

# DATA COLLECTION

Slides by WESLEY WILLETT

VISUAL ANALYTICS

# **WHERE DOES DATA COME FROM?**

**We tend to think of data as a thing...  
in a database...  
somewhere...**

# **WHY DO YOU NEED DATA?**

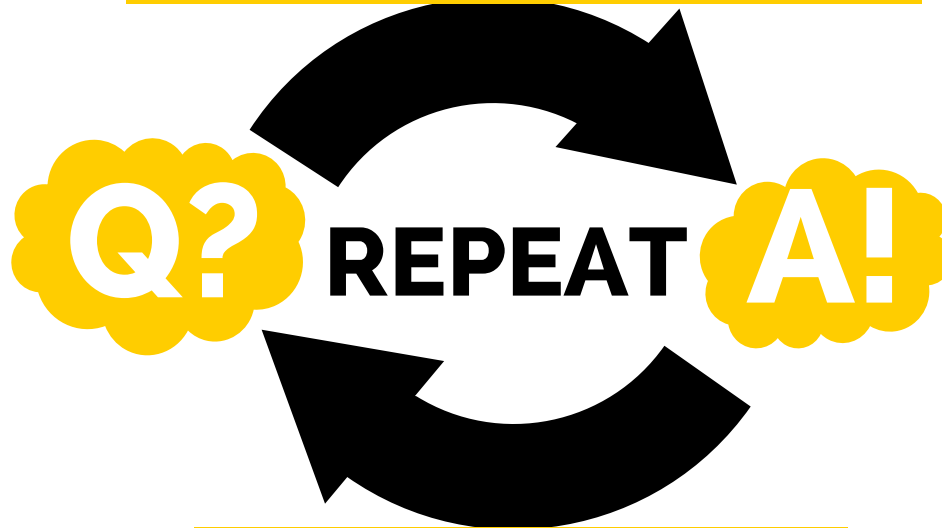
**(HINT: Usually, because you have a question you need to answer!)**

**DATA → ANSWERS**



# ANALYSIS IS A CYCLE

GATHERING DATA,  
APPLYING STATISTICAL TOOLS,  
AND CONSTRUCTING GRAPHICS  
TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS



INSPECT "ANSWERS" AND  
ASSESS NEW QUESTIONS

**(SOMETIMES YOU'LL  
ALREADY START WITH DATA...)**

**“EXPLORATORY  
DATA ANALYSIS”**



**JOHN TUKEY**

We'll revisit this later in the course...

**(...BUT OFTEN YOU START  
WITH A QUESTION AND NEED  
TO COLLECT DATA TO FIT IT)**

# CHOOSING A QUESTION

“How has language evolved over time?”

“What will the weather be like next month?”

“Are the right people seeing my advertisements?”

“What is the current temperature?”



# A PROBLEM OF SCALE

CHALLENGING  
TO FIND DATA

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NOT AS  
INTERESTING

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# HOW TO OBTAIN DATA?

## COLLECT IT

- OBSERVATION
- SURVEYS
- LOGGING
- SENSORS
- CROWDSOURCING

## FIND OR EXTRACT IT

- OPEN CORPUSES
- DATA RETAILERS
- APIS
- SCRAPING THE WEB

## GENERATE IT

- SIMULATIONS

ALL OF THESE HAVE  
**PROS/CONS**

# **THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE**

**This lecture is intended to expose you to just a few useful data sources and collection methods.**

# **COLLECTING DATA**


**Choosing the best way to capture information you need.**

# **SURVEYS**


**Paper surveys / In person interviews**

**STILL ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO GET  
DETAILED DATA OR DATA ABOUT  
SENSITIVE SUBJECTS**

# SURVEYS ONLINE




Ask Questions  
Get Answers



Collect → Analyze

Create your free account

The Ridiculously Power



1. How well do the professors teach at this university?


- Extremely well
- Quite well
- Moderately well
- Slightly well
- Not at all well

2. How effective is the teaching outside your major program?

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Moderately effective
- Slightly effective

This survey asks students to assess educational, social, and university. How effective is the teaching? Is their academic safe on campus? When you get to know what your students programs and your overall enrollment and retain students. Or questions if you want to know how students experienced sp

To create a survey using the University Student Satisfaction sign in to SurveyMonkey. You'll be able to choose the template




What would most influence your decision to buy clothes online instead of in-store?

Results for respondents with demographics. Weighted by Age, Gender, Region. (1,138 responses) Winner statistically significant.

Response	Percentage	Confidence Interval
Free shipping	40.5%	(±3.0 / -3.0)
Online discounts	24.9%	(±2.8 / -2.8)
Ability to return in store	16.4%	(±2.4 / -2.5)
Free returns	16.1%	(±2.1 / -2.0)

To find out what people really think, just ask the Internet.

When you want answers to your business questions, you need to reach everyday people — not just those who choose to participate in research panels.




# CROWDSOURCING DATA COLLECTION

Amazon Mechanical Turk - x

https://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome

## HITs containing 'short survey'

11-20 of 49 Results

Sort by:   [Show all details](#) | [Hide all details](#) [First](#) << [Previous](#) < 1 2 3 4 5 > [Next](#) >> [Last](#)

<a href="#">Answer a short survey about Work Team Dynamics</a>		<a href="#">Request Qualification (Why?)</a>	<a href="#">View a HIT in this group</a>
<b>Requester:</b> <a href="#">Whitney Ohmer</a>	<b>HIT Expiration Date:</b> Oct 12, 2014 (2 weeks 5 days)	<b>Reward:</b> \$0.25	
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<b>Time Allotted:</b> 60 seconds		<b>HITs Available:</b> 1	
<a href="#">Short survey about website experience (on average it takes 13 minutes)</a>		Not Qualified to work on this HIT ( <a href="#">Why?</a> )	<a href="#">View a HIT in this group</a>

# WEB LOGGING

Tracking Visits, Click-Throughs, and Traffic Patterns and other measures of User Activity.

- Google Analytics
- Open Web Analytics
- and many others...



# EDITS & ACCESSSS LOGS ON

WIKIPEDIA

Wikipedia:Statistics: Revision history

en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Statistics&action=history

Create account Login

Project page [Talk](#) [Read](#) [Edit](#) [View history](#)

## Wikipedia:Statistics: Revision history

[View logs for this page](#)

Browse history

From year (and earlier):  From month (and earlier):  [Tag filter:](#)

For any version listed below, click on its date to view it.

# SENSORS

- Weather stations
- Personal activity trackers
- Cameras
- Mobile phones



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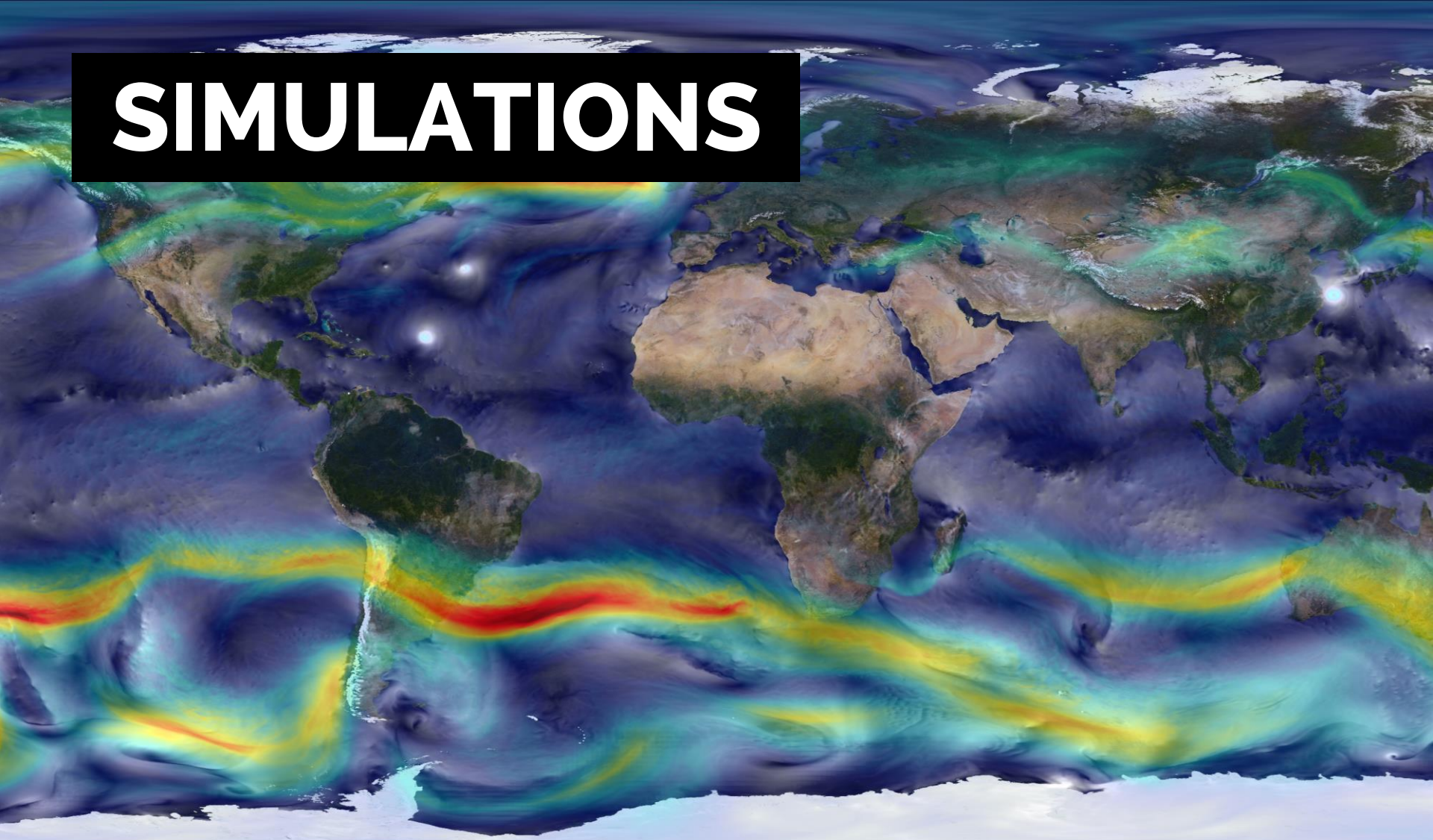
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**GENERATING DATA**

# SIMULATIONS



<http://www.nasa.gov/content/a-portrait-of-global-winds/>



# The Upshot

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FOLLOW US:

GET THE UPSHOT IN YOUR INBOX

SHARE

## Is It Better to Rent or Buy?

By MIKE BOSTOCK, SHAN CARTER and ARCHIE TSE

The choice between buying a home and renting one is among the biggest financial decisions that many adults make. But the costs of buying are more varied and complicated than for renting, making it hard to tell which is a better deal. To help you answer this question, our calculator takes the most important costs associated with buying a house and computes the equivalent monthly rent. [RELATED ARTICLE](#)

### Home Price

A very important factor, but not



**If you can rent a similar home for less than ...**



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**FINDING AND EXTRACTING  
EXISTING DATA**

**LARGE OPEN CORPUSES**



# DBPEDIA

About: Iceland

dbpedia.org/page/Iceland

## About: Iceland

An Entity of Type : [place](#), from Named Graph :  
<http://dbpedia.org>, within Data Space : [dbpedia.org](#)

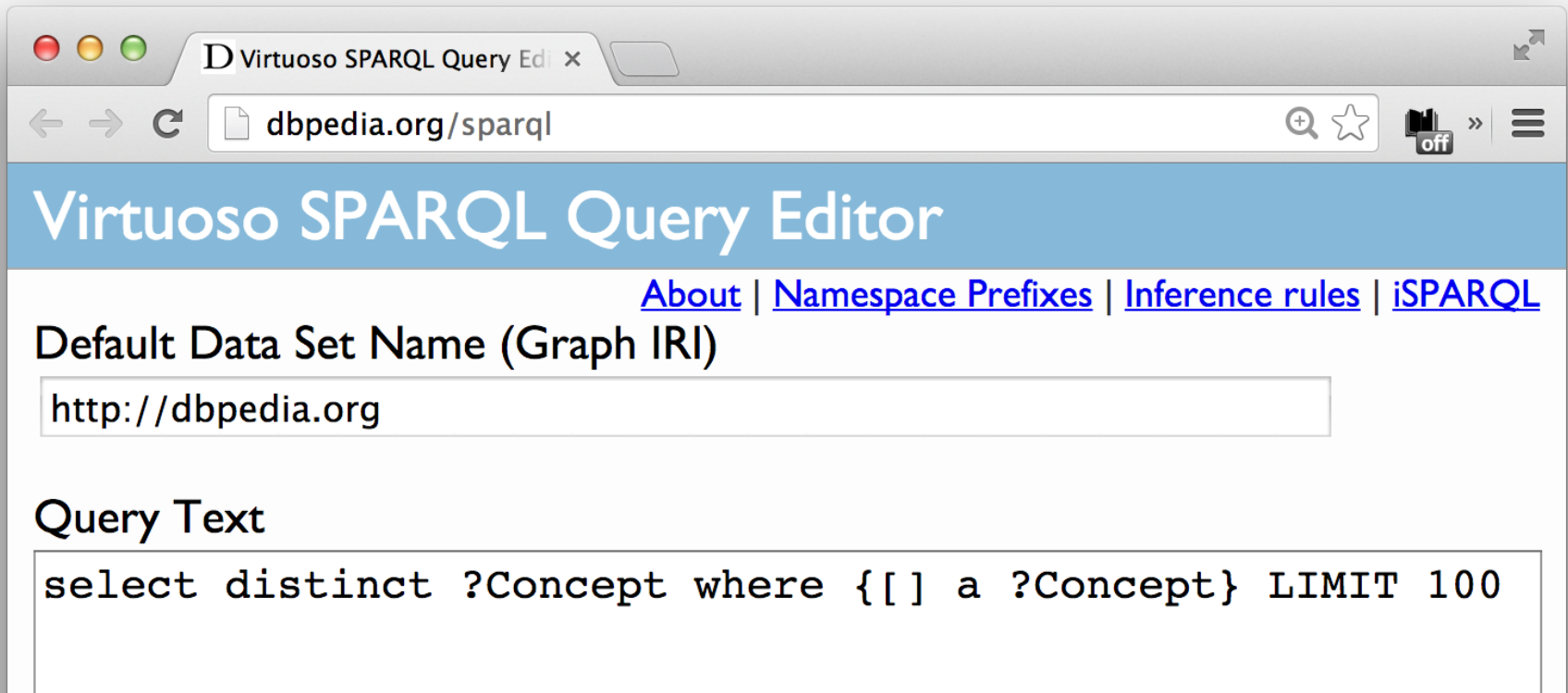


Iceland /ˈaɪslənd/ (Icelandic: Ísland [ˈistlant]), sometimes referred to in full as the Republic of Iceland (Lýðveldið Ísland), is a Nordic island country marking the juncture between the North Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean, on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. The country has a population of 325,671 and a total area of 103,000 km<sup>2</sup> (40,000 sq mi), which makes it the most sparsely populated country in Europe.

**Property**

**Value**

# QUERYING DBPEDIA



The image shows a browser window with the title "Virtuoso SPARQL Query Editor" and the URL "dbpedia.org/sparql". The page has a blue header with the title "Virtuoso SPARQL Query Editor". Below the header, there are navigation links: "About", "Namespace Prefixes", "Inference rules", and "iSPARQL". The main content area is divided into two sections: "Default Data Set Name (Graph IRI)" and "Query Text".

Default Data Set Name (Graph IRI)

Query Text  

```
select distinct ?Concept where {[] a ?Concept} LIMIT 100
```

# FREEBASE

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL <https://www.freebase.com>. The page features the Freebase logo on the left, a search bar with the placeholder text "Find...", and navigation links for "Browse", "Query", and "Help". On the right side, there are links for "Sign In or Sign Up" and "English".

2,653,581,676

Facts  
(and counting)

A community-curated database of well-known people, places, and things

Data

Schema

Queries

Apps

Loads

Review Tasks

Users

## Explore Freebase Data

Domain	ID	Topics	Facts
<a href="#">Music</a>	/music	29M	200M
<a href="#">Books</a>	/book	6M	15M
<a href="#">Media</a>	/media_common	5M	16M

## How can you get started?

### Learn how it works

Discover what kind of information Freebase contains, how it's organized, and how Freebase allows you to uniquely identify identities anywhere on the web

# WIKIDATA

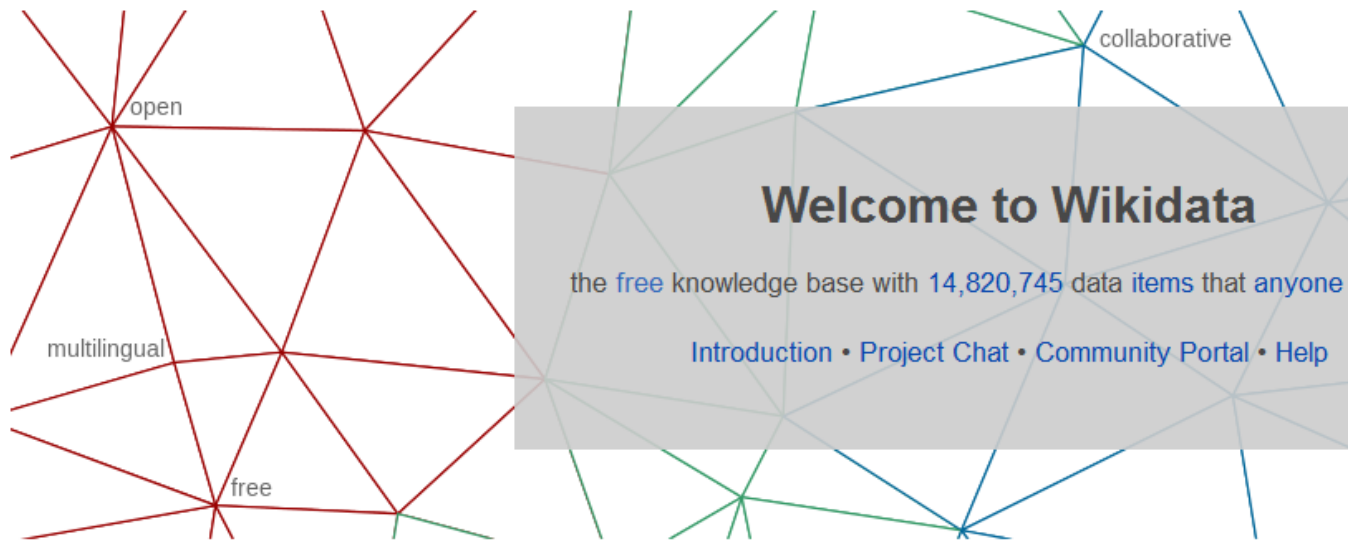


Main Page Discussion

- Main page
- Community portal
- Project chat
- Create a new item
- Item by title
- Recent changes
- Random item
- Help
- Donate

- Print/export
- Create a book
  - Download as PDF
  - Printable version

- Tools
- What links here
  - Related changes
  - Special pages
  - Permanent link
  - Page information



## Welcome!

Wikidata is a free linked database that can be read and edited by both humans and machines.

Wikidata acts as central storage for the **structured data** of its Wikimedia sister projects, including Wikipedia

## Learn about data

New to the wonderful world of Wikidata? Get up to speed and feeling comfortable with Wikidata.

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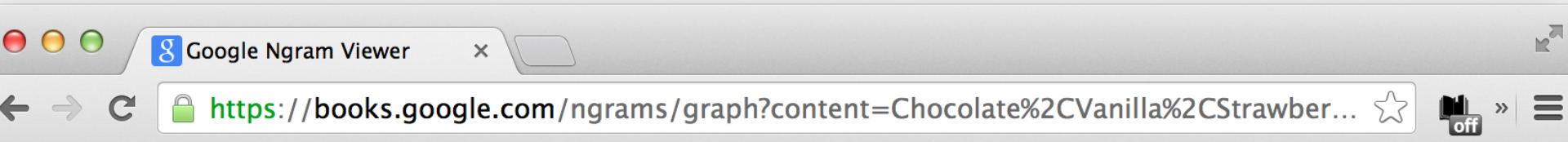


[The Kama Sutra of Vatsyayana](#)

Vatsyayana

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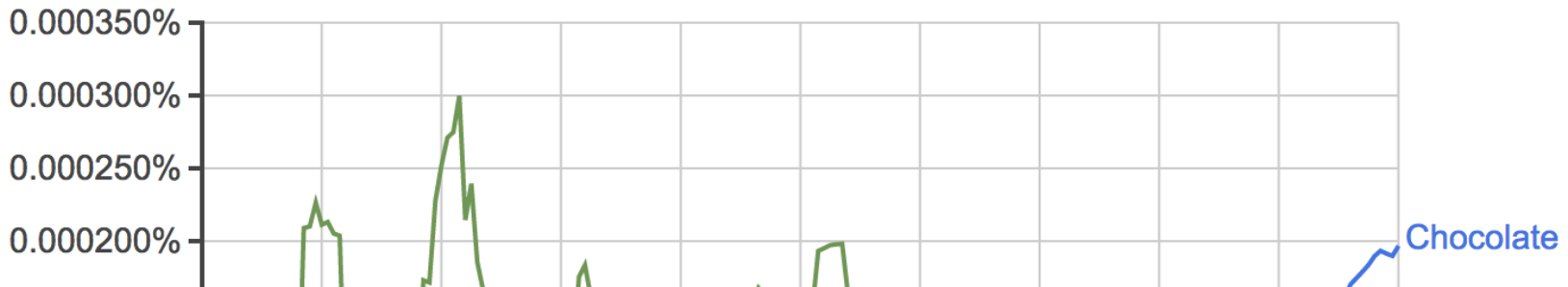
# GOOGLE N-GRAMS



## Google books Ngram Viewer

Graph these comma-separated phrases:   case-insensitive

between  and  from the corpus  with smoothing of  . [Search lots of books](#)



# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

**GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL  
DATA INITIATIVES**

# DATA.WORLDBANK.ORG

The screenshot shows the Data World Bank website. At the top, it says "Data | The World Bank" and "data.worldbank.org". The logo for "THE WORLD BANK" (IBRD - IDA) is visible, along with the tagline "Working for a World Free of Poverty" and the language "English". A navigation menu includes "Home", "About", "Data", "Research", "Learning", "News", and "Projects & Operations". A red "Data" banner is prominent, with sub-menus for "By Country", "By Topic", "Indicators", "Data Catalog", and "Microdata". Below this, there are language options: "This page in English | Español | Français | العربية | 中文". The main content area features a "World Bank Open Data" section and a "Find an indicator" search box. A "BROWSE DATA" section includes "By Country" and "Indicators". A "FEATURED" section lists "World Development Indicators", "Open Finances", "Projects & Operations", and "Open Government Toolkit".

**World Bank Open Data:** free and open access to data about development in countries and territories

**Find an indicator**  
GNI per capita, Atlas method

**BROWSE DATA**

- By Country
- Indicators

**FEATURED**

- World Development Indicators
- Open Finances
- Projects & Operations
- Open Government Toolkit

For developers

The screenshot shows the Data Lab - OECD website. The URL is "www.oecd.org/statistics/datalab/#d.en.227006". The logo for "OECD" is displayed with the tagline "BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES". A "Follow us" section includes "E-mail Alerts", "Blogs", and social media icons for RSS, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. A search bar is present. The main navigation menu includes "OECD Home", "About", "Countries", "Topics", "Statistics", and "Newsroom". The "Topics" menu is expanded, showing a list of categories such as "Agriculture and fisheries", "Education", "Innovation", "Regulatory reform", etc. Below the menu, there are several data visualization cards for "Product Market Regulation", "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook", "Economic Outlook projections", "Employment Outlook", "Environmental Outlook", and "Climate Change". A "Global Explorer" map is also visible at the bottom.

**OECD**  
BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES

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- Agriculture and fisheries
- Education
- Innovation
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- Bribery and corruption
- Employment
- Insurance and pensions
- Science and technology
- Chemical safety and biosafety
- Environment
- International migration
- Social and welfare issues
- Competition
- Finance
- Internet
- Tax
- Corporate governance
- Green growth and sustainable development
- Investment
- Trade
- Development
- Health
- Public governance
- Regional, rural and urban development
- Economy
- Industry and entrepreneurship

topics : all

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# DATA.OECD.ORG



# GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

WWW.DATA.GOV (US)

DATA.GOV.UK

DATA.GOV.BE

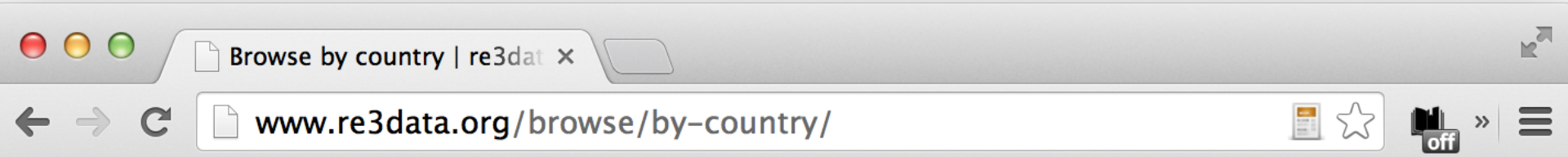
The screenshot shows the homepage of Data.gov. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "DATA" and "TOPICS". Below this, the main heading reads "The home of the data" in a large, bold font. Underneath, a sub-heading says "Here you will find data, tools, web and mobile applications". There is a search bar with the text "Health Care Provider Charge" entered. At the bottom, there is a section titled "BROWSE TOPICS".

The screenshot shows the search results page on Data.gov.uk. The header includes the logo "DATA.GOV.UK Beta" and the tagline "Opening up Government". Below the header, there is a search bar with the text "Search for data..." and a link to "conduct map based search". A green bar indicates "Show Search Facets >". The main heading is "19422 Results". The first result is "Live traffic information from the Highway" by the "Highways Agency", with a description: "Live traffic information data showing traffic information on the road network in England, maintained by the Highways Agency. August 2013 Following a change of...". The second result is "Learning Aim Reference Service" by the "Skills Funding Agency", with a description: "Learning Aim Reference Service (LARS) service will offer a 'Quick facility, allowing users to search by most commonly used fields full set of search fields will still...".

The screenshot shows the search results page on Data.gov.be. The header includes the logo "Data.gov.be" and a navigation bar with "HOME", "CONDITIONS D'UTILISATION", "DATA", "APPS", "IDÉES", and "FORUM". Below the header, there is a search bar with the text "Liste de sets de données disponibles comme 'open data'.". There are three dropdown menus for "Catégorie", "Type", and "Granularité", all set to "- Tout -". An "Appliquer" button is next to them. Below the filters, there is a table of results:

Titre	Catégorie	Type
<a href="#">Zones de stationnement voirie 2013</a>	Mobilité	Téléchargement
<a href="#">Usages TIC des ménages wallons</a>	TIC	Téléchargement Service web
<a href="#">Usages TIC des citoyens wallons</a>	Population, Economie, TIC	Téléchargement Service web
<a href="#">UDP Mars 2013 par commune</a>	Energie, Pouvoirs publics	Téléchargement
<a href="#">UDP Mai 2013 par commune</a>	Energie, Pouvoirs publics	Téléchargement

# NEW DATA INITIATIVES JUST TO TRACK ALL THE DATA INITIATIVES



**re3data.org**  
REGISTRY OF RESEARCH DATA REPOSITORIES

[Home](#)   [Search](#)   **[Browse](#)**   [Suggest](#)   [FAQ](#)  
[About](#)   [Schema](#)   [Contact](#)   [Imprint](#)

# INITIATIVES IN FRANCE

[HTTP://DATA.GOUV.FR](http://data.gouv.fr)

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The background window is the homepage of [data.gouv.fr](http://data.gouv.fr), the French national open data portal. It features a search bar with the text 'Recherche', a navigation menu with categories like 'Agriculture et alimentation', 'Culture', 'Économie et Emploi', 'Éducation et Recherche', 'International et Europe', 'Logement, Développement Durable et Énergie', 'Santé et Social', 'Société', and 'Territoires et Transports', and a 'Partagez, les données' section with a '+ CONTRIB' button. The foreground window is [opendata.paris.fr/explore/](http://opendata.paris.fr/explore/), the Paris Open Data portal. It has a dark header with 'PARISDATA' and 'MAIRIE DE PARIS' logo, a navigation menu with 'Les données', 'Les Data Challenges', 'L'API', 'La licence', 'La démarche', and 'Le forum', and a search bar with the text 'Trouver un jeu de données...'. Below the search bar, there is a 'Zones de rencontre' section and a 'Déplacement' button.

[HTTP://OPENDATA.PARIS.FR/EXPLORE/](http://opendata.paris.fr/explore/)

**FINDING AND EXTRACTING  
EXISTING DATA**

**OTHER PUBLIC DATA REPOSITORIES**

# MORE REPOSITORIES

VISUALIZING.ORG

<http://visualizing.org/data/browse>

AMAZON PUBLIC DATA HOSTING

<http://aws.amazon.com/publicdatasets/>

GOOGLE PUBLIC DATA

<http://www.google.com/publicdata/directory>

# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

**DATA RETAILERS**

# DATA RETAILERS

AZURE DATA MARKET

<https://datamarket.azure.com/browse/data>

FACTUAL

<http://www.factual.com/>

AND AGAIN, THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE...

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**APIS**



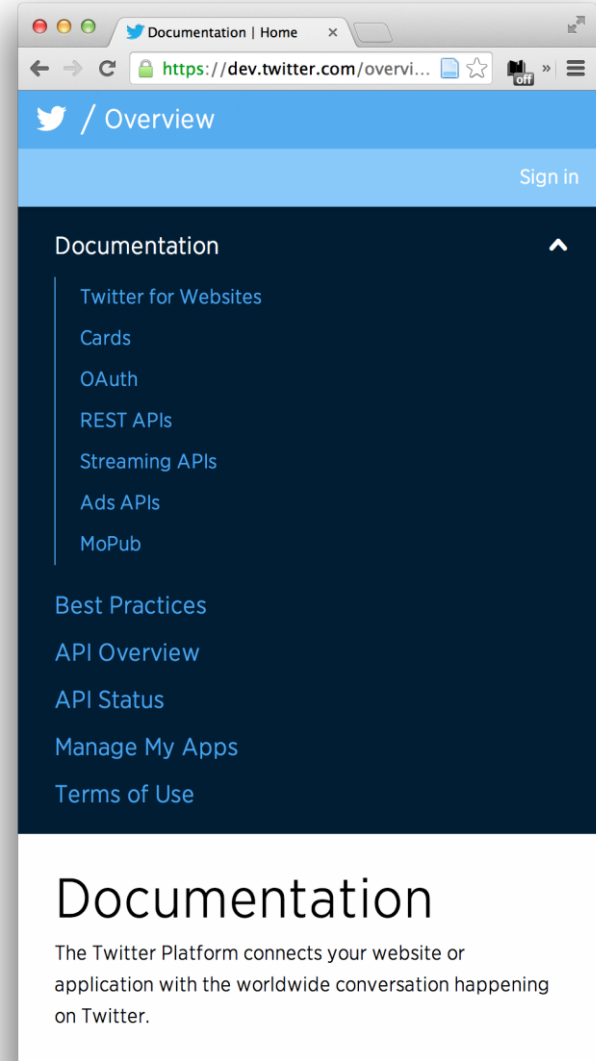
# TWITTER

Streaming APIs (live data by users and by topics)

The “Firehose” (all of live twitter)

Complete Archives via “Gnip” and eventually (maybe) the US Library of Congress

[HTTPS://DEV.TWITTER.COM](https://dev.twitter.com)



The image shows a browser window displaying the Twitter Developer Documentation page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://dev.twitter.com/overvi...>. The page has a blue header with the Twitter logo and the word "Overview". A "Sign in" link is visible in the top right corner. The main content area is dark blue and contains a list of links: "Documentation" (with an upward arrow), "Twitter for Websites", "Cards", "OAuth", "REST APIs", "Streaming APIs", "Ads APIs", "MoPub", "Best Practices", "API Overview", "API Status", "Manage My Apps", and "Terms of Use". Below this list, the word "Documentation" is written in a large font, followed by a paragraph: "The Twitter Platform connects your website or application with the worldwide conversation happening on Twitter."

# CNN #COP17 ECOSPHERE PROJECT

The CNN #COP17 ECOSPHERE  
Project launched on 14  
November 2011.

This is a timeline of how the  
ECOSPHERE develops in the  
build-up to the COP17  
Conference in Durban.

◀ Back to ECOSPHERE



1276 tweets

[HTTP://CNN-ECOSPHERE.COM/](http://CNN-ECOSPHERE.COM/)

◀ 14 Nov 2011 ▶

ECOSPHERE TIMELINE

Learn More  
about the project

CNN.com

# Tottenham Riots

402 sources sharing 551 tweets matching "tottenhamriots" or "tottenham"

## Search

(enter search terms here)

Search

## Sort

# times retweeted

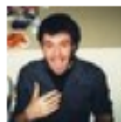
Show Sources (showing 8 of 10 sources loaded)

Show Tweets

All Ordinary People Journalists / Bloggers Organizations Uncategorized Eyewitnesses

All Exclude RTs Images & Videos

 Daniel Carr, @daniel\_carr (2 years, 3 months old)

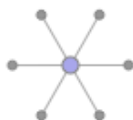


Myself in 160 characters: Schizophrenic. Also a criminologist

NETWORK SKETCH

213 Followers

163 Following



FRIENDS' LOCATIONS



London, GB  
34.48%



Glasgow, GB  
5.17%



Manchester, GB  
3.45%

TOP ENTITIES MENTIONED HISTORICALLY

Bruce Grove, Tottenham Hale, London, BBC, Haha,

London, United Kingdom



Journo/Blogger

41

RTed

56

Klout

31 Tweets

#tottenham #tottenhamriots Fire near Bruce Grove Station, larger one towards Lordship Lane  
Aug. 6, 2011, 11:27 p.m.

#tottenham #tottenhamriots @MrsCheddies by Bruce Grove I mean north of previous fires, on High Rd towards Lordship Lane  
Aug. 6, 2011, 11:24 p.m.

@hackneyhive yeah around that area there are 2 fires, one small now, one very large #tottenham #tottenhamriots

Aidan Rowe, @Aidan\_Rowe (1 year, 2 months old)



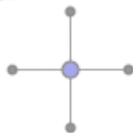
Post-punk, proto-utopian, anarchist, activist, musician, blogger, student, failed comedian.

<http://redwriters1.blogspot.com>

NETWORK SKETCH

215 Followers

395 Following



FRIENDS' LOCATIONS



Dublin, IE  
43.48%



London, GB  
4.35%



Cork, IE  
1.74%

TOP ENTITIES MENTIONED HISTORICALLY

Oslo, BBC, Dublin, Dermot Mulqueen, Johann Hari,



Ordinary Person

23

RTed

49

Klout

5 Tweets

"Why couldn't the people in #Tottenham just have held a nice dignified protest for us to ignore?" - Liberals #tottenhamriots

Aug. 7, 2011, 12:49 a.m.

Any reports of arrests? #tottenham #tottenhamriots Hope everyone is safe. #acab

# SRSR

[DIAKOPOULOS ET AL. 2012]

# GOOGLE EARTH ENGINE

[HTTPS://EARTHENGINE.GOOGLE.ORG/](https://earthengine.google.org/)

1984

2012

# MORE APIS

## (APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACES)

### NEW YORK TIMES APIS

<http://developer.nytimes.com/>

(Archival news articles from 1851, books, movies, geographical, and political data)

### ECHONEST APIS

<http://developer.echonest.com/>

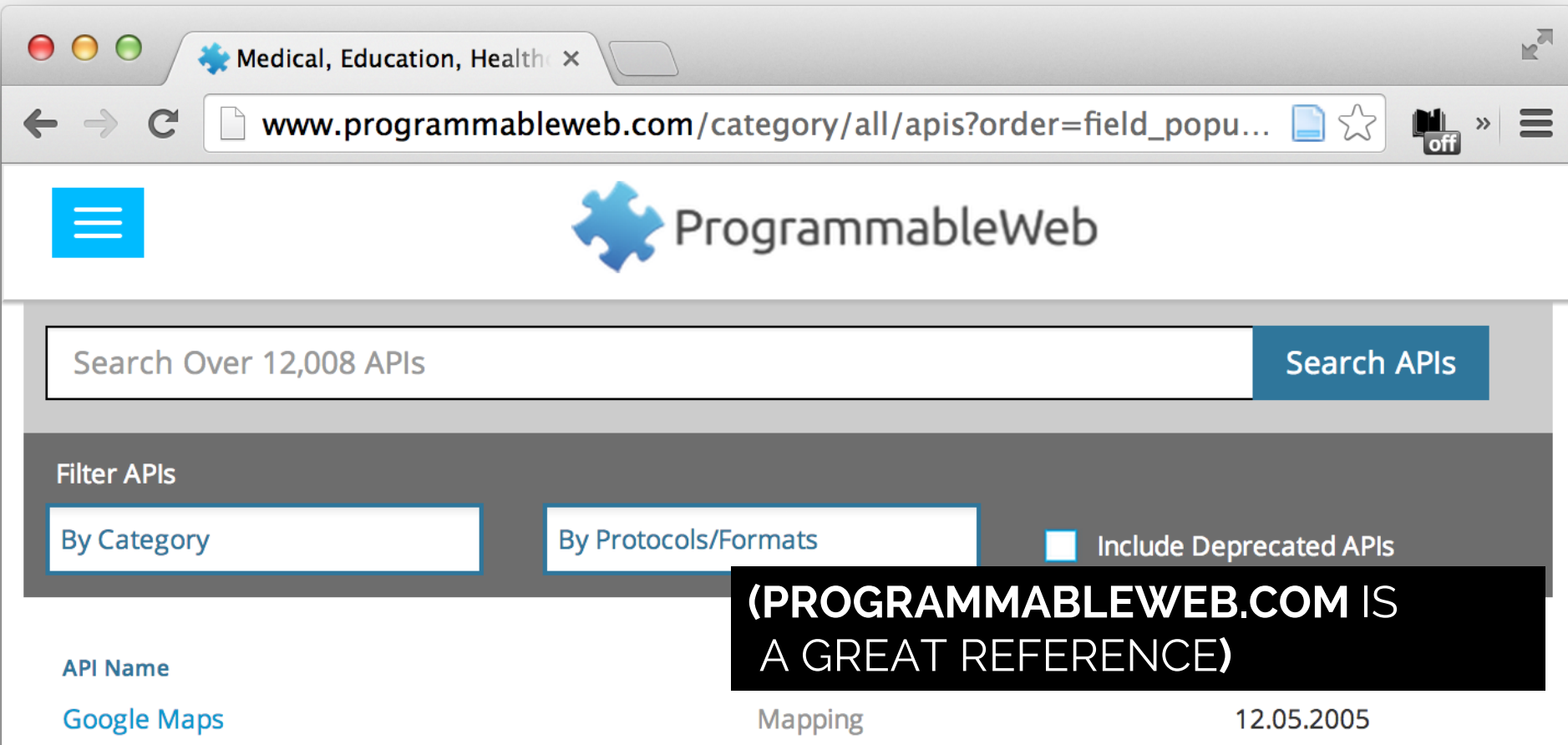
(Incredibly detailed Song, Album, Artist data for millions of musicians)

### OPEN STREET MAP

<http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/API>

(Detailed location and map data for the whole world)

# AND THE LIST GOES ON!



The image shows a browser window with the URL `www.programmableweb.com/category/all/apis?order=field_popu...`. The page header features the ProgrammableWeb logo and a search bar with the text "Search Over 12,008 APIs" and a "Search APIs" button. Below the search bar, there are filter options: "By Category", "By Protocols/Formats", and a checkbox for "Include Deprecated APIs".

**(PROGRAMMABLEWEB.COM IS A GREAT REFERENCE)**

API Name  
Google Maps  
Mapping  
12.05.2005

# FINDING AND EXTRACTING EXISTING DATA

**SCRAPING THE WEB**

# WHY SCRAPE?

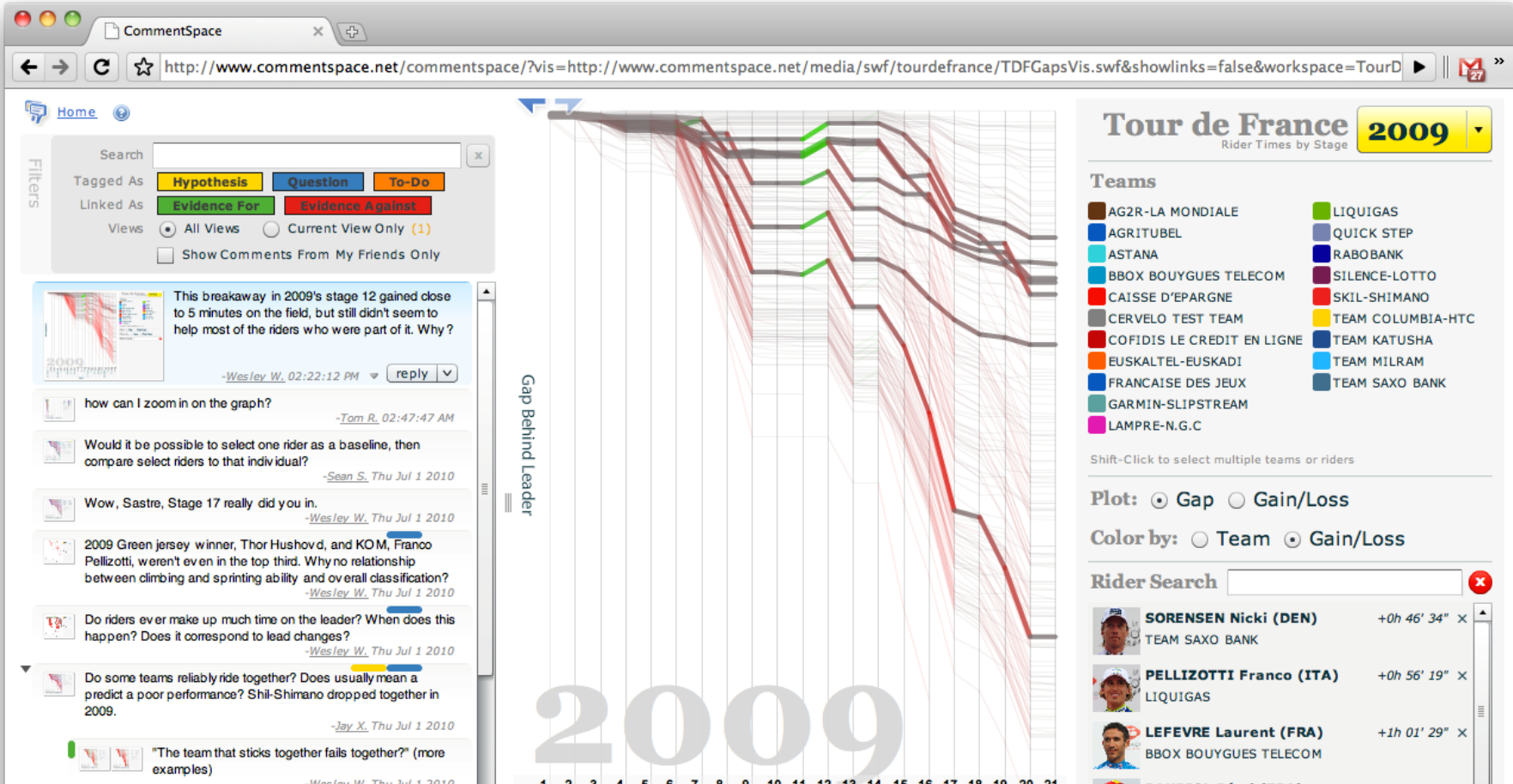
No API exists for the data you want  
(can't access the right data, wrong format, etc.)

Simplicity – Usually don't need to  
authenticate, no rate-limiting, etc.

Want to capture context of pages or  
relationship between them.



# FOR EXAMPLE...





Le Tour de France  
07/05 > 07/27/2014

Facebook Twitter Google+ YouTube  
EN  
Sunday July 27th, 2014  
Stage 21  
Évry / Paris Champs-Élysées

STAGE FINISHED

19:16 Top 5      19:14 The winner is... Marcel Kittel      19:10 All together with 3km to go

THE RACE | ROUTE | CLASSIFICATIONS | TEAMS | VIDEOS & PHOTOS | HISTORY | STORE      Search

PARIS TOURS  
12/10/2014


PREVIOUS      SUNDAY, JULY 27TH - STAGE 21 137.5km      NEXT  
Évry / Paris Champs-Élysées

 Individual Points Team Climber Youth Combative

## Overall individual time classification

Total distance covered: 3660.5 KM



RANK	RIDER	RIDER NO.	TEAM	TIMES	GAP
1.	 NIBALI Vincenzo	41	ASTANA PRO TEAM	89h 59' 06"	
2.	 PÉRAUD Jean-Christophe	81	AG2R LA MONDIALE	90h 06' 43"	+ 07' 37"
3.	 PINOT Thibaut	127	FDJ.FR	90h 07' 21"	+ 08' 15"
4.	 VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro	11	MOVISTAR TEAM	90h 08' 46"	+ 09' 40"
5.	 VAN GARDEREN Tejay	141	BMC RACING TEAM	90h 10' 30"	+ 11' 24"
6.	 BARDET Romain	82	AG2R LA MONDIALE	90h 10' 32"	+ 11' 26"
7.	 KONIG Leopold	201	TEAM NETAPP-ENDURA	90h 13' 38"	+ 14' 32"
8.	 ZUBELDIA AGIRRE Haimar	169	TREK FACTORY RACING	90h 17' 03"	+ 17' 57"
9.	 TEN DAM Laurens	67	BELKIN PRO CYCLING	90h 17' 17"	+ 18' 11"
10.	 MOLLEMA Bauke	61	BELKIN PRO CYCLING	90h 20' 21"	+ 21' 15"
11.	 ROLLAND Pierre	151	TEAM EUROPCAR	90h 22' 13"	+ 23' 07"
12.	 SCHLECK Frank	161	TREK FACTORY RACING	90h 24' 54"	+ 25' 48"
13.	 VAN DEN BROECK Jurgen	131	LOTTO-BELISOL	90h 33' 07"	+ 34' 01"
14.	 TROFIMOV Yury	29	TEAM KATUSHA	90h 35' 47"	+ 36' 41"
15.	 KRUIJSWIJK Steven	64	BELKIN PRO CYCLING	90h 37' 21"	+ 38' 15"
16.	 FEILLU Brice	211	BRETAGNE - SECHE ENVIRONNEMENT	90h 43' 05"	+ 43' 59"
17.	 HORNER Christopher	114	LAMPRE - MERIDA	90h 43' 37"	+ 44' 31"
18.	 NIEVE ITURRALDE Mikel	5	TEAM SKY	90h 45' 37"	+ 46' 31"
19.	 GADRET John	13	MOVISTAR TEAM	90h 46' 36"	+ 47' 30"

# **SOMETIMES YOU DON'T NEED A SCRAPER!**

**A few tips and tricks...**

# PULLING DATA TABLES FROM THE WEB

Google



Sheets

## IMPORTHTML

Imports data from a table or list within an HTML page.

# Demographics of India

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*This article is about the people from India. For other uses, see [Indian \(disambiguation\)](#).*

The **demographics of India** are inclusive of the [second most populous](#) country in the world, with over 1.21 billion people (2011 census), more than a sixth of the [world's population](#).

Already containing 17.5% of the world's population, India is projected to be the [world's most populous country](#) by 2025, surpassing [China](#), its population reaching 1.6 billion by 2050.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Its population growth rate is 1.41%, ranking [102nd](#) in the world in 2010.<sup>[6]</sup> Indian population reached the billion mark in 2000.

Demographics of India	
<b>Population</b>	1,236,344,631 (July 2014 est.) <sup>[1]</sup> ( <a href="#">2nd</a> )
<b>Growth rate</b>	1.51% (2009 est.) ( <a href="#">93rd</a> )
<b>Birth rate</b>	20.22 births/1,000 population (2013 est.)
<b>Death rate</b>	7.4 deaths/1,000 population (2013 est.)
<b>Life expectancy</b>	68.89 years (2009 est.)
<span> </span> <span>•</span> <b>male</b>	67.46 years (2009 est.)
<span> </span> <span>•</span> <b>female</b>	72.61 years (2009 est.)
<b>Fertility rate</b>	2.44 children born/woman (SRS 2011)
<b>Infant mortality rate</b>	44 deaths/1,000 live births (2011 est.)
Age structure	

Population distribution in India by states

Rank	State / Union Territory	Type	Population	% <sup>[18]</sup>	Area <sup>[19]</sup> (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (/km <sup>2</sup> )	Males	Females	Sex Ratio <sup>[20]</sup>	Literacy	Rural <sup>[21]</sup> Population	Urban <sup>[21]</sup> Population
1	Uttar Pradesh	State	199,812,341	16.50	240,928	828	104,480,510	95,331,831	912	67.68	131,658,339	34,539,582
2	Maharashtra	State	121,455,333	9.28	307,713	365	58,243,056	54,131,277	929	82.34	55,777,647	41,100,980
3	Bihar	State	103,804,637	8.60	94,163	1,102	54,278,157	49,821,295	918	61.80	74,316,709	8,681,800
4	West Bengal	State	91,276,115	7.54	88,752	1,030	46,809,027	44,467,088	950	76.26	57,748,946	22,427,251
5	Madhya Pradesh	State	72,626,809	6.00	308,245	236	37,612,306	35,014,503	931	69.32	44,380,878	15,967,145
6	Tamil Nadu	State	72,147,030	5.96	130,058	555	36,137,975	36,009,055	996	80.09	34,921,681	27,483,998
7	Rajasthan	State	68,548,437	5.66	342,239	201	35,550,997	32,997,440	928	66.11	43,292,813	13,214,375
8	Karnataka	State	61,095,297	5.05	191,791	319	30,966,657	30,128,640	973	75.36	34,889,033	17,961,529
9	Gujarat	State	60.439.692	4.99	196.024	308	31.491.260	28.948.432	919	78.03	31.740.767	18.930.250



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7	6	Tamil Nadu	State	72,147,030	5.96	130,058

# PARSING

## Tabula



Tabula is a tool  
locked inside P

### Extracted tabular data

2		
All Students	79,858	99%
Gender		
Male	40,492	98%
Female	39,134	99%
Ethnicity		
White	10,665	99%
Black	49,379	99%
Latino/Hispanic	13,717	98%
Asian	4,746	100%
Native American	132	99%
Multiracial	941	98%
Other Groups		
IEP	11,471	98%

Use row/columns separators

Close

Copy to clipboard as CSV

Download data



# **BUILDING A WEB SCRAPER**

**FETCHING DATA + PARSING DATA**

**YOU SHOULD SEPARATE THESE  
PROCESSES WHENEVER POSSIBLE!**

# FETCHING

## DON'T DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE

Download complete pages and save them locally before you process them.

## DEALING WITH PAGINATION

If results or records are spread across multiple pages, you may need to parse the page to find the link to the next page.

# PARSING

**SERIOUSLY, DON'T DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE!**

Processing data from local files means you don't have to get it right the first time.

**USE YOUR BROWSER'S DEVELOPER TOOLS**

All modern web browsers have built-in tools that let you inspect web pages.

# **BE CAREFUL - YOU CAN GET YOURSELF BLOCKED**

Many sites will try to slow or block heavy access (both to prevent scraping and DoS attacks)

To get around this...You can introduce delays in your scraper or scrape from multiple locations.

# **A FEW MORE NOTES ABOUT DATA MANAGEMENT**

**FORMATS AND BEST-PRACTICES**

# DATA FORMATS

## STRUCTURED vs. UNSTRUCTURED

STRUCTURED DATA is more like what you'd find in a traditional spreadsheet or database.

UNSTRUCTURED DATA can include raw text, streaming data, even images or video.

SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA is more organized, but doesn't follow a fixed schema (e.g. DBPEDIA data)

# CSV

## (Comma-Separated Value)

```
1 firstName,lastName,age,streetAddress,city,state
2 John,Smith,25,21 2nd Street,New York,NY,10021,2
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
John	Smith	25	21 2nd Street	New York	NY	10021	212 555-1239	646 555-4567	male

# XML

## (eXtensible Markup Language)

```
<person>
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith</lastName>
  <age>25</age>
  <address>
    <streetAddress>21 2nd Street</streetAddress>
    <city>New York</city>
    <state>NY</state>
    <postalCode>10021</postalCode>
  </address>
  <phoneNumbers>
    <phoneNumber type="home">212 555-1234</phoneNumber>
    <phoneNumber type="fax">646 555-4567</phoneNumber>
  </phoneNumbers>
  <gender>
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
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# JSON

## (JavaScript Object Notation)

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "age": 25,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021"
  },
  "phoneNumber": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1239"
    },
    {
      "type": "fax",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    }
  ]
}
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
John	Smith	25	21 2nd Street	New York	NY	10021	212 555-1239	646 555-4567	male

# YAML

## (YAML Ain't Markup Language)

```
---
firstName: John
lastName: Smith
age: 25
address:
  streetAddress: 21 2nd Street
  city: New York
  state: NY
  postalCode: 10021

phoneNumber:
  -
    type: home
    number: 212 555-1234
  -
    type: fax
```

firstName	lastName	age	streetAddress	city	state	postalCode	homePhoneNumber	faxPhoneNumber	gender
John	Smith	25	21 2nd Street	New York	NY	10021	212 555-1239	646 555-4567	male

# HANDLING DATA

## STORING DATA

- Always keep backups
- Password protect or encrypt any data with personal or sensitive information

## PROVENANCE

- Keep track of where/when data was collected
- Record any data processing steps so you (or others) can repeat them if necessary

# IP, COPYRIGHT, AND (RE)SHARING DATA

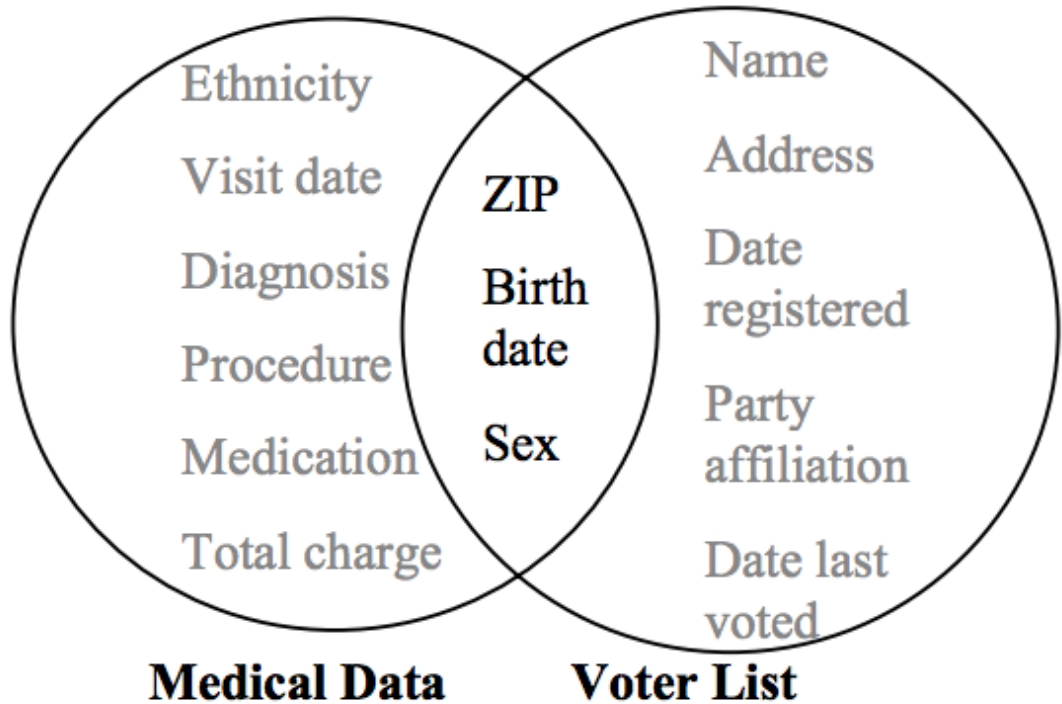
- Be sure you know who owns the data.
- Think early on about whether or not you'll need to publish or (re)share data.
- Be careful you aren't violating copyright, especially when scraping.

# PRIVACY AND ANONYMIZING DATA

- Any information that could be used to identify individuals is sensitive!
- There may be legal repercussions for releasing it.
- In some cases you might need to anonymize data before sharing.

**JUST REMOVING NAMES IS  
OFTEN NOT ENOUGH!**

# OTHER INFORMATION CAN STILL BE UNIQUE

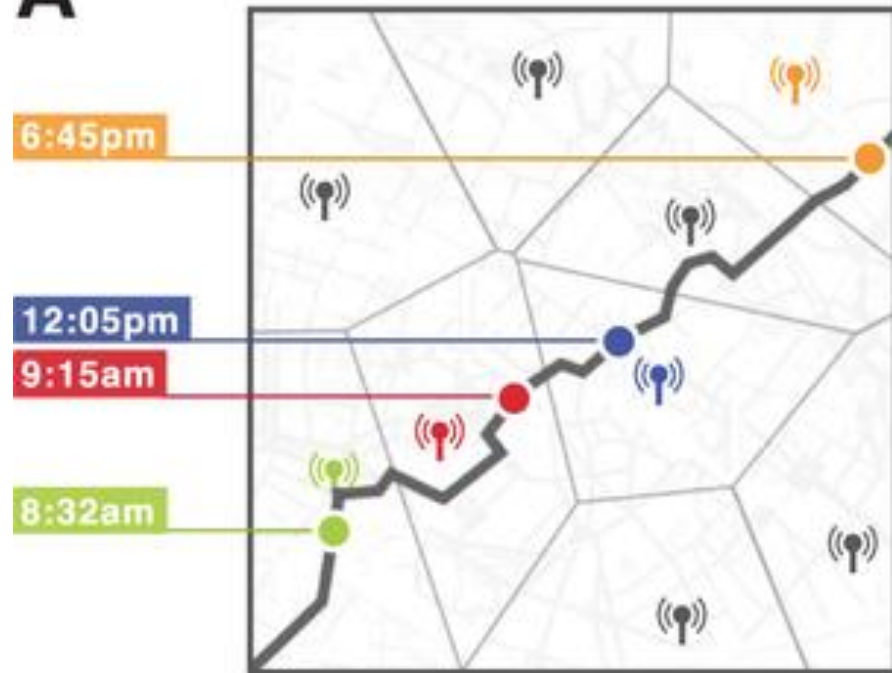


[L. Sweeney. 2002]

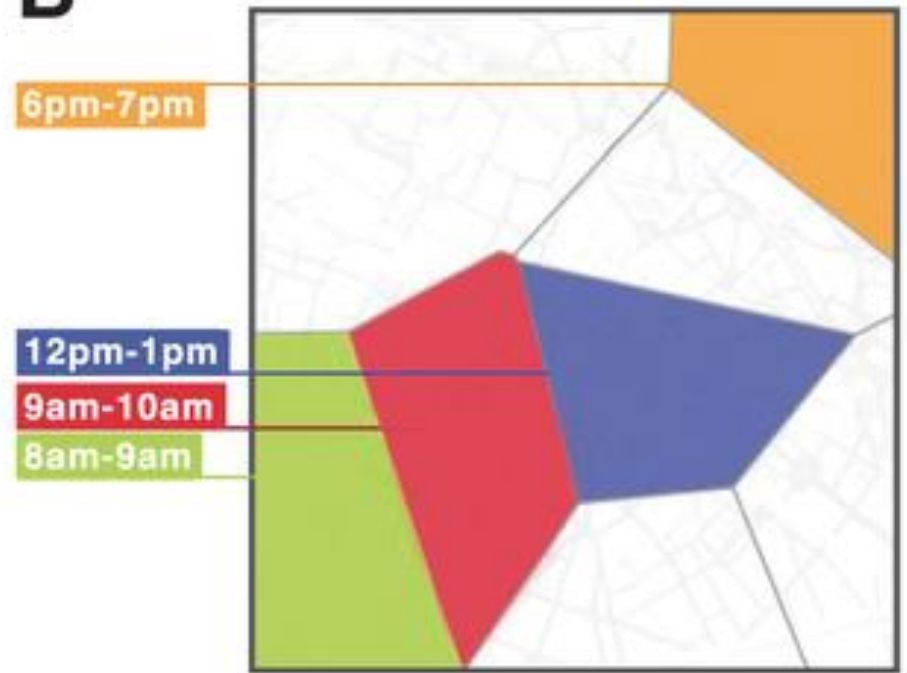
[k-ANONYMITY: A MODEL FOR PROTECTING PRIVACY](#)

# LOCATION DATA IS ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE

**A**



**B**



[de Montjoye et al. 2013]

[Unique in the Crowd: The privacy bounds of human mobility](#)



# REGULATIONS (ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH)

Institutional Review and Ethics Boards may need to approve experiments or data collection before it happens.

Studies involving people may need informed consent.

# REGULATIONS (INDUSTRY)

Some governments have placed limits on how long user data can be kept.

Some kinds of tracking (e.g., cookies) may now require opt-in or notifications.  
(However this varies by country).

# SOCIAL EXPERIMENTS

Experimental evidence of massive-scale emotional contagion via social networks

Adam D. I. ...

Core Data  
CA 94142

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Emo  
cont.

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in laboratory exper

negative emotions to others.

network, collected over a 20-y period

moods (e.g., depression, happiness) can be tracked

networks [Fowler JH, Christakis NA (2008) *BMJ* 337:f2039]

though the results are controversial. In an experiment with people

who use Facebook, we test whether emotional contagion occurs

outside of in-person interaction between individuals by reducing

the amount of emotional content in the News Feed. When positive

expressions were reduced, people produced fewer positive posts

and more negative posts; when negative expressions were reduced,

the opposite pattern occurred. These results indicate that

emotions expressed by others on Facebook influence our own

emotions, constituting experimental evidence for massive-scale

contagion via social networks. This work also suggests that, in

contrast to prevailing assumptions, in-person interaction and non-

verbal cues are not strictly necessary for emotional contagion.

**Senator asks FTC to investigate Facebook's mood study**

After the social network altered the news feeds of nearly 700,000 users without telling them, Sen. Mark R. Warner wants to know if there should be oversight on these types of experiments.

later seen by ...  
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content than one person can v ...  
stories, and activities undertaken by m ...  
primary manner by which people see content th ...  
Which content is shown or omitted in the News Feed ...  
determined via a ranking algorithm that Facebook continually ...  
develops and tests in the interest of showing viewers the content ...  
they will find most relevant and engaging. One such test is ...

PSYCHOLOGY  
COGNITIVE SCIENCE

# “EXPERIMENTING ON HUMAN BEINGS”



Dating Research from OkCupid

## We Experiment On Human Beings!

July 28th, 2014 by [Christian Rudder](#)

 [Tweet](#) 2,760

 [Share](#) 10k

I'm the first to admit it: we might be popular, we might create a lot of great relationships, we might blab blab blab. But OkCupid doesn't

# IN SUMMARY: THERE ARE LOTS OF TOOLS AT YOUR DISPOSAL!

## COLLECT IT

- OBSERVATION
- SURVEYS
- LOGGING
- SENSORS
- CROWDSOURCING

## FIND OR EXTRACT IT

- OPEN CORPUSES
- DATA RETAILERS
- APIS
- SCRAPING THE WEB

## GENERATE IT

- SIMULATIONS

(...AND WE'LL  
BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS  
OR SUGGEST MORE)

**NEXT UP**

TUTORIAL 2 – BUILDING A WEB SCRAPER

**NEXT WEEK**

DATA CLEANING

# BEFORE NEXT WEEK'S CLASS

INSTALL :



**OpenRefine** (formerly Google Refine)

<http://openrefine.org/>

# DATA COLLECTION

Slides by WESLEY WILLETT

VISUAL ANALYTICS