

# BATCH INGESTION WITH OPEN REFINE

A kind of Holding Pen

<http://openrefine.org>

More from <https://datacarpentry.org>

# TUTORIAL

based on <https://tinyurl.com/jqrdmzen> developed by Owen Stephens on behalf of the British Library

- Get an overview of a data set
- Resolve inconsistencies in a data set
- Help you split data up into more granular parts/statistics
- Match local data up to other data sets
- Enhance a data set with data from other sources

→ PREPARE DATA FOR UPLOAD INTO YOUR REPO

# STEPS Summary

- Install and Run OpenRefine on your laptops: it a “local web app”
- Create a project in OpenRefine
- Some simple manipulations
- Amending data through facets, filters, manipulation of cells
- Regular Expressions to enrich the Data

# Install and Run OpenRefine

Install OpenRefine 3.0 on your laptop :

<http://openrefine.org/download.html>

Windows , Mac or Linux kit

# Create a project

Get the Participant list in .csv format:

<https://tinyurl.com/yap4n5ny> (in .ods format:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycm4slaq>)

Create Project:

- Load the file

- Check the preview

  - Check the 'Character encoding'

  - Ensure the first row is used to create the column headings

  - Doesn't try to automatically detect numbers and dates

- Create Project

## Simple manipulations

- **Reorder columns:** Switch “Name” and “Surname”
- **Rename column:** “Speciality” → “Profession”
- **Sort data** by “Countries”
- Filter the data using **Facets** : exclude the “Lecturer” - keep people “with/without a telephone”
- Filter the data using **Filters**: keep only people with a gmail account

# **PLEASE RESET !**

**Except the first action: column switch :-)**

## **UNDO / REDO OPTION**

## Amending data

- Change “KENYA” into “Kenya” in all cells of the “Countries” column: ‘Edit’ a cell → ‘Apply to All Identical Cells’
- in Surnames: Edit cells’ → ‘Common Transforms’ → Remove leading/trailing space
- in telephone numbers: → Collapse consecutive white space
- Harmonize “Assistant Library” & “Library Assistant” into - using ‘Cluster and Edit’
- Remove “University” in the City column



## Enriching data with 'GREL' (Google Refine Expression Language)

- **Remove** “University” in the City column -> Edit Cells -> Transform: type in *replace(value, "University", "")*  
or *value.split(" ")[0]*
- Create **new column “Fullname”** with the values “Surname, Name”

From Surname → Edit Column → “Add column from this column” → type in: *value + ", " + cells["Name"].value*

## Enriching data looking up from a URL

- Adding the ORCID values for participants !
- From Surname → 'Edit column' -> 'Add column by fetching URLs'. Expression to be entered:  
*[https://oaa.tind.io/search?cc=Authorities&of=t&ot=100\\_\\_g](https://oaa.tind.io/search?cc=Authorities&of=t&ot=100__g&p=)  
&p="+ escape(value, 'url')*
- Let running the fetching of ORCIDs

## Export your data

- Select the columns you want to export
- Make sure the labels are the ones you want →
- 'Export' in 'Comma separated values'
- 'Export' with 'Templating'