

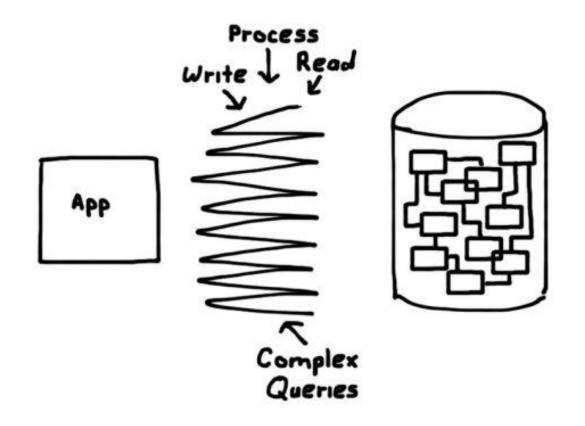
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IST – data integration metadata driven concept

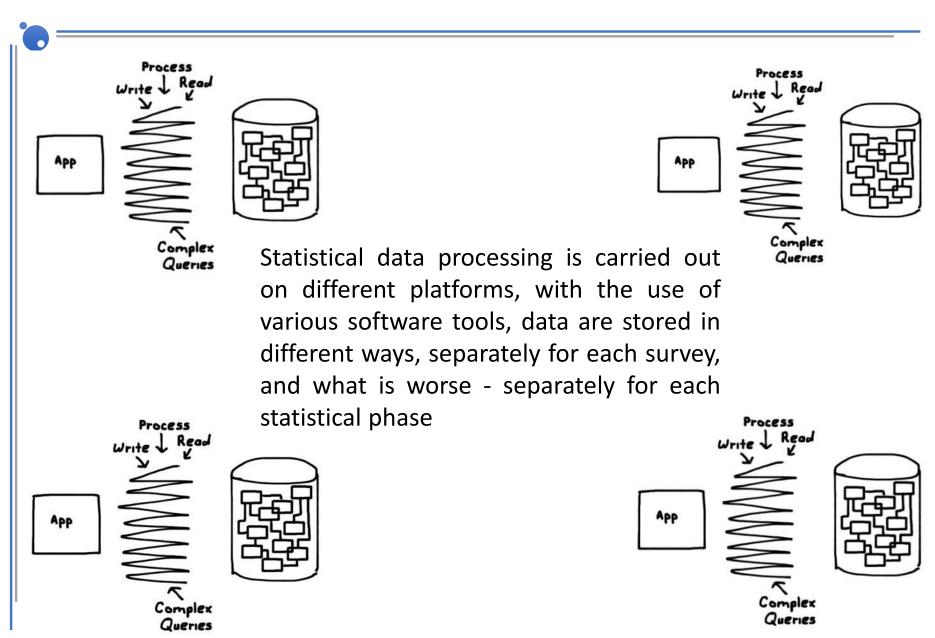
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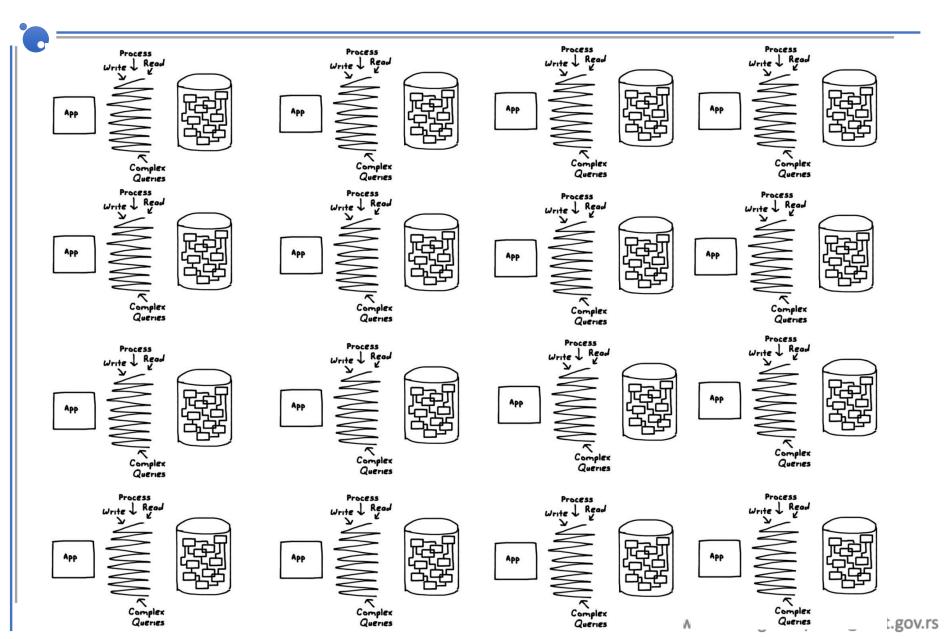
The traditional and well known method of data statistical survey where the entire process takes place separately for each survey - from data entry to the publication of the final results



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.. conduct statistical surveys with minimal programming possible ... or better yet, with no real programming at all?

... to have a development environment in which the applications are uniform, standardized, easy to create and independent of the rapidity of technological change (new development tools, programming languages, platforms ...)?

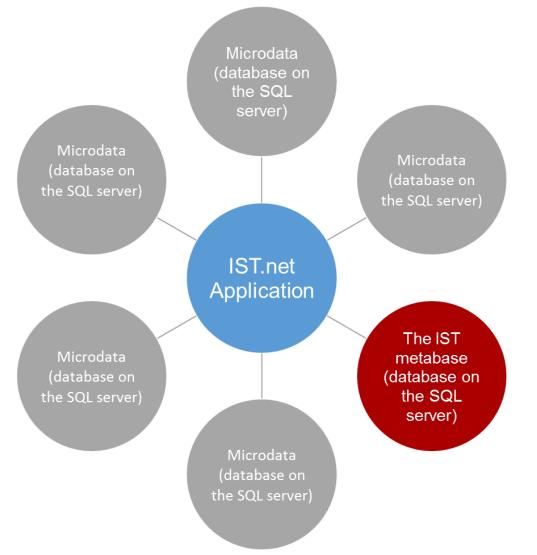
... use a simple and elegant software system (package) to facilitate our (methodologists) and their (IT support) life?

... in addition to storing data in databases (files) to store application itself?

... to describe applications and store those descriptions some metadata database?

... to develop a single application that would interpret this knowledge base (database metadata) and in real-time generate (based on descriptions from that database) data entry, data checks, data edit, advanced search, data processing and reports?

DATA CHAOS DATA MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



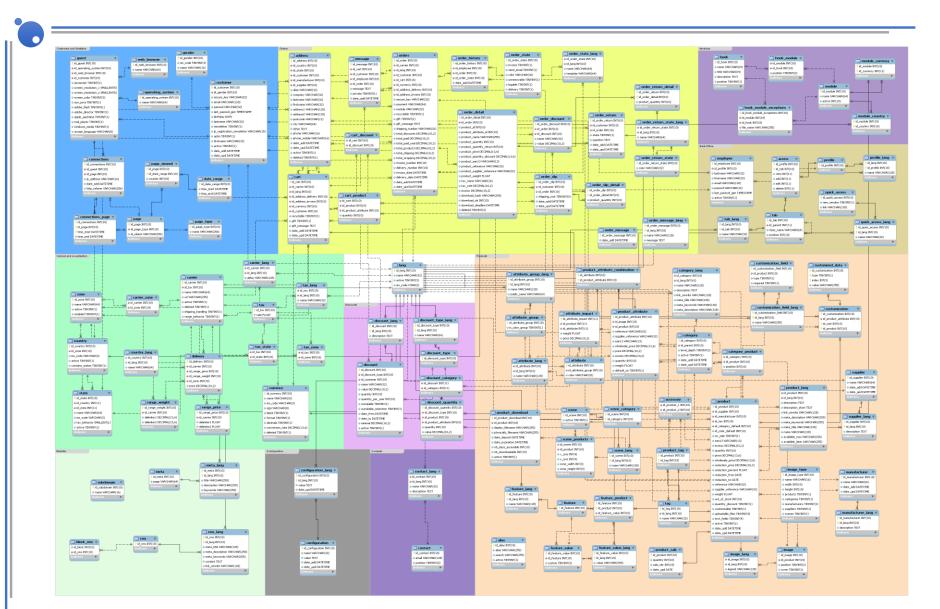
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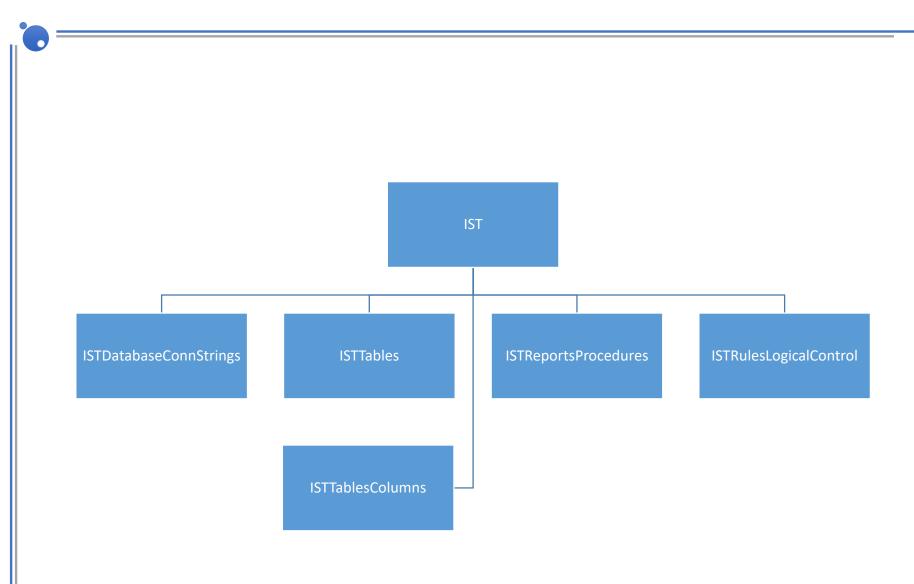
...ONLY ONE DATABASE TYPE



INSTEAD OF COMPLICATED METADATA MODEL



...ONLY SIX TABLES IN METADATA



For users:

- It takes only a basic knowledge of Windows operating system
- IST.net program is intuitive and user-friendly

For "developers":

- Knowledge of MS SQL
- The quality of the individual applications (modules) within the IST used for data processing of statistical surveys depends on the quality of database design and how well queries and SQL procedures are written

IST: BENEFITS FOR STATISTICAL OFFICE

- Decreased cost, increased efficiency
- Standard technology for statistical production
- Faster development of IT solutions for a survey
- Better coordination among SORS statistical departments
- Independent to staff change (IT staff flexibility)
- One platform (Microsoft), one program, one metadata database
- End user: no need to read a manual to learn how to use the application
- IT people: they should only be a good database analyst
- Driving further organizational efficiency to realise business outcomes in reducing operational costs

IST: BENEFITS FOR GOVERNMENT

- Responsive national statistical service
- Decrease of cost and time and increase of quality of information
- In-sourcing is the way for drastically decreasing budget funds previously reserved for buying specialized software
- Tailor made IT solution for SORS that can be implemented in other government offices
- IST can be an answer for identifying and leveraging information technology services to drive business efficiencies in government offices
- Unified approach and uniformity of data processing can give better coordination among government offices
- Extensive use and possible adjusting to data processing requirements in different institutions

Where are we now?

• SURVEYS

About 98% of the statistical surveys in SORS are using IST

• REGISTERS

Statistical Business Register, Farm Register, Statistical Register of employees have already been integrated into the IST

Censuses

Census of Agriculture (2012), Census of Economics (2012), Pilot Census of Population (April 2019)

• OTHER

META (statistical base metadata), financial statements, or other different onetime projects and applications that are not part of a statistical program (e.g., the IPA projects)

WITH HEADS IN CLOUDS (MS AZURE Cloud activities)

- The development of the IST is the first product of one Serbian public institution that has been transferred to this type of technology
- Data "on the ground", development "on the cloud" (IST interpreter)
- All SORS software development will be moved to MS AZURE Cloud platform
- Thanks to cloud regional development expanded



IST.NET PROGRAM

УСТ апликације : - ПОРЕСКА УПРАВА - РЕГИСТАР ПИБ и РЕГИСТАР ПДВ

Application Administration Guides Language Other

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IST

Data entry Batch logical control Automatic correction Data editing Procedures and reports

Advanced search CATI

Code books

Data entry Data editing

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Valid intervals

Record number The last date of records Number of inputations and edits above variables Overview of batch logical control

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Exit IST

Apps selection

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