

# Where is the Gold in Open Data?

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Information Management: A Proposal

Tim Berners-Lee, GERN/DD

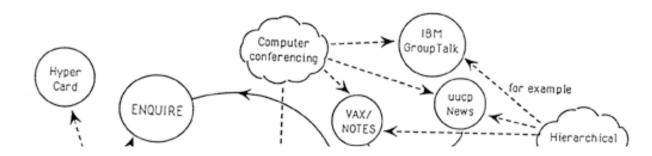
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#### Information Management: A Proposal

#### Abstract

This proposal concerns the management of general information about accelerators and experiments at CERN. It discusses the problems of loss of information about complex evolving systems and derives a solution based on a distributed hypertext system.

Keywords: Hypertext, Computer conferencing, Document retrieval, Information management, Project control



http://info.cern.ch/ Proposal.html



# Open data can help us address the greatest challenges of our time and generate value for everyone.





We are convening a community



## 10 Startups

#### MASTODON C







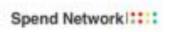
















## 36 Members

























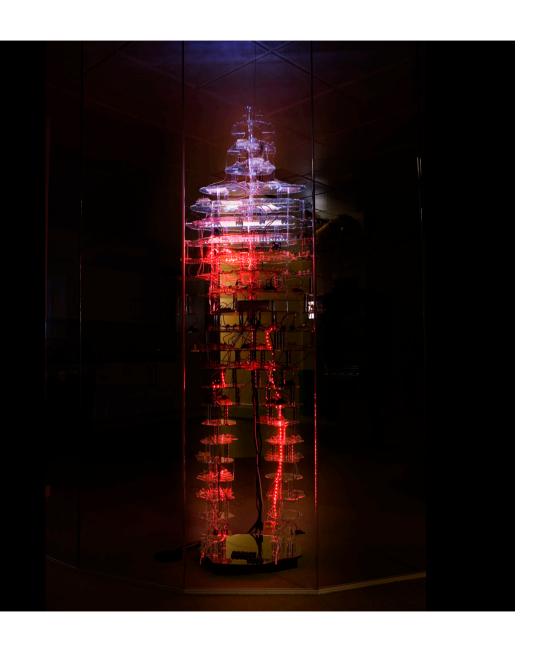








### data as culture



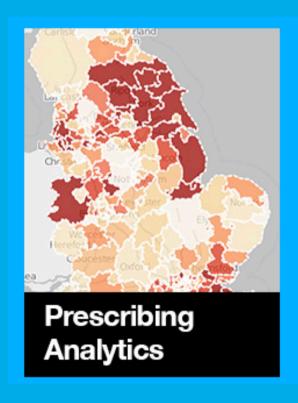
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## Open Data Stories







#### A collaboration with the World Bank





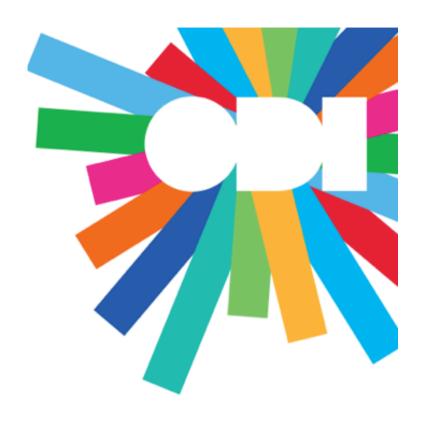
New Partnership Seeks to Bring Benefits of Open Data to Developing Countries



#### 1. Economic value

"Transparency Drives Prosperity"

Open Government Partnership





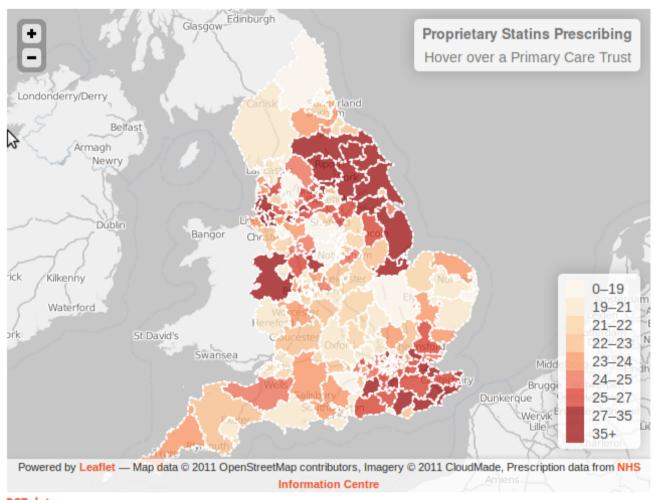
## Prescribing Analytics

Open Data found a £200m saving in the NHS budget.





#### Percentage of proprietary statin prescribing by CCG Sep 2011 - May 2012





#### WHAT IS DATA?



## Data is the raw material of the information age.



### "Data is the New Oil"



kenhodge13 (40132991@N07) on flickr.com



#### But data is not oil!

- data is a non-rival good
- marginal cost of distribution
- falling cost of analysis ("refinement")

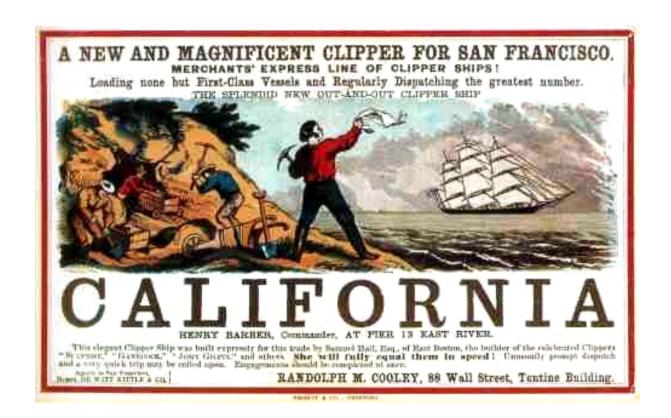


### More like gold than oil?





### A new gold rush





#### 2. Social value

"The Internet is changing the way we think."

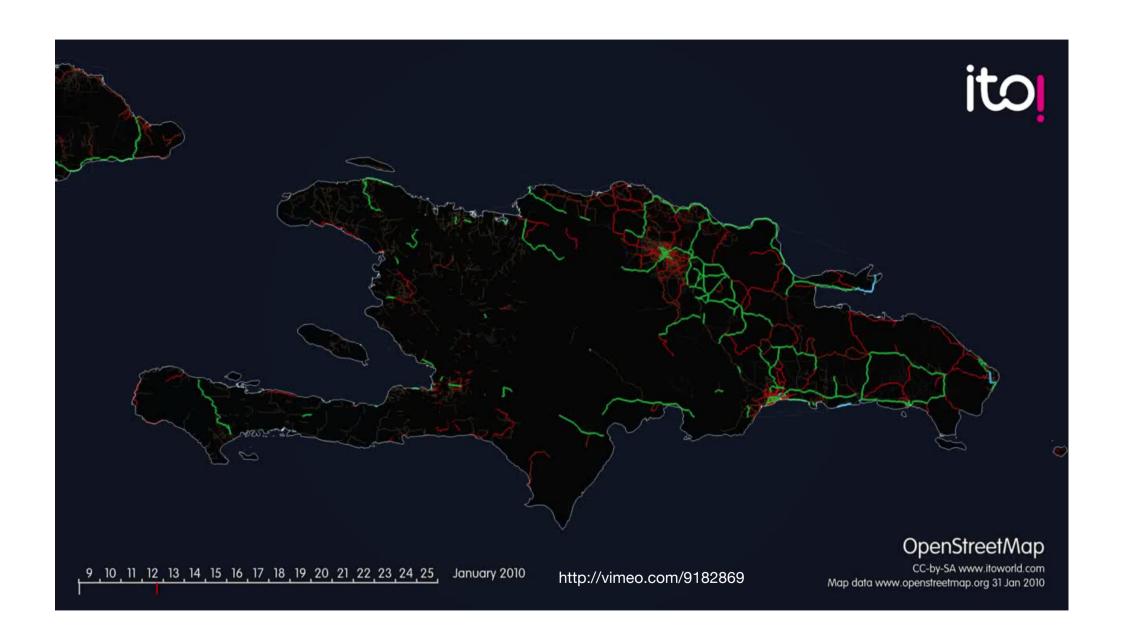
Al Gore





# Open data supports collaborative ecosystem







L'Aquila, 06. April 2009, 5.9 Richter scale

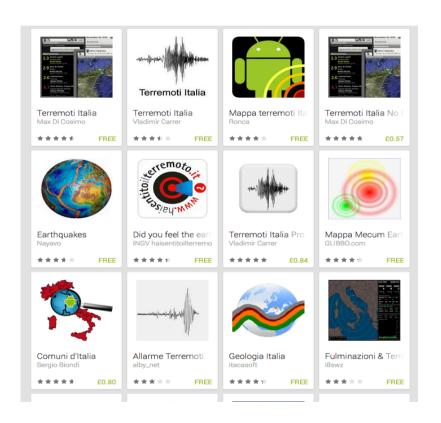
### A triple tragedy

- **1. People**: 297 died
- **2. Science**: On 22 October 2012, six scientists and one ex-government official were convicted of multiple manslaughter.
- **3. Society**: Who will trust official earthquake warnings now? Alarmism?



#### An open data response

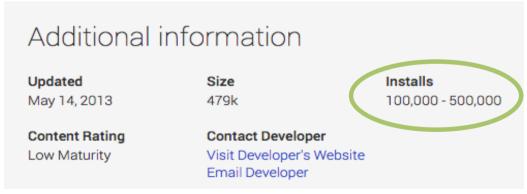
A flood of apps, which allow the user to directly access open data about tremors, earthquakes and related statistics.





#### One app among other successful ones!







### Is it making people obsessive?







All open data are good, but some are better.

Even with the superpowers of open data we cannot predict earthquakes – but we can influence buildings.





## 2012 another earthquake in Emilia-Romagna – 5.9 Richter scale







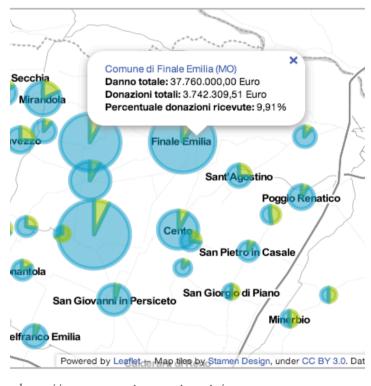


This time a different open data response





## Open ricostruzione – donations for rebuilding affected communities

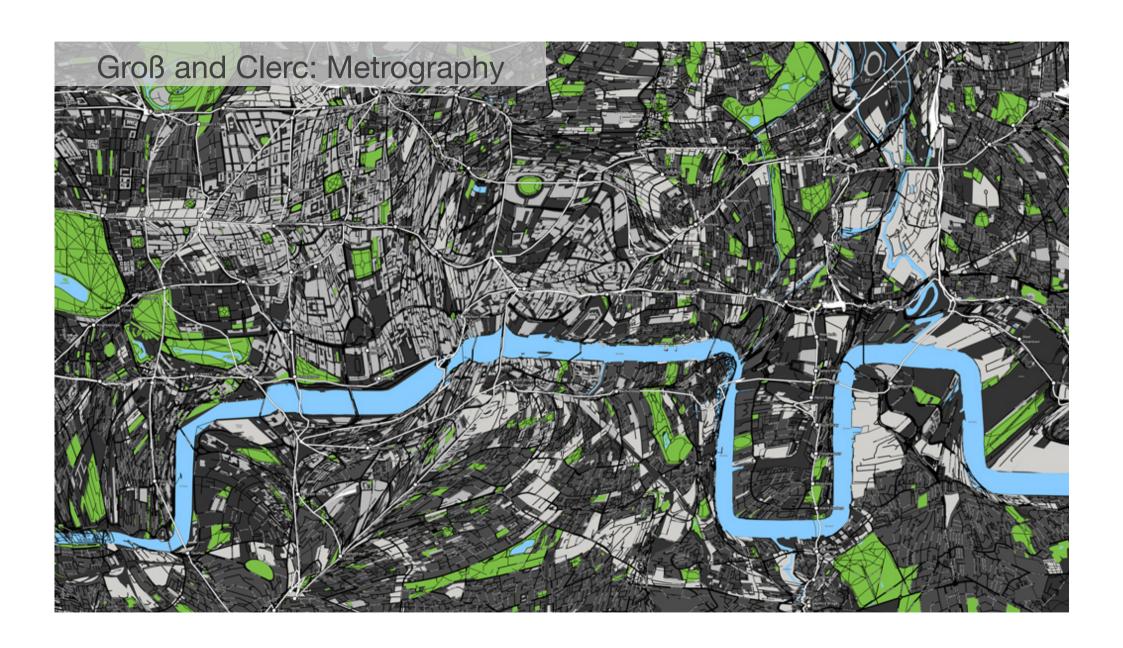


"There needs to be greater awareness of the vulnerability of the houses we live in and the buildings we work in and, where appropriate, they should be made safer."

http://www.openricostruzione.it/

# 1,500,000,000 people live in earthquake zones.





#### 3. Environmental value

"I got it wrong on climate change – it's far, far worse."

Nicholas Stern





#### Our energy use



#### London City Hall

This graph allows everyone to access a range of data from our offices at London City Hall. It's generated in real-time from data taken every 5 seconds from the on-site meters. For the week commencing midnight on 25 Apr, London City Hall has used:

58,642kWh

Energy use

58,642kWh in Electricity 0kWh in Gas

Average 349kWh per hour

£7,037

Energy cost

£7,037 from Electricity £0 from Gas

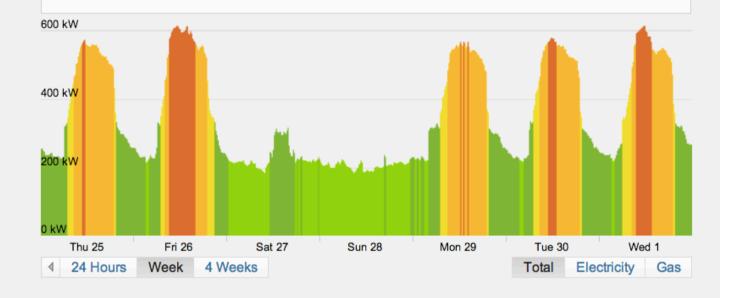
Average £41 per hour

30,765kg

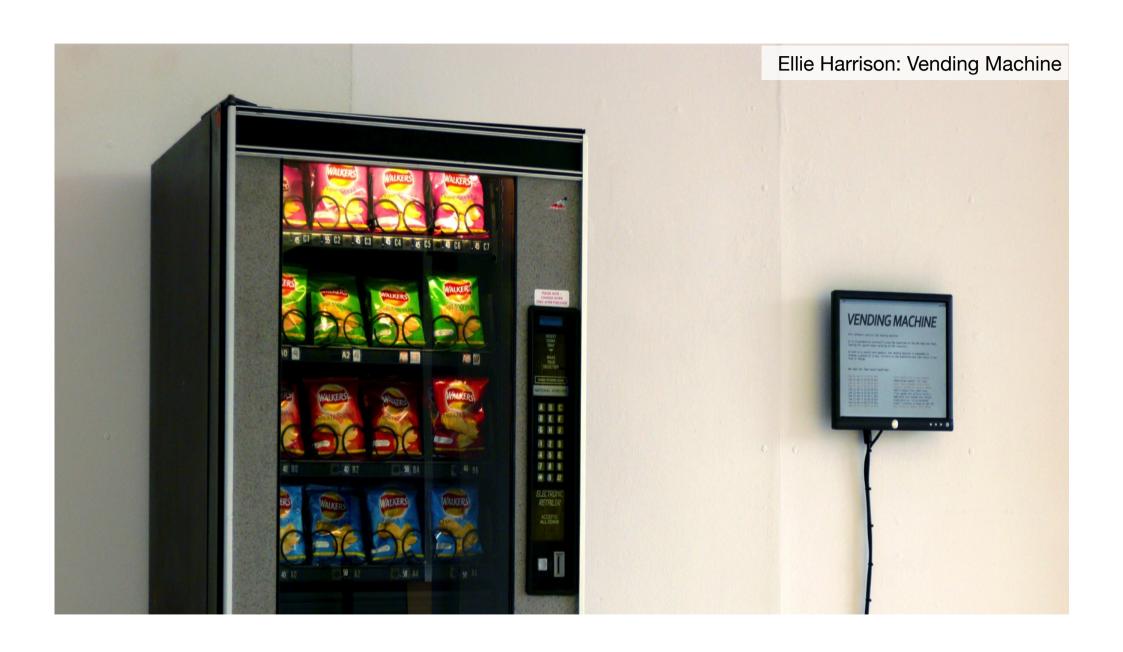
Carbon impact

30,765kg for Electricity 0kg for Gas

Average 183kg per hour











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