

# OpenRefine Loves Data

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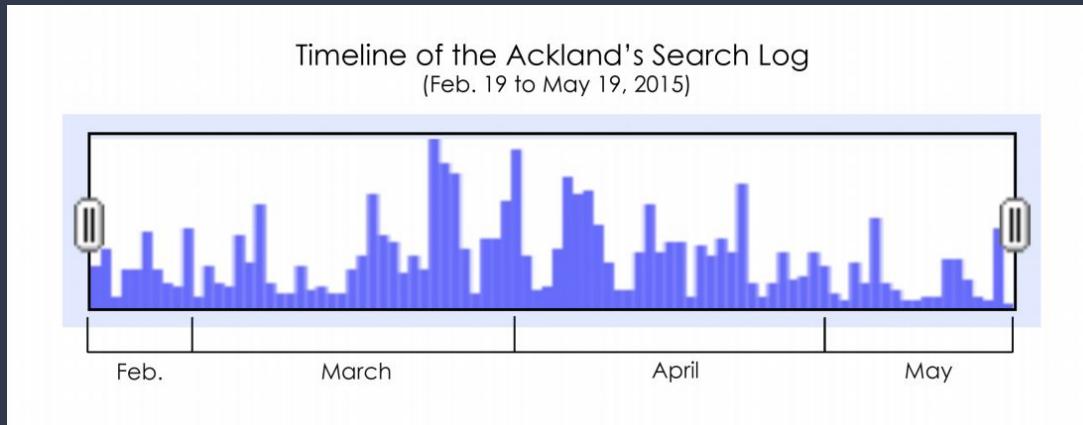
# What is OpenRefine Good For?



- Analyzing Data
- Cleaning Data
- Enhancing Data (with URLs, coordinates, etc.)
- Changing the Format of Data
- Automating Routine Data Processes

# OpenRefine for Analysis

- My first foray into OpenRefine focused on analyzing log data from the Ackland Art Museum



# Finding Your Data

- Pull from an endpoint using the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH)
  - <https://github.com/vphill/pyoaiharvester>
  - UTK Libraries endpoint -  
<http://dloai.lib.utk.edu/cgi-bin/XMLSchema/dlmodsoai/oai.pl>
- Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)
  - [Digital Public Library of America \(DPLA\)](#)
- Other Open Data Sites
  - <https://www.data.gov/>
  - <https://data.worldbank.org/>
  - <https://www.census.gov/>
- Create your own data set

# Finding Your Data

## Department of Data & Digital Scholarship (3DS)

- Contact: [dataservices@utk.edu](mailto:dataservices@utk.edu)
- [https://libguides.utk.edu/find\\_data](https://libguides.utk.edu/find_data)

### Finding Social Science Data for Research

Selected data resources categorized by academic discipline

What is Secondary Data?
Getting Started
Frequently Used Data
Data Resources by Topic
Crime & Justice
Economic & Finance
Education
Health
International
Labor/Employment
Multi-Topic
Tennessee
Citing Data
Get Help

#### National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

NCHS is one of the leading providers of health care statistics and data. NCHS provides public access to both administrative data (birth and death records) and to a wide range of health survey data (National Health Interview Survey, National Survey of Family Growth, National Nursing Home Survey, Longitudinal Study on Aging, etc.)

#### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Provides access to two main data sources:

**Medical Expenditure Panel Survey** - MEPS is designed to provide data on the cost and utilization of healthcare, as well as data on health insurance.

**Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project** - HCUP provides data on hospital usage and outcomes.

#### Centers for Disease Control

Search for **Data & Statistics** within the 'More CDC Topics' category (located in the top right portion of the main **CDC** page).

# Consider OpenRefine's Limits

- Question whether your data will be effectively manipulated using OpenRefine
- Memory allocation can be increased from the standard 1024MB to enhance performance speeds
  - <https://docs.openrefine.org/manual/installing/#increasing-memory-allocation>
- Limits to OpenRefine
  - No more than one million total cells
  - Input file size maximum of 50 megabytes (MB)
- My personal experience has shown that spreadsheets with more than 15,000 rows or 256 columns cannot be easily accommodated

# Not all Data are Diamonds . . .

Katie Rawson and Trevor Muñoz, "Against Cleaning", <http://curatingmenus.org/articles/against-cleaning/>,



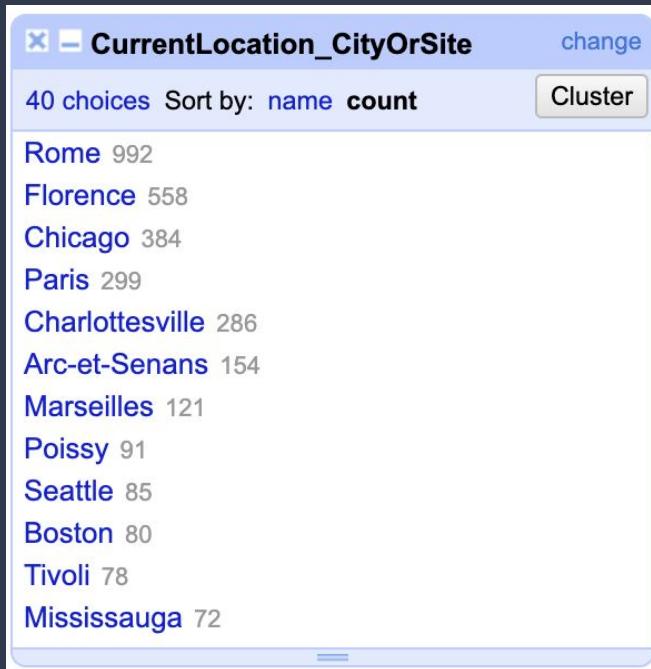
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"Crystal Diamonds" by Kim Alaniz is licensed under CC BY-ND 2.0

"Amethyst geode (Serra Geral Formation, Lower Cretaceous; southeastern Brazil) 3" by James St. John is licensed under CC BY 2.0

# Cleaning your Data



## Built-in functions

- Facet (by text, number, timeline, word)
- Change data format (text, date, number)
- Normalize spacing
- Normalize case
- Split values into different columns
- Clustering to normalize values

## Documentation

- [OpenRefine User Manual](#)

## Videos

- [Introduction to OpenRefine](#), Sarah Hatoum (Pratt)
- [Using Open Refine to Update, Clean up, and Link Your Metadata to the Wider World](#) (ALCTS)
- [Clean your Data: Getting Started with OpenRefine](#), Evan Williamson (Un. of Idaho)

# Enhancing Your Data - Reconciliation

- Reconciliation means standardizing value variations in accordance with an established controlled form of the value

Waterhouse, John  
Waterhouse, John W.  
Waterhouse, J. W.



Waterhouse, John William  
<http://vocab.getty.edu/ulan/500027032>



John William Waterhouse,  
Destiny, 1900.

# Enhancing Your Data - Reconciliation

## Library of Congress Authorities

- [Christina Harlow's service](#)
- [Michael Phillip's service](#)
- [Jeff Chiu's service for LoC Name Authority Files](#)
- [University of Tennessee, Knoxville \(built on Harlow's code\)](#)
  - [Instructions](#)

## Getty Vocabularies

- [Getty Reconciliation Instructions](#)

## Virtual International Authority File (VIAF) & ORCID

- [Jeff Chiu's service](#)

## Geonames

- [Christina Harlow's service](#)
- [University of Tennessee, Knoxville \(built on Harlow's code\)](#)
- [FornPunkt service](#)

# Automating Processes



## Extract Operation History

Extract and save parts of your operation history as JSON that you can apply to this or other projects in the future.

- Match item mosaics (visual works) (aat/300015342) for cells containing "mosaics (visual works)" in column WorkType
- Match item paintings (visual works) (aat/300033618) for cells containing "paintings" in column WorkType
- Mass edit cells in column WorkType
- Reconcile cells in column WorkType to type /aat
- Match item sculpture (visual works) (aat/300047090) for cells containing "sculpture (visual works)" in column WorkType
- Reconcile cells in column WorkType to type /ulan
- Text transform on cells in column WorkDateDisplay using expression value.toString()
- Text transform on cells in column WorkDateDisplay using expression value.toDate()
- Text transform on cells in column Rights using expression value.trim()
- Text transform on cells in column Filename using expression value.trim()

Select All Unselect All

Close

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 }]
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## Digital Collections

[Home](#)   [About](#)   [User Login](#)**Archivision**

The Archivision Architectural Image Collection, comprised of approximately 15,000 high resolution images, encompasses a variety of examples of architecture, landscape design, and public art from North America, Europe, and Asia.

**— Introduction —****— Browse —**[Home](#) » [Islandora Repository](#)**Archivision**  [next >](#) [last »](#)**AT&T Headquarters**

Open space at ground level, depicting oculi windows (before restoration by Sony)

**AT&T Headquarters**

Interior lobby looking up, depicting gilded bronze statue of the "Spirit of Communication" or "Golden Boy" (the symbol of AT&T for more than half a century), on axis

**Boston Public Library Addition**

General view, from the northwest, depicting the full north facade with the original library by McKim, Mead & White

# OpenRefine in My Work

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'UTKcataloging/archivision'. The repository has 5 stars and 0 forks. The 'Code' tab is selected. A commit by 'mlhale7' is highlighted, showing they added a PID to an export template. Below this, a list of files is shown, including 'Archivision.openrefine.tar.gz', 'archivision.xpr', 'modscollection.xml', 'modscollection\_pid.xml', 'open\_refine\_template.md', 'splitter.xlsx', and 'splitterbyPID.xlsx'. Each file has a brief description and a timestamp indicating when it was last modified.

File	Description	Last Modified
Archivision.openrefine.tar.gz	Add final cleaned OpenRefine template.	3 years ago
archivision.xpr	Add Oxygen project.	3 years ago
modscollection.xml	Add 'Male artists' subject heading.	2 years ago
modscollection_pid.xml	Add single MODS collection record with new subject headings.	2 years ago
open_refine_template.md	Add PID to export template.	2 years ago
splitter.xlsx	Add splitter.	3 years ago
splitterbyPID.xlsx	Add XSLT that names by PID.	2 years ago

- GitHub -

<https://github.com/UTKcataloging>

- Example export template -

[https://github.com/UTKcataloging/archivision/blob/master/cleaned\\_data/remediation\\_files/open\\_refine\\_template.md](https://github.com/UTKcataloging/archivision/blob/master/cleaned_data/remediation_files/open_refine_template.md)

# Resources

- “Free Your Metadata”, <https://freeyourmetadata.knows.idlab.ugent.be/>
- Library Carpentry’s “Introduction to Working with Data - Regular Expressions”,  
<https://librarycarpentry.github.io/lc-data-intro/01-regular-expressions.html>
- OpenRefine LibGuide from University of Idaho, <https://libguides.uidaho.edu/openrefine>
- “Open Refine User Manual”, <https://docs.openrefine.org/>
- Verborgh, Ruben and Max De Wilde. *Using OpenRefine*. Olton: Packt Publishing, Limited, 2013. ([Library Ebook](#))
- Workshop GitHub Repository, <https://github.com/mlhale7/OpenRefineWorkshop>



Demo!

