

Reflective Statement

The URL for the Github repository is: <https://github.com/Sneha-Sahu/InfoOrg>

Finding datasets that have at least one column so they can be related was an issue at first. Trying to figure out what the column names meant was not easy to interpret. Creating a repository was a difficult task. The word "clone" was ambiguous.

Since all the datasets were from the official Howard County portal that had all open datasets, it was easy to access them. Selecting the relevant attributes of each of the datasets was an easy task as the objective of the dataset was clear. After creating the final dataset and the Github account, it was easy to add files to it.

In order to work with data, it is necessary that we have access to them. Once we have that, we can proceed towards working and documenting it. It is very important to give credit to the actual authors i.e. cite the sources from where we have downloaded the datasets. We also learnt how to create a citation of our own.

Once we have acquired the data and translated it into information, we need to organize it so that it can be accessed at a point later in time. We need to organize the information into different structures for different purposes. For our assignment, we restructured the datasets by removing unnecessary columns.

The overall experience of using Howard County portal was good. It would have been more convenient if the datasets had a little description about the attributes used. Also, there was not much description about the sections as well.

It would be interesting to actually work on the data and represent it using interactive maps.