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**Open Data**:

* Start-ups are beginning to offer expertise in data science, rather than actual products, as well as digital services and civic coders, [reports Government Technology](http://www.govtech.com/civic/5-Traits-of-the-Future-of-Civic-Innovation.html).
* Even as the U.S. government pushes for more open data, they’re arguing amongst themselves about the legal implications and goals of the project, [reports Fedscoop](http://fedscoop.com/open-data-for-development-there-are-still-legal-implications-to-consider).
* Sen. Elizabeth Warren argued in the New England Journal of Medicine that all data from patient trials should be made available, [reports STAT](https://www.statnews.com/2016/08/04/elizabeth-warren-open-data/).
* Foursquare looked at big data to see if Donald Trump’s campaign has led to increased traffic at his businesses, [reports Medium](https://medium.com/foursquare-direct/how-the-trump-presidential-campaign-is-affecting-trump-businesses-c343178e3c03#.mm5p0e2hg). Nope. Went down.
* NASA officials say they’re working toward more open data and data solutions for private business, but while some companies want to “do business,” the government hopes to “collaborate” to include their own ideas and technology, [reports MeriTalk](https://www.meritalk.com/articles/nasas-astronomical-task-big-data-for-private-companies/).
* The White House will conduct its [Open Data Summit](https://www.data.gov/event/white-house-open-data-innovation-summit/) Sept. 28. It’s free and open to the public.

**Open Government**:

* North Carolina has required officers to file reports about traffic stops for about a decade, and an academic has used it to show obvious racial profiling, [reports chapelboro.com](https://chapelboro.com/news/safety/traffic-data-shows-link-between-race-and-police-searches).
* In Huffington Post, [Jeff Kaplan has asked](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/is-data-undermining-our-democracy_us_57a47d89e4b034b25894b06b) the presidential candidates to go beyond using open data to showcase voting trends: The candidates should be transparent about their campaign processes, as well.

**Plain Language**:

* An engineer and judge on “Robot Wars” [wrote a list of the seven tips](http://lucyrogers.com/engineerbeheard/) to write in plain language, including, “Clichés should be avoided like the…”

**Tech Contracts**:

* Booz-Allen has been awarded a contract to provide Navy IT support, [reports C4ISRNet](http://www.c4isrnet.com/story/military-tech/cyber/2016/08/01/booz-allen-navy-it-cyber/87926276/).
* The government released TechFar Hub, which is designed to help agencies acquire digital services, [reports MeriTalk](https://www.meritalk.com/articles/agencies-train-for-agility/).
* And the feds also released their Source Code Policy, which is designed to help employees be more efficient about any code they write, [reports Tech Crunch](https://techcrunch.com/2016/08/08/the-white-house-just-released-the-federal-source-code-policy-to-help-government-agencies-go-open-source/).
* In the meantime, [Gov Tech explains](http://www.govtech.com/civic/What-is-18F.html) 18F and its emphasis on helping federal agencies “buy, build and share modern software using agile development and human-centered design.”

**Tech jobs**:

* [The National Archives needs a project](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/445371000/) manager for web and social media projects.
* And the [Treasury Department](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/445239500/) is looking for a data-management specialist.
* [Treasury is also looking](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/446689200/) for a deputy assistant secretary for privacy, transparency and records.

**Vet Love**:

* A retired Army officer opened a center in Colorado Springs that houses every possible available resource for Vets, and then works to ensure same-day service, reports [The Gazette](http://gazette.com/one-stop-shop-for-veterans-colorado-springs-center-with-no-wrong-door-brings-help/article/1582170?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Military%20EBB%208-9-16&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief).
* Lay-offs are coming, and Wounded Warriors will spend more on helping and less on conferences (and, maybe, less on lawsuits against every other entity that uses “Wounded Warrior” in its name), reports [The Hill](http://thehill.com/policy/defense/290767-ceo-wounded-warrior-project-to-focus-less-on-events-more-on-long-term-care?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Military%20EBB%208-9-16&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief).
* The Navy and Marine Corps will allow transgendered troops to claim that status this fall, [reports Navy Times](http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2016/08/08/sailors-and-marines-able-declare-transgender-status-fall/88403684/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Military+EBB+8-9-16&utm_term=Editorial+-+Military+-+Early+Bird+Brief).

**What we’re reading**:

* [ReadThink offers 25 places](https://readthink.com/the-40-best-places-to-learn-something-new-every-day-8189e8d5e760#.1req74t58) to learn something every day, including some obvious choices like Lynda, but also where to hear smart guys speak, where to learn marketing and code, and how to be happy.
* And, because so many of us have side projects, [Medium offers 11 resources](https://medium.com/product-hunt/11-must-have-resources-tools-for-freelancers-d4cb381c08c3#.6kuezb6p1) that help freelancers manage the not-fun bits—like taxes and invoices.