

# MIS 0855 Spring 2015 – Data Science

## *Day 4 – Data and Metadata*

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## NSA Collection of “Metadata”

- What is this report saying?
- According to this report, did the NSA listen to our actual phone conversations?
- Which information then did they collect?



<http://mashable.com/2013/06/07/nsa-prism-faq/>

# Metadata

- Data Dictionary
- “Data for data”
- Data that explains what this data is, what it is for, and how it is structured
  - e.g. title, description, data type

# How would you describe this data?

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	DC_DIST	SECTOR	DISPATCH_DATE_TIME	DISPATCH_DATE	DISPATCH	HOUR	DC_KEY	LOCATION_BLOCK	UCR_GENERAL	OBJECTID	TEXT_GENERAL_CODE	POINT_X	POINT_Y	SHAPE
2	14	N	2010-05-05 11:34	2010-05-05	11:34:00		1.99814E+11	300 BLOCK E CLIVEDEN	300	12074596	Robbery No Firearm	-75.1772	40.05271	12028957
3	19	A	2010-03-31 12:47	2010-03-31	12:47:00		1.99819E+11	6000 BLOCK HAVERFO	600	12077790	Thefts	-75.2402	39.9705	12032151
4	22	1	2014-09-14 16:00	2014-09-14	16:00:00		1.99822E+11	1800 BLOCK W MONTG	100	12091717	Homicide - Criminal	-75.1568	39.98804	12046078
5	35	E	2007-10-15 17:37	2007-10-15	17:37:00		1.99835E+11	5200 BLOCK N WARNO	700	12075486	Recovered Stolen Mo	-75.1398	40.03251	12029847
6	19	L	2007-08-13 7:40	2007-08-13	7:40:00		2.00019E+11	0 BLOCK N.62ND ST	600	12075475	Theft from Vehicle	-75.2448	39.96251	12029836
7	8	I	2011-08-04 12:49	2011-08-04	12:49:00		2.00308E+11	3600 BLOCK RED LION I	600	12228454	Thefts	-74.9862	40.07513	12182815
8	39	U	2011-09-16 6:16	2011-09-16	6:16:00		2.00339E+11	5000 BLOCK GERMANT	600	12201847	Thefts	-75.1655	40.03021	12156208
9	2	N	2011-08-03 12:43	2011-08-03	12:43:00		2.00402E+11	1000 BLOCK ROSALIE S	600	12076028	Theft from Vehicle	-75.0897	40.03553	12030389
10	15	M	2007-09-10 7:32	2007-09-10	7:32:00		2.00415E+11	6500 BLOCK MARSDEN	700	12090673	Recovered Stolen Mo	-75.0492	40.02361	12045034
11	15	I	2011-08-05 12:57	2011-08-05	12:57:00		2.00415E+11	2100 BLOCK BETTS ST	600	12201848	Thefts	-75.0682	40.01318	12156209
12	25	D	2007-11-06 13:36	2007-11-06	13:36:00		2.00425E+11	4700 BLOCK D ST	700	12095037	Recovered Stolen Mo	-75.1161	40.02195	12049398
13	35	H	2008-04-14 8:36	2008-04-14	8:36:00		2.00435E+11	900 BLOCK W LOUDEN	700	11606771	Recovered Stolen Mo	-75.1391	40.02502	11561132
14	2	O	2007-11-27 19:13	2007-11-27	19:13:00		2.00502E+11	5900 BLOCK RISING SU	300	12281692	Robbery Firearm	-75.1022	40.04424	12236053
15	39	S	2007-08-10 11:18	2007-08-10	11:18:00		2.00539E+11	5000 BLOCK COPLEY RE	700	12070595	Motor Vehicle Theft	-75.1742	40.02045	12024956
16	1	E	2006-01-01 12:21	2006-01-01	12:21:00		2.00601E+11	2500 BLOCK S ROSEWC	700	12076261	Recovered Stolen Mo	-75.1716	39.91946	12030622
17	1	G	2006-01-01 14:08	2006-01-01	14:08:00		2.00601E+11	1500 BLOCK W MOYAM	600	12072181	Thefts	-75.1731	39.91645	12026542
18	1	J	2006-01-01 17:26	2006-01-01	17:26:00		2.00601E+11	2400 BLOCK S 24TH ST	600	12079316	Thefts	-75.187	39.92192	12033677
19	1	J	2006-01-02 10:12	2006-01-02	10:12:00		2.00601E+11	S 23RD ST /RITNER ST	600	12069753	Thefts	-75.1852	39.92258	12024114
20	1	A	2006-01-02 12:36	2006-01-02	12:36:00		2.00601E+11	1400 BLOCK MIFFLIN S	600	12067807	Theft from Vehicle	-75.1693	39.92678	12022168
21	1	G	2006-01-02 13:21	2006-01-02	13:21:00		2.00601E+11	1900 BLOCK JOHNSTON	600	12069328	Thefts	-75.1804	39.91667	12023689
22	1	F	2006-01-03 7:05	2006-01-03	7:05:00		2.00601E+11	2200 BLOCK S 20TH ST	600	12074130	Theft from Vehicle	-75.1797	39.92335	12028491
23	1	D	2006-01-03 12:31	2006-01-03	12:31:00		2.00601E+11	S 29TH ST /MC KEAN ST	300	12165554	Robbery No Firearm	-75.1939	39.92874	12119915
24	1	C	2006-01-03 15:01	2006-01-03	15:01:00		2.00601E+11	1700 BLOCK W MOYAM	300	12085171	Robbery No Firearm	-75.1750	39.91523	12040523

# Metadata for Philadelphia Crime Logs

## Key attribute field names and descriptions:

DC Dist: a two character field that identifies the District boundary.

Sector: a single character field that identifies either the newer Police Service Area (PSA) boundary or the obsolete Sector boundary. This field was converted from Sectors to Police Service Areas in 2009 as a new crime initiative.

Dispatch Date/Dispatch Time: date and time that the officer was dispatched to the crime scene.

Hour: generalized hour of the dispatched time.

DC Key: unique identifier of the crime that consists of Year + District + Unique ID.

Location Block: location of crime generalized by street block.

UCR General: rounded crime code, i.e. 614 to 600.

Text General Code: generalized text/description of the crime code.

Point X: Longitude of crime location.

Point Y: Latitude of crime location.

# Data Types

Type	Description	Examples	What it's called in Excel	What it's called in Tableau
Integer	Whole numbers	35, 102, -40, 0	Number	Number (whole)
Floating point	Fractional values	3.56, -1.0, 10.123	Number	Number (decimal)
Boolean	Binary (2) values	True/False, Male/Female	N/A	Boolean
String	Numeric and non-numeric characters	Bob, I like cheese, hello123	Text	String
Date/Time	Calendar date and time	8/31/2014, 10:05 AM, 8/31/2014 10:05 AM	Date	Date or Date & time

## Why do we need Metadata?

- Because computers are dumb!
- It is getting there, but computers are still not able to understand what the data means and what it is for.
- So, we have to describe it for them.



[http://www.manning.com/sande/excerpt\\_preface.html](http://www.manning.com/sande/excerpt_preface.html)

# Metadata is everywhere



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