

# Collect & Prep Your Data for Visualization and Analysis

<https://github.com/BCDigSchol/coffee-code/tree/master/data-prep>



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# What is data?

- Data is all around you
  - When you assign a value to something - you have data
  - Qualitative vs. quantitative
  - Humanities vs. Social Science Data



## Is this data?

Jane Austen was born on December 16, 1775 in Steventon, Hampshire. She is British. Austen wrote the novel *Sense and Sensibility*.

Emily Dickinson was born on December 10, 1830 in Amherst, Massachusetts. She was an American poet. One of her poems is *A great Hope fell*.



# Is this data? Yes!

Name	Birth Date (Temporal)	Place (Spatial)	Type	Nationality	Works	Form
Austen, Jane	1775-12-16	51.228457, -1.2201168 999999936	Novelist	British	Sense and Sensibility	Novel
Dickinson, Emily	1830-12-10	42.3732216, -72.519853 7	Poet	American	A great Hope fell	Poem

# Is this data?

## Brazil

Demographic data as of July 1, 2018, economic data for 2016 ([source](#))

### Basic Facts



Population

**208.8M**



People per sq. km

**25.0**



Males per 100 females

**97.1**



Children per woman

**1.7**



Goods exported from U.S.

**\$30.1B**



Goods imported to U.S.

**\$26.1B**



Change in exports from U.S. for 2007 to 2016

**24.6%**

## Nigeria

Demographic data as of July 1, 2018, economic data for 2016 ([source](#))

### Basic Facts



Population

**195.3M**



People per sq. km

**214.4**



Males per 100 females

**104.0**



Children per woman

**5.0**



Goods exported from U.S.

**\$1.9B**



Goods imported to U.S.

**\$4.2B**



Change in exports from U.S. for 2007 to 2016

**-31.8%**

Source: <https://www.census.gov/popclock/world>

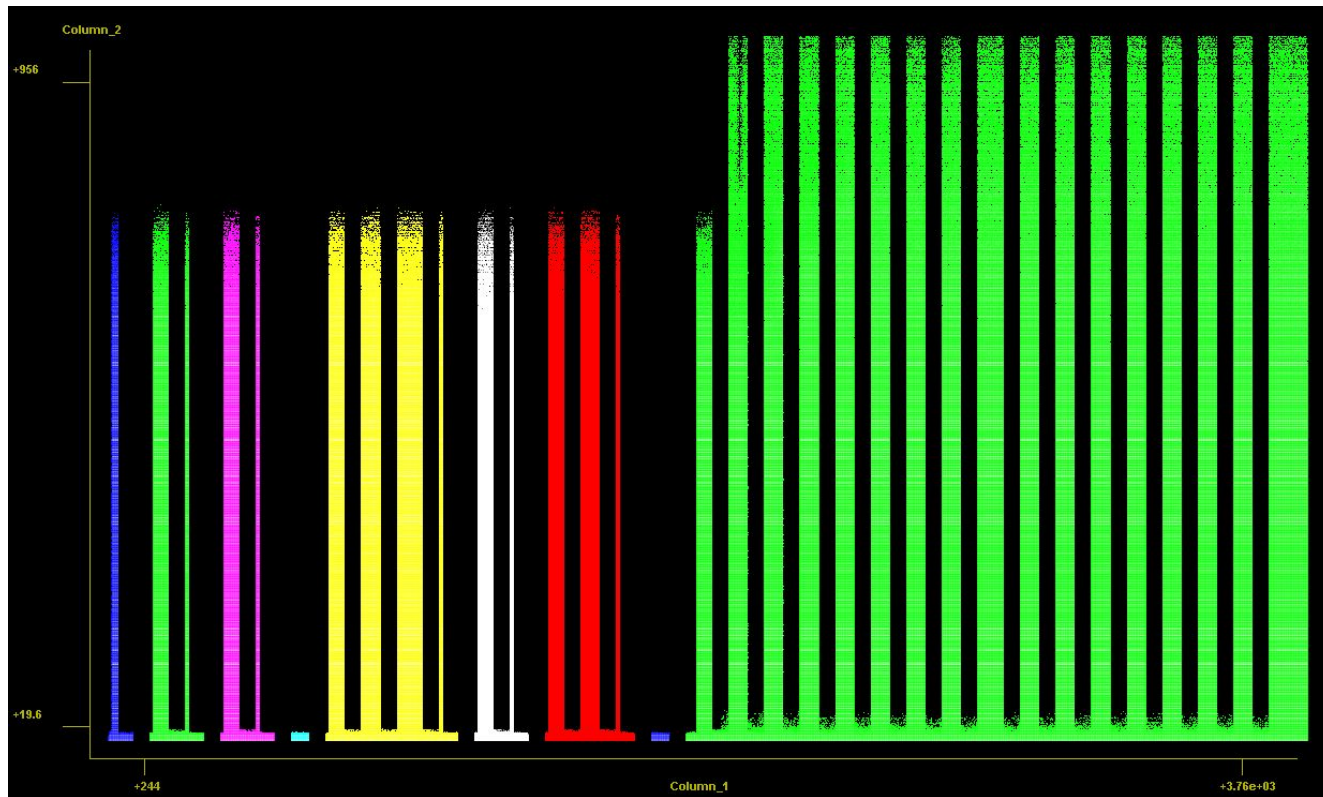


# Is this data? Yes!

Country	Population	Males per 100 females	Goods exported from U.S.	People per sq. km	Children per woman	Goods imported to U.S.
Brazil	208,800,000	97.1	\$30,100,000,000	25.0	1.7	\$26,100,000,000
Nigeria	195,300,000	104.0	\$1,900,000,000	214.4	5.0	\$4,200,000,000



# What makes data “useable”?



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# Your Data & Visualizations

What kind of data are you working with? (Geospatial? [Temporal](#)? Textual?)

What's your audience?

What are you trying to convey? ([Relationships](#)? [Scale](#)?)

# Exercise 1: Analysis

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# Tools & Methods

- OpenRefine (<http://openrefine.org/>)
- Google Fusion Tables (<https://sites.google.com/site/fusiontablestalks/>)
- Voyant (<https://voyant-tools.org/>)
- RAWGraphs (<https://rawgraphs.io/>)
- Tableau Public (<https://public.tableau.com/en-us/s/>)



# Things to think about during data prep...

Check to see if your data have leading or trailing whitespaces or extraneous punctuation marks

Do the values in each column match the data type?

How are your dates formatted?

Do you need to split data into separate columns?

Do you need to normalize spelling or letter case?

Do you have coordinates (lat/long)?



# Exercise 2: Data Prep & Cleaning

<https://github.com/BCDigSchol/coffee-code/tree/master/data-prep>





# Prep & Cleaning

- Brief overview of OpenRefine
- Review sample data (what can we normalize and why?)
- Tips & Recipes
  - Transformations
  - Faceting and clustering
  - Normalizing dates
  - Geocoding



# Normalizing Dates

Build your expression in the Transform function

**`value.toDate('insert letter').toString('insert letter')`**

For day use: d or dd

For month: M or MM

For year use: yy or yyyy





# Geocode Locations

Add a column by fetching URLs based on column

- Name your column
- Change throttle delay to 1000 milliseconds

Use expression:

**`"http://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?format=json&email=[YOUR_EMAIL_HERE]&app=google-refine&q=" + escape(value, 'url')`**



# Geocode Locations

- Split your coordinates into two columns (latitude/longitude)
  - Use expression: **`value.parseJson()[0].lat`**
- Repeat for longitude
  - Use expression: **`value.parseJson()[0].lon`**



# Resources

List of Tools, Readings, and Additional Resources:

<https://github.com/BCDigSchol/coffee-code/tree/master/data-prep>

Data Management & Data Planning: <https://libguides.bc.edu/dataplan>

DMP Tool: <http://www.bc.edu/sites/libraries/dmptool/>

Dataverse: <https://libguides.bc.edu/dataverse>

Open Science Framework (OSF): <https://osf.io/>

Humanities Commons: <https://hcommons.org/>



# Thanks!

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Find events and more at [ds.bc.edu](https://ds.bc.edu)



# UPCOMING EVENTS!

[is.gd/bostondhweek2018](https://is.gd/bostondhweek2018)

# BOSTON DIGITAL HUMANITIES WEEK 2018

For more information and registration links,  
visit <https://is.gd/bostondhweek2018>

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## **StoryMaps: Not Your Average Presentation**

11–12:15 pm  
Tisch Library, Data Lab,  
Room 203  
Tufts University

## **Geometries of Thought:**

What the history of network visualizations reveals about how we think

1–2:30 pm  
346 Curry Student Center  
Northeastern University

## **Common Traps in Humanities Network Analysis workshop**

1:30–3:30 pm  
346 Curry Student Center  
Northeastern University

## **Introduction to Spatial Visualization & Analysis with Carto**

1:30–3:30 pm  
Digital Studio,  
2nd Floor, O'Neill Library  
Boston College

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## **Copyright for Digital Scholarship Practitioners**

11–12:30 pm  
Digital Studio, 2nd Floor,  
O'Neill Library  
Boston College

## **Field Notes from OpenBU and Senegal: Digital Collection Building**

12–1 pm  
Estin Room (Rm 102),  
Mugar Library  
Boston University

## **Transcribe-a-Thon**

1–4 pm  
Digital Studio,  
2nd Floor, O'Neill Library  
Boston College

## **Using Web APIs with Python**

2–4 pm  
105 Robinson Hall  
Harvard University

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## **Intro to GIS Principles and Working with Historic Data in GIS**

10:30–12:30 pm  
Hayden Library, North, DIRC  
14N-132  
MIT

## **IIIF New England Meetup**

TBA  
Thompson Room,  
Barker Center  
Harvard University

## **World Lit Wikipédia Edit-a-Thon**

12–5 pm  
685 Commonwealth Ave  
Boston University

## **Building Digital Archives with Omeka**

3:15–4:30pm  
Tisch Library, Data Lab,  
Room 203  
Tufts University

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## **Introduction to FileOrg for Humanities**

10:30–12:30 pm  
Hayden Library, North, DIRC  
14N-132  
MIT

## **IIIF New England Meetup**

TBA  
Thompson Room,  
Barker Center  
Harvard University

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## **NULAB Spring Conference**

10 am–5 pm  
Raytheon Amphitheater,  
Northeastern University

## **DiScussion: Political Dimensions of Metadata Work**

12:30–2pm  
Estin Room (Rm 102),  
Mugar Library  
Boston University