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RE: TV logs & open data

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Hi Monica

Please contact me and I see what I can do for you.

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Hi,

The CRTC formerly published the TV logs online, one month at a time for each TV service. I often downloaded these files, and recall that each download took a few minutes. The advantage of this system was that it was possible to pick and choose the TV services required for analysis.

I have been attempting to download the opendata versions at <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/800106c1-0b08-401e-8be2-ac45d62e662e> for the past year or so.

Initially, it appeared that each data set consisted of the logs for all TV services, for several months or more. This made it very timeconsuming to download, and impossible to use in Excel (because the number of rows exceeded Excel's limits).

The data now appear to consist of one month for each quarter, but again, for all TV services. The result is that the datasets are still very large. When I clicked on the dataset for "BroadcastLogs_2018_Q1_M1", a few minutes ago, my computer informed me that the file is 992MB large, and will take some 30 minutes to download.

I suspect that the file will again be too large for Excel to handle.

Even if the file could be imported through another data processing system - such as SPSS, for instance - it is not clear whether the data have been cleaned, so that each station uses the same columns to submit data. (In the past, I often found irregular or misplaced data.) This makes it very difficult, if not impossible, to use other software packages to analyze the data.

Please advise whether the TV log data are available from the CRTC one station and one month at a time?

Thanks,

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