
Sprint Review

Tables All The Way Down

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Tables in a PDF

- Often data is found in tables in a PDF
- That data wants to be free, but needs your help



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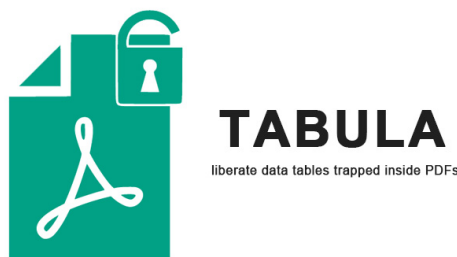
2017 Dedicated Agricultural List

1/3/2017

Parcel ID (TMK)	Petition Number	Site Address	End Year
220270390000	A10140066	2854 BOOTH RD	2023
270350750000	A10140353	2842 DATE ST	2023
320641100000	A05140356	4141 MALAPUA PL	2018
340210010001	A20040578	2801 LA I RD	2023
340210010002	A10150017	2801 N2 LA I RD	2024
340210010003	A20040266	2801 LA I RD	2023
340210010004	A20040579	2801 LA I RD	2023
340210060000	A05150039	3115 LA I RD	2019
340210080000	A10140354	2878 LA I RD	2023
340210100000	A10140140	2759 LAI RD	2023
340210120000	A10140355	2801 G LA I RD	2023
340210130000	A20040271	2801 H LA I RD	2023
340210140000	A10140332	2801 P LA I RD	2023
340210160000	A10140214	3029 LA I RD	2023
340210190000	A10140357	3140 LA I RD	2023
340210200000	A10140162	3152 LA I RD	2023
340210210000	A10130159	3159 LAI RD	2022
340210230000	A10140068	2801 J LA I RD	2023
340210250001	A20040876	2801 M LA I RD	2023
340210250002	A20040524	2801 M1 LA I RD	2023
340210340000	A10090054	2801 Q LA I RD	2018
340210350000	A10140215	3035 LA I RD	2023
390050200000	A10100161	587 PAKALA ST	2019
390050220000	A10100160	577 PAKALA ST	2019

Tables in a PDF

- There are various means to extract those tables:
- Applications, Web apps, R packages, etc.,
- They will often have different outputs (one vs multiple tables)



Tables in HTML

- `<tables>` are also found in HTML code
- Sometimes handily notated, often not
- You can even have tables inside tables

Fisrt Column of Outer Table	<table><tr><td>First row of Inner Table</td></tr><tr><td>Second row of Inner Table</td></tr></table>	First row of Inner Table	Second row of Inner Table
First row of Inner Table			
Second row of Inner Table			

Data sheet

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Acacia decurrens

Description			
Life form	tree	Physiology	evergreen, single stem
Habit	erect	Category	forest/wood, weed
Life span	perennial	Plant attributes	

Ecology							
	Optimal		Absolute			Optimal	Absolute
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Soil depth	deep (>>150 cm)	medium (50-150 cm)
Temperat. requir.	12	25	6	30	Soil texture	medium, light	medium, light
Rainfall (annual)	900	2600	750	3000	Soil fertility	moderate	low
Latitude	25	25	37	37	Soil Al. tox		
Altitude	---	---	-	2500	Soil salinity	low (<4 dS/m)	low (<4 dS/m)
Soil PH	5	6.5	4.5	7	Soil drainage	well (dry spells), excessive (dry/moderately dry)	well (dry spells), excessive (dry/moderately dry)
Light intensity	very bright	cloudy skies	very bright	light shade			

Tables in HTML

- <tables> are also found in HTML code

```
<h2>Acacia decurrens</h2>
<table width="100%">
<tr>
<th colspan="4">Description</th>
</tr>
<tr>
<th>Life form</th><td>tree</td><th>Physiology</th><td>evergreen, single stem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<th>Habit</th><td>erect</td><th>Category</th><td>forest/wood, weed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<th>Life span</th><td>perennial</td><th>Plant attributes</th><td></td>
</tr>
</table>
<br>
```

Acacia decurrens

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Tables in HTML

- **Webscraping can help extract from html tables**
- rvest is a good package for this

```
# Call package libraries
library(rvest)
library(magrittr)

# Create variable with html of webpage
webpage <- read_html("http://ecocrop.fao.org/ecocrop/srv/en/da

# Grab all the tables from the webpage
tbls <- html_nodes(webpage, "table")

# Or, since none of the tables have unique identifiers (<table
# create empty list to add table data to
tbls2_ls <- list()

# then specify which table(s) you want to grab & name them som
tbls2_ls$Description <- webpage %>%
  html_nodes("table") %>%
  .[[1]] %>%
  html_table(fill = TRUE) %>%
  .[[1]]
```

Tables in R

- **SO MANY KINDS OF DATA:**
- Vectors. `a <- c(1,2,5.3,6,-2,4)` # numeric vector. ...
- Matrices. All columns in a matrix must have the same `mode(numeric, character, etc.)` ...
- Arrays. ...
- Data Frames. ...
- Lists. ...
- Factors. ...
- Data Frames



Tables in R

- Scraped html tables can be stored as various data types in R
- Getting them to compile into a single table require unknowable volumes of magic

	Description	Description	Description	Description
1	Life form	herb, sub-shrub	Physiology	deciduous, multi stem
2	Habit	prostrate/procumbent/semi-erect	Category	ornamentals/turf, medicinals & aromatic
3	Life span	annual, biennial, perennial	Plant attributes	


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In Summary

- Damn near everything can be rendered into a table format, including tables
- Tables are everywhere
- You might be a table
- If not, R can help you wish you were



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