

NBA Beat Writer Twitter Analysis



Background

why do we care?

The National Basketball Association



NBA has grown immensely in popularity over the last few years

NBA Twitterverse



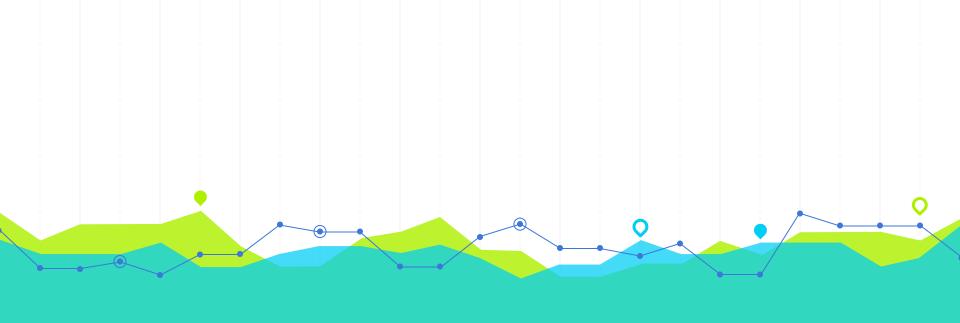
Success partly attributable to ability to connect with millennials

Social media, particularly twitter, plays a major role in this

Beat Reporting

genre of journalism that can be described as the craft of in-depth reporting on a particular topic over time.





Problem

kind of.

Who Should I Follow?

With such a large NBA presences in the twitterverse, how can the casual fan decide which writers follow on twitter?

Tweet Considerations



Tweet Consideration Metrics

Frequency

total tweet count daily tweet counts

Quality

retweets favorites

Sentiment

polarity and subjectivity analysis using keyword pattern spotting technique

Topic

bag-of words model with PCA and K Means Clustering, bi-gram frequency





How can we use this information effectively to make decisions?

Interactive Dashboard http://localhost:8080/index.html#

Tweet Count by Writer

A. Sherrod Blakely

Bill Dovle

Brian Robb

Chris Forsberg Jay King

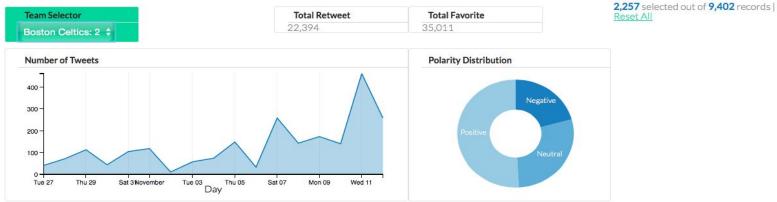
Marc D'Amico

Mark Murphy

200

400

Scott Souza Steve Bulpett



Brad Stevens

Danny Ainge

Evan Turner

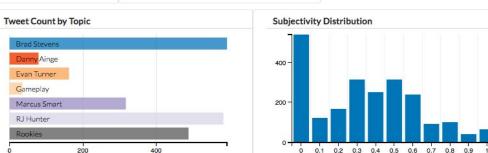
Marcus Smart

Gameplay

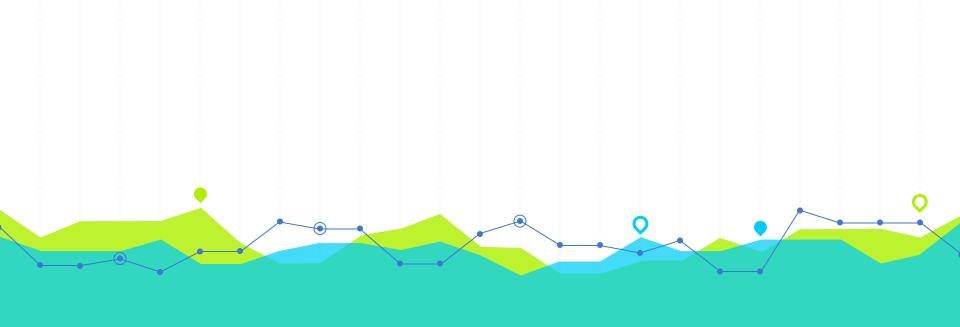
RJ Hunter

Rookies

600



Reset All



Future Work

How can we improve?

Content

add more teams and writers and improve topic modeling

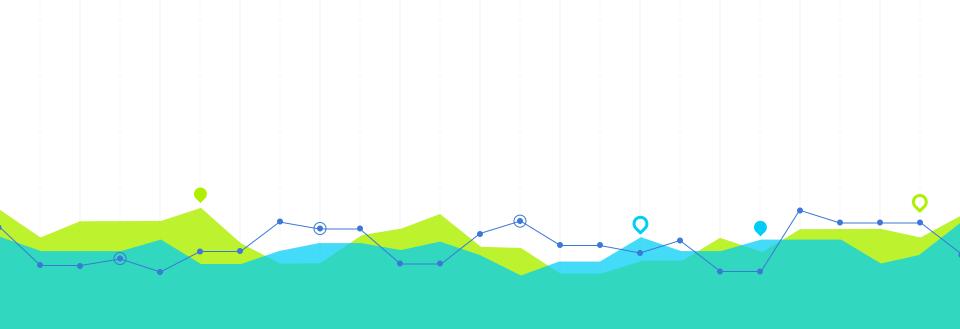
Real Time

update dashboard for new tweets in real time



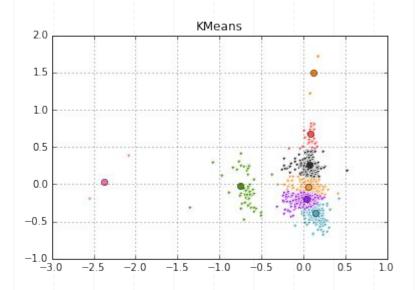
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Any questions?



Appendix

Topic Clusters Celtics



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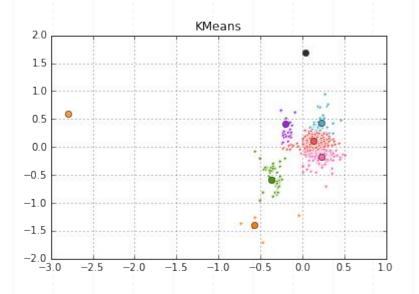
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Topic Clusters Knicks



Madison Square Garden

Kristaps Porzingis

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Carmelo Anthony

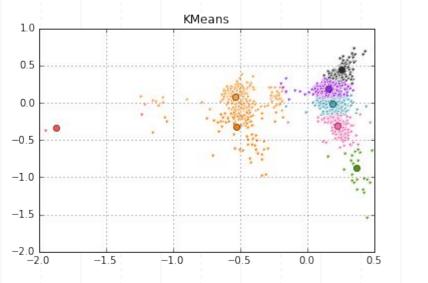
Langston Galloway

Derek Fisher

Kristaps Porzingis

Derek Fisher

Topic Clusters Lakers



Kobe Bryant

D'Angelo Russell

Byron Scott

Kobe Bryant

Non-Kobe Lakers

Kobe Bryant

Kobe Bryant

Larry Nance Jr.