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# ABOUT MK ANALYTICS (MKA)

MK Analytics, Inc. (MKA) is a 100% woman-owned and woman-led data mining and analytics firm founded in New York State with over 50 years of combined experience. MKA specializes in creating tailored platforms and reports that integrate disparate data, providing actionable insights for non-technical collaborators. The MKA team frequently steps into situations without preexisting subject matter knowledge, quickly gaining a mastery of the intricacies of the relevant data to deliver thorough and actionable analyses. Through the leadership and vision of its co-founders, Lacey Keller and Meredith McCarron, MKA quickly established itself as a trusted partner for non-profits, government entities and private sector clients alike.



MKA's co-founders have over 15 years of combined experience doing data differently.

# **About**

- Co-Founder @ MK Analytics
- Founder & Director of Research & Analytics @ New York Office of the Attorney General
- Lead Researcher @ SEIU Local 32BJ
- MA @ The New School
- BBA @ Washburn University



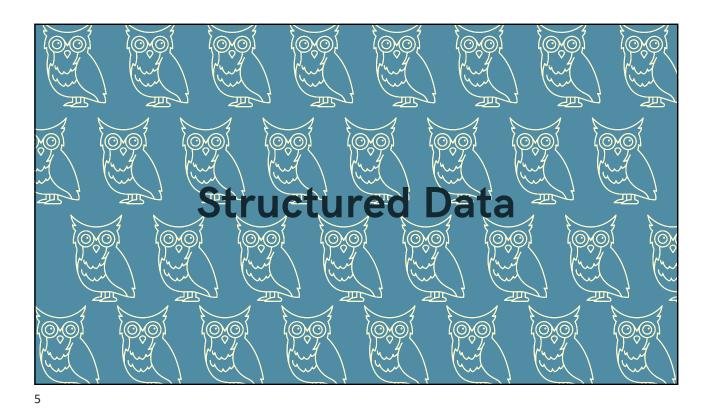
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# USEFUL VOCABULARY

- Data Types
  - Traditional
    - Structured (e.g. XML, JSON, XLSX, CSV)
    - Unstructured (e.g. email, pdfs, text messages)
  - Non-Traditional (e.g., IoT, IP logs, geotagged, social)
- Databases
  - Relational (e.g., SQL, Redshift)
  - o Graphical (e.g., Tableau, Social)

- Environments & Storage
  - Data warehouse, data lake
  - Cloud-based systems (e.g., Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud)
  - Code (e.g., GitHub, BitBucket)
- Analysis & Prediction
  - Basic Analysis (e.g. sums, averages)
  - Algorithms (e.g. scoring, classification, clustering)
  - Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning





**DATA SOURCES - PUBLIC** 

Governments

Company websites

Wayback machine

GitHub

Kaggle

API (application programming interface)

SFTP (secure file transfer protocol)

Google Advanced Search

News Outlets (NYTimes, ProPublica, Washington Post)



# DATA SOURCES - NON/SEMI PUBLIC

- Purchase
  - Health care sales and prescription data
  - Large-scale trading data
  - E-commerce data
- Requested Data
  - Subpoenaed / Discovery
  - FOIA / FOIL
- Crowdsourcing



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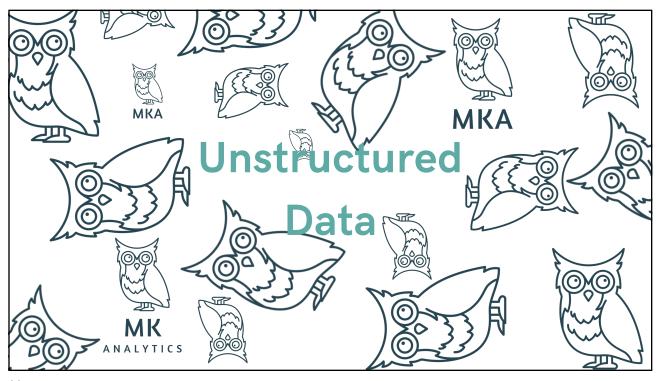


## **REQUESTING DATA**

- Formats & File Types
- Delimiters (e.g. comma, pipe)
- Unique Identifiers and Primary Keys
- Data Dictionaries & Metadata
  - Units of Measure
  - Checksums
  - Size (e.g. bytes, lines)
  - Descriptions

- Software Requirements
- Code & Algorithms
- Sensitivity Requirements (e.g. PII, PHI)
- Burden (Filtering != Easier)





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#### **Key Term:**

OCR ("Optical character recognition")

### **PDF Extraction**

#### Digitized PDFs

- PDF Plumber / PyPDF (unstructured text)
- Camelot (Tables)
- Tabula

#### Scanned PDFs

- Pytesseract
- Google Cloud Vision API

#### **Images**

- Tensorflow
- · Google Vision AI







# Other Text Analysis

- Categorial
- TF-IDF (Term Frequency -Inverse Document Frequency)
- Word Counting
- Entity Resolution & Deduplication
  - (e.g., Neo4j, Dedupe.io)
- Earnest Sentiment Analysis
- Non-Machine Learning Modeling

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    </a>
    <a href="https://accounts.craigslist.org/login/home">
        my account
        </a>
    </div>

    Terms of Service

    URL Components

    Source Code & Inspect

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    Captcha

    Good Citizenship

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    Wait Times

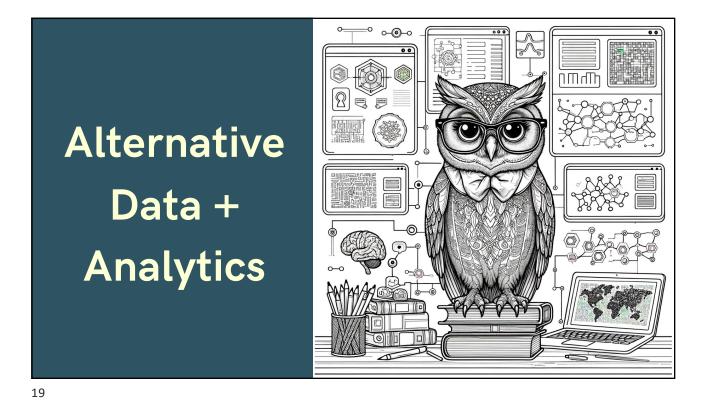
                                                                                                 Time of Day

    Code

    Beautiful Soup

    Selenium
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# **ALTERNATIVE DATA**

- Internet of things
- Satellite data
- IP logs
- Social media
- Deep web / dark web
- Images
- Video
- Audio



