

DIGILAB WORKSHOP SERIES:
TEXT ANALYSIS 101

CREATING YOUR OWN SOCIAL MEDIA CORPUS

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SOCIAL MEDIA & TEXT ANALYSIS

- There are now many different types of social media that are useful in a variety of disciplines and areas for research.
- Social media web sites contain various types of services and thus create different formats of data, including text, image, video (Hu & Lui 2012).
 - Social networks (facebook, linkedin), media sharing (youtube, Instagram), discussion forums (reddit, quora), microblogging (Twitter, Facebook), review networks
- Applications include: business, research, event detection, linguistic and language change, network analysis, opinion mining, bioscience, insights into community behavior, and more!

IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF YOUR DATA THAT MATTERS



IT'S HOW YOU USE IT!

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DATA SOURCES

- [Linguistic Data Consortium](#)
- The World Wide Web
- Kaggle.com: many pages of social media datasets, including tweets, and others: example: disaster tweets dataset, Instagram data, emojis, reddit, and many many others.
- [Stanford SNAP](#): large network dataset collection, including data from amazon, social media, Wikipedia and others
- [Network Repository](#): including social networks, biological, graph data and tools for analyzing and comparing available datasets

METHODS: CORPUS CREATION



GATHER DATA



ORGANIZE
METADATA &
DATASET(S)




ANNOTATE AND
FORMAT



ANALYZE



- [Tidyttext](#): helpful for data formatting and visualization; works well with other packages in the Tidyverse (Silge & Robinson 2016)
- [Quanteda](#): incredibly useful package; includes preprocessing abilities, dtm function, as well as statistical analyses options like document classification and topic modeling
- [RedditExtractoR](#): utilizes Reddit API to obtain posts, comments, and subreddit information
- [Rtweet](#): useful package for getting Twitter data, with options for accessing followers, retweets, geolocation, and additional metadata.
- [Tokenizers](#): useful options for text analytics, including tokenization and stemming.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[iScience Maps](#): web-based option for getting Twitter data, with options for sorting and analyzing the data

[Naoyun](#): software for connecting Twitter data with Gephi, with options for visualizing “live Twitter activity”

[Netlytic](#): uses APIs to collect public data from Twitter, YouTube, and RSS feeds. Includes free and paid user options, with network and text analytics

[Socioviz](#): get and analyze Twitter data in this web-based environment

[The Chorus Project](#): free web-based option for analyzing and obtaining Twitter data; based out of the UK

[Webometric Analyst](#): free Windows-based program for gathering data, including Social media, from the Statistical Cybermetrics Research

[Digital Footprints](#): obtain and analyze Facebook data; web-based service available for researchers, based out of Aarhus University

[InfoExtractor](#): no longer maintained, but offers options for getting data from different URLs

[Snoopreport](#): free for researchers; focus on obtaining Instagram data



- [streamR](#): Access to Twitter Streaming API via R
- [twittR](#): also useful for getting twitter data in R
- [Rfacebook](#): Rfacebook: Access to Facebook API via R
- [instaR](#): access Instagram data via the Instagram API; an approved developer account is required



ADDITIONAL TOOLS

- Python libraries:
 - [Facebook SDK](#): Facebook data scraper
 - [Twitter scraper](#): for use with Python 3.6+; can get tweets based on user or other search terms
 - [Reddit scraper](#): interacts with Reddit API and PRAW library to obtain Reddit data
 - [Tweepy](#) in Python will interact with Twitter API
- [URS](#): Universal Reddit Scraper; command line tool to obtain Reddit data
- [MOZDEH](#): Windows based programming for gathering social media data
- Webscraping: [Chrome plugin](#)
 - [Beautiful Soup](#): useful python library for webscraping; better for smaller amounts of data
 - [Scrapy](#): python library; best for larger datasets
 - [Selenium](#): flexible, also beginner friendly library
 - R: [xml2](#) and [rvest](#) work well in conjunction to harvest web data
 - [Rcurl](#) & [RSelenium](#)



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- [Silge and Robinson's Text Mining with R](#)
- Beckman et al.'s [Intro to Statistical Programming with R](#)
- [Social Media Research using R](#)
- [Python 3 tutorials](#)
- [Social Media Analytics](#): helpful overview of options and types of analyses
- [Text Analysis Glossary](#)
- Corpus Approaches to Social Media (Rüdiger & Dayter 2020)
- Linked-in Learning Tutorials

COURSES AT UGA

- This Fall 2021:
- Natural Language Processing: LING 4570/6570
- Style: ENGL/LING 4826/6826
- American English: ENGL/LING 4010/6010
- Note: These all count toward the Digital Humanities Undergraduate certificate!



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