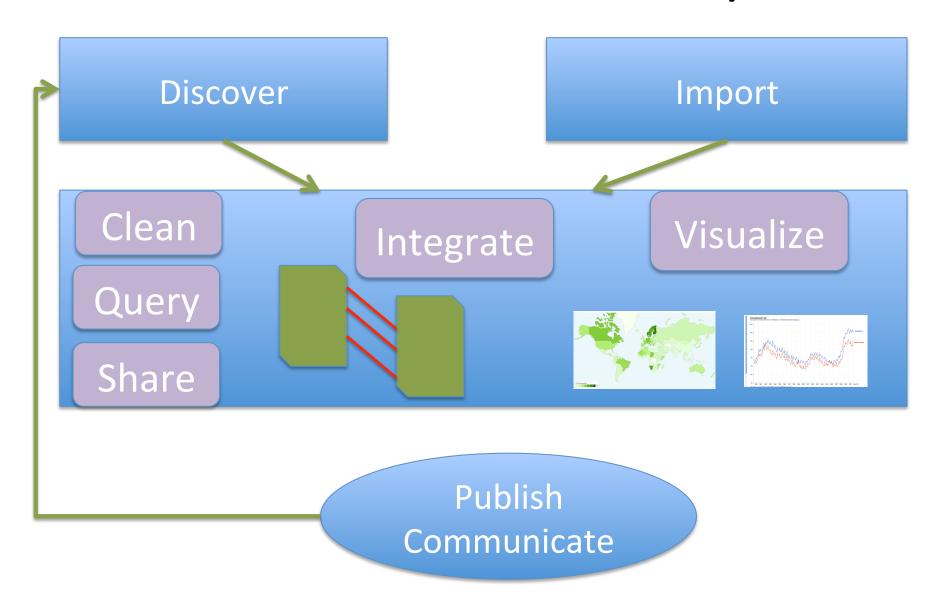
Best-Effort Modeling of Structured Data on the Web

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Google
November 2, 2011

Structured Data and the Web

- A huge amount of structured data on the Web
 - Reference data, hobbies, products, coffee, ...
 - Reacting to existing data
- A platform for getting more data out:
 - Government data, crime, water conditions, ...
 - Being proactive
- New kinds of data collection and management
 - Collaboration, crowd-sourcing, real-time data, crisis response, ...
 - Inventing a bright future

Goal: Structured Data Ecosystem



Outline

- Google Fusion Tables:
 - A Database management service for the Web
- WebTables:
 - Discovering a (structured) needle in an (unstructured) haystack
- Observations about modeling along the way

Fusion Tables

google.com/fusiontables

- Goal: an easy-to-use database system that is integrated with the Web.
- Key features:
 - Easy upload (CSV, KML, spreadsheets)
 - Sharing (even outside your company)
 - Visualizations front and center
 - Easy publishing
- Goal 2: a data cloud -- discover others' data and combine with yours.

Coffee Consumption Per Capita

International Coffee Organization

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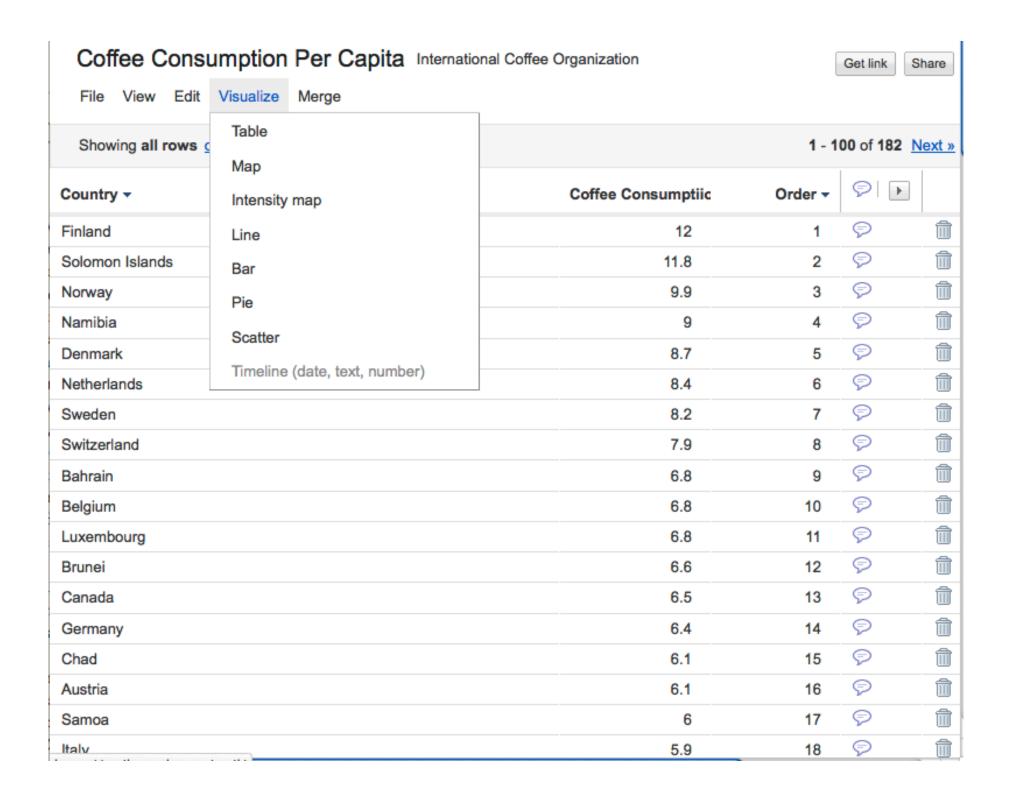
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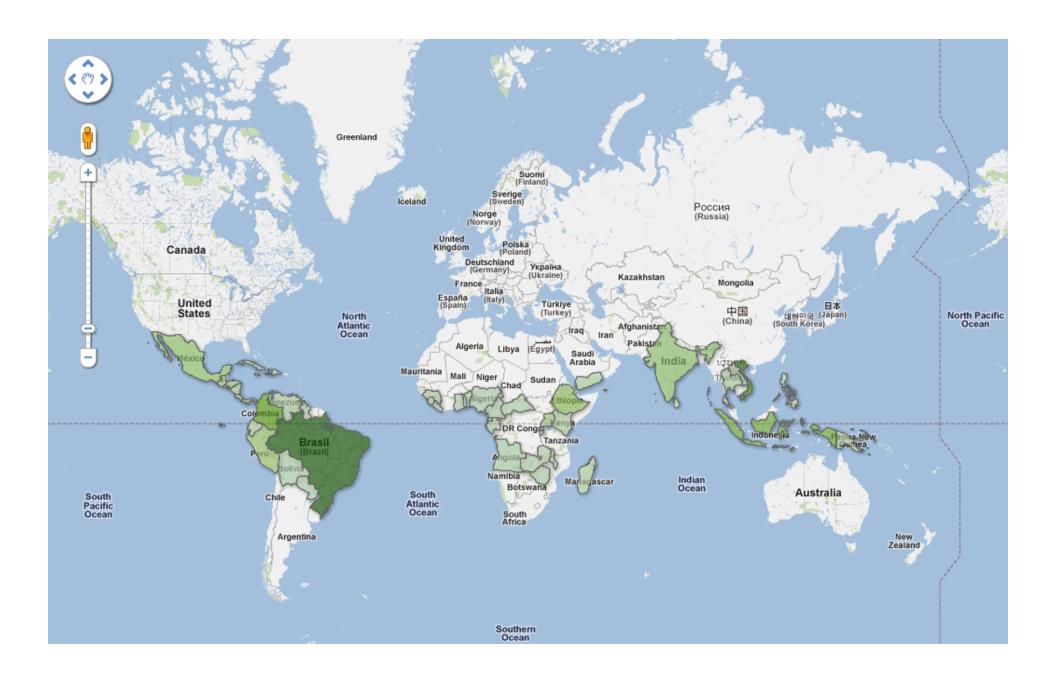
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DATA BLOG Facts are sacred

Wikileaks Iraq war logs: every death mapped

The Wikileaks Iraq war logs provide us with a unique picture of every death in Iraq. These are those events mapped using Google Fusion tables

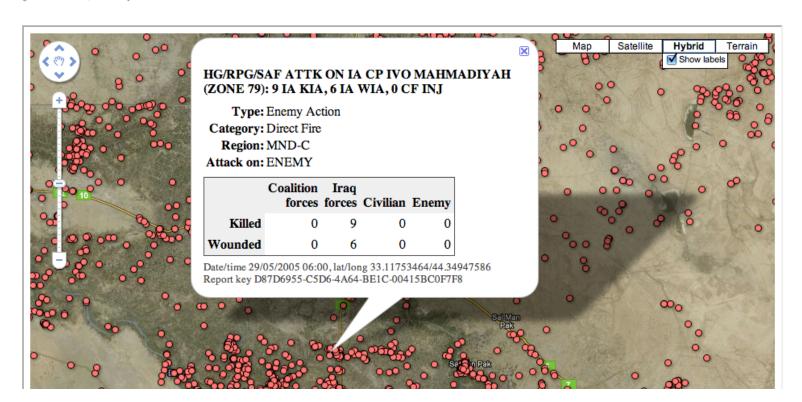
· Download the data from the Datablog



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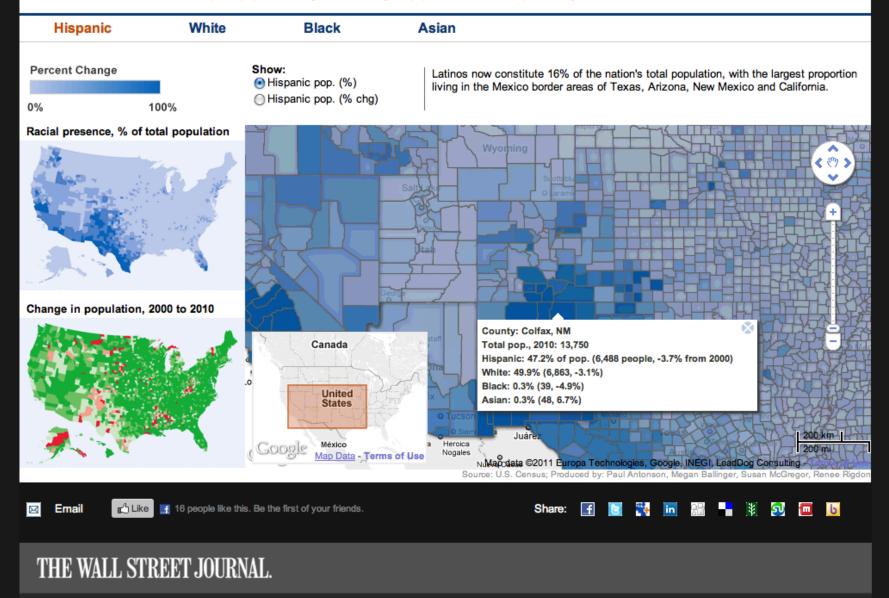


Simon Rogers guardian.co.uk, Wednesday 10 August 2011 08.00 BST



America in 2010

The latest census report underscores a decades-long demographic shift, as people and jobs have migrated away from the northern and central U.S. toward the Sunbelt. There's also a transformation under way in the country's racial and ethnic makeup as the Hispanic population surges. See change in population and total population by race across the U.S.

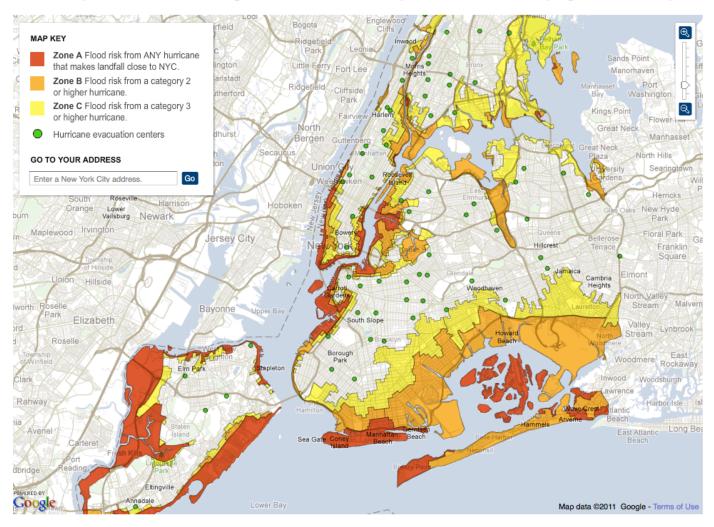


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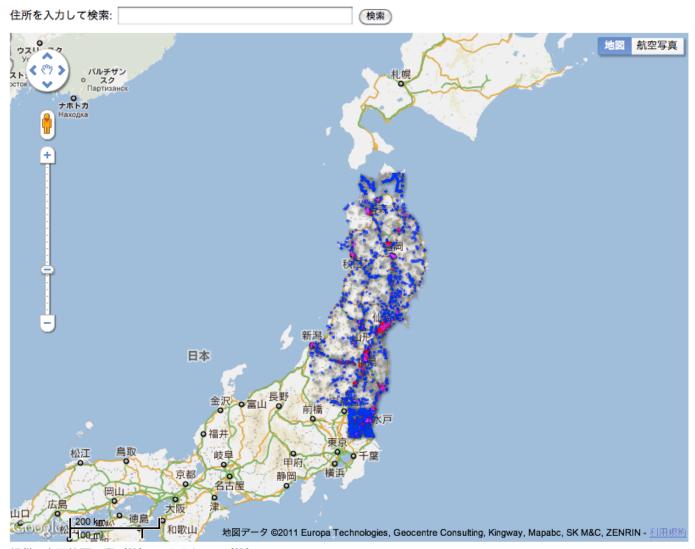
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Global earthquake activity since 1973 and nuclear power plant locations



Crowd Sourcing



A GIS in the Cloud

- That's not what we set out to do, really.
- Challenges:
 - Trickling: show only a small number of features (points, polygons) from a large data set
 - Need to thin polygons, clip to the window
 - Style features on the fly
 - All in less than 100ms

And the Credit Goes to...

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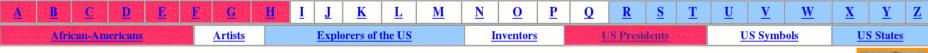
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Discovery = incentive to publish

Tables on the Web





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The Presidents of the United States of America

In the order in which they served Alphabetical order Short table of Data



Abraham Lincoln

The President and Vice-President are elected every four years. They must be at least 35 years of age, they must be native-born citizens of the United States, and they must have been residents of the U.S. for at least 14 years. (Also, a person cannot be elected to a third term as President.)

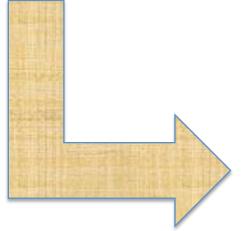
President	Party	Term as President	Vice-President
1. George Washington (1732-1799)	None, Federalist	1789-1797	John Adams
2. John Adams (1735-1826)	Federalist	1797-1801	Thomas Jefferson
3. <u>Thomas Jefferson</u> (1743-1826)	Democratic-Republican	1801-1809	Aaron Burr, George Clinton
4. <u>James Madison</u> (1751-1836)	Democratic-Republican	1809-1817	George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry
5. James Monroe (1758-1831)	Democratic-Republican	1817-1825	Daniel Tompkins
6. <u>John Quincy Adams</u> (1767-1848)	Democratic-Republican	1825-1829	John Calhoun
7. Andrew Jackson (1767-1845)	Democrat	1829-1837	John Calhoun, Martin van Buren
8. Martin van Buren (1782-1862)	Democrat	1837-1841	Richard Johnson
9. William H. Harrison (1773-1841)	Whig	1841	John Tyler
10. John Tyler (1790-1862)	Whig	1841-1845	
11. James K. Polk (1795-1849)	Democrat	1845-1849	George Dallas
12. Zachary Taylor (1784-1850)	Whig	1849-1850	Millard Fillmore
13. Millard Fillmore (1800-1874)	Whig	1850-1853	
14. Franklin Pierce (1804-1869)	Democrat	1853-1857	William King
15. James Buchanan (1791-1868)	Democrat	1857-1861	John Breckinridge

Goal: Search for Structured Data



Challenges:

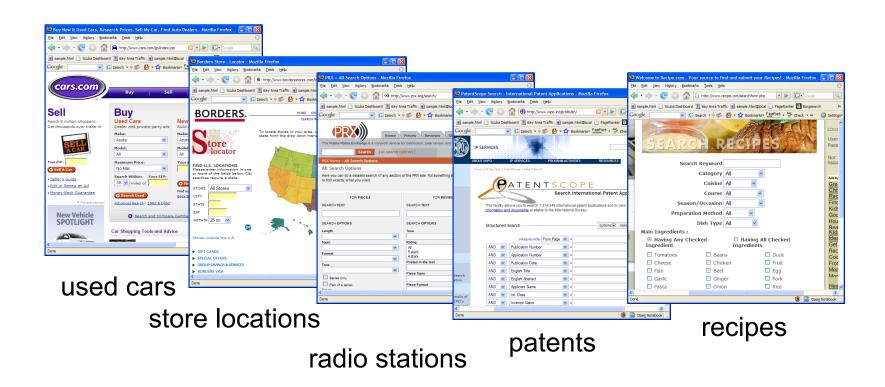
- Finding the good tables on the Web
- Understanding their semantics
- Understanding user's intentions



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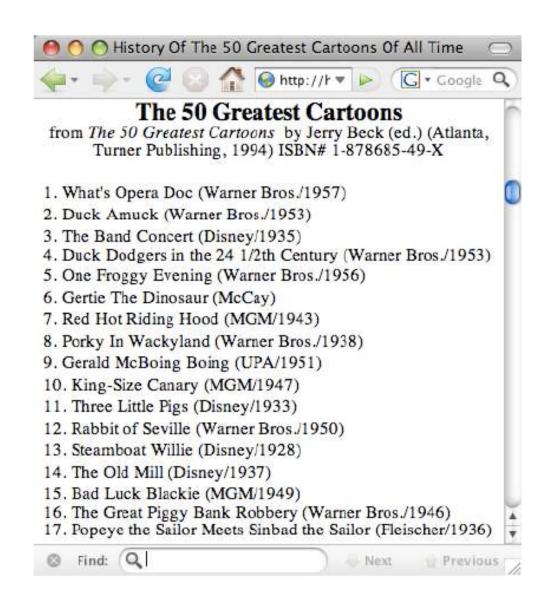
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Brachylagus		Pygmy Rabbit	
Bunolagus		Riverine Rabbit, Bushman Rabbit, Bushman Hare	
Nesolagus		Sumatran Striped Rabbit, Sumatra Short-eared Rabbit, SUmatran	
		Annamite Striped Rabbit	
Oryctolagus		European Rabbit	
Pentalagus		Amami Rabbit, Ryukyu Rabbit	
Poelagus		The Bunyoro Rabbit	
Romerolagus		Volcano Rabbit, Teporingo, Zacatuche	
Sylvilagus	Tapeti	Swamp Rabbit	

The Deep Web



See "Google's Deep Web Crawl", VLDB 2008

HTML Lists



Annual Competition Results:

2010 London



The week of 23-25 June 2010, London, England was the focus of the eyes of the specialty coffee world, both online and at the host event, Caffe Culture, held in association with the Speciality Coffee Association of Europe (SCAE).

It was another epic event as Mike Phillips of Chicago, USA, walked away with the 2010 crown. 53 national barista champions in total were cheered on by an audience of over one thousand people, with a total internet audience of 29,600 (unique IP address visitors) over the course of the 3-day event via our GoLive streaming video project.

2010 - London, United Kingdom

(click on name for video)

• 1st place: Michael Phillips (United States)

2nd Place: Raul Rodas (Guatemala)

• 3rd Place: Scottie Callaghan (Australia)

• 4th Place: Colin Harmon (Ireland)

• 5th Place: Soren Stiller Markussen (Denmark)

· 6th Place: Stefanos Domatiotis (Greece)

Full results

2009 Atlanta



The event that marked the 10 year celebration of WBC presented in Atlanta, Georgia, April 16-19th. Featuring the first time WBC Espresso Bar with interactive presentations and sampling of competition quality beverages.

Over 8000 fans, from the stage audience to the daily online blog and our livestream followers, were all witness to Gwilym Davies from the United Kingdom, as he claimed the title of 2009 World Barista Champion.

Held in conjunction with "The Event" SCAA 22nd Annual Exposition.

2009 - Atlanta, Georgia, United States (click on name for video)

· 1st place: Gwilym Davies (United Kingdom)

2nd Place: Sammy Piccolo (Canada)

• 3rd Place: Mike Phillips (United States)

• 4th Place: Colin Harmon (Ireland)

5th Place: Lee Jong Hoon (Korea)

· 6th Place: Attila Molnar (Hungary)

Full results

The Needle in the Haystack

Finding high quality HTML tables

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	Board Rules & FAQ's Here you will find announcements and frequently asked questions about new features on the forum etc. If there are any new topics here, please read them as they are important.	RSS	Threads: 219 Posts: 5,865
	Guest Area A place where guests (unregistered) members can post. Its the ONLY place they can post. Helpful if your having problems registering or you wanna flame away because you got slapped in the face with a ban stick.	RSS	Threads: 86 Posts: 1,681
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Ö	Testing Do all your testing of pics, sigs, etc. here. It might get deleted some day, it might not. Depends on how lazy the staff feels.	RSS	Threads: 179 Posts: 1,435

Customer Reviews

Average Customer Rating

(210 customer reviews)

5 star: (156)
4 star: (37)
3 star: (7)
2 star: (4)
1 star: (6)

Google Inc.



Type Public

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Industry Internet

Computer software

Founded Menlo Park, California

(4 September 1998)[1][2]

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Larry Page

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Area served Worldwide

Key people Larry Page

(Co-Founder and CEO)

Eric Schmidt (Executive Chairman) Sergey Brin

(Co-Founder)

See list of Google products. **Products**

Revenue ▲ US\$ 29.321 billion (2010)

Operating

▲ US\$ 10.381 billion (2010)

income

Profit

▲ US\$8.505 billion (2010)

Total assets ▲ \$57.851 billion (2010)

Total equity ▲ US\$46.241 billion (2010)

28,768 (As of 2011-06-30)[3] Employees

Vertical Tables

Coffee



A cup of black coffee

Type Hot

Country of Ethiopia

origin

Introduced Approx. 15th century (beverage)

Color Dark brown, beige, black, light

brown

Semantics Embedded in Surrounding Text

The following table lists the total coffee production of each coffee exporting country in the year 2006[

Country	60 kilogram bags	Kilograms	Pounds
Brazil	42,512,000	2,550,720,000	5,611,584,000
Vietnam	15,000,000	900,000,000	1,980,000,000
Colombia	11,600,000	696,000,000	1,531,200,000
Indonesia	6,850,000	411,000,000	904,200,000
Ethiopia	5,500,000	330,000,000	726,000,000
India	5,005,000	300,300,000	660,660,000
Mexico	4,500,000	270,000,000	594,000,000
Guatemala	4,000,000	240,000,000	528,000,000
Peru	3,500,000	210,000,000	462,000,000
Honduras	2,700,000	162,000,000	356,400,000
Uganda	2,500,000	150,000,000	330,000,000
Ivory Coast	2,350,000	141,000,000	310,200,000
Costa Rica	1,808,000	108,480,000	238,656,000

And Sometimes, Complicated

	Largest Asia	ın American Ethnic Groups,	2000 Census	
Ethnic Group	Asian			Total Population, Alone or in Any Combination
	Single Ethnicity	Two or More Asian Ethnicities (i.e., Chinese- Vietnamese)		
Chinese Filipino	2,314,537 1,850,314	130,826 57,811	289,478 456,690	2,734,841 2,364,815
Asian Indian Korean	1,678,765	40,013 22,550	180,821	1,899,599
Vietnamese	1,122,528	47,144	54,064	1,223,736
Japanese Cambodian	796,700 171,937	55,537 11,832	296,695 22,283	1,148,932 206,052
Pakistani Laotian	153,533 168,707	11,095 10,396	39,681 19,100	204,309 198,203
Hmong Thai	169,428 112,989	5,284 7,929	11,598 29,365	186,310 150,293
Taiwanese Indonesian	118,048 39,757	14,096 4,429	12,651 18,887	144,795 63,073
Bangladeshi	41,280	5,625	10,507	57,412

WebTables: Exploring the Relational Web

[Cafarella et al., VLDB 2008, WebDB 08]

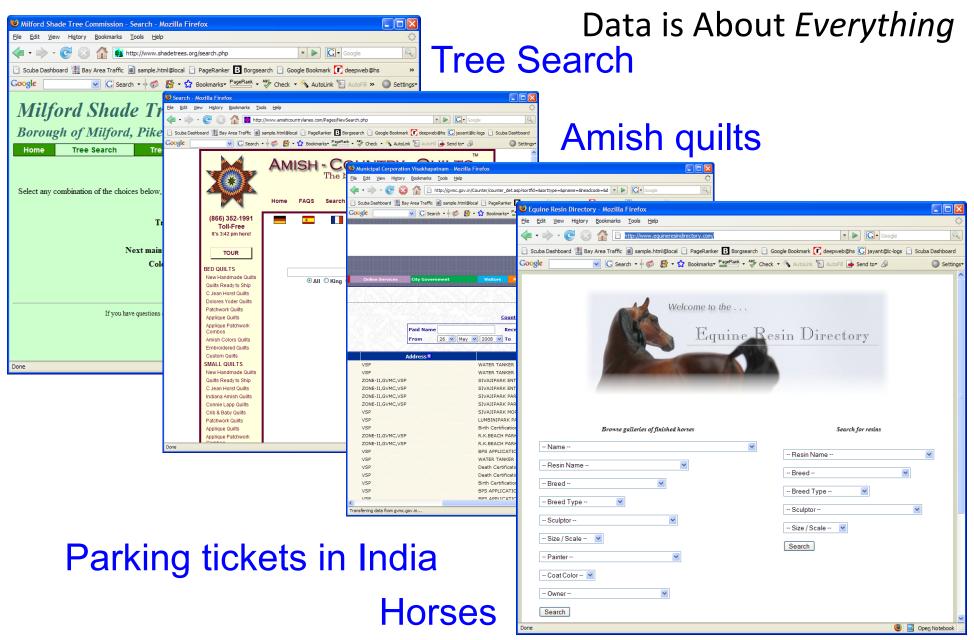
- In corpus of 14B raw tables, we estimate 154M are "good" relations
 - Single-table databases; Schema = attr labels + types
 - Largest corpus of databases & schemas we know of
- The Webtables system:
 - Recovers good relations from crawl and enables search
 - Builds novel apps on the recovered data

Searching Tables is Tricky

[Tweak Document Search, Cafarella 08]

- Consider new cues in ranking:
 - Hits on left column
 - Hits on schema (where there is one)
 - Number of rows, columns
 - Hits on table body
 - Size of table relative to page
- ~25% increase in good results in top-10 results (compared to filtering google results for tables

Modeling Challenge:



Even if we had a KB of everything

[Consider Freebase as example]

- User:
 - Action movies
- Freebase:
 - Movies ANDGenre=Action

- User
 - Governor of California
- Freebase:
 - US State has governing positions
 - Governing positions have office holder
 - Office holder has position

Mismatch between KB model and users' conceptual model!

The People's Ontology [Open Information Extraction]

Mine a database of entities and classes from the Web:

The studio went through some lean times following Walt's death in 1966, but in recent years, Disney animation has undergone a glorious renaissance, with such new classics as "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty & the Beast," "Aladdin," "The Lion King," Pocahontas," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Hercules" and "Mulan" joining the Disney roster, together with live action movies such as "Flubber," "Mighty Joe Young," "Angels in the Outfield" and the "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" series. And "Lilo & Stich" proved a success. Their

Mine binary relationships

California is governed by Jerry Brown, a man some consider to be Rick Perry's arch nemesis. I believe when the Republican primary comes around, Governor Brown will certainly be working to make sure any other Republican wins his state. Former Governor Schwarzenegger went on a speaking

Broad, dirty, but uses culturally aware terminology

Recovering Table Semantics

[Venetis et al., VLDB 2011]

Trees at Lake Elkhorn

As a recreational facility in Columbia, Lake Elkorn has a fine collection of both n linked to its ArborTag which describes the distinguishing features of the species.

Hazel Alder Alnus serrulata

Green Ash
White Ash
Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Fraxinus americana

Baldcypress Taxodium distichum

Beech Fagus grandifolia

River Birch

Boxelder

Boxelder

Betula nigra

Acer negundo

Red Cedar Juniperus virginiana

Black Cherry
Sweet Cherry
Prunus serotina
Prunus avium

<u>Crab Apple</u> Malus coronaria

Some tree species exhibit elongate, dead areas of bark on diseased xistence of targeted defenses resulting from a shared evolutionary history in exotic North American species such as Green Ash are more susceptible to species when planted at the same site.

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Recovering Binary Relationships

<u>Crapemyrtle</u>

Lagerstroemia indica

<u>Dogwood</u> Cornus florida

Korean Dogwood Cornus kousa

Redosier Dogwood Cornus sericea

White Fringetree Chionanthus virginicus

Dogwood Tree Articles

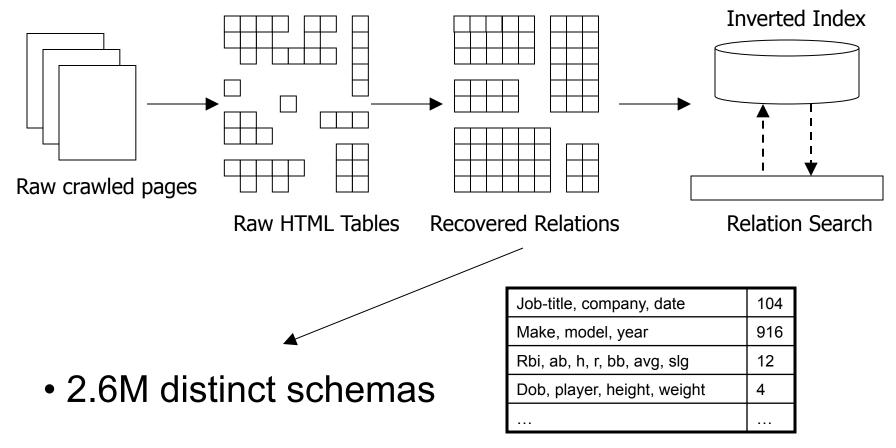


Flowering Dogwood Tree Facts

Flowering **dogwoods** are known by the name Cornus florida or simply "**dogwood**". They are...

Recovering semantics: better search and quality filter

Attribute Correlations DB



5.4M attributes

Attribute Correlation Statistics Db

Synonym Discovery

- Use schema statistics to automatically compute attribute synonyms
 - More complete than thesaurus
- Given input "context" attribute set C:
- 1. A = all attrs that appear with C
- 2. P = all (a,b) where $a \in A$, $b \in A$, $a \ne b$
- 3. rm all (a,b) from P where p(a,b)>0
- 4. For each remaining pair (a,b) compute:

$$syn(a,b) = \frac{p(a)p(b)}{\epsilon + \sum_{z \in A} (p(z|a,C) - p(z|b,C))^2}$$

Synonym Discovery Examples

name	e-mail email, phone telephone, e-mail_address email_address, date last_modified
instructor	course-title title, day days, course course-#, course-name course-title
elected	candidate name, presiding-officer speaker
ab	k so, h hits, avg ba, name player
sqft	bath baths, list list-price, bed beds, price rent

Conclusions

- Fusion Tables: helping get the ecosystem started.
- Search for structured data sets:
 - Much more to do!
 - Unify with other search
 - Manually created ontologies vs. extracted ones?
- Can we get the crowds to help?
 - Resolving heterogeneity
 - Create new data sets
- Can we help domain-specific expert communities?

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