

A rose is a rose is a rose?

Defining significant properties of social sciences research data

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- is a social science infrastructure institution
- supports social science research in all phases of the data life cycle
- runs a Data Archive which provides data services for the community

We curate.
We preserve.
We manage data.

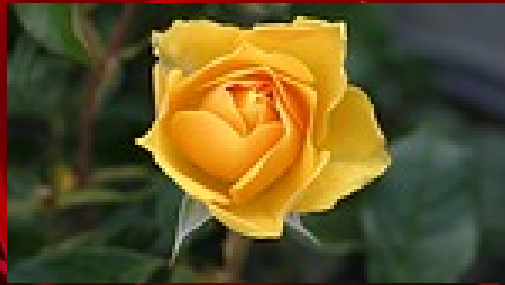
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Roses are red? Sometimes.



A rose...



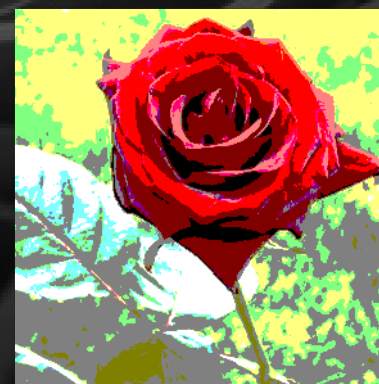
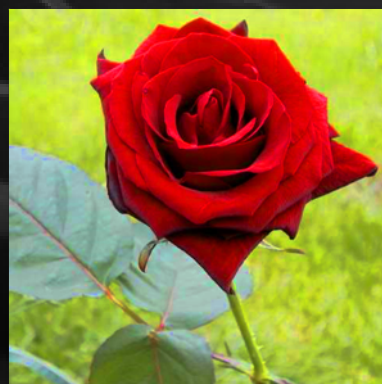
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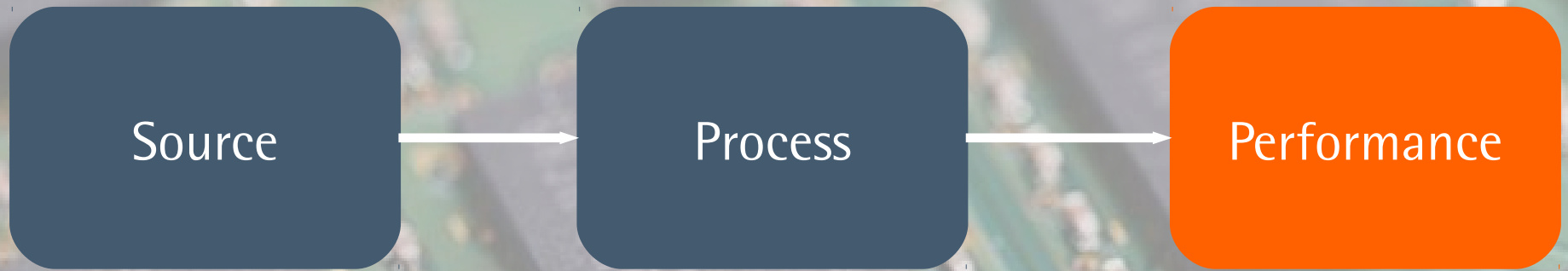
Rose

...is a rose?

When does a rose stop being a rose?



Dealing with performant assets



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We would like to preserve the performance, baby!



A table is a table is a table?

Researchers in the quantitative social sciences have a passion for tables.



It's all about rows and columns.
But: Each cell combination has a meaning.



Therefore researchers
need some materials for
interpretation purposes



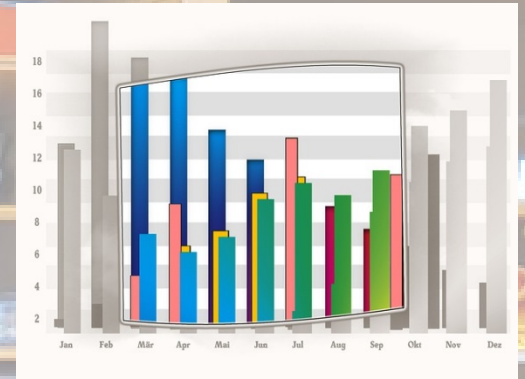
Which one to choose?



Questionnaire



Codebook



Methodological report

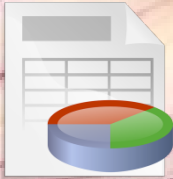
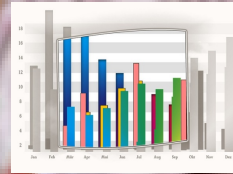


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Meet the onion



The road from here...

- Further discussion of definitions within the archive
- Definition of significant properties using the InSPECT framework
<http://www.significantproperties.org.uk>
- Discussion of identified properties with involved stakeholders

Highway to Hell

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