

# Social Network Software: Gephi



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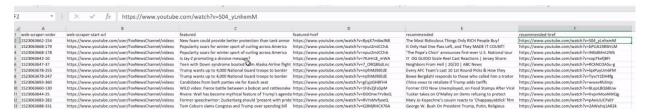
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A prerequisite for this lab is that you have web-scraped two YouTube channels (which is a previous lab).

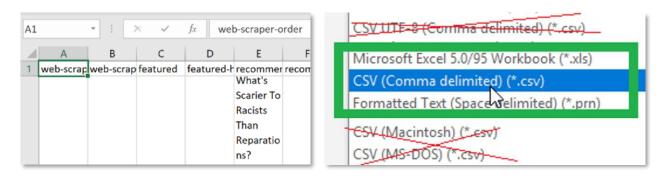
# 1. Data wrangling: cleaning and preparing the Data for Gephi

1. Once you have completed webscraping for two channels, open your spreadsheet. Your spreadsheet should have six columns:

web-scraper-order | web-scraper-start-url | featured | featured-href | recommended | recommended-href



If your spreadsheet does not look as nicely organized as this one, the default in your spreadsheet software might be that the text in the cells is "wrapped". Find out how to deal with this online, for example: <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=excel+wrap+text">https://www.google.com/search?q=excel+wrap+text</a> Also, make sure you save the file as plain "CSV", when saving it to your computer ("save as"):



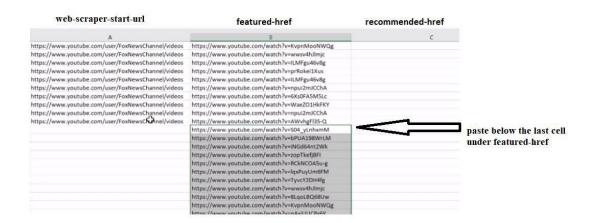
In general, as always when struggling with a computational task, simply do an online search where you describe your problem: almost certainly someone else already found a solution for it!

- Next, it's time to clean your data (spreadsheet) for Social Network Analysis. Since we are interested in featured and recommended videos we will delete the web-scraper-order column. If you're unsure how to delete columns, see:
   https://www.google.com/search?q=excel+delete+column or
   https://www.google.com/search?q=delete+columns+spreadsheet
- 3. Next, we will also delete the **featured** and **recommended** columns since it's more solid to work with URLs (no two videos will have the same URL but they can have the same title).
- 4. At this stage, your sheet should have three columns

#### web-scraper-start-url | featured-href | recommended-href



5. Since we are interested in what users are exposed to on this YouTube channel, we will combine the featured and recommended videos under the same column. To do this, **cut** (*e.g. select all the cells under recommended-href and CUT function in your spreadsheet software*) all the URLs under the **recommended-href** column and **paste** (*PASTE function in your spreadsheet software*) below the last cell under the **featured-href** column.



- 6. The **web-scraper-start-url** (the source) will be empty for the copied cells. Since all these videos also come from the same channel (the same scraped news channel), we will copy the source URL from the **web-scraper-start-url** column and paste it in all empty cells.
- 7. Once you have done that, you should have two columns in your spreadsheet. First the **web-scraper-start-url** column with the channel link (in this case, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/FoxNewsChannel/videos">https://www.youtube.com/user/FoxNewsChannel/videos</a>) and the **featured-href** with all the video URLs from the particular channel

Note each cell under the web-scraper-start-url column should have the same channel URL!

8. Gephi needs the data to be prepared in a certain format. So next, we will rename **web-scraper-start-url** column as **Source**, the **featured-href** column as **Target**, and **recommended-href** as **Link**. It should look something like the figure below!



9. Next, we will input a value of 1 to **ALL** cells under the **Link** column (in this case from row 2 until your last row).

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Congratulations! The data sheet for one of your channels is ready for Gephi! Now, follow the same procedure from **step 1** so **step 7** from this section and prepare the data spreadsheet for the other channel. Then combine both channels (the order doesn't matter).

10. Copy all the cells from the **web-scraper-start-url** and **featured-href** columns **of one of your** prepared data spreadsheet. Open the data spreadsheet you prepared for the **other channel**, and paste the copied cells in the data spreadsheet you prepared for the second channel. Paste the copied cells under the last row (in this case).



11. Make sure that the value of 1 is in ALL the blank cells under the **Link** column.



12. Your data spreadsheet is now cleaned and prepared. You have a list of videos, approximately half of them should be from the first channel you scraped last week and the other half from the channel you scraped this week. Go ahead and save the file on your desktop as a **CSV** (**comma delimited**)(\*.csv) file. You can name the file as "youtubelinks"

Congratulations, we are done with preparing your spreadsheet for our analysis in Gephi!

# 2. Installation (Gephi)

Gephi is the leading visualization and exploration software for all kinds of graphs and networks. Gephi is open-source and free. It runs on Windows, Mac OS X and Linux.

Please download and install the software

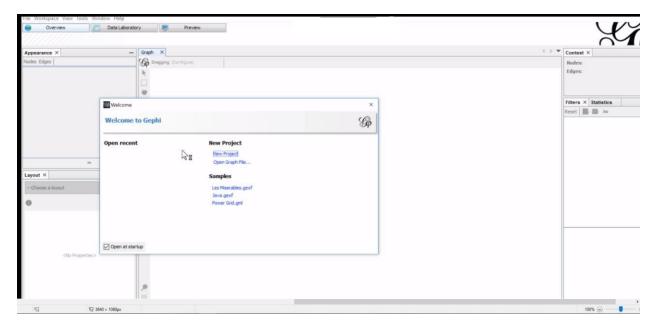
- 1. Go to the link: <a href="https://gephi.org/">https://gephi.org/</a>
- 2. Download and follow the instructions to install the software from "Download Free Gephi ...".

This may or not be applicable to you. If there's any missing file (in this case, a Java file). Please go to **Google** and download the patch you are missing.



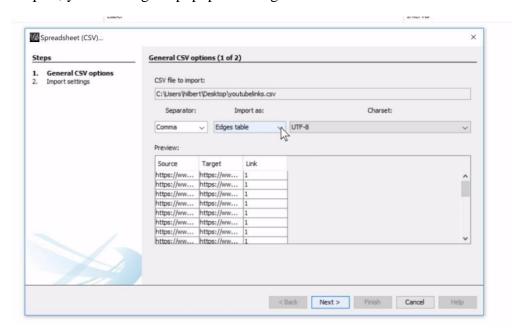
In case you fail to install Gephi, you can also use the online version of Gephi available at <a href="www.rollapp.com/app/gephi">www.rollapp.com/app/gephi</a> . We suggest that you work with the downloaded version of Gephi rather than the cloud version, but both are fine.

3. Once you have installed **Gephi** this is how the interface should look:

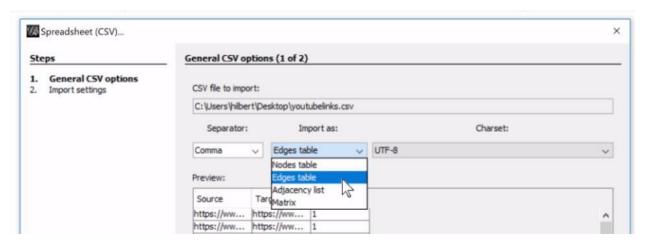


## 3. Visualize the Networks

- 1. Click on New Project
- 2. Click on the Data Laboratory Tab
- 3. Click on Import Spreadsheet
- 4. Import the "nameyouchose.csv" spreadsheet you have created for this assignment. Once you import, you should get a popup as the figure below



5. Make sure, the Import as dropdown is set to "Edges table"

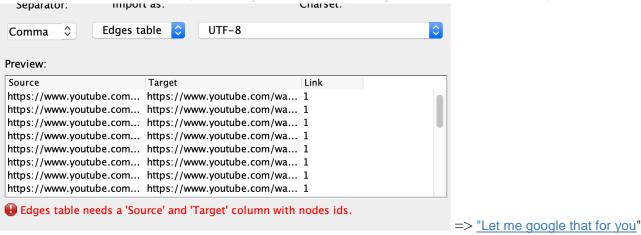


#### 6. Click Next

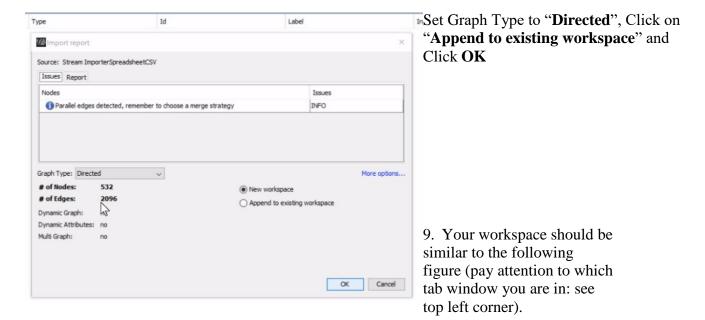
#### 7. Click Finish

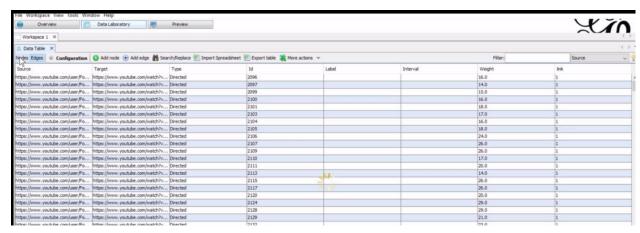
If you run into problems, such as when "Source and Target are not recognized importing csv", just search online for whatever problem is reported to you, together with the word "Gephi" to find the solution. This is an important aspect of doing computational social science: search online for particular help you might need... you'll find the answer!

UCCSS (University of California, Computational Social Science) online course

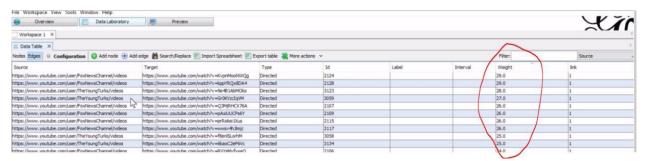


8. Gephi should show you a **summary** of imported spreadsheet. It provides you with number of egdes (in this case 2096) and nodes (in this case 532)





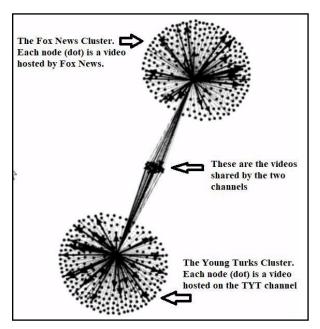
You can sort your worksapce by "weight" to see the weighted ties. Note: even if you don't sort if by "weight" it will not make any difference to your network/analysis.

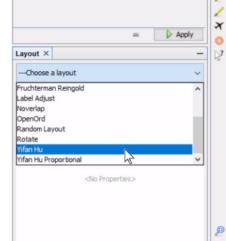


- 11. Click on the **Overview** tab next to the Data Laboratory
- 12. Click on the Layout dropdown and choose YifanHu

#### 13. Click Run

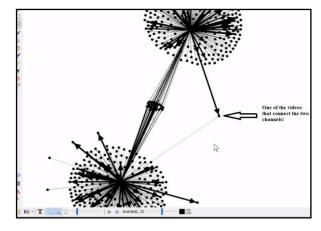
The algorithm will run and your network should look similar (somewhat similar if not the same to the figure below





You can move around the displayed network with the help of your mouse (drag left or right, or simply zoom)

14. You can also check for more information on the videos that connect the two channels. To do so, click and drag one of the nodes (see the figure).

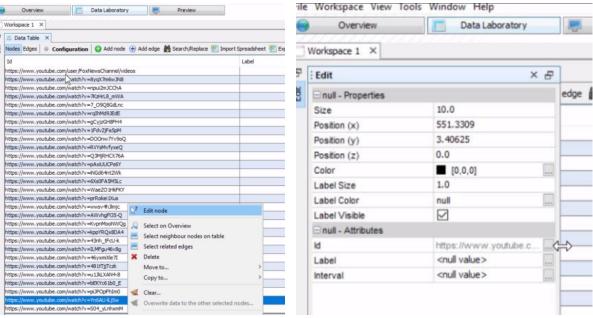


- 15. Next, click right-click on your mouse and select "Select in Data Laboratory"
- 16. Click on the **Data Laboratory tab** and you can check which video connects both the YouTube channels
- 17. In order to watch the video –

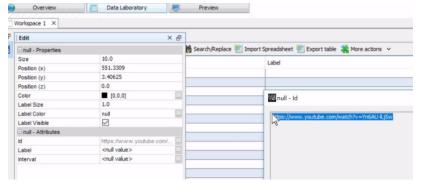
#### In the Data Laboratory mode

- a) right-click on node
- b) select edit node
- c) click on node ID
- d) a pop up window will open up with the node ID
- e) highlight/select the node ID and use ctrl+c or command+c to copy
- f) go to a browser, ctrl + v or command+v, and watch the video.

In this case, it was the **Fox News video** - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn6AU-lLjSw



step a - b step c

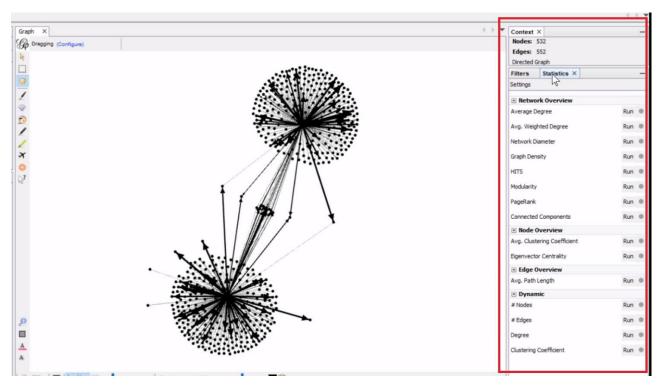


step d - e

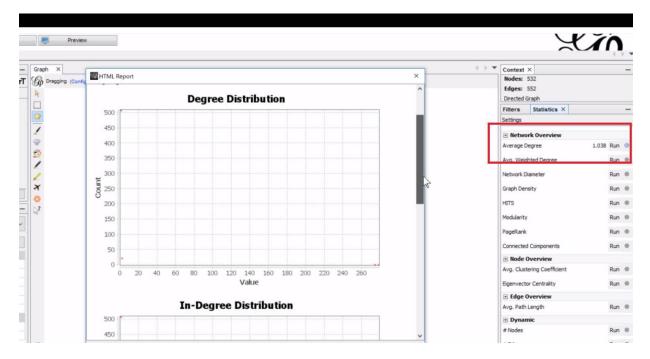
**To Know More**: In order to know more about another video(s) (nodes), which connects the two channel, you can repeat the previous steps

# 4. Analyze the Networks

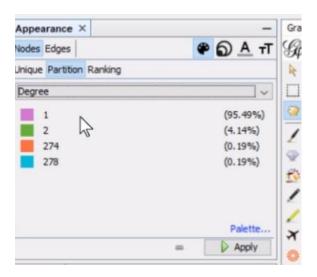
1. Click on the **Statistics tab** on the right side of the page. Here you will find the range of statistics that Gephi can calculate for you.

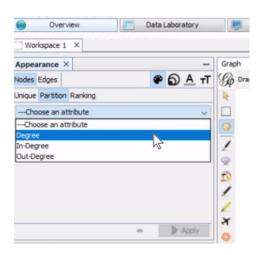


2. Click on Run to calculate the corresponding metric. For e.g., in this case, click on **Run** next to **Average Degree** to calculate the metric. The value will be shown next to the metric and a popup will show up with the metric details

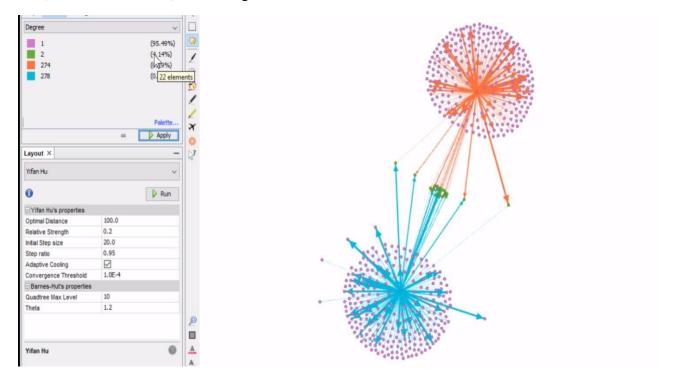


- 3. Go to Apperance tab, and choose an "Attribute". Different nodes will have different attributes. In this case, we will see how many nodes have different degree attributes so we will choose the "degree".
- 4. In this case, we can see the **degree attributes** (figure below)



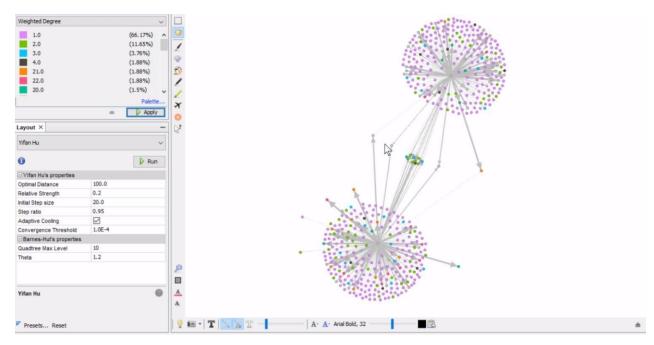


5. You can click on the **Apply button** to apply the respective color to the nodes. For e.g, in this case a node colored in pink (95.49% of the nodes) have 1 degree, a node with color green (4.14% of the nodes) have 2 degrees and so on.



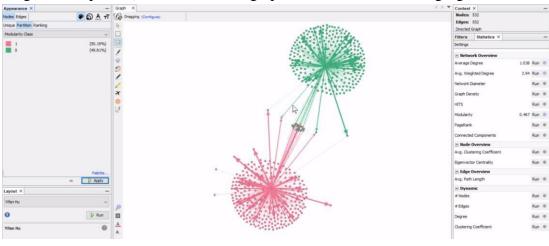
- 6. To check the metric associated with **Average Weighted Degree** (where nodes are weighted according to the links); click **Run** next to Average Weighted Degree on the right bar (as you did for Average Degree in step 2).
- 7. You can now partition your network based on Weighted Degree. To do so, follow step 3 to 5 and choose **Average Weighted Degree** in the dropdown.

In this case, the network looks like the following figure

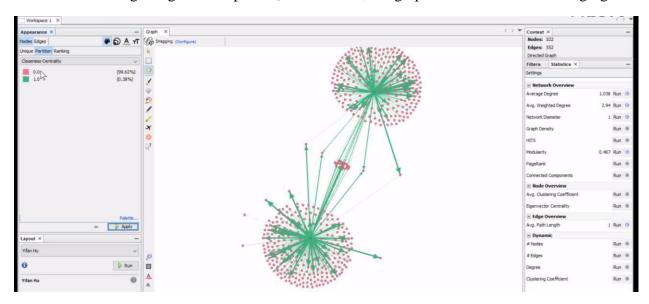


8. You can also classify your network into different classes. Use **Modularity** to do so. Click Run next to Modularity and then partition your network based on calculated Modularity (as you did for Average Degree in step 2-5). In this case, the graph looks like the following figure

Here you can see two communities, green group (Fox News) and pink group (The Young Turks)

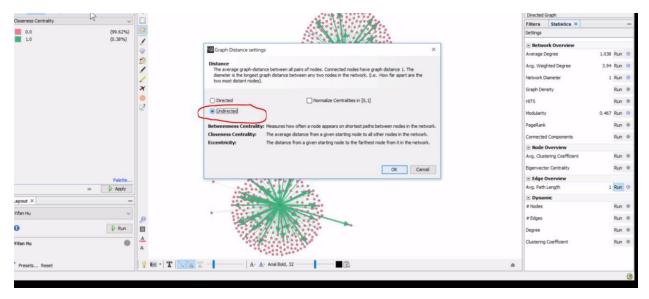


9. You can also calculate and visualize your network based on **Average Path Length** that calculates the centrality meaures (betweeness and closeness centrality). Click Run next to Avg Path Length and then partition your network based on calculated **Closeness Centrality** (as you did for Average Degree in step 2 – 5). In this case, the graph looks like the following figure:



Note: This graph is for a directed network  $\rightarrow$ 

For an **undirected network** you can **re-run Avg Path Length** and choose **undirected** in the popup (see below)

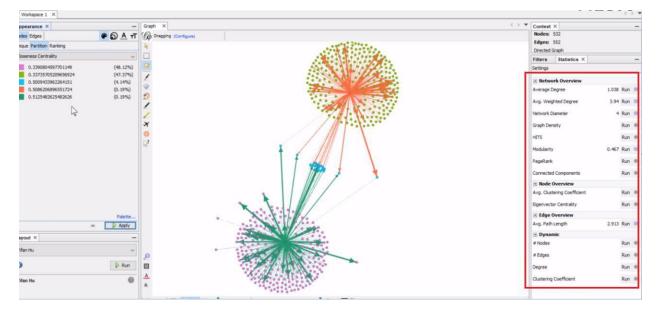


To plot the network with the new calluted metrics (undirected avg path lengths); partition your network based on calculated **Closeness Centrality** (as you did for Average Degree in step 2-5).

This time, the network would look like the following figure:

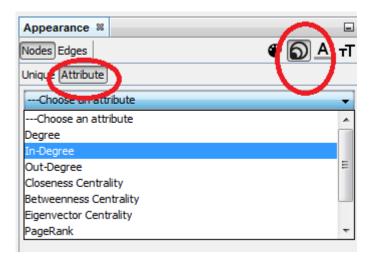


10. So, you can also calculate and visualize your network based on **any attribute** mentioned on the right panel. Just click Run next to that attribute and then **partition your network** based on calculated metrics for that attribute to visualize your network. These include all the attributes highlighted in the following figure



#### **EXTRA:**

To increase the node size based on an attribute - choose the attribute under the dropdown and then click on the circled button in the figure.



Congratulations! You've successfully analyzed your first network!