# Week 10

## GOALS FOR NEXT WEEK

look 12 of the files

see if data is uniform

make general works

write out conditions that will help filter the info you want

try to solve some with csv module

# Proposal

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Last August, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) was approved by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to destroy detainee records, including evidence that relates to in-custody deaths and sexual assault cases after a 20 year period[[1]](#footnote-1). While NARA insists researchers can get this data before it is destroyed by filing FOIA requests, ICE is notorious for its FOIA request backlog: in 2015, the agency had 30% of the entire governments backlog. For my final project, I’d like to scrape and visualize any data I can collect related to ICE’s FOIA request logs as well as ICE published statistics and records of assaults and deaths in detention facilities. This would be data and records that reveal what is being published by ICE, what FOIA requesters are asking for, and if they received that information. I think visualizing this information together could led to interesting and important findings about the accessibility of records ICE plans to destroy.

To complete this project, I plan on using python to scrape and pull data from [ICE’s FOIA Library.](https://www.ice.gov/foia/library) which includes logs of FOIA requests sent to the agency, reports on deaths insides ICE facilities, and other records of incidents in ICE detention. The outcome of this portion of my project will determine how I visualize this information. Regardless, I plan on using Python to manipulate to do things like reorganize the data, compute counts within the data, and format the data so it can be uploaded into

1. You can read about this in these articles:

   Victoria Lopez, “ICE Plans to Start Destroying Records of Immigrant Abuse,

   Including Sexual Assault and Deaths in Custody”, Speak Freely (blog), American Civil Liberties Union, August 28, 2017: https://www.aclu.org/blog/immigrants-rights/ice-and-border-patrol-abuses/ice-plans-start-destroying-records-immigrant

   National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). 2007. Strategic Directions: Appraisal Policy. https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/initiatives/appraisal.html

   Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments," 82 Federal

   Register 134 (14 July 2017), pp 32585-32586 . [↑](#footnote-ref-1)