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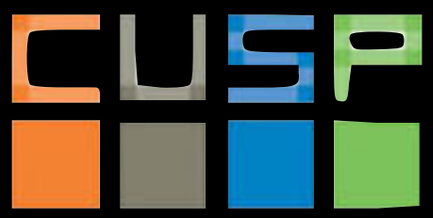

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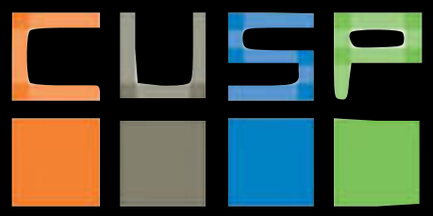

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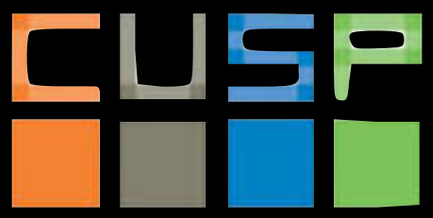
- reporting data for reproducibility
- cleaning and tabulating data
- reading data from CSV files
- reading data from JSON files
- reading data from the CUSP dataHub
- reading data from APIs



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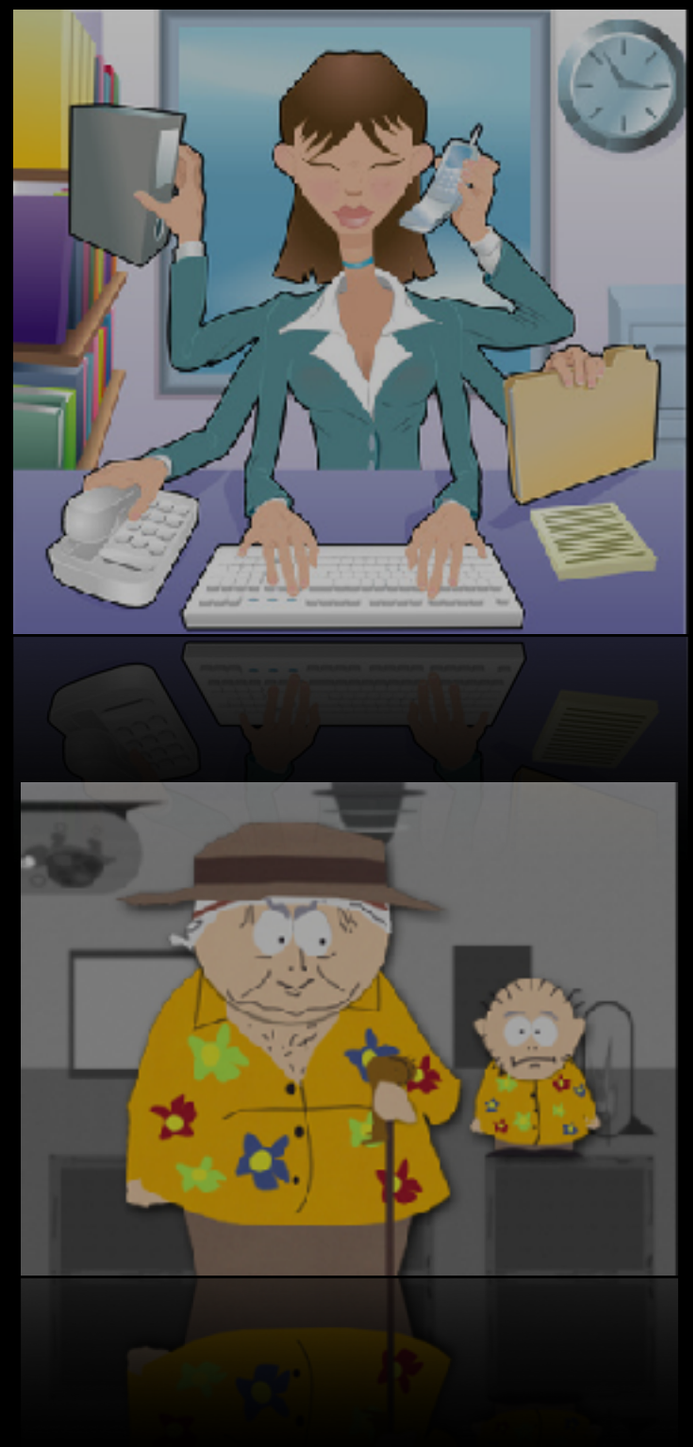

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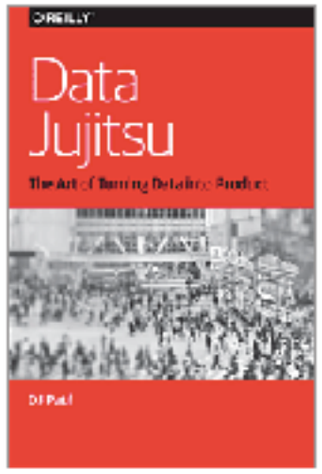

Data Jujitsu: The Art of Turning Data into Product

An O'Reilly Radar Report

By DJ Patil

Publisher: O'Reilly
Pages: 24

5.0

Read 1 Review Write a Review

Description

Acclaimed data scientist DJ Patil details a new approach to solving problems in Data Jujitsu.

Learn how to use a problem's "weight" against itself to:

- Break down seemingly complex data problems into simplified parts
- Use alternative data analysis techniques to examine them
- Use human input, such as Mechanical Turk, and design tricks that enlist the help of your users to take short cuts around tough problems

Learn more about the problems before starting on the solutions—and use the findings to solve them, or determine whether the problems are worth solving at all.

Customer Reviews

5.0 (based on 1 review)

Write a Review

Reviewed by 1 customer

Displaying review 1

II: Data Wrangling

[…]data products are unique in that they are often extremely difficult, and seemingly intractable for small teams with limited funds. Yet, they get solved every day.
How? Are the people who solve them superhuman data scientists who can come up with better ideas in five minutes than most people can in a lifetime? Are they magicians of applied math who can cobble together millions of lines of code for high-performance machine learning in a few hours? No.
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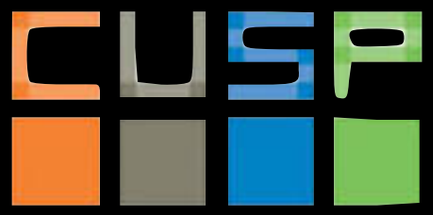

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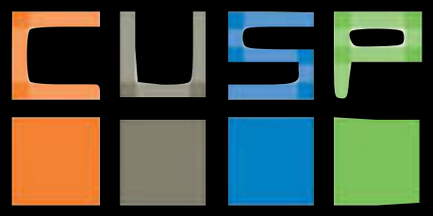
Many of them are incredibly smart, but meeting big problems head-on usually isn't the winning approach. There's a method to solving data problems that avoids the big, heavyweight solution, and instead, concentrates on building something quickly and iterating. Smart data scientists don't just solve big, hard problems; they also have an instinct for making big problems small.



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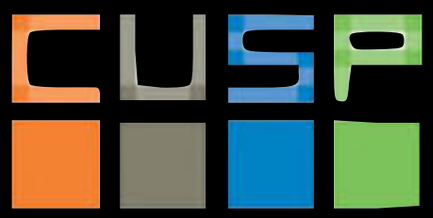
…

(and you have to clean the mess!)



WHAT ARE THEIR BIGGEST CHALLENGES?

Dirty data is the #1 hurdle for data scientists.

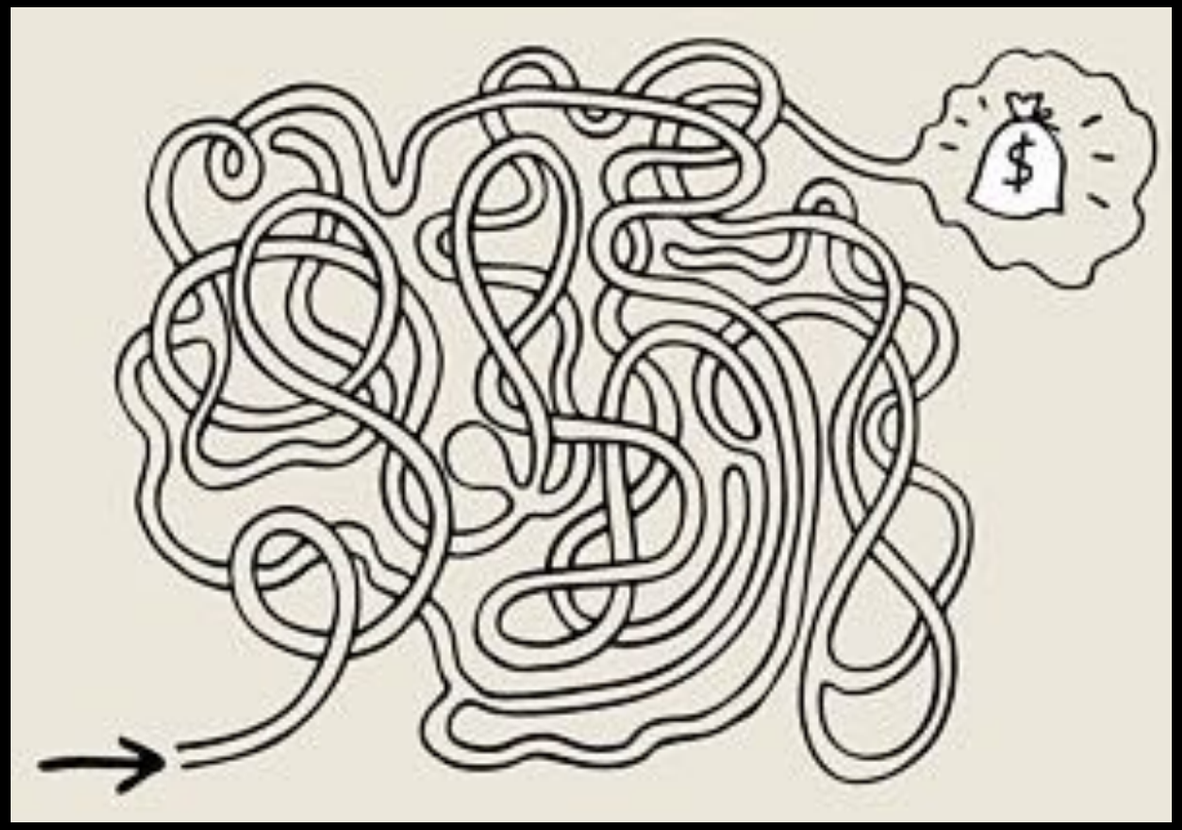
66.7%
of data scientists say cleaning and organizing data is their most time-consuming task.

52.3%
of data scientists cite poor quality data as their biggest daily obstacle.

2015 survey of data scientists

https://www.crowdflower.com/the-data-behind-todays-data-scientists-an-infographic/

noisy data in



tidy data out

(urban) science!

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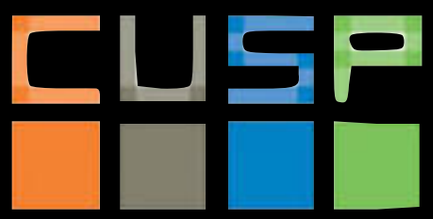
A Reproducible Research: MatLab Code

This paper implements the spirit of Reproducible Research, a publication protocol initiated by John Claerbout [Claerbout 1990] and developed by others at Stanford and elsewhere. The underlying idea is that the most effective way of publishing research is to include everything necessary to reproduce all of the results presented in the paper. In addition to all relevant mathematical equations and the reasoning justifying them, full implementation of this protocol requires that the data files and computer programs used to prepare all figures and tables are included. Cogent arguments for Reproducible Research, an overview of its development history, and honest assessment of its successes and failures, are eloquently described in [Donoho et al. (2008)].



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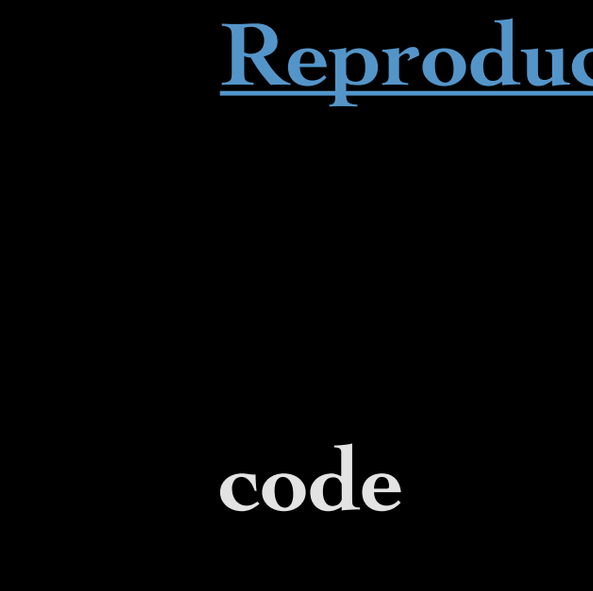

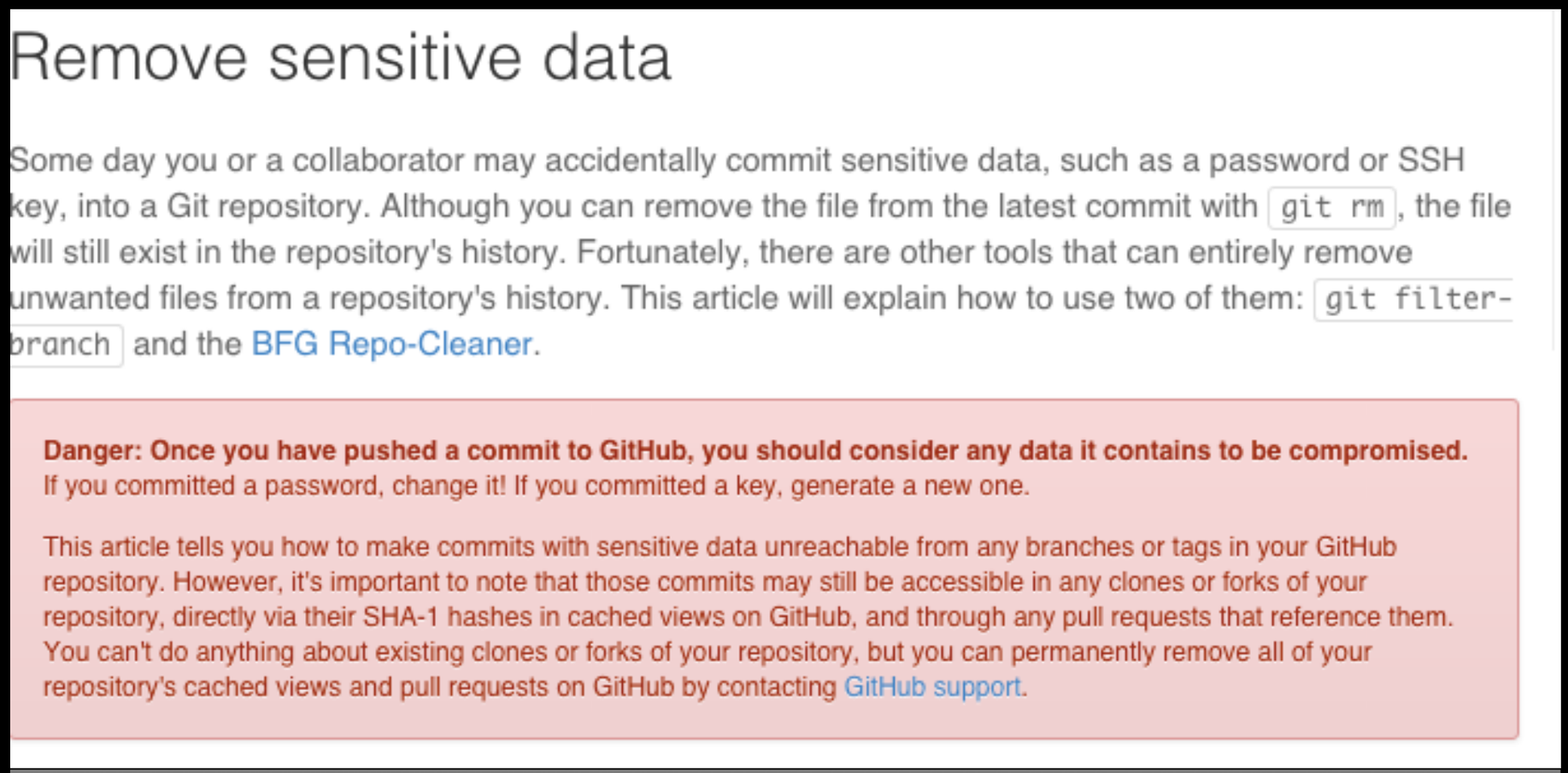

Remove sensitive data

Some day you or a collaborator may accidentally commit sensitive data, such as a password or SSH key, into a Git repository. Although you can remove the file from the latest commit with `git rm`, the file will still exist in the repository's history. Fortunately, there are other tools that can entirely remove unwanted files from a repository's history. This article will explain how to use two of them: `git filter-branch` and the BFG Repo-Cleaner.

Danger: Once you have pushed a commit to GitHub, you should consider any data it contains to be compromised. If you committed a password, change it! If you committed a key, generate a new one.

This article tells you how to make commits with sensitive data unreachable from any branches or tags in your GitHub repository. However, it's important to note that those commits may still be accessible in any clones or forks of your repository, directly via their SHA-1 hashes in cached views on GitHub, and through any pull requests that reference them. You can't do anything about existing clones or forks of your repository, but you can permanently remove all of your repository's cached views and pull requests on GitHub by contacting GitHub support.

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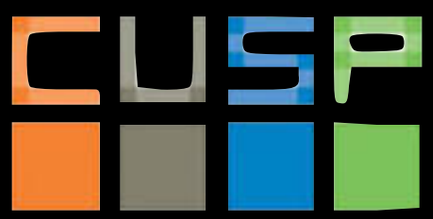

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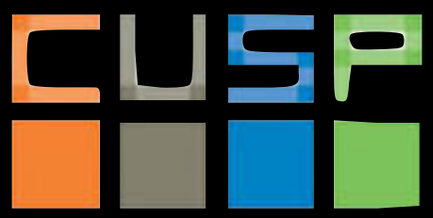

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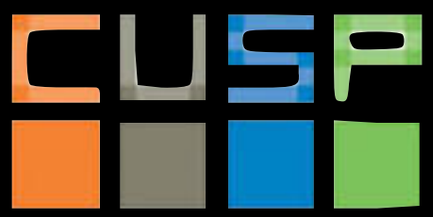

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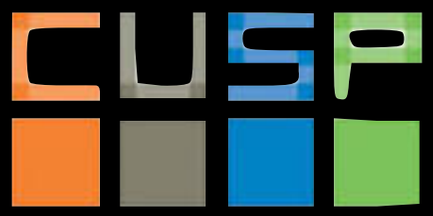

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Downloading Pronto's Data

We'll start by downloading the data (available on Pronto's Website) which you can do by uncommenting the following shell commands (the exclamation mark here is a special IPython syntax to run a shell command). The total download is about 70MB, and the unzipped files are around 900MB.

In [1]:
```
# !curl -O https://s3.amazonaws.com/pronto-data/open_data_year_one.zip
# !unzip open_data_year_one.zip
```

Next we need some standard Python package imports:

In [2]:
```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns; sns.set()
```

And now we load the trip data with Pandas:

In [3]:
```
trips = pd.read_csv('2015_trip_data.csv',
                    parse_dates=['starttime', 'stoptime'],
                    infer_datetime_format=True)
trips.head()
```

Out[3]:

	trip_id	starttime	stoptime	bikeid	tripduration	from_station_name	to_station_name	f
0	431	2014-10-13 10:31:00	2014-10-13 10:48:00	SEA00298	985.935	2nd Ave & Spring St	Occidental Park / Occidental Ave S & S Washing...	C
1	432	2014-10-13 10:32:00	2014-10-13 10:48:00	SEA00195	926.375	2nd Ave & Spring St	Occidental Park / Occidental Ave S & S Washing...	C
2	433	2014-10-13 10:33:00	2014-10-13 10:48:00	SEA00486	883.831	2nd Ave & Spring St	Occidental Park / Occidental Ave S & S Washing...	C
3	434	2014-10-13 10:34:00	2014-10-13 10:48:00	SEA00333	865.937	2nd Ave & Spring St	Occidental Park / Occidental Ave S & S Washing...	C
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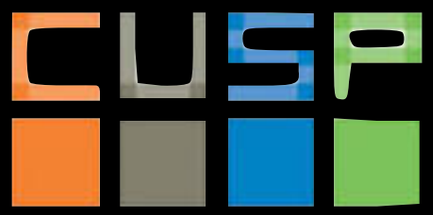
Each row of this trip dataset is a single ride by a single person, and the data contains over 140,000 rows!



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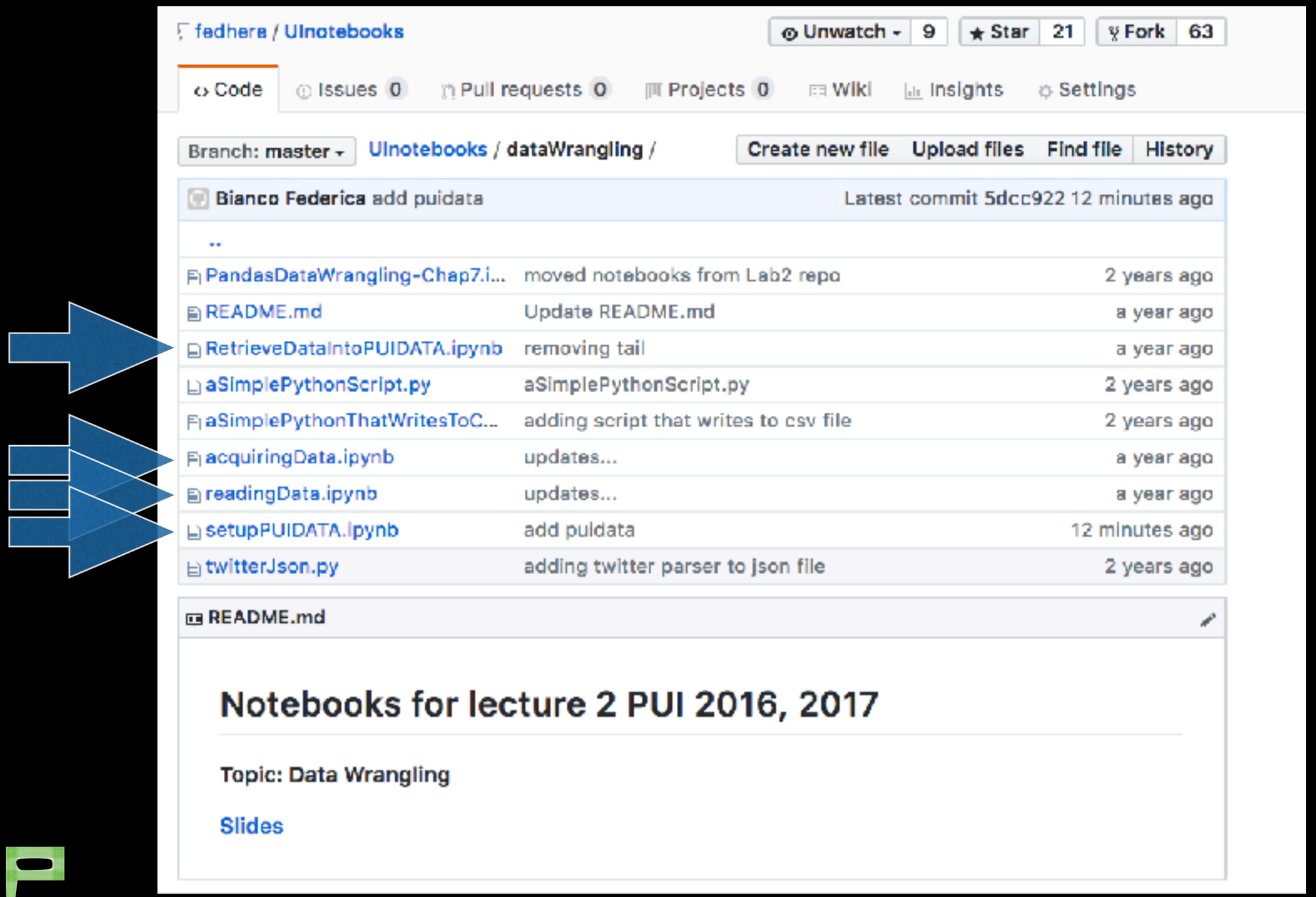


Reproducible research means:

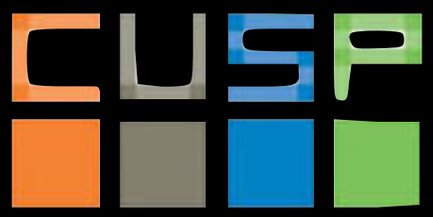
Data are noisy

- Measurement errors
- Extraction errors
- Data entry errors

Make sure you do not make them noisier…

Typical data wrangling issues

Licensing issues/Privacy (some data unavailable)
Missing required field
Primary key violation (2 people - same social security number)
Parsing text into fields (separator issues)
Naming conventions: NYC vs New York
Different representations (2 vs Two)
Fields corrupted (too long get truncated)
Formatting issues – especially dates
Redundant Records (exact match or other)



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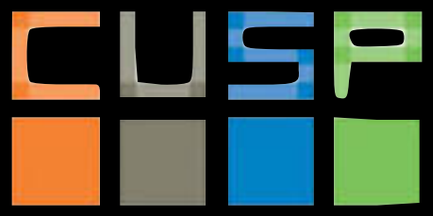
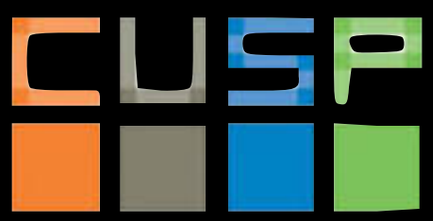


Types of Data Files:

- **CSV** comma separated values (also TSV - tab)
- **JSON: corresponds to a Python data dictionary**
- XML: similar to HTML

support nested structures



loading data on a computer

https://github.com/fedhere/UInotebooks/blob/master/dataWrangling/readingData.ipynb

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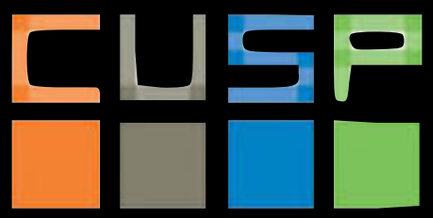

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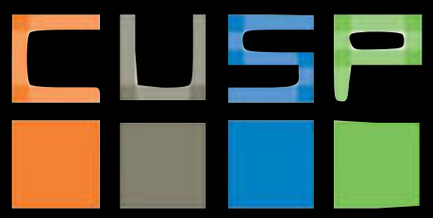

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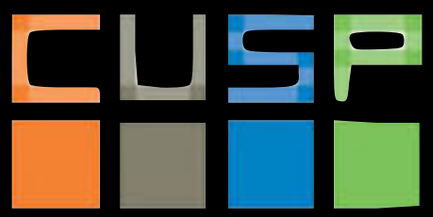

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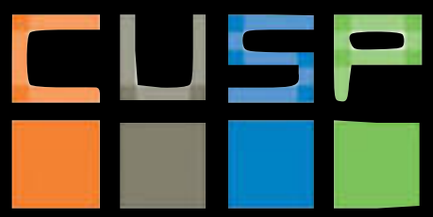

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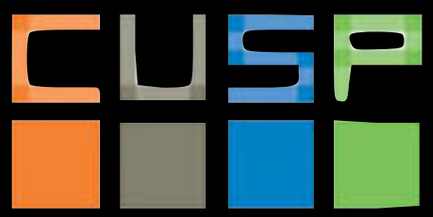
Report separately :

- **Details about variables**: e.g. date: "date when test was performed"
- **Units**: remember the Mars Rover that was lost at sea cause scientists got Metric and Imperial units mixed up?!?!



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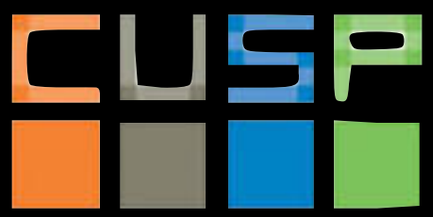

Python for Data Analysis (Pandas manual) Chapter 7

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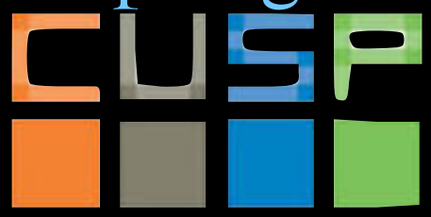

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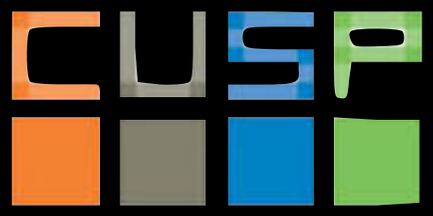

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Introduction to Statistics
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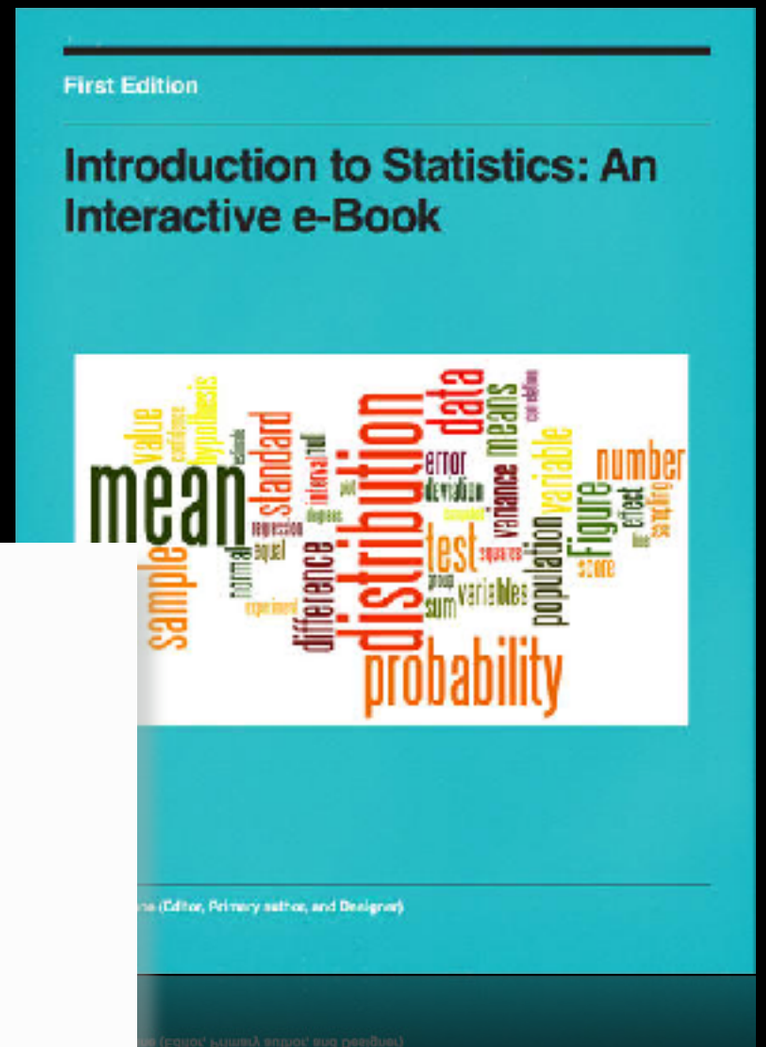

Introduction to Statistics

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II: Data Wrangling

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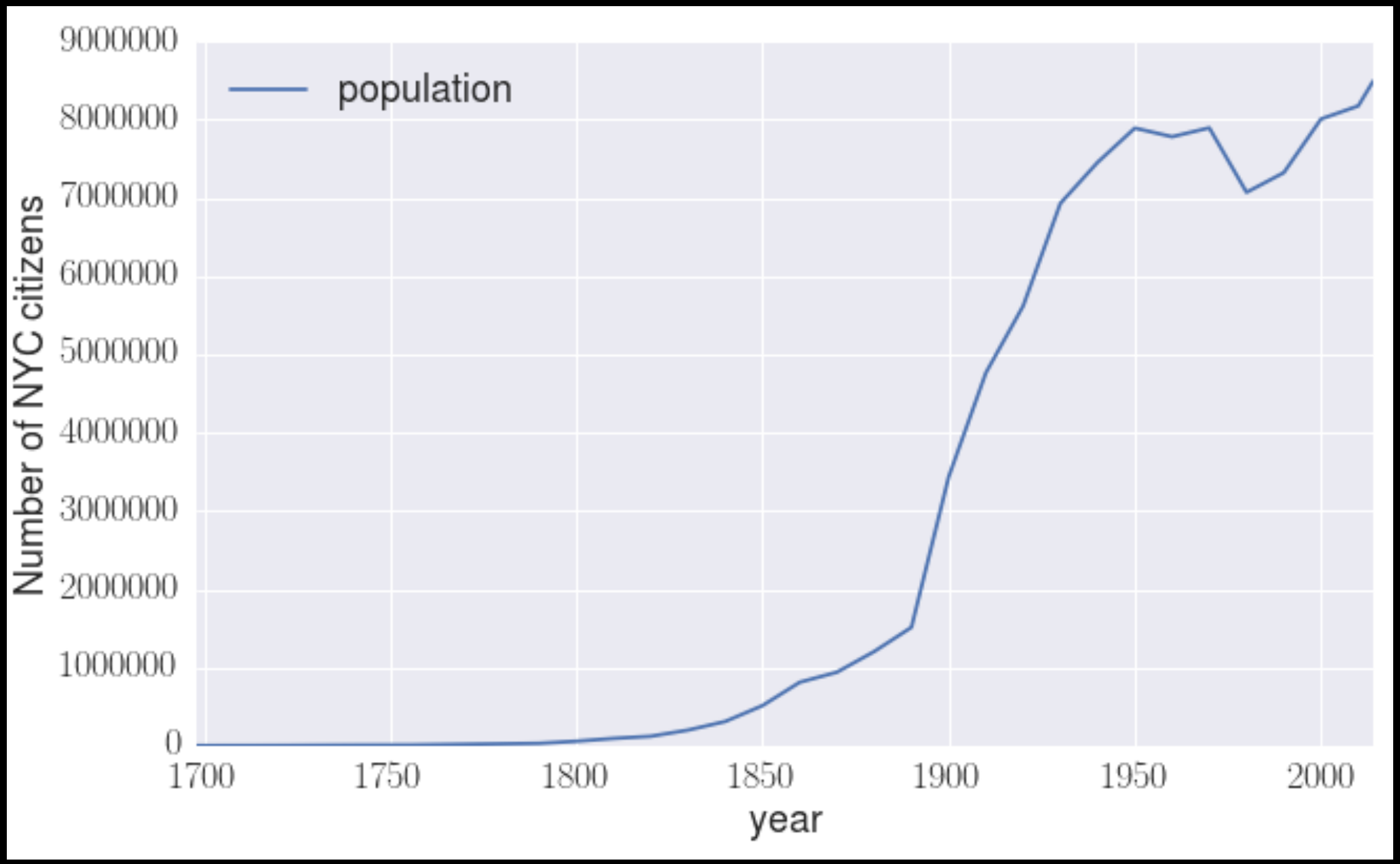

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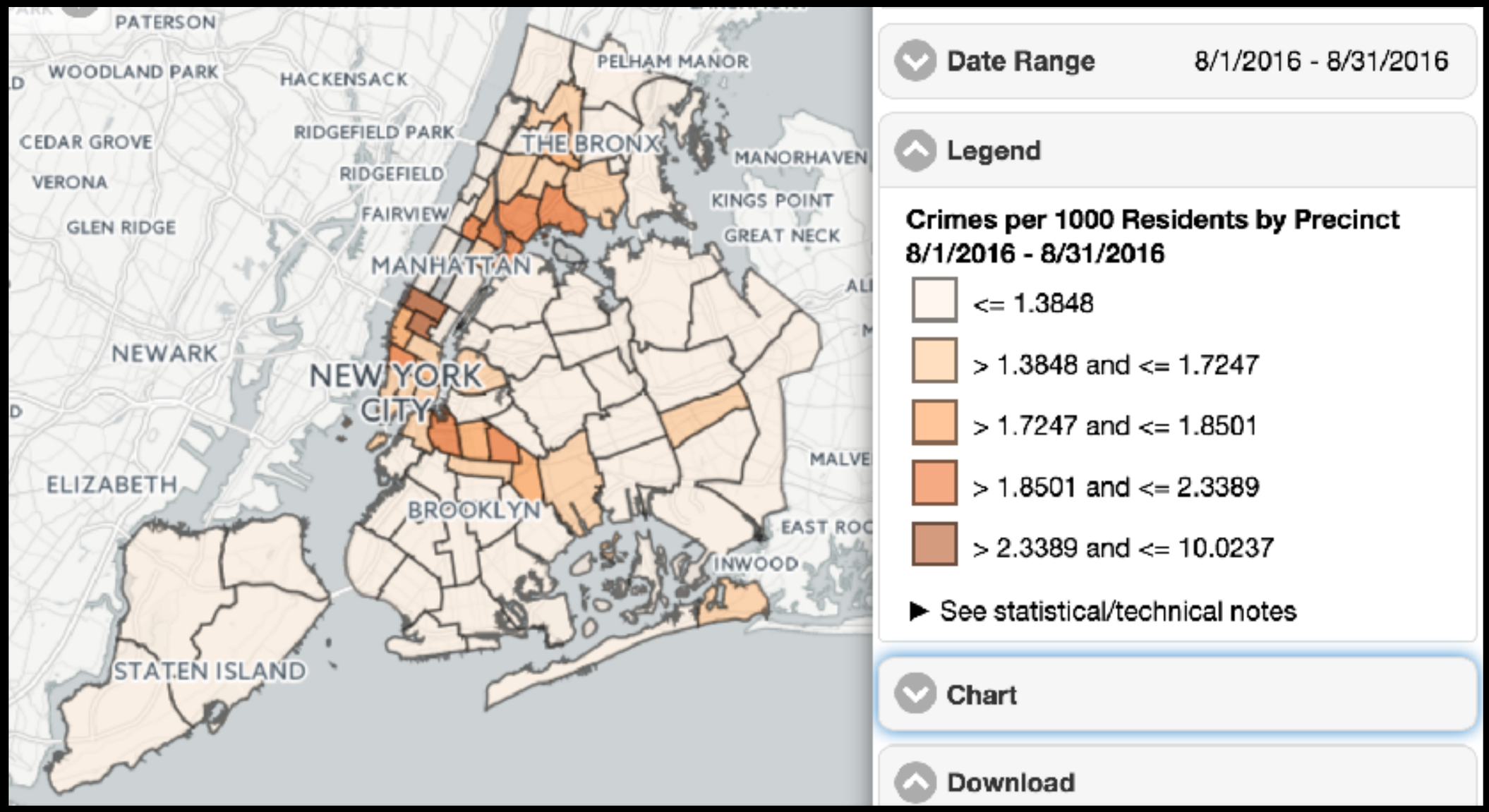

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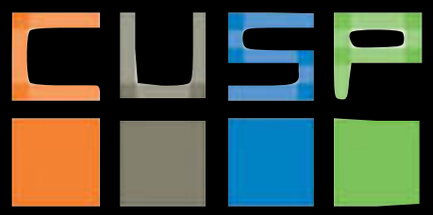
Levels of an independent variable:
the number of experimental conditions.
e.g.: control test and experiment are 2 levels



Types of Data: *Qualitative* variables

- **No ordering**

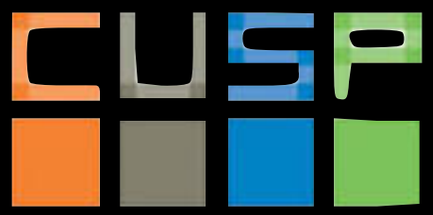
  UrbanScience e.g. precint, state, gender

  Also called *Nominal, Categorical*

Types of Data: *Quantitative* variables

- **Ordering is meaningful**

  Time, Distance, Age, Length, Intensity, Satisfaction



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- **Continuous:** distance to the closest park
- **Discrete:** *any* countable, e.g. number of crimes

Discrete data may be:

- **Counts:** number of bacteria at time t in section A
- **Ordinal:** survey response Good/Fair/Poor

Continuous data may be:

- **Continuous Ordinal:** Earthquakes (notlinear scale)
- **Interval:** F temperature - interval size preserved
- **Ratio:** Car speed - 0 is naturally defined

Data may also be:

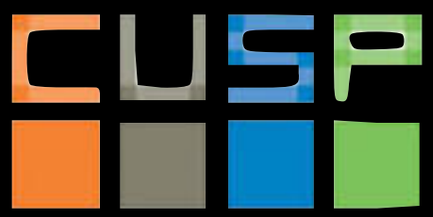
- **Censored:** age>90
- **Missing:** "Prefer not to answer" (NA / NaN)

Data Definitions

- **Data:** observations that have been collected
- **Population:** the complete body of subjects we want to infer about
- **Sample:** the subset of the population we actually studied

- **Census:** collection of data from the entire population

- **Parameter:** numerical value describing an attribute of the *population*
- **Statistics:** numerical value describing an attribute of the *sample*



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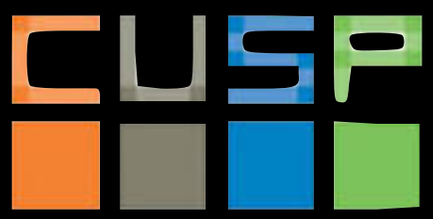
sample parameter data population statistics



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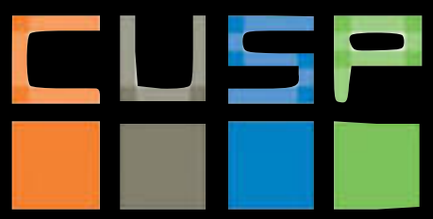
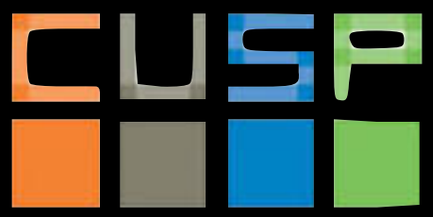


basic data imputation and manipulation Lab: FormattingTables.ipynb



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- **Databases (MySQL, MongoDB…**
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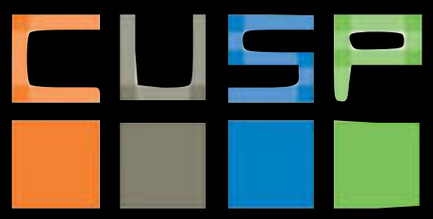
PROS: easy to do
reproducibilty: you can provide the data
CONS: store the data locally (bad if large)

- API *Application Program Interface*

PROS: works directly with the source
CONS: store the data locally
reproducibility: relies on data source to be permanent & API stable and accessible

- **Databases (MySQL, MongoDB… Prof. Huy Vo guest lecture)**

PROS: fast and flexible
can query only data of interest
reproducibilty : can host remotely & provide access
CONS: must build a database



Downloading files directly in your notebook

https://github.com/fedhere/UInotebooks/blob/master/dataWrangling/acquiringData.ipynb

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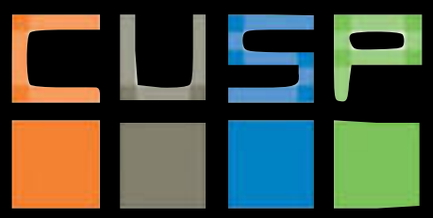

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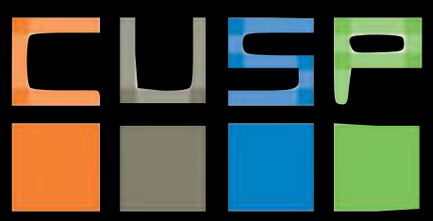

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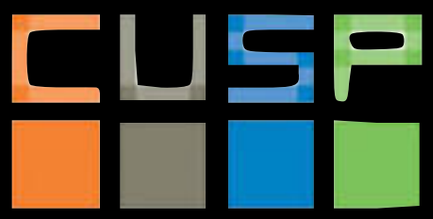

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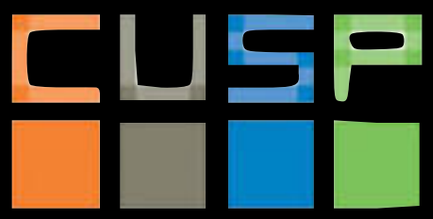

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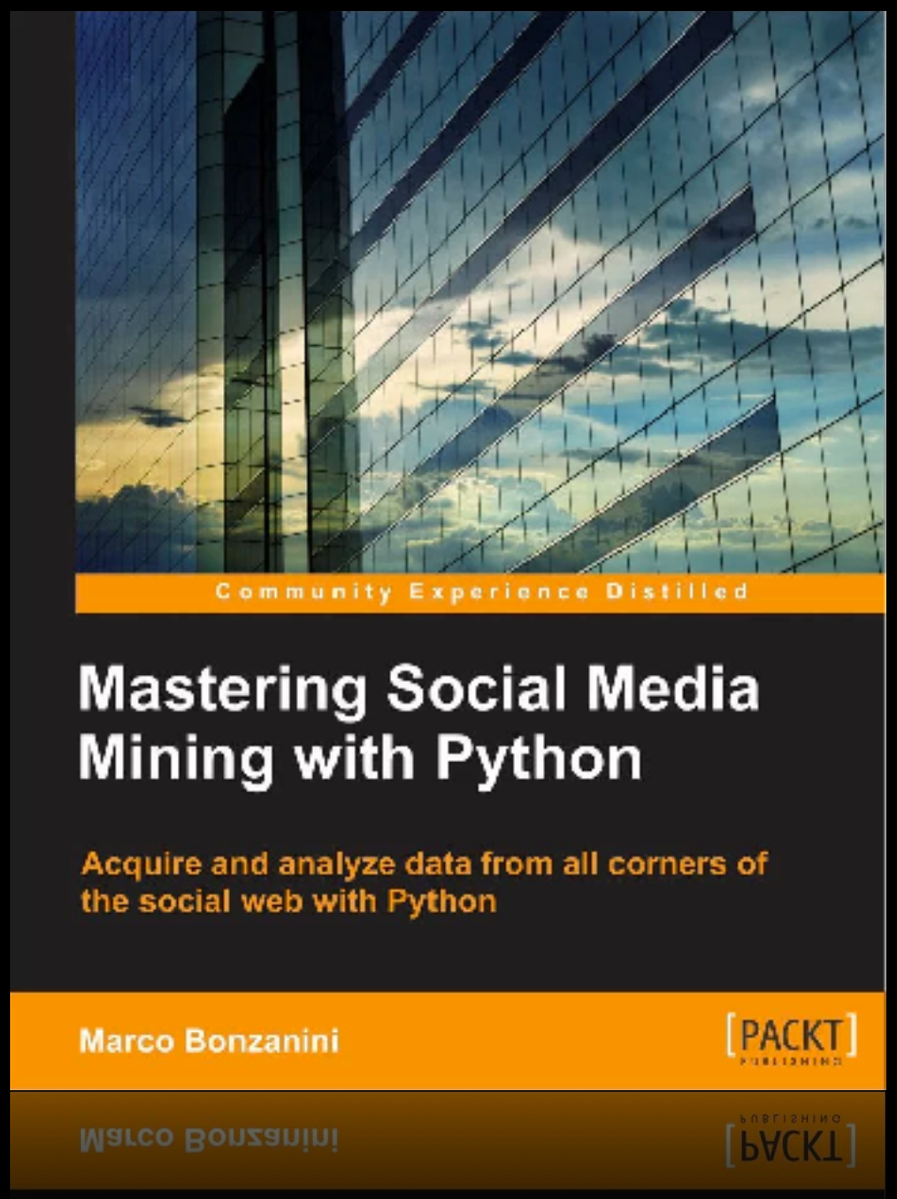
http://json.parser.online.fr/

download an online, nested JSON file



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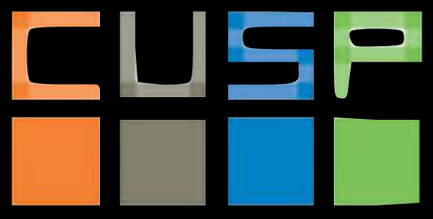
Access data through API

http://openweathermap.org/api



API scraping and JSON manipulation lab

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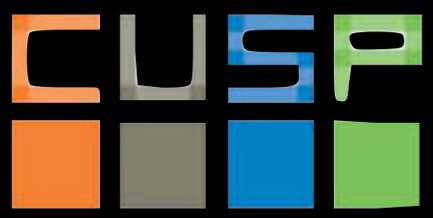
Key Concepts:

- importance of reproducibility
- data ethics and data curation
- types of variables
- CSV, JSON file formats properties

- DATA Facility data access
- API data access
- JSON data manipulation
- working with Pandas Dataframes



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