

# Utilizing Public Data Effectively

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# Agenda

- My background
- An alternative data story about hedge funds
- Alternative data examples
- Why now?
- Assessing public datasets for your enterprise
- Demo



**Alex Izydorczyk**  
CEO & Founder

- **~6.5 years leading Data Science at Coatue**
  - Started data science practice; led team of 40+ people
  - Coatue is a major user of external data; 70bn+ investment manager
  - Private equity data infrastructure investor (including in Snowflake)
- **Started something new last year**

# A story about the hedge fund industry

# What do hedge funds do?

## Discretionary Funds

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- (Excel) models to predict business performance
- Extremely qualitative
- Long-term orientation

## Quantitative funds

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- Models to predict financial stock prices as stochastic time-series
- Extremely quantitative
- Short-term orientation

# The rise of alternative data

FT Financial Times

## Hedge funds see a gold rush in data mining

Investors seek an advantage from tradable intelligence but legality of alternative data is in question.



FP Financial Post

## How CPPIB is tapping 'alternative data' to refine its investment processes

There was a time when the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board didn't even make "alternative" investments. Now, Canada's biggest pension...

Mar 18, 2019

## The New Gold Rush? Wall Street Wants your Data

January 17, 2017  
AI, Big Data, Fintech, Startups



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## Tiny Satellites: The Latest Innovation Hedge Funds Are Using to Get a Leg Up

The latest technological innovation for data-hungry hedge funds is a fleet of five dozen shoebox-sized satellites

By [Bradley Hope](#) [Follow](#)

Aug. 14, 2016 4:37 pm ET

## What Is Alternative Data and Why Is It Changing Finance?

Sometimes messy, sometimes over-aggregated, all data is still taking over.

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## Wall Street is finding ways to make money off your every move

Rachael Levy Nov 21, 2016, 11:25 AM EST



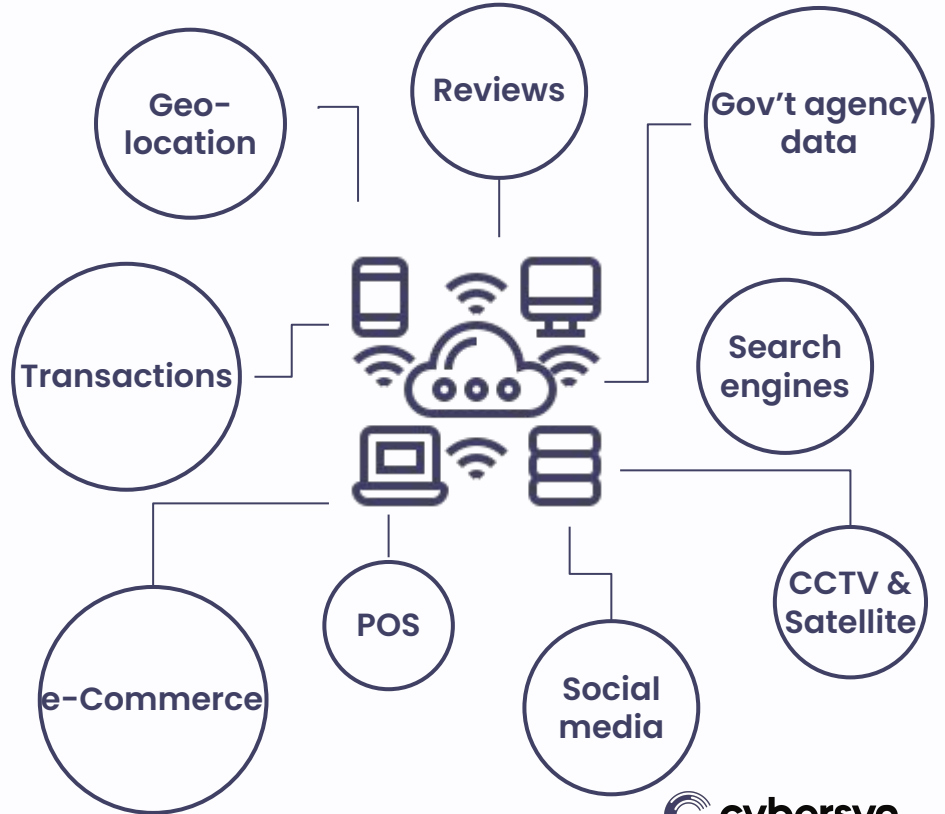
# Traditional Data

Company Published Sources



# Alternative Data

Non-traditional Sources

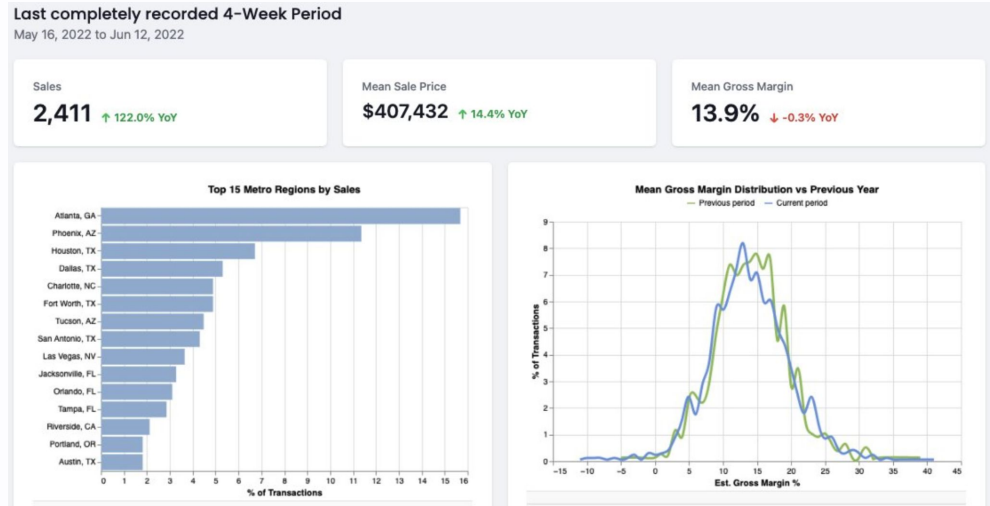


# “Hidden” public datasets



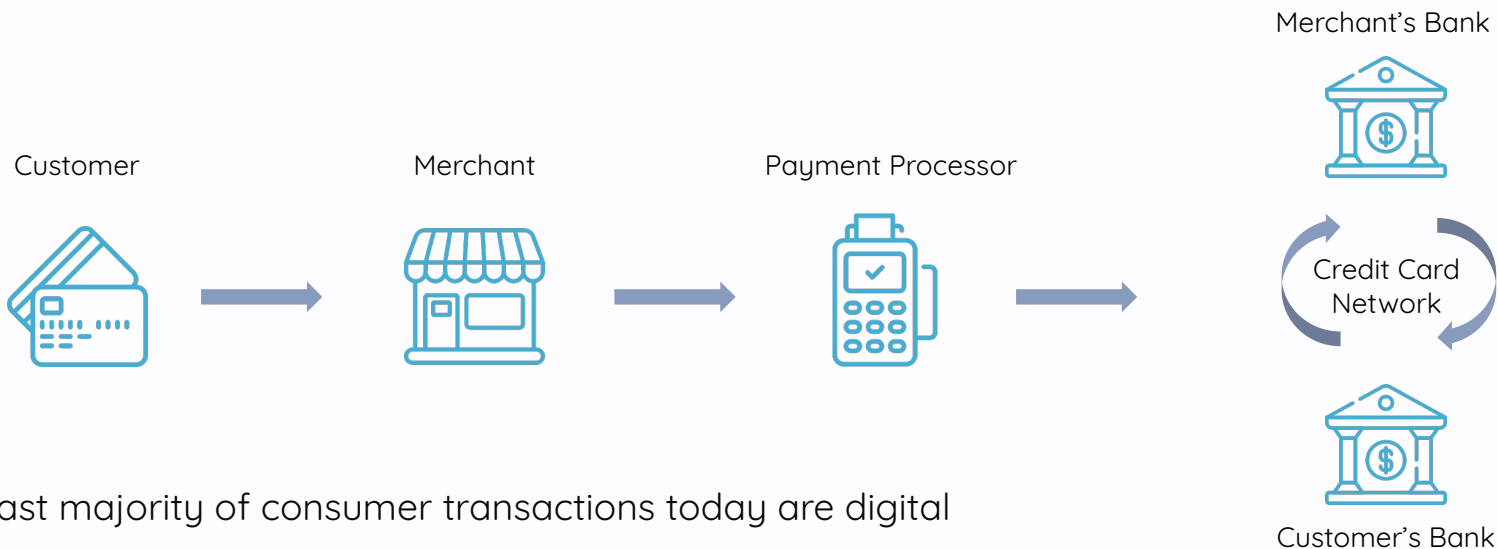
Datasets from the government often have incredible detail yet ostensibly public and hard to find, access, or parse

Did you know every home sale in the US is public information – including the price and mortgage issuer?





# Real-time consumer data



- Vast majority of consumer transactions today are digital
- Multiple vendors involved so multiple sources of data that are shaped very differently
- **BUT** need to connect product-level

# Why external data now?

1. **Digitization:** Economy has digitized, every transaction is recorded.
2. **Modern Data Stack:** Organizations are centralizing data assets into cloud warehouses and lakes, making access possible.
3. **Privacy Changes:** IDFA changes, GDPR, etc. have made first party data collection harder. Compliant external data solves this.

# Hedge funds are advanced but not entirely unique from other industries

- You can build a moat with proprietary data
- But unless you are Google, you have only <1% of the data about your customers
- **If you combine internal data with external, you have something unique!**

# I'm so convinced I quit my job!

- **Founded '22**, Cybersyn was built to provide you with market intelligence data that you can act on quickly.
- Our Mission: Our mission is to ***make the world's economic data transparent*** to governments, businesses, and entrepreneurs and enable a new generation of decision makers.

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## OUR INVESTORS

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# Cybersyn's Strategy

## Get Data and Start Analysis in Minutes

One centralized location for data. Combine disparate data sources.  
Always up to date. No engineering required.

Public Domain Data



Proprietary Data



Unstructured Data



Snowflake



Streamlit



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# Assessing public datasets for your enterprise



## Getting Started

Detailed docs with straightforward data dictionaries and SQL examples

*Cybersyn public datasets are free, documented, and joinable*



## Engineering Effort

Data updated as fast as it is released - your team should focus on data analysis not building pipelines

*Cybersyn delivers analytics-ready data to your Snowflake instance*



## Pricing and Compliance

Transparent pricing via enterprise-wide licenses, detailed restrictions on data usage

*Cybersyn provides simple terms and pricing for enterprises*

# Free public datasets

- Global economic data
- US-specific inflation, sales inventory
- SEC company filings
- Unemployment rates, openings, and new hiring in the US
- Real estate prices at the state, city, MSA, and county level
- US addresses
- GitHub archive
- US patent grants
- US government contracts

# Demo

Cybersyn Government Essentials

Streamlit App



# We are hiring!

- Analytics Engineer
- Analytics Engineer Lead
- Data Science Lead
- Product Manager - Data Visualization

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