

# Big Data And Analytics

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Types of Digital Data

# **Learning Objectives and Learning Outcomes**

Learning Objectives	Learning Outcomes
Introduction to digital data and its types	
1. Structured data: Sources of structured data, ease with structured data, etc.	a) To differentiate between structured, semi-structured and unstructured data.
2. Semi-Structured data: Sources of semi-structured data, characteristics of semi-structured data.	b) To understand the need to integrate structured, semistructured and unstructured data.
3. Unstructured data: Sources of unstructured data, issues with terminology, dealing with unstructured data.	

## **Session Plan**

Lecture time 45 to 60 minutes

Q/A 15 minutes

## Agenda

#### Types of Digital Data

- Structured
  - Sources of structured data
  - Ease with structured data
- Semi-Structured
  - Sources of semi-structured data
- Unstructured
  - Sources of unstructured data
  - Issues with terminology
  - Dealing with unstructured data

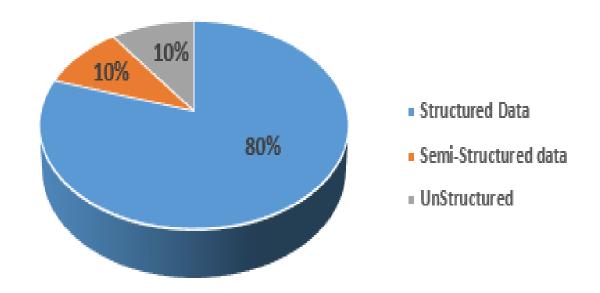
# **Classification of Digital Data**

Digital data is classified into the following categories:

- Structured data
- Semi-structured data
- Unstructured data

# **Approximate Percentage Distribution of Digital Data**

Approximate percentage distribution of digital data

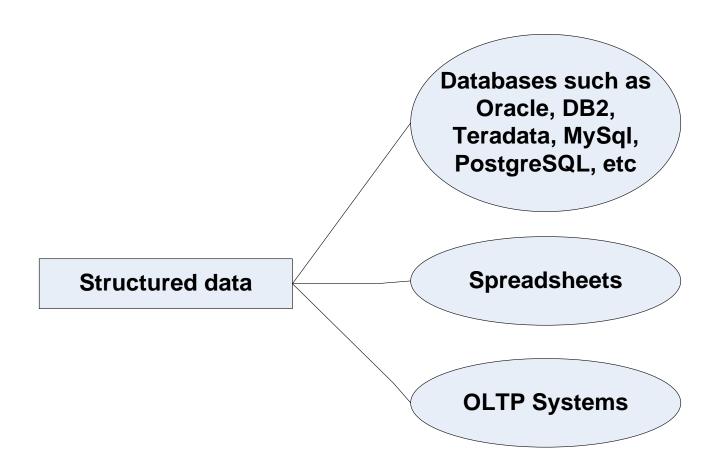


# **Structured Data**

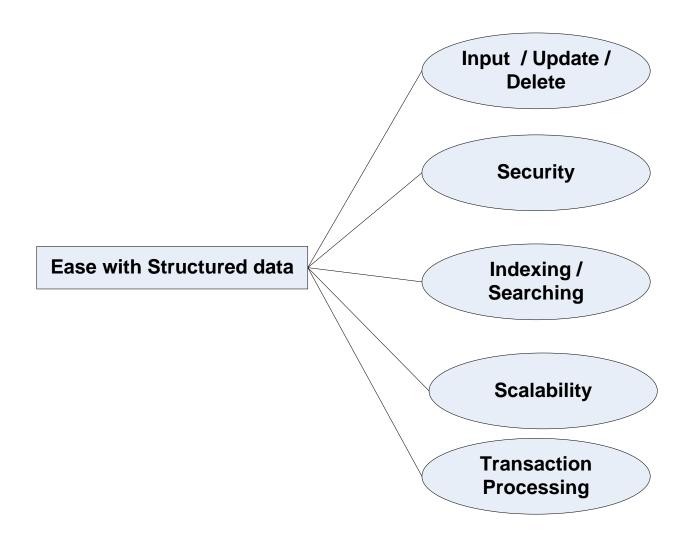
#### **Structured Data**

- ► This is the data which is in an organized form (e.g., in rows and columns) and can be easily used by a computer program.
- Relationships exist between entities of data, such as classes and their objects.
- ▶ Data stored in databases is an example of structured data.

#### **Sources of Structured Data**



#### **Ease with Structured Data**

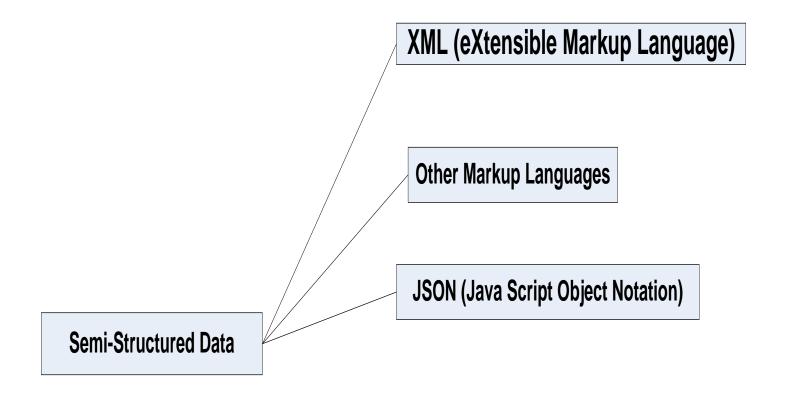


# **Semi-structured Data**

#### **Semi-structured Data**

- ▶ This is the data which does not conform to a data model but has some structure. However, it is not in a form which can be used easily by a computer program.
- Example, emails, XML, markup languages like HTML, etc. Metadata for this data is available but is not sufficient.

#### **Sources of Semi-structured Data**



#### **Characteristics of Semi-structured Data**

#### **Inconsistent Structure**

**Semi-structured data** 

Self-describing (lable/value pairs)

Often Schema information is blended with data values

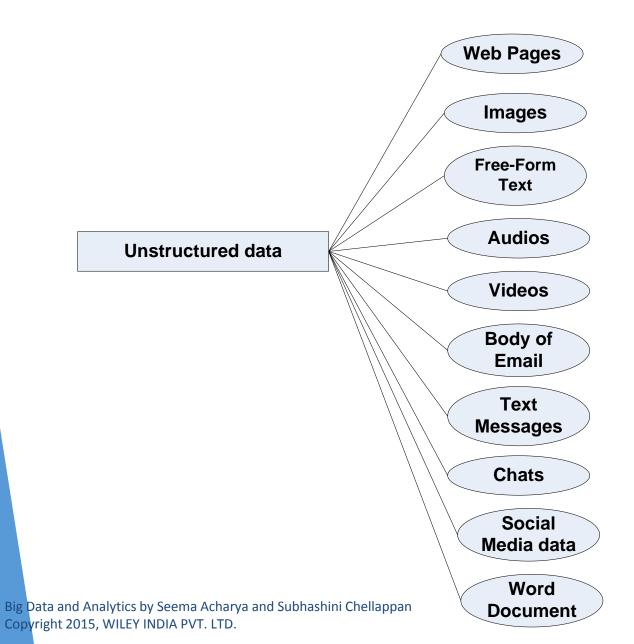
Data objects may have different attributes not known beforehand

# **Unstructured Data**

#### **Unstructured Data**

- ► This is the data which does not conform to a data model or is not in a form which can be used easily by a computer program.
- ▶ About 80-90% data of an organization is in this format.
- ► Example: memos, chat rooms, PowerPoint presentations, images, videos, letters, researches, white papers, body of an email, etc.

## **Sources of Unstructured Data**



## **Issues** with terminology - Unstructured Data

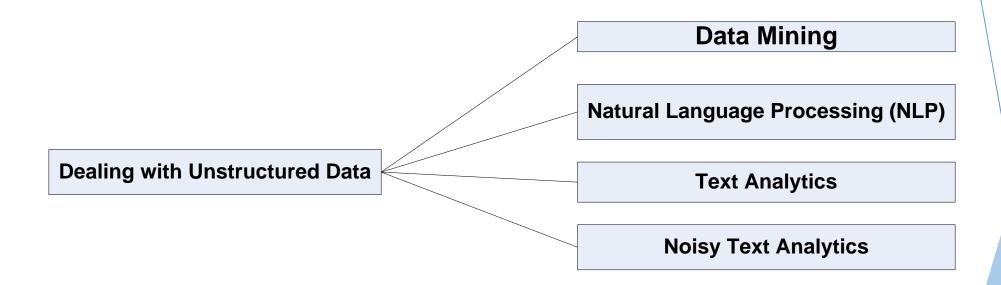
Structure can be implied despite not being formerly defined.

**Issues with terminology** 

Data with some structure may still be labeled unstructured if the structure doesn't help with processing task at hand

Data may have some structure or may even be highly structured in ways that are unanticipated or unannounced.

# **Dealing with Unstructured Data**



Answer a few quick questions ...

# Match the following

Column A	Column B
NLP	Content analytics
Text analytics	Text messages
UIMA	Chats
Noisy unstructured	Text mining
data	
Data mining	Comprehend human or natural language input
Noisy unstructured	Uses methods at the intersection of statistics,
data	Artificial Intelligence, machine learning & DBs
IBM	UIMA

#### **Answer Me**

- Which category (structured, semi-structured, or unstructured) will you place a Web Page in?
- ► Which category (structured, semi-structured, or unstructured) will you place Word Document in?
- State a few examples of human generated and machine-generated data.

# Summary please...

Ask a few participants of the learning program to summarize the lecture.

# References ...

## Further Readings

- http://data-magnum.com/the-big-deal-about-big-data-whats-insidestructured-unstructured-and-semi-structured-data/
- http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/S/structured\_data.html
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UIMA

# Thank you