

# DataDive Week 2:

## Data Collection & Understanding

SheffDataSoc



# DataSoc Promo!

Welcome! If you aren't already a member of DataSoc, consider joining!

<https://su.sheffield.ac.uk/activities/view/data-science-society>

We have some very interesting socials coming up soon, including ice-skating  
**(25th Feb)**!

Find out more about our socials/events from our social media, and by signing up to the newsletter!

In Week 4, there will be a **career panel** session before the Data Dive (**4th March, 3-4pm, Diamond LT9**), with visiting speakers from industry. This will be a really insightful event and we encourage everyone to attend!

# Session Outline

- Where do we get data from?
- Credibility Check
- Web-Scraping
- Exploring the data
- Creating Visualisations

If you want to follow along with the session, or refer back to these resources, head to the Data Dive GitHub repository:

<https://github.com/sheffdatasoc/datadive-resources>

# Where can we get data from?

## Kaggle

Online platform providing different kinds of datasets and resource to aid data science learning

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets>

## Hugging Face

Open platform for AI models, datasets, and ML tools.

<https://huggingface.co/datasets>

## ONS

Open datasets from the Office for National Statistics about the UK (equivalents for other countries may be available)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

## DISCLAIMER

With many of these online platforms open to all collaborators, we have to look at **HOW** the data is collected and **WHO** collected it for **WHAT** purpose.

# Credibility Check

- **Source:** Who produced/collected the data?

Reputation of the source

- **Purpose:** Why was the data collected?

Ex: Research, marketing, etc.

- **Collection Method:** How was the data collected?

Ex: Survey, Web-scraping

Some sources (such as the ONS) are likely to be more reliable and accurate than sources like Kaggle, however they may not have the data you are looking for.

Judges may want to ask about your data sources in your project!

# Example: Kaggle Dataset

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/dgomonov/new-york-city-airbnb-open-data>

- **Who?**

‘Inside Airbnb’ collected data from Airbnb’s website

- **Why?**

Advocacy and education about how Airbnbs are impacting residential communities

- **How?**

Web scraping publicly available information directly from the Airbnb website

# Example: Loading The Data

1. Download the data into csv format from Kaggle

The screenshot shows a Kaggle dataset page for "AB\_NYC\_2019". At the top, there are buttons for "3089", "Code", and a red-circled "Download" button. Below the download button is a dropdown menu set to "kagglehub". A red arrow points from the "Download" button to a link at the bottom labeled "Download dataset as zip (3 MB)". Another red arrow points from the "Download" button to a code block below it.

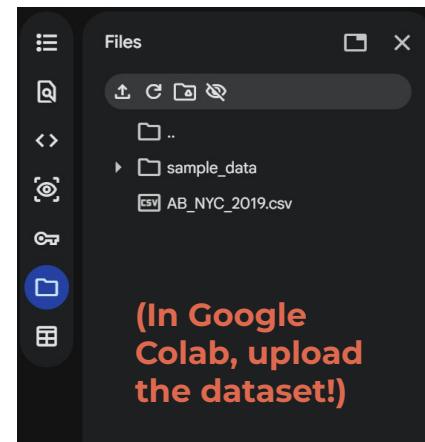
```
import kagglehub

# Download latest version
path = kagglehub.dataset_download("dgomonov/new-york-city-airbnb-open-data")

print("Path to dataset files:", path)
```

**Extract the zip file to use the csv!**

2. Load the data in Python (likely a jupyter notebook or Google Colab, using your own blank notebook or the template provided):



```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv('AB_NYC_2019.csv')
```

# Example: Exploring The Data

- How many rows and columns does the dataset have?
- What does the dataset look like?

```
df.shape
```

(48895, 16)

- What are the columns in the dataset?

```
df.columns
```

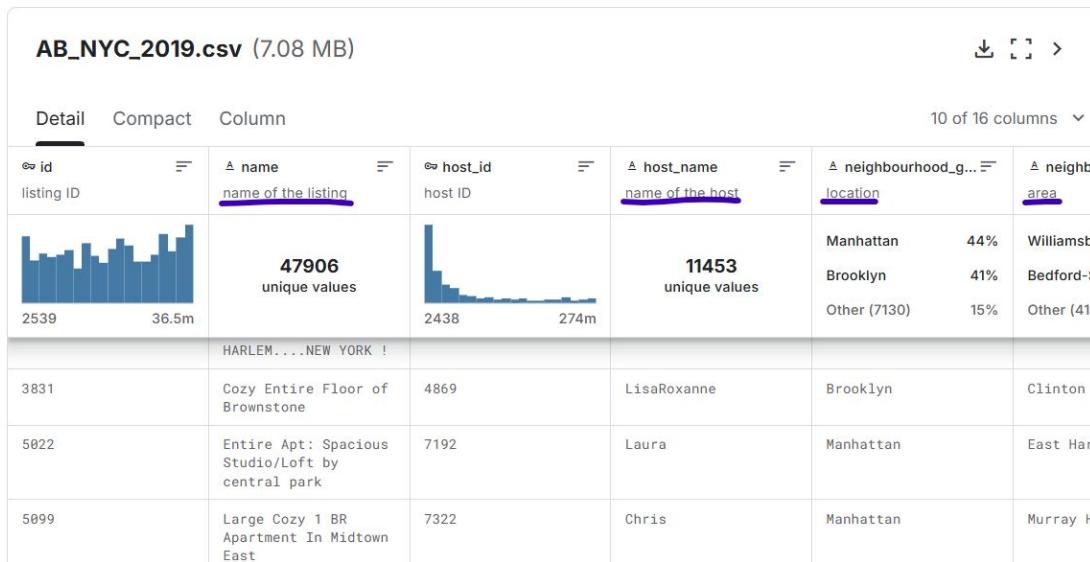
```
Index(['id', 'name', 'host_id', 'host_name', 'neighbourhood_group',
       'neighbourhood', 'latitude', 'longitude', 'room_type', 'price',
       'minimum_nights', 'number_of_reviews', 'last_review',
       'reviews_per_month', 'calculated_host_listings_count',
       'availability_365'],
      dtype='object')
```

```
df.head()
```

	<b>id</b>	<b>name</b>	<b>host_id</b>	<b>host_name</b>	<b>neighbourhood_group</b>	<b>neighbourhood</b>	<b>latitude</b>	<b>longitude</b>	<b>room_type</b>	<b>price</b>	<b>n</b>
0	2539	Clean & quiet apt home by the park	2787	John	Brooklyn	Kensington	40.64749	-73.97237	Private room	149	
1	2595	Skylit Midtown Castle	2845	Jennifer	Manhattan	Midtown	40.75362	-73.98377	Entire home/apt	225	
2	3647	THE VILLAGE OF HARLEM...NEW YORK !	4632	Elisabeth	Manhattan	Harlem	40.80902	-73.94190	Private room	150	
3	3831	Cozy Entire Floor of Brownstone	4869	LisaRoxanne	Brooklyn	Clinton Hill	40.68514	-73.95976	Entire home/apt	89	
4	5022	Entire Apt: Spacious Studio/Loft by central park	7192	Laura	Manhattan	East Harlem	40.79851	-73.94399	Entire home/apt	80	

# Example: Exploring The Data

- What are the variables and their types? (You can use pandas, or you may be able to refer to Kaggle/the original source for information on the dataset and its features)



df.dtypes	
✓	0.s
id	int64
name	object
host_id	int64
host_name	object
neighbourhood_group	object
neighbourhood	object
latitude	float64
longitude	float64
room_type	object
price	int64
minimum_nights	int64
number_of_reviews	int64
last_review	object
reviews_per_month	float64
calculated_host_listings_count	int64
availability_365	int64
dtype:	object

Spend some more time exploring the dataset! What other insights can you find?

# Web-Scraping

Another method of gathering data, by ‘scraping’ it from available webpages. This can be useful if a page displays publicly available data in a table (such as Wikipedia).

However, there are risks and ethical considerations, just like with the previous data sources mentioned!

Perform a credibility check.

## Quotes to Scrape

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love  
inspirational  
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friends  
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*“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.”*

by [Albert Einstein](#) (about)

Tags: [change](#) [deep-thoughts](#) [thinking](#) [world](#)

*“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”*

by [J.K. Rowling](#) (about)

Tags: [abilities](#) [choices](#)

*“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”*

by [Albert Einstein](#) (about)

Tags: [inspirational](#) [life](#) [live](#) [miracle](#) [miracles](#)

*“The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid.”*

by [Jane Austen](#) (about)

Tags: [illiteracy](#) [books](#) [classic](#) [humor](#)

# Example: Web-Scraping

```
 Bs4_tutorial.py > ...
 1  from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
 2  import requests
 3  import csv
 4
 5  url = "https://quotes.toscrape.com"
 6  response = requests.get(url)
 7  response.raise_for_status()
 8
 9  soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, "html.parser")
10  quotes = soup.find_all("span", class_="text")
11  authors = soup.find_all("small", class_="author")
12
13 with open("bs4_scraped_quotes.csv", "w", encoding="utf-8-sig", newline="") as file:
14     writer = csv.writer(file)
15     writer.writerow(["Quote", "Author"])
16
17     for quote, author in zip(quotes, authors):
18         print(f"{quote.text} - {author.text}")
19         writer.writerow([quote.text, author.text])
```

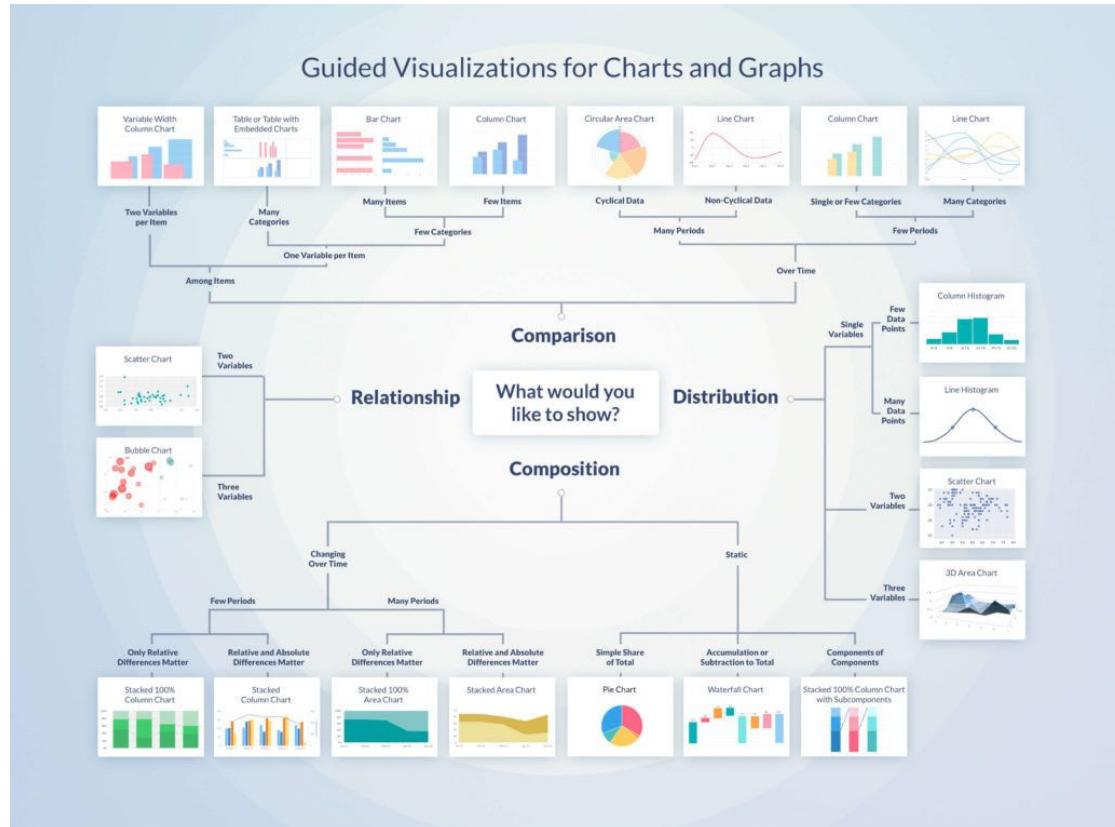
If you have generated a csv from web-scraping, you can load it like any other dataset!

	Quote	Author
0	"The world as we have created it is a process ...	Albert Einstein
1	"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we t...	J.K. Rowling
2	"There are only two ways to live your life. On...	Albert Einstein
3	"The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has ...	Jane Austen
4	"Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and...	Marilyn Monroe
5	"Try not to become a man of success. Rather be...	Albert Einstein
6	"It is better to be hated for what you are tha...	André Gide
7	"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 way...	Thomas A. Edison
8	"A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how...	Eleanor Roosevelt
9	"A day without sunshine is like, you know, nig...	Steve Martin

# Visualisations

The types of visualisation you create will depend on the types of variables you want to show. Examples include:

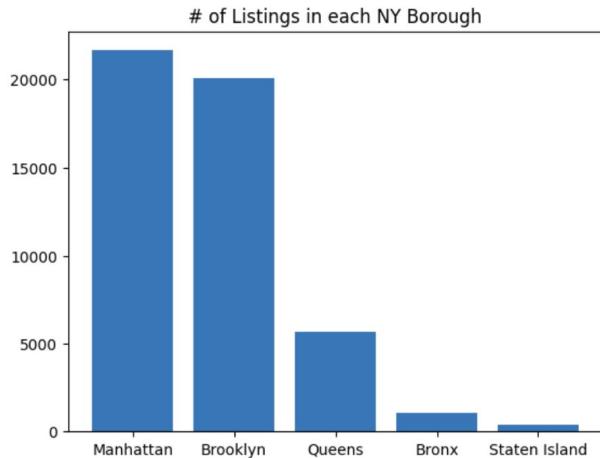
- **Categorical variables:** bar/column charts, pie charts
- **Single numerical variables:** histograms, boxplots
- **Relationships between numerical variables:** line charts, scatter plots



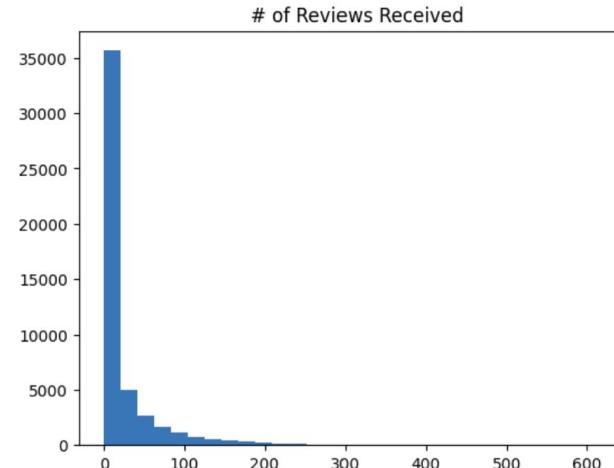
source: <https://www.tapclicks.com/blog/data-visualization-types>

# Example: Visualisations in Python (using matplotlib)

```
plt.bar(x='neighbourhood_group', height='count', data=borough_frequencies)
plt.title('# of Listings in each NY Borough')
plt.show()
```



```
plt.hist(x='number_of_reviews', data=df, bins=30)
plt.title('# of Reviews Received')
plt.show()
```

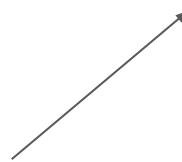


Can you create some more exciting visualisations?

note: in the real project, it may be best to create visualisations after data cleaning (covered next week!)

# What comes next?

The remaining  
DataDive 'education'  
sessions will be →



Week	Session	Where/When
3	Data Cleaning & Pre-processing	
4	Creating ML Models	
5	Evaluating & Interpreting ML Results (& <b>Team Formation</b> )	<b>Wednesday, 4-6pm Diamond LT9</b>

Datasoc will also be hosting a **career panel** in Week 4 (before the Data Dive session) with speakers from industry giving insights into their careers.  
Please come along!

If you think you might want to be a *Project Lead* for a Data Dive project, applications for this will open in Week 3!

Interested in participating the Data Dive? Let us know below!

<https://tinyurl.com/sheffdatadive>

Find the resources from today:

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