

# Data Mining & Data Warehouse

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**Data**: a collection of facts used for reference or analysis; a series of observations, measurements, or facts.

#### **Example of Data**

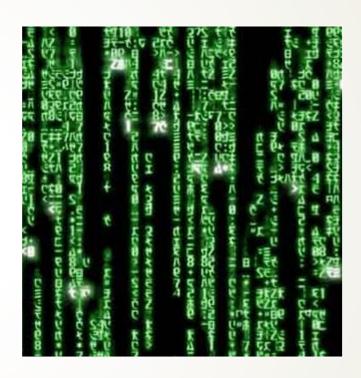
The data shown below are Mark's scores on five Math tests conducted in 10 weeks.

- 45, 23, 67, 82, 71
- Yes, No, No, Yes



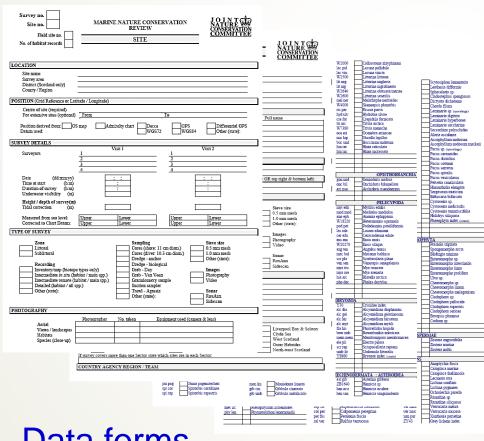
Data are raw facts and figures that on their own have no meaning

These can be any alphanumeric characters i.e. text, numbers, symbols





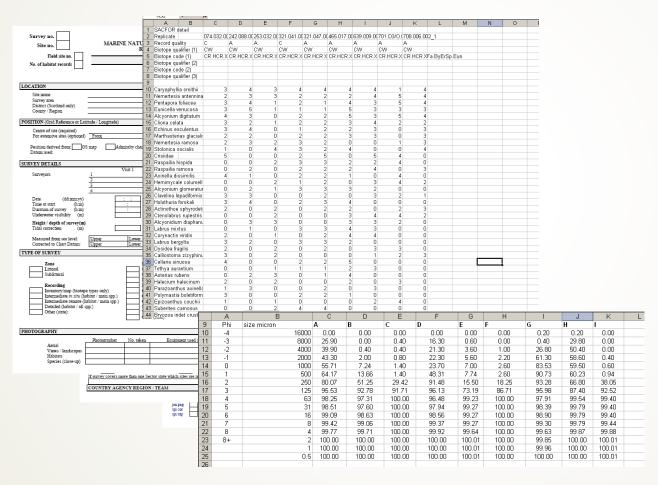
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Data forms



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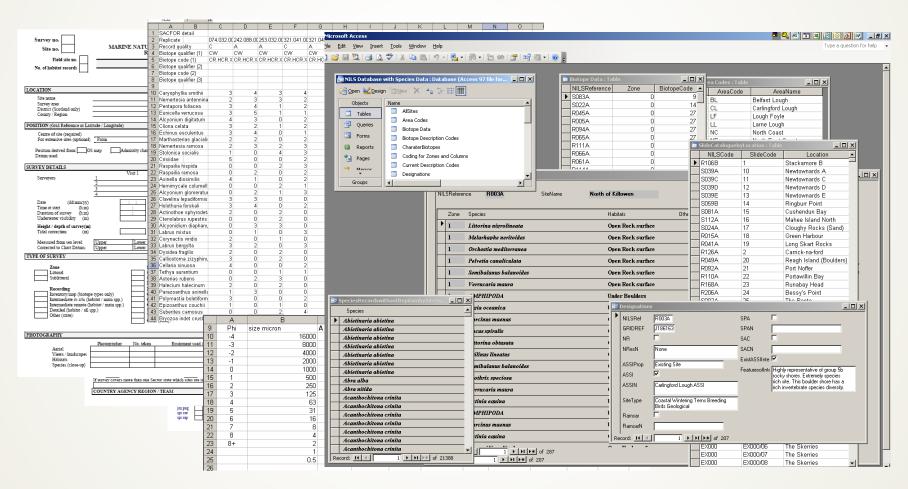


**Data forms** 

**Spreadsheets** 



#### Data: a collection of facts used for reference or analysis



Data forms

Spreadsheets

**Databases** 



#### What is Information

Information: Information is data which has been processed within a context in order to give it meaning.

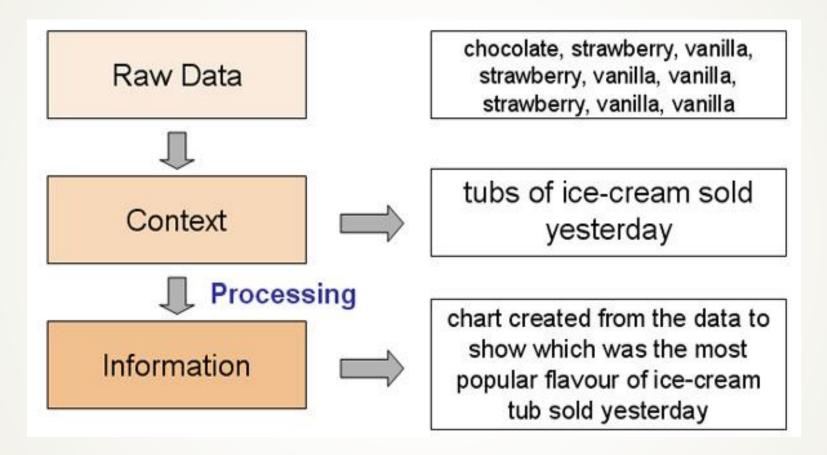


**Data** on its own has no meaning, only when interpreted by some kind of data processing system does it take on meaning and become **information**.

People or computers can find patterns in **data** to create **information**, and this information can be used to reason or make decisions.



# **Information Example**



The **processing** could take the form of creating a bar chart. This would instantly tell us which flavour sold the most yesterday.

#### **Data vs. Information**



#### **Data**

- raw facts
- no context
- just numbers and text

#### **Information**

- data with context
- processed data
- value-added to data
  - summarized
  - organized
  - analyzed

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# What is Knowledge

**Knowledge** is the understanding of rules needed to interpret information

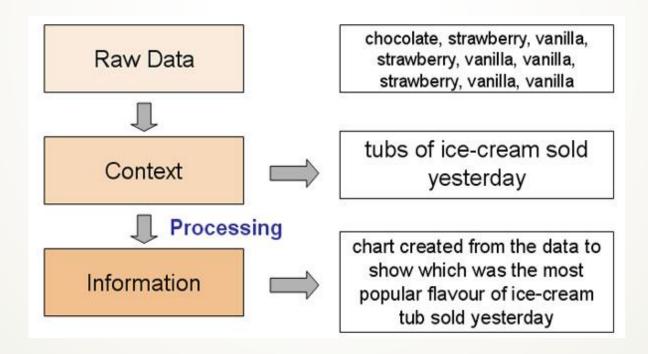
"...the capability of understanding the relationship between pieces of information and what to actually do with the information"

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# **Knowledge Examples**

A Marketing Manager could use this information to decide whether or not to raise or lower price ice-cream



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# **Knowledge Workers**

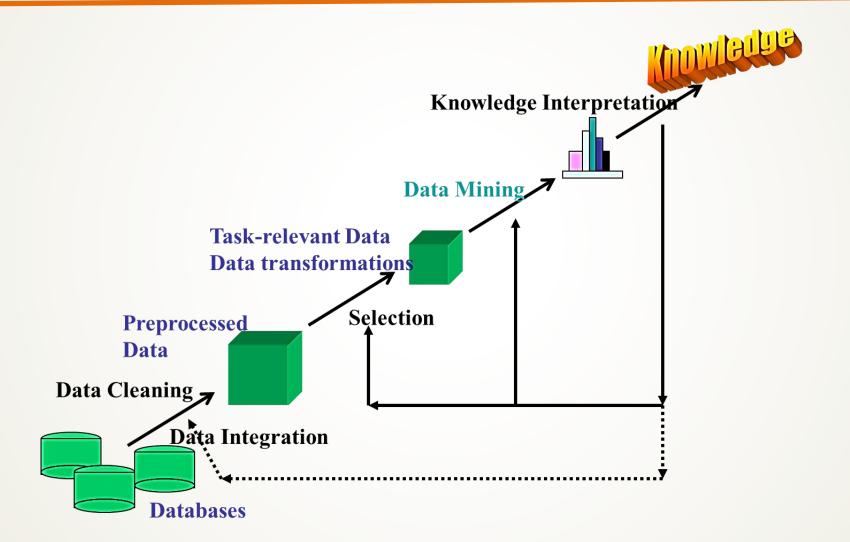


- Knowledge workers have specialist knowledge that makes them "experts"
  - Based on formal and informal rules they have learned through training and experience
- Examples include doctors, managers, librarians, scientists...

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## The Main Idea



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