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Tools and methods for data collection, secondary use of collected datasets

Universially useful skills and tools

- R
- Python
- (Excel)
- Tableau (<http://www.tableau.com/>)

Data Collection

Data access options

APIs

Official resellers

„manual“ forms
of collection

Re-using
published
datasets

Third party tools

(Crowdsourcing)

(via social media
companies)

Inequality in data access possibilities

- Data haves and data have nots
 - ▶ Financial reasons
 - ▶ Connections to companies
 - ▶ Different skills
 - ▶ ...

Data access options

Via APIs (Application Programming Interface)

- Not developed for scholarly uses – but still frequently used.
- With several limitations
- May change their terms of services

Wikipedia API for Python



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wikipedia 1.2.1

Wikipedia API for Python

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Wikipedia is a Python library that makes it easy to access and parse data from Wikipedia.

Search Wikipedia, get article summaries, get data like links and images from a page, and more. Wikipedia wraps the [MediaWiki API](#) so you can focus on using Wikipedia data, not getting it.

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```

>>> import wikipedia
>>> print wikipedia.summary("Wikipedia")
# Wikipedia (/,wɪkɪˈpiːdiə/ or /,wɪkiˈpiːdiə/ WIK-i-PEE-dee-ə) is a collaboratively edited, multilingual, free Internet encyclo

>>> wikipedia.search("Barack")
# [u'Barak (given name)', u'Barack Obama', u'Barack (brandy)', u'Presidency of Barack Obama', u'Family of Barack Obama', u'First

>>> ny = wikipedia.page("New York")
>>> ny.title
# u'New York'
>>> ny.url
# u'http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York'
>>> ny.content
# u'New York is a state in the Northeastern region of the United States. New York is the 27th-most exten'...
>>> ny.links[0]
```

Wikipedia



- Editable articles about present and past events
- Collective intelligence?

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World War I: Revision history

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Browse history

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Wikipedia: Edit Wars

TABLE I
NUMBER OF REVERTS DETECTED. THE UPPER PART CORRESPONDS TO A GROUP OF PAGES WITH SEVERE CONFLICTS (EXCEPT THOSE IN *italics*); BELOW THE HORIZONTAL LINE THERE ARE PEACEFUL PAGES (EXCEPT THOSE IN *italics*).

Both txt and cmt	Only in txt	Only in cmt	Article titlee
4103	930	328	Global warming
2375	478	142	Homosexuality
1847	617	201	Abortion
1494	260	35	<i>Benjamin Franklin</i>
1425	437	130	Elvis Presley
1396	233	67	Nuclear power
1298	536	104	Nicolaus Copernicus
1071	211	51	Tiger
1036	248	58	Euthanasia
937	204	58	Alzheimer's disease
870	192	50	Gun politics
836	172	23	<i>Sherlock Holmes</i>
689	213	49	Arab-Israeli conflict
659	496	138	Israel and the apartheid analogy
652	387	88	Liancourt Rocks
642	250	39	Schizophrenia
516	164	472	Gaza war
431	186	30	1948 Arab-Israeli war
416	73	9	<i>Pumpkin</i>
380	284	58	Gdańsk
318	158	20	SQL

Wikipedia: Cultural Disparities?

Top 10 [\[Bearbeiten\]](#)

Die zehn Wikipedias mit den meisten Artikeln (Stand: 2. November 2014) sind:

Platz ↕	Sprache ↕	Hauptseite ↕	Artikel ↕	Artikelanzahl ↕	Bearbeitungen ↕	aktive Benutzer ↕
1.	Englisch	en.wikipedia.org ↗	englischsprachige Wikipedia	4.636.938	741.415.918	133.327
2.	Schwedisch	sv.wikipedia.org ↗	schwedischsprachige Wikipedia	1.946.828	28.362.530	2.884
3.	Niederländisch	nl.wikipedia.org ↗	niederländischsprachige Wikipedia	1.794.646	43.378.140	4.136
4.	Deutsch	de.wikipedia.org	deutschsprachige Wikipedia	1.771.852	141.065.828	19.583
5.	Französisch	fr.wikipedia.org ↗	französischsprachige Wikipedia	1.557.616	111.055.268	15.797
6.	Wáray-Wáray	war.wikipedia.org ↗	Wáray-Wáray-Wikipedia	1.258.797	6.061.557	91
7.	Cebuano	ceb.wikipedia.org ↗	Cebuanosprachige Wikipedia	1.208.461	5.648.796	58
8.	Russisch	ru.wikipedia.org ↗	russischsprachige Wikipedia	1.159.533	78.861.652	10.604
9.	Italienisch	it.wikipedia.org ↗	italienischsprachige Wikipedia	1.153.610	74.240.982	7.969
10.	Spanisch	es.wikipedia.org ↗	spanischsprachige Wikipedia	1.135.390	83.351.817	17.215

Wikipedia dumps

- Also available via the Internet Archive.
- Capture Wikipedia at one point in time.
- E.g. German Wikipedia is about 3 GB plus 15 GB for images.

<https://dumps.wikimedia.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Database_download

What can you do with Wikipedia data?

- Look at edit history.
- Use as text corpus.
- Compare text length, language use etc. for example across categories.
- Extract links.
- Compare language versions.
- ...

Twitter API ✓
@twitterapi

The Real Twitter API. I tweet about API changes, service issues and happily answer questions about Twitter and our API. Don't get an answer? It's on my website.

San Francisco, CA · <http://dev.twitter.com>

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<https://dev.twitter.com/docs/api/1.1>

<https://dev.twitter.com/blog>

Twitter APIs

STREAMING API

- Push-based, Live-Stream
- Public stream vs. User stream
- Researchers need tools to keep connected to the stream.

REST API

- Limited number of requests per hour
- Social graph data (who is following whom)
- Trending topics
- And many more

How To Search Twitter

Twitter searches have a wide range of options.

Example	How It Works
twitter search	containing both "twitter" and "search". This is the default operator.
"happy hour"	containing the exact phrase "happy hour".
love OR hate	containing either "love" or "hate" (or both).
beer -root	containing "beer" but not "root".
#haiku	containing the hashtag "haiku".
from:alexiskold	sent from person "alexiskold".
to:techcrunch	sent to person "techcrunch".
@mashable	referencing person "mashable".
"happy hour" near:"san francisco"	containing the exact phrase "happy hour" and sent near "san francisco".
superhero since:2010-12-27	containing "superhero" and sent since date "2010-12-27" (year-month-day).
ftw until:2010-12-27	containing "ftw" and sent up to date "2010-12-27".
movie -scary :)	containing "movie", but not "scary", and with a positive attitude.
flight :(containing "flight" and with a negative attitude.
traffic ?	containing "traffic" and asking a question.
hilarious filter:links	containing "hilarious" and linking to URLs.
news source:twitterfeed	containing "news" and entered via TwitterFeed



Deutschland hat gewählt. Insgesamt gab es am Wahltag mehr als 350.000 Tweets zur #btw13. blog.twitter.com/de/2013/deutschland-hat-gewaehlt
pic.twitter.com/Ki9BJ523hQ

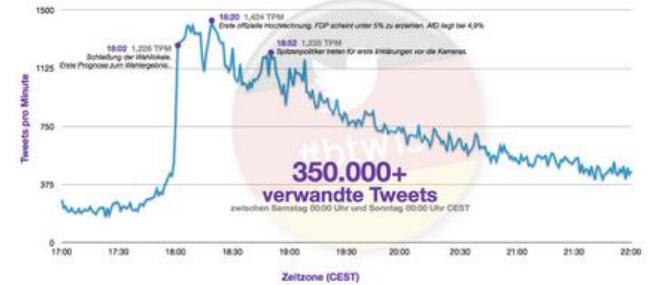
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#BTW13: Der Wahltag

Tweets mit #btw13, Spitzenkandidaten, Parteien und relevanten Schlagwörtern — 22. September 2013
Folge @twitter_politik für weitere Updates und Informationen.



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RETWEETS

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FAVORITES



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2   "created_at": "Mon Sep 23 09:28:38 +0000 2013",
3   "id": 382074015386329100,
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36  }
37 }

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Exploring the Twitter API

Getting Started

View

What links here

Updated on Thu, 2013-01-17 08:58

Explore the API on your own machine using [Twitter for Mac](#)'s developer console or our command-line [Twurl](#) tool.

Explore the API here by using this console provided by [@apigee](#).

The screenshot shows the Twitter API console interface. At the top, it displays the service URL 'https://api.twitter.com/1.1' and the authentication method 'twitter-kwelle'. Below this, there is a search bar for API methods. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Timelines' and 'Tweets'. The 'Timelines' section lists three methods: GET /statuses/mentions_timeline.json, GET /statuses/user_timeline.json, and GET /statuses/home_timeline.json. The 'Tweets' section lists seven methods: GET /statuses/retweets/{id}.json, GET /statuses/show/{id}.json, POST /statuses/destroy/{id}.json, POST /statuses/update.json, POST /statuses/retweet/{id}.json, and POST /statuses/update_with_media.json. A 'Response' section is visible on the right side of the console.

Find your own user ID:

<http://www.idfromuser.com/>

<https://dev.twitter.com/console>

Sina Weibo

Practical Guide for using Sina Weibo's API

Hi! We are [Wang Ling](#) and [Guang Xiang](#) from the [Language Technologies Institute](#) in [Carnegie Mellon University](#).

This is a practical guide for programmers and researchers who intend to use [Sina Weibo's Open API](#) as part of their work. We found during our research (description found [here](#)) that the current official documentation is unclear and inconsistent in some extent, and in several occasions we had to learn using a trial and error process, which took some time and effort. Thus, we are writing this guide to share what we know and facilitate the usage of this API to new users.

This guide is intended for both Mandarin and non-Mandarin speakers.

In this guide you will learn to:

1. [Create a Sina Weibo Account](#)
2. [Set up Open Weibo Account and Register an Application](#)
3. [Using the Sina Weibo API](#)

1 - Creating a Sina Weibo Account

The first step is to create an Weibo account, this should be relatively straight-forward, but might be hard if you cannot read Mandarin. If that is your case follow the steps below.

1-1 - Go to <http://www.weibo.com/> and you should see the interface below

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~lingwang/weiboguide/>


<https://builtvisible.com/gathering-data-sina-weibo-api/>

Sina Weibo

The screenshot shows a blog post from Altmetric. At the top left is the Altmetric logo. At the top right are the links 'Who are we?' and 'Prod'. The main heading is 'Announcing Sina Weibo support'. Below this is a profile picture of Euan Adie, the author, with the text 'Euan Adie, 7th April 2014' and a link to '16 comments'. The body of the post contains three paragraphs of text explaining the new data source and the challenges of tracking research in China. At the bottom, there is a preview of an article titled 'Extended lifespan and reduced adiposity in mice lacking the FAT10 gene' with a score of 42. The preview includes a circular score indicator, a 'Score in context' section, and a 'Mentioned by' section with a legend for news outlets, tweeters, and Weibo users.

Altmetric Who are we? Prod

Announcing Sina Weibo support

 **Euan Adie**, 7th April 2014
[16 comments](#)

We're really pleased to announce that we're now collecting data from [Sina Weibo](#), and it'll start appearing in visualisations and on the details pages soon.

You may have noticed that on the demographics tab for most articles China doesn't usually show much attention, even when the paper is by Chinese authors. That's because Twitter, Facebook and Wikipedia are all [blocked in mainland China](#).

Chinese researchers do talk about academic papers though, just elsewhere. One of the requests we see most often from publishers is for us track systems like [Sina Weibo](#), which is a popular microblogging service of a similar size to Twitter – with half a billion users and some 100 million messages per day.

Never let it be said that we don't listen! You'll start seeing the data soon:

42

Score in context
Article is amongst the highest ever scored in this journal (ranked #30 of 632)
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Mentioned by
4 news outlets
8 tweeters
1 Weibo user

Extended lifespan and reduced adiposity in mice lacking the FAT10 gene

News Twitter Weibo Score Demographics Help

So far Altmetric has seen 1 Sina Weibo mention.

朱邦同
Lalonde 10,000 followers
【研究发现长寿新通路-脂蛋白代谢】衰老伴随着蛋白平衡的失调，而蛋白合成与成熟依赖于内质网。研究发现内质网蛋白的正确折叠需要恰当的糖基化修饰，而脂蛋白代谢途径正是与糖基化密切相关。该化修饰还可强化内质网功能而延长寿命，补充N-乙酰的衍生物-乙酰葡萄糖胺可延长寿命。 <http://t.cn/Bsw09hw>

14-May-2014

Data access options

Via official resellers

- Rather costly fees
- Contracts may need to be made with the head of an institute rather than with individual researchers.
- Some technical understanding is required
- May prohibit sharing the data
- Main players: GNIP and Datasift



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

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STREAM for social data


Access to data from billions of conversations

Social Data encompasses many things: the voice of your customers, the activities of your competitors, and the preferences of the marketplace. There is a massive amount of content being created and shared continuously across multiple networks and in various formats.




Unified Access

Single API and unified data format across the world's social networks, news and other data sources.




Historic & Real-Time Access

Access [historic social data](#) and real-time data from a platform containing billions of interactions across multiple social networks.



Compliance

Ensure compliance with the data providers' Terms of Service. Filter licensed news content with copyright holder metadata appended.



Context

Using VEDO to Tag and Score your social data automatically; categorising it on its meaning and helping you transform it into actionable data for your application.

Data access options

Via third party tools

- Black box effect – lack of transparency
- Fees may apply
- Changes are possible
- Additional layer of legal restrictions (e.g. limiting what might be published)

Data access options

„Manual“ forms of collection

- E.g. copy-and-paste, screenshots
- Time-consuming, error-prone
- Little exchange about best practices, non standardized
- Good in addition to other methods, e.g. to capture images and as „proof“

Data access options

Reuse of existing datasets

- Lack of available datasets
- Lack of standards for documentation and formats
- Lack of persistent identifiers
- Legal and ethical restrictions

Data access options

Crowdsourcing

- Little guidance / best practices
- Via Amazon Mechanical Turk and others: ethical challenges
- Via Apps (e.g. on Facebook)

Data access options

Via social media companies

- Usually in form of privileged access (special agreements)
- High-quality data
- Limitations on usage and sharing

Research groups that offer different tools or training

Digital Methods Initiative

- <https://wiki.digitalmethods.net/Dmi/ToolDatabase>

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- The Link
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- The Engine
- The Spheres
- The Webs
- Post-demographics
- Networked Content

DMI Tools

Media Analysis: Media Monitoring | Mapping | Clouding | Comparative Media Analysis


Data Treatment: Data Collection | Data Analysis | Information Visualization

Natively Digital: The Link | The URL | The Tag | The Domain | The PageRank | The Robots.txt

Device Centric: Google | Google Images | Google News | Google Blog Search | Yahoo | Wikipedia | Alexa | IssueCrawler | Twitter | Facebook | Amazon | iTunes | Wayback

Spherical: Web Sphere | News Sphere | Blogosphere | Tag Sphere | Video Sphere | Image Sphere

Amazon Book Explorer




Launch tool [Instructions & Scenarios of Use](#)

Provides different analytics for Amazon.com's book search

Bubble Lines

polar bear (73) red fox (11)
 turtle (19) marmot (77) pe
 (105) eagle (127) crane (1
 puffin (46) walrus (85) wh
 (113) dolphin (130) panda
 orangutan (90) elephant (1
 roq (99) tiger (104) pika (



Launch tool [Instructions & Scenarios of Use](#)

Input tags and values to produce relatively sized bubbles. Output is an svg.


Censorship Explorer

IRAN	response code for request
www.collegehumor.com/	Block
www.asehu.com/	OK
www.giphy.com	OK
www.anonymousexpress.net/	OK
www.webshots.com/	OK
www.supernews.com/	OK
nature.org/	OK
news.bbc.co.uk/	HTTP/1.0 503 Service Unavail

Launch tool [Instructions & Scenarios of Use](#)

Check whether a URL is censored in a particular country by using proxies located around the world.

Colors For Data Scientists



Launch tool [Instructions & Scenarios of Use](#)

Generate and refine palettes of optimally distinct colors. (by Médialab Sciences-Po)

Digital Methods Initiative

Includes

- Tools for extracting and resolving URLs
- Tool for scraping google images
- Wikipedia Edits Scraper
- ...

They also offer Summer / Winter Schools.

- <https://wiki.digitalmethods.net/Dmi/ToolDatabase>

Statistical Cybermetrics Research Group Wolverhampton



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Free Link Crawler, Hyperlink Database and Resources

- ✦ The **sentiment strength detection program SentiStrength** is available free for non-commercial use.
- ✦ A brief description of **information-centred research (ICR)**, a paradigm used extensively by the research group.
- ✦ A **MySpace ID map** is available, especially for researchers using the CPAN Perl module **WWW::Myspace**.
- ✦ A summary of **instructions for webometric searches in the main search engines**.
- ✦ **Mozdeh - Twitter time series and sentiment analysis** is online with instructions.
- ✦ **Webometric Analyst** link analysis software for lists of links or URLs - together with an interface for automatically fetching results from Bing and for various other webometric tasks.
- ✦ **SocSciBot** free Web link crawler with free link analysis and text analysis tools.
- ✦ **Free database of web link files** for the UK, Australian, New Zealand, Spanish, Mainland Chinese and Taiwanese academic Webs.
- ✦ SCIT Cybermetrics Web intelligence consulting - our commercial consultancy venture offering services to businesses and non-commercial organisations.
- ✦ The web site for the book: **Link analysis: An information science approach**. Academic Press.

<http://cybermetrics.wlv.ac.uk/resources.htm>

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Includes for example:

- Text analysis, Sentiment Analyse
- Webometrics: „Web citation data“

Open Educational Ressources

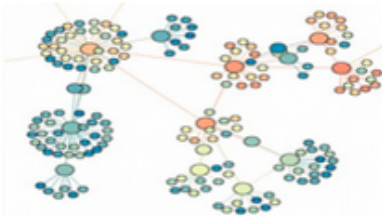
coursera



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Social Network Analysis

by Lada Adamic





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1A Why Social Network Analysis? (13:54)

1B Software Tools (13:13)

1C Degree and Connected Components (20:32)

1D Gephi Demo (9:20)

▼ Week 2: Random Graph Models

2A Advanced Version: Introduction to random graph models (16:58)

2B Regular/Advanced version: random graphs and alternative models (20:04)

2C Advanced version: Models of network growth (25:28)

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6.827
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Frage: ist es Sexistisch, machotum oder einfach nett, wenn ich einer Frau die Tür aufhalte? [#Aufschrei](#)
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Yvi [teamyvi](#)

[#aufschrei](#) die beschneidung von frauen in afrika lässt mich aufschreien. das hier diskutierte ist schlicht primitiv.

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Michael Malucha [MichaJavelin](#)

RT [@Schopi21](#): haben wir keine anderen probleme als sexismus? währungskrise,inflation,energiepreisexlosion? [#aufschrei](#)

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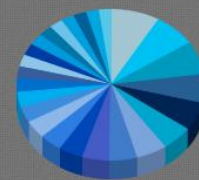


Prinzessin Putzig [Pommetie](#)

Mann, geht mir dieses Opfer-Täter Spielchen gegen den Strich. Irgendwas mit [#aufschrei](#)

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kulturplaneten (...
Konstanz_Kriti...
blawpp (308)
hdBerretz (271)

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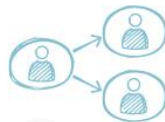
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<http://mappingonlinepublics.net/2011/06/21/switching-from-twapperkeeper-to-yourtwapperkeeper/>

Digital Footprints (for Facebook)

INVITE PARTICIPANTS

Invite participants to join your research project by sending them an email with a sign up link. The link directs the participant to a Facebook app with consent procedures that permit you to collect data from Facebook.



RETRIEVE DATA

When a participant has given his/her consent the selected relevant data is automatically retrieved from Facebook. Collecting further data during the research project requires only a single click.



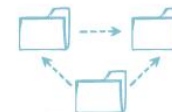
SEARCH, SORT AND FILTER

All data collected from Facebook is indexed and can be searched just like using your typical search engine. Both the whole dataset as well as search results can be sorted on several attributes and filtered by e.g. time ranges.



STATISTICS

Digital Footprints software also allows the researchers to make different statistics on the collected data. The statistics enable researchers to discover patterns and trends and monitor developments over time.



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Your Name (required)

Your Email (required)

Organisation (required)

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Send

Credits:

- COSMOS user interface, data analysis and visualisation by Cardiff University
- COSMOS data collection by University of St. Andrews
- Sentiment Analysis via [SentiStrength](#) by University of Wolverhampton

🏠 Social Feed Manager

m5_004

Search docs

- Introduction
- Installation and Configuration
- Daily operations
- Management commands
- Working with supervisor and streams
- Use Cases
- Data Dictionary
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Troubleshooting
- Release Notes

Open Source (including Read the Docs) is underfunded. This report from the Ford Foundation is a must-read.

📖 Read the Docs v: m5_004 ▾

Docs » Welcome to Social Feed Manager!

[Edit on GitHub](#)

Welcome to Social Feed Manager!

Social Feed Manager is a Django application developed by George Washington University Libraries to collect social media data from Twitter. It connects to Twitter's approved API to collect data in bulk and makes it possible for scholars, students, and librarians to identify, select, collect, and preserve Twitter data for research purposes.

The application code is open source and [available on github](#).

We are in the process of re-architecting Social Feed Manager. For updates, see the [sfm-ui repo on github](#) and the project scope and background in its [wiki](#). When documentation for the new app is available, we will point to that from here.

Contents:

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TubeKit

A Youtube Crawling Toolkit

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Toolbar

Documentation

Note: due to some recent changes in YouTube APIs, many of the TubeKit's processes may not function. We are working hard to fix this issue.

What is it?

TubeKit is a toolkit for creating YouTube crawlers. It allows one to build one's own crawler that can crawl YouTube based on a set of seed queries and collect up to 16 different attributes.

TubeKit assists in all the phases of this process starting database creation to finally giving access to the collected data with browsing and searching interfaces. In addition to creating crawlers, TubeKit also provides several tools to collect a variety of data from YouTube, including video details and user profiles.

[Download TubeKit](#)


[Fork on GitHub](#)


Collecting data from YouTube without crawling:


TubeKit includes several tools, which lets one

- extract YouTube video links from any webpage
- extract YouTube video data (author, keywords, genre, number of views, ratings, comments, etc.)
- collect text comments for YouTube videos
- extract a YouTube users' profile data

Create a Youtube Crawler in 5 EASY STEPS!

1 Provide basic information (project name, directory to store the crawler, etc.) 

2 Set up the database 

3 Select up to 16 different attributes to collect for 

We have also developed a Firefox toolbar for TubeKit, which lets one accomplish YouTube data collection with just a click!

Manual data collection

Handling multimedia data?

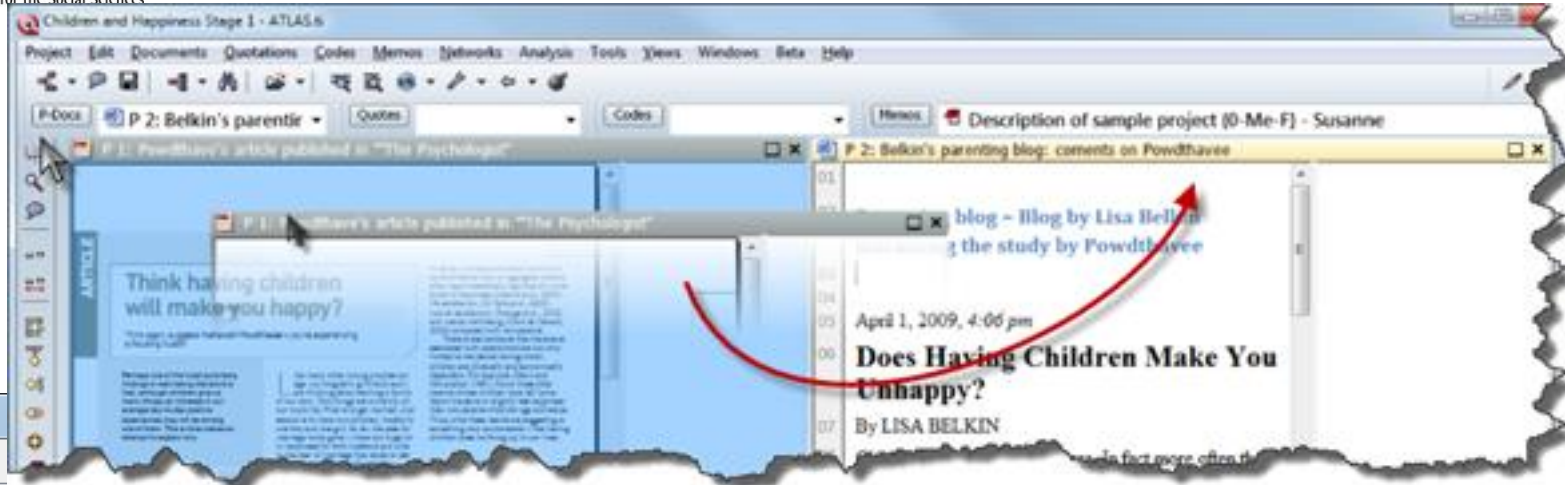
Explore options for capturing and managing data

- Evernote
- Zotero
- Content Analysis Software.

Content Analysis

CAQDAS Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis

- ▶ (e.g. MAXQDA, QDAMiner, ATLAS.ti, Qualrus, Nvivo)
 - ▶ Speech Act Analyse
 - ▶ Statistics
-
- ▶ Some of them now come with import options for social media data!



ATLAS.ti Query Tool

1 Families:

- Investigation (6)
- Letter (6)
- Modus operandi (5)
- Murder (8)

2

Codes:

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- *historic context {4-0}~
- *name of suspect {28-0}~
- *name of suspect: Cohen {6-6}~
- *name of suspect: Feigenbaum {1-1}~
- *name of suspect: Kaminski {3-0}~
- *name of suspect: Kelly {1-0}~
- *name of suspect: Kosmiski {8-2}~
- *name of victim {14-4}
- INVESTIGATION {4-0}~
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- investigation_stolen evidence {4-0}
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- investigation_theories {15-0}~
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4 term-stack pane

5 feedback pane

Create Super Code

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6 result pane

Adjacency Operator Settings Refresh Codes Scope Help

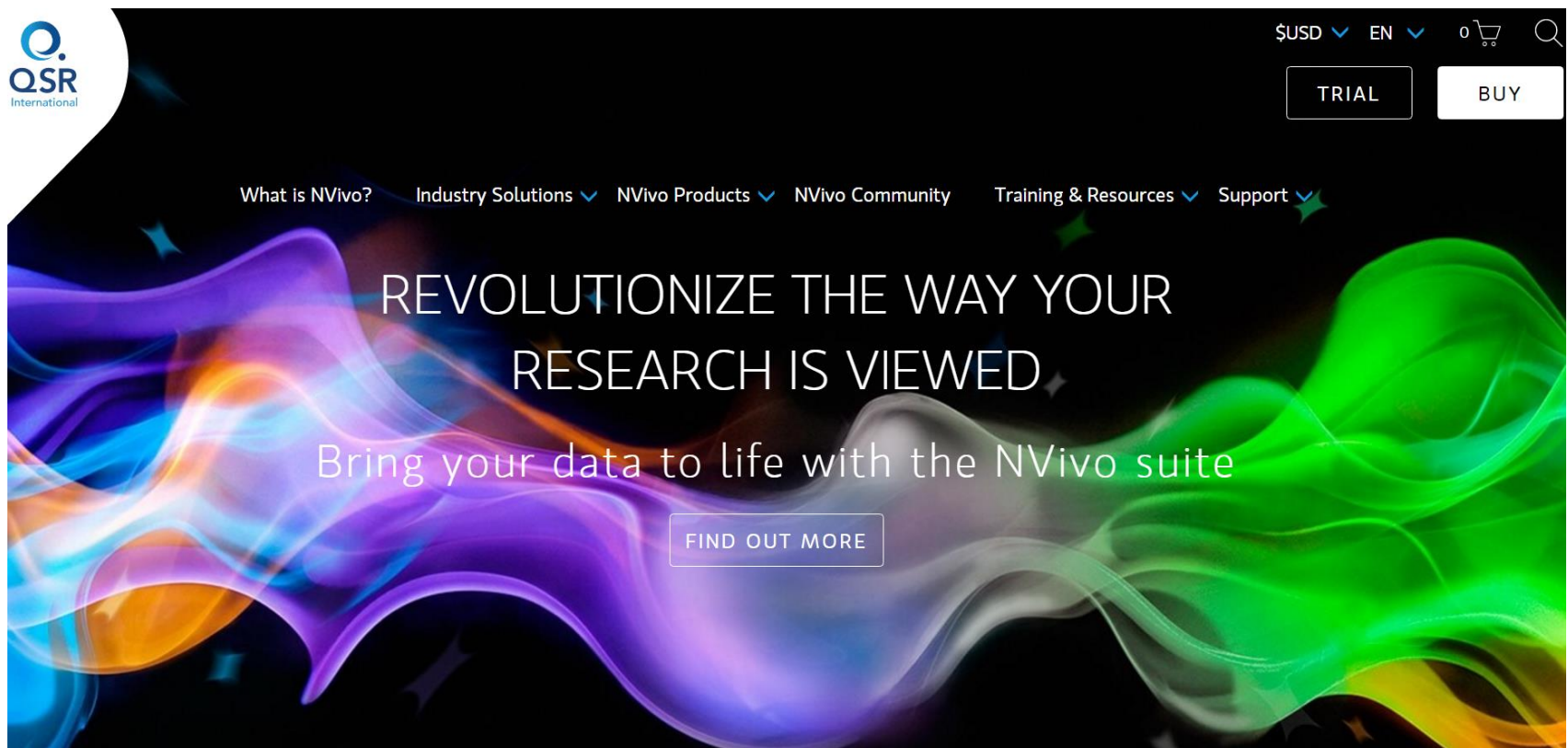
Result: 0 Adjacency: 1 Paragraphs Scope: All

ATLAS.ti

output (view, save or print reports)

NVIVO

- Also able to import tweets.



The image shows a screenshot of the NVivo website homepage. The background features a dark space with vibrant, flowing, multi-colored waves in shades of purple, blue, orange, and green. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'QSR International'. In the top right corner, there are navigation elements including currency ('\$USD'), language ('EN'), a shopping cart icon with '0' items, and two buttons labeled 'TRIAL' and 'BUY'. Below these, a horizontal navigation menu contains links: 'What is NVivo?', 'Industry Solutions', 'NVivo Products', 'NVivo Community', 'Training & Resources', and 'Support'. The main content area features the text 'REVOLUTIONIZE THE WAY YOUR RESEARCH IS VIEWED' in large white capital letters, followed by the tagline 'Bring your data to life with the NVivo suite' in a smaller white font. A white button with the text 'FIND OUT MORE' is positioned below the tagline.

Data analysis

Data analysis

Network
analysis

Sentiment
analysis

Visualization

Content analysis

(Crowdsourcing)

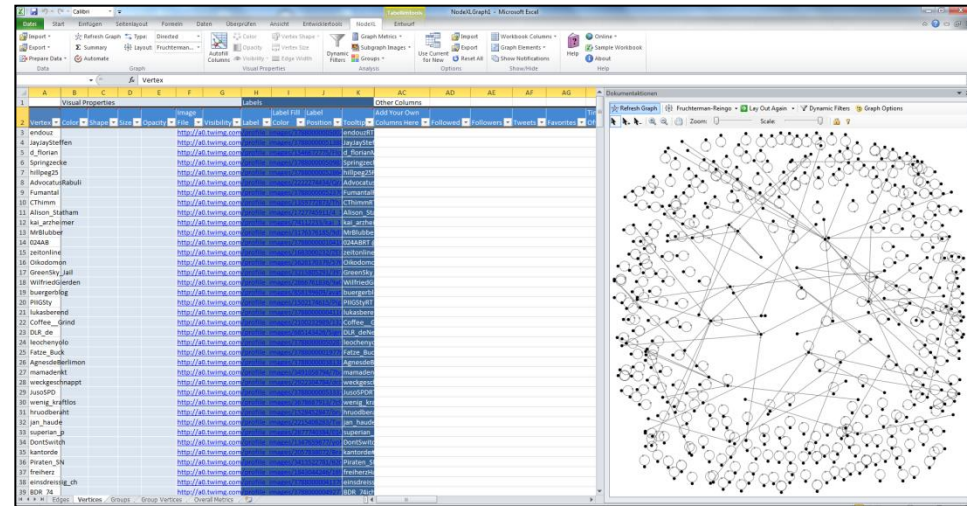
Network Analysis

NodeXL

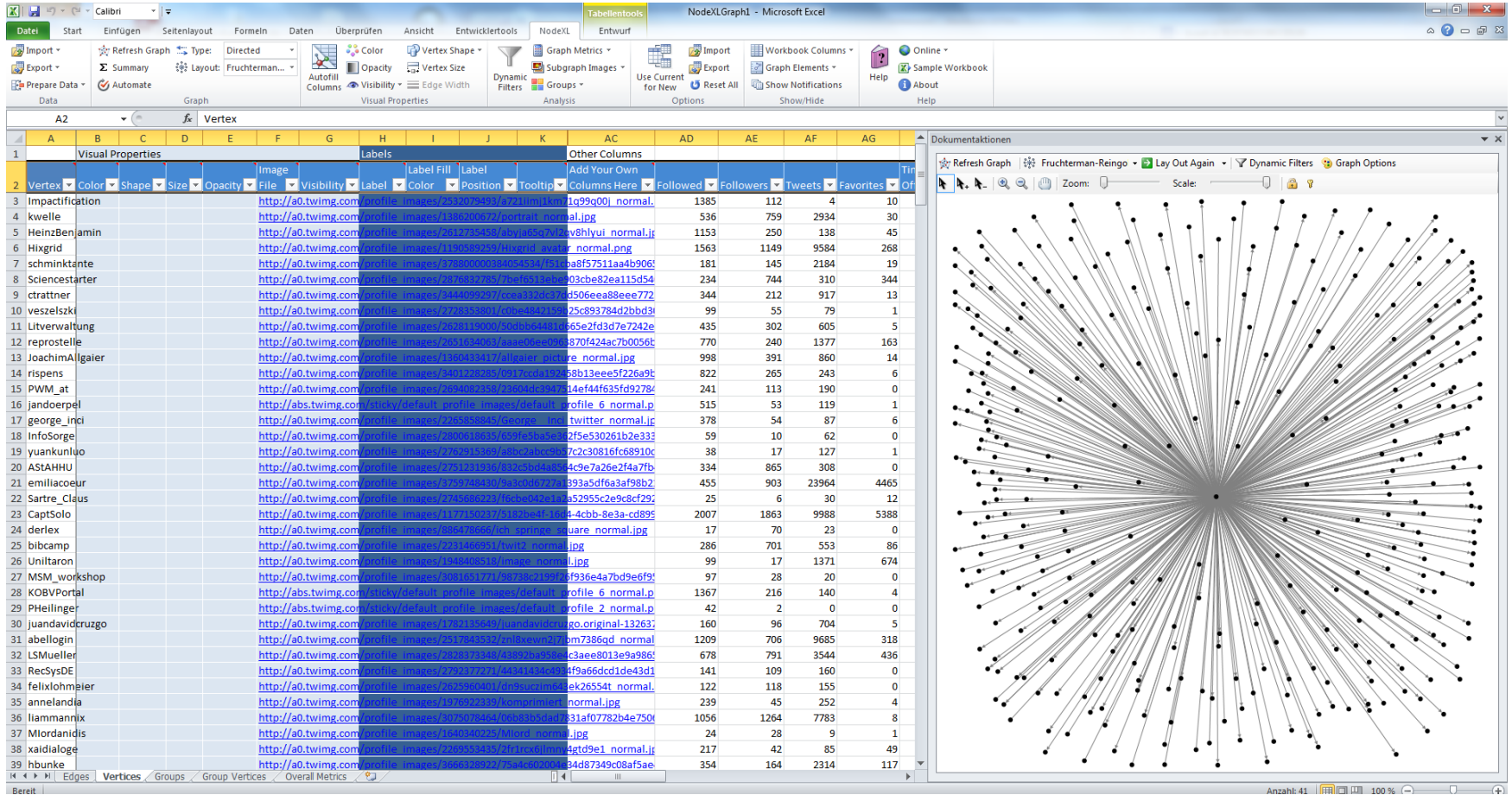
Network Analysis Based on Excel

Can collect data from (amongst others):

- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Flickr
- Wikipedia
- If you can get data into excel, you can get it into NodeXL...



NodeXL



NodeXL

Microsoft Excel interface for NodeXL. The main window displays a data table with columns for user names, profile images, and various social media metrics. The right-hand pane shows a network graph visualization of the data.

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NodeXL: SocialNetImporter

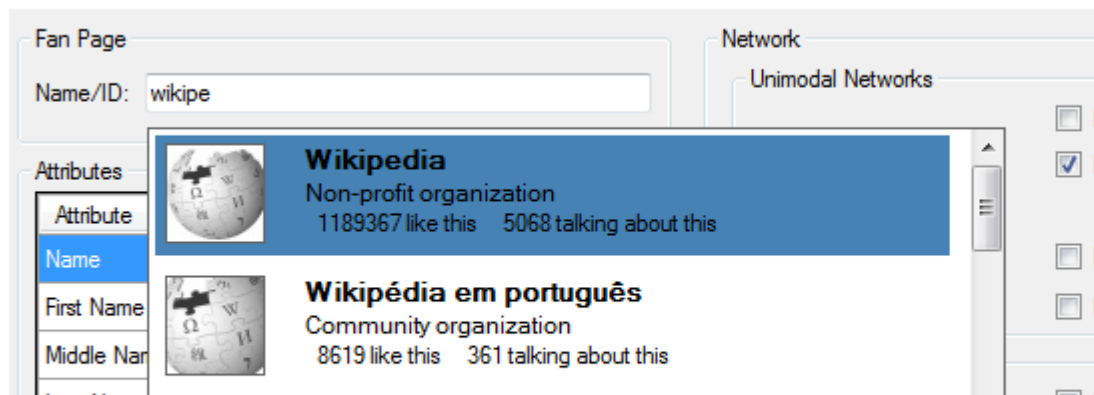
<http://socialnetimporter.codeplex.com/>

Facebook Group Network Importer v.1.7

What's New

The new version of Social Network Importer includes a Group Network Import which allows you to import different networks for Facebook groups.

This new version includes also a search functionality for fan pages and groups. To use this functionality just start typing the name of the fan page/group in the textbox and it will automatically display a list of the fan pages/groups matching the search term. Select the fan page/group you want to analyze by clicking on it. You will then see the ID of the selected fan page/group in the textbox.



Searching Functionality in Fan Page Network Importer v.1.7

NodeXL

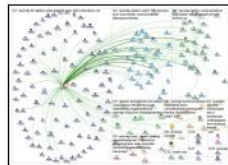
- NodeXLGraphGallery.org

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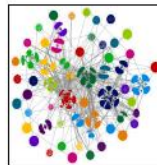


These are [network graphs](#) created with [NodeXL](#), an open-source template for graphing network data in Excel® 2007 and 2010.

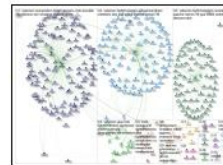
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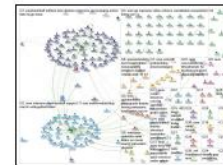
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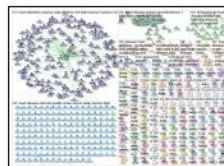
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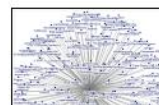
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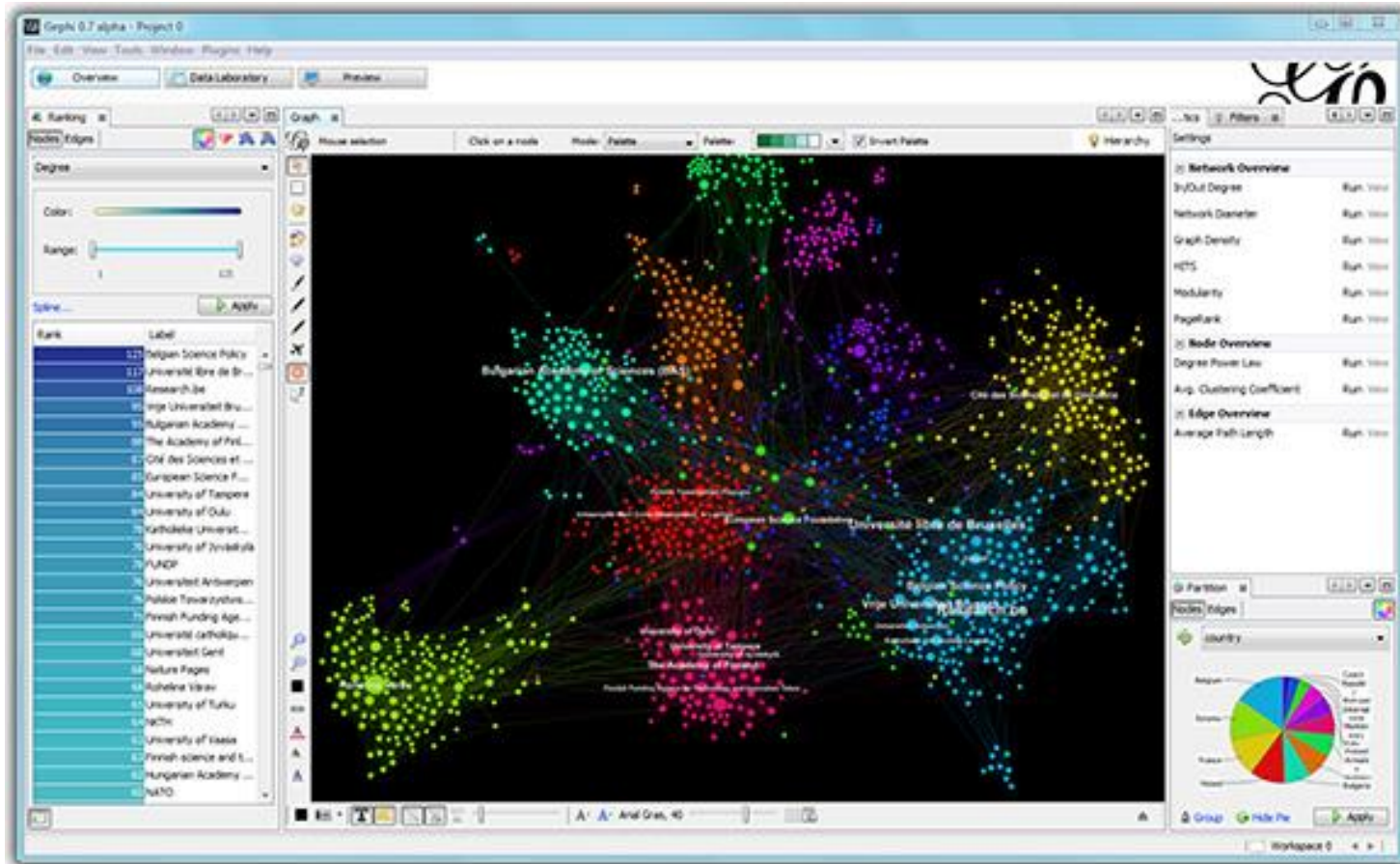


[nprnews Twitter NodeXL ...](#)



Visualization

Gephi



Gephi



The screenshot displays the Gephi software interface. At the top, there are three tabs: Overview, Data Laboratory, and Preview. The main workspace shows a network graph with two distinct clusters of nodes connected by a few edges. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Partition & Ranking:** Contains a dropdown menu for Nodes and Edges, and buttons for Group, Show Pie, and Apply.
- Layout:** Features a dropdown menu to choose a layout and a Run button. Below it, it displays '<Keine Eigenschaften>' (No properties).
- Graph:** The central workspace where the network graph is visualized. It includes a toolbar with various tools like pan, zoom, and delete.
- Context:** Shows statistics for Nodes and Edges, both currently displaying 'NaN'.
- Statistics & Filters:** A panel on the right side containing a list of network metrics such as Average Degree, Network Diameter, and PageRank, each with a 'Run' button.

At the bottom of the interface, there is a status bar showing the font settings: 'Arial Fett, 32'.

Sentiment analysis

NLP / Sentiment Analysis

- Discover text: <http://discovertext.com/>
- Twitter NLP:
<http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/TweetNLP/>
- Internet Community Text Analyzer (ICTA)
<http://textanalytics.net>
- Twitter NLP and Part-of-Speech Tagging:
<http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/TweetNLP/>
- SentiStrength <http://sentistrength.wlv.ac.uk/>

Sentiment Analysis

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SentiStrength

SentiStrength estimates the *strength* of positive and negative sentiment in *short texts*, even for informal language. It has [human-level accuracy](#) for short social web texts in English, except political texts. SentiStrength reports *two* sentiment strengths:

-1 (not negative) to -5 (extremely negative)

1 (not positive) to 5 (extremely positive)

It can also report binary (positive/negative), trinary (positive/negative/neutral) and single scale (-4 to +4) results. SentiStrength was originally developed for English and optimised for general short social web texts but can be configured for other languages and contexts by changing its input files - some variants are demonstrated below.

Quick Tests (English version):

Enter text:

Output: Dual, binary, trinary, scale

Keyword test:

Enter keywords (comma-separated list, no spaces):

Topic test:

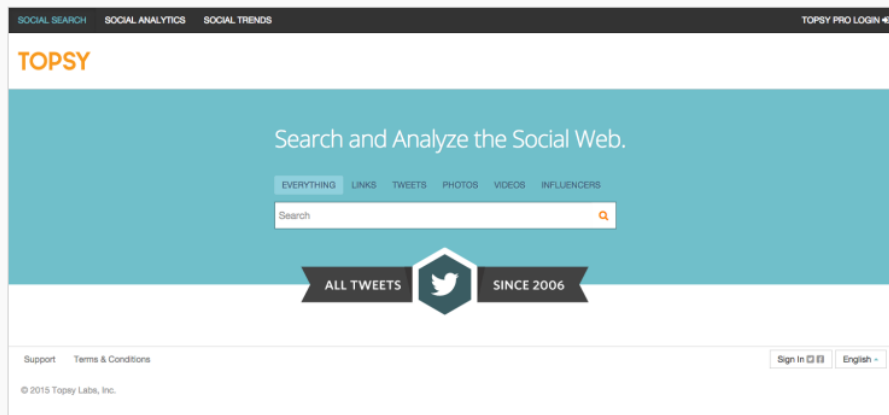
Select domain (broad topic):

Others

RIP: TOPSY

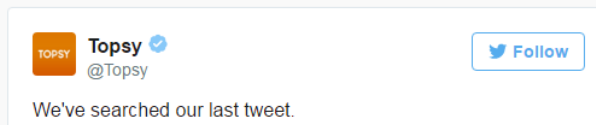
Topsy, The Popular Social Analytics Service Bought By Apple, Closes Down

Posted Dec 15, 2015 by [Jon Russell \(@jonrussell\)](#)



Topsy, the Twitter and general social media analytics service quietly bought by Apple for more than \$200 million two years ago, closed its doors today.

That's according to the company itself, which announced the shutdown in what is ironically its first tweet since being bought by the iPhone-maker.



CrunchBase

Topsy Labs

FOUNDED
2007

OVERVIEW

Topsy is a social analytics company that gives you instant answers to critical business questions through real-time analysis of public conversations. Operating the world's only index of the public social web, Topsy is used by some of the largest global marketing, news, entertainment, and financial organizations to get real

Oxford Internet Institute

Measuring impact online:

<http://microsites.oii.ox.ac.uk/tidsr/welcome>



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This toolkit is designed as an easy to use guide to measuring the various impacts of online scholarly resources.

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- Twitter
- Software tools for bibliometrics
- Links to Web 2.0 Resources
- Visualization
- Surveys: General Considerations
- Survey Tools
- Log File Analysis: Short Bibliography
- What are Log Files?
- How do I set up log file analysis?
- Bibliometrics example

Quantitative methods



Qualitative methods



Case Studies



More

- Mapbox (add data to maps):
<https://www.mapbox.com/>
- classify websites into categories?
<http://diffbot.com/products/automatic/classifier/>

More?

- Keep looking for the following keywords:
 - ▶ Web Science
 - ▶ Data Science
 - ▶ Computational Social Science
 - ▶ Digital Humanities
 - ▶ Digital Methods
 - ▶ Internet Research
 - ▶ Social Network Analysis

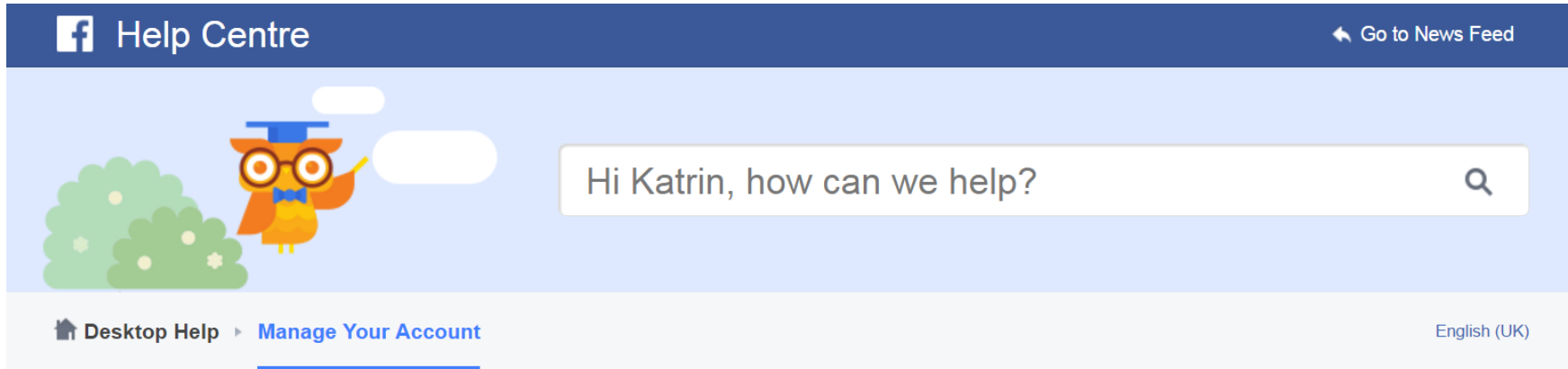
Open Educational Resources:

- ▶ Coursera
- ▶ EdX
- ▶ ...

Crowdsourcing

- for data collection and analysis**

Get your own Facebook data



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[What security measures are in place to make sure someone else doesn't download a copy of my information?](#) ▾

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Download your information

Get a copy of what you've shared on Facebook.

[Start My Archive](#)

What's included?

- Posts, photos and videos you've shared
- Your messages and chat conversations
- Info from the About section of your Profile
- [And more](#)



Crowdsourcing

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "Stephen Wolfram Blog : Data Science of the Facebook World" and the URL "blog.stephenwolfram.com/2013/04/data-science-of-the-facebook-world/". The browser interface includes standard navigation buttons and a "Reader" button.

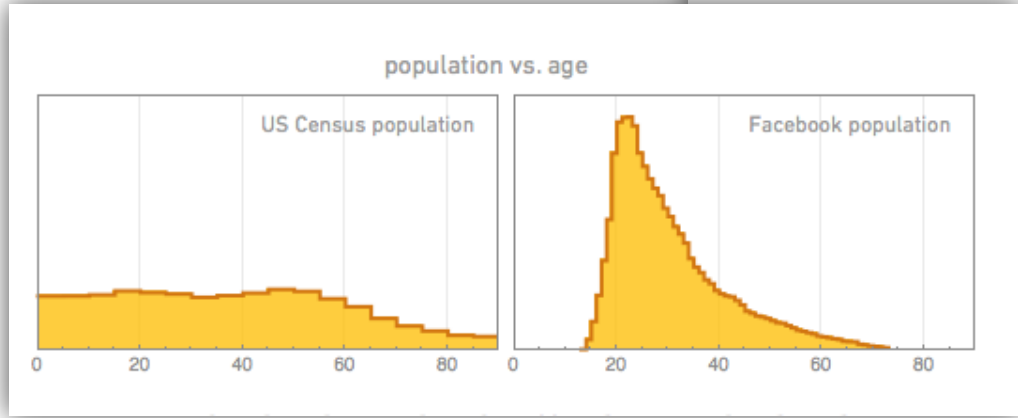
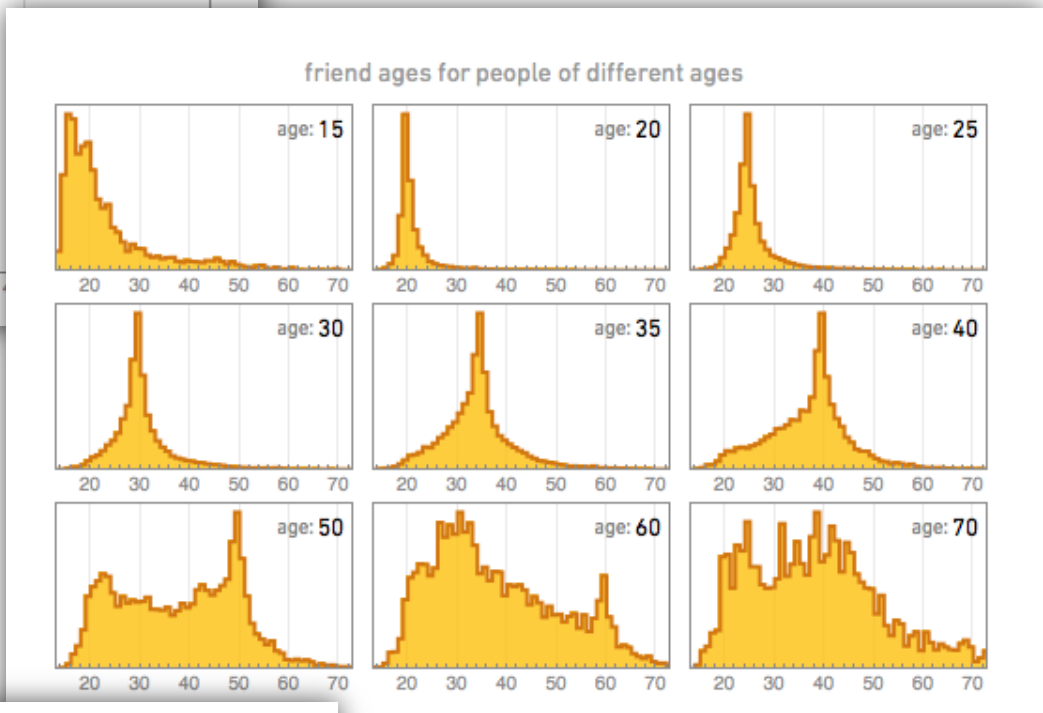
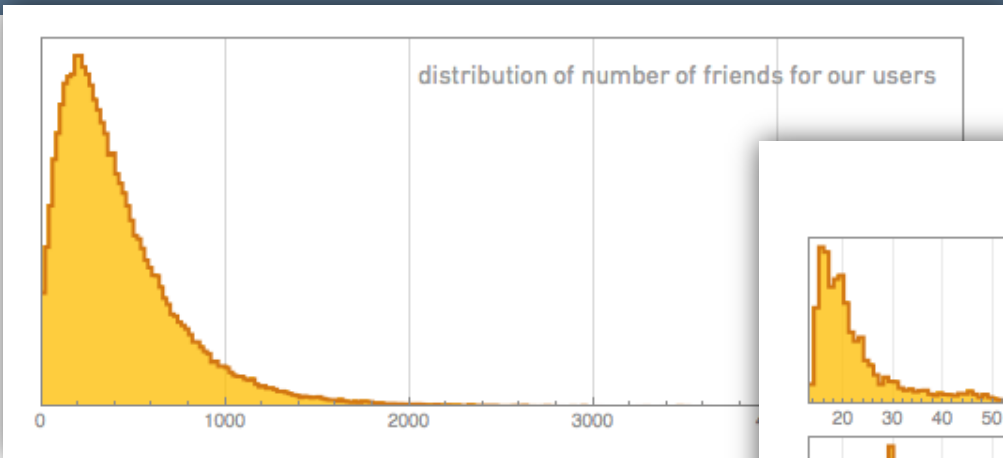
The blog header features the text "STEPHEN WOLFRAM | Blog" and the website URL "stephenwolfram.com".

The main article is titled "Data Science of the Facebook World" and is dated "April 24, 2013". The text discusses the use of Wolfram|Alpha Personal Analytics for Facebook and the launch of a Data Donor program. It mentions the power of Mathematica and the Wolfram Language for data science.

Below the text is a grid of 20 small network graphs, each representing a different Data Donor's social network. The nodes are colored and connected by lines, showing various network structures.

On the right side of the page, there is a "Search This Blog" section with a search input field and a "Recent Posts" section listing several articles. Below that is a "Related Links" section with links to Stephen Wolfram's official website, Mathematica, and other resources.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Subscribe to this blog's feed" button.



Amazon Mechanical Turk

Mechanical Turk is a marketplace for work.

We give businesses and developers access to an on-demand, scalable workforce. Workers select from thousands of tasks and work whenever it's convenient.

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Research ethics

Legal Framework?



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Ethics

Privacy and protecting subjects

- Anonymisation?
- Informed consent?
- Guidelines for handling sensitive user data?

Data Sharing

One of the Challenges: Data Sharing

“But you can’t make your data available for others to look at, which means both your study can’t really be replicated and it can’t be tested for review. But also it just means your data can’t be made available for other people to say, Ah you have done this with it, I’ll see what I can do with it, (...) There is no open data.”

Weller, Katrin, and Katharina E. Kinder-Kurlanda. 2015. "Uncovering the Challenges in Collection, Sharing and Documentation: The Hidden Data of Social Media Research?." In Standards and Practices in Large-Scale Social Media Research: Papers from the 2015 ICWSM Workshop. Proceedings Ninth International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media Oxford University, May 26, 2015 – May 29, 2015, 28-37. Ann Arbor, MI: AAAI Press.

Reusing datasets

“I actually only use [other researcher’s datasets] where I’m very sure about where it comes from and how it was processed and analyzed. There is too much uncertainty in it.”

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How much should I share?

Most reproducibility

What is being shared?

- whole dataset plus additional research information (e.g. scripts)
- whole dataset
- whole dataset, but without direct identifiers (pseudonymization)
- parts of the dataset removed (anonymization)
- changed dataset (e.g. only tweet IDs)

Most privacy

Examples of current practices

Approach	Example	Retrievability	Documentation + standards	Long-term perspective
„Grey market“	Data shared with colleagues (often upon request)	Low , via personal connections	Low , no standardized documentation or data format	Low , no guaranteed long term availability
Researchers' personal/professional websites		Medium , URLs may be referenced	Low , no standardized documentation or data format	Low , no guaranteed long term availability
Social media providers	e.g. Wikipedia dumps	High , if directly provided from social media platform	Medium/high , depending on the producer	Medium/high , depending on the producer
Project-based or thematic collections	e.g. KONECT, CrisisLex	Medium , URLs may be referenced	Medium , if same principles are applied within entire collection	Low , no guaranteed long term availability
Conferences & journals	e.g. ICWSM datasets with conference papers	High , usually related to accepted publications	Medium/high , depending on the publisher	Medium/high , depending on the publisher
Professional archives	e.g. datasets at GESIS data archive	Medium/high , datasets may be referenceable with DOIs.	Medium/high , depending on the archive's requirements	High , guaranteed availability for different time spans

- For additional examples see our paper: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/2908131.2908172>
- See also: Thomson, S.D. 2016. Preserving Social Media. DPC Technology Watch Report. Retrieved from <http://dpconline.org/publications/technology-watch-reports>

Available datasets

- From individual researchers/groups (sometimes „grey market“).
- From conferences: e.g. ICWSM
- Archival institutions: e.g. GESIS
([doi:10.4232/1.12319](https://doi.org/10.4232/1.12319))

Reddit dataset



This is an archived post. You won't be able to vote or comment.

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I have every publicly available Reddit comment for research. ~ 1.7 billion comments @ 250 GB compressed. Any interest in this? (self.datasets)

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I am currently doing a massive analysis of Reddit's entire publicly available comment dataset. The dataset is ~1.7 billion JSON objects complete with the comment, score, author, subreddit, position in comment tree and other fields that are available through Reddit's API.

I'm currently doing NLP analysis and also putting the entire dataset into a large searchable database using Sphinxsearch (also testing Elasticsearch).

This dataset is over 1 terabyte uncompressed, so this would be best for larger research projects. If you're interested in a sample month of comments, that can be arranged as well. I am trying to find a place to host this large dataset -- I'm reaching out to Amazon since they have open data initiatives.

EDIT: I'm putting up a Digital Ocean box with 2 TB of bandwidth and will throw an entire months worth of comments up (~5 gigs compressed) It's now a torrent. This will give you guys an opportunity to examine the data. The file is structured with JSON blocks delimited by new lines (\n).

One month of comments is now available here:

Download Link: [Torrent](#)

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Tracker: udp://tracker.openbittorrent.com:80

Total Comments: 53,851,542

CrisisLex

Crisis Collections

This page contains brief descriptions and links to download existing crisis-related collections.

BlackLivesMatterU/T1

Users tweeting about #BlackLivesMatter, labeled by type, race, gender and age.

Data Sources: Twitter

Sampling: hashtag-based query

[Check the details »](#)

CrisisLexT26

Tweets from 26 crises, labeled by informativeness, information type and source.

Data Sources: Twitter

Sampling: keyword-based queries

[Check the details »](#)

CrisisLexT6

Tweets from 6 crises, labeled by relatedness to the corresponding crisis.

Data Sources: Twitter

Sampling: keyword and geo-based queries

[Check the details »](#)

ClimateCovE350

Climate change related events, labeled by relevance, triggers, actions, and news values.

Data Sources: Twitter, GDELT (news)

Sampling: keyword-based queries

[Check the details »](#)

SoSIItalyT4

Tweets from 4 crises, labeled by the type of information they convey.

Data Sources: Twitter

Sampling: keyword-based queries

[Check the details »](#)

ChileEarthquakeT1

Tweets from the Chilean earthquake of 2010, labeled by relatedness.

Data Sources: Twitter

Sampling: keyword-based queries

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EnvironmentalPetitionTweets

Petition URLs and tweets containing them.

Data Sources: Twitter

SandyHurricaneGeoT1

Geo-tagged tweets from the Sandy Hurricane.

Data Sources: Twitter

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AVAILABLE DATASETS

ICWSM-16 is the fifth year of this data sharing initiative.

Here is the list of available datasets:

- **iFeel 2.0: A Multilingual Benchmarking System for Sentence-Level Sentiment Analysis**
Matheus Araújo, João P. Diniz, Lucas Bastos, Elias Soares, Manoel Júnior, Miller Ferreira, Filipe Ribeiro, Fabricio Benevenuto
- **Analyzing Personality through Social Media Profile Picture**

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Title	Elite actors in the U.S. political Twittersphere
URI	http://dx.doi.org/10.7802/1178
Primary Researcher	Sebastian Stier; GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
Publication Year	2016
Availability	Free Access (without Registration)
Subject Area	Politikwissenschaft Kommunikationswissenschaften
Topic Classification	Kommunikation, öffentliche Meinung, Medien
Abstract	Lists of Twitter accounts of U.S. political elites from government, news media and political parties. Metadata on number of followers (as of December 2015), date of account registration and Twitter ID. List of news media actors contains major newspapers and national TV stations as well as politically influential media persons and individual journalists. List of politicians contains all members of U.S. congress, governors, presidential candidates and main accounts of the Republican and Democratic parties. Metadata on politicians contains political office and party affiliation. List of government actors contains federal agencies, secretaries, the President and affiliated accounts.
Geographical Area	Vereinigte Staaten / US
Survey Period	2015-12;

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Unavailable datasets

TECHNOLOGY

Library of Congress' Twitter archive is a huge #FAIL

More than five years on, the library's Twitter archive project is in limbo — with no end in sight.

By NANCY SCOLA | 7/11/15 5:09 PM EDT



<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/07/library-of-congress-twitter-archive-119698.html>

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Views



The Archive Is Closed

June 3, 2015

By **Scott McLemee**

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Five years ago, [this column](#) looked into scholarly potential of the Twitter archive the Library of Congress had recently acquired. That potential was by no means self-evident. The incensed “my tax dollars are being used for this?” comments practically wrote themselves, even without the help of Twitter bots.

For what -- after all -- is the value of a dead tweet? Why would anyone study 140-character messages, for the most part concerning mundane and hyperephemeral topics, with many of them written as if to document the lowest possible levels of functional literacy?

As I wrote at the time, papers by those actually doing the research treated Twitter as one more form of human communication and interaction. The focus was not on the content of any specific message, but on the patterns that emerged when they were analyzed in the

<https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2015/06/03/article-difficulties-social-media-research>

Background: LoC Twitter archive

- 2006: Twitter was made public
 - 14.04.2010: Twitter donates archive to the Library of Congress: *“Recently, the Library of Congress signaled to us that the public tweets we have all been creating over the years are important and worthy of preservation.”* <https://blog.twitter.com/2010/tweet-preservation>
 - 2010-2012: nothing new on the “Twitter archive” ...
 - 04.01.2013: Update from the Library of Congress: *“We now have an archive of approximately 170 billion tweets and growing. The volume of tweets the Library receives each day has grown from 140 million beginning in February 2011 to nearly half a billion tweets each day as of October 2012.”* <http://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2013/01/update-on-the-twitter-archive-at-the-library-of-congress/>
- But still no access to the Twitter archive at the LoC and no information. *“Although the Library has been building and stabilizing the archive and has not yet offered researchers access, we have nevertheless received approximately 400 inquiries from researchers all over the world.”*

Conclusions 5

Lessons learned

- There is no perfect tool. But you may find solutions that are sufficient for different usage scenarios.
- Tools come and go, you need to keep track of what is available.

If you have time to read 3 papers...

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