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Telemetry architecture

Designing with metadata

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Telemetry

Telemetry is the in situ collection of measurements or other data at remote points and their automatic transmission to receiving equipment (telecommunication) for monitoring.^[1] The word is derived from the Greek roots *tele*, 'remote', and *metron*, 'measure'. Systems that need external instructions and data to operate require the counterpart of telemetry: telecommand.^[2]



A saltwater crocodile with a GPS-based satellite transmitter attached to its head for tracking



25 years of phones

Companies like Google and Facebook are notorious for collecting large volumes and scopes of user data, including:

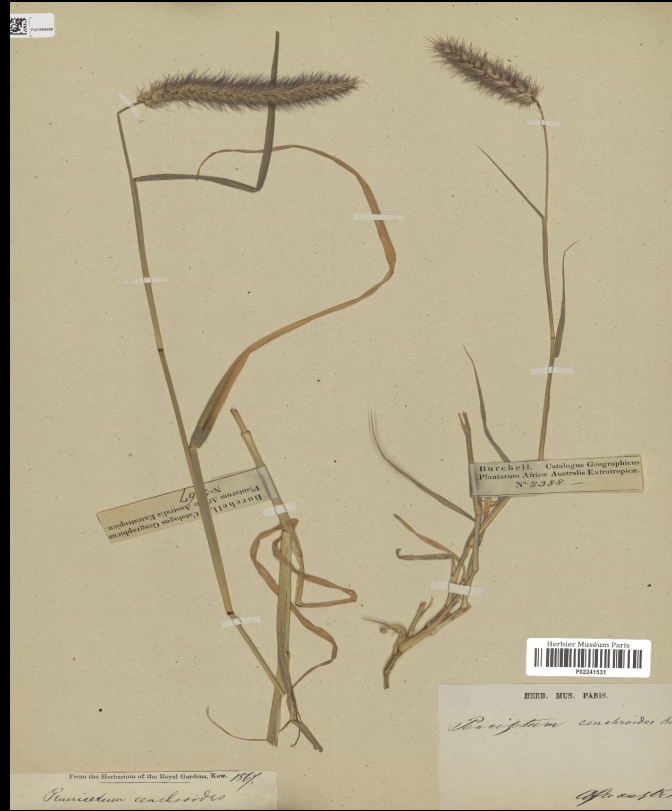
- Network connectivity
- GPS coordinates
- Vehicle type, speed, direction, etc.
- Temperature, humidity, air quality, light levels
- Audio and video calls
- Spending patterns
- Click patterns
- Ambient audio recording
- Eye tracking patterns
- Heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature, emotional state, sleep patterns (some smartwatches only)

Telemetry data extracted from google takeout: "records.json"

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{
  "strength": -90,
  "frequencyMhz": 5180
}, {
  "mac": "53857698144312",
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  "frequencyMhz": 2457
}, {
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          "source": "WIFI",
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          "timestamp": "2020-01-06T22:03:04.907Z"
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```


Metadata

Metadata (or **metainformation**) is "data that provides information about other data",^[1] but not the content of the data itself, such as the text of a message or the image itself.^[2]



This physical herbarium record of *Cenchrus ciliaris* consists of the specimens as well as metadata about them, while the barcode points to a digital record with metadata about the physical record.

Globally, in 2023, about 400 million terabytes of data is being uploaded everyday. This includes 5.3 billion images. That is the same amount of images for a single day, as for the whole year of 2011.

Lets assume 1 image is 1mb and that metadata counts for 1% of the image's data, that would still mean $53,000 \text{ GB} = 53 \text{ TB}$ of metadata (terabytes) / day.

Metadata extracted from image

identify -verbose IMG_20231231_100704.jpg

Image: Filename: IMG_20231231_100704.jpg

Format: JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group JFIF format)

Mime type: image/jpeg

Class: DirectClass

Geometry: 3072x4080+0+0

Resolution: 72x72

Print size: 42.6667x56.6667

Units: PixelsPerInch

Colorspace: sRGB

Type: TrueColor

Base type: Undefined

Endianness: Undefined

Depth: 8-bit

Channel depth:

red: 8-bit

green: 8-bit

blue: 8-bit

Channel statistics:

Pixels: 12533760

Red:

min: 0 (0)

max: 255 (1)

mean: 105.166 (0.412417)

standard deviation: 57.556 (0.22571)

kurtosis: 0.534034

skewness: 0.994667

entropy: 0.935891

Green:

min: 0 (0)

max: 255 (1)

mean: 106.125 (0.416178)

standard deviation: 56.607 (0.221988)

kurtosis: 0.483865

skewness: 0.932525

entropy: 0.939697

Transparent color: black

Interlace: None

Intensity: Undefined

Iterations: 0

Compression: JPEG

Quality: 98

Orientation: TopLeft

Profiles:

Profile-exif: 3319 bytes

Properties:

date:create: 2024-09-22T03:31:40+00:00

date:modify: 2024-02-20T10:55:28+00:00

exif:ApertureValue: 169/100

exif:BrightnessValue: 0/100

exif:ColorSpace: 1

exif:ComponentsConfiguration: 1, 2, 3, 0

exif:DateTime: 2023:12:31 10:07:05

exif:DateTimeDigitized: 2023:12:31 10:07:05

exif:DateTimeOriginal: 2023:12:31 10:07:05

exif:ExifOffset: 211

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exif:ExposureProgram: 0

exif:ExposureTime: 1/50

exif:Flash: 16

exif:FlashPixVersion: 48, 49, 48, 48

exif:FNumber: 180/100

exif:FocalLength: 4250/1000

exif:FocalLengthIn35mmFilm: 0

exif:GPSAltitude: 29986/1000

exif:GPSAltitudeRef: 1

exif:GPSTimeStamp: 2023:12:31

exif:GPSInfo: 3096

exif:GPSLatitude: 13/1, 44/1, 399/100

exif:GPSLatitudeRef: N

exif:GPSLongitude: 100/1, 31/1, 5724/100

exif:GPSLongitudeRef: E

exif:WhiteBalance: 0

exif:YCbCrPositioning: 1

jpeg:colorspace: 2

jpeg:sampling-factor: 2x2,1x1,1x1

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The built reality is only one layer that makes up the environments we inhabit, it is influenced by other material and immaterial layers, and it contributes to larger economic, material, environmental, informational and infrastructural systems.

Architects should be aware of the impact and potential of this complex reality of today and proactively engage with it, rather than passively waiting for design briefs and projects.

Why don't we build with metadata in mind?

Tools:

Houdini, blender, Python, ..

Techniques:

Folksonomy, scraping, mapping, tagging, modeling,
programming, hacking...



For more information regarding class schedules, content, expectations, visit the Github link



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