# Gaming the System: A Proof of Concept

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## Stealing from GameFAQs

- No known API, so I made my own code to scrape.
- Extracted number of owners, rating, number of votes for rating, difficulty, number of votes for difficulty, game length, number of votes for game length, number of users who completed the game, and completion rate
- Only interested in RPG's for now



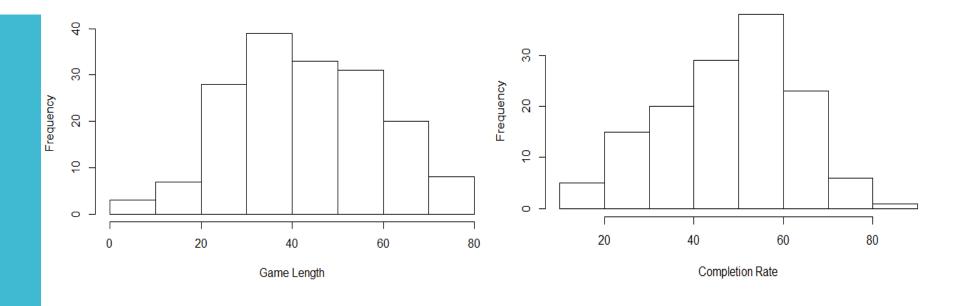
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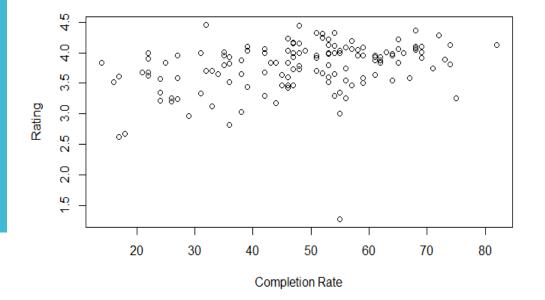
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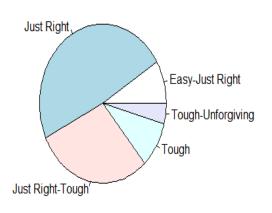
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# Looking at just the PSP RPG's







# Goals and Plans

- Fix my scraping code since some of the game urls were incompatible with it
- Avoid getting IP banned(oops!)
- Look at other systems: SNES, GBA, DS, 3DS, PS1, PS2, PS3, PS4
- See which RPG's are worthwhile for me to play through unsupervised learning--probably mainly using K-means clustering
- Probably consider looking at strategy games as well

### **GameFAQs Feedback**

#### MY IP ADDRESS IS CURRENTLY BLOCKED

### Message From on 05/07/2019

Dear GameFAQs,

My IP address was blocked because I ran some code where I extract some data from PSP RPG's. This is my first time ever scraping data, so I may have accidentally sent much more requests than what is permitted. I am doing this for personal use--particularly for a homework assignment where we learn how to scrape a website. I deeply apologize for any traffic this may have caused and will aim for this to not happen again.

Thanks for your time.

Anna

### Message From GameFAQs on 05/07/2019

We'll clear the block; if you want to run a scraper, please make sure it is rate-limited (<5 requests per second) and identifies itself with a contact email address in the User-Agent header.

