

International Traffic Database (ITDb)

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Background

Gathering real life data, for whatever type of use, is a time consuming job. A lot of data is measured and stored in several places and different formats around the world. While a lot of it is not used, other institutions gather similar data on different locations or, worse, on the same ones. In this way a lot of money and time is spend unnecessary. Thus, the aim of the International Traffic Database (ITDb) project is to provide traffic data to various groups (researchers, practitioners, public entities) in a format according to their particular needs, ranging from raw measurement data to statistical analysis.

Method

The International Traffic Database project provides standardized Metadata and traffic data structure and the whole range from raw to processed data in various levels for the usage in research, calibration, validation and performance analysis.

Concerning the data storage, it is a necessity to provide standardized Metadata to enable several parties to use traffic data and to ensure that this data can be shared among them. Metadata have two main purposes, including support of improved data quality; and ensuring the longevity of data by documenting who, when, where, why, and how the data was collected. The major contribution of this work is the development of a standardized Metadata set for traffic measurement data and flexible formats to ensure compatibility.





