



Data Journalism Introduction

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What Data Journalism is

- Telling stories using numbers
- Using **visual technologies** to aid communication of the story
- **Technologies** are not important, the focus is on the **story**
- Journalism is reporting facts in a way that people can understand
- As a data journalist, your role is to bring data to life

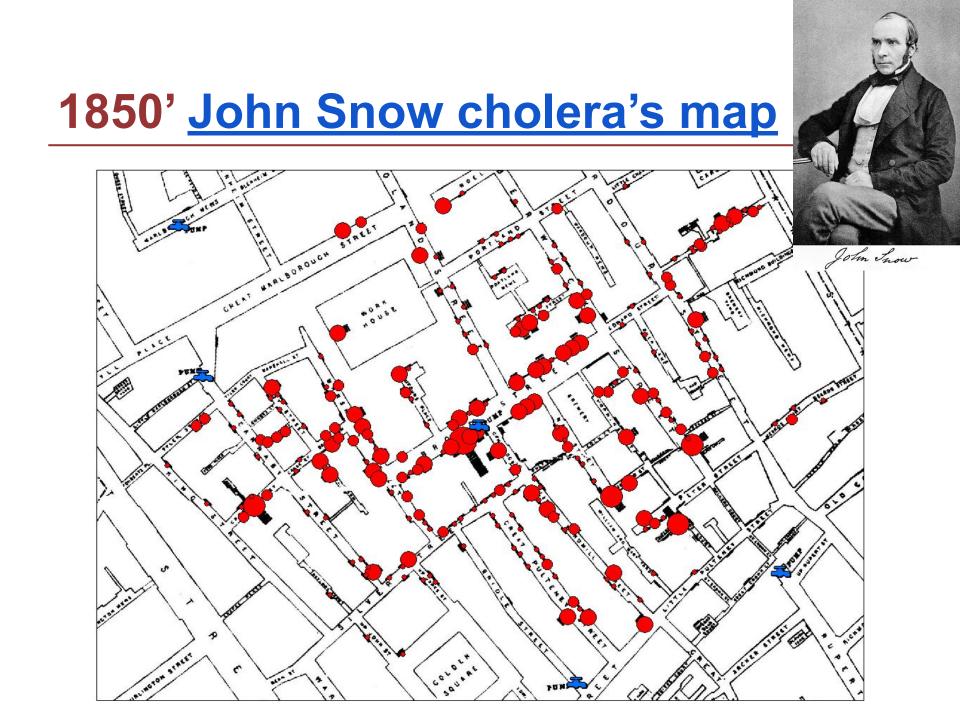
The origins of DJ

Data has always been part of news work.

The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> was created from a daily Dow Jones afternoon letter about the stock exchange (link).

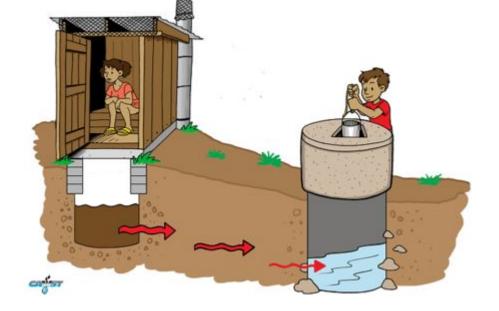
In <u>Sports reporting</u>, data has always been an essential aspect.

<u>John Snow's map of cholera outbreaks</u> from nineteenth century London changed how we saw a disease - and gave data journalists a model of how to work today (link).





Broadwick Street, showing the John Snow memorial and pub



Air borne Vs water borne deasease

Why Data Journalism is so popular?

- Many governments around the world have published thousands of **open data**.
- on May 2013 Obama started the Open Data Policy: Transparency + Participation + Collaboration
 - <u>data.gov</u>
 - o <u>data.gov.uk</u>
 - o <u>dati.gov.it</u>
- Many visualization tools are available often easy to use (Ms excel, <u>tableau</u>, <u>open refine</u>)
- Many **tools** for data cleansing, data exploration, data analisys



Data Journalism Awards

The Sigma Awards is a competition to celebrate the best data journalism from around the world <u>https://sigmaawards.org/</u>

- The 2021 edition of The Sigma Awards received 545 entries from 267 organizations in 68 countries
- The 2022 edition has closed submissions on 7 January 2022
- This year's Sigma Awards will be about highlighting the very best data journalism done about the pandemic
- The shortlist announcement will be on 6-10 April 2022 at the <u>International Journalism Festival</u> in Perugia

Homework

Ognuno studia uno dei 20 progetti finalisti di Sigma Awards 2021 <u>https://sigmaawards.org/projects/</u> e raccoglie le seguenti informazioni:

- il fatto dell'articolo
- la menzione della giuria
- i dati visualizzati
- le visualizzazioni realizzate
- le interviste
- osservazioni interessanti

Gambling

L'ITALIA DELLE SLOT

Quanto si gioca nel tuo comune?

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