

Million Song Dataset

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is in the dataset?

Field name

Field list

Below are a list of all fields available in the files of the dataset. The same list with data from a specific song is available here. Another reference is the code: display_song.py: if a field is displayed, the field exists and there should be a getter for it (if we forgot some in matlab or java, please let us know). For the analysis fields, we suggest you first read The Echo Nest analyze documentation. The main audio features are 'segments_pitches' and 'segments_timbre'.

Description

Type

Field name	Туре	Description	Link
analysis sample rate	float	sample rate of the audio used	url
artist 7digitalid	int	ID from 7digital.com or -1	url
artist familiarity	float	algorithmic estimation	url
artist hotttnesss	float	algorithmic estimation	url
artist id	string	Echo Nest ID	url
artist latitude	float	latitude	
artist location	string	location name	
artist longitude	float	longitude	
artist mbid	string	ID from musicbrainz.org	url
artist mbtags	array string	tags from musicbrainz.org	url
artist mbtags count	array int	tag counts for musicbrainz tags	url
artist name	string	artist name	url
artist playmeid	int	ID from playme.com, or -1	url
artist terms	array string	Echo Nest tags	url
artist terms freq	array float	Echo Nest tags freqs	url
artist terms weight	array float	Echo Nest tags weight	url
audio md5	string	audio hash code	
bars confidence	array float	confidence measure	url
bars start	array float	beginning of bars, usually on a beat	url
beats confidence	array float	confidence measure	url
beats start	array float	result of beat tracking	url
danceability	float	algorithmic estimation	
duration	float	in seconds	
end of fade in	float	seconds at the beginning of the song	url
energy	float	energy from listener point of view	
key	int	key the song is in	url
key confidence	float	confidence measure	url
loudness	float	overall loudness in dB	url
mode	int	major or minor	url
mode confidence	float	confidence measure	url
release	string	album name	
release 7digitalid	int	ID from 7digital.com or -1	url
sections confidence	array float	confidence measure	url
sections start	array float	largest grouping in a song, e.g. verse	url

News
April 25, 2012
The MSD Challenge has
launched!
October 20, 2011
We release the Last.fm dataset
of tags and similarity!
April 12, 2011
We release the musiXmatch
dataset of lyrics!
March 15, 2011
We release the
SecondHandSongs dataset of
cover songs!
February 8, 2011
We release the dataset!
(and get Dan to blog)

Link

Quick links	
LabROSA	
The Echo Nest	
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Infochimps	
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segments confidence	array float	confidence measure	url
segments loudness max	array float	max dB value	url
segments loudness max time	array float	time of max dB value, i.e. end of attack	url
segments loudness max start	array float	dB value at onset	url
segments pitches	2D array float	chroma feature, one value per note	url
segments start	array float	musical events, ~ note onsets	url
segments timbre	2D array float	texture features (MFCC+PCA-like)	url
similar artists	array string	Echo Nest artist IDs (sim. algo. unpublished)	url
song hotttnesss	float	algorithmic estimation	
song id	string	Echo Nest song ID	
start of fade out	float	time in sec	url
tatums confidence	array float	confidence measure	url
tatums start	array float	smallest rythmic element	url
tempo	float	estimated tempo in BPM	url
time signature	int	estimate of number of beats per bar, e.g. 4	url
time signature confidence	float	confidence measure	url
title	string	song title	
track id	string	Echo Nest track ID	
track 7digitalid	int	ID from 7digital.com or -1	url
year	int	song release year from MusicBrainz or 0	url

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* Password:
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Request new password

How did you choose the million tracks?

Statistics of the dataset

What MusicBrainz data is included?

What is the difference between "terms" and "mbtags"?

Why are there more artist names than artist IDs?

How can I get the dataset?

Why didn't you build an API?

Can I contact you privately to get the audio?

Can I recover audio from the features?

What is the format of the data files?

HDF what?

What are song / aggregate / summary files?

Why aren't the strings displaying correctly?

How can I visualize a file?

What are these weird file paths?

What can I do with this data?

How can I organize all this data?

How was the dataset created?

Can I add my audio to the dataset?

Will I get back the same data if I access The Echo Nest API?

What are the licensing terms?

Where can I get help?

What other large datasets are available?

How can I get involved?

How can I extend the dataset?

How do I cite the dataset?

What publications use the dataset?