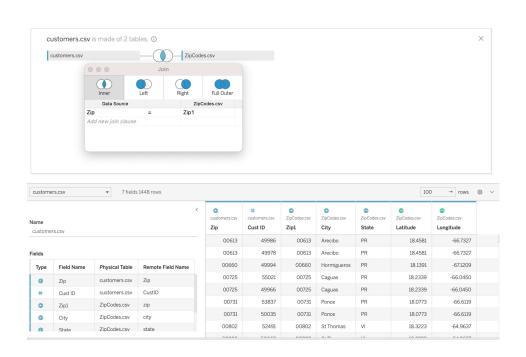
### Joining Multiple Tables



- Drag orders onto the customers physical table and set up the join condition
- Tableau may set up the join condition automatically double check that it is right
- Tableau is showing the results from

SELECT \* FROM Customers INNER JOIN ZipCodes ON Customers.Zip = ZipCodes.Zip1 INNER JOIN Orders ON Customers.[Cust ID] = Orders.CustID

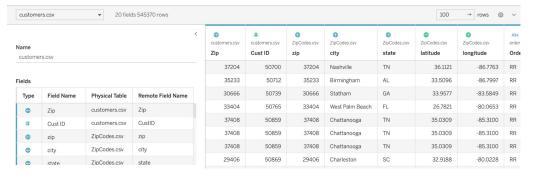
### Multiple Join Clauses, Calculated Fields



 Here we are doing INNER JOIN ON Customers.Zip = ZipCodes.Zip1

### Here are all 5 csv files, joined together





#### This is equivalent to:

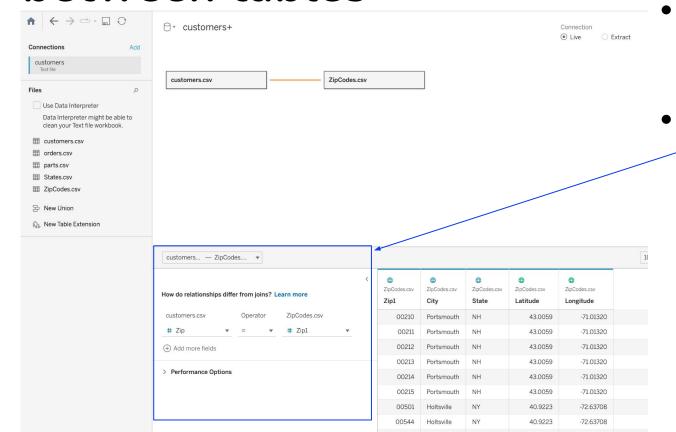
SELECT \* FROM Customers
INNER JOIN ZipCodes ON Customers.Zip = ZipCodes.Zip1
INNER JOIN States ON ZipCodes.state = States.[State Abbreviation]
INNER JOIN Orders ON Customers.[Cust ID] = Orders.CustID
INNER JOIN Parts ON Orders.[Part ID] = Parts.PartID

## Relationships in Tableau

### This can also be done via relationships

- The concepts are very similar, but Tableau decides for you whether the underlying join should be an INNER / LEFT / RIGHT / FULL OUTER JOIN
- Pros:
  - Good for people who don't know about join types (INNER / LEFT / RIGHT / FULL OUTER)
- Cons:
  - Slower
  - Less Control

## How to create relationships between tables

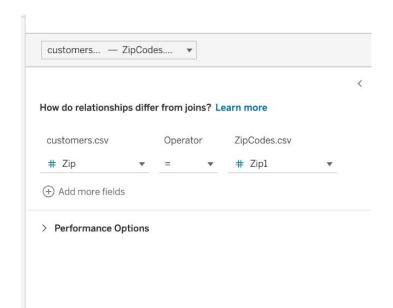


Drag customers & ZipCodes from "Files" on the left to the top right You should see an orange line between the two tables (the

relationship) & a

panel open below

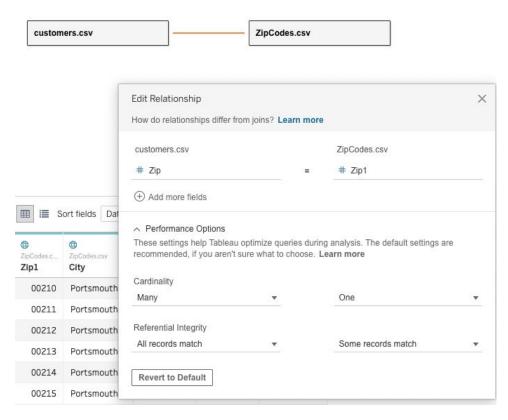
### Changing the relationship condition

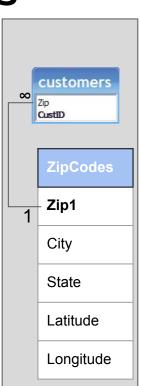


Edit this panel to change the relationship, e.g., by:

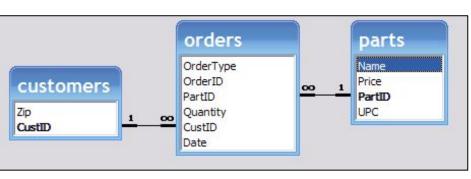
- changing the operator used to do the comparison (currently =)
- changing the fields used (currently customers.Zip and ZipCodes.Zip1)
- clicking "add more fields" to add additional conditions

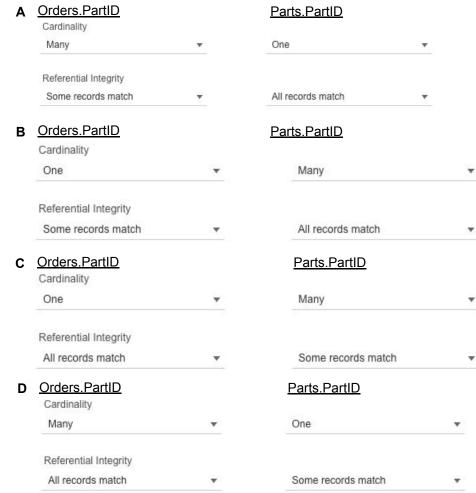
## For faster performance, indicate foreign key relationships





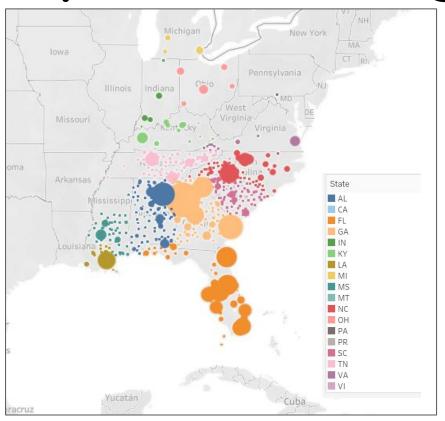
## Q2: Which is correct?





## Next Steps

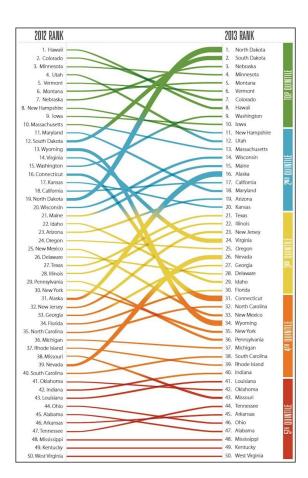
In Recitation 4, you'll learn to explore data using maps



- Each dot is a car dealershipIts size indicates its sales volume for spare parts Its color indicates its state

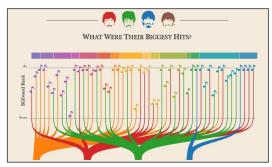
This was a <u>brief</u> introduction to Tableau.

You can do incredible things with tableau like create a map of a states "happiness" ranking across years...

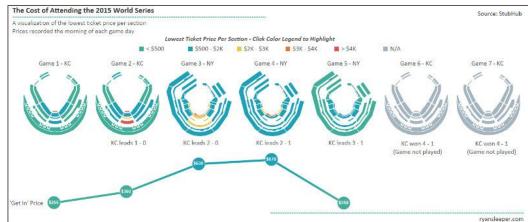


### And...

### ...visualizations such as:

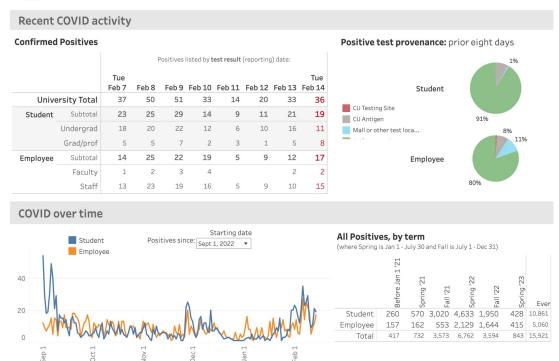






### Or entire dashboards such as:



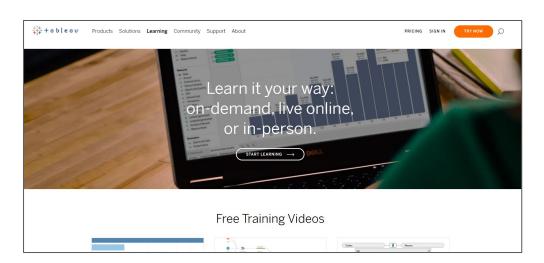


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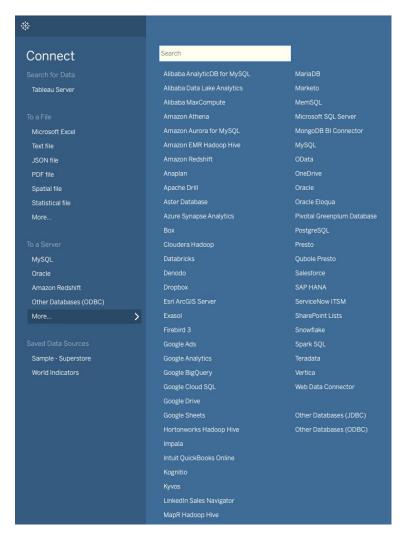
### Resources

There are many online resources and forums for Tableau communities - a great starting place is:

### https://www.tableau.com/learn



# Appendix: Connecting Tableau to SQL Databases

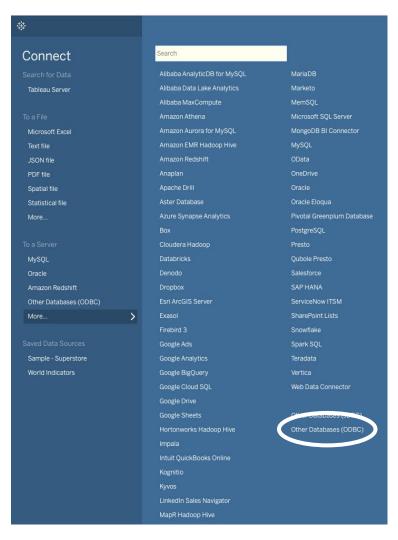


### Connecting to Tableau...

Is really easy for industrial-scale SQL databases you're likely to use in an internship or job

- Microsoft SQL Server
- Oracle
- PostgreSQL
- Teradata
- MySQL

Is also really easy for many other datasources



### Connecting to Tableau...

For SQLite, we need to do a few extra steps

But we'll learn something along the way

### ODBC is a generic way to connect to a database

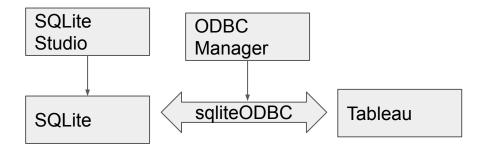
- ODBC stands for "open database connectivity"
- ODBC is an "API (application programming interface)". It is a low-level set of functions in databases that can be called by other software.
- To use ODBC you may need some or all of the following:
  - A database (in our case SQLite)
  - An ODBC Driver for your database type (in our case, SQLite)
  - An ODBC Manager that helps you store and manage database "connections"
  - A piece of client software that can use the ODBC driver

### Today: Connecting Tableau to SQLite using ODBC on a Mac

Next week: Connecting python to SQLite using ODBC

### We need:

- Database: SQlite
- ODBC Driver: sqliteODBC
- ODBC Manager: ODBC Manager from unixODBC
- Software to connect to database: Tableau



### Step 1: install ODBC driver & manager

Install homebrew (<a href="https://brew.sh/">https://brew.sh/</a>)

In Terminal: brew install sqliteodbc

(also installs unixodbc)

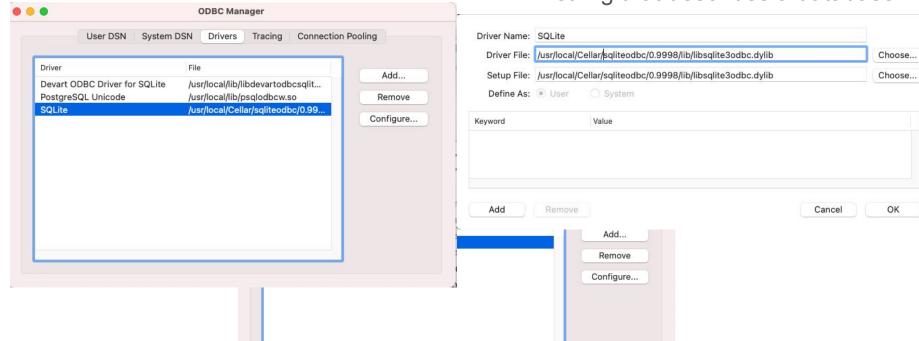
### Caveat:

- If these steps don't work for you, it's ok
- Connecting SQLite to Tableau is not required for the homework or recitation
- I'm showing this to you to explain how everything is connected

### Step 2: Run ODBC Manager

Make sure that your SQLite driver is listed

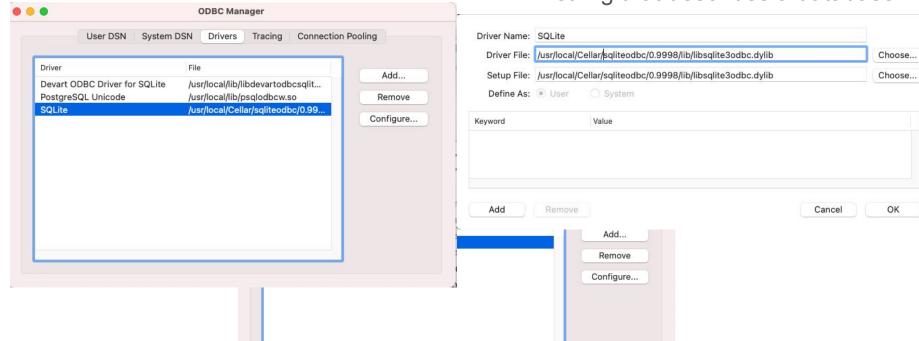
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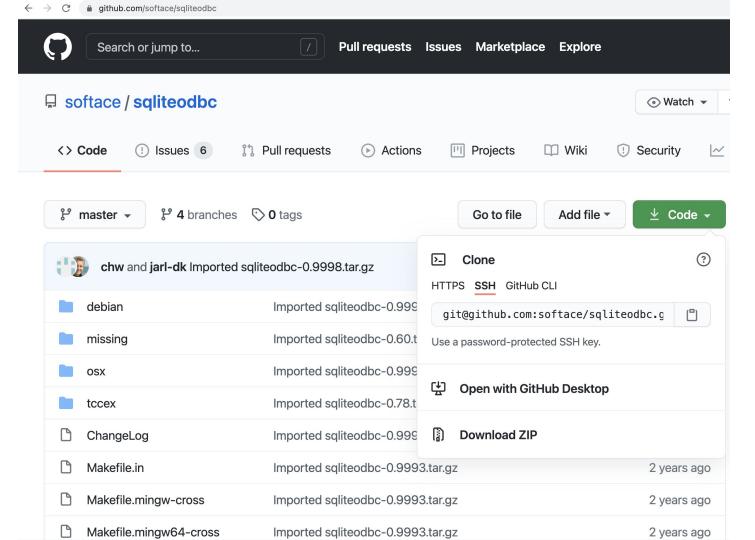
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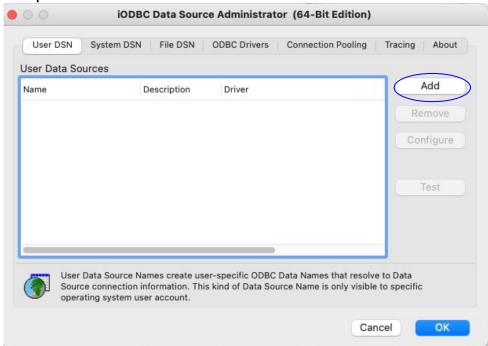


### If you want to connect ODBC to a SQLite database on a Mac

- 1. Download & install commercial ODBC SQLite driver with 30-day free trial from https://www.devart.com/odbc/sqlite/
- Download & install free iODBC driver manager from http://www.iodbc.org/dataspace/doc/iodbc/wiki/iodbcWiki/Downloads
- 3. Run iODBC driver manager and create a User DSN referring to the sqlite file you want to access. "User DSN" means that this is a DSN created by and available to one specific user (you).



### Step 3a:



### Step 3b:

