

# Px.Utils in Practice and Production

Sakari Malkki, Statistics Finland 9.10.2025 International Px Meeting 2025, Helsinki

## **Topics**

What is Px.Utils
Px.Utils, Benefits
Production Case, PxGraf
In Development, Px API and Cloud
Dissemination Pipeline
PxWeb, Future Goals and Benefits

#### **Px.Utils**

- .NET/C# library.
- Open source, released under PxTools GitHub organization.
- Developed and maintained primarily by Statistics Finland since 2024.
- Served as a nuget library package.
- Reads and processes px files with goals of high performance, ease of use and modularity.
- Metadata reading and building, data reading, computing operations, and validation for databases and px files.

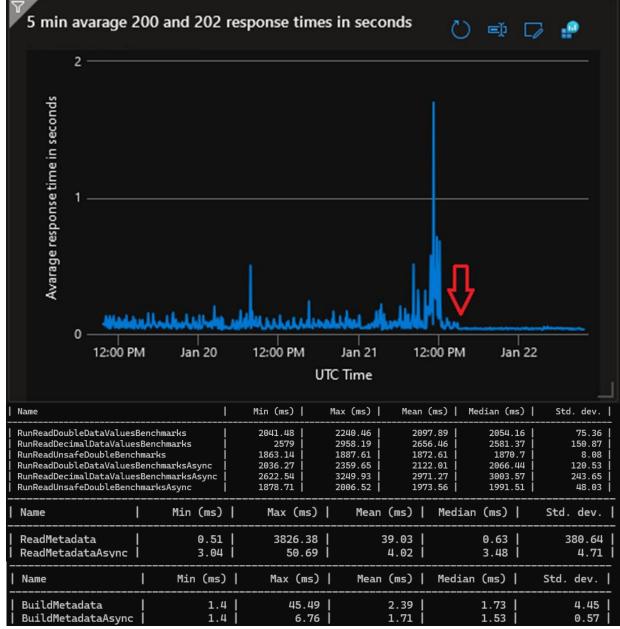
https://github.com/PxTools/Px.Utils

https://www.nuget.org/packages/Px.Utils



#### Px.Utils, benefits

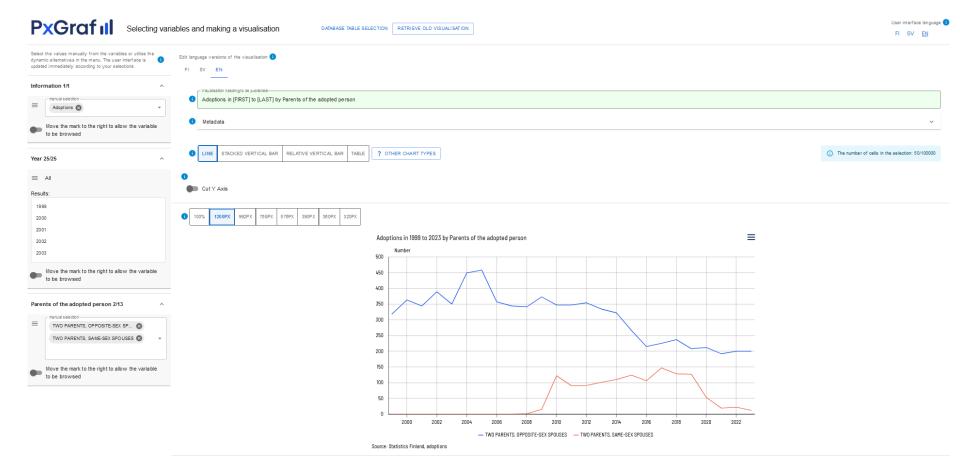
- Performance
  - Metadata or data from our largest px files can be received within seconds.
  - Faster and more responsive end products.
- Reliability
  - No reliability issues in production use since introduction.
  - Battle proven by load tests.
- Potential for larger and more complex visualizations.
- Development opportunities
  - Easy integration with cloud services as data source.
  - Richer and more flexible metadata.
  - Modularity.





#### **PxGraf**

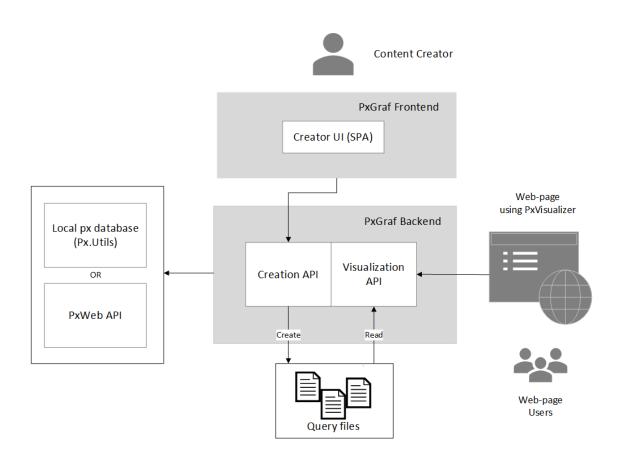
- Statistics Finland, GitHub, open source.
- In production use since 4/2022.
- ASP.NET/React.
- Used to create and display px data visualizations.
- Saves and loads queries.
- Powered by Px.Utils since 2025.
- PxWeb API still supported.
- Slowly being adopted by other organizations (LUKE).





#### **Px.Utils in PxGraf**

- Provides the same functionality for the backend as PxWeb did before.
- Px file metadata and data for the Creation API (editor) and Visualization API (web site graphs).
- In planning: provides calculations (virtual values) for the Creation API (sum/subtraction, product and division).
- In production use since January 2025.
  - Significant performance and reliability improvements.
  - Easier future development.
  - More flexible metadata model.
  - Potential for larger and more complex visualizations.





#### In development solutions

#### **PxApi**

- Our open source solution for distributing px file data and metadata for our own services and end-users.
  - Used by search service and cloud dissemination pipeline.

Statistics Finland | sakari.malkki@stat.fi

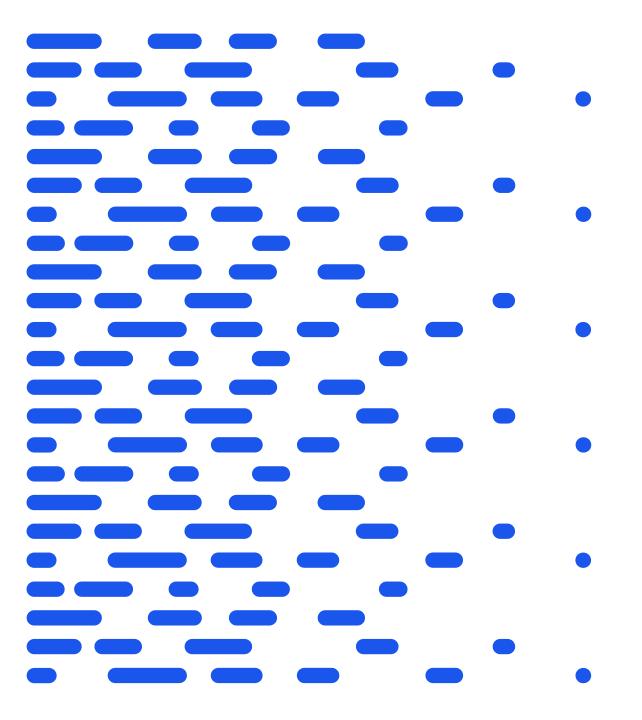
- Metadata API in production since spring 2025.
- Data API in development.
- Px.Utils powered from the get go.
  - Metadata.
  - Data.

#### Cloud dissemination pipeline

- In development since summer 2025.
- New publishing and dissemination pipeline for px files, on Azure cloud.
- Px.Utils in use for multiple different services and functions:
  - Px file validation.
  - Specific metadata information.
  - Cloud based PxGraf instance.







### Px.Utils -> PxWeb

Future goals

#### PxWeb, powered by Px.Utils

- Integrating Px.Utils to PxWeb has been one of our goals from the very start.
- Regular check ups with SCB developers during early development.
- Perfect time to start integrating Px.Utils to PxWeb is now.
  - Tested in production.
  - Proven benefits.
  - Previous experience.
- Benefits for PxWeb improved performance, maintainability and more flexible future development opportunities.
- Minimal integration metadata and data reading functionality.
- Full integration calculations, validation.
- We need your help! Let's get the ball rolling in the Developers' Workshop, this Friday!





## Thank you!