

Definitions

- What is open data?
Open data is the idea that certain [data](#) should be freely available to everyone to use and republish as they wish, without restrictions from [copyright](#), [patents](#) or other mechanisms of control.
- Examples of open data in use
 - Bus tracker - <http://www.ctabustracker.com/bustime/home.jsp>
 - Everyblock - <http://www.everyblock.com/>
- Using Open Data with Google Maps
 - My Maps - <http://www.google.com/maps/mm>
 - Fusion Tables (more on this later)

Examples

- Chicago TIF Projects - <http://derekeder.com/maps/chicago-tif/>
- Chicago Bike Crash Reports - <http://derekeder.com/maps/chicago-bike-crash-reports/>
- Vacant and Abandoned Building Finder - <http://chicagobuildings.org/>
- Chicago Public School Tiers - <http://cpstiers.opencityapps.org/>
- ClearStreets - <http://clearstreets.org/2012-1-20/>

Tools

- Fusion Tables
 - Create a new map from scratch - <http://www.google.com/fusiontables/Home/>
 - Searchable Map Template - http://derekeder.com/searchable_map_template/
- Data sources
 - City of Chicago - <https://data.cityofchicago.org/>
 - Cook County - <http://data.cookcountyil.gov/>
 - Federal - <http://www.data.gov/>

More?

- Open City - <http://opencityapps.org/>
- Opengov Hack Night tonight! - <http://gathers.us/events/open-government-hack-night-organized-by-open-city-6d191>

Links offered up by attendees

- Cook County Property Info - <http://cookcountypropertyinfo.com/>
- Cook Viewer - <http://cookviewer1.cookcountyil.gov/jsviewer/index.html>