Overview of 1st Cut Data Format (con't some more)

- remember: this is just the first attempt, things might change

- the data is entered and is the starting point for any automation

- the data format has been chosen so that no information is lost

- I can re-format the data, using automation, as I see fit (as the design progresses)

- The raw data format is "constant" and is chosen to be machine-readable (e.g. using PEG)

- I use CPU power to rewrite the data as needed, but the original data will not mutate

Flexibility vs. Waterfall

- Having chosen this all-inclusive format, I am free to experiment with different (automated) rewritings, knowing that nothing will ever destroy the original information.

- I may waste my own time, or waste CPU power, but that is less important than having a solid footing for the starting point.

- This is part of the "plan". This arrangement allows me to change my mind (multiple times, if needed) knowing that the hard work (entering and collecting data) will be reusable.

- Goal: I will never be boxed in.