

I am not too sure how exactly the data from TheGradCafe is being asked for on their UI, but it seems like there is not much form validation before users are able to submit their information. If there isn't any validation on any of the fields, then that can lead to not only inaccurate and disproportionate entries but they could cause the overall averages of data to be skewed as well. For example, fields such as program may be more lenient in terms of validation since not every university offers the same programs and if they do, they may be named slightly differently. However, numerical fields, such as GPA and any of the GRE scores, may be misentered, intentionally or unintentionally, and could lead to inaccurate information. As someone mentioned in the Teams chat, there was a person who entered a GRE AW score of 166, where the range of valid scores is only 0-6.

Something that surprised me was that there were no accepted students for the Computer Science PhD program for Georgetown University. Another thing that surprised me was that all of the GRE from my queries are higher than the usual scores. Some possible reasons why I think this may be is because people entered higher scores on their applicant entry to make themselves seem better or the scores are simply higher on average and there is a smaller sample size (30,000 entries compared to however many there are on TheGradCafe).