[301] CSV Files

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Learning Objectives Today

CSV format

- purpose
- syntax
- comparison to spreadsheet

Reading CSV files

- without header
- with header
- type casting

Chapter 14 of Sweigart,
to (and including) “Reading Data
from Reader Objects in a for Loop”

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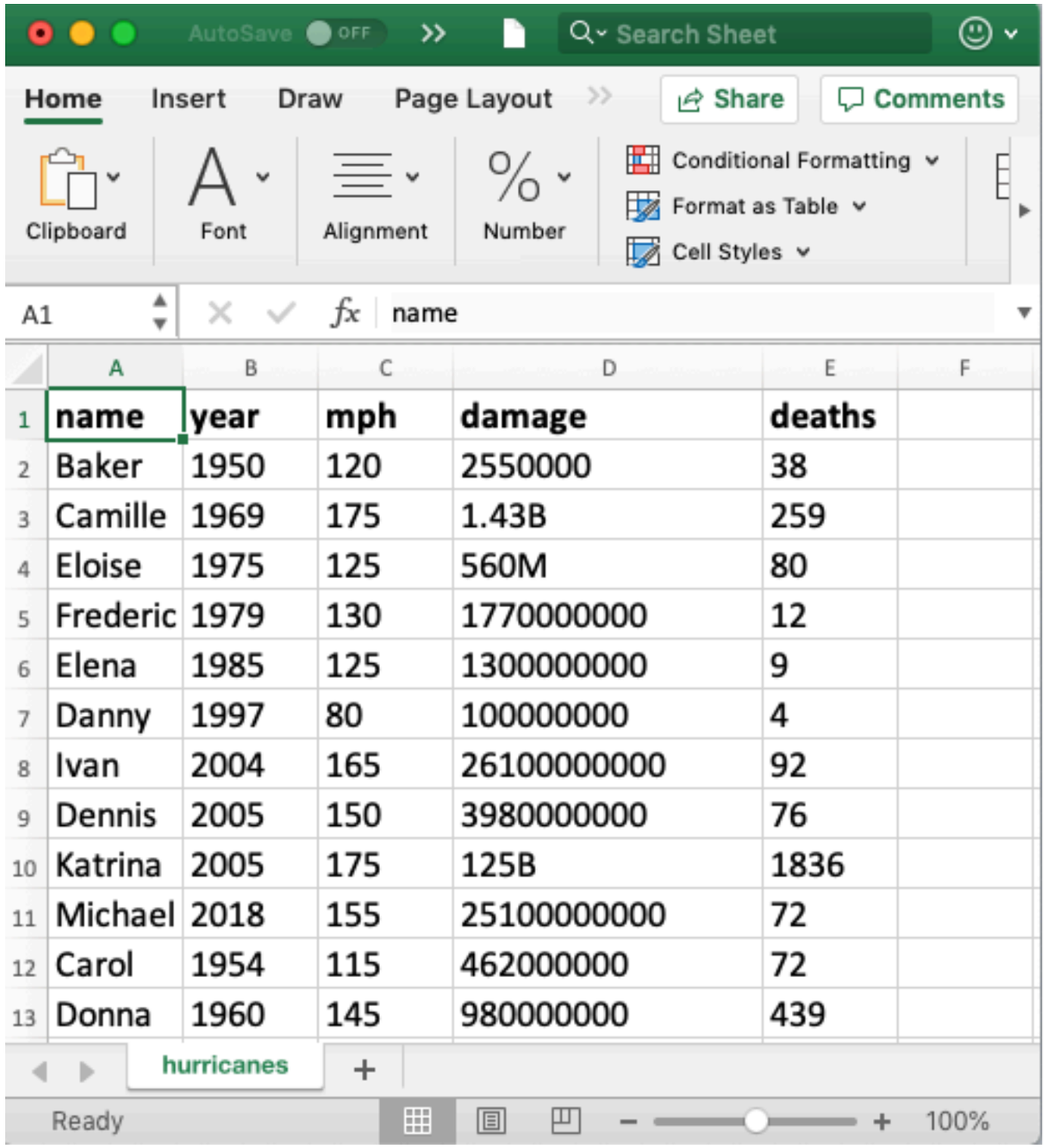

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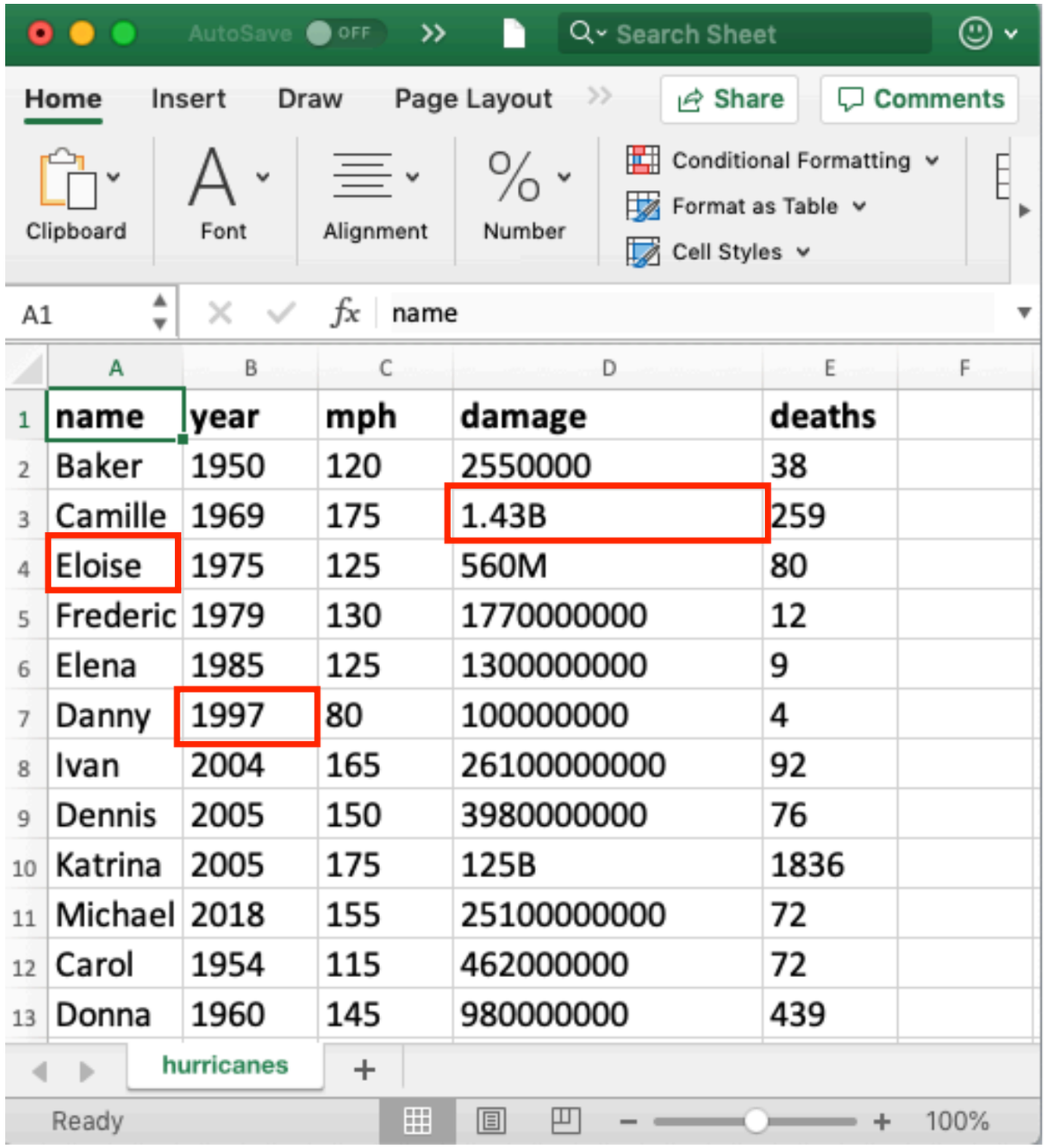

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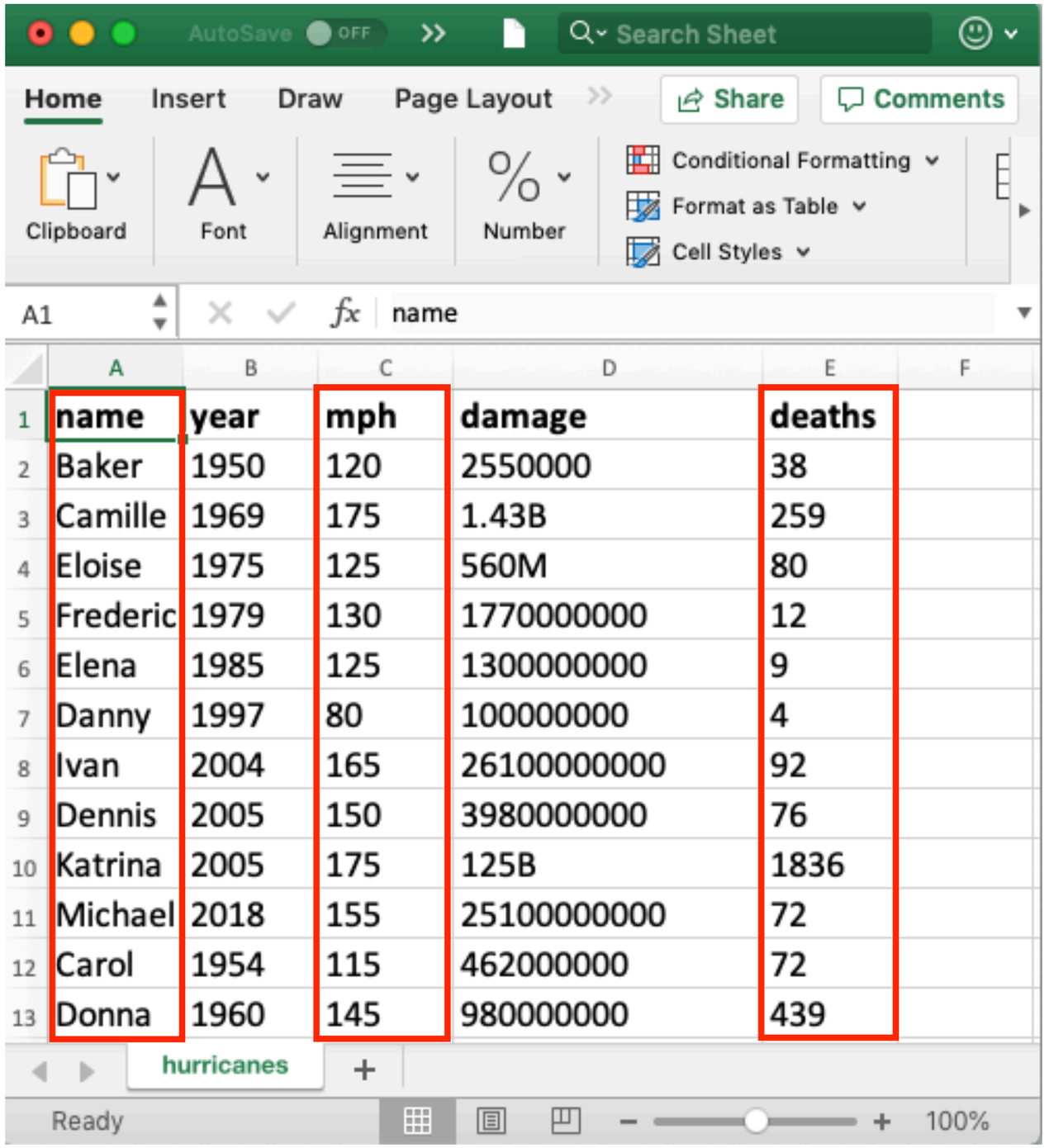

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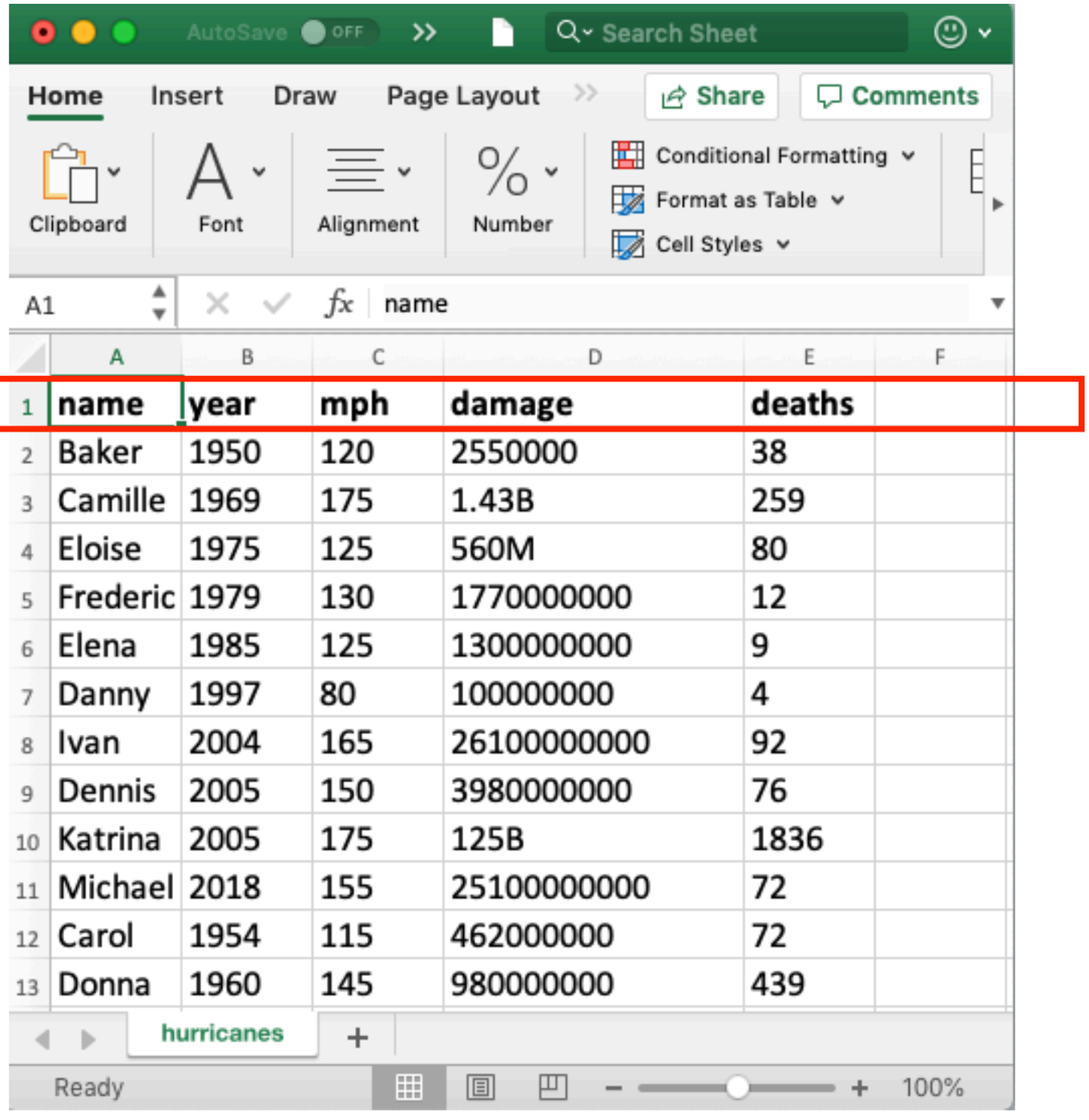

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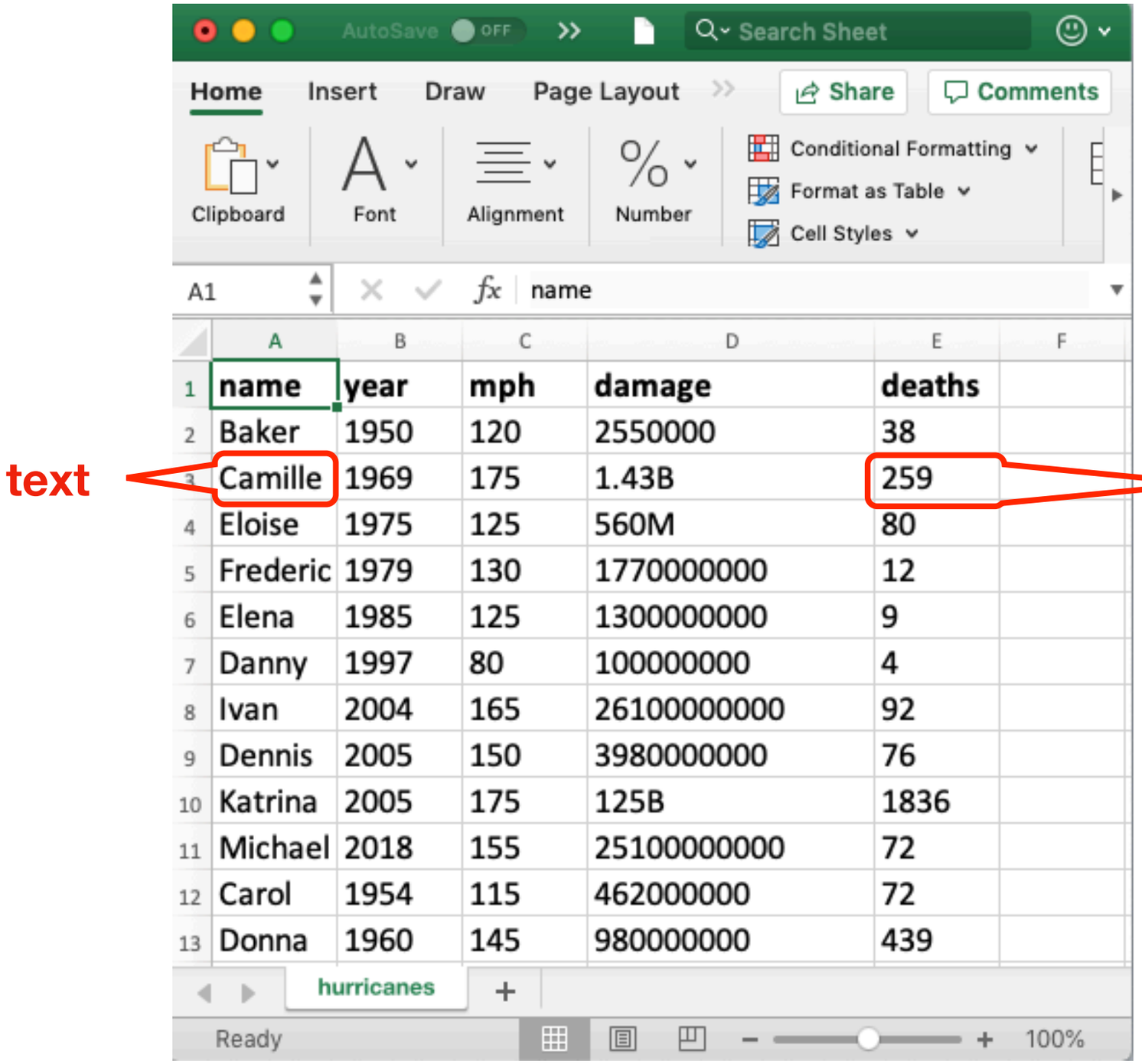

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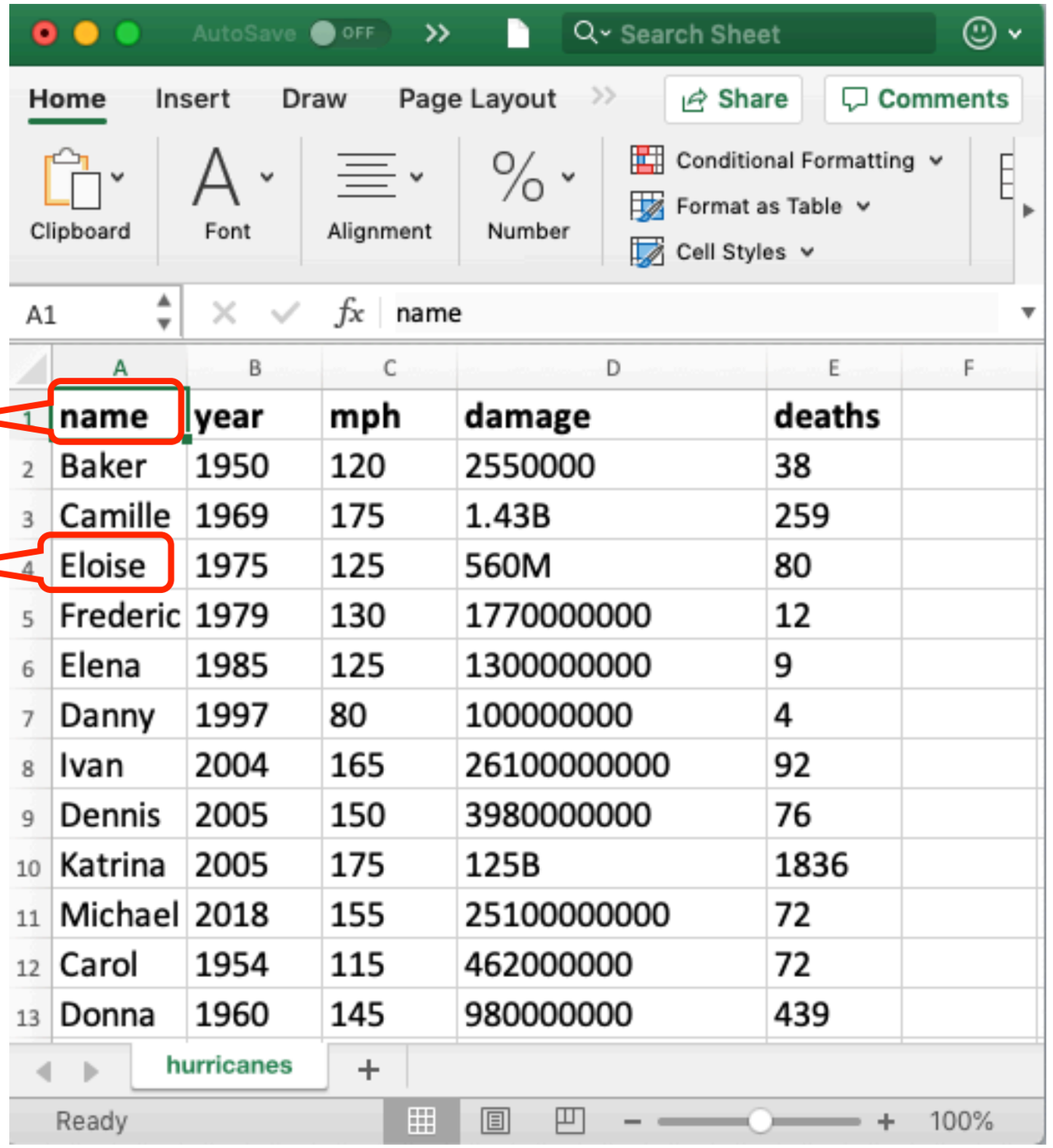

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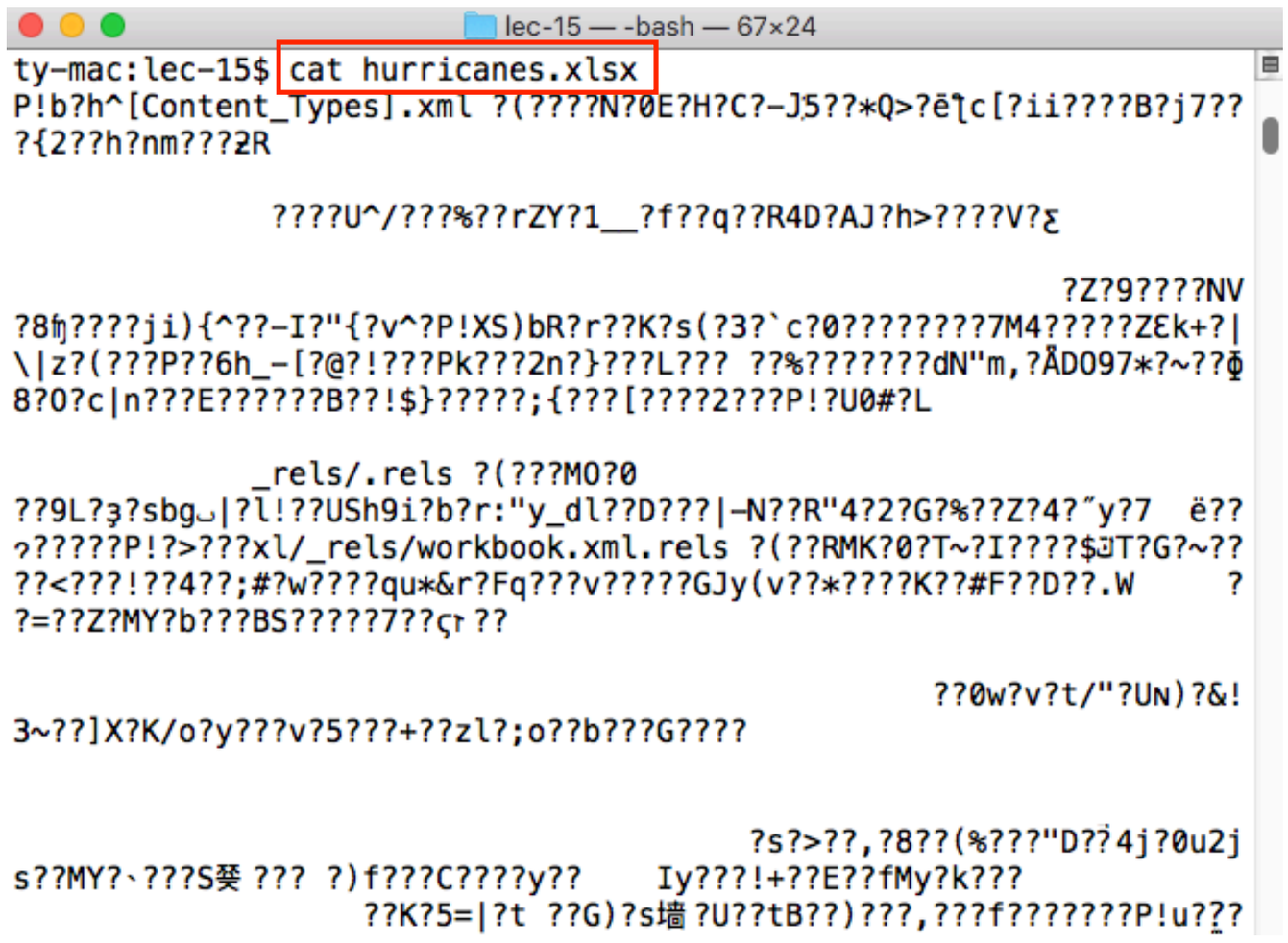

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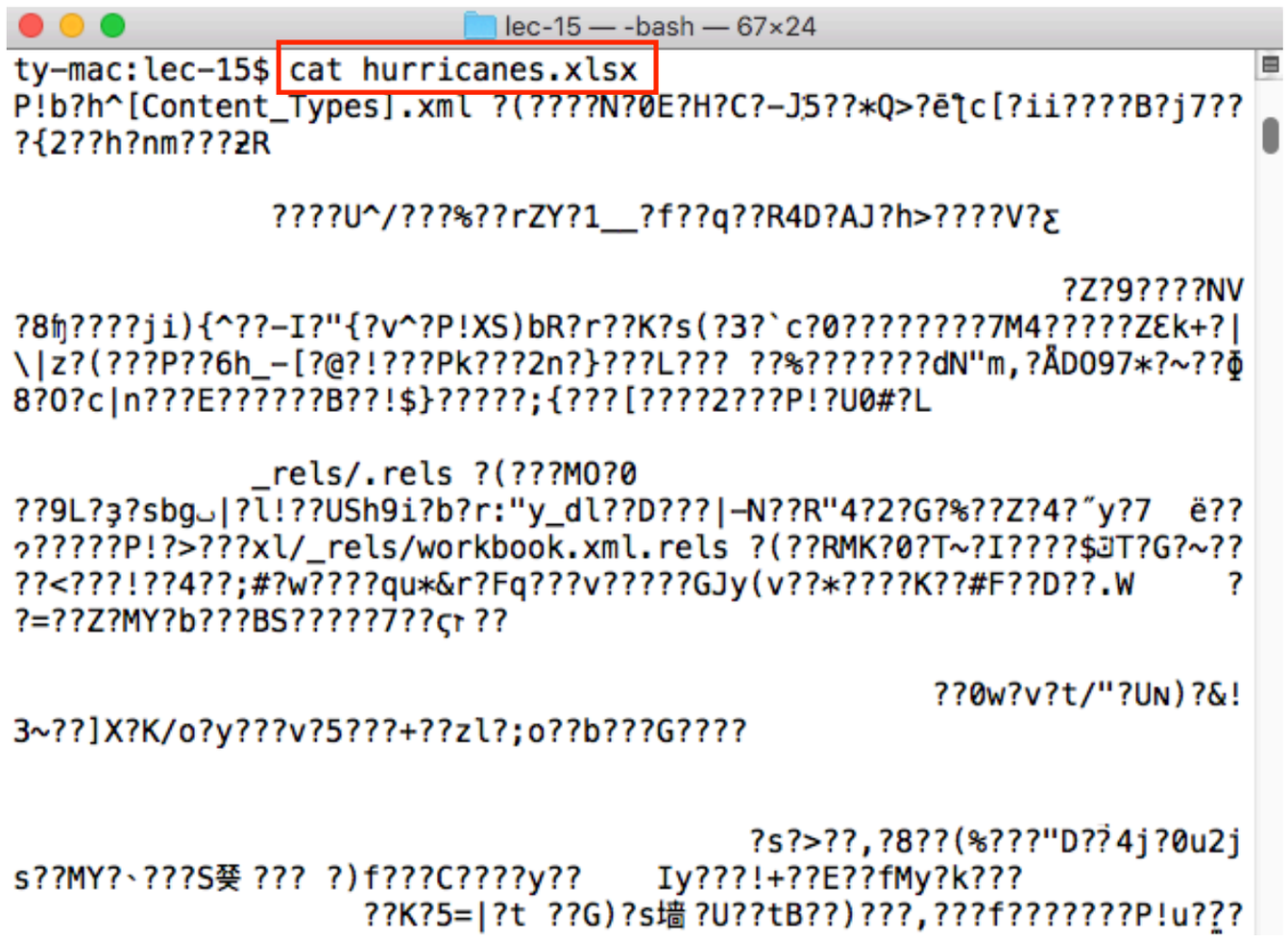

Writing code to read data from Excel files is tricky, unless you use special modules

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CSVs

CSV is a simple data format that stands for **C**omma-**S**eparated **V**alues

CSVs are like simple spreadsheets

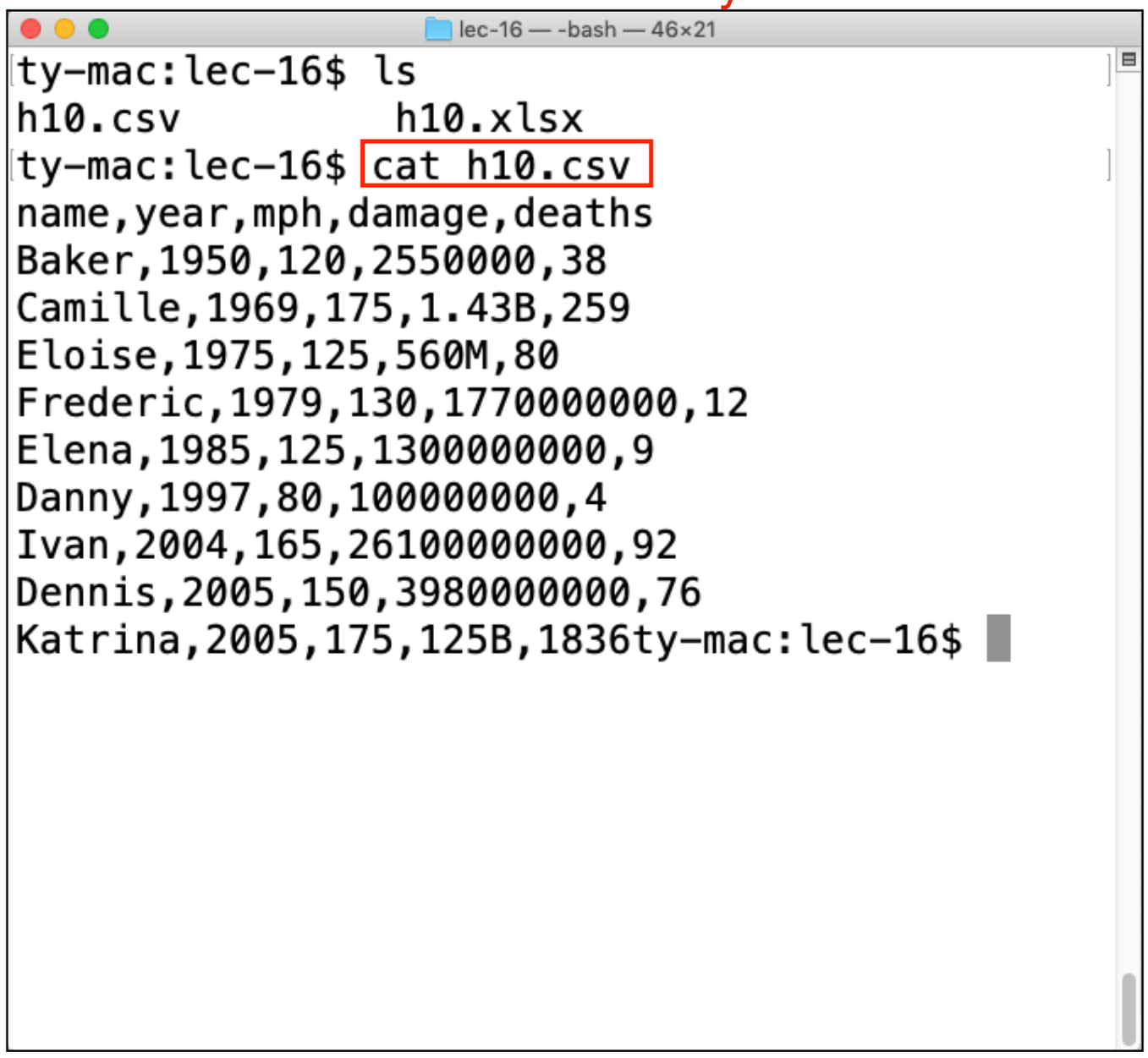
- organize cells of data into rows and columns
- only one sheet per file
- only holds strings
- no way to specify font, borders, cell size, etc

CSV Files

Extension: .csv

Format: plain text

just open in any editor (notepad, textedit, idle, etc) and you'll be able to read it



Writing code that understands CSV files is easy

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Newlines delimit rows

The comma is a delimiter between cells in a row

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Advanced Syntax

We won't go into details here, but there are some complexities

Motivation for more complicated syntax

- what if a cell contains a newline?
- what if we want a comma inside a cell?
- what if a cell contains a quote?
- what if we want to use different delimiters between rows/cells?

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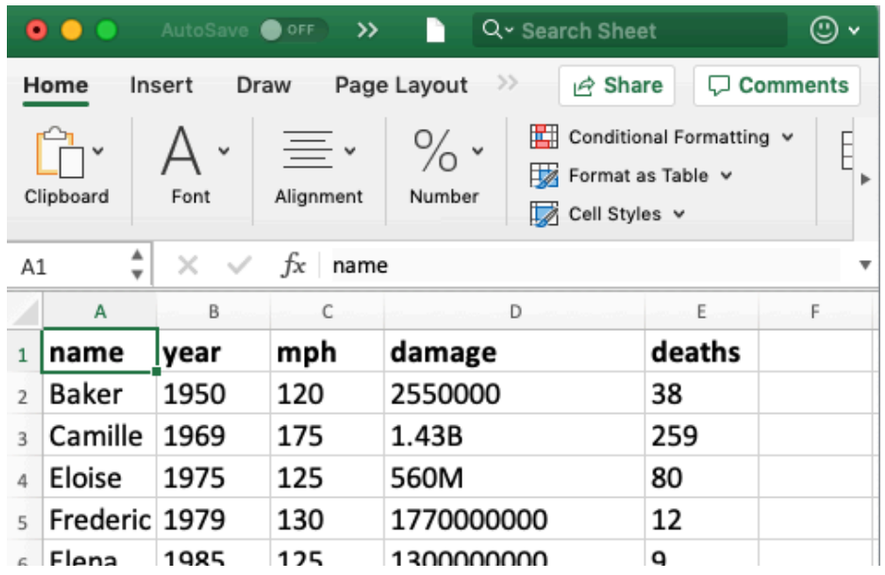

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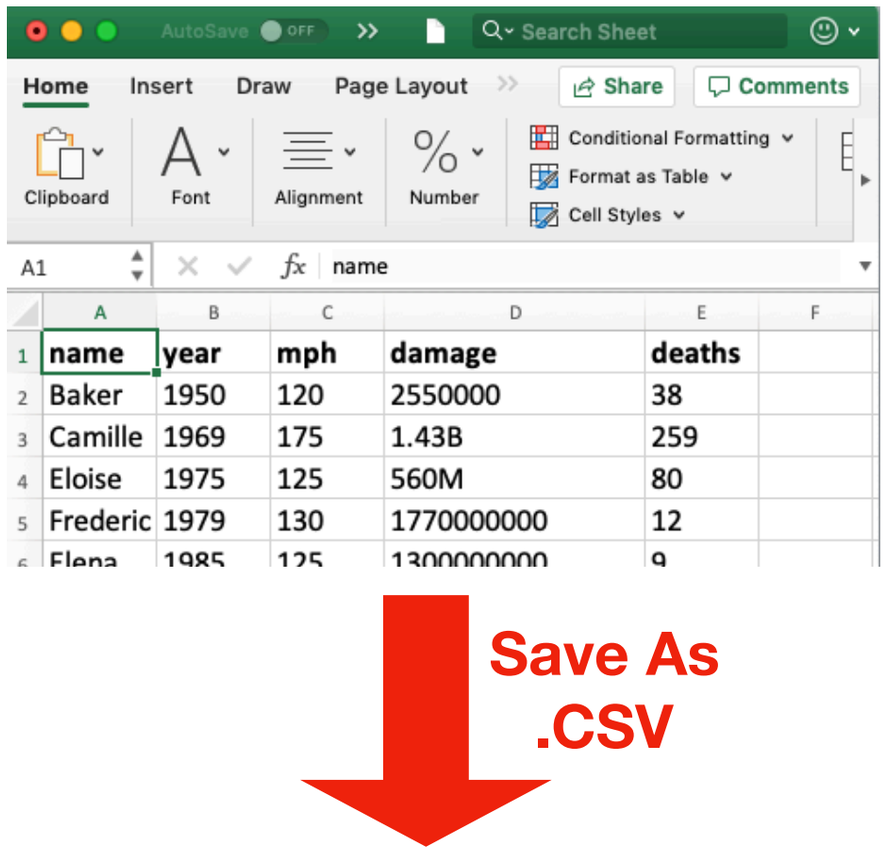

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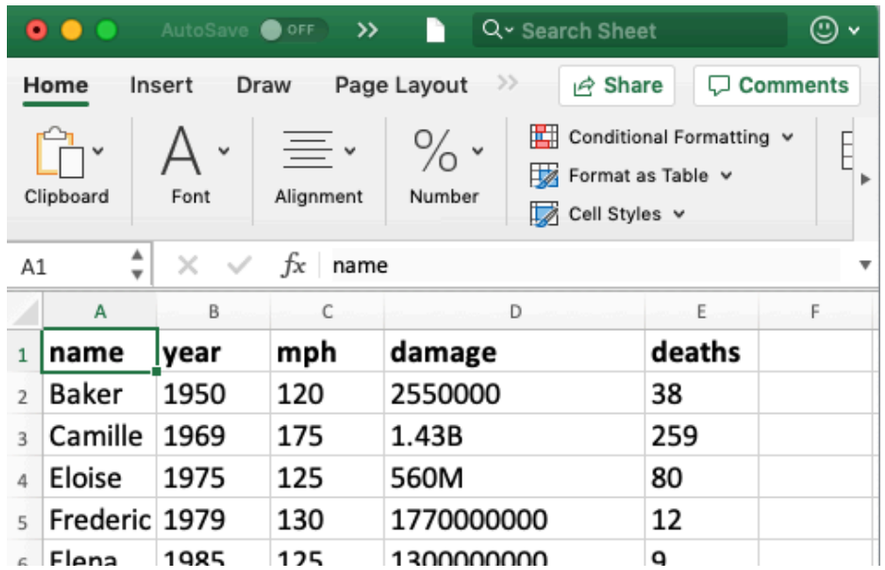

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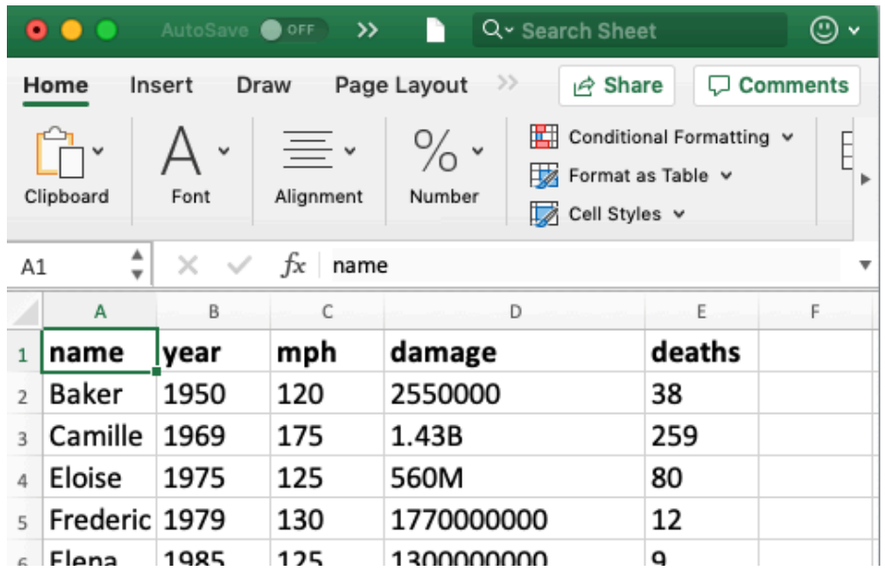

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list of lists

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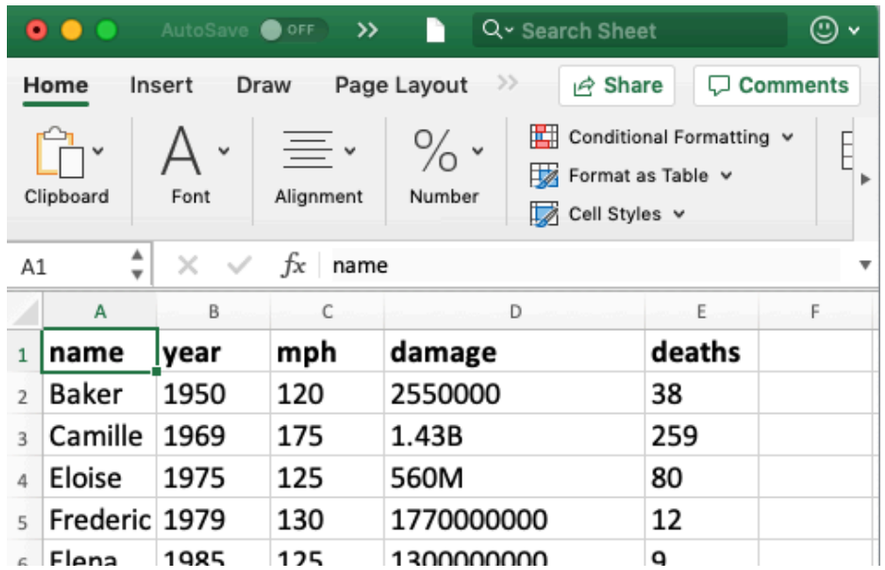

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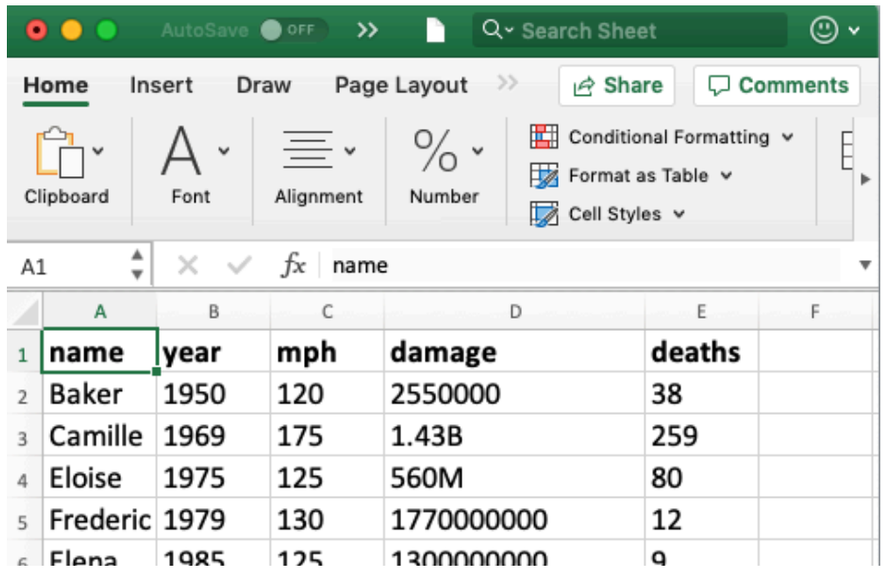

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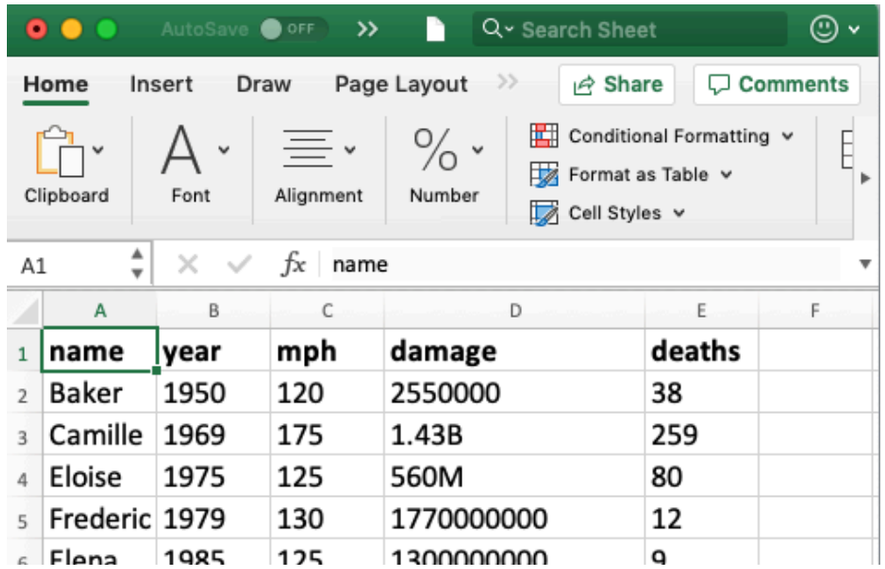

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3. Python Program

Analysis Code

```
rows[3][1]  →  ????
```

list of lists

```
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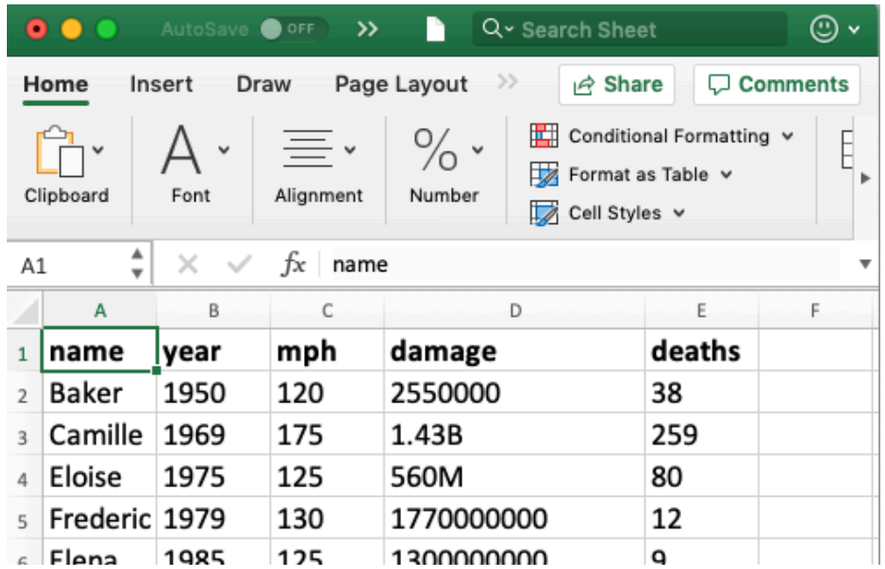
   ["name", "year", …],
   ["Baker", "1950", …],
   …
]
```

Parsing Code

Data Management

1. spreadsheet in Excel



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```

3. Python Program

Analysis Code

```
rows[3][1]  →  "1975"
```

list of lists

```
[
   ["name", "year", …],
   ["Baker", "1950", …],
   …
]
```

Parsing Code

Data Management

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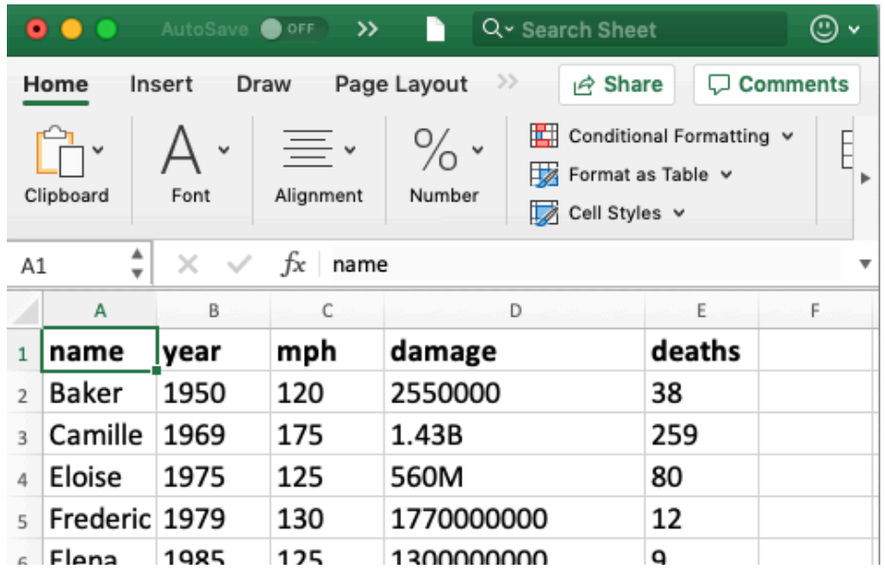

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3. Python Program

Analysis Code

`rows[1][-1]` → ????

list of lists

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[
  ["name", "year", …],
  ["Baker", "1950", …],
  …
]
```

Parsing Code

Data Management

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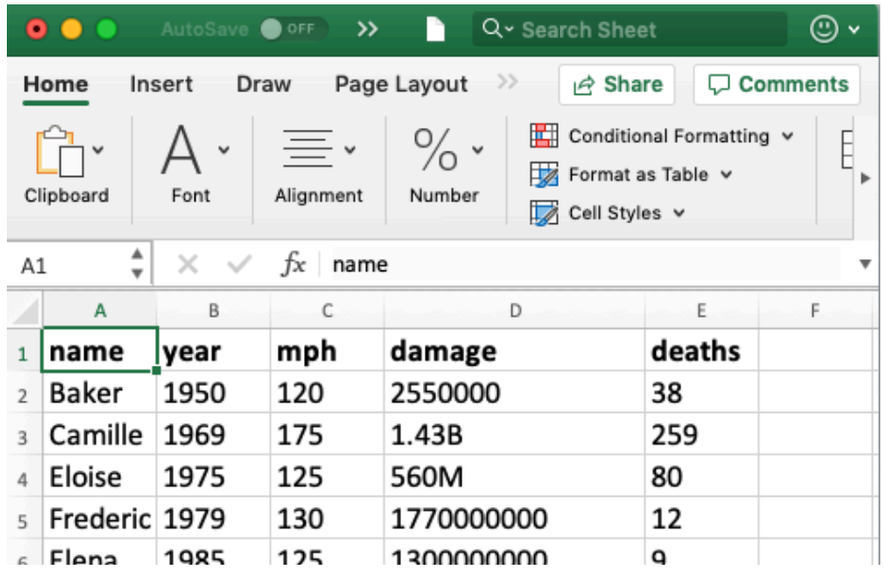

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3. Python Program

Analysis Code

```
rows[1][-1]  →  "38"
```

list of lists

```
[
  ["name", "year", …],
  ["Baker", "1950", …],
  …
]
```

Parsing Code

Data Management

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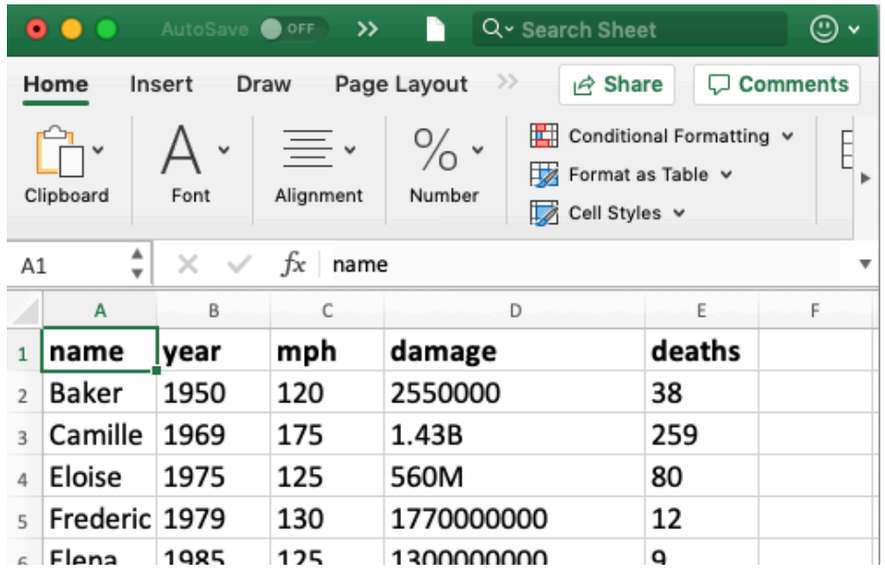

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3. Python Program

Analysis Code

`rows[0][-2]` → ????

list of lists

```
[
   ["name", "year", …],
   ["Baker", "1950", …],
   …
]
```

Parsing Code

Data Management

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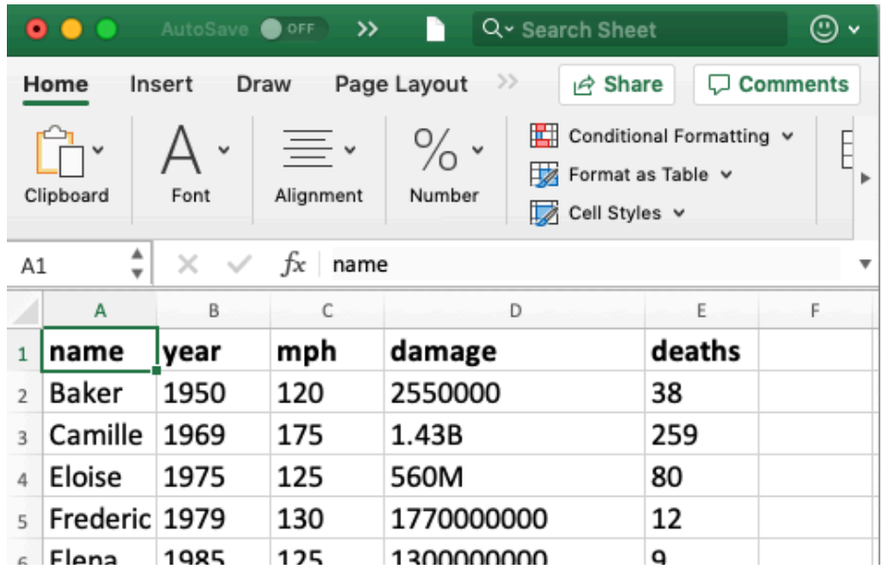

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3. Python Program

Analysis Code

```
rows[0][-2]
```
→ "damage"

list of lists

```
[
  ["name", "year", …],
  ["Baker", "1950", …],
  …
]
```

Parsing Code

Data Management

1. spreadsheet in Excel

Name	Date	Time	Status	Latitude	Longitude	WindSpeed	Ocean
HEIDI	19671019	1200	TD	20.5N	54.0W	25	Atlantic
OLAF	19850822	0	TD	12.9N	102.2W	25	Pacific
TINA	19920917	1200	TD	10.4N	98.5W	25	Pacific
EMMY	19760820	1200	TD	14.0N	48.0W	20	Atlantic
FOUR	20061007	1800	DB	11.3N	159.0W	25	Pacific
FLOSSIE	19780904	0	TD	12.0N	39.0W	25	Atlantic
GLORIA	19760926	1200	TD	23.0N	58.0W	20	Atlantic
MARIA	20050901	1200	TD	18.8N	45.5W	30	Atlantic
GILBERT	19880908	1800	TD	12.0N	54.0W	25	Atlantic
FELICE	19700912	0	TD	25.5N	77.5W	25	Atlantic

Save As
.CSV

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```

3. Python Program

Analysis Code

```
rows[2][-1] → "Pacific"
```

list of lists

```
[
  ["Name", "Date", …],
  ["HEIDI", "19671019", …],
  …
]
```

Parsing Code

What does this look like?

Example From Sweigart Ch 14

Code

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exampleFile = open('example.csv')
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```

example.csv

```
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4/6/2015 12:46,Pears,14
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4/10/2015 2:07,Apples,152
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(don't need to know exactly how the code works, though we will eventually)

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keep this handy for copy/paste

Today's Outline

Spreadsheets

CSVs

Reading a CSV to a list of lists

Coding examples

Demo 1: Restaurant Location Lookup

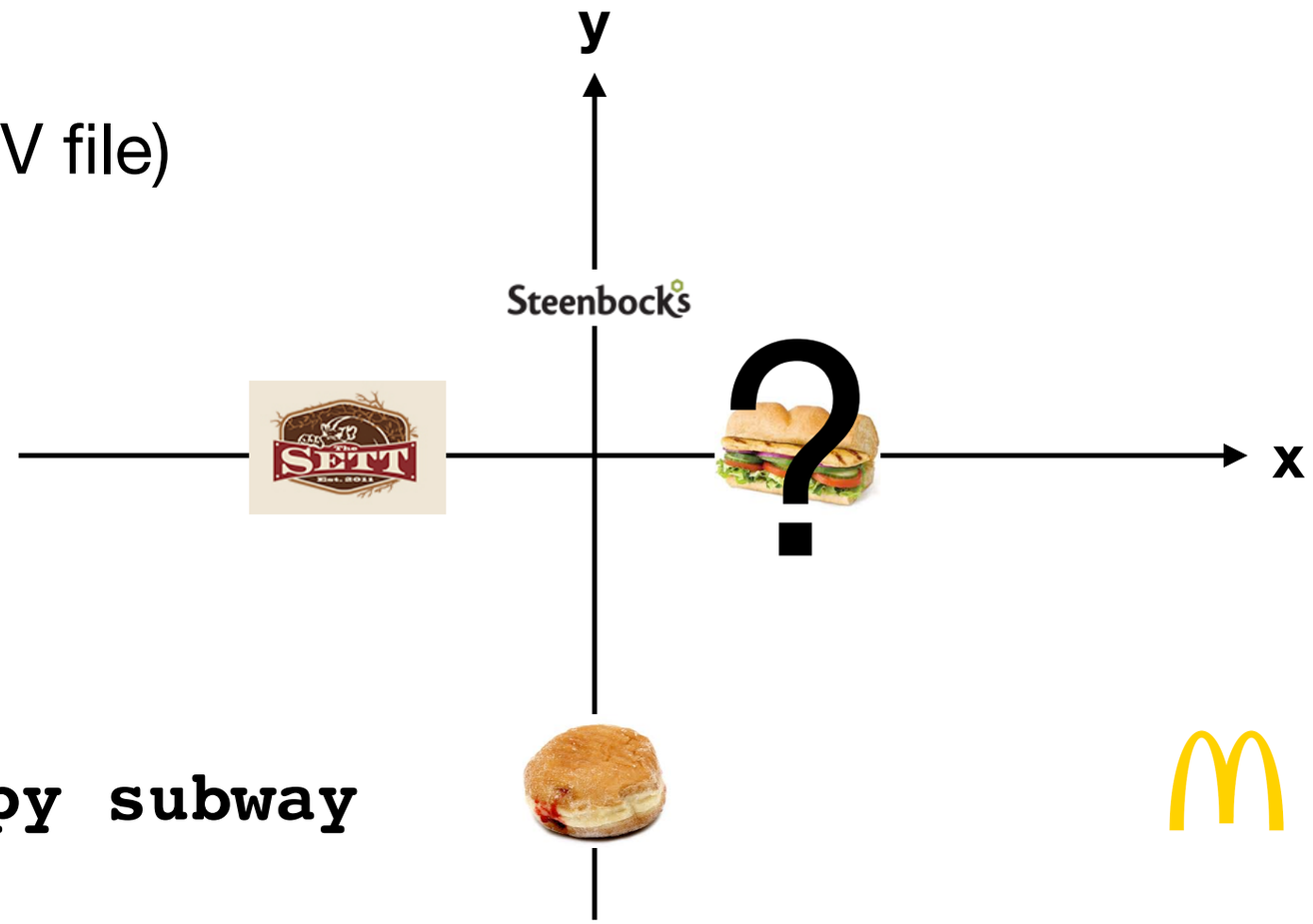
Goal: given a restaurant name, give x,y coordinates for it

Input:

- Restaurant name (and a CSV file)

Output:

- X, Y coordinates



Example:

```
prompt> python rlookup.py subway
x=1, y=0
prompt> python rlookup.py mcdonalds
x=4, y=-3
```

Demo 2: Nearest Restaurant Search

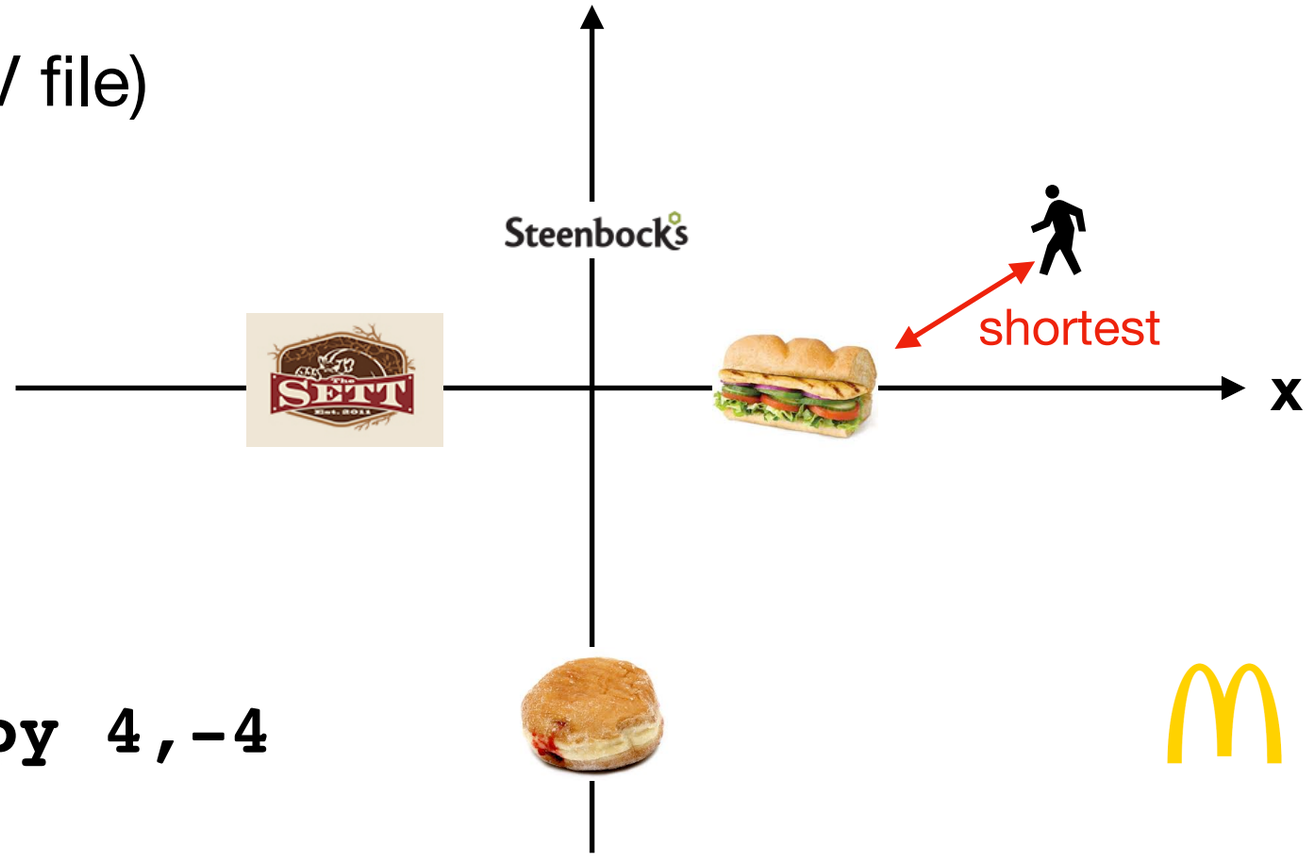
Goal: given a location, find the nearest restaurant

Input:

- X, Y coordinates (and a CSV file)

Output:

- nearest restaurant



Example:

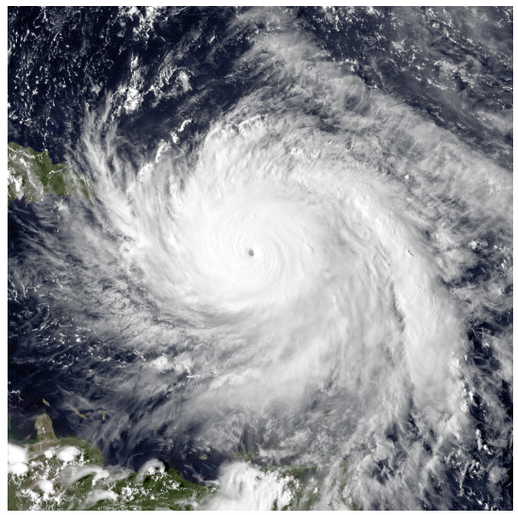
```
prompt> python nearest.py 4,-4
McDonalds
prompt> python nearest.py -2,0
The Sett
```

Demo 3: Hurricane Column Dump

Goal: column name, print that data for all hurricanes

Input:

- column name (and a CSV file)



Output:

- data in given column, associated with name

Example:

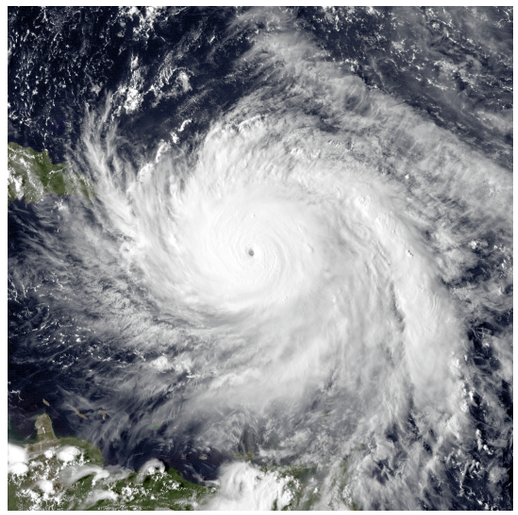
```
prompt> python dump.py hurricanes.csv year
Baker: 1950
Camille: 1969
Eloise: 1975
...
```

Demo 4: Hurricanes per Year

Goal: column name, print that data for all hurricanes

Input:

- none typed (only a CSV file)



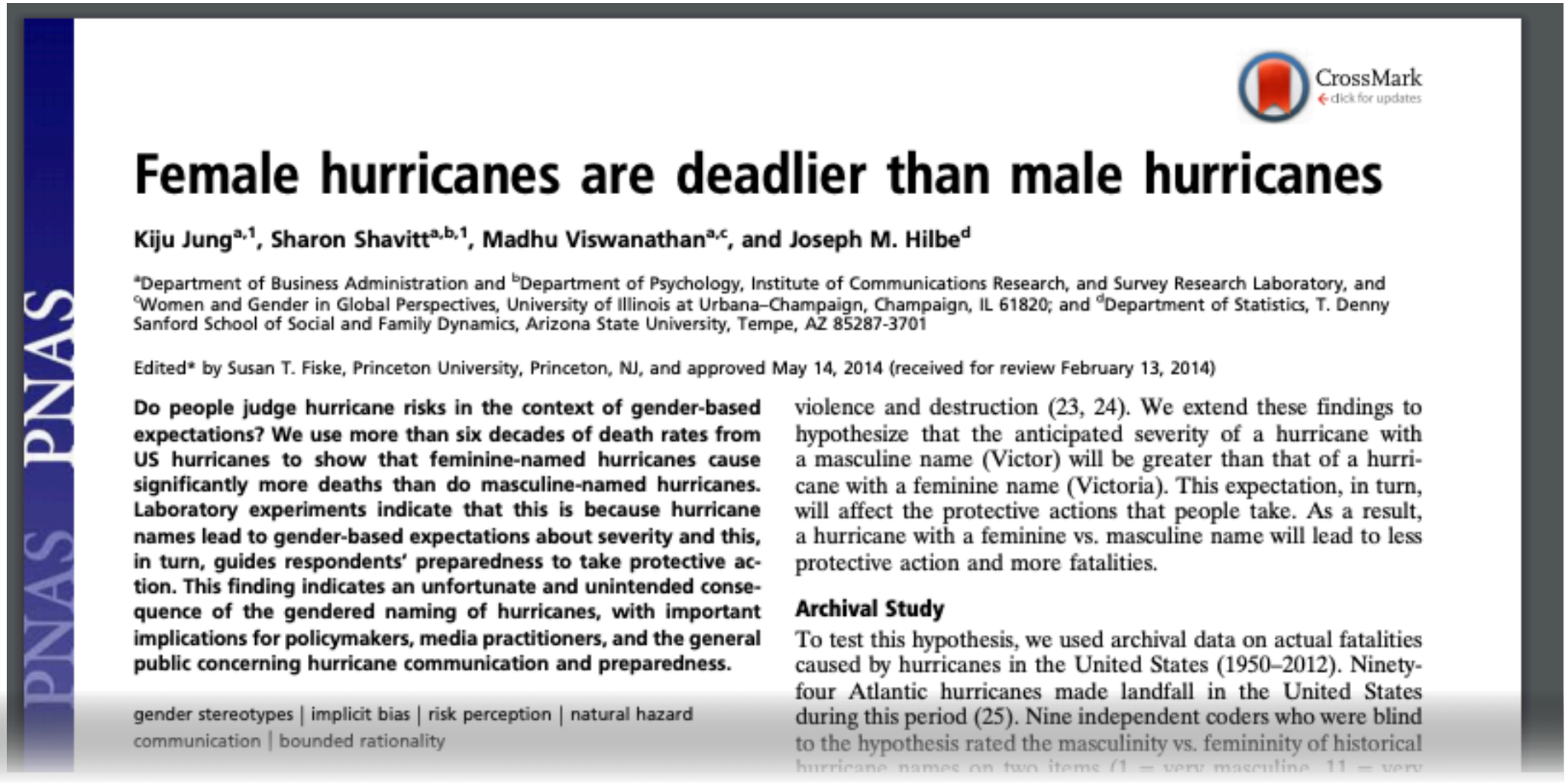
Output:

- the number of hurricanes in each year

Example:

```
prompt> python yearly.py
1967: 23
1968: 29
2969: 15
…
```

Demo 5: Hurricane Names and Stereotypes



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Female hurricanes are deadlier than male hurricanes

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Do people judge hurricane risks in the context of gender-based expectations? We use more than six decades of death rates from US hurricanes to show that feminine-named hurricanes cause significantly more deaths than do masculine-named hurricanes. Laboratory experiments indicate that this is because hurricane names lead to gender-based expectations about severity and this, in turn, guides respondents' preparedness to take protective action. This finding indicates an unfortunate and unintended consequence of the gendered naming of hurricanes, with important implications for policymakers, media practitioners, and the general public concerning hurricane communication and preparedness.

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violence and destruction (23, 24). We extend these findings to hypothesize that the anticipated severity of a hurricane with a masculine name (Victor) will be greater than that of a hurricane with a feminine name (Victoria). This expectation, in turn, will affect the protective actions that people take. As a result, a hurricane with a feminine vs. masculine name will lead to less protective action and more fatalities.

Archival Study

To test this hypothesis, we used archival data on actual fatalities caused by hurricanes in the United States (1950–2012). Ninety-four Atlantic hurricanes made landfall in the United States during this period (25). Nine independent coders who were blind to the hypothesis rated the masculinity vs. femininity of historical hurricane names on two items (1 = very masculine, 11 = very

what would it take to try to replicate this study?