# CS 513: Theory & Practice of Data Cleaning Final Project University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Summer 2023 Phase 1 Report

#### **Abstract**

This report covers our initial understanding and plan on the dataset we chose for our final project. In this project, we will perform data cleaning through various tools and techniques that we learned in the course.

### **Team Details**

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### 1. Dataset Chosen

We chose the Chicago Food Inspection dataset for our project.

This dataset can be found at the following link:

https://uofi.app.box.com/s/whvfh9jio38ck0m9gz58s31srx8iwg4i/folder/159094327937

The original source for this dataset can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/chicago/chi-restaurant-inspections">https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/chicago/chi-restaurant-inspections</a>

## 2. Description of Dataset

The provided dataset contains inspection details of around 24,000 facilities located in Chicago over the course of 8 years (2010-2017). The business details contain the business name, legal name, address details, and facility type. Location is identified by address, city, state, zip code, latitude and longitude. Inspection details capture inspection date, observation, risk type and result.

We are planning to arrange the data of inspection details into 3 files, as described below:

- 1. Business: This file contains business identifiers, business names and facility type for every business listed. We will consider this as a master dataset.
- Location: This file contains all the locations and their associated details, irrespective of which facility or what business is operating from there. This file contains geographical location and address details. We will consider this as another master dataset.
- 3. Inspection: This file contains all the inspection details performed on the businesses. We will consider this file as a relationship/fact dataset.

Our objective is to clean and improve the data quality of the dataset to establish the following constraints:

Every License # in the Business file defines a unique business.

- Every Location ID in the Location file defines a unique geographic location.
- Every Inspection ID in the Inspection file defines a unique inspection case.

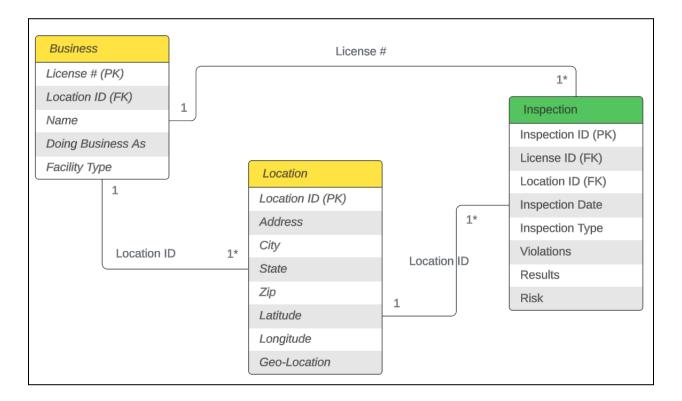
By establishing primary and foreign key constraints, we can also ensure the following data quality parameters:

- Every Location ID present in the Location file is also present in the Business file.
- Every License # present in the Inspection file, is also present in the Business file.

Upon further normalization, we can identify the following real-life situations, integrity constraints, functional dependencies:

- One business can have more than one inspection case, meaning that it could have been inspected multiple times.
- One business can have more than one location, meaning that the business could have moved to different locations.

The Entity Relationship Diagram is explained below.



Each of the data fields are described below:

- Inspection ID: Unique ID for each inspection case performed on a business at a location.
- Doing Business As (DBA) Name: The name of a business doing business as or also known as legal/registered name.
- AKA (Also known as) Name: Common name of the business, can be the same as DBA or blank.

- License #: Unique licensing number assigned by the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection
- Facility Type: Type of the business facility.
- Risk: Each establishment is categorized as to its risk of adversely affecting the public's health, with 1 being the highest and 3 the lowest. The frequency of inspection is tied to this risk, with risk 1 establishments inspected most frequently and risk 3 least frequently.
- Address: The building name and street name
- City: City of the location. This field is blank in % of records. Also some data quality is noticed in this field.
- State: "IL" (2 digit state code of Illinois). This field is blank in % of records.
- Zip: 5 digit zip code of the facility. This field is blank in % of records.
- Inspection Date: Date when an inspection was performed.
- Inspection Type: Various purposes of inspection like license, complaint, canvass, expansion etc.
- Results: Final inspection outcome like pass, fail, not ready etc.
- Violations: The textual description of the inspection results. An establishment can receive one or more of 45 distinct violations (violation numbers 1-44 and 70).
- Latitude: The geographical position latitude of the facility.
- Longitude: The geographical position longitude of the facility.
- Location: The geographical longitude and latitude of the facility for locating the exact place.

More detailed description of the dataset is provided here <a href="https://data.cityofchicago.org/api/assets/BAD5301B-681A-4202-9D25-51B2CAE672FF">https://data.cityofchicago.org/api/assets/BAD5301B-681A-4202-9D25-51B2CAE672FF</a>

## 3. Use Cases

| Name          | Zero Cleaning Use Case   |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Label         | U0   |  |
| System        | Chicago restaurant and food establishment inspections (Jan 1, 2010 - present)  |  |
| Actors        | <ul> <li>Data analysts/Food inspection analyst</li> <li>Chicago Food Inspection dataset (D)</li> <li>Food Protection Division of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)</li> </ul> |  |
| Goal          | To study trends in the number of inspections made each day   |  |
| Primary Actor | Data analyst/food inspection analyst   |  |
| Preconditions | Data cleaning is <i>not</i> necessary  |  |
| Basic Flow    | Analyst performs a query on dataset D to count the number of entries   |  |

|                 | associated with each unique date entry. Using the unique inspection IDs and the already consistently formatted date values, the analyst should be able to get at least a general idea of when and how many inspections were made in the Chicago area.    |  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Alternate Flows | Alternatively, if the analyst needed to know the total number of Chicag food inspections made since 2010, a simple query count of all unique Inspection IDs should suffice to return the information without needing details of each inspection cleaned. |  |

| Name            | Main Use Case   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Label           | U1  |  |
| System          | Chicago restaurant and food establishment inspections (Jan 1, 2010 - present)   |  |
| Actors          | <ul> <li>Data analysts/Food inspection analyst</li> <li>Chicago Food Inspection dataset (D)</li> <li>Food Protection Division of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)</li> </ul>  |  |
| Goal            | To explore the effects of location on the risk evaluation of Chicago food inspections.  |  |
| Primary Actor   | Data analyst/food inspection analyst  |  |
| Preconditions   | Data cleaning is necessary and sufficient   |  |
| Basic Flow      | To explore the effects of location on risk evaluation, an analyst might seek to answer a question such as, "How does location affect the level of risk for a Chicago food establishment reported by an inspection?". The analyst cleans data columns like 'Risk', latitude/longitude, location, and results by removing null entries, making the result values consistent, and quantifying the risk values. Once the data is sufficiently cleaned, the analyst performs queries to visualize and reveal patterns in the location and food inspection results. |  |
| Alternate Flows | Alternatively, instead of the latitude and longitude location, the analyst cleans the restaurant address and zip code columns, which could offer even more flexibility in terms of location specificity. By using the address or the zip code, the analyst is able to visualize both a specific and more regional grouping when used once again in combination with the risk results. We could think of employing an address data verification process e.g. USPS, to enrich and improve quality of address data.  |  |

| Name            | Never Enough Use Case   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Label           | U2  |  |
| System          | Chicago restaurant and food establishment inspections (Jan 1, 2010 - present)   |  |
| Actors          | <ul> <li>Data analysts/Food inspection analyst</li> <li>Chicago Food Inspection dataset (D)</li> <li>Food Protection Division of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)</li> </ul>  |  |
| Goal            | To explore the prediction of inspection results based on the tone of the violation description's wording.   |  |
| Primary Actor   | Data analyst/food inspection analyst  |  |
| Preconditions   | Data cleaning is not sufficient   |  |
| Basic Flow      | The analyst spends hours combing each violation description and making sure each entry is consistent with spacing, formatting, etc. Each entry is stripped of filler words and categorized based on the positivity/negativity of each word. However, even with the data cleaned, the number of null entries and the conditionally passing category can make it difficult to make a comprehensive correlation. Given the size of the data and the limitations of data cleaning, this is quite impractical for an analyst to achieve.   |  |
| Alternate Flows | The analyst uses neural networks and Natural Language Processing techniques to create a model that can predict the pass/fail results. Even with perfectly clean data, the model is not guaranteed to have 100% accuracy, and is simply not a task that data cleaning can achieve on its own in the first place.  Either you need an alternate source to bring a good enough population to compensate for missing data through enrichment, or you can simply ignore the records with no violation description. In the later case, the analysis might not bring enough confidence to the outcome. |  |

# 4. Data Quality Problems

Below are some data quality problems we identified. They are categorized below.

# Null of blank values:

• License # is blank or zero, which could have been used to uniquely identify the business. However, blank value rows are unreliable for any analysis.



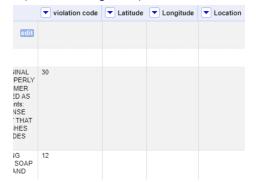
State is blank in a few cases.



Zip code is blank in a few cases.



Location (latitude/longitude) is blank in a few cases.

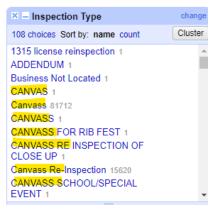


 The Address field has some values where the building number is a range. This might pose a problem as it will be difficult to locate the facility.



## Non-Standard Data:

- Businesses with the same License # are named differently. This may present an issue when trying to consolidate businesses due to DBA Names being different for same License #'s.
- Inspection Type values are in different capitalization, sometimes with additional details. These values need standardization for better analysis and reporting.



 The Facility Type field has typos and non-standard values. The typos will need to be cleaned and the non-standard values will need to be addressed.



 City names are not in standard capitalization format. Some are concatenated, others contain typos, and a few are blank as well.

```
× - City
57 choices Sort by: name count
312CHICAGO 2
ALSIP 3
BANNOCKBURNDEERFIELD 2
BEDFORD PARK 2
BERWYN 2
BLOOMINGDALE 1
BLUE ISLAND 2
BOLINGBROOK 1
BRIDEVIEW 1
BROADVIEW 1
BURNHAM 1
CALUMET CITY 4
CCHICAGO 39
CHARLES A HAYES 6
CHCHICAGO 6
CHCICAGO 3
CHESTNUT STREET 8
CHICAGO 153090
chicago 77
Chicago 258
CHicago 10
CHICAGO HEIGHTS 2
CHICAGOCHICAGO 6
CHICAGOI 3
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## Invalid Data:

• Violation Codes can only be 1-44 and 70 (total 45 valid codes possible). There are 996 records with 45 as violation code.



• The Risk field has 2 values (blank and "all").



• Violation text is not populated in Fail inspections cases.



 Functional Dependency between License # and DBA Name: License # does not derive DBA Name, in other words

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(0.0, WHILE FED PEACE KIDS CAFE'): 1,
(0.0, 'WONDI'): 2,
(0.0, 'UNKNOWN'): 1,
(241.0, 'HARD WATER BAR & GRILL'): 5,
(241.0, 'HOP HAUS ROGERS PARK'): 9,
(349.0, 'CLOVER CORP'): 3,
(349.0, "KELLY'S PUB"): 7,
(988.0, 'CAFE BERNARD'): 2,
(988.0, 'CAFE BERNARD'): 9,
(1196.0, "FINN MC COOL'S / ALUMNI CLUB"): 5,
(1196.0, 'HEZ MOI'): 9,
(1196.0, 'WINDIN CROOL'S / ALUMNI CLUB"): 5,
(1196.0, 'SNUGGERY / APARTMENT'): 2,
(1254.0, 'B AND J RESTAURANT INC'): 6,
(1254.0, 'B AND J RESTAURANT INC'): 6,
(1254.0, 'JEWEL FOOD STORE #3232'): 1,
(1362.0, 'JEWEL FOOD STORE #3232'): 1,
(1362.0, 'MONTESSORI OF ENGLEWOOD'): 13,
(1578.0, '1000 LIQUORS / BIG CITY TAP'): 8,

In [7]: 

In print('<License # -> DBA Name> Functional Dependency Violations: '+str(len(chk5)))
2 print('Total Number of Records with <License # -> DBA Name> Functional Dependency: 6245
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An inspection can pass, pass with conditions or fail. Establishments receiving a 'pass' were found to have no critical or serious violations (violation number 1-14 and 15- 29, respectively). We found 17 (screenshot below) invalid violation codes (30-45, 70) which are present when Results were 'Pass'.

|      | Results | Violation Code1 |  |
|------|---------|-----------------|--|
| 3571 | Pass    | 70              |  |
| 13   | Pass    | 45              |  |
| 107  | Pass    | 44              |  |
| 105  | Pass    | 43              |  |
| 83   | Pass    | 42              |  |
| 239  | Pass    | 41              |  |
| 32   | Pass    | 40              |  |
| 320  | Pass    | 39              |  |
| 24   | Pass    | 38              |  |
| 18   | Pass    | 37              |  |
| 27   | Pass    | 36              |  |
| 3    | Pass    | 35              |  |
| 68   | Pass    | 34              |  |
| 69   | Pass    | 33              |  |
| 22   | Pass    | 32              |  |
| 219  | Pass    | 31              |  |
| 14   | Pass    | 30              |  |

## Why and How Data Cleaning is Necessary to Support the Main Use Case (U1):

As per our use case, location is a directional factor to derive the regional clusters. Hence quality around longitude-latitude or address data is important. Incorrect location data might skew the regional clustering of the facilities. Hence if we try to find patterns of failures during inspections within a region, it might find some outliers that might not belong to that cluster. This in turn will give us wrong insight about failure reasons.

## 5. Phase 2 Initial Plan

Below is the high-level plan for Phase 2 of our project.

| SL# | Activity   | Responsibility | Timeline |
|-----|--|----------------|----------|
| S1  | Review/update use case description and dataset description.  • Structure and content of the dataset.  • Derivation algorithms of use cases.  | All            | 7/16     |
| S2  | Profile dataset to identify data quality problems  Basic Data Profiling  Detect Outliers  Detect Errors  Missing Value Analysis  Discovery of Integrity Constraint Violations  Data Quality Tools:  OpenRefine  Python  YesWorkflow                            | Ratul          | 7/16     |
| S3  | Perform DC "proper"      Perform SQL queries to explore dataset     Use OpenRefine to perform data cleaning     Use Python for further data cleaning as necessary     Use YesWorkflow in conjunction with OpenRefine to create inner and outer workflow models | Jeremy         | 7/23     |
| S4  | Identify and perform quality improvements  Remove Errors (Data Type, Data Values) Remove Special Characters and Spaces Clustering and Facet Operations Missing Value Operations Exclude Outliers   | Nithin         | 7/27     |

|    | Mark Integrity Constraint Violations   |     |      |
|----|--|-----|------|
| S5 | <ul> <li>Document and quantify change</li> <li>OpenRefine Recipe</li> <li>SQL Queries</li> <li>Python Script</li> <li>YesWorkFlow Model</li> <li>Comparison of Before and After Status of the Cleaning Operation</li> <li>Establish the fact that the Main Use Case U1 can be performed optimally</li> </ul> | All | 7/29 |