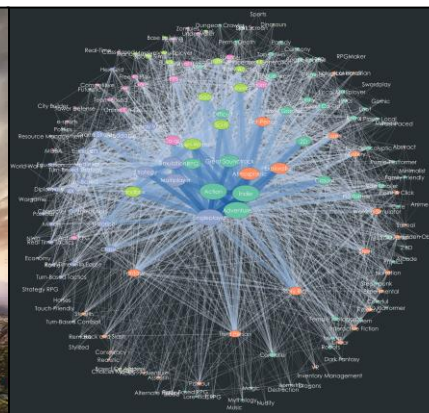


Digital Approaches to Historical Inquiries

4th Class



Gifts to federal employees from foreign sources

- Title of Nobility Clause (U.S. Constitution, Article I, Statute 9):

“[N]o Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.”
- Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (1966; 5 USC 7342)
- Reporting system for gifts over certain minimum threshold.
 - Reported by the Office of Protocol (Department of State) in the Federal Register



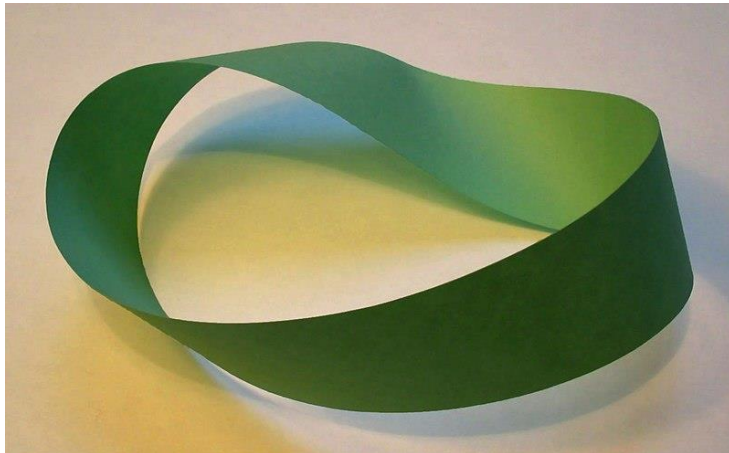
Cartoon by [Cameron Cottril](#)



Trump and Michael T. Flynn

What makes Historical Data(sets) special?

- Proxy
 - Dissimilar sources
- Fragmented
 - Sparse
- Interdependent (with time)
 - Multi-scalar/geo-locations unknown



A Möbius strip ([wikimedia](#))

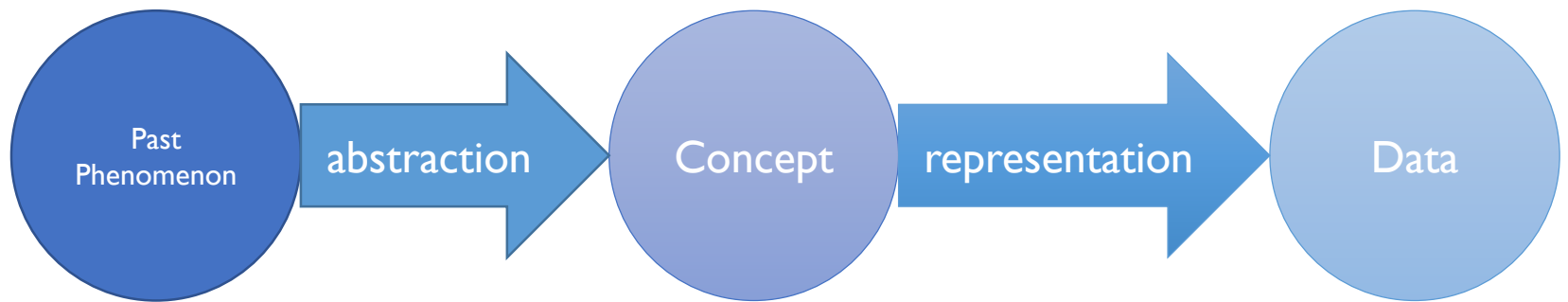


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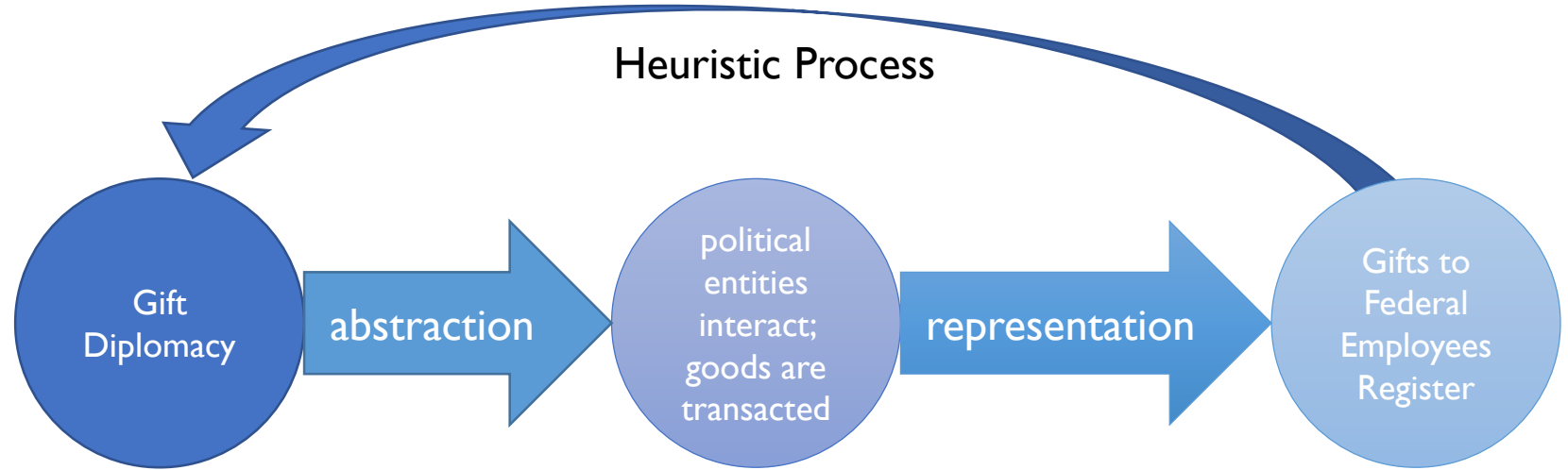


Fragment of P52
(earliest record of New Testament;
[wikimedia](#))

Proxies, Phenomena and Abstractions



Gift Diplomacy



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
(Public Notice: 1008)

Office of the Chief of Protocol: Gifts to Federal Employees From Foreign Government Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2016

The Department of State submits the following comprehensive listing of the statements which, as required by law, federal employees filed with their employing agencies during calendar year 2016 concerning gifts received from foreign government sources. The compilation includes reports of both tangible gifts and gifts of travel or travel expenses of more than minimal value, as defined by the statute. Also included are gifts received in previous years including one gift in 1977, one gift in 2004, one gift in 2008, two gifts in 2010, two gifts in 2011, one gift in 2012, one gift in 2014, twenty-three gifts in 2015, and seven gifts with unknown dates. These latter gifts are being reported in 2016 as the Office of the Chief of Protocol, Department of State, did not receive the relevant information to include them in earlier reports. Any agency not listed in this report either did not receive any gifts during the calendar year or did not respond to the Office of the Chief of Protocol's call for data.

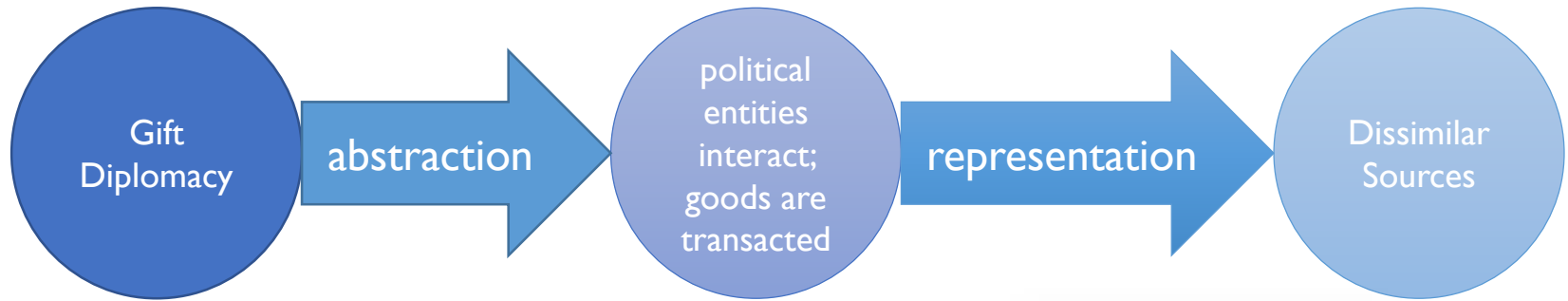
Publication of this listing in the Federal Register is required by Section 7342(f) of Title 5, United States Code, as added by Section 515(a)(1) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1978 (Pub. L. 95-105, August 17, 1977, 91 Stat. 865).

Dated: December 22, 2017.
William K. Todd,
Acting Director General, U.S. Department of State.

AGENCY: THE WHITE HOUSE—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
(Report of Tangible Gifts Furnished by the White House—Executive Office of the President)

Name and title of person accepting the gift on behalf of the U.S. Government	Gift, date of acceptance on behalf of the U.S. Government, estimated value, and current disposition or location	Identity of foreign donor and government	Circumstances justifying acceptance
The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States.	30" x 28" framed facsimile letter to Abraham Lincoln, dated June 4, 1863, from Henry Parks and the people of Sydney, Australia. Blanket case made of American and Australian wool in carrying case. Rec-1192016. Est. Value—\$215.00. Disposition—National Archives and Records Administration.	The Right Honorable Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister of Australia.	Non-acceptance would cause embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government.
The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States.	White linen set, hand-knit in the Ao po'i Paraguayan style, including large table cloth, two small table coverings, apron and napkins. Rec-11282016. Est. Value—\$550.00. Disposition—National Archives and Records Administration.	His Excellency German Riquelme, Ambassador of the Republic of Paraguay to the United States.	Non-acceptance would cause embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government.
The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States.	Three bottles of Italian wine and carrier box, Florence-made, of maple and burling leather, with a reproduction of the litho-	His Excellency Sergio Mattarella, President of the Italian Republic.	Non-acceptance would cause embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government.

Dissimilar Sources



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
(Public Notice: 1809)
Office of the Chief of Protocol: Gifts to Federal Employees From Foreign Governments: Sources Reported to Employing Agencies in Calendar Year 2015

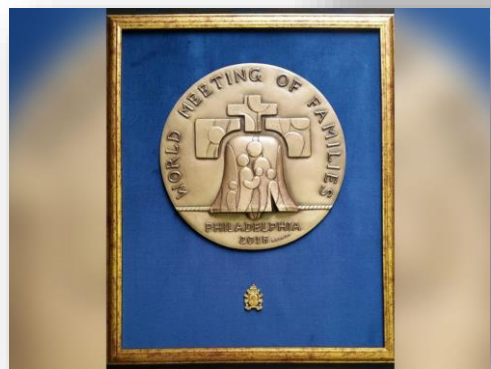
The Department of State collects the following comprehensive listing of the information which, as required by 5 U.S.C. 101-42.31, federal employees must file with their employing agencies during calendar year 2015 concerning gifts received from foreign government sources. The compilation includes reports of both tangible and intangible gifts of or derived from or on behalf of any individual or entity included in this listing. Gifts included are gifts received in previous years including any gifts in 2017, any gifts in 2015, any gifts in 2014, any gifts in 2013, any gifts in 2012, any gifts in 2011, any gifts in 2010, any gifts in 2009, any gifts in 2008, any gifts in 2007, any gifts in 2006, and any gifts with unknown dates. These gifts are being reported in 2018 as the Office of the Chief of Protocol, Department of State, did not receive the relevant submissions in 2018 or earlier in 2018.

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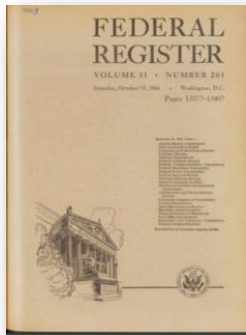
Publication of this listing in the *Federal Register* is required by Section 7302(a) of Title 5, United States Code, as added by Section 5622(c) of the Public Employee Pay Administration Act, Public Law 113-324 (July 26, 2015), and August 12, 1977 (50 Stat. 965).
 Daniel Dornblaser, Esq.
 William S. Smith,
 Justice Director General, U.S. Department of State

AGENCY: THE WHITE HOUSE—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
 (Paper or Digital Copy, Forwarded to the White House—Executive Office of the President)

Name and title of person accepting gift on behalf of the U.S. Government	DR: Title of organization on behalf of U.S. Government and contact information and location	Hosts of foreign donor and government	Circumstances justifying acceptance
The Honorable Marco Spina, President of the United States	Mr. Marco Spina, 1600 L Street, Suite 200, Washington, DC, 20540, USA, Tel: 202-456-3232, Email: marco.spina@state.gov	The High Representative for Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, European Council, 101 Avenue Louise, 1050 Brussels, Belgium	Non-acceptance would cause an embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government
The Honorable Marco Spina, President of the United States	Mr. Marco Spina, 1600 L Street, Suite 200, Washington, DC, 20540, USA, Tel: 202-456-3232, Email: marco.spina@state.gov	The Embassy of Mexico, 2200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201, USA	Non-acceptance would cause an embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government
The Honorable Marco Spina, President of the United States	Mr. Marco Spina, 1600 L Street, Suite 200, Washington, DC, 20540, USA, Tel: 202-456-3232, Email: marco.spina@state.gov	The Embassy of Mexico, 2200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201, USA	Non-acceptance would cause an embarrassment to donor and U.S. Government



Fragmented



Name and title of recipient	Site of activity, including address value and serial identification or location	Validity of foreign cover and geographic	Classification/Listing exception
President and Mrs. Carter	The Lincoln Plaza in South, 1555, located in self-over... Washington, DC	King Abdullah I and Queen Noor... Jordan	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President and Mrs. Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President and Mrs. Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
Mrs. President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
Mrs. President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
Mrs. President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
Mrs. President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]
Mrs. President Carter	1400... [unclear]... [unclear]... [unclear]	Pakistan, [unclear]	Non-acceptance would cause... information to... [unclear]

1482 Federal Register / Vol. 63, No. 47 / Thursday, January 13, 1998 / Notices

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Public Notice 1998-1
Office of the Chief of Protocol Gifts to Federal Employees From Foreign Governments (Regulated by 22 CFR 127.102)

The Department of State solicits the information of the following Federal employees (and their families) who are receiving gifts from foreign governments:

1. The following information should be furnished to the Office of the Chief of Protocol, Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20540-4500, on or before January 13, 1998:

(a) Name and title of recipient, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(b) Address, including street, city, state, and zip code, of the recipient, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(c) Name and title of donor, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(d) Name and title of the donor's employer, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(e) Name and title of the donor's position, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

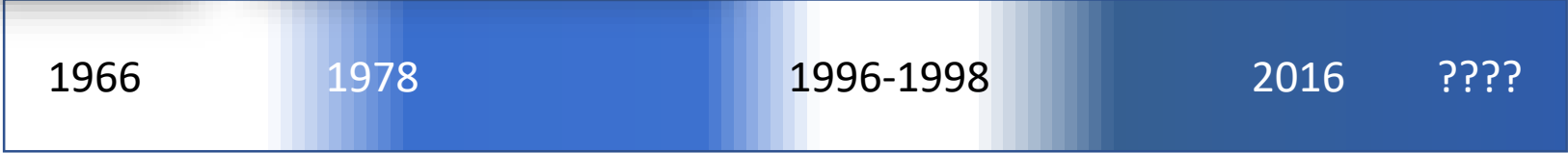
(f) Name and title of the donor's organization, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(g) Name and title of the donor's country, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

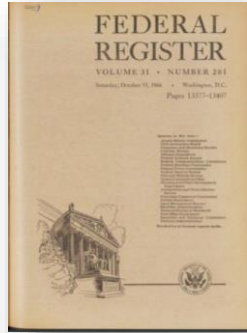
(h) Name and title of the donor's city, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(i) Name and title of the donor's state, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.

(j) Name and title of the donor's zip code, including full name, including maiden name, if applicable, and full name of spouse, if applicable, and full name of child, if applicable.



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AGENCY White House—President and Mrs. Carter, and Other First Party Members

Name and title or recipient	City, state of assignment, assignment value, and special classification or location	Identity of foreign donor and geography	Circumstances justifying acceptance
President and Mrs. Carter	Mr. Council Billie N. Smith, 1035, listed as self and one address located through	King Abdullah I and Queen	Non-acceptance would cause im-
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President and Mrs. Carter	Mr. Council Billie N. Smith, 1035, listed as self and one address located through	King Abdullah I and Queen	Non-acceptance would cause im-

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Office of the Chief of Protocol: Gifts to Foreign Employees From Foreign Government Sources Reported in Existing Applications in Calendar Year 2016	Agency for International Development
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1966

1978

1996-1998

2016

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2010

2016

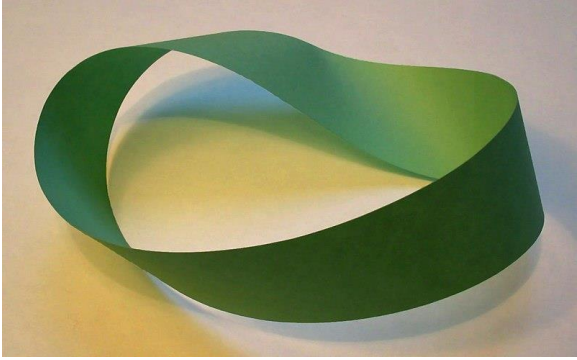
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Interdependent

- Temporal:
 - Phenomenon takes place in time
 - Datestamp?
 - What system?
 - Contextual?
 - Phenomenon takes place over time
 - How to trace the phenomenon longitudinally?
 - Snapshots?
 - Dynamic?
 - Multi-levelled?
- Geographically
- Linguistically
- Other phenomena
 - Diplomatic Gift Giving and Economy or Identity or Popularity or...



President and Mrs. Carter.....	The Louvain Bible in Dutch, 1553, bound in calf over wooden boards decorated w/fillets & rolls, 2 clasps—inscribed by donors. Recd. January 18, 1978. Est. Value—Over \$100. Transferred and stored at Archives.	King Baudouin I and Queen Fabiola, Belgium.
President and Mrs. Carter.....	Fine Belgium lace doily, white, 22: diameter. Recd January 18, 1978. Est. Value—Over \$100. Transferred and stored at Archives.	King Baudouin I and Queen Fabiola, Belgium.

Markup languages

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<quiz>
  <qanda seq="1">
    <question>
      Who was the forty-second
      president of the U.S.A.?
    </question>
    <answer>
      William Jefferson Clinton
    </answer>
  </qanda>
  <!-- Note: We need to add
  more questions later.-->
</quiz>
```

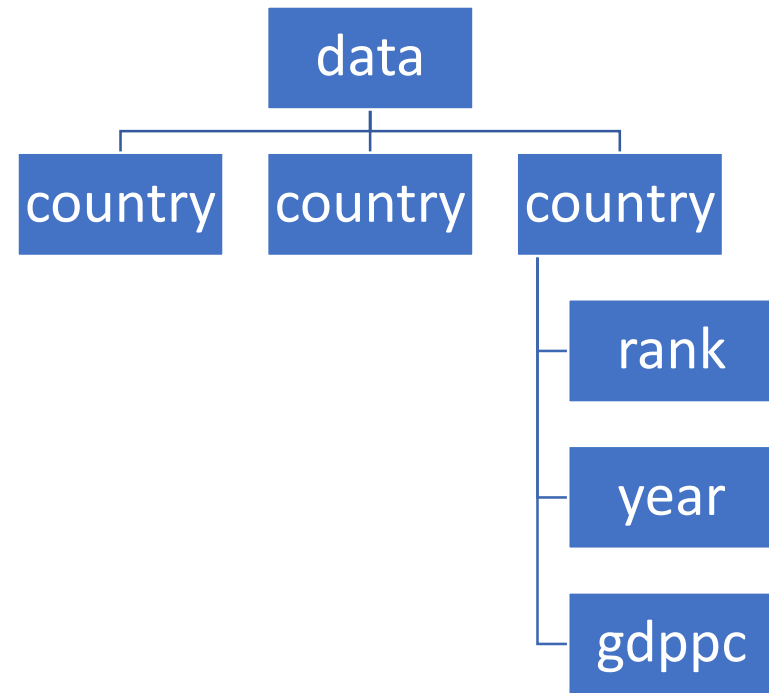
XML

- Describe data, but “don’t do anything” (not a programming language)
- Many different types:
 - HTML
 - Tex
 - Wiki-markup
- XML
 - **eXtensible:** can be extended (not a single pre-defined markup language)
 - **Markup:** from marking up a document, with <tags>...</tags>
 - **Language:** both human and machine readable, based in the Standard Generalized Markup Language (ISO 8879:1986)
- Authored by the World Wide Web Consortium, learn all about XML [in their tutorial](#).
- XML is a widely used format for data interchange
 - Comparable to JSON, but [not the same](#)

XML

example adapted from [Python's ElementTree](#) documentation

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<data>
  <country name="Liechtenstein">
    <rank>1</rank>
    <year>2008</year>
    <gdppc>141100</gdppc>
  </country>
  <country name="Singapore">
    <rank>4</rank>
    <year>2011</year>
    <gdppc>59900</gdppc>
  </country>
  <country name="Panama">
    <rank>68</rank>
    <year>2011</year>
    <gdppc>13600</gdppc>
  </country>
</data>
```



`<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>` → xml prolog

`<data>` → tag

`<data> ... </data>`: → element

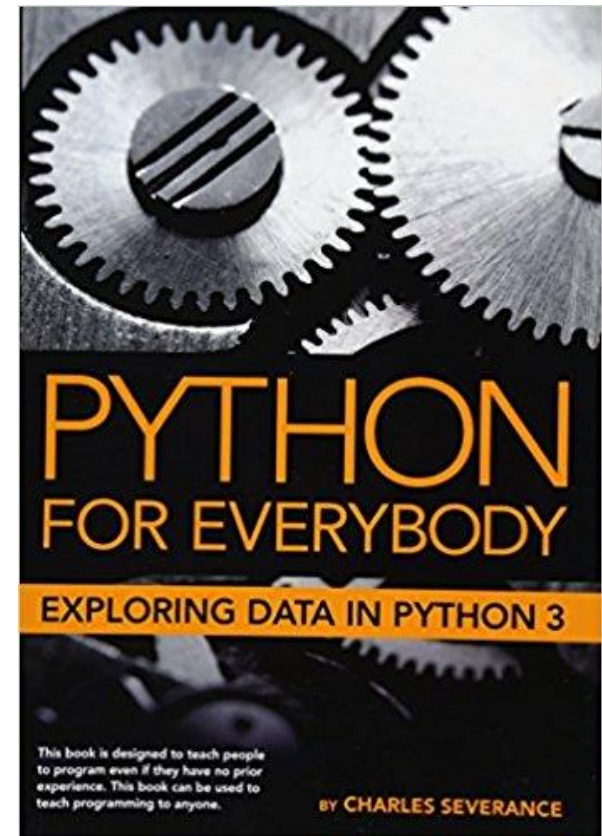
`name:` → attribute

`Liechtenstein:` → attribute value

`1` → text

Step - I: learn the basics of Python

- This how-to pre-supposes you understand the basics of Python, such as:
 - What variables are
 - What variable types are (e.g. integer, string)
 - What functions are
 - How to make for-loops
 - What an if-statement is
 - What a dictionary is in Python
- If you don't, you can still do this how-to, but you may not understand (some of) the code and why we use it.
- There are a LOT of Python tutorials out there
 - Learn Python!
 - Learn Python 3!
 - I learned Python from [Dr. Chuck](#).
 - www.py4e.com



Step 0: download the how-to folder, extract it to your workfolder, and access your files folder with Anaconda.

- You can find the files for this tutorial at www.shoresoftime.com/dighist in the schedule for the 4th class.
- Unzip them to a folder of your choice in your P: drive (tip: keep the path short)
- Open Anaconda console and navigate to the location

```
p: #navigate to your p: drive
cd #access folder
dir # see contents of folder
cd .. # go up one folder
cls # clear console screen
python helloworld.py # run a python program in Anaconda
```

- Tip: anything following # in Python is a “comment”, it will be ignored by the computer when reading through your program.
- Test it yourself:
 - Run helloworld.py

Step 1: access the xml-tree on the web



```
import urllib.request

url = 'http://www.shoresoftime.com/ObamaGifts.xml'
response = urllib.request.urlopen(url)
```

- All these steps can be found in the how-to folder, e.g. `step1.py`
- Try it yourself:
 - Open the `.py` file for editing
 - Write a function that will allow you to print the contents of `response` to the Anaconda console to see what you downloaded
 - hint: the python command to print to console is `print()`
 - Run the program
- **NB** Python or Anaconda does not have a built in virus scanner, so make sure, before you download anything, you can trust its source.

Step 2: save the xml-tree

```
import urllib.request

url = 'http://www.shoresoftime.com/ObamaGifts.xml'
response = urllib.request.urlopen(url)
contents = response.read()
file = open("ObamaGifts.xml", 'wb')
file.write(contents)
file.close()
```

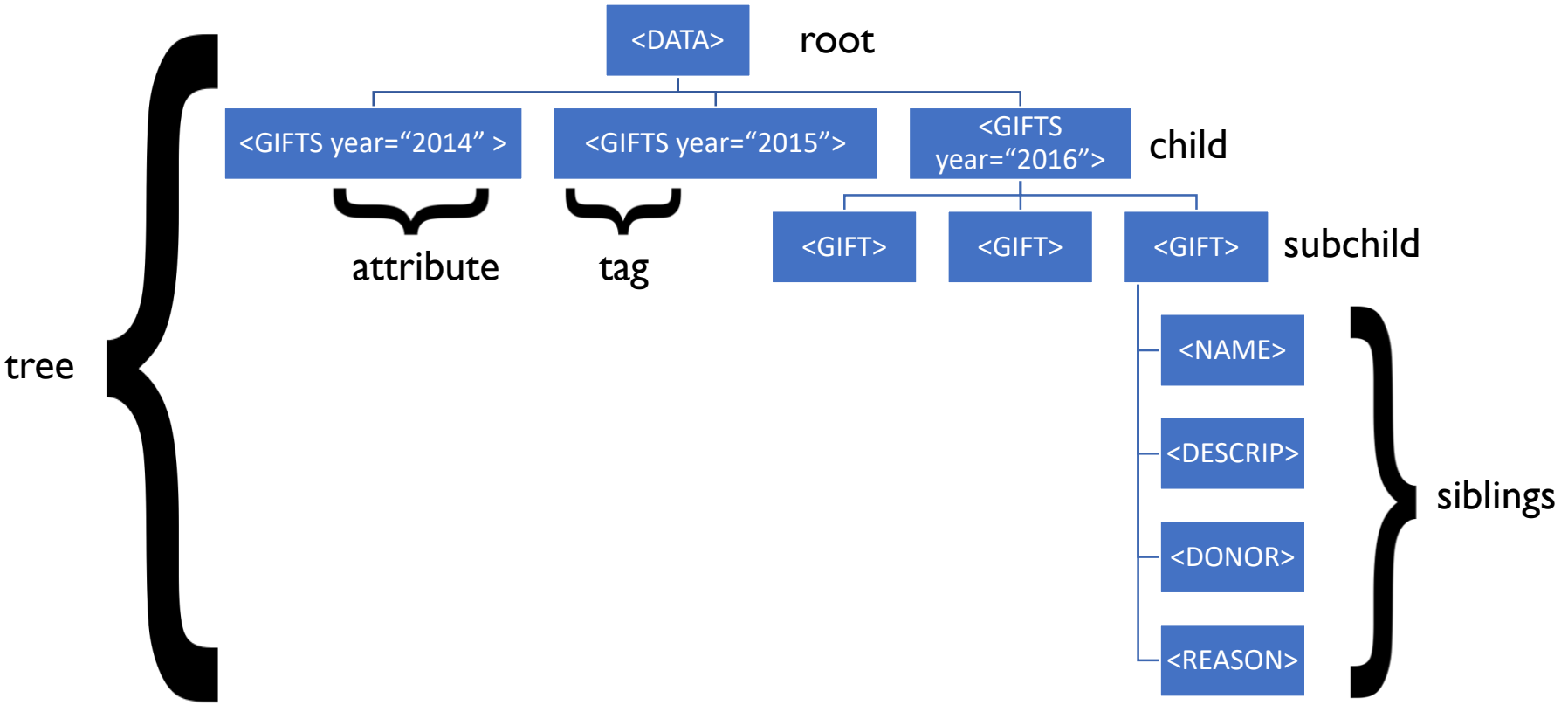


- Run the program
- NB this is a very long route to take to save a xml file, we could also have navigated to the page and simply saved it via the browser. Still, it is good to have a bit of practice for when you will need to automate webpage accessing and downloading.



Step 3: Open the tree

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as etree
with open('ObamaGifts.xml', 'rb') as xml_file:
    tree = etree.parse(xml_file)
root = tree.getroot()
```



Step 4: Look inside the tree



```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as etree
with open('ObamaGifts.xml', 'rb') as xml_file:
    tree = etree.parse(xml_file)

root = tree.getroot()

for child in root:
    print (child.tag)
```

- Run program
- Try it yourself:
 - Print the attribute of the GIFTS child
 - Hint: the abbreviation used here is attrib

Step 5: Look at the whole tree

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as etree
with open('ObamaGifts.xml', 'rb') as xml_file:
    tree = etree.parse(xml_file)

root = tree.getroot()

for element in tree.iter():
    print (element.tag)
```



- Run program
- Try it yourself:
 - Print the tag *and* the text of the elements
 - Hint: you can separate variables (or strings) to print with a ,
e.g. print (x,y)



Step 6: Cut the tree in pieces (it won't hurt)

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as etree
with open('ObamaGifts.xml', 'rb') as xml_file:
    tree = etree.parse(xml_file)

root = tree.getroot()

for child in root:
    print (child.tag)
    for attribute, value in child.attrib.items():
        if value != "2016": continue
        for subchild in child.iter():
            print (subchild.tag, subchild.text)
```

- Run program
- Try it yourself:
 - Change the != operator to ==, what happens?

Step 7:

How many gifts are under the tree?



```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as etree
with open('ObamaGifts.xml', 'rb') as xml_file:
    tree = etree.parse(xml_file)

root = tree.getroot()
giftevent = 0
gifts = root.findall("./GIFT")

for gift in gifts:
    if "Barack Obama" in gift[0].text: giftevent = giftevent + 1 giftevent =
str(giftevent)
print ("Barack Obama had " + giftevent + " foreign gift parties during his presidency.")
```

- Run program
- Try it yourself:
 - How many gift events did Hillary have during the same time?
 - Tip: she is the only Hillary in this database

Assignment III

- Remember: these federal employees are not even supposed to accept gifts from foreign sources!
- End goal of this assignment is to have an exhaustive list of all the reasons these people have for still accepting gifts.
- Aim is to be able to extract information from an XML file as well as find solution to a programming question online.
- Spend 2 hours on this
- By next Tuesday, hand in, via a direct message to me in Slack:
 - your solution/the current output of your script (even if it is an error)
 - your script (even if it does not function)
 - a short overview of how you got to where you did (resources used, alternative solutions tried, etc.)

See you next week!