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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

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We create around 4 zettabytes of data day.

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

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

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

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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 **V**s.

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

A few more V's

Value and **V**iability

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.

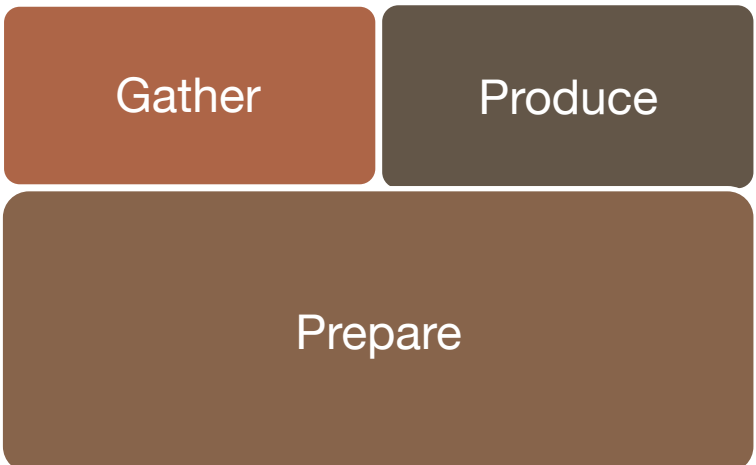
Conclusion

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



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

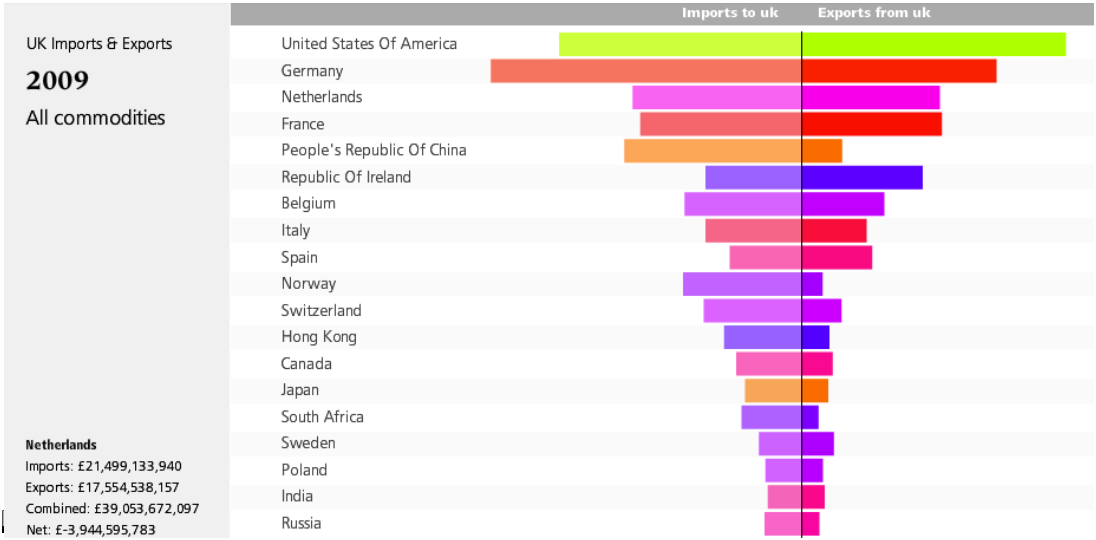
210,000 to 250,000 per month (+estimates)

Arrivals

EU

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

Distilled information



Stage 1: What the format????

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Stage 2: RTFM

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Stage 3: Decode

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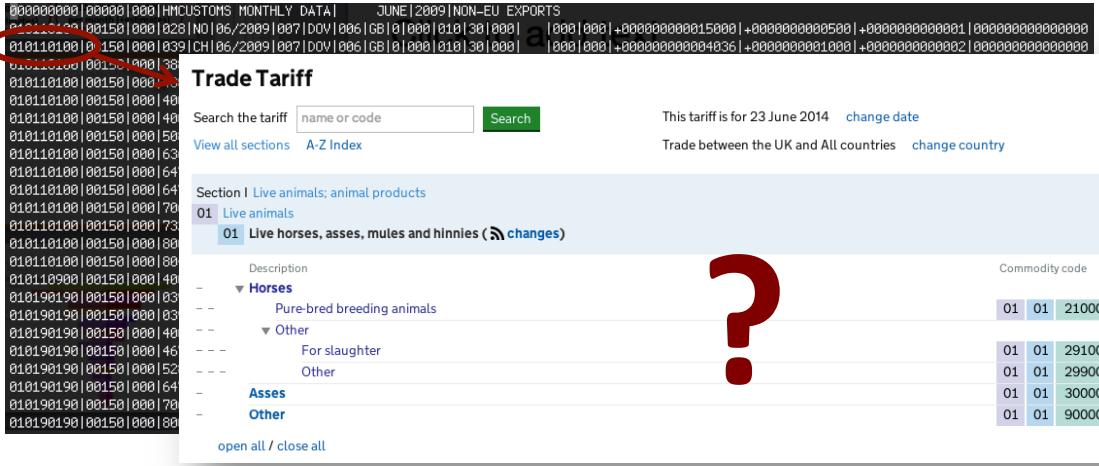

Stage 3b: API?

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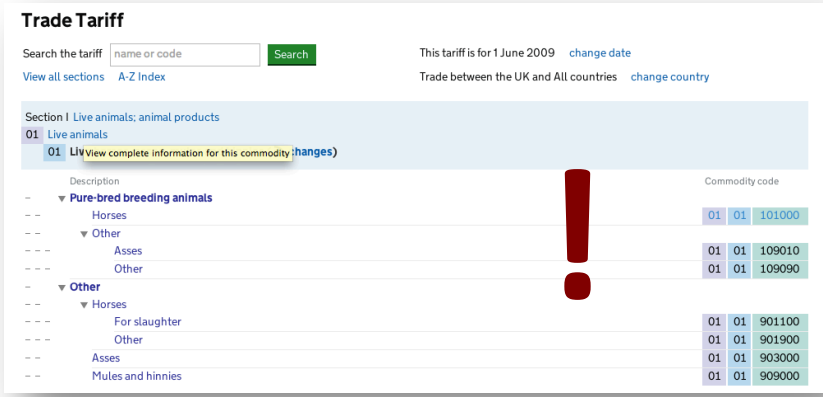
https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/headings/0101?country=&day=1&month=6&year=2009



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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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

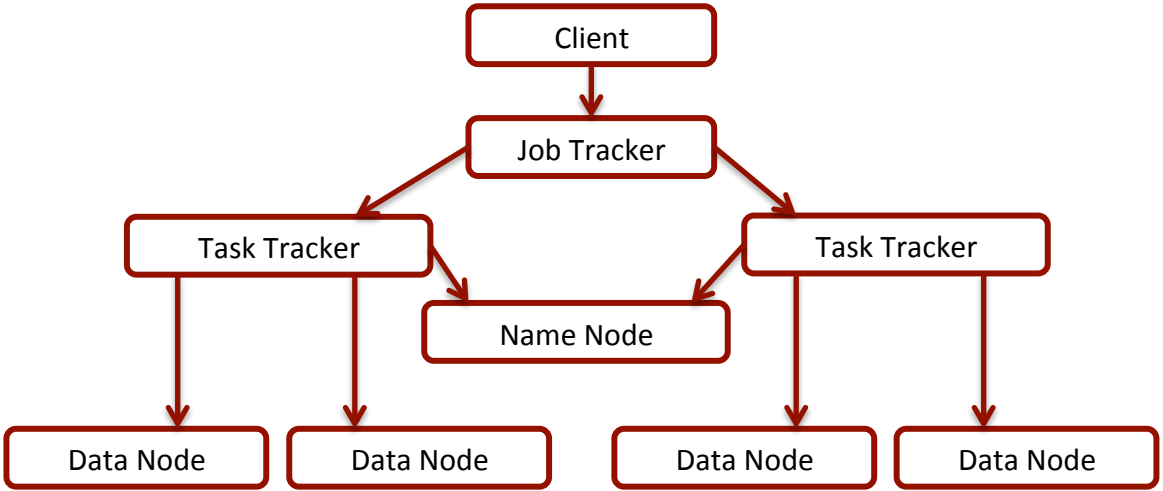
MAP

4) Upload
5) Query

REDUCE

Pivot in the cloud?

Cloud computing



Process pipeline

1) Translate to CSV (exports_makecsv)
2) Filter out supressed data (exports_process_supression)
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

Quesitons

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