Metadata Matters

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Why Metadata Matters

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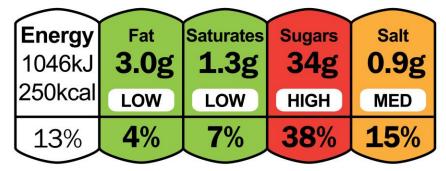
Quite simply it is "Data about data"

It provides context with details such as the source, type, owner, and relationships to other data sets but can also convey a whole host of other information.

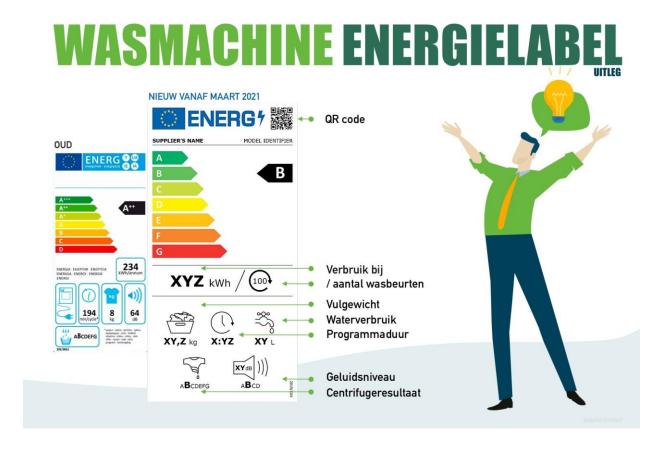


Why is metadata so important?

Each serving (150g) contains



of an adult's reference intake
Typical values (as sold) per 100g:697kJ/167kcal

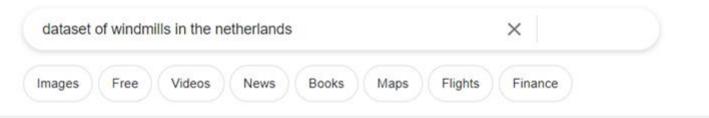




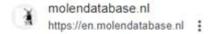
How does this apply to Geospatial Data?







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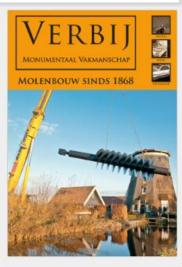
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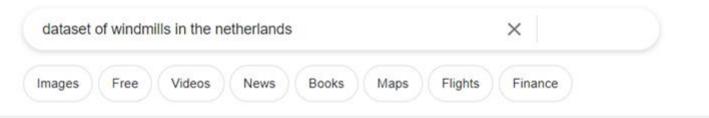




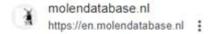








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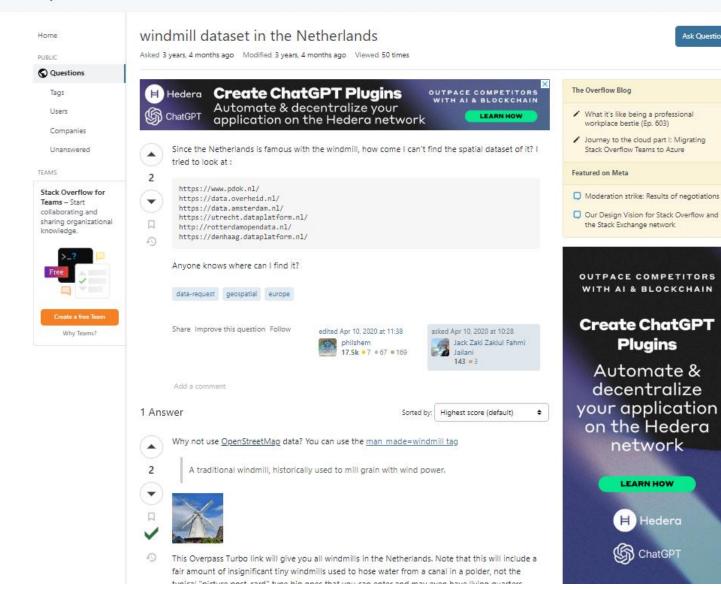


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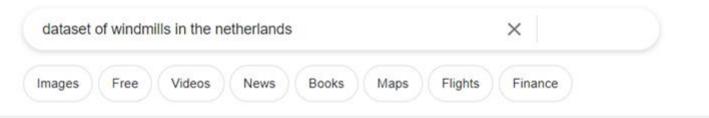




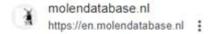
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Windmill dataset in the Netherlands

Datasets



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Since the Netherlands is famous with the windmill, how come I can't find the spatial dataset of it? I tried to look at:



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Bij PDOK vind je open datasets van de overheid met actuele geo-informatie. Deze datasets zijn benaderbaar via geo webservices, RESTful API's en beschikbaar als downloads en linked data.





Dataregister van de Nederlandse Overheid 5





Data en informatie

Data en informatie is dé website voor iedereen die op zoek is naar objectieve, betrouwbare en actuele data over Amsterdam.

https://utrecht.dataplatform.nl/ 1
http://rotterdamopendata.nl/ 2
https://denhaag.dataplatform.nl/ 1
Anyone knows where can I find it?





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You can find datasets via:



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Belgium



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List of windmills in Belgium

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This is a list of windmills in Belgium.

Belgium is divided into three regions, two of which are subdivided into five provinces each.

Brussels-Capital Region [edit]

Location	Name of mill	Туре	Built	Notes	Photograph
Anderlecht	Luizenmolen	Staakmolen	1996	Molenechos Ø (in Dutch)	A
Evere	Molen van Evere	Stellingmolen	1841	Molenechos ℰ (in Dutch)	
Woluwe-Saint- Lambert	Verbrande Molen	Staakmolen	1988	Molenechos 값 (in Dutch)	



Example of a Belgian windmill (Stenen Molen Klockemolen in Zwevegem)

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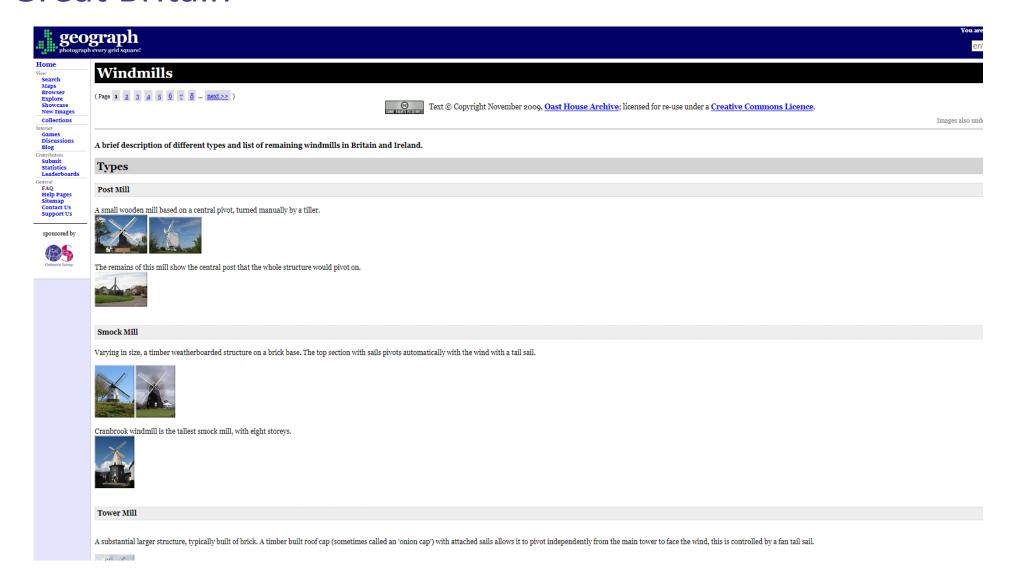
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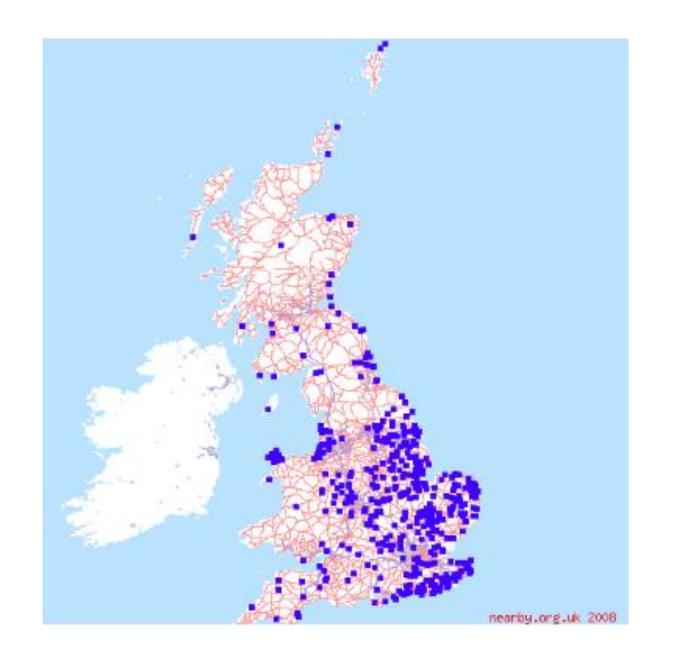
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Great Britain









Ordnance Survey results





What customers need.

- **Q** Quality
- F Findable
- A Accessible
- Interoperable
- R Reusable



Quality metadata

- Coverage
- Completeness
- Positional Accuracy
- Thematic Accuracy
- Logical Consistency
- Useability

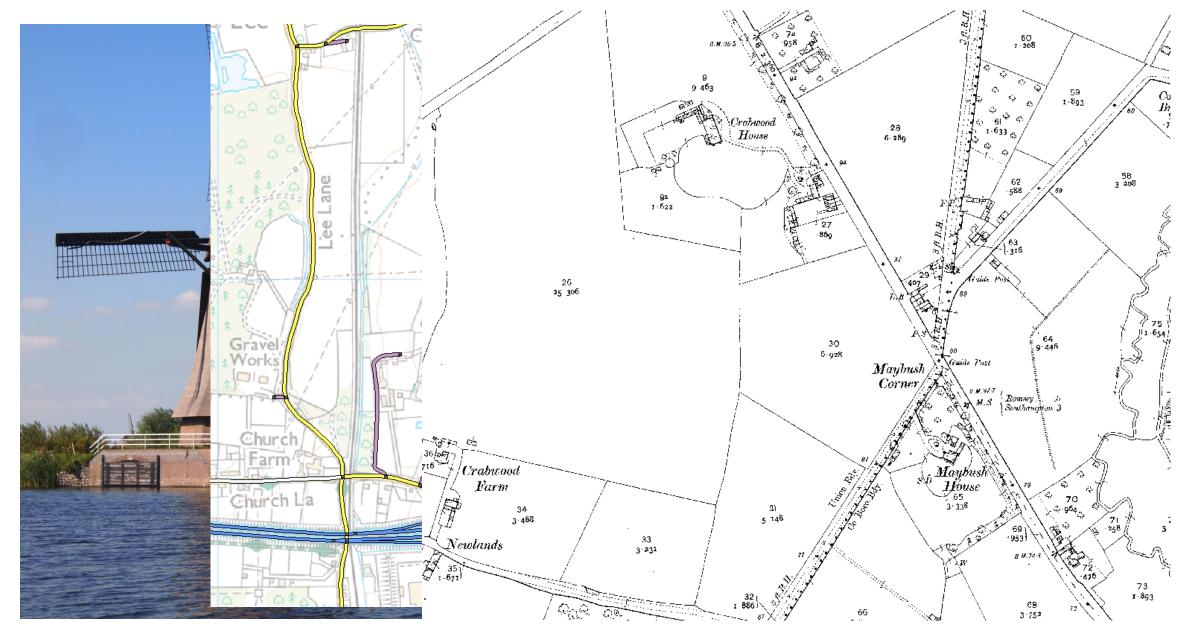


The challenge for Data Producers

We must make data that meets the FAIR principles

But how do we convey the message that data is suitable for a particular use?







The answer is metadata

The real challenge is how



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Of course it matters. Almost as much as the data itself.

