

Uses of PxWebApi and PxWeb with focus on output formats

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Agenda

PxWeb and PxWebApi formats – JSON-stat2

Norwegian specialities in PxWeb(Api) (video)

Uses of PxWeb API

How to use Relational table in Excel (video)

Further PxWebApi development

Statistics Norway hackathon, Hack4SSB



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JSON-stat version 2

- Better order of elements

JSON-stat

```
{
  "dataset": {
    "status": {
      "15": "..",
      "16": "..",
      "17": "..",
      "20": "..",
      "21": "..",
      "22": ".."
    },
    "dimension": {
      "ContentsCode": {
        "label": "contents",
        "category": {
          "index": {
            "Arbeidslause2": 0,
            "Arbeidslause4": 1,
            "Sysselsatt": 2,
            "Sysselsette2": 3,
            "Sysselsette3": 4
          },
          "label": {
            "Arbeidslause2": "Unemployed persons",
            "Arbeidslause4": "Unemployed persons in per cent of total population"
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Version 1

```
{
  "class": "dataset",
  "label": "08930: Employment and unemployment, seasonally adjusted",
  "source": "Statistics Norway",
  "updated": "2019-10-24T06:00:00Z",
  "id": [
    "ContentsCode",
    "Tid"
  ],
  "size": [
    5,
    5
  ],
  "dimension": {
    "ContentsCode": {
      "label": "contents",
      "category": {
        "index": {
          "Arbeidslause2": 0,
          "Arbeidslause4": 1,
          "Sysselsatt": 2,
          "Sysselsette2": 3,
          "Sysselsette3": 4
        },
        "label": {
          "Arbeidslause2": "Unemployed persons",
          "Arbeidslause4": "Unemployed persons in per cent of total population"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Version 2



JSON-stat2

- Coming in PX-web 2020, rel 1
- More user friendly
- Better prepared for the future
- Better and more modern serializer
 - no more 5 Mb size limit
- in line with Eurostat API



Other JSON-stat news

- Javascript
 - Badosa's tools now named as [JSON-stat toolkit](#).
 - Support for ECMA script
 - Examples combining multiple sources using promises
- R
 - We decided to keep Statistics Norway's [PxWebApiData](#) as a separate package and not be a part of the [PxWeb](#) package
- Python / Jupyter notebooks – work in progress
- JSON-stat to Excel / PowerBI first [example](#)



JSON-stat in PxWeb- local SN additions

- Updated – now showing published date, not time for retrieval of dataset

- "updated" : "2019-06-24T06:00:00Z"

- Same date as Excel output

533	Latest update:	
534	Gross operating expenditure for health and care services per inhabitant (NOK):	
535	20190624 08:00	



New local SN API output formats: CSV2 and CSV3

- What's wrong with today's CSV in PxWebApi?

Contents Code

Time

```
, "Unemployed persons 2019M06", "Unemployed persons 2019M07", "Unemployed persons 2019M08", "Unemployed persons in per cent of the labour force 2019M06", "Unemployed persons in per cent of the labour force 2019M07", "Unemployed persons in per cent of the labour force 2019M08", "Employed persons 2019M06", "Employed persons 2019M07", "Employed persons 2019M08", "Employed persons. Change from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period 2019M06", "Employed persons. Change from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period 2019M07", "Employed persons. Change from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period 2019M08", "Employed persons in per cent of the population. Change in percentage points from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period 2019M06", "Employed persons in per cent of the population. Change in percentage points from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period 2019M07", "Employed persons in per cent of the population. Change in percentage points from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period 2019M08",  
,101,107,106,3.6,3.8,3.7,2725,2731,2744,7,13,32,0.1,0.2,0.7
```

- No pivot



New CSV2 - text

```
"month","contents","08930: Employment and unemployment, seasonally adjusted, 3-months moving average"  
"2019M06","Unemployed persons",101  
"2019M06","Unemployed persons in per cent of the labour force",3.6  
"2019M06","Employed persons",2725  
"2019M06","Employed persons. Change from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period",7  
"2019M06","Employed persons in per cent of the population. Change in percentage points from the latest  
non-overlapping tree-months period",0.1  
"2019M07","Unemployed persons",107  
"2019M07","Unemployed persons in per cent of the labour force",3.8  
"2019M07","Employed persons",2731  
"2019M07","Employed persons. Change from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period",13  
"2019M07","Employed persons in per cent of the population. Change in percentage points from the latest  
non-overlapping tree-months period",0.2  
"2019M08","Unemployed persons",106  
"2019M08","Unemployed persons in per cent of the labour force",3.7  
"2019M08","Employed persons",2744  
"2019M08","Employed persons. Change from the latest non-overlapping tree-months period",32  
"2019M08","Employed persons in per cent of the population. Change in percentage points from the latest  
non-overlapping tree-months period",0.7
```

CSV2

CSV3- codes

```
"Tid","ContentsCode","08930"  
"2019M06","Arbeidslause2",101  
"2019M06","Arbeidslause4",3.6  
"2019M06","Sysselsatt",2725  
"2019M06","Sysselsette2",7  
"2019M06","Sysselsette3",0.1  
"2019M07","Arbeidslause2",107  
"2019M07","Arbeidslause4",3.8  
"2019M07","Sysselsatt",2731  
"2019M07","Sysselsette2",13  
"2019M07","Sysselsette3",0.2  
"2019M08","Arbeidslause2",106  
"2019M08","Arbeidslause4",3.7  
"2019M08","Sysselsatt",2744  
"2019M08","Sysselsette2",32  
"2019M08","Sysselsette3",0.7
```

CSV3





API console

Table **1** 08801: External trade in goods, by commodity number (HS) and country 1988 - 2017 Reset

Variables **2**

- commodity number | Varekoder
- imports/exports | ImpEks
- country | Land
- contents | ContentsCode
- year | Tid

3 [Show all metadata in new tab.](#)

URL **4** <https://data.ssb.no/api/v0/en/table/08801>

Query **5**

```
{
  "query": [
    {
      "code": "Varekoder",
      "selection": {
        "filter": "item",
        "values": [
          "00000011",
          "00000031",
          "00000032",
          "99319900",
          "99999999"
        ]
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Open API query Save API query **9** **6** Run

Status code **7** 200

Result **8**

```
{
  "ImpEks": {
    "label": "imports/exports",
    "category": {
      "index": {
        "1": 0,
        "2": 1
      },
      "label": {
        "1": "Imports",
        "2": "Exports"
      }
    }
  },
  "Land": {
    "label": "country",

```



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Use of Relational file (txt)

- Pivot friendly format, data matrix - [Tidy data](#)

Tidy data

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

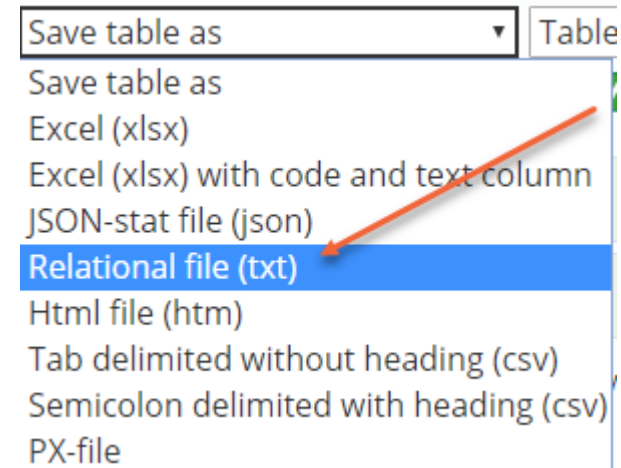
Tidy data is an alternate name for the common statistical form called a *model matrix* or *data matrix*. A data matrix is defined in ^[1] as follows:

A standard method of displaying a multivariate set of data is in the form of a data matrix in which rows correspond to sample individuals and columns to variables, so that the entry in the i th row and j th column gives the value of the j th variate as measured or observed on the i th individual.

Hadley Wickham later defined "Tidy Data" as data sets that are arranged such that each variable is a column and each observation (or case) is a row.^[2] (originally with additional per-table conditions that made the definition equivalent to the Boyce–Codd 3rd normal form).

Data arrangement is an important consideration in data processing, but should not be confused with the also important task of [data cleansing](#).


Other relevant formulations include [denormalization](#) prior to machine learning modeling (informally denoting moving data to a "wide form" where all possible measurements are in a given row), and use of [semantic triples](#) as intermediate representation (informally a "tall" or "long" form, where measurements about a single instance are spread across many rows).





Priorities for API development

1. Query improvements

- Filter "*from*" – as in saved query  Update the query with a fixed starting time point and the new time periods
- mask single sign with "?" in filter "*all*"
- Possibility to use filter all with * or ? combined with *vs:* and *agg:*

2. JSON-stat2 - improvements

- Footnotes
- Extra date fields: retrieved, nest release (use extension)

3. New PxWebApi version 2



ERC – new service uses PxWebApi

- ERC - Economic Restful Client

<https://zhnzhn.github.io/>

About [@webapperc](#)

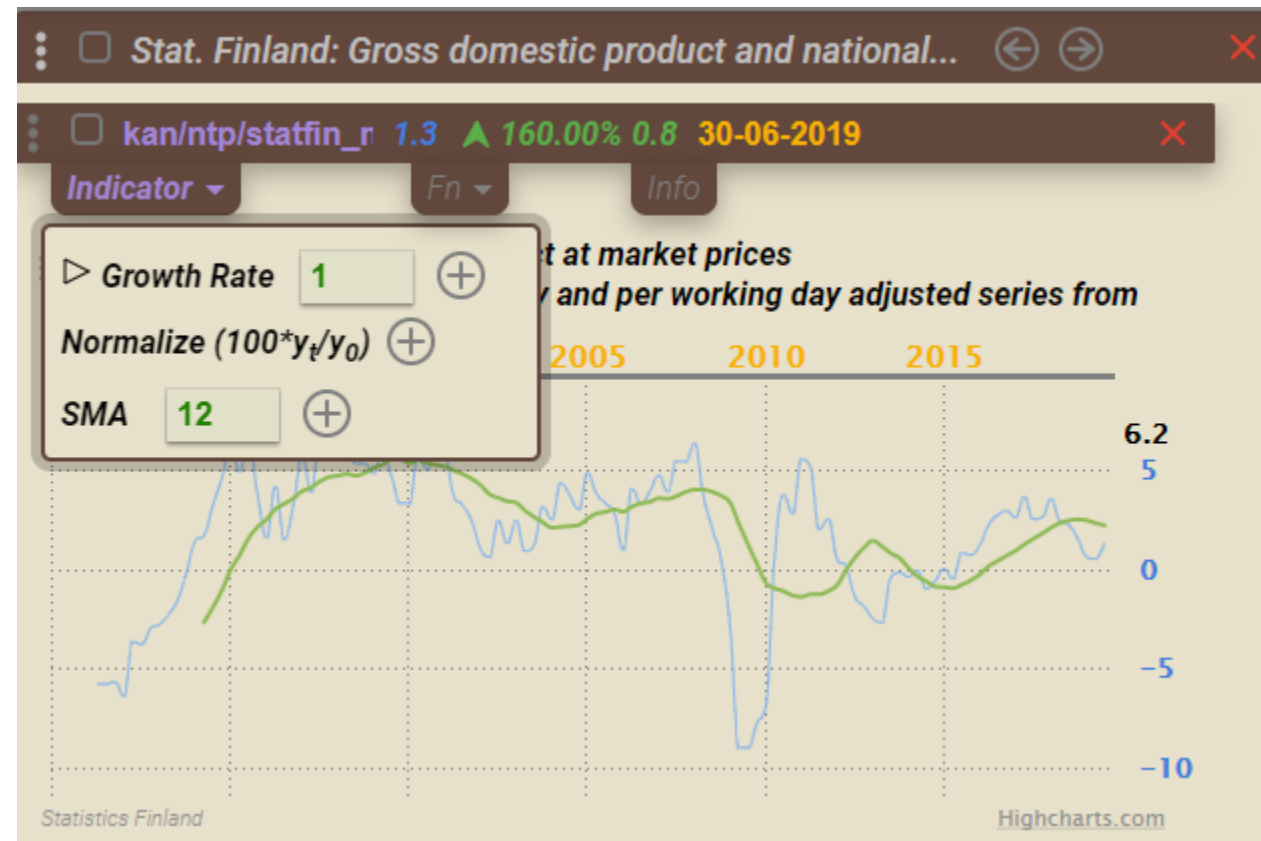
ERC (Economic RESTful Client) is a web app that gives the ability to explore, visualize and compose economic and financial data mostly to charts from open and private data providers.

▲ Data Providers (All 21):

[Quandl](#) (50 per day) [DB NOMICS](#) [Eurostat](#) [UN Comtrade](#) [World Bank](#)

[Statistics Norway](#) [Statistics Sweden](#) [Statistics Finland](#)

[Financial Modeling Prep](#) [CryptoCompare](#) [CoinMarketCap](#)



Hackathon at Statistics Norway

- Connection
 - combine and visualize different tables in Python and R
- Hexystats
 - timeseries on maps in python
- Tutors
 - improvements i tutorials in Statbank and ssb.no
- Open sourcers
 - Experiences from contributing to a Open Source project
- Climate calculator
 - CO2 emission using different kinds of transportation
- TextMe
 - OCR on annual reports to get tables and footnotes for business statistics, using R



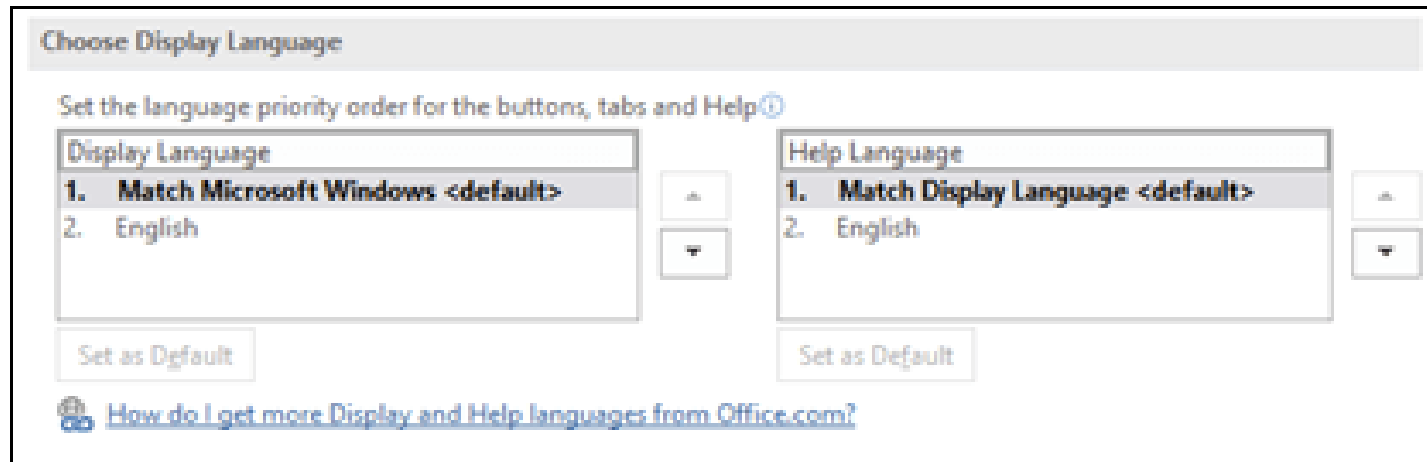
Comments?



Bonus tip: Change MS Office language to English

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The screenshot shows the 'Choose Display Language' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Choose Display Language' and a subtitle 'Set the language priority order for the buttons, tabs and Help'. There are two main sections: 'Display Language' and 'Help Language'. Each section has a list box with two items: '1. Match Microsoft Windows <default>' and '2. English'. To the right of each list box are two small buttons with up and down arrows. Below each list box is a 'Set as Default' button. At the bottom left, there is a link icon and the text 'How do I get more Display and Help languages from Office.com?'.

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