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WE'RE ON A MISSION

We're building the most **meaningful**, **collaborative**, and **abundant** data resource in the world by dismantling the barriers between data and people.

A NEW KIND OF COMPANY

Benefit Corporation

- Expanded purpose includes public benefit
- Requires consideration of shareholders *and* stakeholders
- Flexibility to weigh public benefit in sale & IPO decisions

Notable Benefit Corporations

KICKSTARTER



patagonia[®]



LAUREATE
EDUCATION INC[®]

OUR PRODUCT

A data platform that helps people work together to solve problems faster by creating new ways to **discover**, **prep**, and **collaborate**.

OPEN DATA WANTS TO BE LINKED DATA

Because data is a social animal, too.

Jonathan Ortiz

September 19, 2016



There are a

HUGE NUMBER

of OPEN DATA SETS

TOO MUCH OF DATA'S GROWTH IS HAPPENING IN SILOS.



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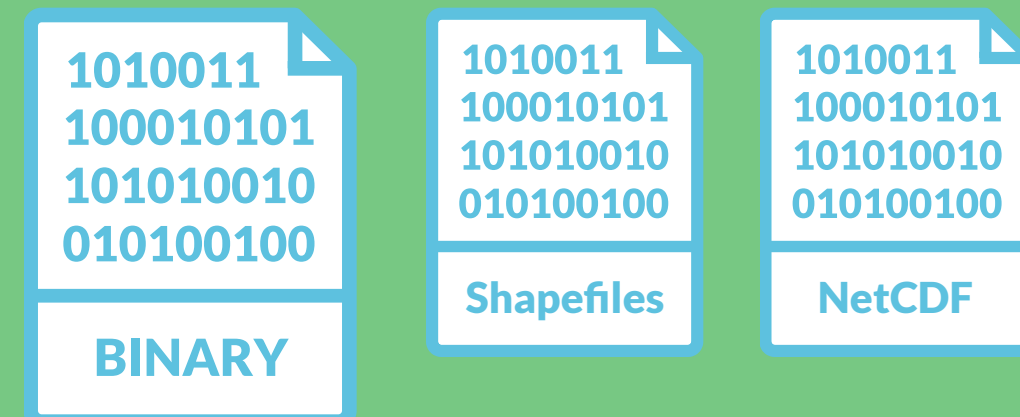
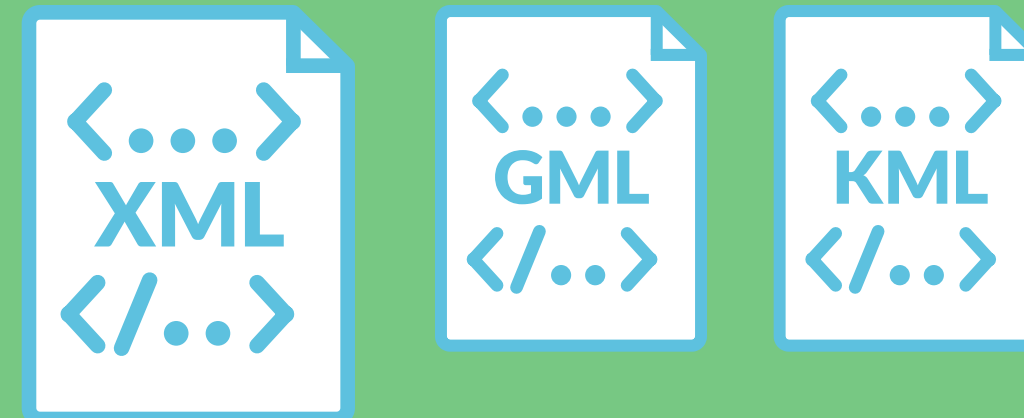
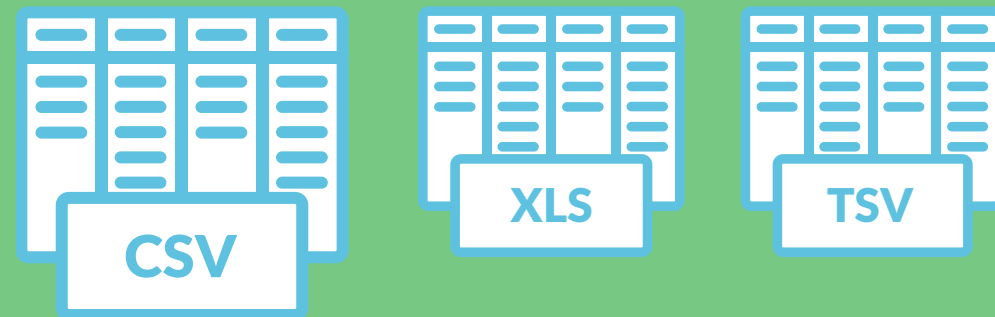


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DOCUMENTS

OPEN DATA EXISTS IN MANY FORMATS



data.world

Few formats convey **MEANING** about
the contents in a way that can be
SHARED and **EXTENDED**.



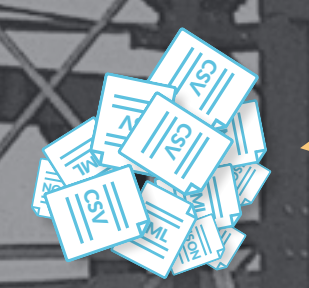
Some datasets are available via

APIs

*But those APIs don't
generally have
consistent interfaces
or patterns...*



THEY LOAD IT IN



YOU PULL IT OUT

It is **GREAT** *that this open data* **EXISTS**



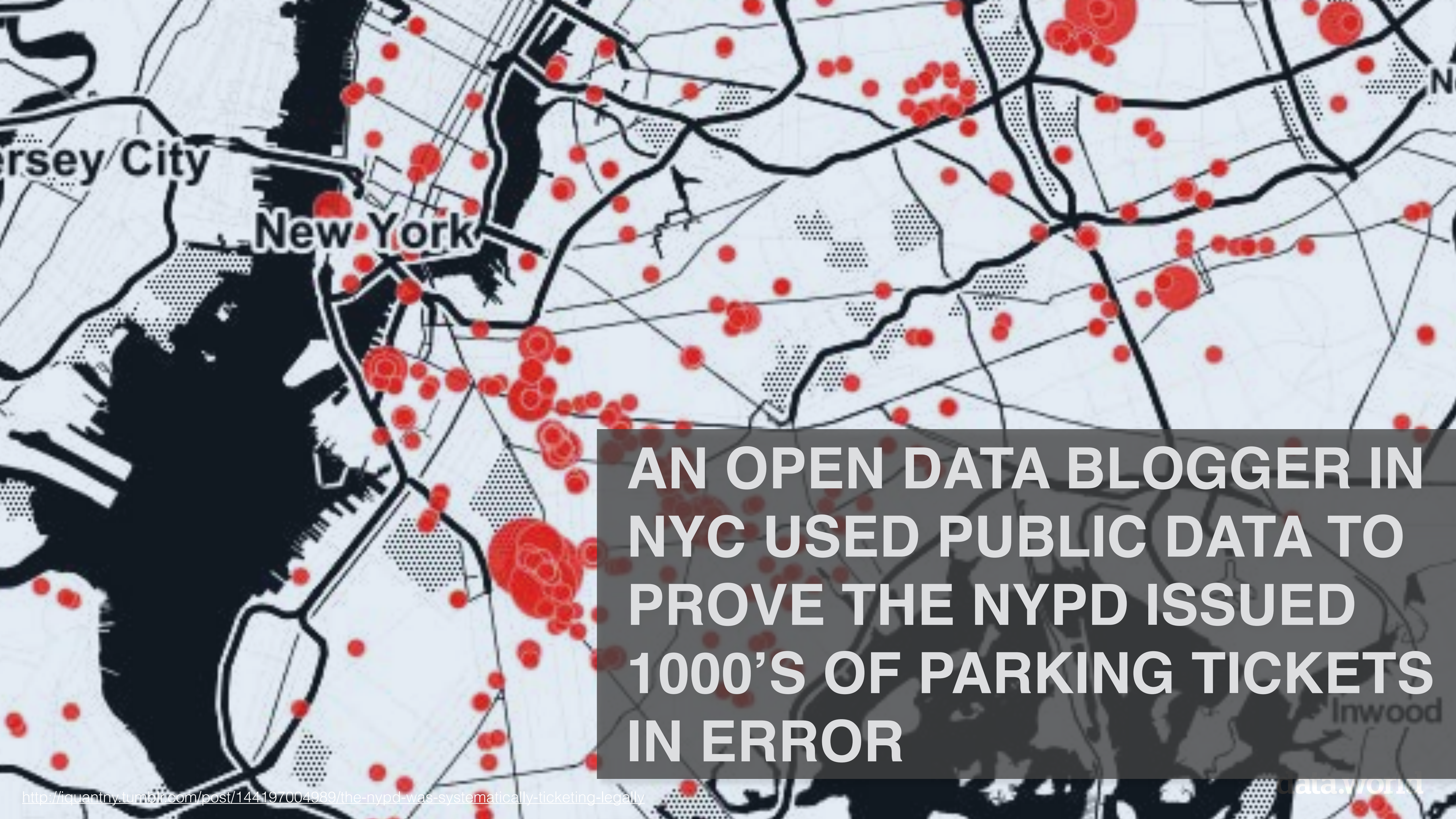
OnDeck

**OPEN DATA FOR ALTERNATIVE RISK
MODELS = \$2B IN LOANS ACROSS 700+
INDUSTRIES**

PIURA

OIL AND MINING DATA IMPROVES REVENUE FORECASTING = 2X SPENT ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH

AREQUIPA



**AN OPEN DATA BLOGGER IN
NYC USED PUBLIC DATA TO
PROVE THE NYPD ISSUED
1000'S OF PARKING TICKETS
IN ERROR**

“

Mr. Wellington's analysis identified errors the department made in issuing parking summonses. It appears to be a misunderstanding by officers on patrol of a recent, abstruse change in the parking rules. We appreciate Mr. Wellington bringing this anomaly to our attention.

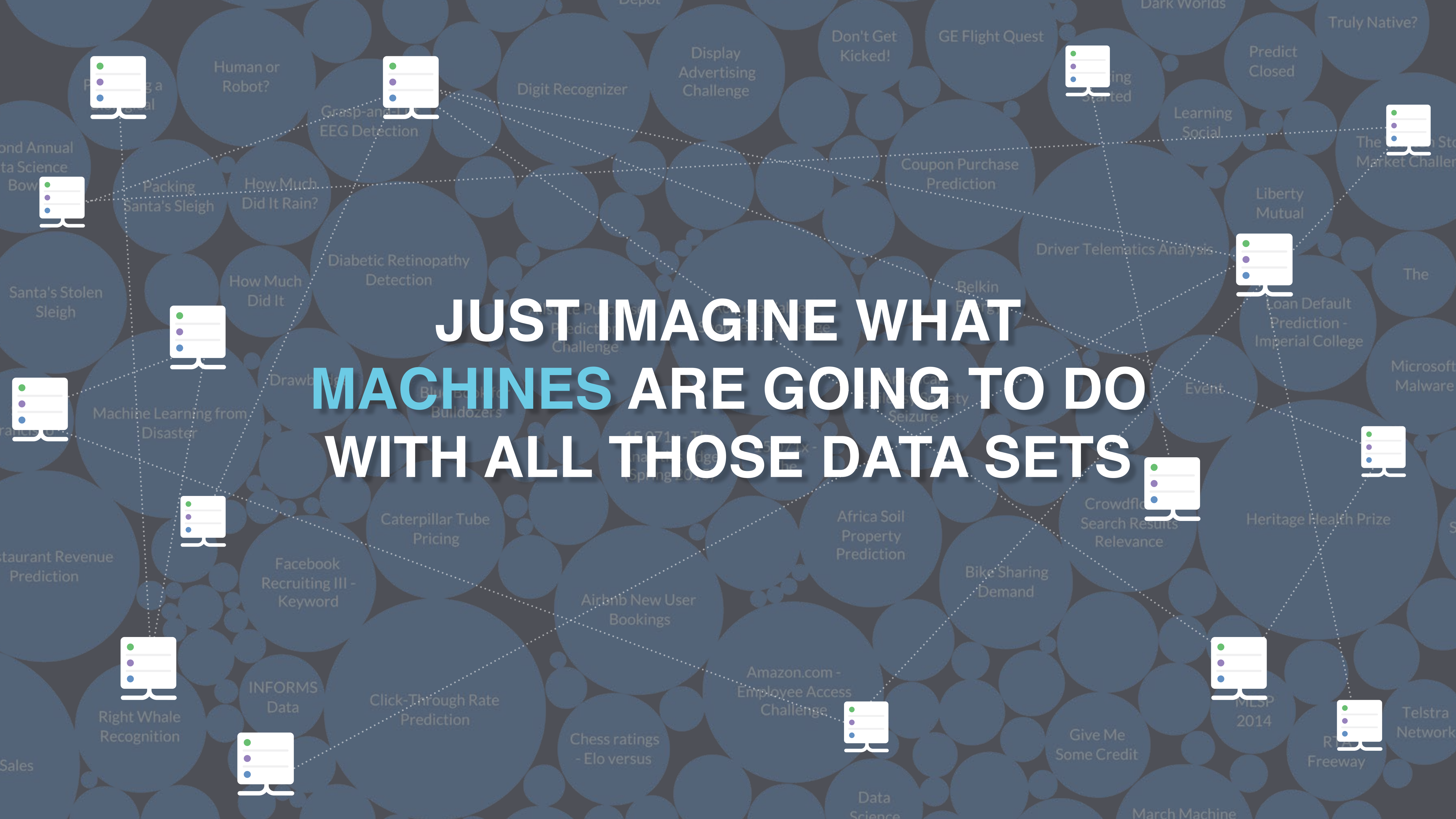
The department's internal analysis found that patrol officers who are unfamiliar with the change have observed vehicles parked in front of pedestrian ramps and issued a summons in error. When the rule changed in 2009 to allow for certain pedestrian ramps to be blocked by parked vehicles, the department focused training on traffic agents, who write the majority of summonses.

Yet, the majority of summonses written for this code violation were written by police officers. As a result, the department sent a training message to all officers clarifying the rule change and has communicated to commanders of precincts with the highest number of summonses, informing them of the issues within their command.

Thanks to this **analysis** and the **availability of this open data**, the department is also **taking steps to digitally monitor** these types of summonses to ensure that they are being issued correctly.”

“*I was speechless. THIS is what the future of government could look like one day. THIS is what Open Data is all about. THIS was coming from the NYPD, who is not generally celebrated for its transparency, and yet it’s the most open and honest response I have received from any New York City agency to date. Imagine a city where all agencies embrace this sort of analysis instead of deflect and hide from it.*”

JUST IMAGINE WHAT MACHINES ARE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THOSE DATA SETS





But **FINDING** *it*
UNDERSTANDING *it*
and **USING** *it can be a challenge*

This process happens

OVER

AND OVER

AND OVER AGAIN

*as each data user does it
individually*

So much HUMAN
EFFORT



is wasted on the
WORKING & REWORKING
of the
SAME DATA



The End

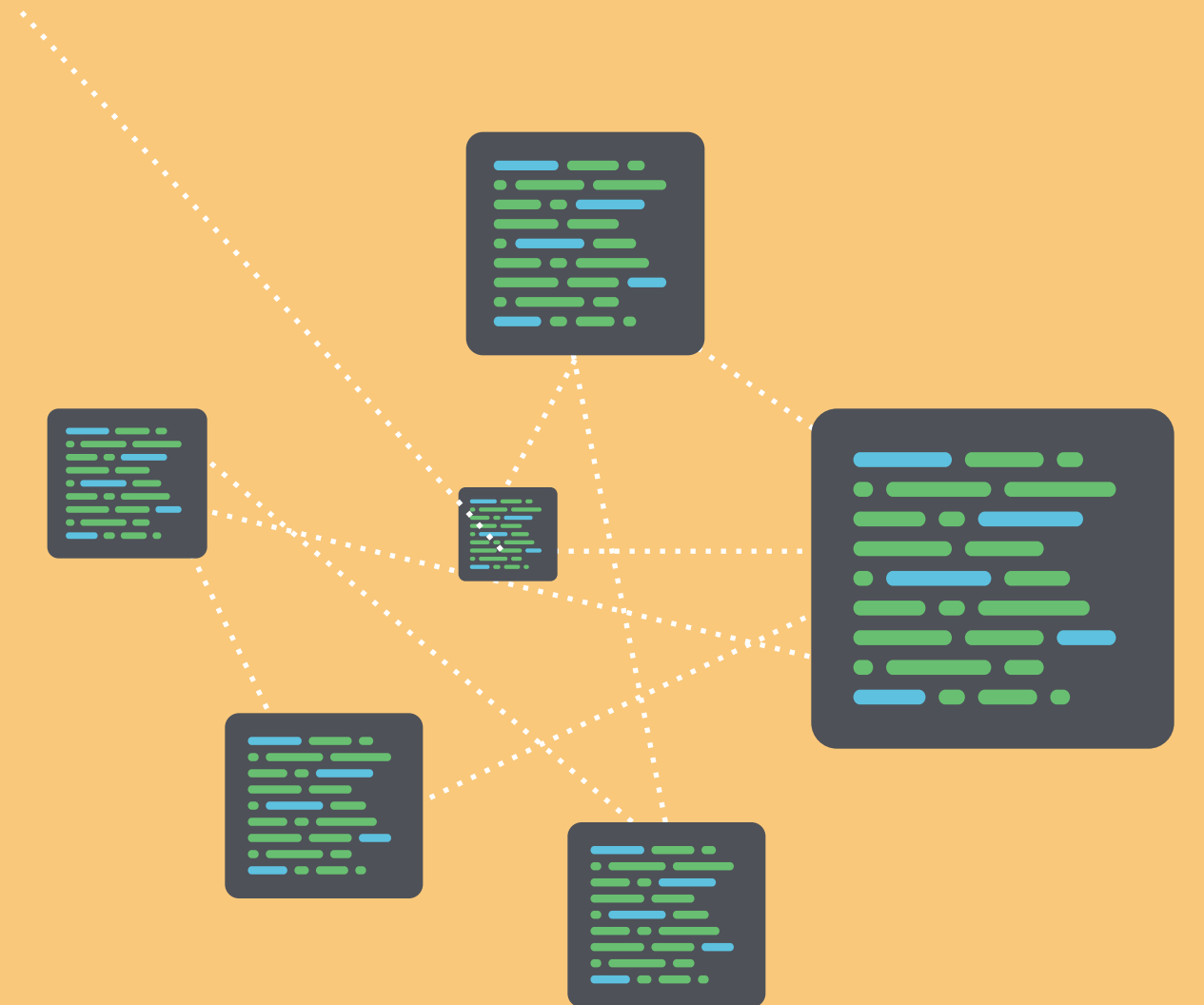
What is **LINKED
DATA**



IMAGINE **RELEARNING** WEB BROWSING
FOR EACH NEW SITE YOU VISIT.

That's what it's like when data isn't linked.

It's applying the SAME architecture as the WWW
of linked documents to...DATA



First, break DATA *into* ATOMIC FACTS

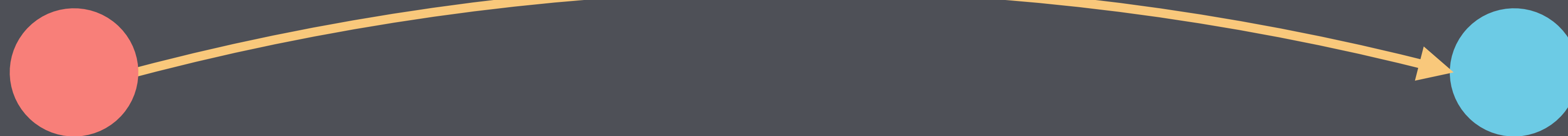
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(Turkey, "is a", Country)

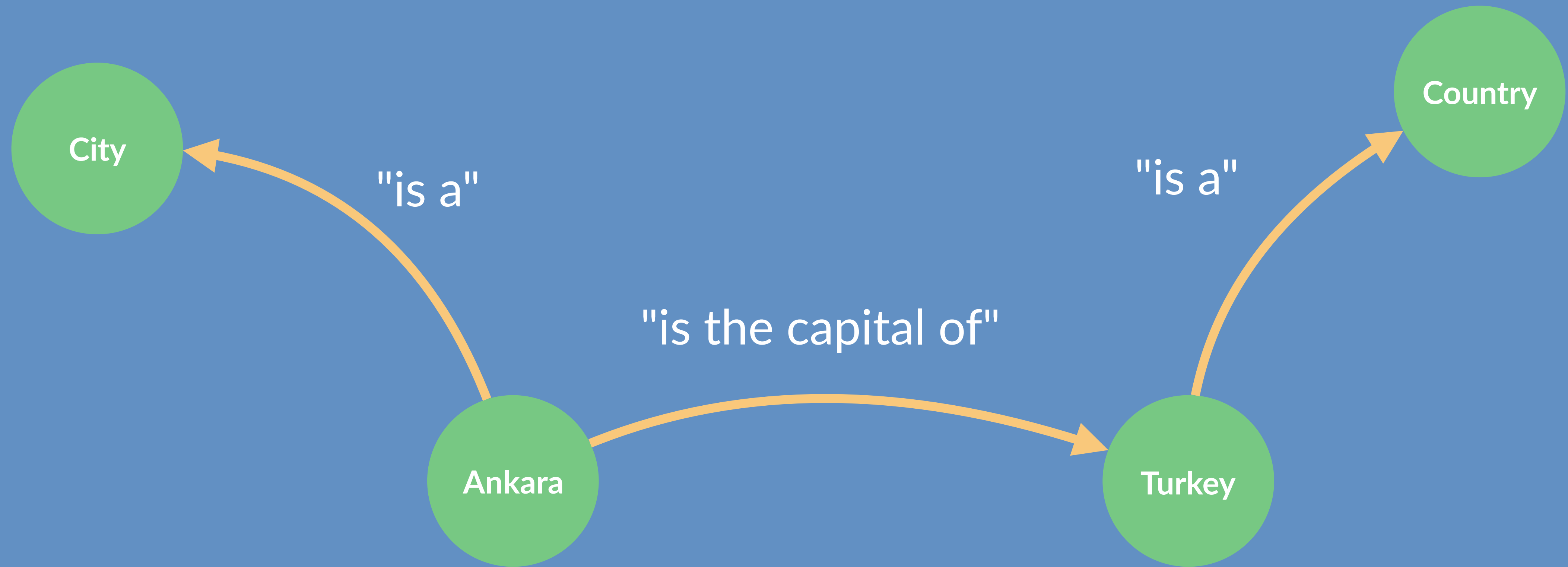
(Ankara, "is a", City)

(Ankara, "is the capital of", Turkey)

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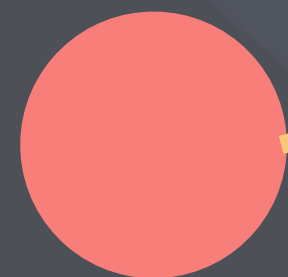


THE TRIPLE



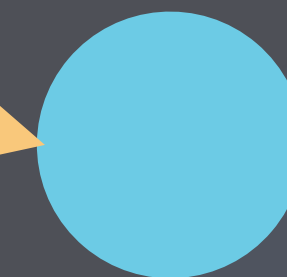
Refer to ENTITIES *and* RELATIONSHIPS
via **URIs** *so their* **MEANINGS** *can be discussed*

SUBJECT, PREDICATE, OBJECT



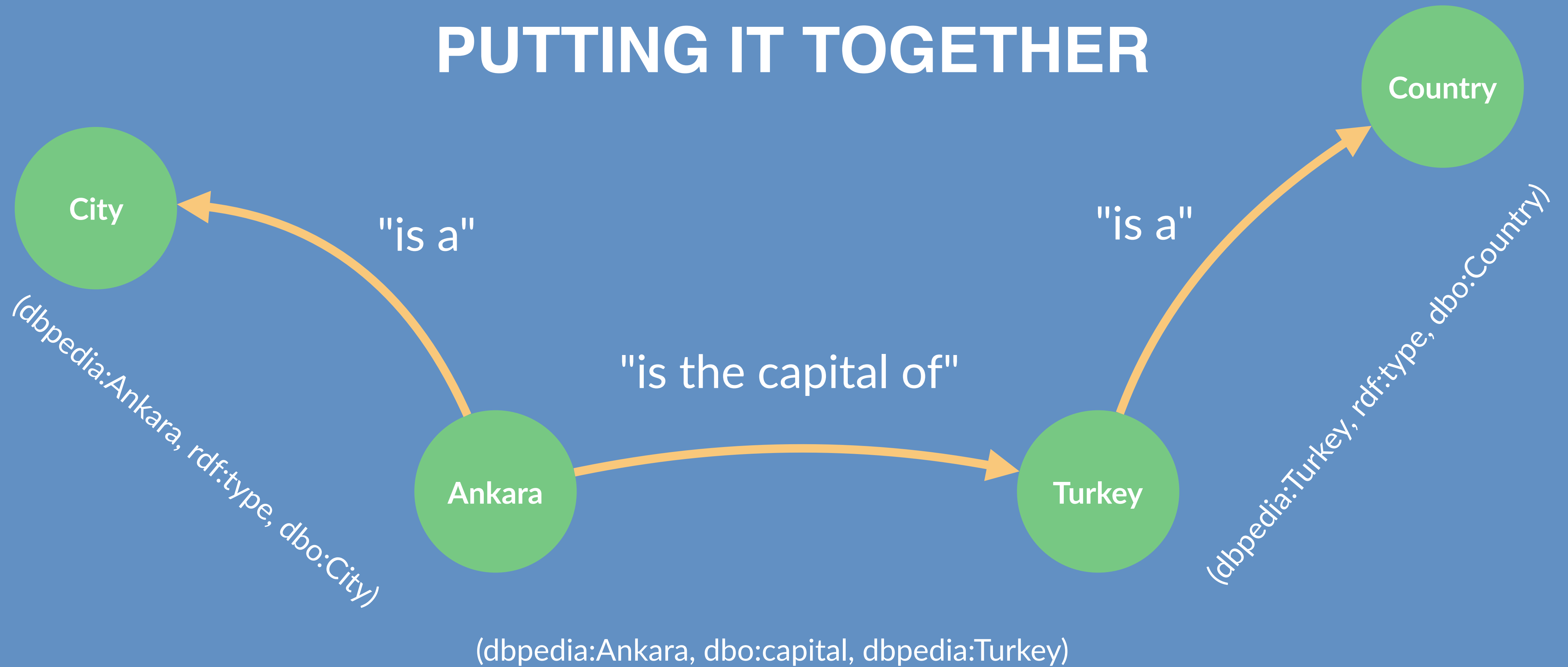
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http://predicate



http://object

PUTTING IT TOGETHER





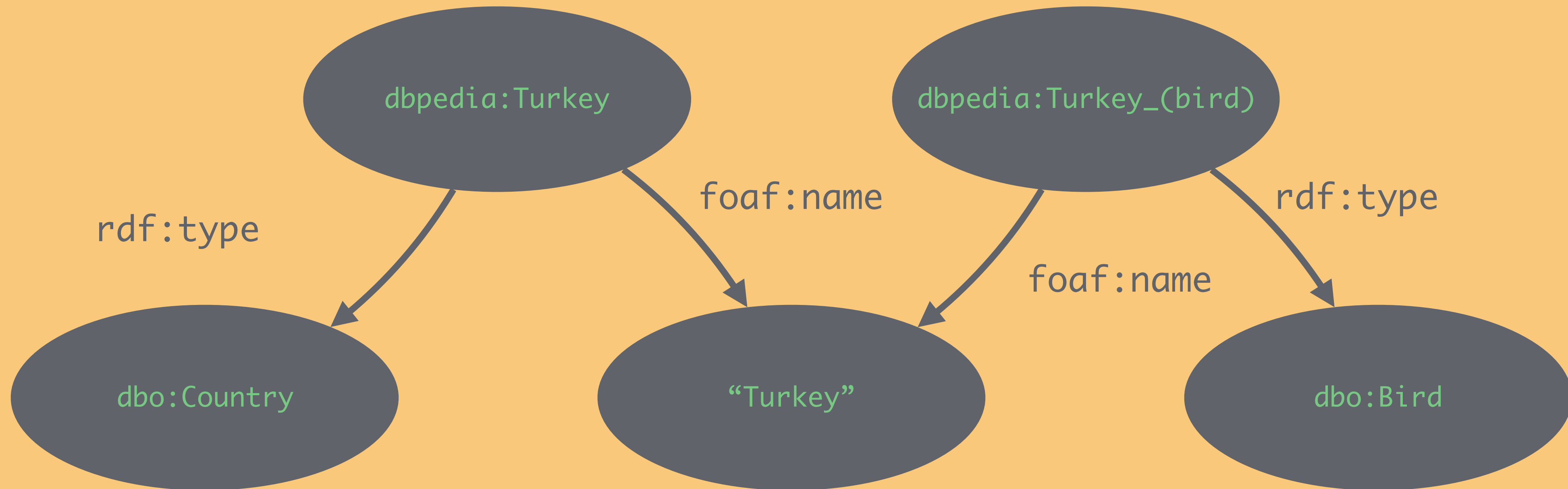
Turkey



Turkey

TURKEY vs TURKEY

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(dbpedia:Turkey_(bird), rdf:type, dbo:Bird)  
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“AAA” Principal

ANYONE

Can say

ANYTHING

About

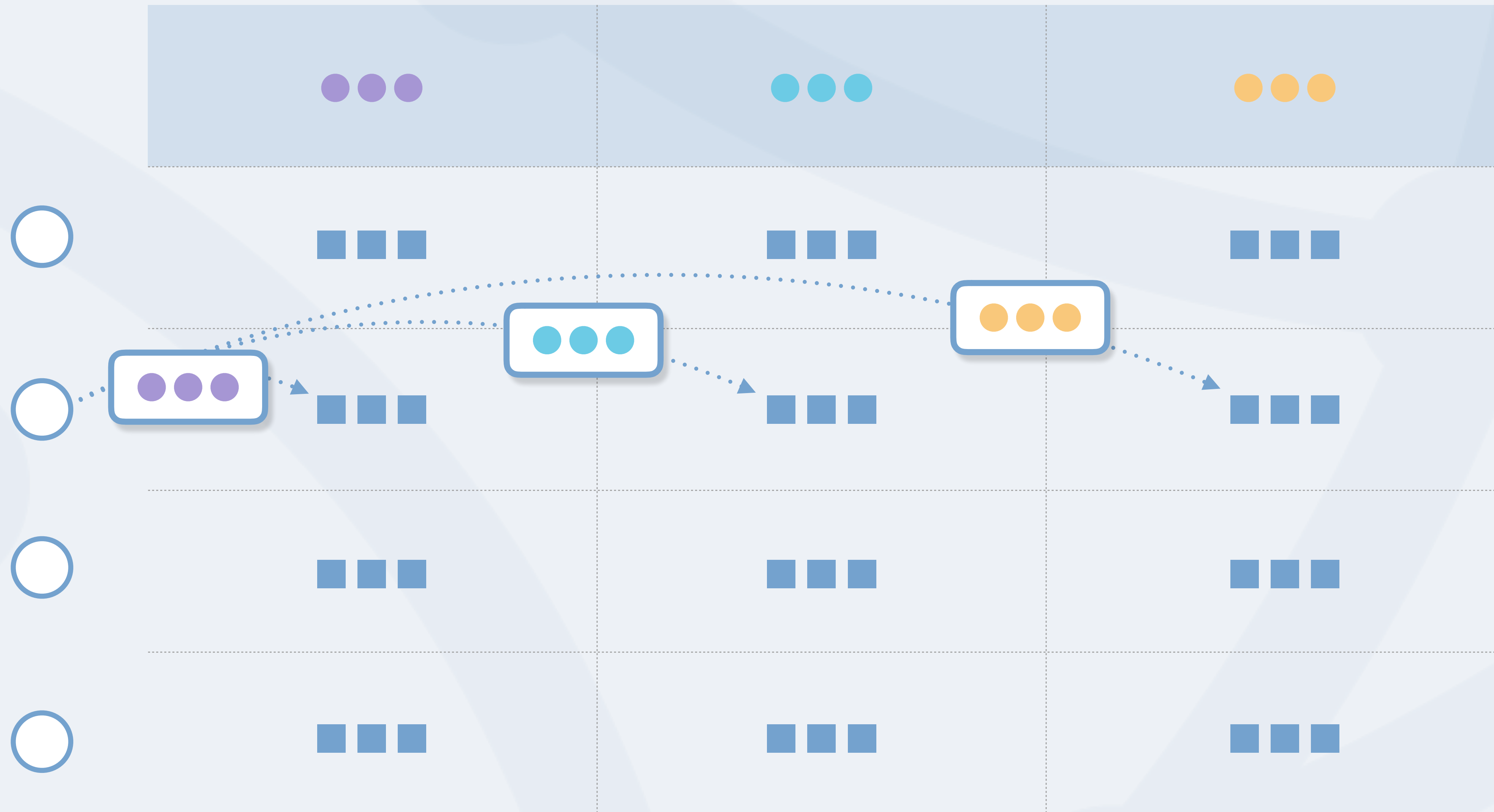
ANY TOPIC

YEA TRIPLES!

Triples are a universal format for representing facts - Any structured data can be mechanically transformed into triples.



TABULAR DATA AS A GRAPH





Why should you make your open data

LINKED

To make **DISCOVERY** of your data easier

To make your data **INTEROPERABLE**

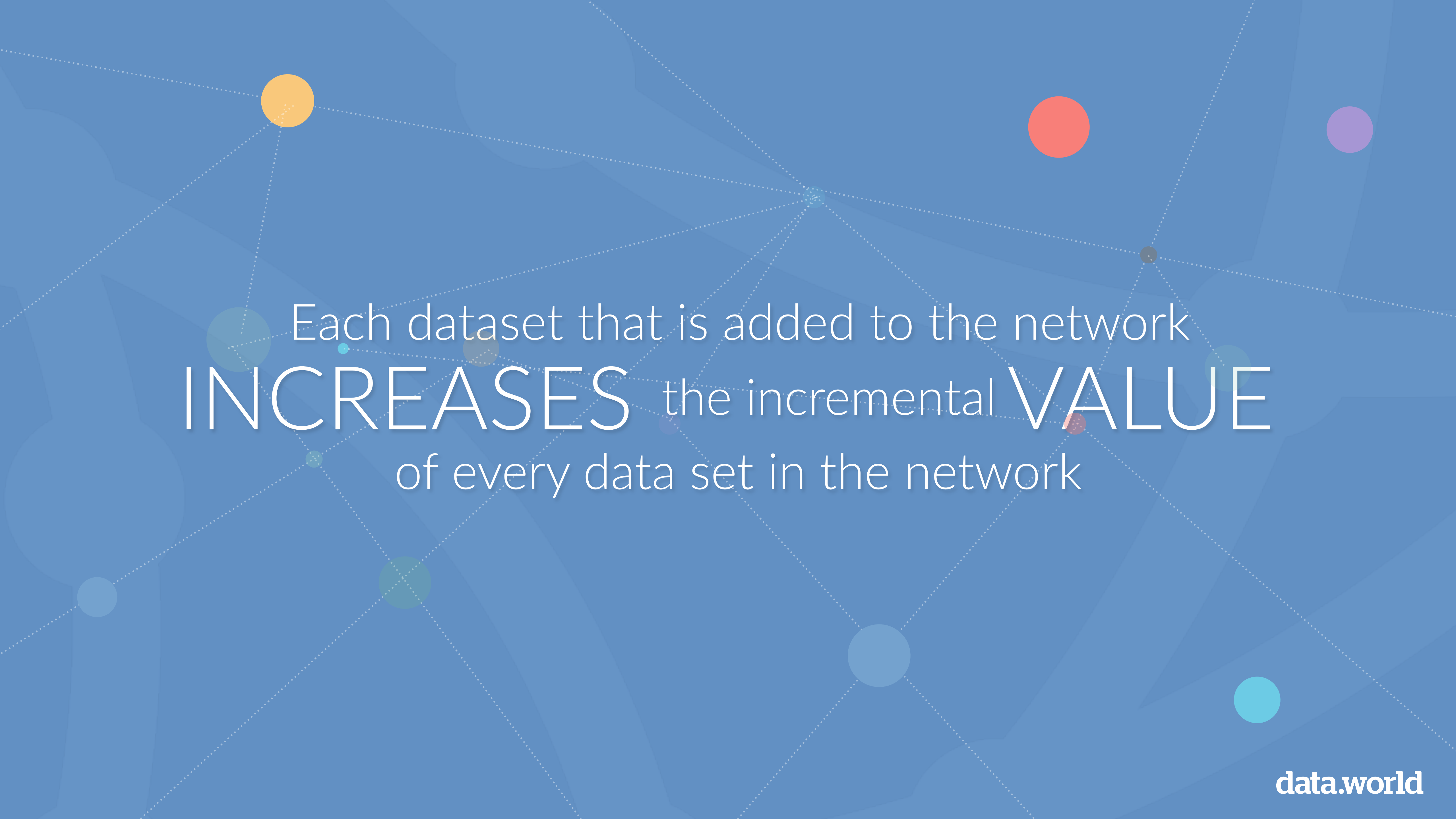
To help the machines learn **FASTER**

The End?



Data can enjoy a

“NETWORK EFFECT”

The background features a network diagram with various colored nodes (orange, red, purple, teal, blue) connected by dotted lines. The text is centered over this network.

Each dataset that is added to the network
INCREASES the incremental **VALUE**
of every data set in the network

DATA NETWORK



LINKED DATA



is about publishing data as **ATOMIC FACTS**
and using **UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIERS**
to refer to concepts and relationships, so
we can agree upon the **SEMANTIC MEANING**
of data.

Your

OPEN DATA

wants to be

LINKED DATA

So the **PEOPLE** and **MACHINES** who are using that data to solve **HUMANITIES BIGGEST PROBLEMS** can leverage the sum of accumulated knowledge as effectively as possible.

The time to make your
OPEN DATA
accessible as
LINKED DATA
is
NOW!



The End

for real