Data acquisition can happen in a variety of ways such as: downloading some files, receiving it form an API, web scraping (crawling), existing data from a bunch of servers etc.

Sometimes data needs to combined from different sources and formats.

For this course, the data is going to be in the format of Comma Separated Values (CSV). It’s basically a text file that stores data in a tabular structure. It’s similar to spreadsheet, but only hold the raw data. CSVs are easy to process using code, unlike .xlss (excel spreadsheet format).

Check out the Jupyter workplace exercises to see how the syntax works.