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Springboard Data Science Career Track

Capstone Project 2 Milestone 1 – Text Mash

**Problem**

Improve interactions between people and improve user experience. Matching people and finding fun activities are very labor intensive manual process and very important for people’s life experiences. Understand who people are and what they are likely to want is one of the most important things to identify to really make a difference in most people’s lives.

**Client**

Any apps would be able to use the personality traits to improve the experience. Personality traits can be used to pair like-minded people for dating, assistance or finding what activities all people in a group would be most likely to enjoy based on all of their personalities. It could also be used to present information in the way each type of person finds most appealing. It could even be used to understand how an email would make you seem (optimistic, extroverted, ext). If the solution is strong enough it could be useful enough to start a business around.

**Dataset**

I will focus on accurately predicting MBTI personality types and then expand to other personality features such as positivity/negativity if time allows. The MBTI raw data I will get from Kaggles Myers Briggs dataset (<https://www.kaggle.com/datasnaek/mbti-type>). Some personality types don’t post as much so I will try to find more data to make a large enough sample, so that can have more examples of the types less vocal on forums. That extra data I will collect from Reddit’s MBTI subbreddits which have posters self labelled type and separate subreddits for different types. The subreddits for different types could be used if I filter out any comments that include references to other personality types.

**Alternative datasets**

If time allows I could add a number of other features to help get a full personality or linguistic profile:

Emotion (<https://www.kaggle.com/c/sa-emotions/data>)

Topic of conversation (<https://www.kaggle.com/c/comp-551-miniproject-2-reddit-classification>)

**Findings**

The initial Kaggle dataset is biased towards introversion, and so are the subreddits which means some personality types are more likely to post on forums. Although that means that the personality traits are more likely to influence what people enjoy, that makes it harder to collect an unbiased dataset. To try and achieve an unbiased dataset I combined the Kaggle dataset with the data I collected from reddit.

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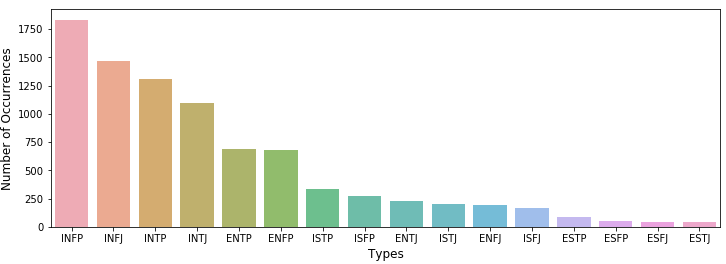
The Kaggle dataset’s bias is show above with the clear variation between the introverted and extroverted types. The reddit database’s distribution is shown below, it is biased as well but also helps to raise the number of examples of the uncommonly posting types.

To clean the text data I removed English stop words, replaced URLs with <URL> and replaced all the 4 letter personality types with <MBTI>.

The accuracy of predicting the test split from the original data is shown below

I also tested the accuracy of predicting my and a couple close friend’s personality types from my texting history and compared them to their stated mbti.

Kaggle Distribution (https://www.kaggle.com/lbronchal/what-s-the-personality-of-kaggle-users)



Reddit MBTI Distribution (collected from https://www.reddit.com/r/mbti/)

