



Big Data? Big Opportunities?

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# WHAT IS BIG DATA?

# Big Data

Dataset that are too large and complex to manipulate with standard methods or tools.



# Excel

Workbook **WAS** limited to 65,536 rows ( $2^{16}$  aka 16-Bit)

64-Bit operating system addressing limit is  $2^{64}$

18,446,744,073,709,551,615

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# What is big data?

**Volume**

**Velocity**

**Variety**

**Veracity**



# What is big data?

## Volume

We create around 4 zettabytes of data day.

That's 1 sextillion bytes per day  
(128-Bit OS required)



# What is big data?

Volume

**Velocity**

Variety  
Veracity

The data is created quicker than we can curate its storage.



# What is big data?

Volume

The data is continuously changing  
in structure, format and detail.

**Variety**

Veracity





# What is big data?

Volume

Velocity

Variety

The data quality is highly variable and affected by changing perception of truth and fact.

# Veracity



# Big Data

Taken collectively. All digital data is big data. Looking at a facet might reveal that you are looking at a dataset that only conforms to one or two of the **Vs**.

Can you name a dataset that shows the characteristics of all 4 **Vs**?



A few more V's

## Value and Viability

More data does not mean better results.

In fact often entirely the opposite is true.

Sample selection is critical to all good statistic studies.

Not being able to control selection may lead to an incorrect conclusion.



# Conclusion

The majority of datasets are large.

Lots of rows with lots of joins that can be processed. If you know how to exploit computing power available.



# STORY TIME PLANNING

# Time planning

Gather

Produce

Prepare

2.1 CLEAN

2.2 TRANSFORM

2.3 COMBINE

2.4 ENRICH

2.5 ANALYSE

# UK Trade Data

## **Exports**

**Non-EU**

**150,000 to 200,000  
per month**

## **Imports**

**Non-EU**

**190,000 to 220,000  
per month**

## **Dispatches**

**EU**

**210,000 to 250,000  
per month (+estimates)**

## **Arrivals**

**EU**

**125,000 to 135,000  
per month (+estimates)**

# Distilled information

UK Imports & Exports

**2009**

All commodities

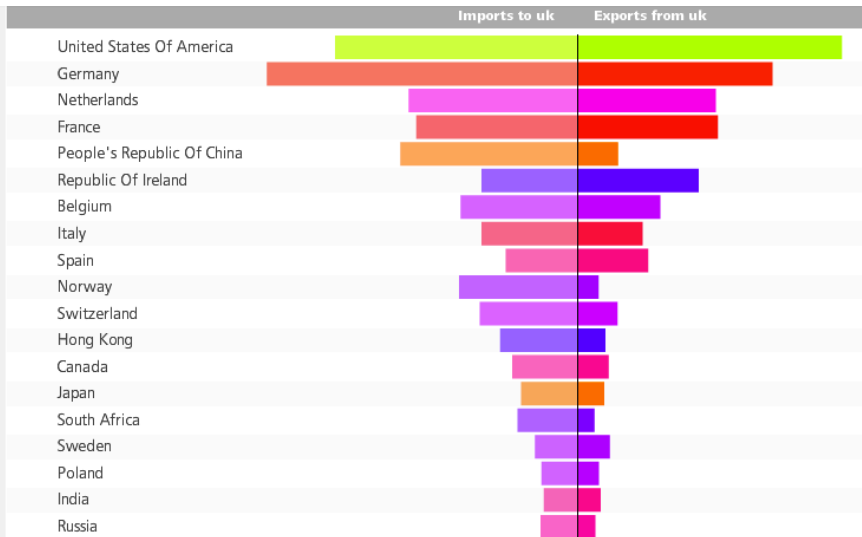
**Netherlands**

Imports: £21,499,133,940

Exports: £17,554,538,157

Combined: £39,053,672,097

Net: £-3,944,595,783





# Stage 1: What the format????

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# Stage 2: RTFM

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# Stage 3: Decode

# 010110100

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```

## Trade Tariff

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### Section I [Live animals; animal products](#)

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Description

Commodity code

#### ▼ [Horses](#)

-- [Pure-bred breeding animals](#)

01 01 210000

#### ▼ [Other](#)

-- [For slaughter](#)

01 01 291000

-- [Other](#)

01 01 299000

#### Asses

01 01 300000

#### Other

01 01 900000

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# Stage 3b: API?

# 010110100

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/headings/0101?country=&day=1&month=6&year=2009>

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Section I Live animals; animal products

01 Live animals

01 Livestock (View complete information for this commodity: [changes](#))

Description	Commodity code
▼ Pure-bred breeding animals	
Horses	01 01 101000
▼ Other	
Asses	01 01 109010
Other	01 01 109090
▼ Other	
▼ Horses	
For slaughter	01 01 901100
Other	01 01 901900
Asses	01 01 903000
Mules and hinnies	01 01 909000



The codes for the same things have changed. Meaning that we have to compare the text! Ahhh.

# Stage 4: API for data?

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/headings/0101.json?country=&day=1&month=6&year=2009>

```
{
  "goods_nomenclature_item_id": "0101000000",
  "description": "Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies",
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  "_response_info": {
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      },
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        "rel": "chapter",
        "href": "/trade-tariff/chapters/01"
      },
      {
        "rel": "section",
        "href": "/trade-tariff/sections/1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "chapter": {
    "goods_nomenclature_item_id": "0100000000",
```

## Stage 5: Predict scale

(12 \* 4) files per year

12 Comcode tables

12 Portcode tables

To answer one query you may have to join 48 tables to 24 others to answer it.

This is not how map reduce and big data work.

# A large open data project

1) Extract data

2) Denormalise

3) Transform

**MAP**

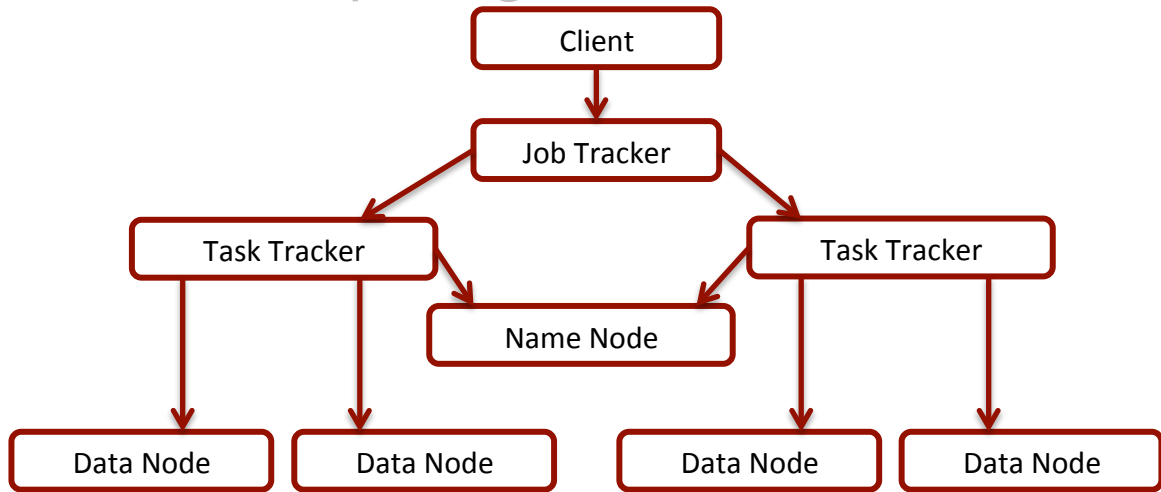
4) Upload

5) Query

**REDUCE**

Pivot in the cloud?

# Cloud computing





# Process pipeline

- 1) Translate to CSV (exports\_makecsv)
- 2) Filter out suppressed data (exports\_process\_suppression)
- 3) Get ComCode data for that month (get\_comcodes)
- 4) De-Normalise CSV with ComCodes and translate dates to timestamps (expand\_csv)
- 5) Import into Big Query



DEMO & EXERCISE

# Questions

Is the UKTrade data big data?

What are the biggest problems with the data?

How would you change your data to use cloud compute platforms?



Thank-you