

Data Visualization:

Some Techniques

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Types of data: ?

Static vs. Dynamic

Structured vs. Unstructured

Types of data: Static

- Census
- Image databases -Satellite maps
- Internet Server Logs
- Facebook Posts

Types of data: Static

How do we get it?

- Download (e.g. Project Gutenberg)
- Public Government records
- Facebook Posts
- “Data/Screen Scraping” (unstructured)
- API (Application Programming Interface) (structured)

Types of data: Dynamic

- Heartbeat
- Titter feeds
- Sensors generally (light temperature)
- Subscriptions (If This, Then that IFTTT)
<https://ifttt.com/>

Types of data: Dynamic

How do we get it?

- API (Application Programming Interface) (structured)
- Network Streams (remote Raspberry Pi's)
- Connected sensor streams -Arduino

Data formats:

- .txt Text files
- .tsv Tab Separated Values
- .csv Comma Separated Values
- .xml Extensible Markup Language
- .JSON Javascript Object Notation

XML looks like this:

(example: note.xml)

```
<note>
```

```
<to>Tove</to>
```

```
<from>Jani</from>
```

```
<heading>Reminder</heading>
```

```
<content>Walk the dog.</content>
```

```
</note>
```


JSON looks like this:

```
{
  "book" : [
    {
      "id": "444",
      "topic": "Cooking",
      "author": "Julia Child"
    },
    {
      "id": "555",
      "topic": "Programming",
      "author": "Casey Reas "
    }
  ]
}
```