

Runaway Resource Detector

This script analyses the `reporting_historic_endpoints` table from the Open Digital Planning Dataset to identify endpoints that:

- Are generating **new resources daily** over a 7-day period
- Have produced **more than 20 resources** in the last 30 days
- Are showing signs of **stale resource end dates**
- Contain **single-day resources** (where start date equals end date)

Logic Overview

1. Loads the full `reporting_historic_endpoints` table via streaming.
2. Filters out endpoints that have already ended.
3. Groups by `endpoint` and derives:
 - Total resource count
 - Metadata columns
 - First and last resource start dates
 - Count of single-day resources
4. Flags endpoints based on:
 - 7-day streak of daily resources
 - 30-day resource activity (>20)
 - Stale `resource_end_date`

Output

Saves a CSV named `runaway_resources.csv` to the provided `--output-dir`, containing flagged and summary metadata.

Run via CLI

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```bash python runaway_resources.py --output-dir ./outputs
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In []: import pandas as pd
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
import argparse
import os

def main(output_dir):
 # Load Data
 base_url = "https://datasette.planning.data.gov.uk/digital-land"
 table = "reporting_historic_endpoints"
 full_url = f"{base_url}/{table}.csv?_stream=on"

 df = pd.read_csv(full_url)

 # Filter and convert dates
 df = df[df["endpoint_end_date"].isna()].copy()
 df["resource_start_date"] = pd.to_datetime(df["resource_start_date"])
 df["resource_end_date"] = pd.to_datetime(df["resource_end_date"])
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Build summary dataframe
summary_df = (
 df.groupby("endpoint")
 .size()
 .reset_index(name="resource_count")
 .query("resource_count > 1")
 .sort_values("resource_count", ascending=False)
 .reset_index(drop=True)
)

Add metadata columns
meta_cols = ["organisation_name", "dataset", "collection", "pipeline", "endpoint"]
metadata = df.groupby("endpoint")[meta_cols].first().reset_index()
summary_df = summary_df.merge(metadata, on="endpoint", how="left")

First and Last start dates
first_dates = df.groupby("endpoint")["resource_start_date"].min().dt.date
last_dates = df.groupby("endpoint")["resource_start_date"].max().dt.date

Count single-day resources (same start and end date)
single_day_counts = df[df["resource_start_date"] == df["resource_end_date"]]
single_day_summary = single_day_counts.groupby("endpoint").size()

Insert derived columns
summary_df.insert(1, "first_resource_start_date", summary_df["endpoint"].map(first_dates))
summary_df.insert(2, "last_resource_start_date", summary_df["endpoint"].map(last_dates))
summary_df.insert(9, "single_day_resources", single_day_summary)

Flagging Logic
today = datetime.today().date()
recent_7_days = today - timedelta(days=7)
recent_30_days = today - timedelta(days=30)

Daily streak for last 7 days
seven_day_df = df[df["resource_start_date"].dt.date >= recent_7_days]
start_dates_7 = seven_day_df.groupby("endpoint")["resource_start_date"].apply(lambda x: x.unique())
expected_last_7 = set(today - timedelta(days=i) for i in range(1, 8))

summary_df["daily_for_7_days"] = summary_df["endpoint"].apply(
 lambda ep: "yes" if expected_last_7.issubset(start_dates_7.get(ep, set()))
)

More than 20 new resources in Last 30 days
thirty_day_df = df[df["resource_start_date"].dt.date >= recent_30_days]
resource_count_30 = thirty_day_df.groupby("endpoint").size()

summary_df[">20_instances_in_30_day_period"] = summary_df["endpoint"].apply(
 lambda ep: "yes" if resource_count_30.get(ep, 0) > 20 else "no"
)

Flag endpoints with stale resource end dates
last_end_dates = df.groupby("endpoint")["resource_end_date"].max().dt.date
stale_cutoff = today - timedelta(days=30)

summary_df["stale_resource"] = summary_df["endpoint"].apply(
 lambda ep: "yes" if pd.notnull(last_end_dates.get(ep)) and last_end_dates.get(ep) < stale_cutoff
)

Output
csv_name = "runaway_resources.csv"
save_path = os.path.join(output_dir, csv_name)
summary_df.to_csv(save_path, index=False) # Save to CSV without index
print(f"Saved: {save_path}")

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def parse_args():
 """
 Parses command-line arguments for specifying the output directory.

 Returns:
 argparse.Namespace: Parsed arguments containing the output directory path.
 """
 parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="runaway_resources")
 parser.add_argument(
 "--output-dir",
 type=str,
 required=True,
 help="Directory to save exported CSVs"
)
 return parser.parse_args()

if __name__ == "__main__":
 # Parse command-line arguments
 args = parse_args()
 main(args.output_dir)
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