# Overview: Sediment and Habitat Management Tool

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## Context

Montana has 1196 unique Assessment Units and growing each year/

Our water quality metric database (raw data) contains 1,742,356 records (2,794,798 if you include those not

submitted to WQX)

Facility Group	Facility	Data Manager	Number of Results		
	MBMG_WQX	Jolene M.	3,354		
	MDEQ_REM_WQX	Jolene M.	76,209		
	MDEQ_WQ_WQX	Jolene M.	624,539		
	MONT_DEQ_WQX	Jolene M.	481,235		
National WQX	MONT_PPL_WQX	Jolene M.	221,835		
Organizations	MTNWE	Jolene M.	41,684		
(1,742,356)	MTVOLWQM_WQX	Jolene M.	11,031		
	MTWTRSHD_WQX	Jolene M.	157,753		
	occ	Jolene M.	49,613		
	R8MONTWQ	Jolene M.	7,623		
	TSWQC_WQX	Jolene M.	67,480		
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	IEMB_OTTER_COAL	Martin Van O.	0		
(849,676)	IEMB_ROSEBUD_COAL	Martin Van O.	213,884		
	IEMB_SAVAGE_COAL	Martin Van O.	24,747		
	IEMB_SPRING_COAL	Martin Van O.	91,667		
	DEMOTEST_WQX	None	2,187		
	MT305b_SecondaryData	Jolene M.	64		
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	BIGSKY_SPILL	Jolene M.	1223		
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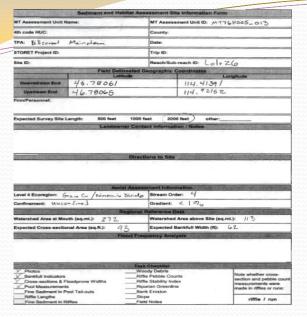
# **Problem Statement?**

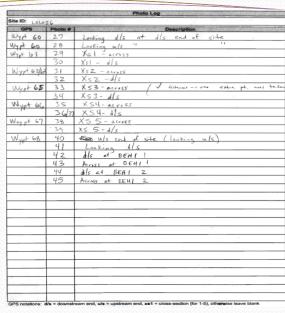
Most of the impairments in Montana rivers are Sediment related. A better way to store collected data for later analysis is needed?

Where is the data and what can we do with it once it is found?

# **PURPOSE**

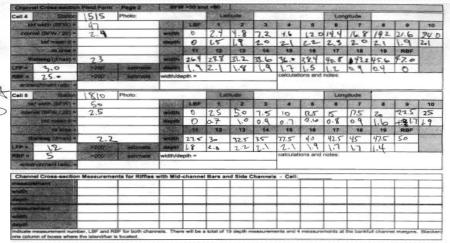
- Monitoring staff record a variety of observations on a segment of a river or stream to check for quality
  - Riverbank measurements
  - Pebble counts
  - Pool and riffle characteristics
  - Bank erosion determination (sediment loading)
- Prior to this tool all the data was stored on paper and placed in a file cabinet
- Retrieving and analyzing the data was cumbersome
- Databases containing water chemistry constituents are common, but few data storage formats currently catalogue the physical information typically used for sediment investigations





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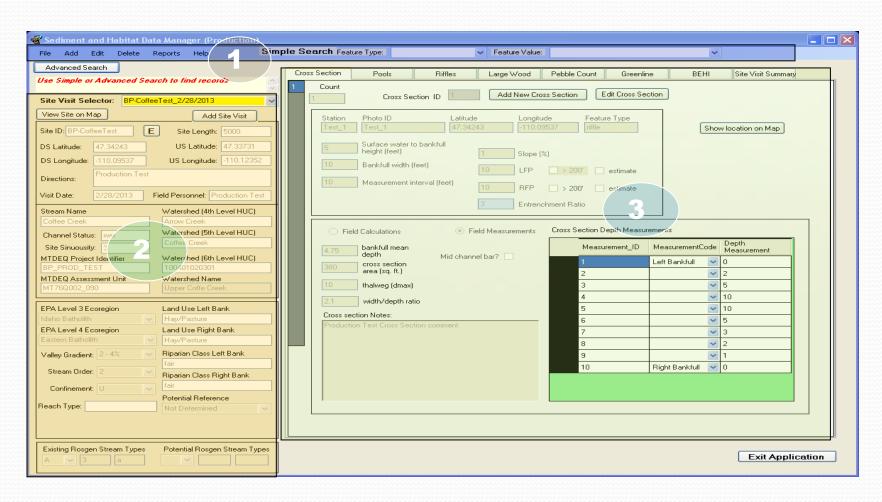
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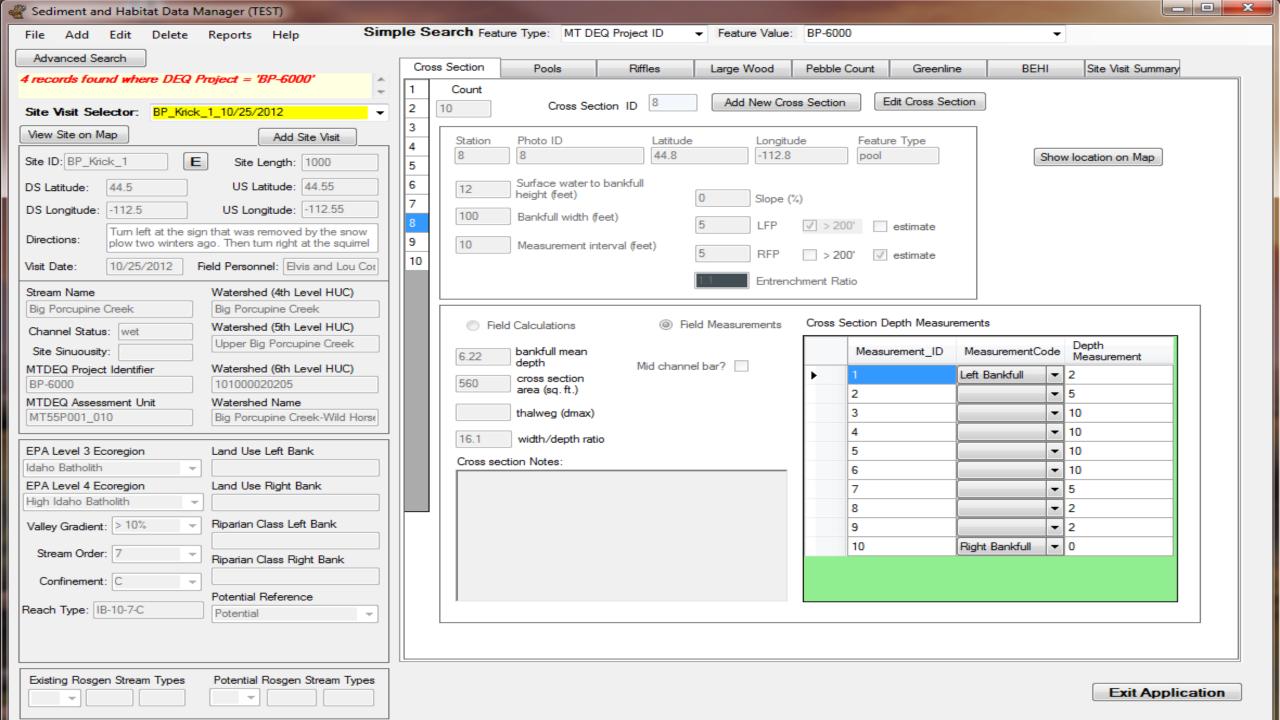
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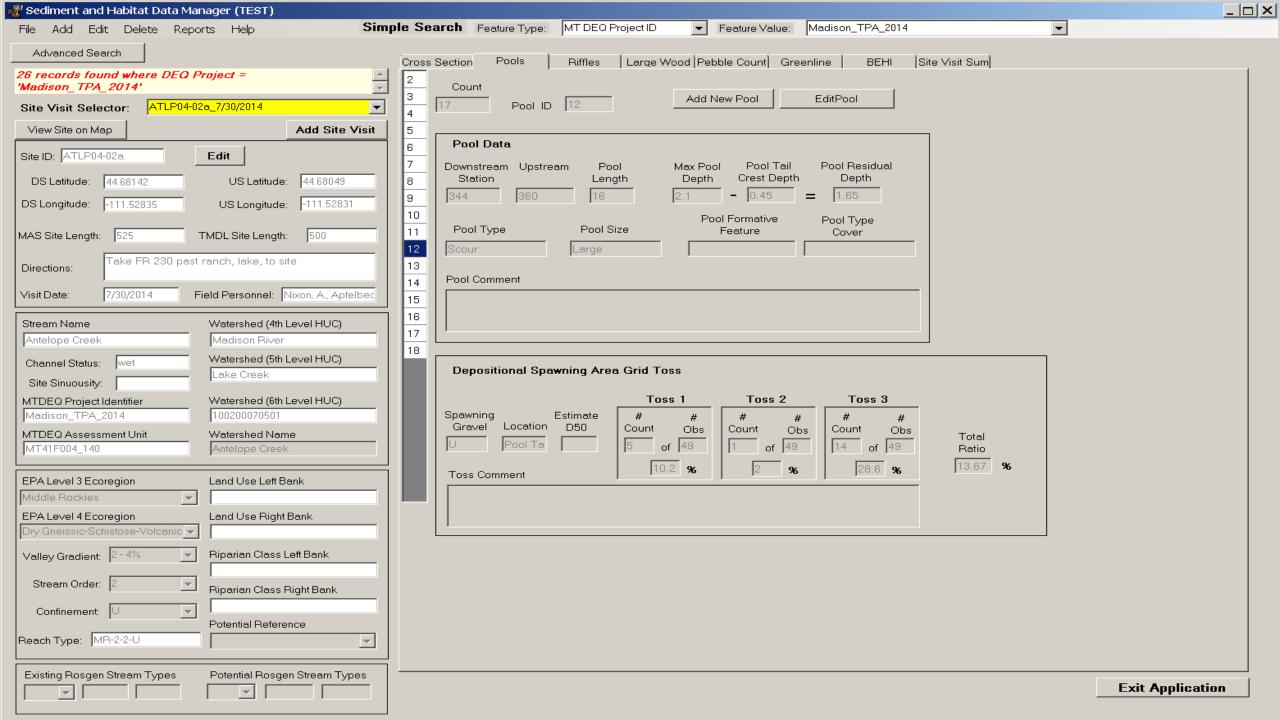
# The Client Application (phase 1 - get the data in)

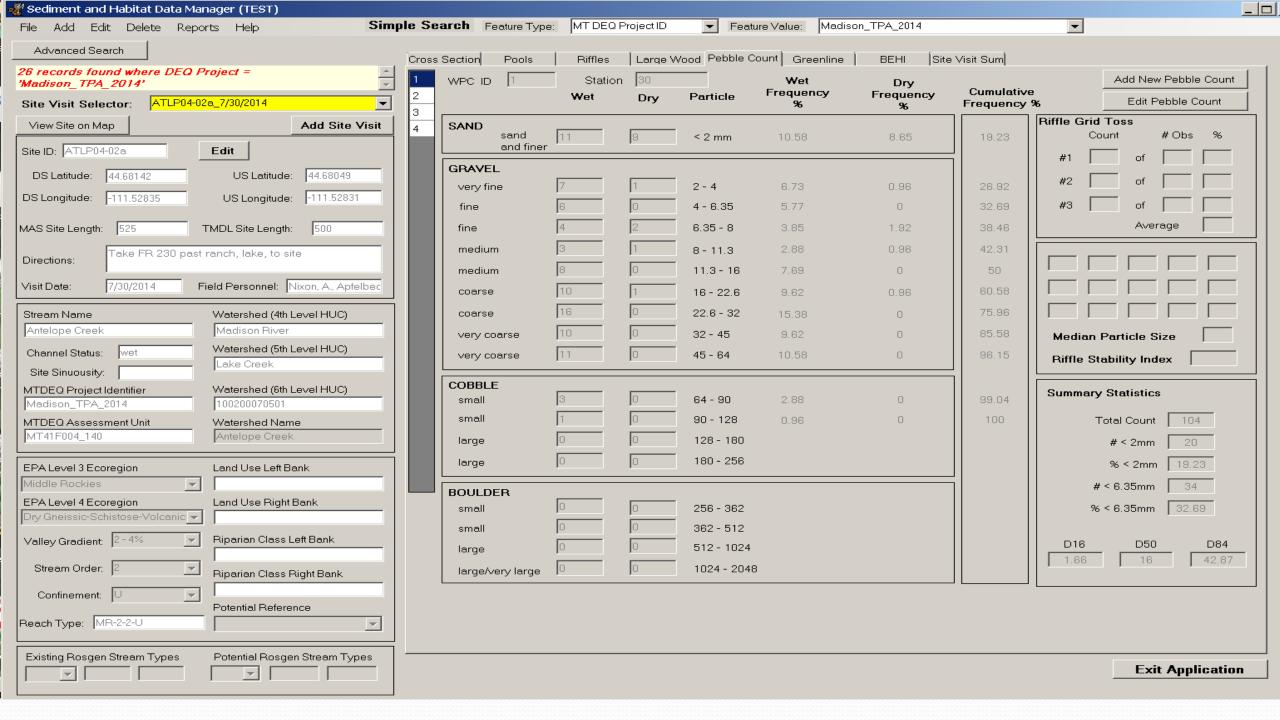
The sediment habitat data management tool is a simple, one-screen interface application that allows a user to search for data in a variety of ways using a variety of search criteria

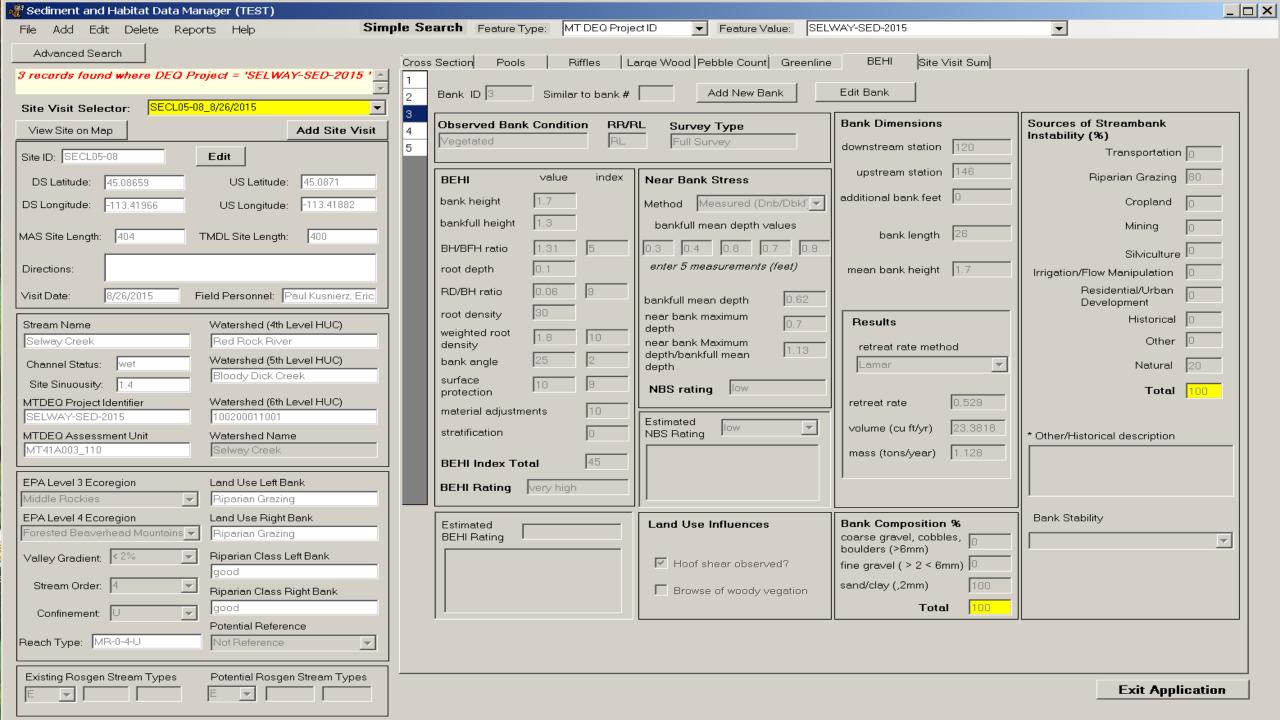


- 1 Menu Bar
- 2 Site Visit Info
- 3 Data View Panel
- 4 Map view is available



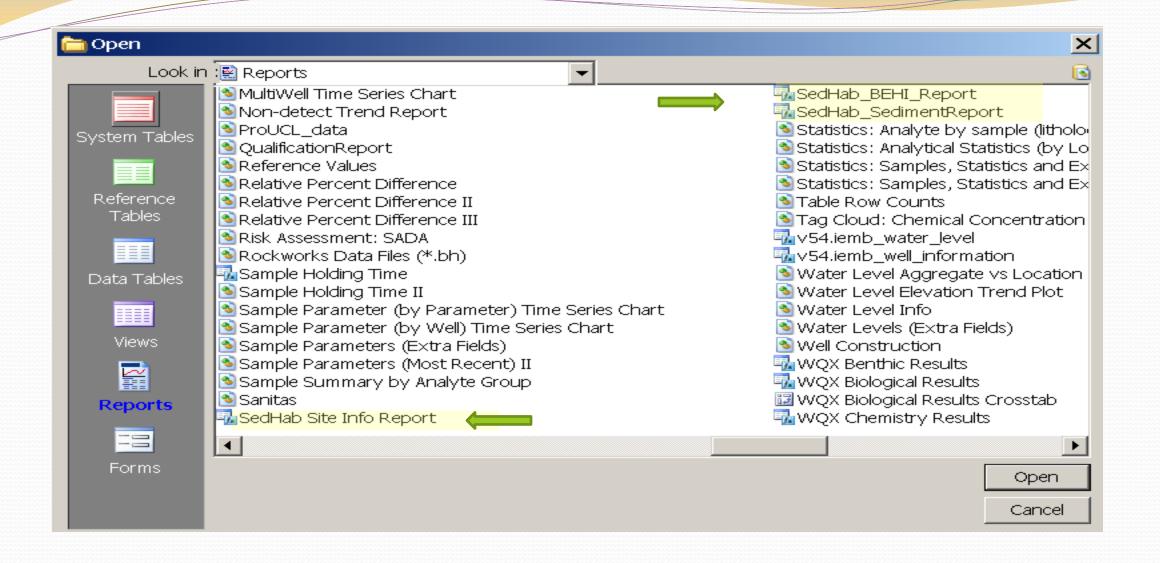


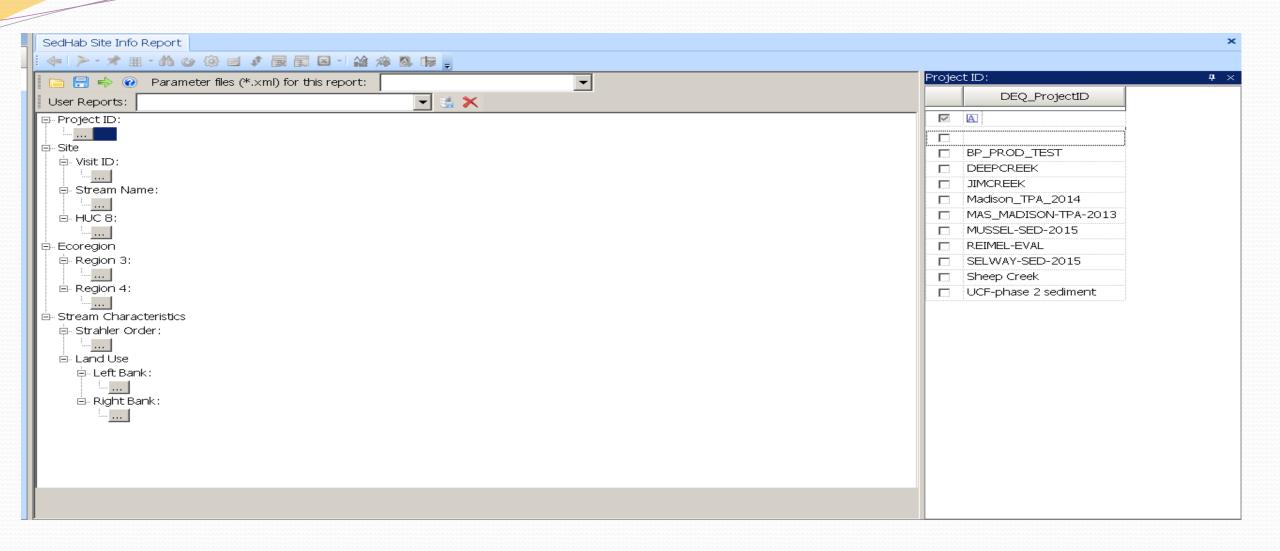




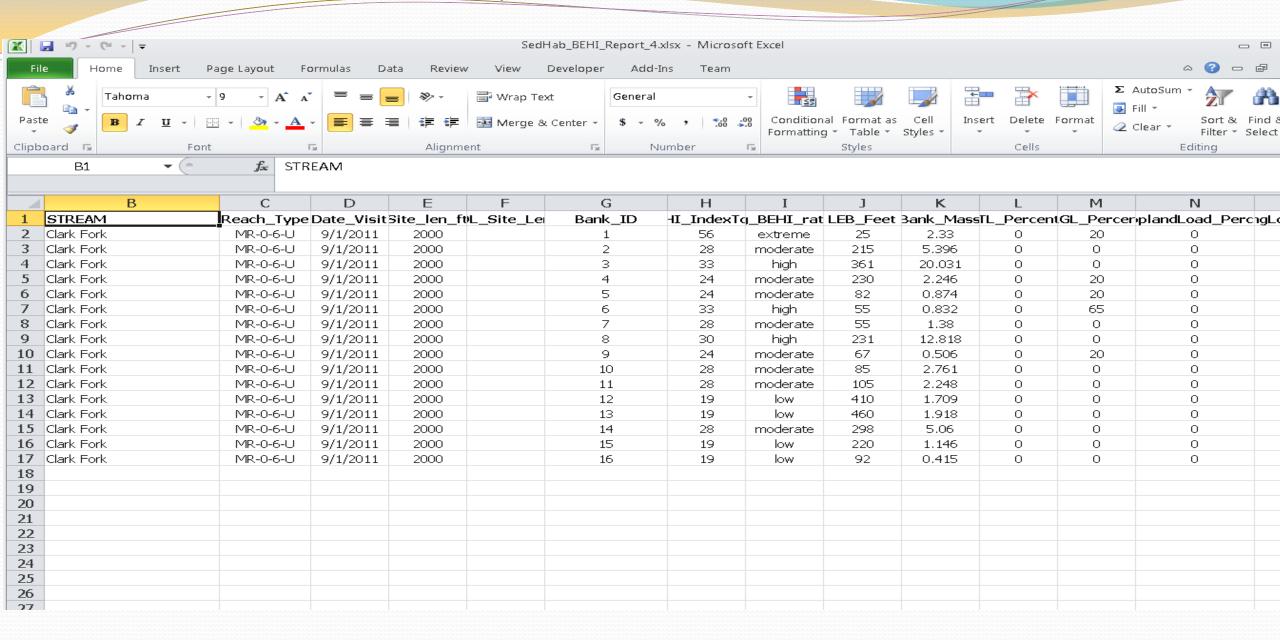
## REPORTS

- 1) SedHab\_SiteInfo\_Report
- 2) SedHab\_BEHI\_Report
- 3) SedHab\_Sediment\_Report
- 4) More to follow





#### SED/HAB BEHI REPORT



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Visit Date:				
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#### Process

- How has the tool / process improved workflow?
  - Automated vs Manual
    - Tool analyzes internal data at this time.
    - The ability to look for similar streams as well as use macro calculations in reports provides an element of automated assessments.
    - Level of QC required, data entry has error checking and validations for certain fields.
- Currently a Montana DEQ tool, but can be implemented by others
  - Since development was in-house using State funds, we may consider this as Open Source. We (MT) would need to provide a proper repository.

# Punch Line

- Get the data out!
  - of the file cabinet
  - 2) For faster searching
  - 3) For analysis
  - 4) For public awareness