



# Data Journalism

## Data Cleansing - Open Refine

# What

Data cleansing definition

*“Process of **detecting** and **correcting** corrupt or inaccurate records from data.”*

[source Wikipedia](#)



# Why

*Better **data** beats fancier **algorithms**...*

***Plain and Simple!** If you have a clean dataset, even simple algorithms can learn impressive insights from it!*

*We can make beautiful analyzes but if our data is dirty we expose ourselves to **destructive criticism***



# The origins of errors

- user entry errors
- multiple users involved in data input
- corruption in transmission or storage
- join of different data sources
- use of different control data dictionaries
- no use of control data dictionaries
- ...

The Goal is **Data Quality**

# Data Quality Criteria

1. Validity
2. Accuracy
3. Completeness
4. Consistency
5. Uniformity

# Validity: compliance with defined constraints



**Data-Type:** values in a particular column must be of a particular datatype, e.g., boolean, numeric, date, etc. For example a latitude should be a float not a string

**Range:** typically, numbers or dates should fall within a certain range. For example month number should be [1-12] latitude of Tuscany should be [42-45]

**Mandatory:** certain columns cannot be empty. For example the coordinates of accomodation

**Unique:** a field, or a combination of fields, must be unique across a dataset. For example a civic address

# Validity: compliance with defined constraints

***Set-Membership:*** values of a column come from a set of discrete values, e.g. enum values. For example, a person's gender may be male or female.

***Foreign-key:*** as in relational databases, a foreign key column can't have a value that does not exist in the referenced primary key.

***Regular expression patterns:*** text fields that have to be in a certain pattern. For example, a date may be required to have the pattern 23-12-2019.

***Cross-field validation:*** certain conditions that span across multiple fields must hold. For example, a patient's date of discharge from the hospital cannot be earlier than the date of admission.





# Accuracy

Definition: The **degree of conformity** of a measure to a **standard or a true value**

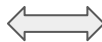
It requires accessing an external source of data that contains the true value.

Such "**gold standard**" data is often unavailable.

Examples of gold standard: official street name data base

Street address

V.le Svevo



Viale Ignazio Loyola

**Viale Italo Svevo**

Viale Leonardo da Vinci

...

# Completeness



Definition: **The degree to which all required measures are known.**

**Missing data** is going to happen for various reasons

You can check why on the data source miss some data and try to fix or you can **exploit external services**

For example for missing geographical coordinates exploit **geocoding services**

# Consistency

**Definition:** The degree to which a set of measures are consistent

**Inconsistency** occurs when two data items in the data set contradict each other  
e.g., a customer is recorded in two different sources as having two different current addresses. A valid age, say 10, mightn't match with the marital status, say divorced

**Fixing inconsistency is not always possible:** it requires a variety of strategies  
e.g., deciding which data were recorded more recently, which data source is likely to be most reliable, or simply trying to find the truth (e.g., calling up the customer).

# Uniformity

Definition: The degree to which the data is specified using the same **unit of measure**

E.g. In datasets extracted from different sources, weight may be recorded either in pounds or kilos and must be converted to a single measure using an arithmetic transformation.

$$X \text{ POUNDS} \cdot 0.454 = Y \text{ KG}$$

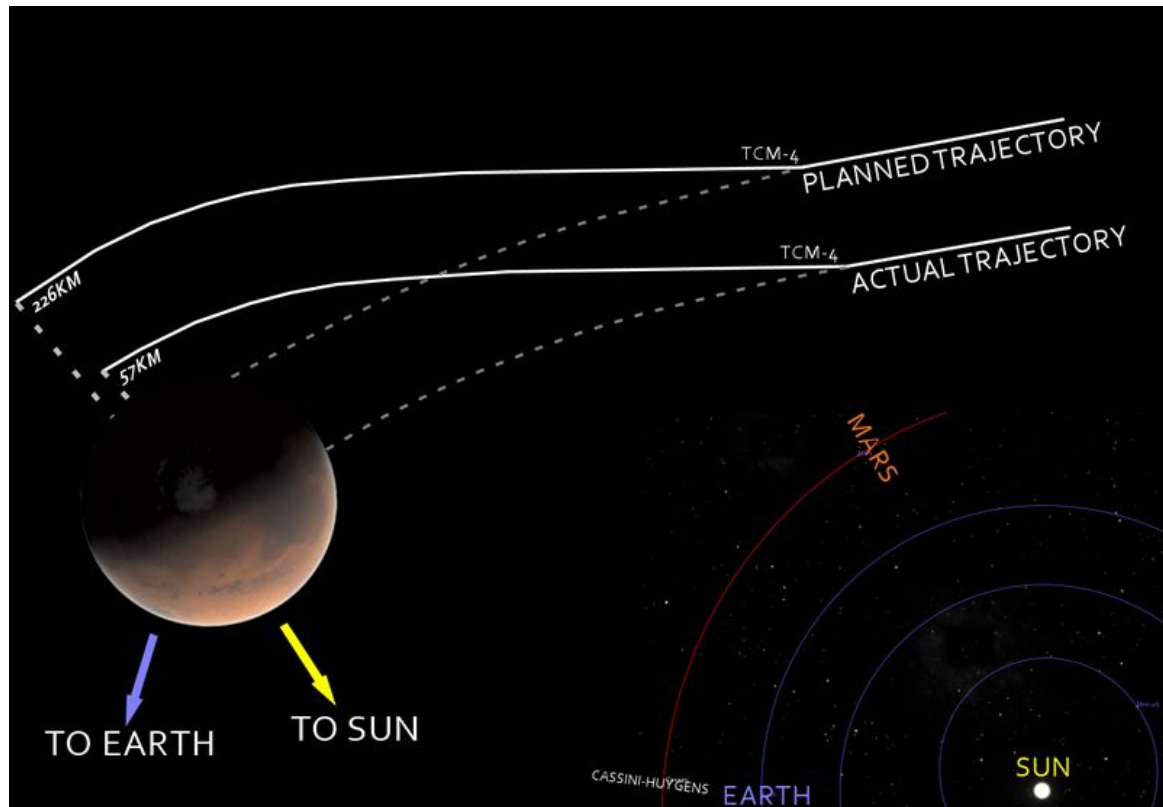
EXAMPLE:

$$100 \text{ lbs} = ? \text{ KG}$$

$$100 \cdot 0.454 = 45.4 \text{ KG}$$



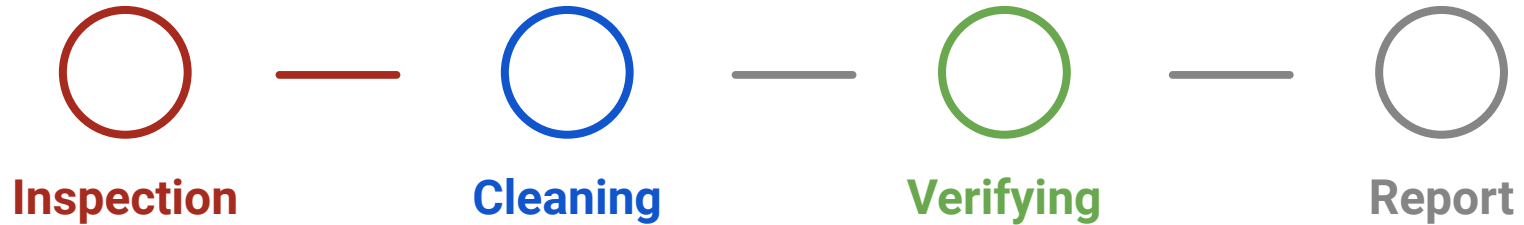
# Mars Climate Orbiter 1999



The primary cause of this discrepancy was that one piece of ground software supplied by Lockheed Martin produced results in a United States customary unit, contrary to its Software Interface Specification (SIS), while a second system, supplied by NASA, expected those results to be in SI units, in accordance with the SIS

wikipedia

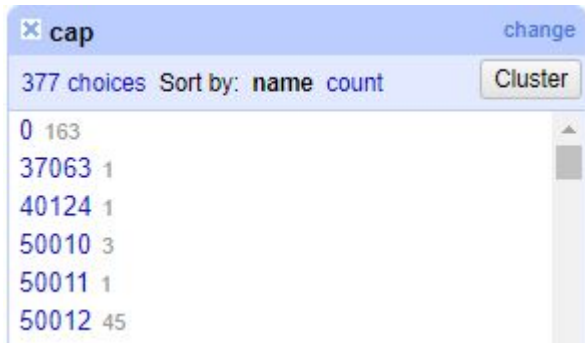
# The method



# Inspection

For each column calculate a Summary Statistics

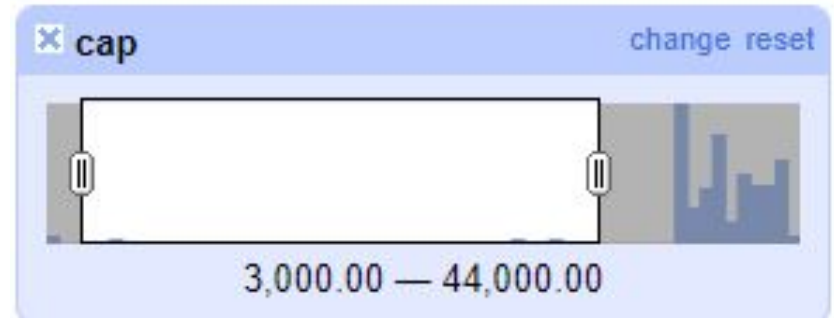
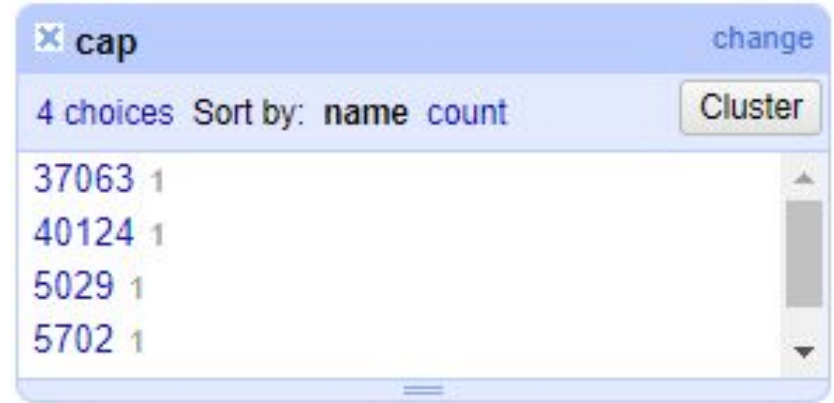
- Is the data column recorded as a string or number?
- How many values are missing?
- How many unique values in a column?



| name  | count |
|-------|-------|
| 0     | 163   |
| 37063 | 1     |
| 40124 | 1     |
| 50010 | 3     |
| 50011 | 1     |
| 50012 | 45    |

# Inspection of Data Distribution

Visualizing data distribution with Histograms, and statistical methods such as mean, standard deviation, range, or quartiles, one can find Outliers and thus potential data entry errors that it worths to investigate.





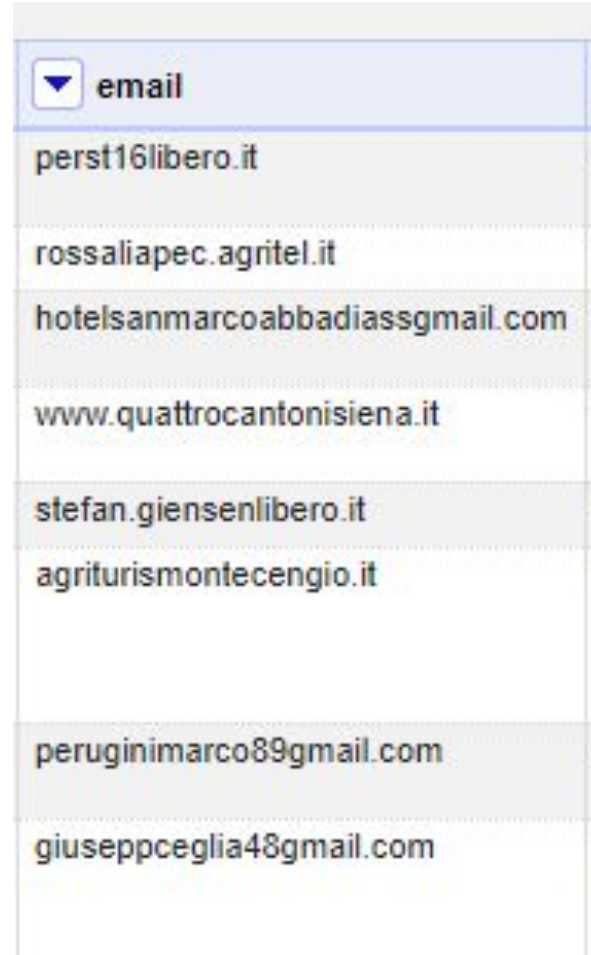
# Cleansing

Irrelevant data: remove

Duplicates: remove

Type conversion: fix

Syntax errors: fix



A screenshot of a data table with a single column labeled 'email'. The column contains several domain names, some of which are repeated. The rows are as follows:

| email                           |
|---------------------------------|
| perst16libero.it                |
| rossaliapec.agritel.it          |
| hotelsanmarcoabbadiassgmail.com |
| www.quattrocantonisiena.it      |
| stefan.giensenlibero.it         |
| agriturismontecengio.it         |
| peruginimarco89gmail.com        |
| giuseppceglia48gmail.com        |

# Cleansing and enrichment

## Cleansing

- Fixing errors
- Remove duplicate records (rows) or irrelevant data (cols)
- Split multi data columns (address, datetime)

## Enrichment

- Filling missing values
- Fixing not normalized values

# Common errors

String vs numbers (“10,5432” vs 10.5432)

Different Formats (01/09/2016 vs 01-09-2016)

Data inconsistencies (Piazza, P.zza, P.za)

Lateral spaces (“B&B” vs “ B&B”)

| nome                          | lat        | lon                | codeserc      | tipologia        | indirizzo  |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| FORNI ROSAIA                  | 44.2270033 | 10.029223799999954 | 045001AAT0001 | Agriturismi      | PIAZZA PUCCINI 1 - Loc. Olivola                  |
| POW WOW DI GRULLI<br>ARISTIDE | 44.2320611 | 10.0497775         | 045001AAT0006 | Agriturismi      | San Domenico la Cavana, 0 - Loc. Bigliolo        |
| VALLE FIORITA                 | 44.2256165 | 10.018137          | 045001AAT0012 | Agriturismi      | Via AIA DI BELLONE - Loc. Valenza                |
| LA SELVA                      | 44.2166706 | 9.9674972          | 045001AAT0013 | Agriturismi      | Selva, 0 - Loc. Selva                            |
| FIorentini GIANLUCA           | 44.2166706 | 9.9674972          | 045001AAT0014 | Agriturismi      | sanacco, 1 - Loc. Quercia                        |
| VILLA MIMOSA                  | 44.1741291 | 9.9122863          | 045001AFR0003 | Affittacamere    | Via MAESTRO FERRARI 7 - Loc. Albiano Magra       |
| DEMY                          | 44.215124  | 9.9673911          | 045001ALB0002 | Alberghi - Hotel | Via Salvosi, 0                                   |
| PASQUINO                      | 44.2166706 | 9.9674972          | 045001ALB0003 | Alberghi - Hotel | PIAZZA MAZZINI 22 - Fraz. pippo                  |
| CASA BARANI                   | 44.2055326 | 9.9698068          | 045001ALL0003 | Alloggi Privati  | Via SPRINI 7/A - Fraz. Sprini                    |
| B&B LO SPIGO                  | 44.2320611 | 10.0497775         | 045001ALL0006 | Alloggi Privati  | Via MONTE BARDELLI - Loc. Bigliolo               |
| IL MELOGRANO                  | 44.2166706 | 9.9674972          | 045001ALL0010 | Alloggi Privati  | Liberta, 14/F - Loc. AULLA - Fraz. Albiano Magra |

# Verifying

- Verify always what have you done.
  - For example, after filling out the **missing data**, they might violate any of the rules and constraints.
- The data cleansing is an iterative process
- It might involve some manual correction if not possible otherwise.

# Report

In the end it is necessary to make a **report** of all the changes made, describing the reasons and the methods of data cleansing.

It would be desirable that all changes were **automatic** and therefore **repeatable**

# Bibliography

[Data Cleansing - Wikipedia](#)

[The Ultimate Guide To Data Cleaning](#)

# A plethora of data cleaning tools

- **Text Editor:** Notepad++,



- **Spreadsheet:** Google SpreadSheet, MS Excel



- **Free tools:** Open refine



- **Not free tools:** Trifacta, Paxata, Alteryx



- **Code yourself:** Python with Pandas Library



# Open Refine



[openrefine.org](https://openrefine.org)

A free, open source, multiplatform, **desktop application**

OpenRefine 3.4.1, released on September 20, 2020

User manual <https://docs.openrefine.org/>

Besides it's possible:

- extend functionalities with [extension](#) (Ex [Named Entity recognition](#))
- drive some operations by python (or other languages) scripts

An aerial photograph of the Tuscan landscape, showing rolling hills with a mix of green and golden-brown fields. A winding road lined with tall cypress trees curves through the center of the image. In the middle ground, there is a small farmstead with a yellowish-brown building and a red-tiled roof. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic, typical of the Tuscan countryside.

# Accomodations in Tuscany

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*“L'archivio contiene i nomi e i dati anagrafici (indirizzo, telefono, e-mail, sito web) di tutte le **strutture ricettive della Toscana**, codificate secondo i codici ISTAT e distinte per tipologia (alberghi, agriturismi, ..) e stabilimenti balneari.”*

<http://servizi.toscana.it/RT/mappe/strutturericettiveXall.csv>

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Creator       | Area di Coordinamento "Turismo, Commercio e Terziario" |
| Creation date | 28 - 11 - 2013   |
| Last update   | 02 - 07 - 2019   |



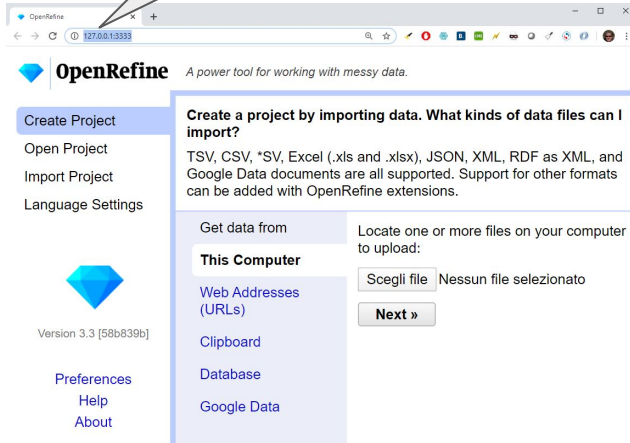


# First view with a text editor

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id|nome|lat|lon|codeserc|tipologia|indirizzo|cap|comune|provincia|stelle|email|url|telefono|
14017|FORNI ROSAIA|44.2270033|10.029223799999954|045001AAT0001|Agriturismi|PIAZZA PUCCINI 1
13995|POW WOW DI GRULLI ARISTIDE|44.232061100000003|10.049777499999999|045001AAT0006|Agritur
13989|MONTEBELLO|44.225479999999997|10.029412000000001|045001AAT0011|Agriturismi|Via COLLINA
13820|VALLE FIORITA|44.225616500000001|10.018136999999999|045001AAT0012|Agriturismi|Via AIA
13924|LA SELVA|44.2166706|9.9674972000000004|045001AAT0013|Agriturismi|Selva, 0 - Loc. Selva
13843|FIORENTINI GIANLUCA|44.2166706|9.9674972000000004|045001AAT0014|Agriturismi|sanacco, 1
13832|VILLA MIMOSA|44.174129100000002|9.912286299999999|045001AFR0003|Affittacamere|Via MAE
13783|DEMY|44.215124000000003|9.9673911000000004|045001ALB0002|Alberghi - Hotel|Via Salucci,
13717|PASQUINO|44.2166706|9.9674972000000004|045001ALB0003|Alberghi - Hotel|PIAZZA MAZZINI 2
13848|CASA BARANI|44.205532599999998|9.9698068000000006|045001ALL0003|Alloggi Privati|Via SF
14000|B&B CA' DI MEGOTO|44.225479999999997|10.029412000000001|045001ALL0005|Alloggi Privati|
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21952|B&B CASA RO'|44.174129100000002|9.912286299999999|045001ALL0012|Alloggi Privati|Via A
17871|LE ROCCAGLIE|44.188153999999997|9.9395416999999995|045001CAV0003|Case per Vacanze|Saig
14053|GIUNASCO|44.315319600000002|9.9956531000000002|045002AAT0002|Agriturismi|Giunasco - Lo
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# OpenRefine.exe

localhost:3333



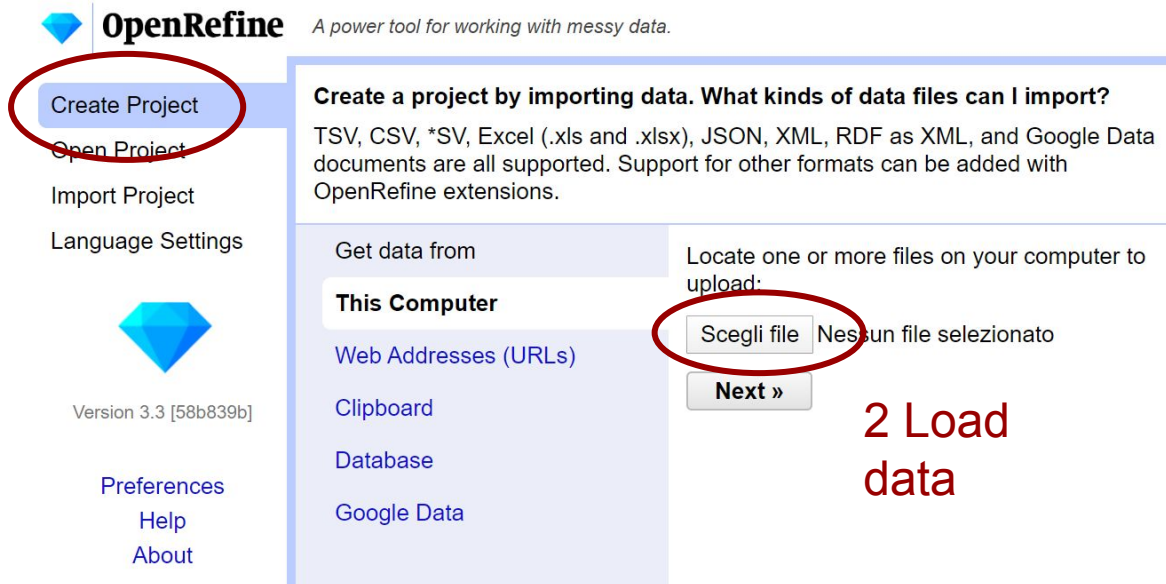
Web Browser



Http server on localhost:3333

# Load Accomodation data set

1 Create Project



**OpenRefine** *A power tool for working with messy data.*

Create Project  
Open Project  
Import Project  
Language Settings

Version 3.3 [58b839b]

Preferences  
Help  
About

**Create a project by importing data. What kinds of data files can I import?**  
TSV, CSV, \*SV, Excel (.xls and .xlsx), JSON, XML, RDF as XML, and Google Data documents are all supported. Support for other formats can be added with OpenRefine extensions.

Get data from

- This Computer**
- Web Addresses (URLs)
- Clipboard
- Database
- Google Data

Locate one or more files on your computer to upload:

Scegli file Nessun file selezionato

Next »

2 Load data

Supported format: CSV, MsExcel, JSON, XML, ...

# Different way to access data

Get data from

**This Computer**

Web Addresses (URLs)

Clipboard

Database

Google Data

Locate one or more files on your computer to upload:

Scegli file `strutturericettiveXall.csv`

**Next »**

Get data from

This Computer

**Web Addresses (URLs)**

Clipboard

Database

Google Data

Enter one or more web addresses (URLs) pointing to data to download:

`http://servizi.toscana.it/RT/mappe/strutturericettiveXall.csv`

Add Another URL

**Next »**



# Different way to access data

Get data from

This Computer

Web Addresses (URLs)

Clipboard

**Database**

Google Data

New connection

SAVED CONNECTIONS

New Connection Editor

Name: 127.0.0.1

Type: MariaDB

Host: localhost

Port: 3306

User: root

Password: Enter Database Password

Database: Enter Database

Test

Save

Connect



**OpenRefine**

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Set the name

When ready

Create Project

« Start Over

Configure Parsing Options

Project name

Tags

Create Project »

Open Project

Import Project

Language Settings

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| 1. | 14017 | FORNI ROSAIA               | 44.2270033         | 10.029223799999954 | 045001AAT0001 | Agriturismi   | PIAZZA PUCCHINI 1 - Loc. Olivola          | 54011 | Aulla  | MS        | 0      | lu |
| 2. | 13995 | POW WOW DI GRULLI ARISTIDE | 44.232061100000003 | 10.049777499999999 | 045001AAT0006 | Agriturismi   | San Domenico la Cavana, 0 - Loc. Bigliolo | 54011 | Aulla  | MS        | 0      | in |
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Parse data as

CSV / TSV / separator-based files

Line-based text files

Fixed-width field text files

PC-Axis text files

JSON files

MARC files

JSON-LD files

RDF/N3 files

RDF/N-Triples files

RDF/Turtle files

Character encoding

UTF-8

Update Preview

Columns are separated by

commas (CSV)

tabs (TSV)

custom: |

Escape special characters with \

Column names (comma separated):

Ignore first 0 line(s) at beginning of file

Parse next 1 line(s) as column headers

Discard 0 row(s) of data

initial

Load at 0 row(s) of data

most

Use " to enclose cells containing column

character separators

Parse cell text into

numbers, dates, ...

Store blank rows

Store blank cells as nulls

Store file source

(file names, URLs)

in each row



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Preferences

Help

About

Facet & Filter Results

Number of selected data

Click on this arrow to facet or filter column data

Export the transformation results



OpenRefine Strutture Ricettive Regione Toscana 02-07-2019 [Permalink](#)

Open... **Export** Help

Facet / Filter

Undo / Redo 16 / 16

**16655 rows**

Extensions: Wikidata

Show as: rows records Show: 5 10 25 50 rows « first < previous 1 - 50 next > last »

| All | id | nome  | lat         | lon      | Codice esercizio | tipologia     |                  |    |
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| ☆   | 3. | 13820 | Edit cells  |          |                  | Agriturismi   | Vi               |    |
| ☆   | 4. | 13924 | Edit column |          |                  | Agriturismi   | Be               |    |
| ☆   | 5. | 13843 | Transpose   |          |                  | Agriturismi   | Se               |    |
| ☆   | 6. | 13832 | Sort...     |          |                  | Agriturismi   | Se               |    |
| ☆   | 7. | 13783 | View        |          |                  | Affittacamere | Vi               |    |
| ☆   | 8. | 13717 | Reconcile   |          |                  | Affittacamere | Fe               |    |
| ☆   | 7. | 13783 | Demy        | 44.21512 | 9.96739          | 045001ALB0002 | Alberghi - Hotel | Vi |
| ☆   | 8. | 13717 | Pasquino    | 44.21667 | 9.9675           | 045001ALB0003 | Alberghi - Hotel | Pi |

### Using facets and filters

Use facets and filters to select subsets of your data to act on. Choose facet and filter methods from the menus at the top of each data column.

Not sure how to get started?  
[Watch these screencasts](#)

Undo all your operations

Data Exploration  
Use

## **Facet & Filter**

to select subsets of your data to act on

|   | tipologia                 | indirizzo | cap   | comune | provin |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Facet                     |           |       |        |        |
|   |                           |           |       |        |        |
| 5 | Text filter               |           |       |        |        |
|   |                           |           |       |        |        |
|   | Edit cells                |           |       |        |        |
|   | Edit column               |           |       |        |        |
|   | Transpose                 |           |       |        |        |
| 2 |                           |           |       |        |        |
|   | Sort...                   |           |       |        |        |
|   | View                      |           |       |        |        |
|   |                           |           |       |        |        |
| 4 | Reconcile                 |           | 54010 | Aulla  | MS     |
|   |                           |           |       |        |        |
| 3 | Extract named entities... |           | 54011 | Aulla  | MS     |
|   |                           |           |       |        |        |
|   |                           |           |       |        |        |

**Text Facet on  
“tipologia”  
column**

# Text Facet

In italian: sfaccettature

technically is an histogram



# Numeric Facet

check the limits

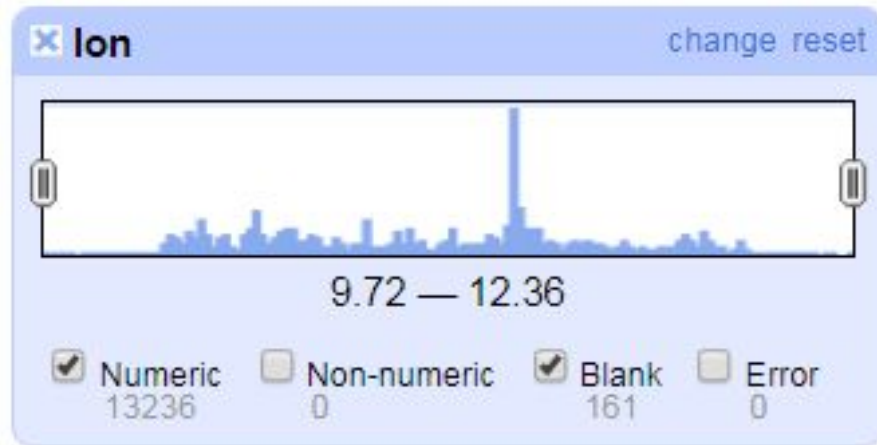
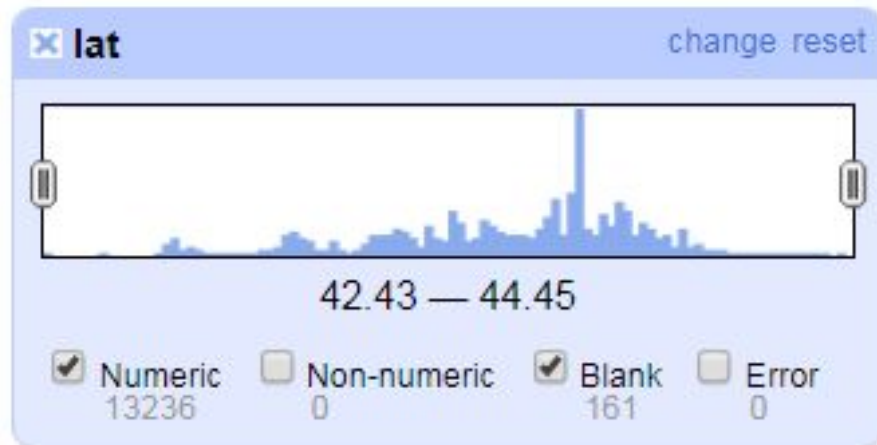
**44.62**



**9.68**

**12.36**

**42.23**



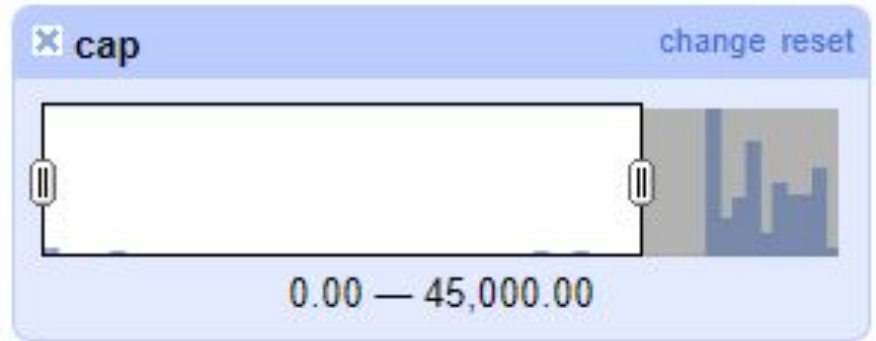
# Combining Facet

Select Numeric and then Text facet

Interact on numeric facet to isolate the wrong zip codes

On the Text facet discover the wrong zip codes

Click on "0" to see the 163 accomodations without zip code



A text facet for the field 'cap'. The title bar shows 'x cap' and 'change'. Below the title bar, it says '5 choices Sort by: name count' and has a 'Cluster' button. The main area displays a list of choices with their counts:

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| 0     | 163 |
| 37063 | 1   |
| 40124 | 1   |
| 5029  | 1   |
| 5702  | 1   |

Facet by choice counts



# Data Transformation

# Data Transformation Overview

- edit [cell contents](#) within a particular column
- edit Columns contents such as [split or join columns](#)
- [add new columns](#) based on existing data, with fetching new information, or through [reconciliation](#)
- convert your rows of data into [multi-row records](#).

Edit Cells

# Edit cells ▶ Common transforms

13397 rows

Show as: **rows** records    Show: 5 10 25 **50** rows

| All | id  | nome  | lat                       | lon        | codeserc           | tipologia     | indirizzo       |                                      |
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| ☆   | 3.  | 13989 | Edit cells                | 44.229412  | 10.029412          | 045001AAT0011 | Agriturismi     | Via COLLINA 7                        |
| ☆   | 4.  | 13820 | Edit column               |            |                    |               |                 | A DI BEL<br>a                        |
| ☆   | 5.  | 13924 | Transpose                 |            |                    |               |                 | 0 - Loc.                             |
| ☆   | 6.  | 13843 | Sort...                   |            |                    |               |                 | o, 1 - Lo                            |
| ☆   | 7.  | 13832 | View                      |            |                    |               |                 | ESTRO<br>Albiano M                   |
| ☆   | 8.  | 13783 | Reconcile                 |            |                    |               |                 | ucci, 9                              |
| ☆   | 9.  | 13717 | Extract named entities... |            |                    |               |                 | A MAZZI                              |
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| ☆   | 11. | 14000 | CASA BARANI               | 44.2055326 | 9.9                |               |                 | LLINA 8                              |
| ☆   | 12. | 13803 | B&B CA' DI MEGOTO         | 44.22548   | 10.                |               |                 | ONTE BA                              |
| ☆   | 13. | 13803 | B&B LO SPIGO              | 44.2320611 | 10.0               |               |                 | Loc. Bigliolo                        |
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| ☆   | 15. | 21952 | B&B CASA RO'              | 44.1741291 | 9.9122863          | 045001ALL0012 | Alloggi Privati | Via Amola, 18 -                      |

**To title  
case**

# Edit cells ▶ Transforms

|    | lon                       | codeserc      | tipologia                   | indirizzo                        |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 33 | Facet                     |               | Agriturismi                 | PIAZZA PUCCINI 1 - Loc. C        |
| 11 | Text filter               |               | Agriturismi                 | San Domenico la Cavana, Bigliolo |
| 48 | Edit cells                |               | Transform...                | loc. Olivc                       |
| 65 | Edit column               |               | Common transforms           | NE - Loc                         |
| 06 | Transpose                 |               | Fill down                   | va                               |
| 06 | Sort...                   |               | Blank down                  | Quercia                          |
| 91 | View                      |               | Split multi-valued cells... | RRARI 7                          |
| 24 | Reconcile                 |               | Join multi-valued cells...  |                                  |
|    | Extract named entities... |               | Cluster and edit...         |                                  |
| 06 | 9.9073                    | 045001ALB0003 | Hotel                       | FRATELLI MARCONI 22 - Fraz       |
| 26 | 9.96981                   | 045001ALL0003 | Alloggi Privati             | Via SPRINI 7/A - Fraz. Spri      |

# Edit cells ▶ Transforms

Custom text transform on column name

Expression Language **General Refine Expression Language (GREL)** ▼

value

new History Starred Help

|     | value                      |
|-----|----------------------------|
|     | A Casa D'irene             |
|     | Albergo Pietrasanta Meuble |
|     | And Friends                |
| 35. | Art Hotel Pietrasanta      |
| 9.  | B & B L'arcadia            |
| 54. | B & B L'arcadia            |
| 51  | B & B Nonna I orv          |

On error  keep original  set to blank  store error  Re-transform up to  times until no change

OK Cancel

Inserisci l'espressione di trasformazione

Risultato della trasformazione su tutte le celle

# General Refine Expression Language - GREL

## System Variables

**value** = value of current cell

**cells** = cells of the current row  
(**cells.name.value**)

## Functions

**split**("division character")

**round**() = round up

\*Variables

\*GREL-Controls

\*GREL-Functions overview

\*GREL-Boolean functions

\*GREL-String functions, including parsing, splitting, encoding and hashing

\*GREL-Array functions

\*GREL-Math functions

\*GREL-Date functions

\*GREL-Other functions including JSON and Jsoup

## Custom text transform on column lat

Expression

`round(value*100000)/100000.0`

**`round(value*100000)/100000.0`**

Preview

History

Starred

Help

| row | value      | <code>round(value*100000)/100000.0</code> |
|-----|------------|---|
| 1.  | 44.2270033 | 44.227                                    |
| 2.  | 44.2320611 | 44.23206                                  |
| 3.  | 44.22548   | 44.22548                                  |
| 4.  | 44.2256165 | 44.22562                                  |
| 5.  | 44.2166706 | 44.21667                                  |
| 6.  | 44.2166706 | 44.21667                                  |
| 7.  | 44.1741291 | 44.17413                                  |

On error

- keep original
- set to blank
- store error

Re-transform up to  times until no change



**Edit columns**

Suppose we want to investigate the type of road on which the accommodation is located

For example, on a state or provincial road, on a road or avenue, etc.

I work on the first word of the address

*S.P. Avenza Carrara, 180 - Loc. Avenza*

| ▼ indirizzo                                     | ▼ cap | ▼ comune | ▼ pro |
|---|-------|----------|-------|
| Facet ▶   | 54011 | Aulla    | MS    |
| Text filter ▶                                   | 54011 | Aulla    | MS    |
| Edit cells ▶                                    | 54011 | Aulla    | MS    |
| Edit column ▶                                   |       |          |       |
| Transpose ▶                                     |       |          |       |
| Sort...   |       |          |       |
| View ▶  |       |          |       |
| Reconcile ▶                                     |       |          |       |
| Extract named entities...                       |       |          |       |
| PIAZZA MAZZINI 22 - Fraz. pip                   |       |          |       |
| Via SPRINI 7/A - Fraz. Sprini                   |       |          |       |
| Via COLLINA 8 - Loc. Olivola                    |       |          |       |
| Via MONTE BARDELLI - Loc. E                     |       |          |       |
| Libertà 14/F - Loc. ALLIA - Fraz. Albiano Magra | 54010 | Aulla    | MS    |

- Facet ▶
- Text filter ▶
- Edit cells ▶
- Edit column ▶
- Transpose ▶
- Sort...
- View ▶
- Reconcile ▶
- Extract named entities...
- PIAZZA MAZZINI 22 - Fraz. pip
- Via SPRINI 7/A - Fraz. Sprini
- Via COLLINA 8 - Loc. Olivola
- Via MONTE BARDELLI - Loc. E
- Libertà 14/F - Loc. ALLIA - Fraz. Albiano Magra

- Split into several columns...
- Add column based on this column...
- Add column by fetching URLs...
- Add columns from reconciled values...
- Rename this column
- Remove this column
- Move column to beginning
- Move column to end
- Move column left
- Move column right

## Add column based on column indirizzo

New column name

Address Type

set to blank  store error  copy value from original column

Expression

Language General Refine Expression Language (GREL) ▾

`value.split(" ")[0].toLowerCase()`

No syntax error.

`value.split(" ")[0].toLowerCase()`

Preview

History

Starred

Help

| row | value                                      | value.split(" ")[0].toLowercas ... |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|
| 1.  | PIAZZA PUCCINI 1 - Loc. Olivola            | piazza                             |
| 2.  | San Domenico la Cavana, 0 - Loc. Bigliolo  | san                                |
| 3.  | Via COLLINA 7 - Loc. Olivola               | via                                |
| 4.  | Via AIA DI BELLONE - Loc. Valenza          | via                                |
| 5.  | Selva, 0 - Loc. Selva                      | selva,                             |
| 6.  | sanacco, 1 - Loc. Quercia                  | sanacco,                           |
| 7.  | Via MAESTRO FERRARI 7 - Loc. Albiano Magra | via                                |

OK

Cancel

# Facet text and cluster on new column

## Cluster & Edit column "Tipo strada"

This feature helps you find groups of different cell values that might be alternative representations of the same thing. For example, the two strings "New York" and "new york" are very likely to refer to the same concept and just have capitalization differences, and "Gödel" and "Godel" probably refer to the same person. [Find out more ...](#)

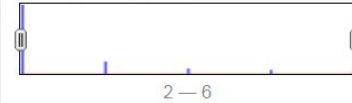
Method

Keying Function

128 clusters found

| Cluster Size | Row Count | Values in Cluster   | Merge? | New Cell Value |
|--------------|-----------|---|--------|----------------|
| 6            | 7929      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Via (5736 rows)</li><li>VIA (2154 rows)</li><li>via (32 rows)</li><li>Via, (5 rows)</li><li>Via (1 rows)</li><li>viA (1 rows)</li></ul>       | X      | Via            |
| 5            | 82        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Località (72 rows)</li><li>LOCALITA (3 rows)</li><li>LOCALITA' (3 rows)</li><li>Localita' (3 rows)</li><li>località (1 rows)</li></ul>        | X      | Località       |
|              | 115       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lungomare (65 rows)</li><li>LUNGOMARE (23 rows)</li><li>Lungomare, (22 rows)</li><li>lungomare (4 rows)</li><li>LUNGOMARE, (1 rows)</li></ul> | X      | Lungomare      |
| 5            | 79        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C.S. (66 rows)</li><li>c.s. (7 rows)</li><li>C.S., (3 rows)</li></ul>   | X      | C.S.           |

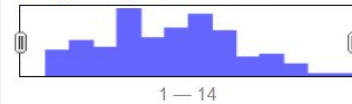
### # Choices in Cluster



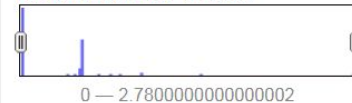
### # Rows in Cluster



### Average Length of Choices



### Length Variance of Choices



1. select cluster with merge check
2. type the new value at the end click on Merge Selected
3. Merge Selected

Select All Unselect All

Export Clusters

Merge Selected & Re-Cluster

Merge Selected & Close

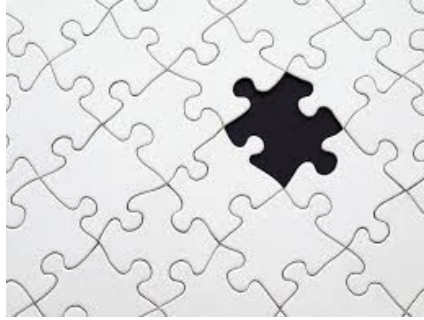
Close



Data enrichment/augmentation

# Why

## Fill missing data



## Validate data

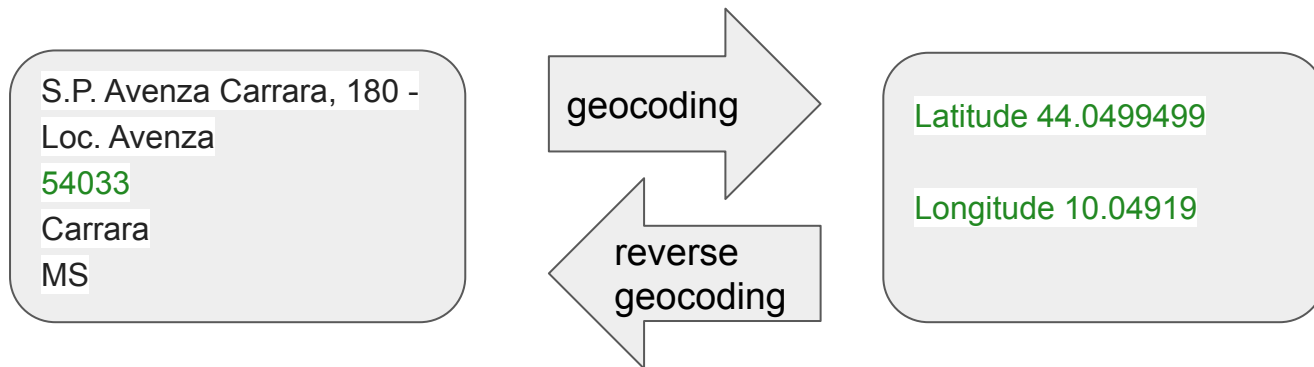
In both case you need a **Gold Standard** or **Ground Truth**, something that returns the exact value



# Geocoding Vs Reverse Geocoding

Geocoding is the conversion from address to coordinates

Reverse geocoding is the opposite



# Openstreetmap Json Result

```
[
  {
    place_id: "16952760",
    licence: "Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL 1.0. https://osm.org/copyright,"
    osm_type: "node",
    osm_id: "1477804118",
    boundingbox:
    [
      "43.7193809",
      "43.7194809",
      "10.4237241",
      "10.4238241"
    ],
    lat: "43.7194309",
    lon: "10.4237741",
    display_name: "Area della Ricerca del CNR di Pisa, 1, Via Giuseppe Moruzzi, Don Bosco, Pisa, PI, Tuscany, 56124, Italia",
    class: "place",
    type: "house",
    importance: 0.52025
  }
]
```

# Data Enrichment with Open Refine

3 rows

Show as: **rows** records    Show: 5 10 25 50 rows

| All | IndirizzoStadio | Serie | Campionato | Giro |
|-----|-----------------|-------|------------|------|
| 1.  | gio a           | b     | 2017       | d    |
| 2.  | E, Italy        | b     | 2017       | d    |
| 3.  |                 |       |            |      |

Context menu for the 'IndirizzoStadio' column:

- Facet
- Text filter
- Edit cells
- Edit column**
  - Split into several columns...
  - Add column based on this column...
  - Add column by fetching URLs...**
  - Add columns from Freebase ...
- Transpose
- Sort...
- View
- Reconcile
- Extract named entities...
- Remove this column
- Move column to beginning
- Move column to end
- Move column left
- Move column right

Edit column ▶ Add a new column by fetching URLs

# GeoCoding Service - Web API

Nominatim (*based on Open Street Map DB*) - [Documentation](#)

<https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?q=Area della Ricerca di Pisa, Via Giuseppe Moruzzi, 1, 56124, Pisa, Tuscany, Italy>

MapBox [Documentation](#)

[https://api.mapbox.com/geocoding/v5/mapbox.places/Area della Ricerca di Pisa, Via Giuseppe Moruzzi, 1, 56124, Pisa, Tuscany, Italy.json?access\\_token=pk.eyJ1IjoieYXF1YWJsdWUiLCJhIjoieY2tZXFnbmR0MnJjODJ2bnc2Znp0bGc3MCI9.YmF\\_-yyqzeCeoPdOSob7g](https://api.mapbox.com/geocoding/v5/mapbox.places/Area della Ricerca di Pisa, Via Giuseppe Moruzzi, 1, 56124, Pisa, Tuscany, Italy.json?access_token=pk.eyJ1IjoieYXF1YWJsdWUiLCJhIjoieY2tZXFnbmR0MnJjODJ2bnc2Znp0bGc3MCI9.YmF_-yyqzeCeoPdOSob7g)

GoogleMap

<https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?address=Via Moruzzi 1 Pisa&key=YOUR API KEY>

BingMap

<http://dev.virtualearth.net/REST/v1/Locations?countryRegion=IT&locality=Pietrasanta&postalCode=55045&addressLine=Via Provinciale Vallecchia, 85&maxResults=10&key=YOUR API KEY>

# Call the Geocoding Service

**Add column by fetching URLs based on column indirizzo**

New column name:  Throttle delay:  milliseconds

On error:  set to blank  store error  Cache responses

HTTP headers to be used when fetching URLs: [Show](#)

**Formulate the URLs to fetch:**

Expression:  Language:  No syntax error.

**Preview** History Starred Help

| row   | value                      | "https://nominatim.openstreetm ...  |
|-------|----------------------------|---|
| 3286. | via Livornese di sotto 133 | https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?format=json&q=via+Livornese+di+sotto+133 |
| 3287. | Via Dei Garofani 5         | https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?format=json&q=Via+Dei+Garofani+5         |
| 3288. | Via Vittorio Veneto 27     | https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?format=json&q=Via+Vittorio+Veneto+27     |
| 3289. | Via Privata delle Rose     | https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?format=json&q=Via+Privata+delle+Rose     |

OK Cancel

Attesa risposta

**"https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?format=json&q="+escape(value,'URL')**

Escape: [GREL string function](#)

# Extract Latitude from Json

The screenshot shows a data table with three rows of stadium addresses. A context menu is open over the 'Json' column, and the option 'Add column based on this column...' is highlighted with a red box. The menu also includes options like 'Facet', 'Text filter', 'Edit cells', 'Edit column', 'Transpose', 'Sort...', 'View', 'Reconcile', 'Extract named entities...', 'Move column to beginning', 'Move column to end', 'Move column left', and 'Move column right'. The 'Json' column contains a JSON object for each row, with the third row's JSON object partially visible in the background.

| All | IndirizzoStadio   | Json  | Serie |
|-----|---|---|-------|
| ☆   | 1. Via Sandriana, 80046 San Giorgio a Cremano NA, Italy | exceeded your daily request quota<br>registering for a key at the Google  | b     |
| ☆   | 2. Via Melissano, 73055 Racale LE, Italy                | le.com/apis/credentials?project="_",<br>QUERY_LIMIT" }  |       |
| ☆   | 3. Via di Settebagni, 340, 00139 Roma RM, Italy         | metropolitan area of Roma, short_...<br>"administrative_area_level_2": "Lazio", "short_name": "Lazio",<br>"administrative_area_level_1": "Lazio", "short_name": "Lazio",<br>"short_name": "IT", "types": [ "locality", "political" ],<br>"long_name": "00139", "short_name": "00139", "types": [ "postal_code" ] }, "formatted_address": "00139 Roma RM, Italy", "geometry": { "location": { "lat": 41.9662803, "lng": 12.5458501 }, "location_type": "ROOFTOP",<br>"viewport": { "northeast": { "lat": 41.96962928029149, "lng": 12.5471990802915 }, "southwest": { "lat": 41.9669313197085, "lng": 12.5445011197085 } }, "partial_match": true, "place_id": "ChIJo4ipcDpkLxMRck-7tSAJfk", "types": [ "street_address" ] } }, "status": "OK" } |       |

I need to create a new column based on Json column

# Extract Latitude from Json

**Add column based on column Open Street Map**

New column name

On error  set to blank  store error  copy value from original column

Expression  Language General Refine Expression Language (GREL) ▾

No syntax error.

**Preview** History Starred Help

| row   | value  | value.parseJson()[0].lat |
|-------|--|--------------------------|
| 3286. | [{"place_id":280696817,"licence":"Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL 1.0. https://osm.org/copyright","osm_type":"node","osm_id":730682,"lat":43.817535,"lon":10.7272541,"class":"place","type":"house","importance":0.511}] | 43.817585                |
| 3287. | [{"place_id":159768390,"licence":"Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL 1.0. https://osm.org/copyright","osm_type":"way","osm_id":3058267  | 38.9101526               |

OK Cancel

Grel Function



**value.parseJson()[0].lat**



The Geocoding Service returns always a list of results, we get the first one: [0]

# Reconciling

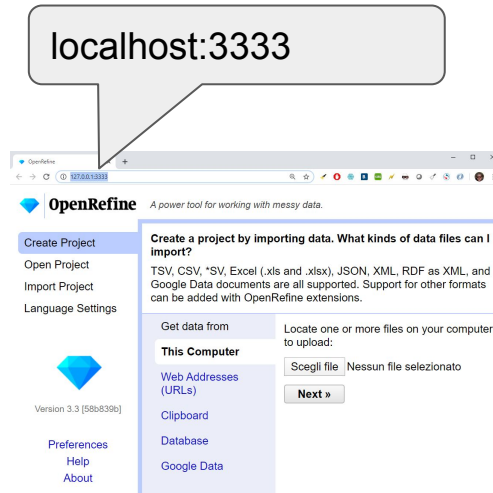


# Reconciling

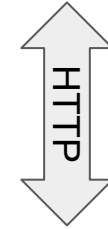
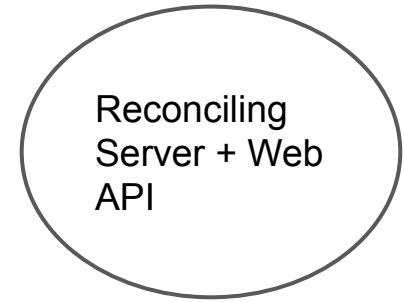
Reconciliation is the process of matching your dataset with that of an **external authoritative source**

To reconcile your OpenRefine project against an external dataset, that dataset must offer a web service that conforms to the [Reconciliation Service API standards](#).

# OpenRefine & Reconciling



Web Browser



Http server on localhost:3333

# Reconciling Targets

- fix spelling or variations in proper names
- clean up manually-entered subject headings against authorities link your data to an existing dataset
- add to an editable platform such as [Wikidata](#)
- or see whether entities in your project appear in some specific list, such as the [Panama Papers](#).

# Reconciling

## **Semi-automated**

OpenRefine matches your cell values to the reconciliation information as best it can, but human judgment is required to review and approve the results

## **Iterative**

Reconcile multiple times with different settings, and with different subgroups of your data.

# External Authoritative Sources

Use an existing reconciliation service

[list of reconcilable authorities](#)

[further list of sources](#)

Build your reconciliation service from scratch

**Build your reconciliation service from a simple CSV file**

Export Data

Open...

Export ▾

Help

Export project

Tab-separated value

Comma-separated value

HTML table

Excel (.xls)

Excel 2007+ (.xlsx)

ODF spreadsheet

Triple loader

MQLWrite

Custom tabular exporter...

Templating...

RDF as RDF/XML

RDF as Turtle

RDF ▾

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miamibeb.com

www.miamibeb.com

Create a Report



Facet / Filter

Undo / Redo 122 / 122

Extract...

Apply...

Filter:

0. Create project
1. Text transform on 159 cells in column nome: value.toTitlecase()
2. Remove column Check Email
3. Edit single cell on row 1, column telefono
4. Edit single cell on row 68, column telefono
5. Split 159 cell(s) in column indirizzo into several columns by separator
6. Text transform on 97 cells in column indirizzo 2: value.trim()
7. Text transform on 98 cells in column indirizzo 3: value.trim()
8. Mass edit 1 cells in column indirizzo 2
9. Mass edit 2 cells in column indirizzo 2
10. Edit single cell on row 78, column indirizzo 2
11. Edit single cell on row 96, column indirizzo 2
12. Edit single cell on row 133, column indirizzo 2
13. Edit single cell on row 78, column indirizzo 3
14. Edit single cell on row 96, column indirizzo 3

The Undo/Redo panel contains the list of all operations made on the dataset

You can **extract** the list of operations in JSON format and save as a Report

### Extract Operation History

Extract and save parts of your operation history as JSON that you can apply to this or other projects in the future.

- Text transform on cells in column nome using expression value.toTitlecase()
- Remove column Check Email  
Edit single cell on row 1, column telefono  
Edit single cell on row 68, column telefono
- Split column indirizzo by separator
- Text transform on cells in column indirizzo 2 using expression value.trim()
- Text transform on cells in column indirizzo 3 using expression value.trim()
- Mass edit cells in column indirizzo 2
- Mass edit cells in column indirizzo 2  
Edit single cell on row 78, column indirizzo 2  
Edit single cell on row 96, column indirizzo 2  
Edit single cell on row 133, column indirizzo 2  
Edit single cell on row 78, column indirizzo 3  
Edit single cell on row 96, column indirizzo 3  
Edit single cell on row 133, column indirizzo 3  
Edit single cell on row 135, column indirizzo 2

Select All

Unselect All

```
[
  {
    "op": "core/text-transform",
    "engineConfig": {
      "facets": [],
      "mode": "row-based"
    },
    "columnName": "nome",
    "expression": "value.toTitlecase()",
    "onError": "keep-original",
    "repeat": false,
    "repeatCount": 10,
    "description": "Text transform on cells in column nome"
  },
  {
    "op": "core/column-removal",
    "columnName": "Check Email",
    "description": "Remove column Check Email"
  },
  {
    "op": "core/column-split",
    "engineConfig": {
      "facets": [],
      "mode": "row-based"
    },
    "columnName": "indirizzo",
    "guessCellType": true,
    "removeOriginalColumn": true,
    "mode": "separator"
  }
]
```

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