

# FEE.org Content Recommendations & Visitor Analysis

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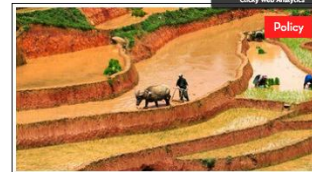
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# The problem

## Who are our visitors?

- What content engages users?
- What does a typical session look like?

## Can we improve engagement?

- Can we push relevant content to visitors?

# Solution

Build content recommendation  
algorithm

Analyze the content and suggest  
related content to users.

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# Process

**Extract metadata**

**Build script which  
extracts all content from  
the CMS**

**Extract features**

**Convert all text fields in  
each article to a term  
frequency-inverse  
document frequency  
feature matrix**

**Find related content**

**Given a URL, return 5  
similar articles**

# Part 2: Content & Visitor Analysis

<https://github.com/DavidVeksler/DS3-Projects/blob/master/Final%20Project/Part%203%20-%20Exploratory%20Analysis.ipynb>

# Content Analysis

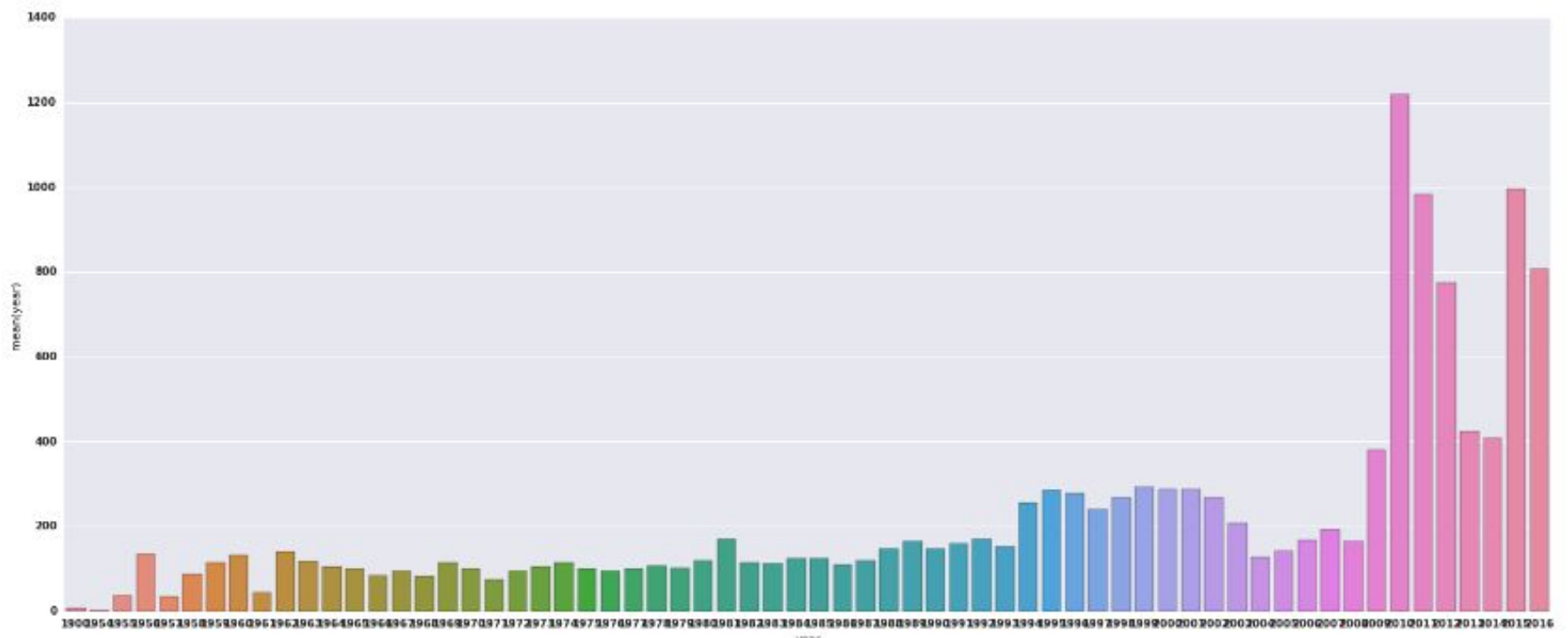
- 13000 articles over 66 years
- Source: content management system

# Visitor Analysis

- 50,000 actions (page views) over 11 hours
- Source: Clicky web traffic logs

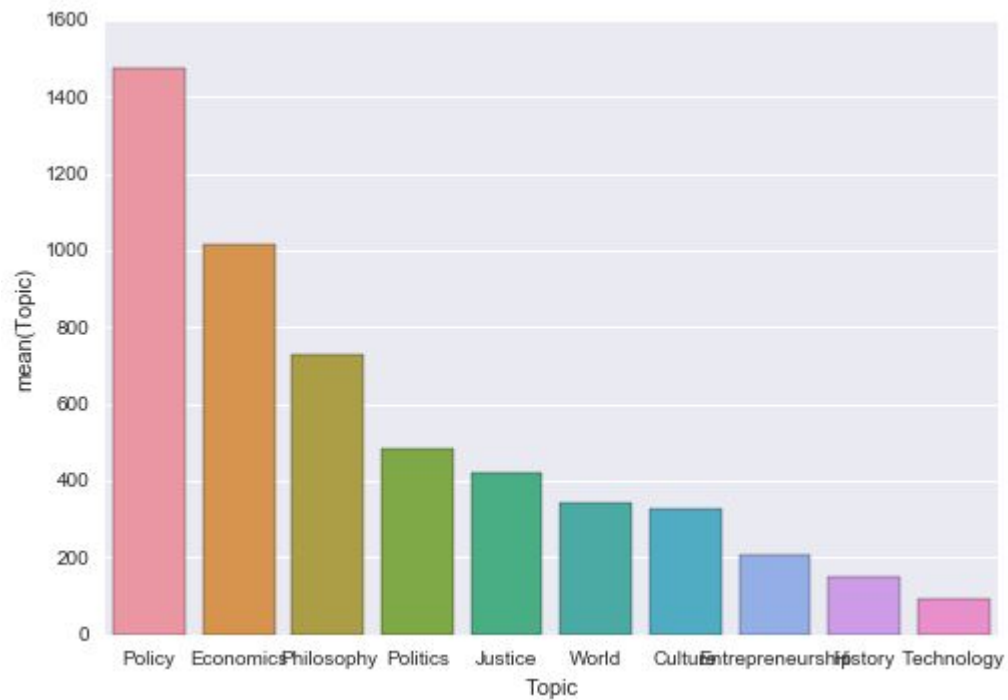


# Articles per year, 1952-2016

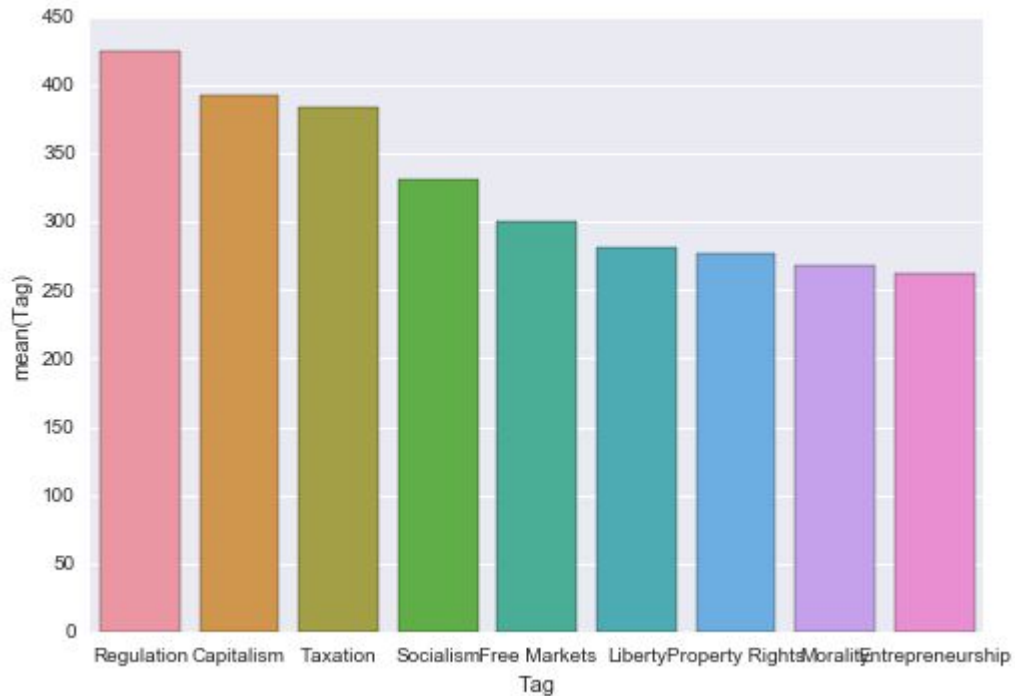




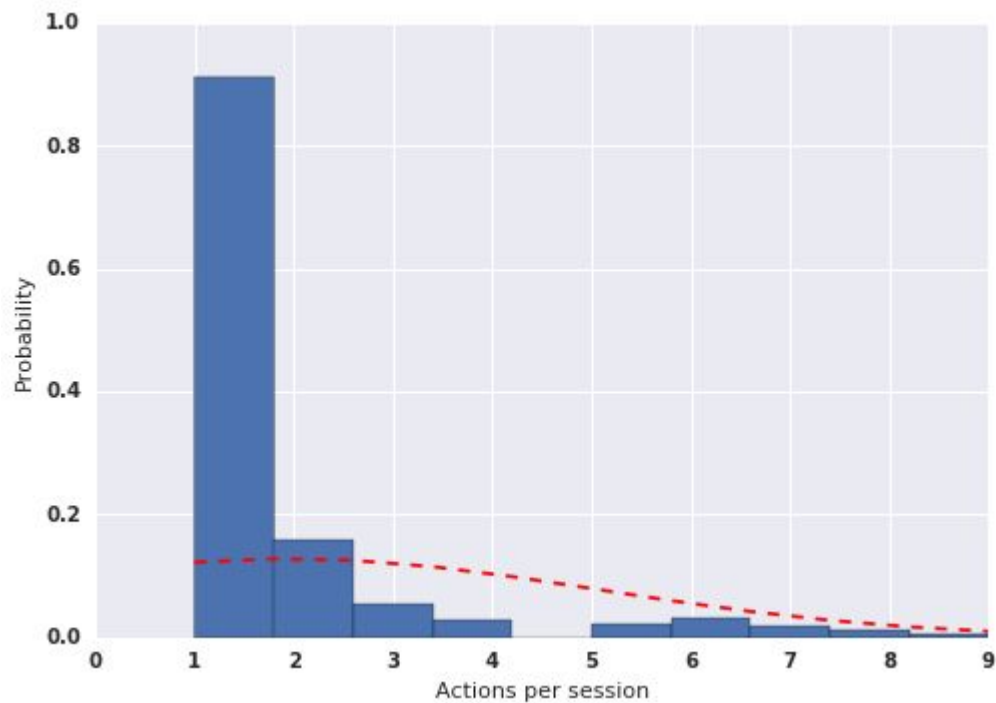
# Top Categories



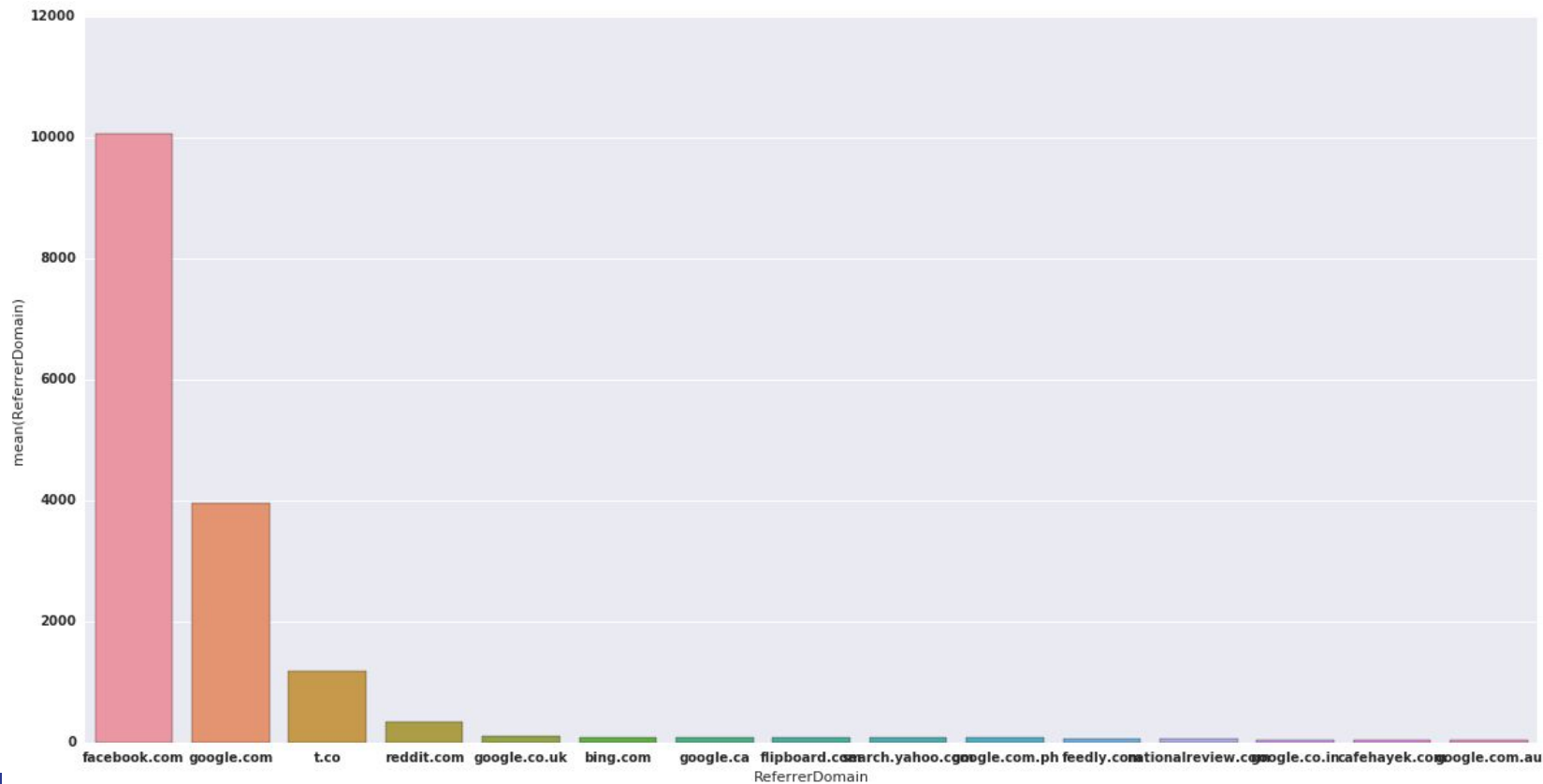
# Top Editorial Tags



# Actions per session



# Top Referring domains



# Part 2: Similar Article Recommendations

Policy Money Payday Loans Supply and Demand

# What If You Needed a Loan, Like Now?



Abigail Blanco

Thursday, August 11, 2016



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## Related Articles



A Payday Loan Can Be A Lifeline

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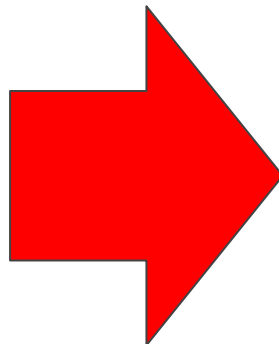
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# Step 1: Extract all text fields & URLs

1. Build command-line interface to Umbraco Content Management System
2. Strip HTML.
3. Encode text to JSON.
4. Extract all values to a CSV file.

```
var articles = access.Services.ContentService.GetChildren((int)CmsTopLevelContentNodes.Articles);
var metas = new List<ArticleMetadata>();
    articles.ForEach(article =>
    {
        Console.WriteLine("{0}: {1}", article.Name, article.ToString());
        metas.Add(GetArticleMetadata(article));
    });

WriteMetaDataToFile(metas);
```

# Pre-process CSV to Pandas Pickle

1. Convert CSV to Pandas DataFrame
2. Parse dates and convert tag to list.
3. Decode JSON strings
4. Strip HTML from content `from html.parser import HTMLParser`
5. Save DataFrame to Pandas pickle `data.to_pickle('assets\dataset\ArticleMetadata.pkl')`

```
import pandas as pd
import json

articles = pd.read_pickle('ArticleMetadata.pkl')
articles.DatePublished = pd.to_datetime(articles.DatePublished)
articles.Tags = articles.Tags.map(lambda x: str(x))
articles.TagArray = articles.Tags.map(lambda x: x.split(','))
articles.TagArray[0]
articles.head(1)
```

	Url	Title	Tags	Topic	DatePublished	Abstract	FullText
ArticleId							
12897	/articles/amc-s-halt-and-catch-fire-is-capital...	AMC's "Halt and Catch Fire" Is Capitalism's Fl...	Capitalism,Competition,Property Rights,Entrepr...	Economics	2015-09-02 10:56:24	"The show is a vibrant look at the early PC in...	"AMC's Halt and Catch Fire is a brilliant ...



# Step 3: TfidfVectorizer

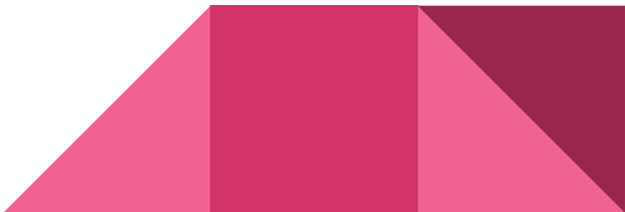
## 1. Extract words as features with TfidfVectorizer

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
```

```
tfidf = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english',min_df=3).fit_transform(articles.RawText.dropna())
```

```
# no need to normalize, since Vectorizer will return normalized tf-idf
```

```
pairwise_similarity = tfidf * tfidf.T
```



# Step 4: Compute Cosine Similarity

1. Compute the linear kernel between X and Y.

```
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import linear_kernel
```

```
def FindSimilarArticles(url, tfidf_matrix, articles):
```

```
    matches = articles.loc[articles['Url'] == url].index.tolist()
```

```
    originalArticleIndex = int(matches[0])
```

```
    print("original index: %s" % originalArticleIndex)
```

```
    cosine_similarities = linear_kernel(tfidf_matrix[originalArticleIndex], tfidf_matrix).flatten()
```

```
    print("cosine_similarities: %s" % cosine_similarities)
```

```
    related_docs_indices = cosine_similarities.argsort()[:-5:-1]
```

```
    print('related articles: ' % related_docs_indices)
```

```
    related_articles = []
```

```
    [related_articles.append(articles.iloc[index]) for index in related_docs_indices]
```

```
    return related_articles
```



# Demo

```
related = FindSimiliarArticles('/articles/how-america-can-keep-the-entrepreneurs-we-train/',tfidf,articles)
```

```
print(related)
```

```
Original index: 13795
```

```
cosine_similarities: [ 0.05772269  0.04216487  0.04971372 ...,  0.00795316  0.03272186  0.024919 ]
```

```
related articles:
```

```
Url          /articles/how-america-can-keep-the-entrepreneu...
```

```
Title        How America Can Keep the Entrepreneurs We Train
```

```
Name: 13795, dtype: object, ArticleId          132805
```

```
Url          /articles/immigrants-are-twice-as-likely-to-st...
```

```
Title        Immigrants Are Twice as Likely to Start a Busi...
```

```
Name: 671, dtype: object, ArticleId          108006
```

```
Url          /articles/why-government-jobs-programs-destroy...
```

```
Title        Why Government Jobs Programs Destroy Jobs
```

```
Name: 1076, dtype: object, ArticleId          129584
```

```
Url          /articles/5-charts-that-show-trumps-immigratio...
```

```
Title        5 Charts that Show Trump's Immigration Paper I...
```

```
Name: 338, dtype: object]
```



# Part 3: Other Classifier & Clustering Experiments

# Other experiments:

- Keyword modeling with Word2Vec Neural Network
  - Useful for tag recommendations.
- Document clustering - K means
  - Incomplete, too complex
- Topic modeling with latent Dirichlet allocation
  - Not very good results

```
In [12]: num_topics= 10
num_words_per_topic= 10

for ti, topic in enumerate(lda_model.show_topics(num_topics,num_words_per_topic)):
    print("Topic:      %d" % (ti))
    print(topic)
    print()

Topic:  0
(0, '0.001*government + 0.000*tax + 0.000*people + 0.000*moore + 0.000*tubman + 0.000*soto + 0.
*education + 0.000*trade + 0.000*new + 0.000*economic')

Topic:  1
(1, '0.001*government + 0.001*venezuela + 0.001*market + 0.001*free + 0.001*state + 0.001*madur
0.001*erhard + 0.001*economic + 0.001*jury + 0.001*amazon')

Topic:  2
(2, '0.002*government + 0.002*people + 0.002*market + 0.001*economic + 0.001*world + 0.001*free
0.001*state + 0.001*new + 0.001*money + 0.001*percent')
```

```
In [18]: model.most_similar(positive=
```

```
Out[18]: [('entrepreneurship', 0.7297
('protectionism', 0.7233507
('global', 0.70528000593185
('capitalism', 0.6833494901
('instability', 0.667334139
('technological', 0.6574413
('liberalization', 0.652382
('overpopulation', 0.638936
('sustainable', 0.634416639
('specialization', 0.627989
```



The End