OpenRefine Workshop

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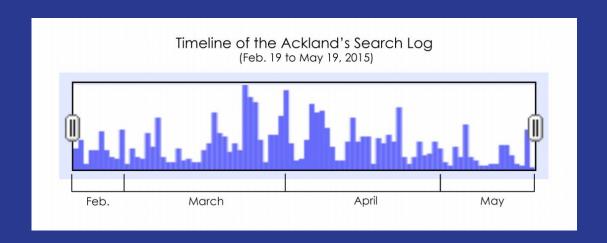
What is OpenRefine Good For?



- Analyzing Data
- Cleaning Data
- Enhancing Data (with URIs, 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/XMLFile/dlmodsoai/oai.pl
- Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)
 - <u>Digital Public Library of America</u> (DPLA)
- Other Open Data Sites
 - https://www.data.gov/
 - https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/datasets/
 - https://data.worldbank.org/
- Create your own data set

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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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
- OpenRefine Lessons for Digital Humanities

Enhancing Your Data - Reconciliation

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

Waterhouse, John W. Waterhouse, J. W.



Waterhouse, John William http://vocab.getty.edu/ulan/5 00027032



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, Heroku-hosted service

Getty Vocabularies

Getty Reconciliation Instructions

Virtual International Authority File (VIAF)

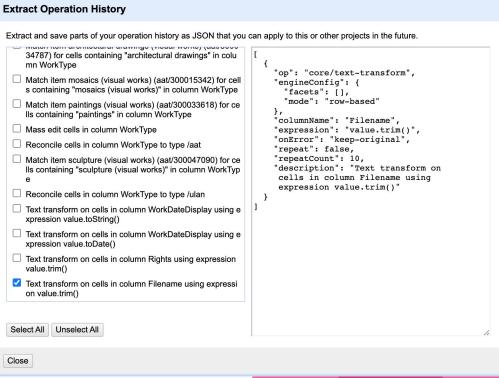
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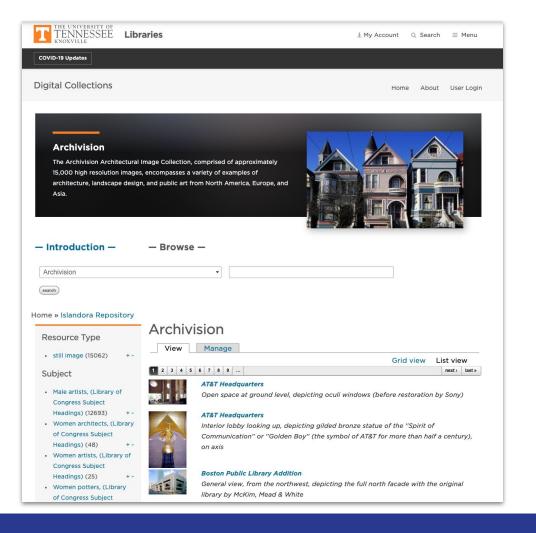
Geonames

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Automating Processes

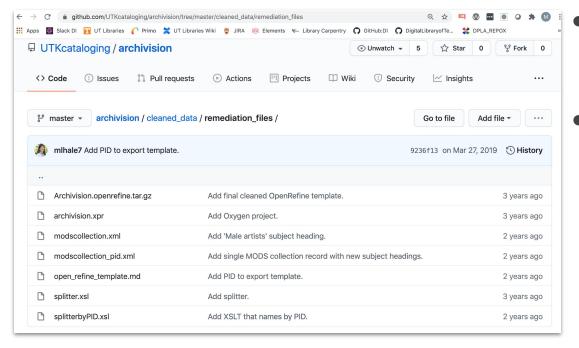






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- GitHub https://github.com/UTKcat aloging
- Example export template https://github.com/UTKcat
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Resources

- "Free Your Metadata", https://freeyourmetadata.org/
- Library Carpentry's "Introduction to Working with Data Regular Expressions", https://librarycarpentry.org/lc-data-intro/01-regular-expressions/index.html
- "Open Refine User Manual", https://docs.openrefine.org/
- Verborgh, Ruben and Max De Wilde. Using OpenRefine. Olton: Packt Publishing, Limited, 2013. (<u>Library Ebook</u>)
- Workshop GitHub Repository, <u>https://github.com/mlhale7/OpenRefineWorkshop</u>

Demo!

