

# Data is the new soil

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One of the main themes at the Science Online London Conference last weekend was **data**, with several sessions devoted to publishing primary research data, connecting scientific data from various resources, and a scientific experiment taking place before and during the conference (Green Chain reaction).

David McCandless talked about Data Visualization, a fascinating way to filter and make sense of the enormous amounts of data that we produce. This is of course also very relevant to science. Those that couldn't attend the conference, or were in one of the parallel sessions like myself (speaking about author identifiers), can watch this video of a TED talk that David gave in July: