INTRODUCTION TO DATA CLEANING

WITH OPENREFINE & WORD CLOUDS

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SESSION BREAKDOWN

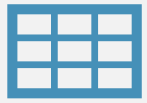
Software Overview

Data Cleaning: What is it?

Benefits

Hands-on Exercises

SOFTWARE OVERVIEW



OpenRefine

What is it?

Uses

Voyant Tools

What is it?

Word Clouds

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EXERCISE 1

DATA CLEANING: WHAT IS IT?

- Improving the overall quality of your data.

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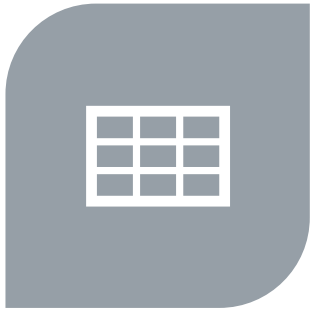
RESOLVING INCONSISTENCIES

- Variant spelling
- Inconsistent case
- Duplication

FORMATTING

UNIT OF MEASUREMENTS

DATES, TEXT, NUMBERS



COLUMNS / ROWS

FORMAT MIGRATION

NULL VALUES

- No value
- 0 value
- Errors
  - Examples:
    - =MODE.MULT(A2:G2) → #NULL!
    - =SUM(A2:A5) → #NAME?

DATA CLEANING: BENEFITS

- Efficient research
- Easier conversion
- Secondary use

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HANDS ON EXERCISES