Utilising our external APIs

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Introduction

Paper: My experiences serving API to external users

Presentation:
1. Real world API examples
2. Don't reinvent the wheel, open source tools for using our APIs
3. Tools example

Why API?

- Most nordic NSIs use PxWeb and share the same API, PxWebApi

- API provides access to our statbanks and data through machine to machine communication

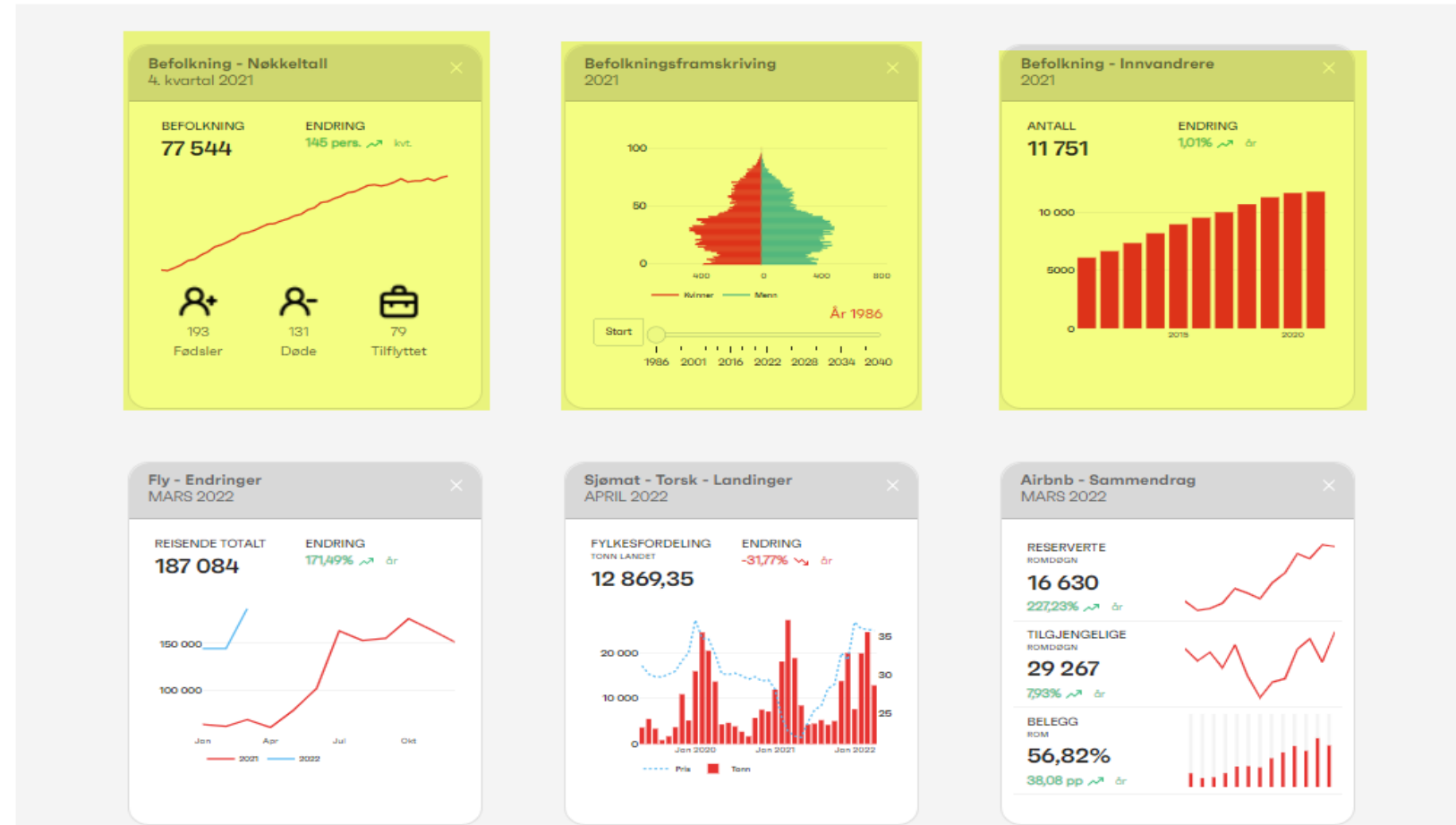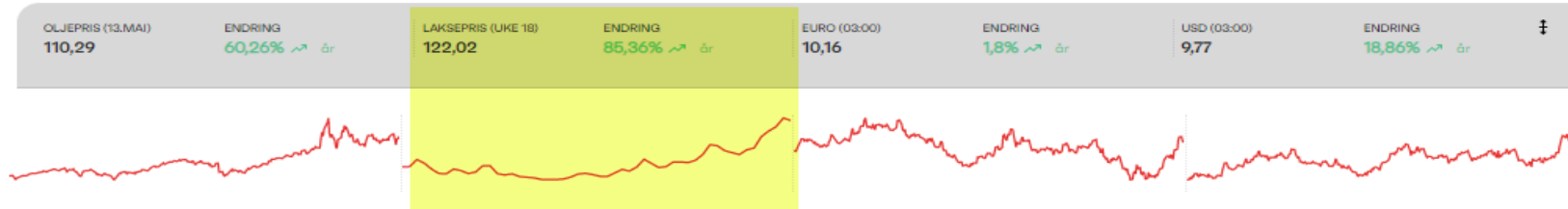- The user can customise the query and data within their own software environment

Api example 1 - Bloomberg one-liner

- Data assisted economic journalism

API-example 2 – Kunnskapsbanken Nord-Norge

Yellow: SSB API data

Do not reinvent the wheel

- Reduce learning curve

- Use and improve
  the Statbank API-tools
  - See appendix

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PxWebApiData	JSON-stat	R	h
JSON-stat Toolkit	JSON-stat	Javascript	h
Pyjstat	JSON-stat	Python	h
jsonstat.py	JSON-stat	Python	h
Tableau WDC	JSON-stat	Tableau	
json-stat.java	JSON-stat	Java	h
JSONStat.jl	JSON-stat	Julia	h
Stats-to-pandas	JSON-stat	Python	h
SSB_API_helper	JSON-stat	Python	h
PxWebApiData call creator	JSON-stat	R	
PxR	Px	R	
pyaxis	Px	Python	h
PxWeb	SCB-JSON	R	
pyscbwrapper	SCB-JSON	Python	
Q4OpenData	SCB-JSON	Excel/PowerB	h
getstatbanktable	CSV	SAS	h

Other links

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Awesome official statistics software			
ERC (Economic RESTful Client)		JavaScript	

A list of tools for utilizing our APIs

Annex

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Tools example: From PxWeb via API to R

From Statbank via API to application

PxwebApiData
Call creater

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rjstat

PxWeb/ PxwebApi

Tools
open source

R
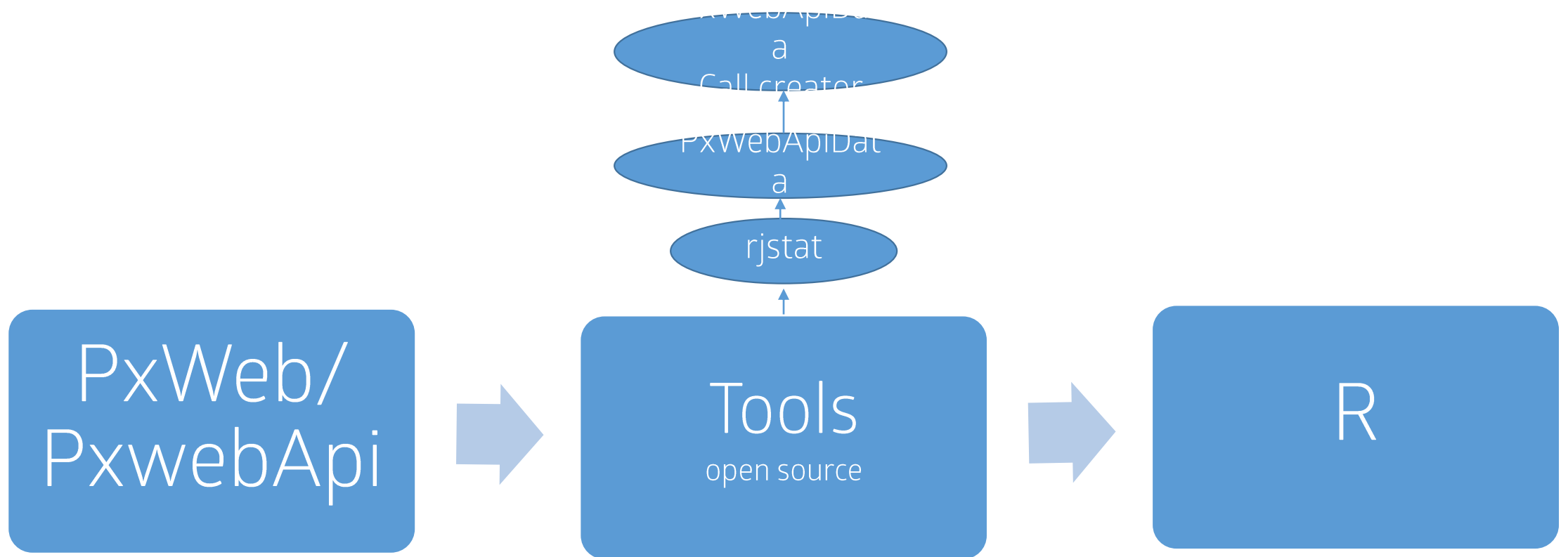
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Most API users are not professional developers

- To build competence we have done:
  - Help and resource pages.
  - Code examples in R, Python, JavaScript, also as Jupyter notebooks.
  - Half day courses (physical and online) 3-8 times a year, (400 participants)
  - [Short and long videos](#)
  - User support by statistikkbanken@ssb.no
  - Mailing list – a few times a year about news and big changes to the tables
  - Participation at user meetings, seminars etc.
  - Hacks – national and local at Statistics Norway
  - Social media (Twitter, LinkedIn)

Check out Statistics Norway's API pages, ssb.no/api