These days, unless something has the epithet “smart” attached to it, it is nothing. Smart Energy solutions promise cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy. Smart Cities promise better quality of life for its citizens. We will argue that for a “system” to be SMART, it should Sense Meaningfully, Analyze and Respond Timely. Using real-world examples from the domains of Smart Energy and Smart Cities, this talk will illustrate the central role of data in being SMART.

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