



***Package data like software
and stories will flow like wine***

Unsolicited advice from yet another loud American

My name is Ben

Sometimes I go by @palewire



I work here

The @latimes in #DTLA



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A TEACH YOURSELF BOOK

I WAS RIGHT
BUT I'M A JERK

BY JOSE CANSECO

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All the slides and links in this talk

ACT ONE

The way we code now is barbaric



March 12, 2012

Ben Welsh
Los Angeles Times
202 W. 1st St.
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Dear Sir or Madame,

This is a request for public records under the California Public Records Act. The Los Angeles Times requests a dump of electronic records from LAFD computer systems that includes a record for every resource's response to every incident from January 1, 2007 until present day. The data should be provided in a standard comma-delimited format. The schema should include:

- incident ID
- source type (911 call, alarm, etc)
- lower level incident-type code
- higher level incident-type code created by ADAM (A, B, C, StrucFire, etc.)
- address of the resource's destination
- division responsible for the incident
- battalion responsible for the incident
- first-in district responsible for the incident
- responding resource unit id
- responding resource's station
- timestamp of when the 911 call is received
- timestamp of when dispatch is made
- timestamp of when resource is en route
- timestamp of when resource arrives on scene
- timestamp of when resource begins hospital transport
- timestamp of when resource arrives at hospital
- timestamp of when resource becomes available again

I can be contacted by email at ben.welsh@latimes.com or by telephone at (213) 473-2624. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ben Welsh

Older

	List of 1000 suspicious controlling offenses	
	Welsh, Ben	8/6/2012
	the list	
	Welsh, Ben	7/25/2012
	Dump	
	Welsh, Ben	7/10/2012
	LA city settlements	
	Welsh, Ben	7/3/2012
	Public Information Request	
	Welsh, Ben	6/21/2012
	Welsh, Ben	6/21/2012
	Welsh, Ben	6/21/2012
	Welsh, Ben	6/20/2012
	Welsh, Ben	6/11/2012
	Welsh, Ben	6/5/2012
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	Welsh, Ben	3/22/2012
	Welsh, Ben	3/22/2012

From: Armando Hogan <mailto:armando.hogan@lacity.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 3:11 PM

To: Welsh, Ben

Cc: Janet Jackson; William Carter; Linthicum, Kate; Tina Haro; Brian Cummings (john.vidovich@lacity.org; lydia.luna@lacity.org; trevor.richmond@lacity.org; Lope Rich; mark.woolf@lacity.org; jaime.moore@lacity.org; jeffreyygodown@aol.com; M
Subject: Re: Public Information Request

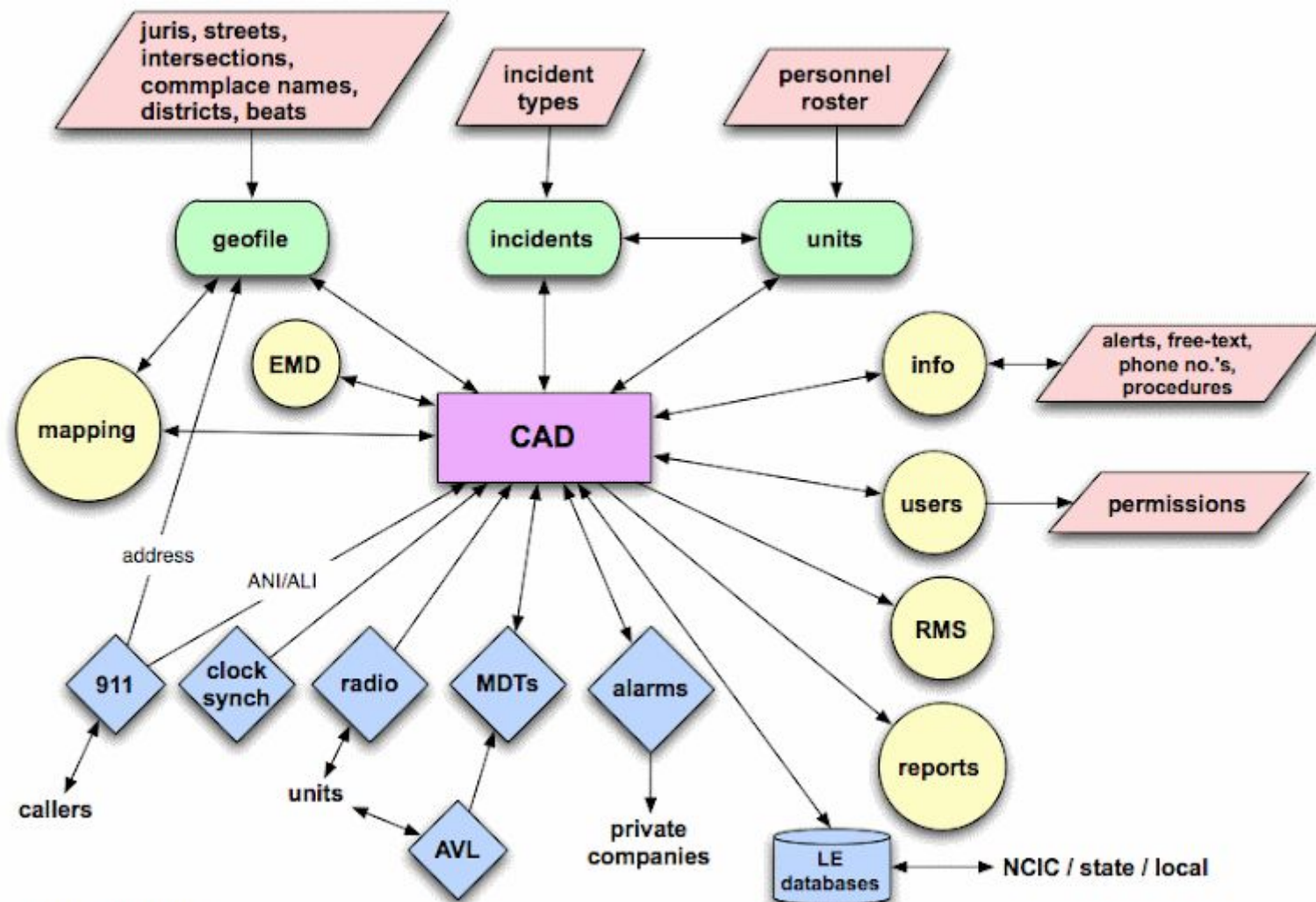
Ben,

Thank you for your E-mail, I realize that you believe that you are entitled to everyt
However, I am not the decision maker as it relates to what information will be give
upon the advice that I have received on this matter, I have not be given direction t
department continues to review this issue and if matters change you will be imme
On Thu, Jun 21, 2012 at 2:42 PM, Welsh, Ben <Benjamin.Welsh@latimes.com>m
wrote:

I just spoke with Ms. Jackson on the phone. She assured me there is no legal issu
request started at the bottom of this email chain.

When can we expect a response from Chief Hogan and LAFD?

There is a simple route to closing the request: Repeating the initial CAD data dum
in-district field that indicates the administrative region where the incident occurred
address. The department has already released this data to us in a disconnected a
database, so the exemption question is answered. It should only be a matter of re
slight modification.







(SELECT

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n.polygon_4326,  
arrival_count,  
ems_arrival_count,  
fire_arrival_count,  
severe_ems_arrival_count,
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CAST(t.average_full_response as integer) as average_full_response,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_full_response as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_full_response_interval,  
CAST(t.average_dispatch as integer) as average_dispatch,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_dispatch as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_dispatch_interval,  
CAST(t.average_arrival as integer) as average_arrival,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_arrival as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_arrival_interval,
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CAST(t.average_full_response_2007 as integer) as average_full_response_2007,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_full_response_2007 as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_full_response_interval_2007,  
CAST(t.average_dispatch_2007 as integer) as average_dispatch_2007,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_dispatch_2007 as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_dispatch_interval_2007,  
CAST(t.average_arrival_2007 as integer) as average_arrival_2007,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_arrival_2007 as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_arrival_interval_2007,
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CAST(t.average_full_response_2011 as integer) as average_full_response_2011,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_full_response_2011 as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_full_response_interval_2011,  
CAST(t.average_dispatch_2011 as integer) as average_dispatch_2011,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_dispatch_2011 as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_dispatch_interval_2011,  
CAST(t.average_arrival_2011 as integer) as average_arrival_2011,  
to_char((CAST(t.average_arrival_2011 as integer)||' seconds')::interval, 'MI:SS') as average_arrival_interval_2011,
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**Remind me why we have
a data journalist.**



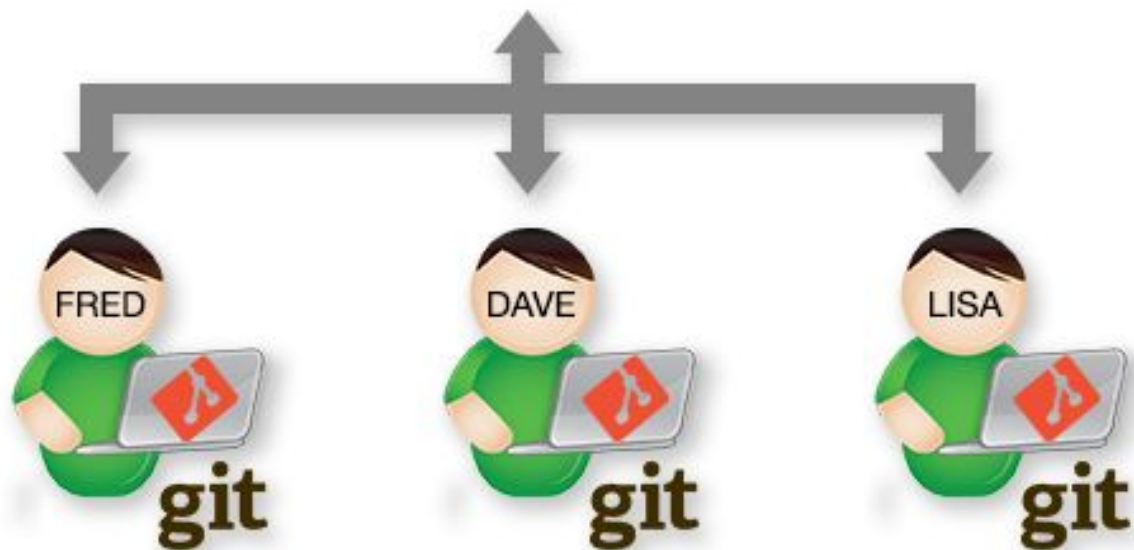






ACT TWO

We're getting better, but we're still coding alone





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updating and documenting dangerous pedestrians intersections manager

emamd authored on Jun 16



d1f575c



⌵ Commits on Jun 15, 2015



new geocode text

emamd authored on Jun 15



2c25c6a



⌵ Commits on Jun 12, 2015



tweaks to bad switrs geocoder

emamd authored on Jun 12



2bc4695



file output

emamd authored on Jun 12



e123616



one tweak - just ped collisions for now

emamd authored on Jun 12



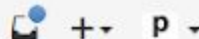
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ascheink on Aug 13, 2014 Create drinks.csv

1 contributor

195 lines (194 sloc) | 4.384 kB

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	country	beer_servings	spirit_servings	wine_servings	total_litres_of_pure_alcohol
1					
2	Afghanistan	0	0	0	0.0
3	Albania	89	132	54	4.9
4	Algeria	25	0	14	0.7
5	Andorra	245	138	312	12.4
6	Angola	217	57	45	5.9
7	Antigua & Barbuda	102	128	45	4.9
8	Argentina	193	25	221	8.3



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jtemplon 6 hours ago Initial commit

1 contributor

917 lines (916 sloc) 29.694 kB

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Detention By Nationality Analysis

The full methodology for this analysis is available [here](#).

Load the data

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
import sys
sys.path.append("../utils")
import loaders
```

Note: loaders is a custom module to handle basic data-loading. It is available [here](#).







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ACT THREE

To truly open news, we've got to get nerdier

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Python HTTP Requests for Humans™. <http://python-requests.org>

3,986 commits

3 branches

96 releases

357 contributors

Branch: **master**[requests / +](#)

Merge pull request [#2746](#) from csparpa/master

[sigmavirus24](#) authored an hour agolatest commit [bf436ea0a4](#)

docs	Add link to IT translation	6 hours ago
ext	SVG logo version (with fonts converted to curves)	a year ago
requests	Include file-like object in data arg description	a day ago
.gitignore	ignot dist	a year ago
AUTHORS.rst	Added name to AUTHORS after PR #2724	10 days ago
HISTORY.rst	Fixed typos in HISTORY.rst	3 months ago
LICENSE	Changing year in all copyright information	8 months ago
MANIFEST.in	MANIFEST.in contained test_requests.py but was missing requirements.t...	3 years ago

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$ pip install requests
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> requests.get('http://time.gov')
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$ python
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> import requests
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> requests.get('http://time.gov')
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<Response [200]>
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requests [↗](#)

About this module

Description

Python HTTP for Humans.

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38,586,429 times (last crawled 2015-08-16)

Created by

• **Kenneth Reitz**

First Release

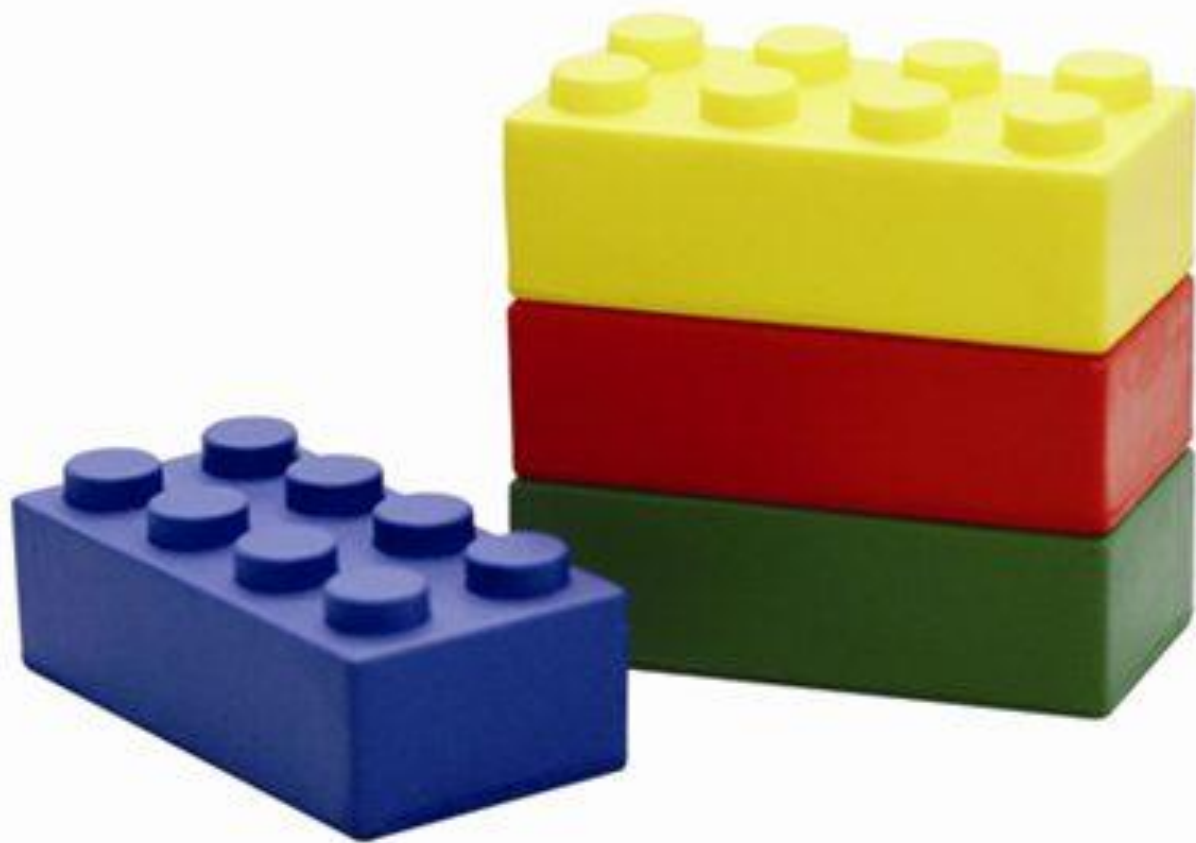
2011-02-14

Release History

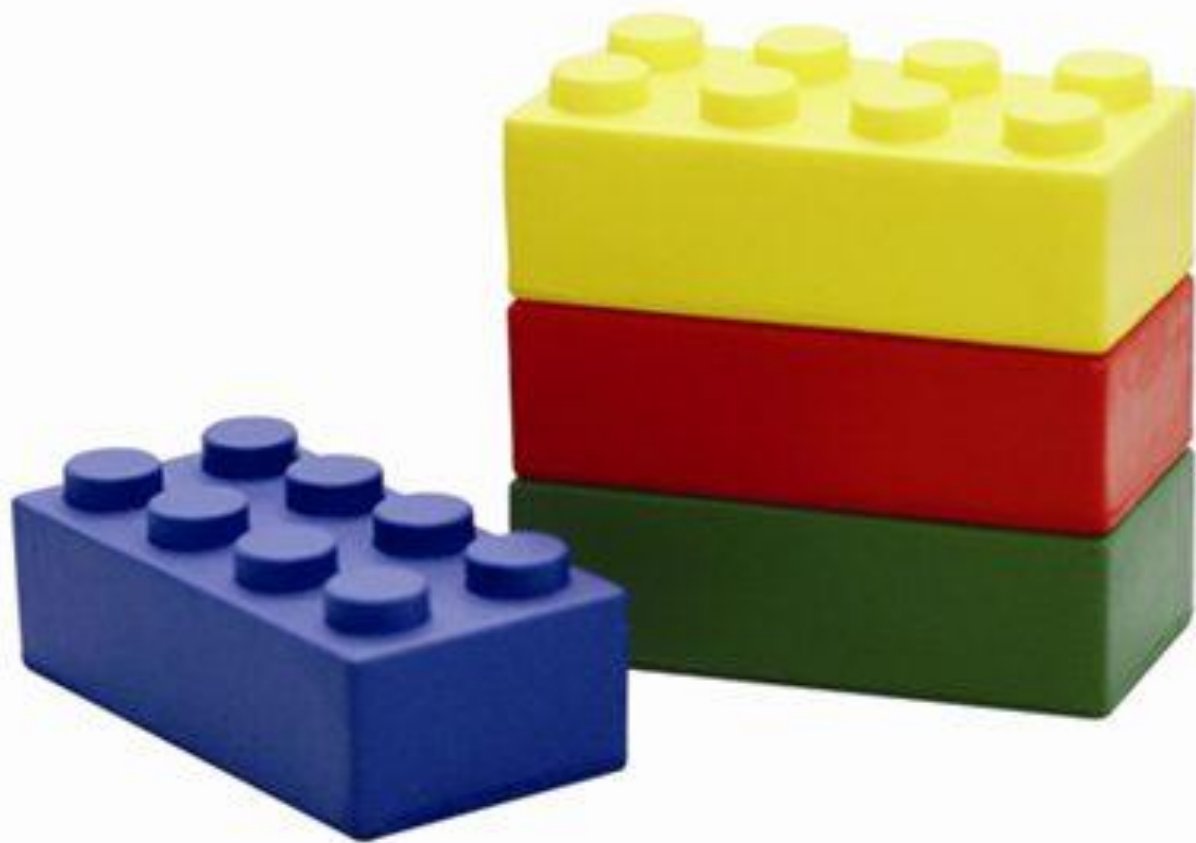
2.7.0	2015-05-03	5,567,160
2.6.2	2015-04-23	570,142



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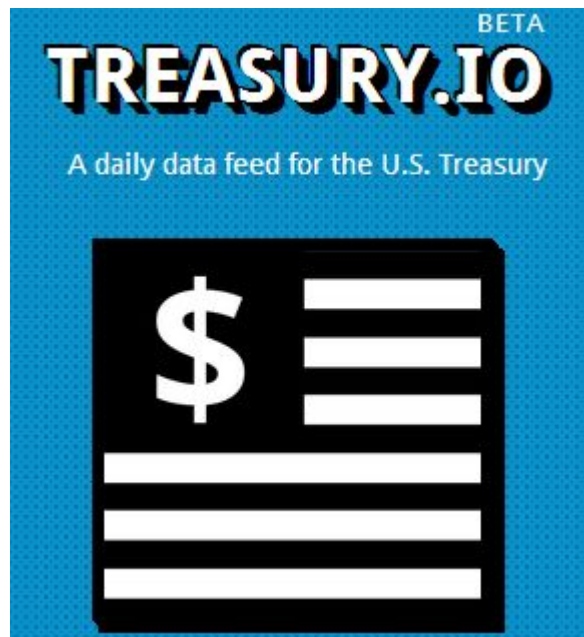




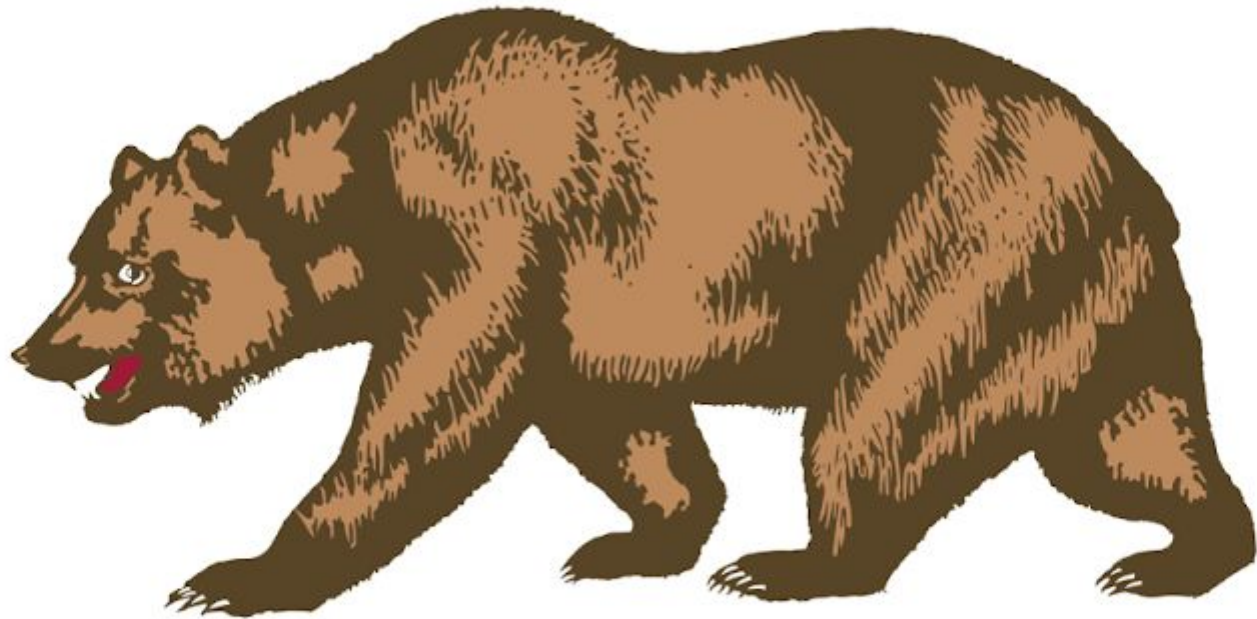
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$ pip install requests
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$ pip install ba-election-results
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$ pip install blue-dollar
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San Francisco Chronicle



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A Django app to download, extract and load campaign finance and lobbying activity data from the California Secretary of State's CAL-ACCESS database <http://django-calaccess-raw-data.californiacivicdata.org> — [Edit](#)

[869 commits](#)[1 branch](#)[10 releases](#)[52 contributors](#)Branch: **master**[django-calaccess-raw-data / +](#)[Merge pull request #922 from yujiap/patch-1](#)**palewire** authored 22 hours ago

latest commit 3f1fbc3a9d

calaccess_raw	Merge pull request #922 from yujiap/patch-1	22 hours ago
docs	Updated docs	3 days ago
example	Finished script to create github issues	2 days ago
.coveragerc	fixed pathes in coveragerc. Fixes #54.	a year ago
.gitignore	Tried to fix my outdated .tox config for #275	a month ago
.travis.yml	updated the django versions in travis configuration	4 days ago
LICENSE	removed project stuff from repo and added required setup files	2 years ago

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Workshops, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

The hallways, just grab me

SATURDAY

Hackathon, all day



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