# **Magic: The Gathering**

And how Python came to the rescue

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# What is Magic: The Gathering?

Collectible card game invented by Richard Garfield and released in 1993.

Played using a 60-card deck, usually between 2 players, each with 20 starting life.

There are 5 different colours of mana used as primary resource to cast creatures and spells.

Incorporates beautiful art, extensive lore and on-going storyline.

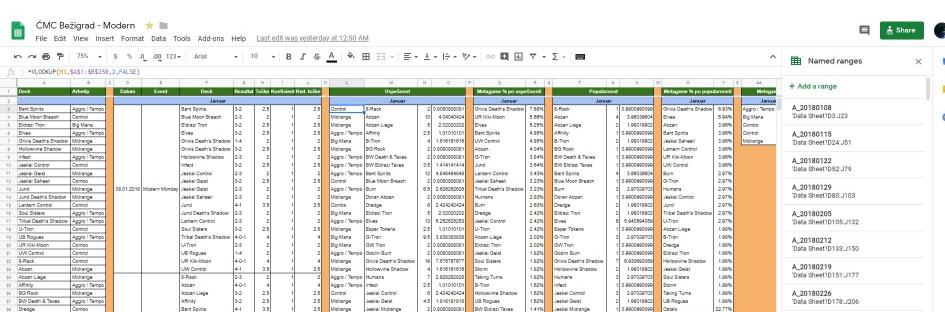


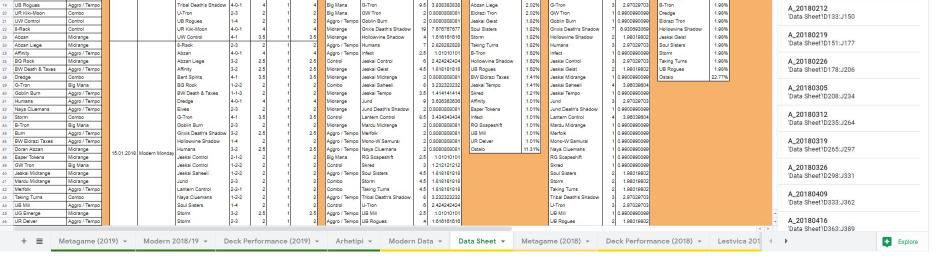
# **Keeping track of stats**

I run a weekly MtG playgroup with 25 players on average and I kinda love to keep track of various statistics.

Decks played, deck performance, match results etc.

How to keep track of them? Google Sheets, doh!



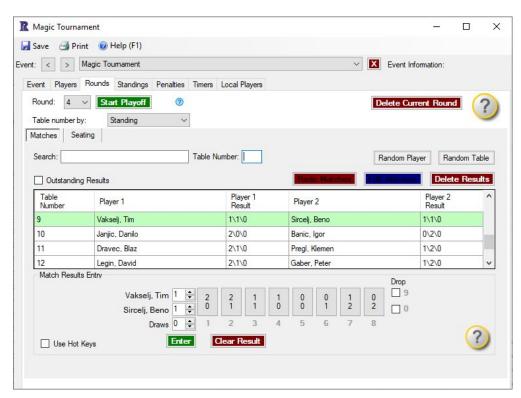


# Python to the rescue!

Wizards Event Reporter is the official tournament software. **Problem?** 

It's outdated, buggy and lack several important features.

But not all is lost, you can export tournament data in .xml!



### **WER Parser 0.1**

- 1. Parse the XML file and convert it to JSON
- 2. Filter out the relevant data and save it using SQLite:
  - First name, last name, DCI
  - Tournament info (date, tournament ID, format)
  - Match and round info (matchups, match outcomes)
- 3. Calculate Glicko2 rating for each player

#### Players table

	uid	firstname	lastname	country	rating	rating_deviation	volatility
	Filter	Filter	Filter	F	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	8300087457	Roman	Demir	SI	1670.1184	169.6617042	0.0600
2	1154280	Anze	Avsec	SI	1581.6114	45.39007491	0.0600
3	8213635254	Jan	Holc	SI	1555.5928	55.13606511	0.0598
4	5213574210	Áron	Horváth	US	1544.6163	57.53913937	0.0601
5	4081042226	Matic	Morgan	SI	1519.4318	94.52185403	0.0599
6	9318556489	Gal	Bumbar	SI	1515.3419	47.93254617	0.0600
7	8106795907	Nik	Bradac	SI	1512.1947	70.89243546	0.0599
8	36084463	Tomo	Pejanovi	SI	1511.0893	57.71437103	0.0599
9	8213635288	Drek	Money	SI	1509.8482	49.43404093	0.0599
10	4208078432	Mario	Hercezi	US	1496.2656	95.29058631	0.0600
11	51151183	Klemen	Pregl	SI	1495.7047	44.81193088	0.0599
12	3112749452	Dai	Pejanovi	SI	1493.8012	82.48015986	0.0600
13	7107034362	David	Legin	SI	1475.6864	48.57795587	0.0599
14	1318559986	Jost	Pintar	US	1469.6825	44.33313693	0.0601
15	87567567	Bor	Bogozalec	US	1467.6049	155.6549529	0.0599
16	4213629327	Peter	Kolar	SI	1463.3749	48.09749245	0.0599
17	4105376852	Ziga	Abram	US	1463.1425	170.3452641	0.0599
18	2212290746	Miha	Zehelj	SI	1461.8360	44.36764553	0.0600
19	1154281	Igor	Banic	SI	1450.4574	43.85676355	0.0599
20	2319061445	Rok	Kosir	US	1449.4179	78.32682272	0.0599
21	0212625205	Dlaz	Uron	CI	1///2 9627	49 75620565	0.0500

#### Matches table

	uid	round_uid	player_uid	opponent_uid	win	loss	draw	outcome
	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter				Filter
1	a7753b65-49c	af79ccd1-9600	9316065110	NULL	2	0	0	3
2	d8bcaa55-4a8	af79ccd1-9600	36084463	6030220335	2	1	0	1
Ę	580653b3-9e	af79ccd1-9600	3112749452	7105361501	2	1	0	1
	a84db54e-4ec	af79ccd1-9600	3112749803	4318719640	2	0	0	1
	9fa4ad64-671	af79ccd1-9600	8213635372	2319061445	2	1	0	1
	a0cfd3b1-e97	af79ccd1-9600	2318723317	8213635288	2	1	0	1
	b1cf4855-8aa	af79ccd1-9600	3106784408	1318559986	2	0	0	1
	5c27cfd2-063	af79ccd1-9600	1030220331	7107034362	2	1	0	1
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1	85f801b0-2d9	af79ccd1-9600	8213635285	62880550	2	1	0	1
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6	d2e9e8af-893	363a2d06-4da	3106784408	5213574210	2	0	0	1
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9	0ada0775-2d	363a2d06-4da	4213629327	2319061445	2	0	0	1
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## That's all... for now!

Thanks for listening, I'll just leave this here.

