

# Multi-Perspective Analyses of Spatio-Temporal Data About Well-Being

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**Abstract:** The concept of "Well-being" within local territories is increasingly recognized as a critical issue by local decision-makers. In the face of demographic shifting and population ageing, decision-makers need to anticipate demographic changes, plan land use, and shift land use promptly. They need a broader perspective that integrates various dimensions of the living environment for their territories. Therefore, it requires a system that can integrate different datasets and perspectives on various dimensions of "Well-being", including demographics, population distribution, land utilisation, transport, infrastructure development, social and business services, etc. It can perform comprehensive multi-perspective analyses based on integrated perspectives. However, the existing work on this topic mainly focuses on a single-perspective analysis, such as focusing exclusively on education. In order to fill this gap, this article aims to propose: (i) a mind map outlining the dimensions related to "Well-being" and the associated data required for analyses; (ii) an on-read schema modelling framework for the storage, the cross-integration and the promoting accessibility of the multi-perspective data; and (iii) a modelling concept for multi-perspective analysis data to represent the various dimensions relating to "Well-being".

## 1 INTRODUCTION


The world population is projected to increase by 2 billion, from 7.7 billion today to 9.7 billion in 2050, and to peak at nearly 11 billion by the end of the century. This phenomenon is affecting economic stability, healthcare systems, and social dynamics on an unprecedented scale. To face this demographic shift, a new goal for worldwide Well-being promotes healthy lifestyles with a modern and efficient living environment for all ages<sup>1</sup>. Addressing the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the new goal of achieving global well-being is not just a policy issue, but an imperative to ensure that the world achieves sustainable and inclusive development. Local decision-makers want to comprehensively understand the area's living environment to improve the facilities and services available to support a "Well-being" society. Therefore, decision-makers need to


comprehensively analyse the local living environment from multiple perspectives to make recommendations for improving the local living environment.


Most of the current research about "Well-being" focuses mainly on how a single perspective affects "Well-being", such as how education affects well-being (Arthur J. Reynolds, 2011), what is the relationship between transport and well-being (Reardon and Abdallah, 2013), how can urban planning improve well-being (Patel, 2011), what kind of medical system can ensure Well-being (Anne De Biasi and Auerbach, 2020). Decision-makers lack a multi-perspective analysis which provides a whole picture of the local living environment.


We identified 9 dimensions of Well-being. After defining the multi-thematic analysis structure, we found that our study is facing two major challenges after reading related studies and searching for open data related to each dimension.

**Challenge 1: Multi-Perspective Analyses.** Building a multi-perspective analysis involves more than just collecting and analysing data from a single topic. It requires integrating data from different themes and identifying relationships between them, for example, changes in environmental conditions may affect

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health outcomes.

**Challenge 2: Heterogeneous Datasets.** Datasets relating to different dimensions are heterogeneous with different minimum granularity and scopes. It causes an inevitable problem when we want to compare or integrate one dataset with another.

Therefore, our research needs to answer the following 2 questions:

- How to build a system that can provide multi-perspective analyses?
- How to build a system that integrates heterogeneous datasets with different structures, scopes and granularity?

In order to achieve this goal, we decided to build an on-read schema modelling framework for storage, cross-integration, and the accessibility multi-dimension data analysis. This model allows us to store all kinds of datasets relating to "Well-being" with notions of time and space. The integration will only be done with the user's demand, which could greatly reduce the time of heterogeneous data integration at the beginning of model construction.

In this paper, after introducing the background and related work, we present the concept of the on-read schema for raw data and the concept of the analytic data model. Then, we explore possible future directions of a model for multi-perspective analyses to show how a territory changes over time on various dimensions relating to "Well-being".

## 2 BACKGROUND

The concept of "Well-being" is a comprehensive concept that includes physical health, mental health, social relationships, economic well-being, emotional fulfilment, etc. In the 21st century, it has been studied extensively by psychologists and social scientists, particularly in the field of positive psychology (Ryff and Singer, 2008). "Well-being" has become one of the most important individual and societal well-being indicators.

Given this context, the concept of "Well-being" is increasingly recognized as a critical issue by local decision-makers. To identify the dimensions as the base of our research, we built a multidimensional analysis framework of "Well-being".

Through research on measures proposed by international organisations (OECD, 2011; WHO, 2023), we proposed an analysis framework of well-being that includes 9 dimensions (Figure 1). For each dimension, we identified sub-analysis branches<sup>2</sup>. Based on

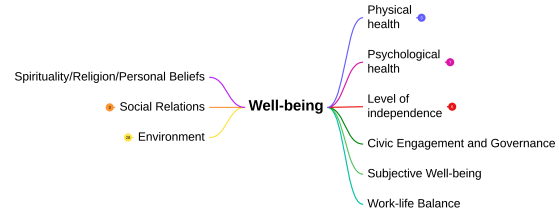


Figure 1: Main dimensions of Well-being.

this analysis framework, we search and identify relevant accessible data for each analysis theme (dimension) and its sub-themes (sub-branches).

There are two main types of data sources:

- **Internal Data Sources:** they provide data about the target territory. Local councils and other local companies usually provide this part of data. It is usually high-quality, with fewer null values and clear descriptions. However, due to the lack of data from other departments and regions, we are unable to make a comparative analysis.
- **External Data Sources:** they are usually Open Data, providing a wider range of areas or a different region. This part of data may have a lower quality and more null values. It could also be more aggregate. We use this data to compare with internal data or to give a more general view.

As mentioned earlier, the diversity of data sources leads to differences in the structure, type, scopes and granularity of the datasets.

**In terms of structure and type,** current data range from structured, such as Excel and CSV (e.g., *Directory of social landlords' rental accommodation*<sup>3</sup>), to semi-structured, such as JSON, GEOJSON, Shapefile and XML (e.g., *Landes - Emergency call centres*<sup>4</sup>).

**In terms of granularity,** the minimum spatial granularity may be geographic point and the maximum may be country; the minimum temporal granularity may be date and the maximum may be year.

**In terms of scope,** the current database covers a spatial range of up to all countries in the world, and down to one or a few cities; and a temporal range of up to 1900 to the present, and down to one year.

Therefore, we need to build a system that can integrate these heterogeneous datasets for multi-perspective analyses.

<sup>2</sup>Entire framework: <http://bit.ly/3PIXeOl>

<sup>3</sup><https://bit.ly/40lfm6k>

<sup>4</sup><https://bit.ly/4jfBLel>

### 3 RELATED WORK

#### 3.1 Well-Being

Various disciplines (e.g., medicine, psychology, sociology, economics) include research on "Well-being". They mainly focus on how a single perspective affects the situation of "Well-being" statistically. From the education perspective, researchers reported indicators showing that early education can positively impact future well-being (Arthur J. Reynolds, 2011). From the urban perspective, researchers clarified the inter-relationships between various fundamental parameters in the design of an urban layout to improve our understanding of urban layouts and the complicated trade-offs between desirable features and another (Patel, 2011). From the transport perspective, researchers built a dynamic model that provides the most comprehensive and integrated discussion of the current well-being literature from a transport perspective (Reardon and Abdallah, 2013). From the medical perspective, researchers outlined roles that public health could fulfil, in collaboration with ageing services, to address the challenges and opportunities of an ageing society (Patel, 2011).

However, little research focuses on a multi-perspective analysis of "Well-being" from the view of data analytics. No analysis system adapts well to various "Well-being" dimensions or provides decision-makers with readable, visual reports on current and future trends. Our research aims to address this by integrating different datasets related to dimensions of "Well-being", such as demographics, population distribution, land use, transport, infrastructure, and social and business services. This integration will enable comprehensive analyses from multiple perspectives.

#### 3.2 Integration of Spatio-Temporal Data

Well-being data are generally characterized as spatio-temporal. The systems analyzing these types of data are organized into three main modules (Md Mahbub Alam and Bifet, 2022): (1) data storage, which includes both spatial relational database management system and NoSQL databases (Felix Gessert and Ritter, 2017); (2) data processing, which encompasses big data infrastructure sorted by architecture types (e.g., Hadoop<sup>5</sup>, Spark<sup>6</sup>, NoSQL (Ali Davoudian and Liu, 2018)) and data processing systems (e.g., spatial

(Ahmed Eldawy and Mokbel, 2017), spatio-temporal (Nidzwetzki and Güting, 2019), trajectory (Xin Ding and Bao, 2018)); and (3) data programming and software tools, covering libraries and software like R, Python (Zhang and Eldawy, 2020), ArcGIS<sup>7</sup> and QGIS<sup>8</sup> that support processing of spatial and spatio-temporal data.

Considering the integration of spatio-temporal data, data from different sources could have distinct spatial and temporal resolutions, which leads to different spatial and temporal granularity. In terms of space, new data are usually at a higher resolution than old data due to technological developments, e.g., aerial photographs, satellite imagery or other remotely sensed data. At the same time, the spatial resolution of different data sources may vary, for example, highway data are usually specific to geographic points, while weather-related data are mostly by city. In terms of time, data such as rivers and lakes, administrative boundaries, and roads have a relatively low temporal resolution and can be considered static; data such as weather is usually updated hourly; and traffic conditions, for example, may change within seconds (Le, 2012). The data that will be used for analyses of "Well-being" include structured data, semi-structured data and non-structured data. Meanwhile, since we are in real-world applications, there is a large amount of spatio-temporal information which is often vague or ambiguous with low quality due to missing values, high data redundancy, and untruthfulness (Luyi Bai and Bai, 2021). Therefore, we can conclude that we are dealing with standard heterogeneous data (Wang, 2017).

Considering the big data scenario for "Well-being" data, data lakes (DL) are considered a useful data storage method. Data lakes emerge as a big data repository that stores raw data and provides a rich list of features with the help of metadata descriptions (Khine and Wang, 2018). Data ingestion is simple as there is no need for a data schema or ETL (Extract-transform-load) process design. It is also horizontally and vertically scalable as there is no fixed data schema. Therefore, Data Lake is a perfect solution for heterogeneous data with various types and granularity.

<sup>5</sup><https://hadoop.apache.org/>

<sup>6</sup><http://spark.apache.org/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.arcgis.com/index.html>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.qgis.org>

## 4 DATA MODELLING

### 4.1 Overall Modelling Architecture

Considering the diversity of data sources, we propose to create an on-read schema in a data lake. As we introduced in the previous section, our datasets are heterogeneous with different structures, types, scopes and granularity. We do not integrate the data right after the extraction but ingest them in their native format, and only integrate data according to a specific requirement.

This approach has three benefits:

**No Need for Data Structure and ETL Process Design.** If we want to integrate all data right after the extraction, we need to analyse all user's requirements and spend a long time constructing the structure and ETL process at the beginning of model construction. Instead of a traditional ETL process, we use the ELT (Extract-load-transform) process.

**Reduce the Integration Time.** Due to the large analysis framework and varied themes, not all datasets are necessarily used for users' analysis requirements. Together with the serious heterogeneity of datasets, each additional dataset that needs to be integrated will increase data integration time. Integrating all datasets without specific requirements is wasteful.

**Get a Horizontally and Vertically Scalable Structure.** We choose to build a data lake with **Raw data zone** and **Analysis data zone** (Ravat and Zhao, 2019).

We first pre-process datasets when we extract data from internal and external sources to ensure their quality (e.g., data cleaning and harmonisation of data formats). Then in the raw data zone (§4.2), we extract and load datasets and store them in a near-native format. We automatically extract the file's metadata:

- Basic information about file: title, source (URL), update frequency, file type
- Containing information: parameters, complementary information, measures
- Corresponding theme
- Spatial information: spatial granularity, spatial scopes, applicable spatial hierarchies
- Temporal information: temporal granularity, temporal scopes, applicable temporal hierarchies

After the user proposes a requirement with themes, minimum spatio-temporal granularity and spatio-temporal scopes, we select the appropriate datasets from the raw data zone. We extract existing indicators and create new cross-theme indicators while integrating the datasets with an aggregation-union measure in the analysis area (§4.3). We record

the metadata of integration and indicators in the governance area for repeated requirements and future visualisation and analysis.

### 4.2 Raw Data Zone

In the raw data zone, we propose a multi-view data storage. The data ingestion in the raw data zone is based on: *contained information*, *theme with catalogue*, *spatial view with hierarchies* and *temporal view with hierarchies*. We classify data in datasets into three types:

**Parameters** are attributes linking to a particular level of our predefined spatial and temporal hierarchies.

**Complementary information** is non-computable attributes, can be additional information of parameters.

**Measure** is computable information that links to one specific theme and will be considered as indicators in the analysis data zone.

All the information of datasets related to the file or the ingestion is stored in the metadata.

#### 4.2.1 Predefined Theme Catalogue and Spatio-Temporal Hierarchies

##### Theme Catalogue

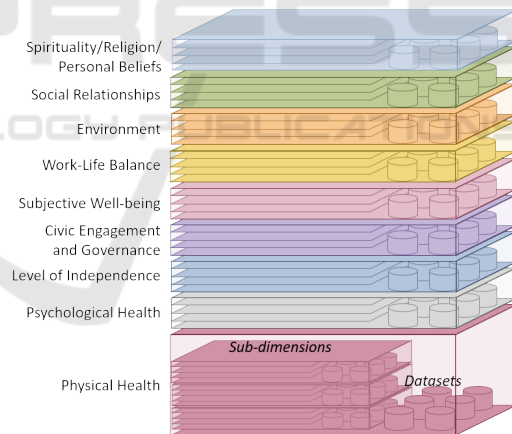


Figure 2: Multi-layer structure.

The theme catalogue is based on the previously mentioned analysis framework. Whether internal or external, each dataset we extract is affiliated with a particular analysis theme (dimension at any branch level in the framework). We consider each theme in the analysis framework (Figure 1) as a layer and their sub-themes as their sub-layers. The datasets are stored in their original format in the corresponding layer according to the theme of the information they contain. Thus, the basic structure of raw data can be seen as a multi-layer structure differentiated by the dimension of the analysis framework (Figure 2). Each layer



(theme) has 0 to n subsidiary datasets and 0 to n sub-layers (sub-themes).

### Spatial and Temporal Hierarchies

Meanwhile, according to GADM Dataset of France<sup>9</sup> and Generate Calendar Dataset<sup>10</sup>, we propose two hierarchies. Each hierarchy classifies the spatial or temporal concept from the lowest level to the highest (Figure 3).

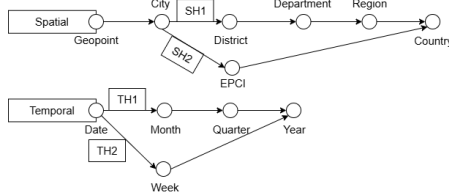


Figure 3: Predefined Hierarchies.

#### 4.2.2 Dataset Ingestion

In order to ingest datasets, we extract information from four points of view:

1. **Information Contained:** we identify the parameters, complementary information and measures of a dataset.
2. **Spatial Information:** according to its spatial parameters, we link the dataset to predefined spatial hierarchies by its spatial minimum granularity and identify its spatial scope.
3. **Temporal Information:** according to its temporal parameters, we link the dataset to predefined temporal hierarchies by its spatial minimum granularity and identify its temporal scope.
4. **Theme:** according to the complementary information and measures of a dataset, we locate the dataset into the tree structure of the analysis framework.

We record this information of each dataset in metadata. The metadata structure is shown in Figure 4. The classes in red (*Theme* and *Hierarchy*) are predefined and the other classes are generated based on each ingested dataset. The program of data ingestion is shown in Algorithm 1. The formal expression of the above concept is as follows:

- In one theme layer, there are 0 to n sub-layers and 0 to m related datasets:

$$T_i = \{\{T_{i,1}, T_{i,2}, \dots, T_{i,n}\}, \{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_m\}\} \quad (1)$$

- We record the following information of each dataset:

#### Algorithm 1: Raw Dataset Ingestion Algorithm.

**Input:** Dataset  $DS$

**Output:** Metadata  $MD$

**Identify**

$DS.identification, DS.ingestion, DS.data\_content, DS.theme$

**Classify** columns in  $DS.data\_content$  into Spatial

Parameters ( $SP$ ), Temporal Parameters ( $TP$ ),

Complementary Information ( $CI$ ), Measures ( $M$ )

$DS.spatial\_granularity \leftarrow \max(SP.spatialLevel);$

$DS.spatial\_scope \leftarrow \min(SP.spatialLevel);$

$DS.temporal\_granularity \leftarrow \max(TP.temporalLevel);$

$DS.temporal\_scope \leftarrow \min(TP.temporalLevel);$

**Build** metadata  $MD$

**Copy**  $DS$  to thematic catalogue  $DS.theme$

**return**  $MD$

$$D_i = \{\{\{SP_1, SP_2, \dots, SP_n\}, \{TP_1, TP_2, \dots, TP_m\}\}, \{CI_1[T_{i,j}], CI_2[T_{i,k}], \dots, CI_p\}, \{M_1[T_{i,j}], M_2[T_{i,k}], \dots, M_q[T_{i,l}]\}, SG, SS, TG, TS, \{\{SH_1, SH_2, \dots\}, \{TH_1, TH_2, \dots\}\}, T[i]\} \quad (2)$$

- T: Theme
- D: Dataset
- SP: Spatial parameter
- TP: Temporal parameter
- CI: Complementary information
- M: Measure
- SG: Minimum spatial granularity
- TG: Minimum temporal granularity
- SS: Spatial scope
- TS: Temporal scope
- SH: Spatial hierarchy
- TH: Temporal hierarchy

The final structure of the raw data zone is shown in Figure 5. The metadata of all raw data zone datasets is stored in the governance zone of the data lake and it gets updated within the ingestion of new datasets.

#### 4.2.3 Example

Taking the CSV file *National Register of Condominiums* in theme *Domestic environment* as an example:

This dataset contains the following parameters:

**spatialPs** = {EPCI, Commune, [long, lat], Code Officiel Département, Code Officiel Région, ...}

**temporalPs** = {Date du règlement de copropriété}

Therefore, we can identify the minimum spatial and temporal granularity:

**spatialGranularityMin** = Geographic point

**temporalGranularityMin** = Date

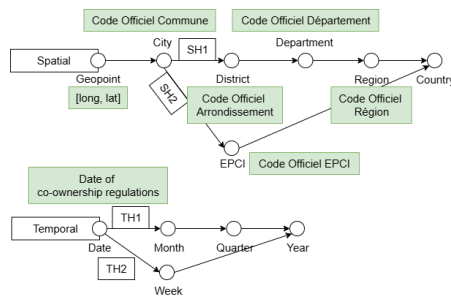
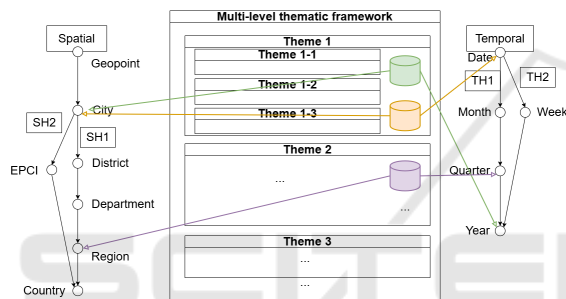
From the parameters, we can also get its spatial and temporal scope:

**scopeSpatial** = {Region: ['11', '3', ...]}

**scopeTemp** = {startPoint = "1900-01-01", endPoint = "2021-12-31"}

<sup>9</sup>[https://gadm.org/download\\_country.html](https://gadm.org/download_country.html)

<sup>10</sup><https://github.com/Marto32/genca1>



framework and predefined hierarchies as his/her requirement. For example, a user selects:

- **Themes:** Domestic Environment, Pollution
- **Spatial Granularity:** Geopoint
- **Spatial Scope:** Country: France
- **Temporal Granularity:** Date
- **Temporal Scope:** startPoint = 2021-01-01, end-Point = 2024-12-31

#### 4.3.1 Preparation of Corresponding Dataset

We filter the corresponding data and its datasets from the raw data zone based on an user requirement. The datasets meet the following three conditions:

1. They are contained under the folder of the selected themes or any of their contents (complementary information or measures) belongs to these themes.
2. The corresponding spatio-temporal scope of the dataset lies within the selected scope.
3. Their corresponding spatio-temporal granularity is finer than or equal to the selected granularity.

After filtering, we determine whether the raw data zone contains sufficient data to answer the requirement. If not, we propose possible modifications in requirements to users:

1. Select a more general minimum granularity (analysis parameters)
2. Select wider scopes
3. Select of more general themes

Algorithm 2: Granularity Adjustment Proposal.

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**Input:** Required spatial granularity  $RSG$ ,  
Required temporal granularity  $RTG$ ,  
Predefined spatial hierarchies  $SH$ ,  
Predefined temporal hierarchies  $TH$

**Output:** Alternative granularity options  $STG$

**Initialize**  $STG$  as an empty list;

**foreach** Spatial granularity  $sg$  in levels equal to or more general than  $RSG$  from  $SH$  **do**

**foreach** Temporal granularity  $tg$  in levels equal to or more general than  $RTG$  from  $TH$  **do**

**if** not( $sg = RSG$  and  $tg = RTG$ ) **then**

            Add [ $sg, tg$ ] into  $STG$ ;

**end**

**end**

**end**

**return**  $STG$ ;

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In our example, supposing the finest granularity of all datasets in both themes (*Domestic Environment* and *Pollution*) is not *Geopoint - Date*. No data in the

Table 1: Potential granularity.

Spatial granularity	Temporal granularity
Geopoint	Month
Geopoint	Year
City	Date
City	Month
City	Year
Department	Date
Department	Month
Department	Year

raw data zone can meet the user's requirement. Therefore, we propose a possible modification by selecting more general granularity shown in Algorithm 2. In our example, we offer to the user Table 1 as the possible alternate granularity.

Suppose the user finally selects *City - Year* from Table 1 as the granularity of his/her requirement. The modified requirement is shown below :

- **Themes:** Domestic Environment, Pollution
- **Spatial Granularity:** City
- **Spatial Scope:** Country: France
- **Temporal Granularity:** Year
- **Temporal Scope:** startPoint = 2021-01-01, end-Point = 2024-12-31

Algorithm 3: Data Integration.

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**Input:** Requirements  $R$ , datasets  $D$ ,  
spatial/temporal hierarchies  $SH, TH$

**Output:** Integrated system  $IS$  with indicators

**Initialize**  $IS$  as empty;

**foreach** granularity pair ( $SG, TG$ ) from finest to  $RSG, RTG$  **do**

**foreach** dataset  $d \in D$  at  $SG-TG$  **do**

        Add indicators from  $d$  to  $IS$ ;

        Construct and add cross-theme indicators;

**foreach**  $d'$  in  $D$  with higher granularities **do**

            Aggregate  $d, d'$ ;

            Construct and add indicators;

**end**

**end**

**end**

**return**  $IS$

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We then confirm that the existing data meets the new requirement.

#### 4.3.2 Datasets Integration and Indicators Construction

After confirming that the existing data meets the requirement in terms of themes, scope and granularity,

Table 2: Example - Datasets corresponding to requirement.

Source	Theme	Spatial granularity	Temporal granularity	Spatial scope	Temporal scope
National Register of Condominiums	Domestic environment	Geopoint	Date	Department: '11', '3', '32', ...	startPoint = '1900-01-01', endPoint = '2024-06-30'
Vacant Dwellings in the Private Housing Stock	Domestic environment	City	Year	Region: 'Grand-Est', 'Occitanie', ...	startPoint = '2019', endPoint = '2021'
Daily Air Quality Index by Municipality	Pollution	City	Date	Country: 'France'	startPoint = '2023-06-11', endPoint = '2024-11-12'
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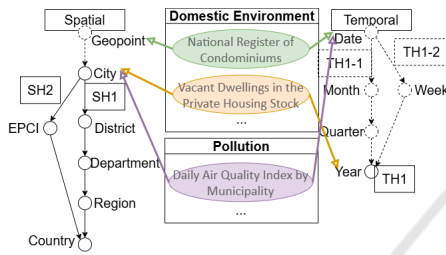


Figure 7: Example - Data Storage in Raw Data Zone.

we get the datasets from the raw data zone. In our example, we select the datasets in Table 2 according to the data storage shown in Figure 7.

The traditional spatio-temporal data integration approach usually involves finding the minimum conventional granularity between datasets. Assuming we have a dataset with *Date* as minimum temporal granularity and another dataset with *Month* as minimum temporal granularity, the dataset with a minimum temporal granularity of date will be aggregated to the month level at the time of integration. While this approach makes it easy to match datasets, specific information about the dataset with finer granularity is lost. This may undermine the possibility of providing cross-topic metrics, as the relationships (statistical or semantic) present in the dataset may be at a finer level of granularity. Therefore, we propose a *level-by-level aggregation union* approach that can successfully match datasets without causing relationship loss.

Thanks to the metadata for the raw data zone, we can easily find the existing possible indicators from each dataset: all the complementary information linking to a specific theme and the measures. With the requirement, we can find the part of hierarchies required. We go through each spatio-temporal granularity to integrate the datasets. The process is shown in Algorithm 3.

Figure 8 shows the required hierarchies in our ex-

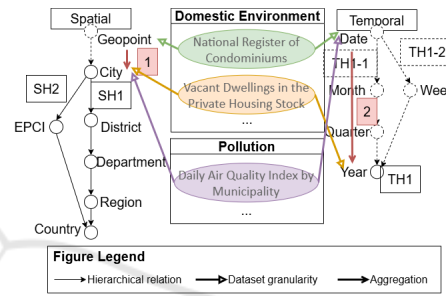


Figure 8: Example - Data with Required Hierarchies.

ample. The solid line indicates the hierarchic levels involved in the user's requirement, and the dotted line indicates the part that exists in the predefined hierarchies but is not demanded by the users. We start the integration from the green dataset with the finest granularity *Geopoint-Date*. After recording the original indicators in this dataset, we firstly aggregate it to the *City-Date* level to match with the purple dataset (*Red flash 1* in Figure 8). We construct cross-theme indicators if there is any statistic or semantic relation between these two datasets. Then we aggregate the two datasets and the cross-theme indicators we construct to the *City-Year* level to match with the orange dataset (*Red flash 2* in Figure 8). We repeat the same process to construct cross-theme indicators. Since *City-Year* is the spatio-temporal granularity of the requirement and we have matched all the selected datasets, the integration is down. We proposed a meta-model for the analysis data zone<sup>12</sup>. If any indicator exists in the raw data zone, we record its source dataset. If it is a cross-theme indicator, we record its underlying indicators (those from which statistical or semantic relationships are found). We also record the possible aggregation methods for each indicator. These methods will be demonstrated to users in the future analytical tools we develop.

<sup>12</sup><https://bit.ly/4ahpW31>



The formal expression of the above concept is as follows:

- For each requirement, there are 1 to n themes, spatio-temporal granularity and spatio-temporal scope:

$$R_i = \{\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}, SG, TG, SS, TS\} \quad (3)$$

- R: Requirement
- T: Theme
- SG: Minimum spatial granularity
- TG: Minimum temporal granularity
- SS: Spatial scope
- TS: Temporal scope

- According to the requirement, we select existing datasets:

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= \{\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}, SG, TG, SS, TS\} \\ &\Rightarrow \{D_1 \{\{CI_{1,1}, CI_{1,2}, \dots, CI_{1,p}\}, \\ &\quad \{M_{1,1}, M_{1,2}, \dots, M_{1,q}\}\}, \\ &\quad D_2 \{\{CI_{2,1}, CI_{2,2}, \dots, CI_{2,p}\}, \\ &\quad \{M_{2,1}, M_{2,2}, \dots, M_{2,q}\}\}, \\ &\quad \dots, D_n \{\{CI_{n,1}, CI_{n,2}, \dots, CI_{n,p}\}, \\ &\quad \{M_{n,1}, M_{n,2}, \dots, M_{n,q}\}\}\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- D: Dataset
- CI: Complementary information
- M: Measure

- Each indicator has minimum spatial and temporal granularity, spatio-temporal scopes and themes and possible aggregation methods. We record the source dataset for existing indicators and the underlying indicators for cross-theme indicators:

$$EI_i = \{\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}, SG, TG, SS, TS, D, \{PA_1, \dots, PA_k\}\} \quad (5)$$

$$CTI_i = \{\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}, SG, TG, SS, TS, \{B_1, \dots, B_M\}, \{PA_1, \dots, PA_k\}\} \quad (6)$$

- EI: Existing indicator
- CTI: Cross-theme indicator
- PA: Possible aggregation
- B: Underlying indicators

For example, from the three datasets in Table 2, we identify existing indicators such as *Number of parking lots* in the dataset *National Register of Condominiums*, *Number of private housing units* and *Number of vacant dwellings in the private housing stock* in the dataset *Vacant Dwellings in the Private Housing Stock by Age of Vacancy, by Municipality and by Commune* and *Air quality* in the dataset *Daily Air Quality by Municipality*. Then according

to these existing indicators, we can construct cross-theme indicators such as *Average number of car parking spaces per private housing units*, *Private housing vacancy rate* and *Correlation coefficient between the number of empty housing and air quality*.

## 5 EXPERIMENTATION

### 5.1 Datasets

As introduced in Section 2, we have two kinds of datasets. The volume of our current datasets is shown below:

**Internal Sources:** Data type includes Excel, CSV, geojson and Shapefile

Table 3: Internal Source Data Volume.

Amount of datasets	9
Total number of rows	995106
Total number of columns	185
Total number of Values	45049867
Files size	470.34 MB

**External Sources:** Data type includes Excel, CSV, geojson, XML and txt

Table 4: External Source Data Volume.

Amount of datasets	49
Total number of rows	33611975
Total number of columns	2732
Total number of Values	1425161959
Files size	8342.26 MB

### 5.2 Prototype

In order to validate the feasibility of our proposed framework for multi-perspective analyses using heterogeneous well-being data, we developed a prototype system based on the modelling concept described in Section 4.

#### 5.2.1 Raw Data Zone

As we propose in Section 4.2, we identify information in all extracted datasets to get the metadata of raw data (Figure 4). Then we store them in the right folder in the raw data zone<sup>13</sup>.

In this part, we first filter all the datasets according to a user's requirement<sup>14</sup>.

<sup>13</sup>Prototype code in:

<https://github.com/Yunji5264/Prototype-Raw-Data-Zone>

<sup>14</sup>Prototype code in:

<https://github.com/Yunji5264/Prototype-Analysis-Zone>

We finally select existing indicators with a level-by-level aggregation union. The following is a prototype SQL request for one aggregation union:

```
SELECT spatial_level, temporal_level,
indicator_1, indicator_2, indicator_3
FROM less_granular_dataset

UNION

SELECT spatial_level, temporal_level,
AGG_FUNCTION(indicator_4) AS
indicator_4_aggregated,
AGG_FUNCTION(indicator_5) AS
indicator_5_aggregated,
AGG_FUNCTION(indicator_6) AS
indicator_6_aggregated
FROM more_granular_dataset
GROUP BY spatial_level, temporal_level;
```

On each level, we find possible cross-theme indicators after each aggregation union. We identify statistical and semantic relations among existing indicators.

### 5.3 Experimentation Result

#### 5.3.1 Selection of Corresponding Datasets

Assuming that the user wants to analyse "Building construction quality". If we only consider the theme of datasets, none of the datasets answers the requirement because we do not have datasets pinpointed in this sub-theme. Its complementary information "Construction period" is an indicator for "Building construction quality".

Using the themes for each measure and complementary information helped to find the corresponding dataset more comprehensively.

#### 5.3.2 Construction of Cross-Theme Indicators

Assuming we select three datasets according to the user's requirement (Table 5).

We identify the statistical relation between number of dwellings<sup>15</sup> (*total\_lots* below) and the population aged 25-29<sup>16</sup> (*total\_pop* below). In the experimentation, we simplify the relation identification by only confirming the linear correlation by OLS (ordinary least squares) method. If so, we construct the indicator to show this relation.

With the traditional integration methods, we aggregate and integrate all selected datasets to the least

common granularity level *Department-Year*. We can get the scatter plot of sample data and the OLS line (Figure 9) and the OLS regression result (Table 6). Since the p-value of the *total\_lots* coefficient is less than 0.01, the coefficient is not 0 in a 99% confidence level. We confirm the relation between the two existing indicators. We can then construct a cross-theme indicator *pop\_to\_lots\_ratio\_department* (Equation 7).

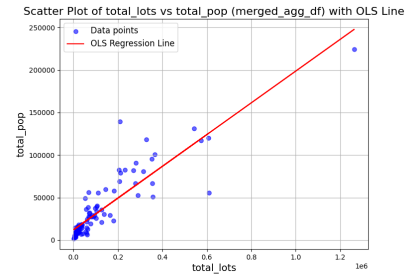


Figure 9: Plot and OLS Line with Traditional Integration.

$$pop\_to\_lots\_ratio_{department} = \frac{total\_pop_{department}}{total\_lots_{department}} \quad (7)$$

With our aggregation-union method, we first aggregate and integrate the two datasets to their least common granularity level *City-Year*. We can get the scatter plot of sample data and the OLS line (Figure 10) and the OLS regression result (Table 7). Since the p-value of the *total\_lots* coefficient is less than 0.01, the coefficient is not 0 in a 99% confidence level. We confirm the relation between the two existing indicators. We can then construct a cross-theme indicator *pop\_to\_lots\_ratio\_city* (Equation 8). Then, we aggregate the union to the granularity level *Department-Year* in order to integrate it with the third dataset. We aggregate *pop\_to\_lots\_ratio\_city* to *pop\_to\_lots\_ratio\_department* (Equation 9).

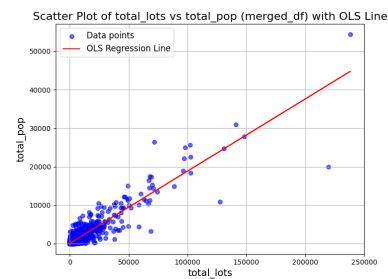


Figure 10: Plot and OLS Line with Aggregation.Union.

$$pop\_to\_lots\_ratio_{city} = \frac{total\_pop_{city}}{total\_lots_{city}} \quad (8)$$

<sup>15</sup>From dataset "National Register of Condominiums", granularity level Geopoint-Date

<sup>16</sup>From dataset "Diplomas - Training in 2020", granularity level City-Year

Table 5: Experimentation - Selected Datasets.

Source	Theme	Spatial granularity	Temporal granularity	Spatial scope	Temporal scope
National Register of Condominiums	Domestic environment	Geopoint	Date	Department: '11', '3', '32', ...	startPoint = '1900-01-01', endPoint = '2024-06-30'
Diplomas - Training in 2020	Level of Independence	City	Year	Region: 'Grand-Est', 'Occitanie', ...	startPoint = '2020', endPoint = '2020'
Scholarship holders by department	Level of Independence	Department	Year	Country: 'France'	startPoint = '2020', endPoint = '2020'

Table 6: OLS regression result with Traditional Integration.

	coefficient	p-value
constant	1.191e+04	0.000
total_lots	0.1869	0.000

Table 7: OLS regression result with Aggregation\_Union.

	coefficient	p-value
constant	96.3468	0.000
total_lots	0.1875	0.000

$$\begin{aligned} & pop\_to\_lots\_ratio_{department} \\ &= avg(pop\_to\_lots\_ratio_{city}) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Although both methods show a strong relation between *total\_lots* and *total\_pop*, the OLS results are different. We prefer the result with the aggregation-union method because we have much more sample data (plot) for the OLS.

Meanwhile, we can see a great difference between *pop\_to\_lots\_ratio\_department* constructed by the traditional method and by aggregation-union method (Table 8). It shows how the integration granularity level impacts the indicator construction.

Table 8: Result Comparison.

Region	Department	Traditional	Aggregation-Union
1	971	0.756638	14.622511
2	972	0.655392	8.237147
3	973	1.815697	18.099793
4	974	0.916224	15.046275
11	75	0.177682	0.168966
...	...	...	...

Despite the relative simplicity of the traditional method used to create the indicator, it is not highly relevant. We calculated the ratio of the total population to the total amount of dwellings in a department. Since the population information in the raw data is granular by *City*, we were assuming that the citizens of different cities can move around the department at will for housing. This is not realistic.

Our aggregation-union method, on the other hand, considers the reality by assuming the citizens search for housing in their own city. We first calculated the ratio of the population to the total amount of dwellings in each city, and then the average of this ratio for each city in a department.

Compared to the traditional integration method that agrees all datasets on a least common granularity level at once, our integration model allows us to:

1. **Have More and Finer Sample Data:** When confirming the relation between two existing indicators, the larger the sample data size, the more accurate the correlation identification will be. We can more convincingly confirm the statistical and semantic correlation between two existing indicators.
2. **Constructing More Relevant Cross-Thematic Indicators:** When constructing new indicators, the less aggregation processing an existing indicator undergoes, the less its relevance will change. Our method builds cross-theme indicators before all data are aggregated to the same higher level of precision, avoiding any change in the meaning of existing indicators for cross-theme indicator construction as much as possible.

## 6 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we introduced a conceptual model based on a multi-perspective analysis framework of Well-being with heterogeneous data sources. Recognizing the growing importance of Well-being as a multidimensional issue, we addressed the need for local decision-makers to have access to a comprehensive system that integrates various datasets from different dimensions. We proposed an on-read data lake model that stores diverse data without immediate processing. The integration of data and the construction of indicators start only when the requirement is present. This approach minimizes the initial complexity of data in-

tegration, allowing for flexible and scalable analyses based on user requirements.

Our modelling concept addresses two significant challenges: the lack of multi-perspective analysis and the complexity of handling heterogeneous datasets. By proposing a novel data storage and integration approach, we create opportunities for more dynamic and adaptable Well-being analysis. With the experimentation, we prove the feasibility of our concept and show the superiority of our modelling approach.

The proposed model in the article lays the foundation for future development. After proposing the foundational model, the grounding and implementation of the model are subject to future work and further exploration. To this end, our future work and development directions are as follows:

- **Realise the Construction of the Above Two Zones:** we will construct a data lake that meets the requirements of the model concept proposed in this paper. In the construction process, we would like to integrate machine learning, deep learning models, and other technologies to extract the metadata for each zone quickly and accurately and construct more practical cross-theme indicators.
- **Construct Analysis Model:** We consider adopting the semantic trajectory model to construct an analytical model that can describe and predict the development trajectory of a certain territory. Such a model would be able to describe the current development in various aspects and reflect the correlation between multiple themes. On the other hand, it can predict future trends in well-being based on historical data, enabling decision-makers to take proactive measures.
- **Develop Visualisation Tools:** After building the analysis model, we hope to develop an interactive and user-friendly visualisation tool that allows decision-makers to explore the data and analysis results more intuitively.

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