

Web Mapping & Analysis

Data Backends II - APIs

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Today

- The Web as a source for data
- Web APIs
- API examples

The Web as a source for data

New forms of data

- New forms of data **enabled** by **web** technologies
- **Digital** life, digital traces, digitalised life (Lazer & Radford, 2017)
- Much of these data are available as an ***accident*** (Arribas-Bel, 2014)

Sources

- *Citizens as sensors*
- Businesses moving online
- Open (government) data

“Citizens as sensors”

- Web 2.0 → (data) consumers are *also* creators
(Goodchild, 2007)
- Much of everyday life now recorded in a database
- (Parts of) these databases can be accessed

The image shows a web browser window with two tabs open. The left tab is the main Twitter homepage (<https://twitter.com>) and the right tab is the Twitter Developer website (<https://developer.twitter.com>). Both pages are displayed in light mode.

Twitter Homepage (Left Tab):

- Header: Twitter. It's what's happening.
- Text: See what's happening in the world right now
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Twitter Developer Website (Right Tab):

- Header: Developer
- Text: Developers
- Section: Tap into what's happening.
- Text: Publish and analyze Tweets, optimize ads, and create unique customer experiences.
- Text: Twitter Developer Labs is live: [Learn more >](#)
- Section: Use cases

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Instagram

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API Endpoints

Once you've registered your client it's easy to start requesting data from Instagram. All endpoints are only accessible via [https](https://api.instagram.com) and are located at api.instagram.com. For instance: you can retrieve photos with a given hashtag by accessing the following URL with your `access_token` (replace ACCESS-TOKEN with your own):

```
https://api.instagram.com/v1/self/media/recent?access_token=ACCESS_TOKEN
```

The Instagram API requires an `access_token` from authenticated users for each endpoint. We no longer support making requests using just the `client_id`.

Note

The URL examples throughout this documentation use ACCESS-TOKEN as a placeholder. For these examples to work, you need to substitute the value with your own `access_token`. In your application, you should have each user go through an authentication and authorization flow in order to receive a valid `access_token`.

Limits

Please refer to the [limits documentation](#) for information on rate limits that apply to API requests.

Deleting Objects

We do our best to have all our URLs be RESTful. Every endpoint (URL) may support one of four different http verbs. GET requests fetch information about an object, POST requests create objects, PUT requests update objects, and finally DELETE requests will delete objects.

Structure

The Envelope

Every response is contained by an envelope. That is, each response has a predictable set of keys with which you can expect to interact:

```
{
  "meta": {
    "code": 200
  }
}
```

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- Device API
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- API Basics
- Authentication
- Activity
- Body & Weight
- Devices
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- User
- Troubleshooting Guide

Web API Reference

Introduction

Fitbit provides a Web API for accessing data from Fitbit activity trackers, Aria scale, and manually entered logs. Anyone can develop an application to access and modify a Fitbit user's data on their behalf, so long as it complies with [Fitbit Platform Terms of Service](#).

Quick Start

1. [Review the basics](#) about how the Fitbit Web API works.
2. [Register your application](#) to get API client credentials. You will need a Fitbit account (free) to register an app.
3. Implement an [OAuth 2.0 authorization flow](#) to allow people to give your app permission to access data on their behalf.
4. Make HTTP requests to access data. The different types of data available via the Web API are listed in the navigation. You can also try the [API Explorer](#).
5. If you have a server app and want to be notified when people have new data available, implement the [Subscriptions API](#).

If you need help, we're [here](#) for you.

< [Settings API](#)

“Businesses moving *online*”

- Business activities digitalised (or entirely digital)
- Records stored in databases, that can also be accessed
- Active/passive collection (re. IoT)



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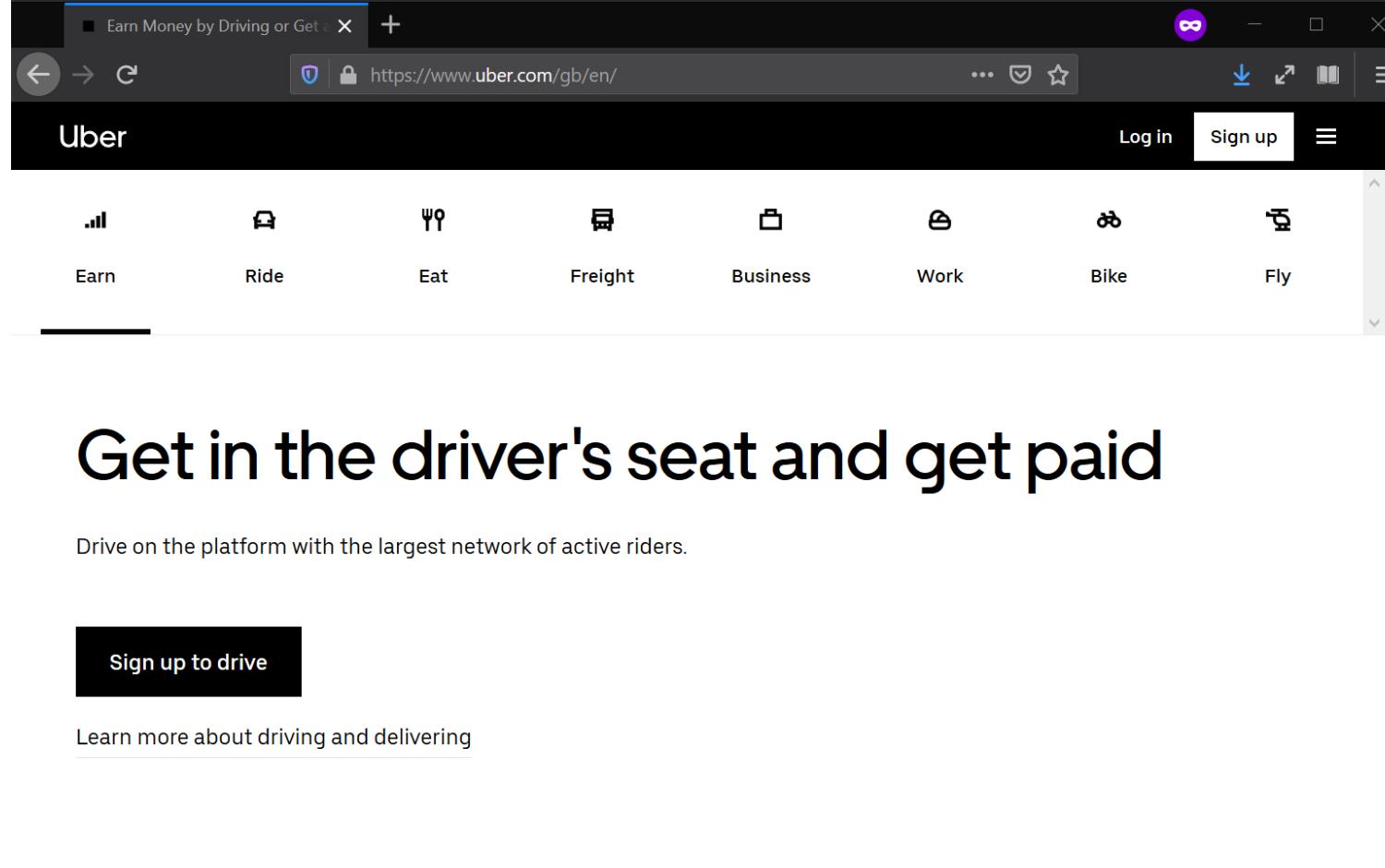
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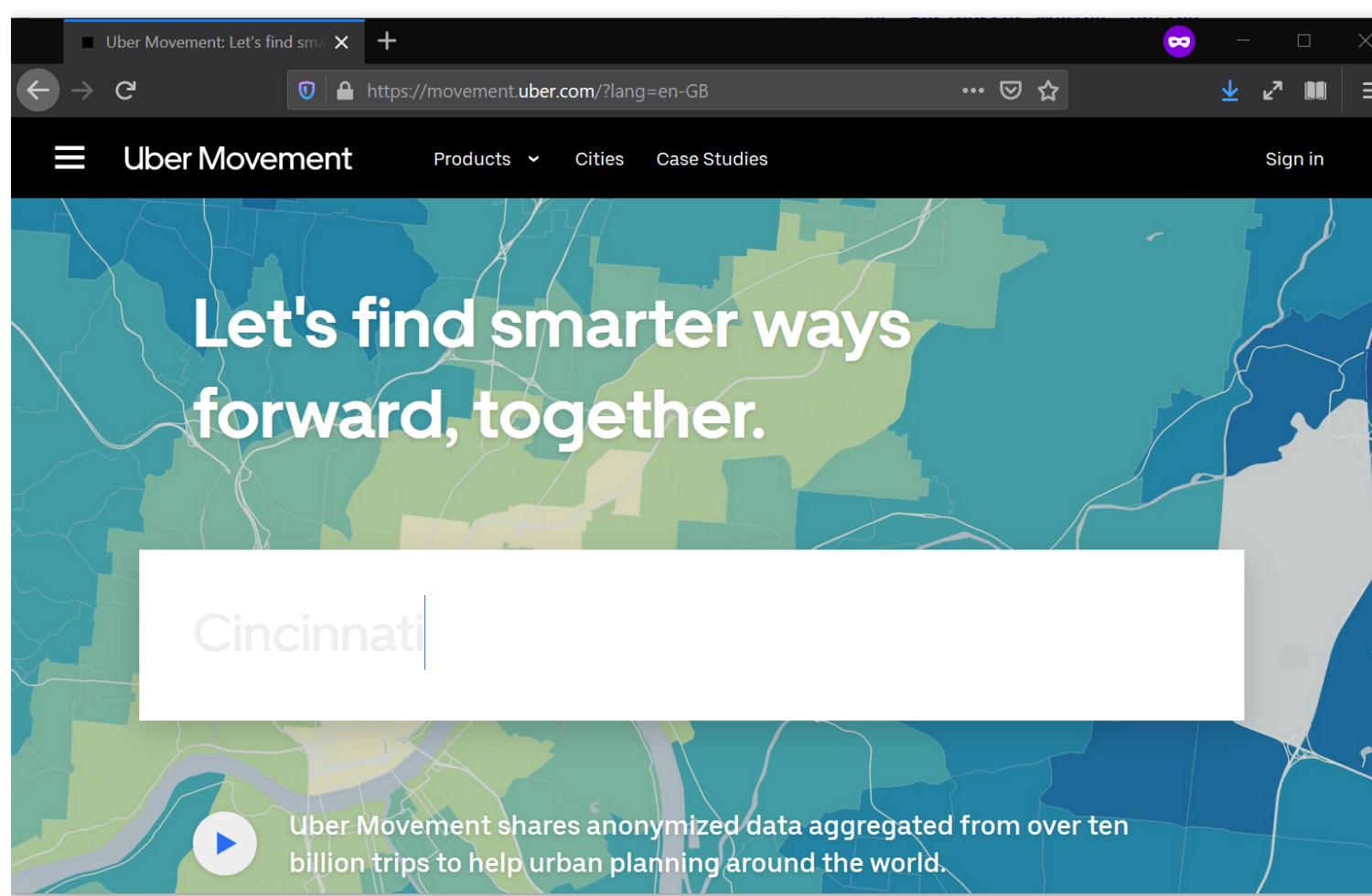
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Challenges

- Bias
- Licensing
- Access

Bias

- Who's represented?
- Who's missing?
- How is the data used?

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- “Free beer”, not “free speech”
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- Evolving landscape

Access

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Web APIs

Programmable interfaces to web services

- Machine-to-machine communication over the web
- Expose access to (parts of) databases, or output of computations
- Bridge between *client* and *server*

How APIs work

- [Optional] Authenticate (potentially linked to billing)
- Send query as URL
- Receive request ((Geo) JSON, .csv)

Web APIs: an example

Over HTTP (e.g. REST): the query is a URL:

```
https://services1.arcgis.com/ESMARspQHYMw9BZ9/arcgis/rest/
```

[URL]

Web APIs: language “bindings”

- Library in a programming language (e.g. Javascript, Python, R) to interact with an API
- Wrapper in the language around HTTP endpoints
- Expose API in familiar form for developers of that language

Web APIs: some thoughts

- Very useful to access new forms of data
- All different, but some patterns are broadly general
- Programming skills help to automate data access

API examples

API examples

- Data
- Maps
- Computations

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