

FIT1043 Introduction to Data Science

Week 9: Characterizing data and "big" data

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Week 8 Coverage

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Week	Activities	Assignments
1	Overview of data science	
2	Introduction to Python for data science	
3	Data visualisation and descriptive statistics	
4	Data sources and data wrangling	
5	Data analysis theory	Assignment 1
6	Regression analysis	
7	Classification and clustering	
8	Introduction to R for data science	Assignment 2
9	Characterising data and "big" data	
10	Big data processing	
11	Issues in data management	Assignment 3
12	Industry guest lecture (tentative)	

Week 1

Overview of data science

Engineering

Weeks 9-10

Week 4

Collect

Wrangle

Analyse

Present

Week 3

Weeks 5-7

Week 11

Governance

Operationalise

Weeks 2 & 8

Tools for data science

Week 9

Outline

- Characterising data and “big data”
 - the V's
 - Metadata
 - Dimensions of data
 - Growth laws
- Introduction to Unix Shell for data science
 - Why Unix shell
 - Useful commands to read/manipulate large data files

Learning Outcomes

Week 9

By the end of this week you should be able to:

- Characterize data sets used to assess a data science project
- Explain what Big data is
- Understand the V's in Big data
- Understand and analyse the growth laws: Moore's Law, Koomey's Law, Bell's Law and Zimmerman's Law
- Analyze and use shell commands to read and manipulate big data

Characterising Big Data



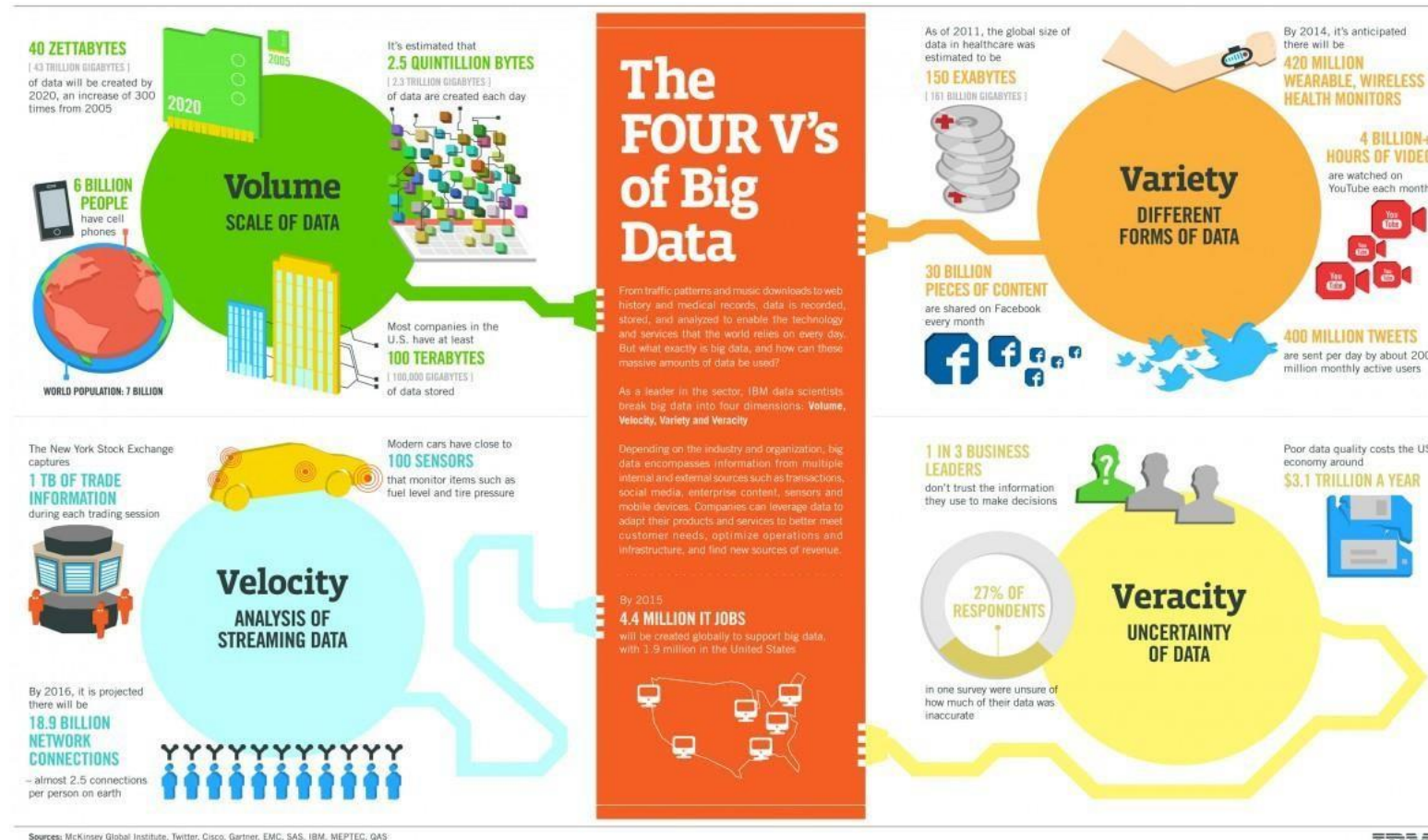
Characterising Data

Some general characterisations of data sets used to assess a project:

- **The V's**
 - The first characterisations by someone with a penchant for alliteration
- **Metadata**
 - Data about data is critical to understanding
- **Dimensions of data**
 - Infographics on data dimensions (how big is “big”)
- **Growth laws**
 - Understanding the exponential growth

The Four V's of Big Data

"The Four V's of Big Data," by IBM (infographic)



IBM

Big Data

From [Big data](#) on Wikipedia:

Big data usually includes data sets with sizes beyond the ability of commonly used software tools to capture, curate, manage, and process data within a tolerable elapsed time. Big data "size" is a constantly moving target, ...

- Don't always ask why, insights can come from detecting patterns
- A cost-free by product of digital interaction
- Enabled by the cloud: affordability, extensibility, agility

Big Data and “V”s

2001 Doug Laney produced report describing 3 **V**'s:

“3-D Data Management: Controlling Data **Volume**, **Velocity** and **Variety**”

- These adequately characterise “bigness”

Other V's characterise problems with **analysis and understanding**:

- **Veracity**: correctness, truth, i.e.. lack of ...
- *Variability*: change in meaning over time, e.g., natural language

Other V's characterise **aspirations**:

- *Visualisation*: one method for analysis
- *Value*: what we want to get out of the data

Think of any more? write a blog!

Summary

BIG DATA is **ANY** attribute that challenges **CONSTRAINTS** of a system's **CAPABILITY** or a **BUSINESS NEED**

Characterising Data Metadata



Metadata

MetaData: structured information that describes, explains, locates, or otherwise makes it easier to retrieve, use or manage an information resource.

MetaData is:

- Data about data
- Structured so that a computer can process & interpret it

Metadata

Metadata can be:

- **Descriptive**: Describes content for identification and retrieval
 - e.g. title, author of a book
- **Structural**: Documents relationships and links
 - e.g. chapters in a book, elements in XML, containers in MPEG
- **Administrative**: Helps to manage information
 - e.g. version number, archiving date, Digital Rights Management (DRM)

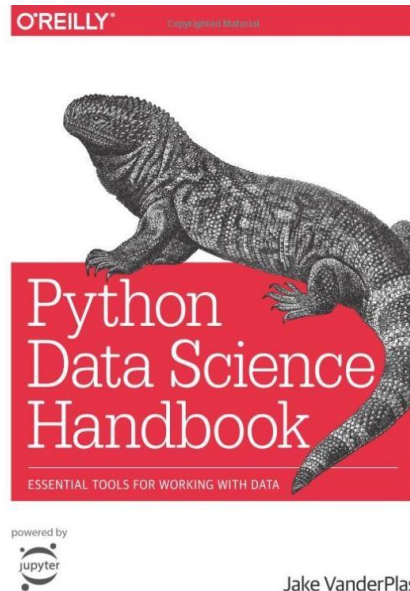
Metadata

Why use Metadata?

- Facilitate data discovery
- Help users determine the applicability of the data
- Enable interpretation and reuse
- Clarify ownership and restrictions on reuse

Metadata of a Book

What are the Metadata of a Book?



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by Jake VanderPlas

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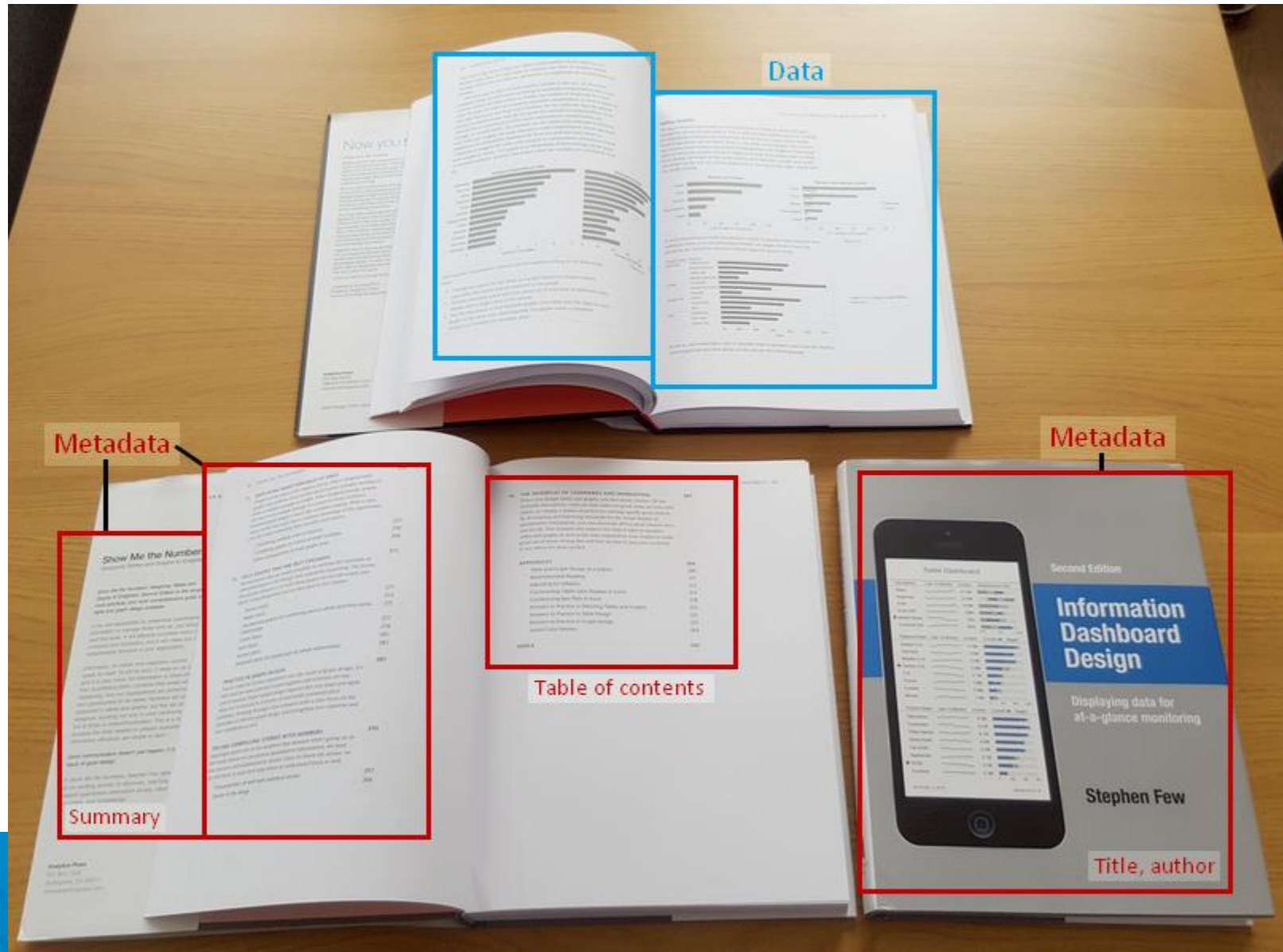
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Metadata of a Book



Other Examples of Metadata

- [IPTC Photo Metadata User Guide](#)
- [USGS Metadata standards](#)
- [Medical bibliographic data](#) in XML on PubMed,
“Lower respiratory tract disorder hospitalizations among children born via elective early-term delivery”

Image Metadata

EXIF



Characterising Data Dimensions of Data



Things that Happens in 60 seconds

A Minute on the Internet in 2019

Estimated data created on the internet in one minute



The dimension is a data set composed of **individual, non-overlapping data elements**. The primary functions of dimensions are threefold: to provide filtering, grouping and labelling.

Infographics on Data

- [“Data Science Matters”](#) from the datascience@berkeley Blog
- Social Media Prisma from the [Ethority.de site](#)

Characterising Data Growth Laws



Number of transistors per chip
doubles every 2 years
(starting from 1975)

- More memory
- Bigger CPUs
- Faster memory, CPUs (smaller==faster)

Pace currently slowing

Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years. This advancement is important as other aspects of technological progress – such as processing speed or the price of electronic products – are linked to Moore's law.



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- Another tenet of Moore's Law says that the growth of microprocessors is exponential.

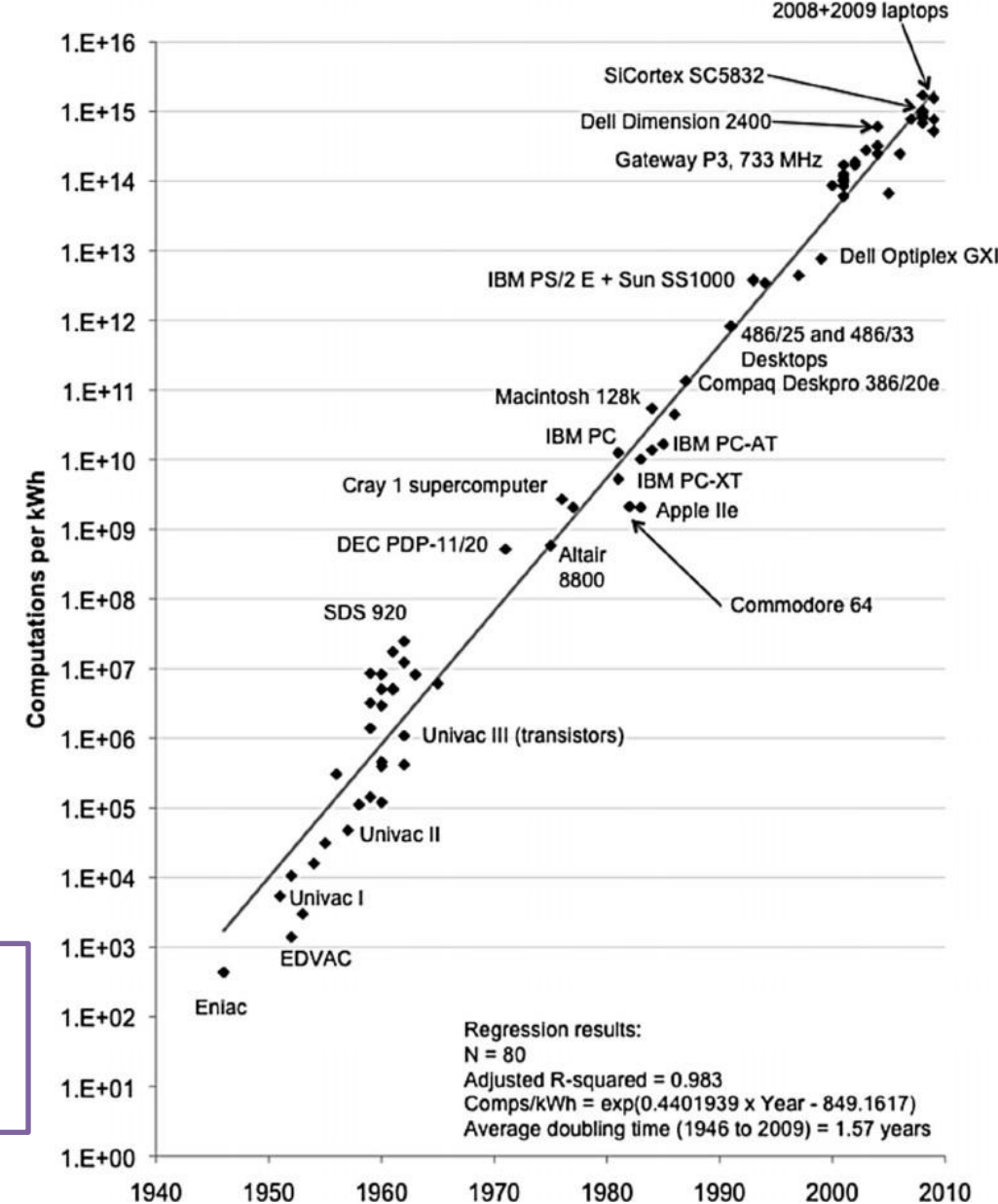
Koomey's Law

Jonathan Koomey, Stanford University, 2010

Corollary of Moores Law

- Amount of battery needed will fall by a factor of 100 every decade
- Leads to ubiquitous computing

In short, if Moore's Law talks about computing power and the number of transistors, Koomey's tells us that **the efficiency of processors and computing devices doubles approximately every 1.57 years**.



Koomey's Law describes a trend that dictates the number of computations per joule of dissipated energy, which doubles every 1.57 years

Bell's Law

Gordon Bell, Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), 1972

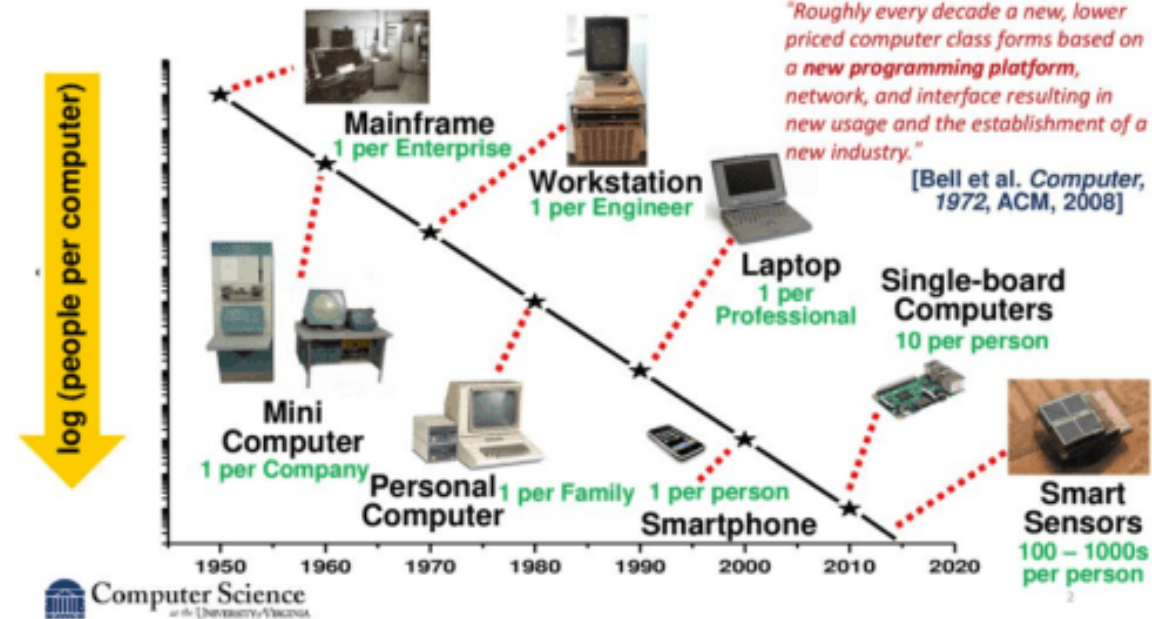
Corollary of Moore's Law and Koomey's Law

"Roughly every decade a new, lower priced computer class forms based on a new programming platform, network, and interface resulting in new usage and the establishment of a new industry."

Yes: PCs, mobile computing, cloud, internet-of-things

No: Java, big data, Hadoop, flash memory

Bell's Law of Computer Classes:
A new computer class emerges roughly every decade



Zimmerman's Law

Phil Zimmermann, 2013

Zimmerman is creator of Pretty Good Privacy (PGP), an early encryption system

- “Surveillance is constantly increasing”
- Privacy constantly decreasing

Surveillance in the UK ‘just kept expanding’ after the London bombings

AP

JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press Jul 5, 2015, 9:42 PM



LONDON (AP) — After four home-grown suicide bombers killed 52 London commuters on July 7, 2005, Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed that Britain would stop at nothing to defeat terrorism. "Let no one be in any doubt," he said. "The rules of the game are changing."



Daniel Berehulak/Getty Images

Since the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States four years earlier, Britain had made its anti-terrorism powers among the toughest in the Western world. Now they became tougher still.

Recap: Learning Outcomes

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Suggested Activities for the week

Online Materials

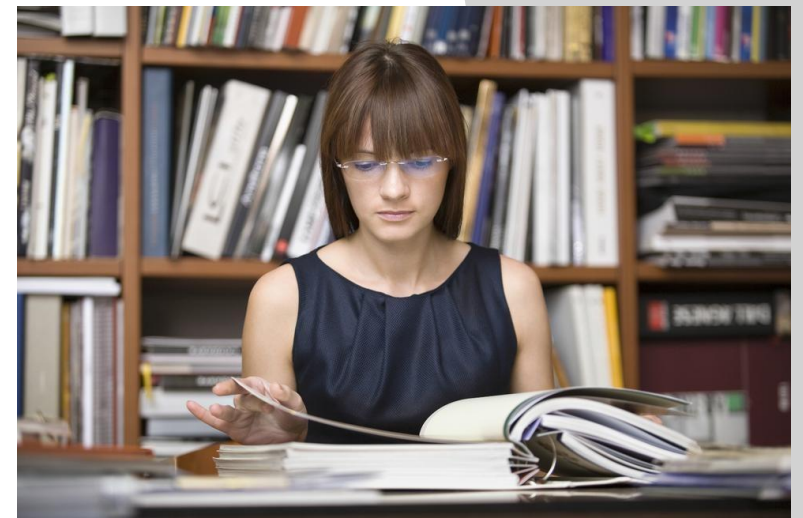
Watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=90&v=AWPrOvzzqZk

Books (Articles)

Go through the links provided in the lecture slides.

- <https://www.digitalinformationworld.com/2019/04/what-happens-online-in-60-seconds.html>



Tutorials

Week 9

Introduction to Shell Scripting