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How much do we need to clean?

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Topic of the presentation

- ✖ About me - very briefly
- ✖ The story of zIndex – would it work without data cleaning?
- ✖ Other projects
- ✖ Data to go – sources of data that are not yet clean, but they should...

About me

- ✖ Studied law and economics at the Charles University in Prague
- ✖ For last nearly 6 years works as:
 - ✖ Market analyst
 - ✖ Consultant - mainly for public sector
- ✖ During last 2 years started to:
 - ✖ Together with Jiří Skuhrovec run a anti-corruption NGO
 - ✖ Perform manual data cleaning, software testing, raise public funds, selling databases
- ✖ I am practical user of both cleaned and raw data, with no IT knowledge

The story of zIndex.cz



- ✖ zIndex is a research project which rates public institutions according to quality and transparency of their tender competitions
- ✖ Started as research project, but quickly evolved due to dual use of IT and know-how of public procurement
- ✖ Included screen scraping, data cleaning and data mining and analytical work

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Screenshot of a web browser showing multiple tabs and open windows:

- Top Tab: <http://www.isvzus.cz/usisvz/usisvz01005Prepare.do?znackaForm=6000056502001>
- Second Tab: Ekonomické su... loc-phpMyAdmin loc-Admininer datafix
- Third Tab: Profile Extra Stuff...
- Fourth Tab: Search 15°C Login E-mail Notifier [550] Music Games
- Fifth Tab: http://localhost:8080/ier_rating.php
- Sixth Tab: http://localhost:8080/_deadlines.php
- Seventh Tab: http://localhost:8080/

Open Windows:

- Ministry for Regional Development (MRR) - Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic (Ministerstvo pro místní rozvoj ČR)
- Publications of the European Union (Evropská unie)
- Information System on Public Procurement (IS VZ US) - Oznámení o zakázce (Announcement of tender)

Content of the IS VZ US window:

INFORMAČNÍ SYSTÉM O VEŘEJNÝCH ZAKÁZKÁCH

- Uveřejněno

Nabídka veřejných zakázek

- Úvodní stránka
- Dodavatel
- Zadavatel
- Vyhledávání veřejné zakázky/koncesního řízení
- Přímé zadání veřejné zakázky / koncesního řízení
- Sledování veřejných zakázek
- Veřejné zakázky archív
- Odkazy
- Legislativa
- ATEST IS VZ US

verze pro tisk

ODDÍL I: VEŘEJNÝ ZADAVATEL

I.1) NÁZEV, ADRESA A KONTAKTNÍ ÚDAJE

Úřední název: Obec Dynín

Poštovní adresa: Dynín 48

Obec: Dynín

Úvodní stránka

- Aktuality
- Vyhledávání
- Podle více parametrů
- Podle data uveřejnění
- Podle evidenčních čísel
- Podle názvu zakázky
- Podle zadavatele
- Vítězové veřejných zakázek

Evidenční číslo zakázky: 222557

Evidenční číslo formuláře: 7202031022557

Datum uveřejnění ve VVZ: 02.11.2012

Datum odeslání do TED: 02.11.2012

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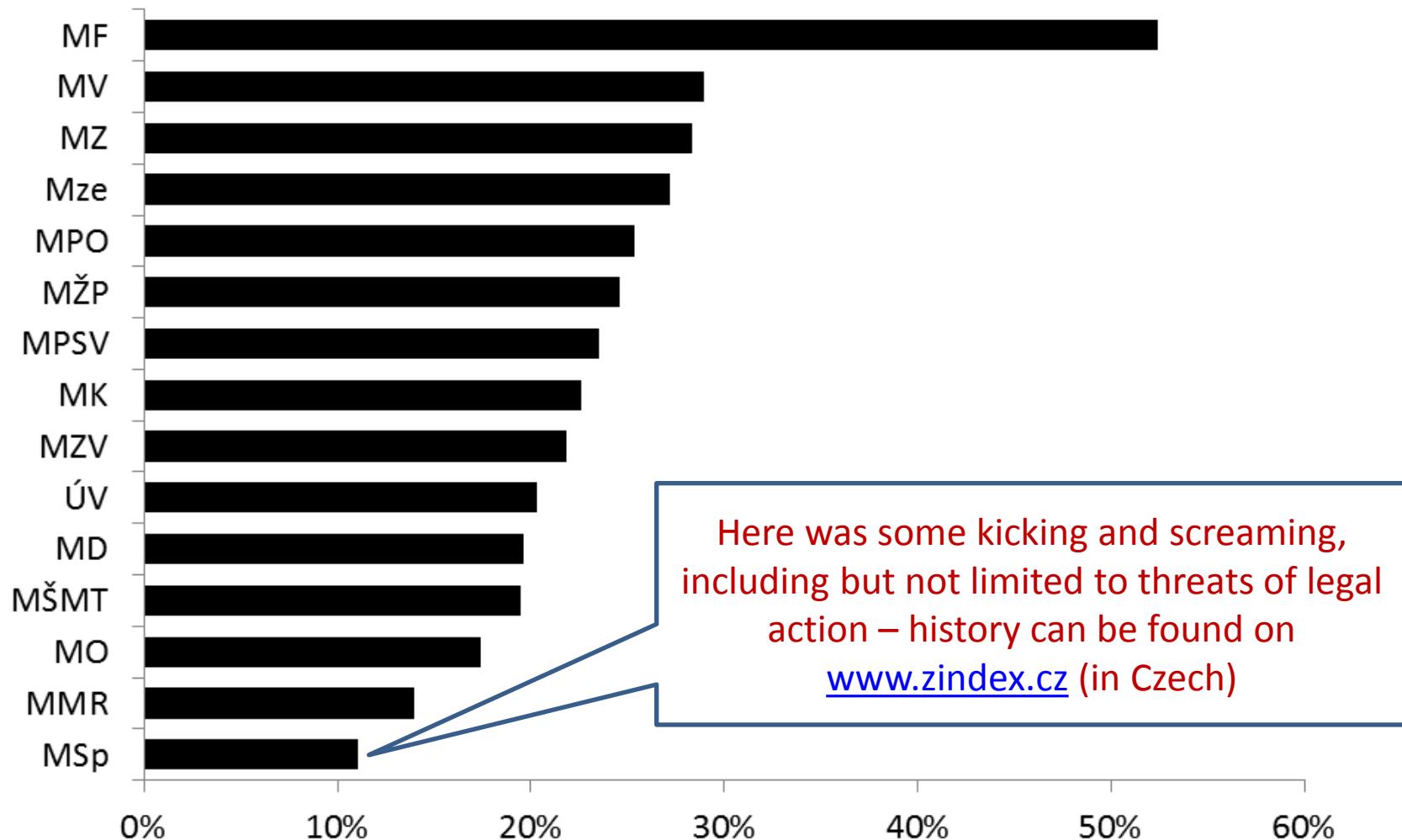
Oznámení o zakázce

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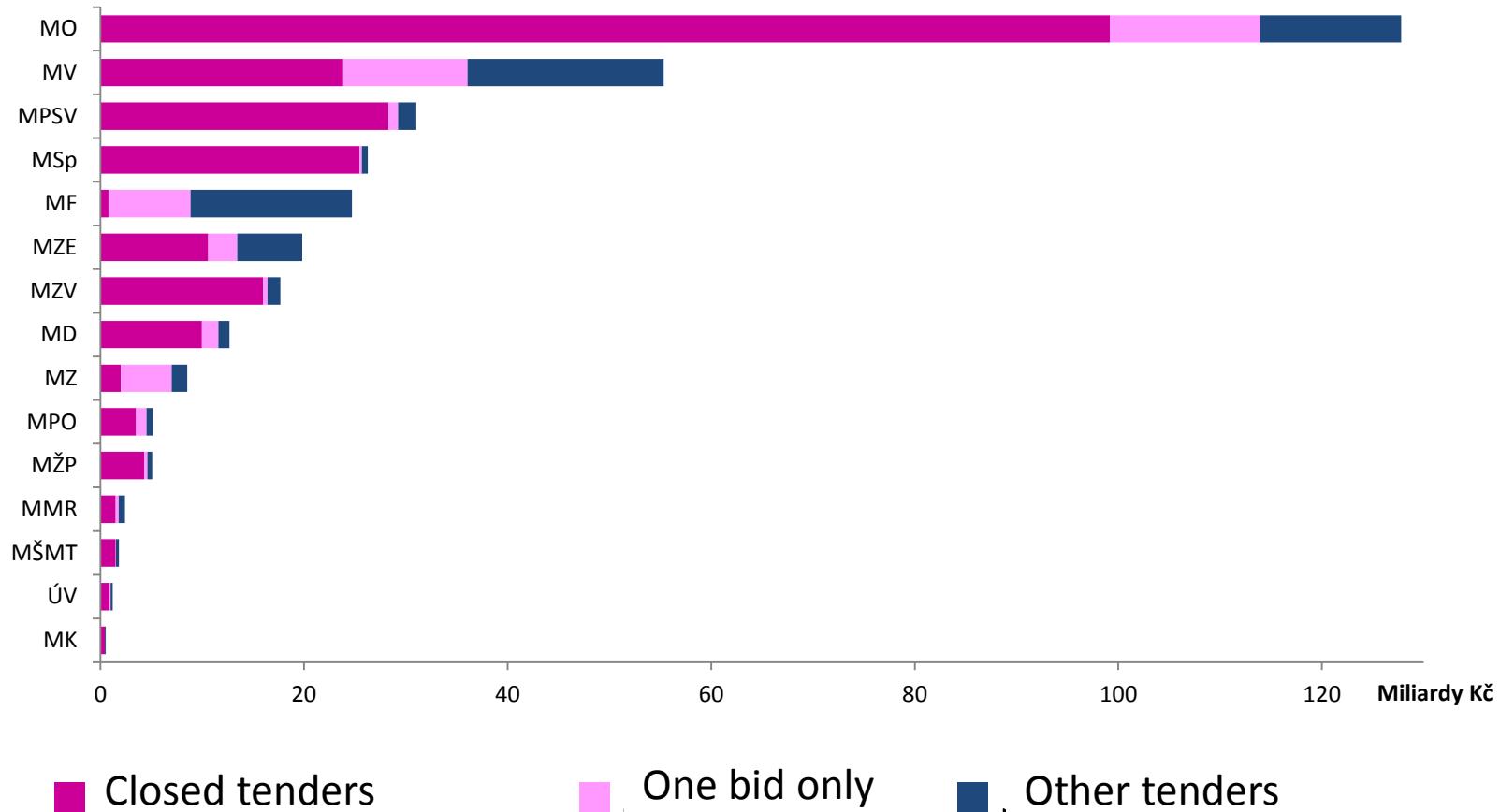
5. – 10. Data cleaning. Why?

- a) Because it increases the credibility of the project
– especially if it is an anti-corruption (high probability that public bodies will kick and scream)
- b) Because otherwise the data do not fulfill their purpose (as they do not in case of the official governmental webpage)
- c) Because it increases the value of the database – NGO funding vs. Business

The story of zIndex.cz - results



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✖ Testing of outlyers

✖ IKEM – Kardioport

- ✖ Company with CZK 50 000 turnover in 2009
- ✖ In 2008 won a tender of IKEM for CZK 2 bn.
- ✖ Bearer shares in paper form
- ✖ Investigated by HN – attracted attention to by that time not very interesting segment of public healthcare (media more interested in constructions)
- ✖ Managers of IKEM – Malý and Netuka losing their functions

The story of zIndex.cz - results



✖ Commercial results

- ✖ SaaS application for public tendering zInfo (currently under certification)

- ✖ Selling of cleaned database

✖ Support of not-for profit projects by provision of reliable data

- ✖ Own not-for profit projects using the data (e.g. Bearer-shares in paper form – supported by NFPK, detection of real owners of public tender winners supported by NFPK, Motejl Fund and HN)

Other projects

- ✖ www.vasmajetek.cz – centralization of auctions on one webpage; not vulnerable to data (limited cleaning); commercial
- ✖ Data-mining in databases of CENIA – no data cleaning – since the purpose is merely general market analysis; commercial
- ✖ Public budgets – visualizations and data analysis – e.g. <http://data.blog.ihned.cz/c1-58197600-za-co-hlavni-mesto-ultrati-45-miliard-proklikejte-si-zjednoduseny-rozpocet>
- ✖ Published uncleaned data with better search tools on www.vsechnyzakazky.cz

Data to go – no cleaned, but should be...



- ✖ Tender Electronic Daily
(<http://ted.europa.eu/TED/main/HomePage.do>) – the jungle of all large EU tenders
- ✖ The Research and Development and Innovation Information System of the Czech Republic
(<http://www.isvav.cz/prepareResultForm.do>) – RIV
- ✖ IS CEDR – Central Register of Subsidies
(<http://cedr.mfcr.cz/cedr3internetv415/default.aspx>) and register of agricultural subsidies
(<http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/farmar/registr-prijemu-dotaci/>)
- ✖ Many more....

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Dotazy? Komentáře?



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