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In this view, data becomes information by interpretation; e.g. the height of Mount Everest is generally considered "data”, a book on Mount Everest geological characteristics may be considered “information”, and a climber's guidebook containing practical information on the best way to reach Mount Everest's peak may be considered "knowledge". “Information” bears a diversity of meanings that range from everyday usage to technical use. This view, however, has also been argued to reverse how data emerges from information, and information from knowledge ['%! Generally speaking, the concept of information is closely related to notions of constraint, communication, control, data, form, instruction, knowledge, meaning, mental stimulus, pattern, perception, and representation. Beynon-Davies uses the concept of a sign to differentiate between data and information; data is a series of symbols, while information occurs when the symbols are used to refer to something [11112]

Before the development of computing devices and machines, people had to manually collect data and impose patterns on it. With the development of computing devices and machines, these devices can also collect data. In the 2010s, computers were widely used in many fields to collect data and sort or process it, in disciplines ranging from marketing, analysis of social service usage by citizens to scientific research. These patterns in the data are seen as information that can be used to enhance knowledge. These patterns may be interpreted as "truth (though "truth can be a subjective concept) and may be authorized as aesthetic and ethical criteria in some disciplines or cultures. Events that leave behind perceivable physical or virtual remains can be traced back through data. Marks are no longer considered data once the link between the mark and observation is broken [*] Mechanical computing devices are classified according to how they represent data. An analog computer represents a datum as a voltage, distance, position, or other physical quantity. A digital computer represents a piece of data as a sequence of symbols drawn from a fixed alphabet. The most common digital computers use a binary alphabet, that is, an alphabet of two characters typically denoted "0" and "1". More familiar representations, such as numbers or letters are then constructed from the binary alphabet. Some special forms of data are distinguished. A computer program is a collection of data, that can be interpreted as instructions. Most computer languages make a distinction between programs and the other data on which programs operate, but in some languages, notably Lisp and similar languages programs are essentially indistinguishable from other data. It is also useful to distinguish metadata, that is, a description of other data. A similar yet earlier term for metadata is "ancillary data." The prototypical example of metadata is the library catalog, which is a description of the contents of books Data documents edi) Whenever data needs to be registered, data exists in the form of a CRESS data document. Kinds of data documents include Library and information science . hoy crests = « data study by Ere + data set pip 3 FE ke « software Es « data paper Y Y/ Ve « database \% Z pei oom | + data journal Histories [show] Some of these data documents (data repositories, data studies, data Focus [show] sets, and software) are indexed in Data Citation Indexes, while data papers are indexed in traditional bibliographic databases, e.g., ELISE [Show] Science Citation Index. Interdisciplinary fields [show] Areas [show] Data collection [edi] Gathering data can be accomplished through a primary source (the researcher is the first person to obtain the data) or a secondary source (the researcher obtains the data that has already been collected by other sources, such as data disseminated in a scientific journal). Data analysis methodologies vary and include data triangulation and data percolation ['#] The latter offers an articulate method of collecting, classifying, and analyzing data using five possible angles of analysis (at least three) to maximize the research's objectivity and permit an understanding of the phenomena under investigation as complete as possible: qualitative and quantitative methods, literature reviews (including scholarly articles), interviews with experts, and computer simulation. The data is thereafter "percolated" using a series of pre-determined steps so as to extract the most relevant information Data longevity and accessibility edi An important field in computer science, technology, and library science is the longevity of data. Scientific research generates huge amounts of data, especially in genomics and astronomy, but also in the medical sciences, e.g. in medical imaging. In the past, scientific data has been published in papers and books, stored in libraries, but more recently practically all data is stored on hard drives or optical discs. However, in contrast to paper, these storage devices may become unreadable after a few decades. Scientific publishers and libraries have been struggling with this problem for a few decades, and there is stil no satisfactory solution for the long-term storage of data over centuries or even for eternity. Data accessibility. Another problem is that much scientific data is never published or deposited in data repositories such as databases. In a recent survey, data was requested from 516 studies that were published between 2 and 22 years earlier, but less than one out of five of these studies were able or willing to provide the requested data. Overall, the likelihood of retrieving data dropped by 17% each year after publication [5] Similarly, a survey of 100 datasets in Dryad found that more than half lacked the details to reproduce the research results from these studies [6] This shows the dire situation of access to scientific data that is not published or does not have enough details to be reproduced Asolution to the problem of reproducibility is the attempt to require FAIR data, that is, data that is Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable. Data that fulfils these requirements can be used in subsequent research and thus advances science and technology [7] In other fields (eat) Although data is also increasingly used in other fields, it has been suggested that the highly interpretive nature of them might be at odds with the ethos of data as "given". Peter Checkland introduced the term capta (from the Latin capere "to take") to distinguish between an immense number of possible data and a sub-set of them, to which attention is oriented [8 Johanna Drucker has argued that since the humanities affirm knowledge production as "situated, partial and constitutive," using data may introduce assumptions that are counterproductive, for example that phenomena are discrete or are observer-independent [1%] The term capta, which emphasizes the act of observation as constitutive, is offered as an alternative to data for visual representations in the humanities. The term data-driven is a neologism applied to an activity which is primarily compelled by data over all other factors [citation needed] Data-driven applications include data-driven programming and data-driven journalism See also [edit] « Biological data « Data mining « Data-driven learning « Computer data processing « Data modeling « Data-driven science « Computer memory « Data point « Data-driven control system « Dark data « Data preservation « Data-driven marketing « Data (computer science) « Data protection « Digital privacy « Data acquisition « Data publication « Environmental data rescue « Data analysis « Data remanence « Fieldwork « Data bank « Data science « Information engineering « Data cable « Dataset « Machine learning « Data curation « Data structure « Open data « Data domain « Data visualization « Scientific data archiving « Data element « Data warehouse « Secondary Data « Data farming « Database « Statistics « Data governance « Datasheet « Digital data « Data integrity « Data-driven programming « Data aggregation « Data maintenance « Data-driven journalism « Data management « Data-driven testing References [edi] 1.» OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms. 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