PURPLE TEAM PROJECT OUTLINE

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Objectives

 Main objective: Develop a location based application that retrieves and displays contextual information associated with selected articles from a specific country

More specific:

- 1. Develop a sophisticated UI that will display contextual information in a user-friendly manner.
- 2. Retrieve trending tweets from twitter API based on hashtags derived from news article's heading/sub-heading/main-body.
- 3. Retrieve relevant youtube videos related to selected articles
- 4. Display additional information based on the articles category e.g. sports, entertainment, politics. Such information will include e.g. betting odds (sport), local temperatures (weather), voting stats (politics) etc.

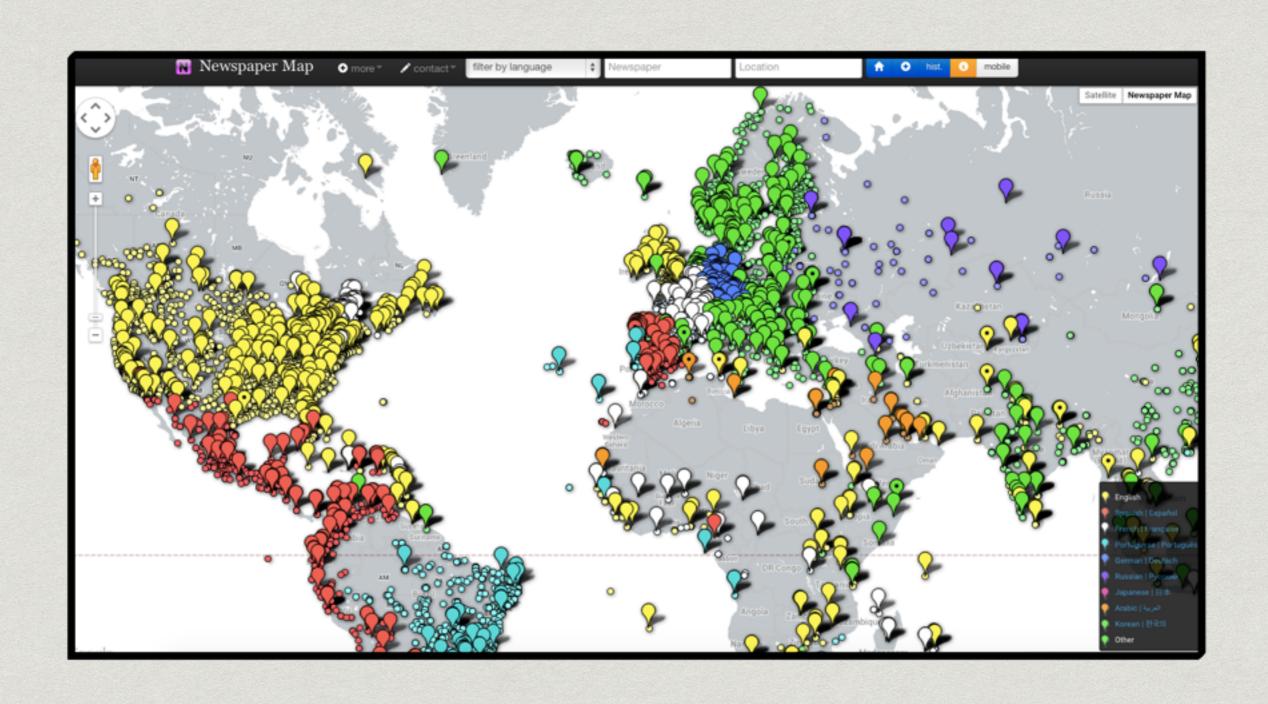
Current approaches and limitations

NewspaperMap

Uses Google maps API to display newspaper information based on selected location. Information includes title of newspaper and link to website

Limitations:

- Map is crowded with location markers
- Difficult for user to select a specific newspaper (must zoom in to location to select paper)
- No display of current news articles associated with paper (user must be redirected to main site)



Newsmap

Interactive, colour-coded map displaying titles of trending news articles based on popularity and category.

Limitations:

- Difficult to read titles of less popular articles due to relative size their 'boxes' without hovering over them
- Data is poorly presented due to over crowding the screen with titles however effective use of color coding
- * Limited selection of countries
- User is redirected to main site of article without any summary/contextualisation of article



Target users

- * Journalists
- * Local residents
- * Tourists
- * Researchers

Risks/Payoffs

- * Nature of trending data e.g. relevance and reliability
- * Extent of application regarding locations covered e.g. number of countries/articles to include: can effect overall user satisfaction and efficiency of application.

Mid-term Exams

* Retrieve + contextualise social media data on news articles

Final exam

- * Series of tests to evaluate UI design + efficiency of app e.g. response of database
- * Correctness of data