Reading a Web Log File

Strategy for Reading Data via Regular Expressions

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We have a file eeyore.log that contains log messages from a Web server about requests it received. Each line provides information about a single request for a document. There are 8548 lines in the file.

Each line is of the form

```
114.188.183.88 - - [01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800] "GET /stat141/Code/Session1.txt HTTP/1.1" \
404 223 "https://www.google.co.jp/" \
"Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/46.0.2490.80 Safari/
```

(Note that I have split this across 3 lines for formatting reasons. It is a single line in the file.)

Each line contains the following features/elements

- IP address of the machine requesting the document 114.188.183.88
- optionl remote logname -
- an optional login, here given as -, i.e., not provided
- date-time stamp 01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800
- a quoted triple
 - HTTP operation/command GET
 - path to the document being requestion /stat141/Code/Session1.txt
 - protocol and version HTTP/1.1
- operation status 404 for Not Found
- number of bytes returned 223
- referral URL
- user browser information from which the request was made

We start by reading the lines from the file into a character vector in R:

```
11 = readLines('eeyore.log')
```

Our strategy is to incrementally build a regular expression that matches each entire line and uses capture groups to match the different features/elements lised above. We can then use gregexpr and the capture information to extract those elements for each line and construct a data frame with those variables.

To probably simplify the process, we'll extract entire elements such as the quoted triple and then in a second step extract its sub-elements. We could do this all in one step, but the regular expression will get slightly more complex, but not much more so. So, in fact, we'll probably do the simpler case first and then enhance the regular expression to do it all in one go, having "banked" the simpler version.

We could write the entire regular expression in one go, but it is often better to incrementally grow it, checking at each step that it matches all of the lines. If we wrote the full regular expression and it didn't match, we would have a hard time determining why. So the incremental construction helps identify what didn't match as we know which part we added most recently that caused it to stop matching.

So we will start by capturing the IP address and the two - characters corresponding to the login names. We'll use grepl() to see what elements of 11 the regular expression matched and did not match. We'll move to gregexpr() later when we want to see what parts matched and where the subpatterns matched within each string. But for now we are focused on matching each entire line or not:

```
W = grepl("^[0-9.] + - -", 11)
```

Next we check all matched:

table(w)

```
## w
## FALSE TRUE
## 161 8387
```

161 of the ~ 8500 didn't. Let's examine some of these and see why the regular expression didn't match those: head(11[!w])

These start wit

```
"67.166.147.49 - kcolson [01....."
```

So the second - could actually be a regular login name, not always a -. So let's change the regular expression to allow for a - OR a sequence of one or more lower case letters:

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z] +)", 11)
table(w)
```

```
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
```

This matches all of them.

We could now move on to also matching the date-time stamp. However, we'll see that we still have a slight problem with matching the first login. Quick summary: we should add the trailing space after the second login to our regular expression to make certain that we matched the entire login. If it contained a number or an underscore __, our regexp would match but not all of the login word.

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z] +) ", 11)
table(w)
```

```
## w
## FALSE TRUE
## 35 8513
```

We didn't match 35 of the ~ 8500 lines Again, we examine these and see

```
"108.213.78.140 - rickyt1 [02
```

So we need to allow for numbers in the login:

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z0-9] +) ", 11)
table(w)
```

```
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
```

This matches all of our lines.

If we had moved on to matching the date-time stamp before checking we matched the entire login text, we would be debugging 2 things - the different login name AND the complex date-time stamp text. So try to complete on one element entirely before moving onto the next.

The date-time stamp is enclosed with a [] pair. These are the same characters we use to identify a character class in a regular expression. So we have to escape each of these to have them be treated as literal values. We try

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z] +) \) ([^] + \) (1)
table(w)
```

```
## w
## FALSE
## 8548
```

This doesn't match any line. So time to debug.

What we are trying to do here is say

- find the literal [
- then one or more characters that is not]
- followed by the literal] character

This is a common idiom - start character, one or more of anything but the end character, the end character. We use this a lot for getting text in quotes - start quote, anything but that quote, that quote to end the sequence.

What we wrote above is just wrong as a regular expression but we didn't get an error. It was not actually wrong, but it certainly wasn't what we meant. We can try to use perl = TRUE to see if it raises an error,

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z] +) \[^] + \]", 11)
```

but it doesn't either.

It would be easier to read if we could put spaces between the elements but then these would part of the text to match. But let's do this as a thought experiment. We have

```
\\[ ^]+ \\]
```

The middle part is along the lines of what we want but incorrect. We want

```
\\[ [^]]+ \\]
```

That is, the middle part should be a character set/class so enclosed within [] and what we want within the set is "any character except]" We indicate this with ^] so we should have [^]] We may need to escape the] within the []

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z] +) \[[^\\]] + \] , 11)
table(w)
```

```
## w
## FALSE
## 8548
```

We should add the 0-9 for the login part, but that is not what is causing not match at all. We'll also use the perl = TRUE

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z0-9] +) \) , 11, perl = TRUE) table(w)
```

```
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
```

This matches all the lines. We could also not escape the] within the character set markers, i.e., and use either perl = TRUE or FALSE:

```
w = grepl("^[0-9.] + - (-|[a-z0-9] +) \[[^]] + \]", 11)
table(w)
```

```
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
```

This is slightly confusing. While it is more typing, it is probably a good idea to use per1 = TRUE throughout.

We now move onto the next element which is the

```
"GET /stat141/Code/Session1.txt HTTP/1.1"
```

We could read the GET and the file and the HTTP and the 1.1. However, as we mentioned earlier, we are going to get the entire item in quotes and post-process it later to extract the elements.

So we match

- ".
- one or more characters that are not "
- a.

We do this with "[^"]+". We add this to the end of our regular expression. We also enclose the part within the "" pair via () to capture the group. So we have

```
w = grepl('^([0-9.]+) - (-|[a-z0-9]+) \\[([^]]+)\\] "([^"]+)" ', 11)
table(w)
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
```

Note that we also add the following space based on what we learned from only matching part of the login.

The next two fields are the status and the number of bytes and should be integers.

```
w = grepl('^([0-9.]+) - (-|[a-z0-9]+) \\[([^]]+)\\] "([^"]+)" ([0-9]+) ([0-9]+)', 11)
table(w)

## w
## FALSE TRUE
## 2537 6011
```

So again, let's look at what didn't match.

```
head(ll[!w])
```

```
## [1] "68.180.229.48 - - [01/Nov/2015:05:17:05 -0800] \"GET /stat242/data/covtype.info HTTP/1.1\" 304
## [2] "68.180.229.48 - - [01/Nov/2015:05:19:19 -0800] \"GET /stat242/Maak_d.R HTTP/1.1\" 304 - \"-\" \
## [3] "68.180.229.48 - - [01/Nov/2015:06:18:53 -0800] \"GET /stat242/Lectures/Lec16 HTTP/1.1\" 304 - \
## [4] "137.208.57.141 - - [01/Nov/2015:06:37:16 -0800] \"HEAD /cgi-bin/testForm1.pl HTTP/1.1\" 404 - \
## [5] "98.238.243.161 - - [01/Nov/2015:08:05:33 -0800] \"GET /stat141/Class.css HTTP/1.1\" 304 - \"htt
## [6] "98.238.243.161 - [01/Nov/2015:08:05:45 -0800] \"GET /stat141/Homeworks.html HTTP/1.1\" 304 -
```

We see that the "number of bytes" term may be -, so we add that as a possibility

```
 w = grepl('^([0-9.]+) - (-|[a-z0-9]+) \setminus [([^]]+) \setminus [([^"]+)" ([0-9]+) (-|[0-9]+)', 11)   table(w)
```

```
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
```

Note that it is either - or a sequence of digits. We don't add the - to the character set of digits which would match -123 or 1-23.

Now we match all lines again. We capture the last two terms which are both enclosed/surrounded by quotes, like the fifth term (the operation, file and protocol).

```
 w = grepl('^([0-9.]+) - (-|[a-z0-9]+) \setminus [([^]]+) \setminus [([^"]+)" ([0-9]+) (-|[0-9]+) "([^"]+)" "([^"]+)"', table(w)
```

```
## w
## FALSE
                     TRUE
                      8547
This matches all but one line:
11[!w]
## [1] "41.220.68.249 - - [03/Nov/2015:02:41:58 -0800] \"GET /stat141/Lectures/Day1.pdf HTTP/1.1\" 200
After some thinking, we find the issue is that the referer term is empty, i.e., "". Our (sub)pattern is "([^"]+)"
which requires one or more characters between the "". We can change this to zero-or-more by replacing the +
with *:
 w = grepl('^([0-9.]+) - (-|[a-z0-9]+) \setminus [([^{^}]]+) \setminus [([^{^}]]+) + ([0-9]+) (-|[0-9]+) ([^{^}]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}]]+) + ([^{^}
table(w)
## W
## TRUE
## 8548
Now we seem to match all lines. While we probably have the correct matches, this is not guaranteed yet. We
may match the entire line, but not the correct sub-patterns to the correct content in all lines. So now we
turn to extracting the matches for the subpatterns using gregexpr().
 m = gregexpr('^([0-9.]+) - (-|[a-z0-9]+) \setminus [([^]]+) \setminus [([^"]+)" ([0-9]+) (-|[0-9]+) "([^"]*)" "([^"]+) ) 
We check how many matches there are for each line
table(sapply(m, length))
##
##
             1
## 8548
So all have length 1. The value is the starting position for each match and it should be 1, the start of the
string. Let's confirm this
table(sapply(m, `[`, 1) == 1)
##
## TRUE
## 8548
Let's also verify that the length of the entire match is the number of characters in each string/line:
mlen = sapply(m, function(x) attr(x, "match.length"))
table(mlen)
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table(mlen == nchar(ll))
##
```

TRUE ## 8548

Now let's look at the subpatterns and where they start and end within each line and extract their values.

Looking at the first element of m, we see

```
## [1] 1
## attr(,"match.length")
## [1] 236
## attr(,"index.type")
## [1] "chars"
## attr(,"useBytes")
## [1] TRUE
## attr(,"capture.start")
##
## [1,] 1 18 21 50 91 95 100 128
## attr(,"capture.length")
##
## [1,] 14 1 26 39 3 3 25 108
## attr(,"capture.names")
```

Note the attributes capture start and capture length. These give us the start of each capture group matched in the string and the number of characters matched for that capture group match.

We can use substring to get these, e.g.,

[1] "" "" "" "" "" "" ""

```
s = attr(m[[1]], "capture.start")
substring(ll[1], s, s + attr(m[[1]], "capture.length"))
```

```
## [1] "114.188.183.88 "
## [2] "- "
## [3] "01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800]"
## [4] "GET /stat141/Code/Session1.txt HTTP/1.1\""
## [5] "404 "
## [6] "223 "
## [7] "https://www.google.co.jp/\""
```

[8] "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/46.0.2490.80

Where is the remote login field? We didn't capture that field as it is - in all fields.

We can loop over each pair of 11 and m and extract the substrings for the capture groups:

This returns a matrix with dimensions 8 rows and 8548 columns. We can transpose it and convert it to a data.frame

```
caps2 = as.data.frame(t(caps))
```

We wrote a function getCaptures() to do this:

```
source("getCaptures.R")
getCaptures
## function (pat, x, matches = gregexpr(pat, x, perl = TRUE, ...),
##
      asDataFrame = TRUE, row.names = x, dropNoName = TRUE, ...,
      SIMPLIFY = asDataFrame)
##
## {
      if (length(matches) == 0)
##
##
          return(list())
      if (is.null(attr(matches[[1]], "capture.start")))
##
          stop("no capture group information. Does the regular expression contain capture groups?")
##
##
      ans = mapply(getCapture, x, matches, MoreArgs = list(asDataFrame = FALSE),
##
          SIMPLIFY = SIMPLIFY)
      if (asDataFrame) {
##
##
          ans = as.data.frame.matrix(t(ans), row.names = seq_along(x),
##
              make.names = FALSE)
##
          rownames(ans) = row.names
          vars = attr(matches[[1]], "capture.names")
##
          if (length(vars) && !all(vars == "")) {
##
##
              names(ans) = vars
##
              if (any(w <- (vars == "")))
##
                  ans = ans[!w]
          }
##
##
          ans
##
      }
##
      else ans
## }
caps = getCaptures(rx, 11, row.names = NULL)
We check the dimensions
dim(caps)
## [1] 8548
and that the number of rows is the same as the number of lines in our log file:
length(11)
```

```
## [1] 8548
stopifnot(nrow(caps) == length(ll))
```

What are the column names?

```
names(caps)
```

```
## [1] "V1" "V2" "V3" "V4" "V5" "V6" "V7" "V8"
```

Let's change our regular expression to name each capture group

```
rx = '^(?P<ip>[0-9.]+) - (?P<who>-|[a-z0-9]+) \\[(?P<time>[^]]+)\\] "(?P<operation>[^"]+)" (?P<status>[caps = getCaptures(rx, ll, row.names = NULL)
```

Now, getCaptures() puts these names on the columns of the resulting data.frame:

```
names(caps)
```

```
## [1] "ip" "who" "time" "operation" "status" "bytes" "referer" "useragent"
```

Now let's check the values. Are all the values in the bytes column numbers?

```
table(grepl("^[0-9]+$", caps$bytes ))
```

```
##
## FALSE TRUE
## 2537 6011
```

That number should be familiar. It corresponds to the number of lines that have – as the value for bytes. But let's verify this:

```
w2 = grep1("^[0-9]+$", caps$bytes )
length(unique(caps$bytes[!w2]))
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
unique(caps$bytes[!w2])
```

```
## [1] "-"
```

So we can convert this column to integer values and this will convert the - values to NAs which is fine.

```
caps$bytes = as.integer(caps$bytes)
```

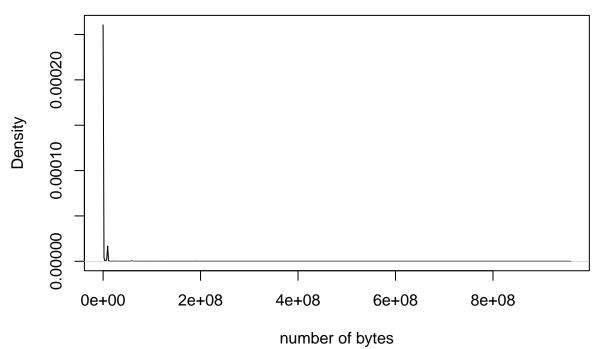
Warning: NAs introduced by coercion

```
summary(caps$bytes)
```

```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's
## 1 230 3719 1258359 12022 959380863 2537
```

The values look reasonable, but a) a density plot would be more informative, and b) the minimum of 1 is curious, and likewise the maximum value. So we'll explore these:

```
plot(density(caps$bytes[!is.na(caps$bytes)]), xlab = "number of bytes", main = "")
```



don't see much as the range of the horizontal scale is so large due to very large maximum. Let's examine this caps[which.max(caps\$bytes),]

We

That is a large file, but legitimately large.

What about the minimum

```
caps[which.min(caps$bytes),]
```

```
## ip who time operation status by
## 1772 50.185.43.37 - 01/Nov/2015:20:09:44 -0800 GET /stat141/Hws/assignment3.html HTTP/1.1 206
## referer
## 1772 http://eeyore.ucdavis.edu/stat141/Homeworks.html
```

1772 Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_4) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/46

This doesn't look right - an assignment document with only 1 byte. What does the status value 206 mean? Looking at documentation, we see this is 206 Partial Content and "is used when the Range header is sent

from the client to request only part of a resource." So it too is legitimate.

Date-time stamp

Now let's look at the time column:

```
head(caps$time)
```

```
## [1] "01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800" "01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800" "01/Nov/2015:03:42:10 -0800" "01/Nov/2
## [5] "01/Nov/2015:03:42:13 -0800" "01/Nov/2015:03:42:13 -0800"
```

We can convert this to a POSIXct vector:

```
caps$timestamp = as.POSIXct(strptime(caps$time, "%d/%b/%Y:%H:%M:%S %T"))
table(is.na(caps$timestamp))
##
## TRUE
## 8548
It is always important to check if we introduced NAs during this type of conversion. Ours are all NAs. So we
got the formatting string wrong. Let's remove the %T:
caps$timestamp = as.POSIXct(strptime(caps$time, "%d/%b/%Y:%H:%M:%S"))
table(is.na(caps$timestamp))
##
## FALSE
## 8548
Now we have not NAs, but let's look at the first few values along with the original time strings:
head(caps[, c("time", "timestamp")])
##
                            time
                                            timestamp
## 1 01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800 2015-11-01 03:41:50
## 2 01/Nov/2015:03:41:50 -0800 2015-11-01 03:41:50
## 3 01/Nov/2015:03:42:10 -0800 2015-11-01 03:42:10
## 4 01/Nov/2015:03:42:12 -0800 2015-11-01 03:42:12
## 5 01/Nov/2015:03:42:13 -0800 2015-11-01 03:42:13
## 6 01/Nov/2015:03:42:13 -0800 2015-11-01 03:42:13
These look correct.
length(unique(caps$ip))
## [1] 707
table(caps$status)
##
    200
         206
              301
                   302
                         304
                              403
                                   404
               74
                               12 1249
## 4792
          68
                    62 2291
Separating the Operation, File and Protocol Version
head(caps$operation)
## [1] "GET /stat141/Code/Session1.txt HTTP/1.1" "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1"
## [3] "GET /stat141/Code/ HTTP/1.1"
                                                   "GET /stat141/ HTTP/1.1"
## [5] "GET /stat141/Class.css HTTP/1.1"
                                                   "GET /stat141/OmegaTech.css HTTP/1.1"
Are all the protocol versions 1.1
w = grepl("HTTP/1.1$", caps$operation)
table(w)
## w
## FALSE TRUE
          8214
     334
```

Some are 1.0, so we check

```
w = grepl("HTTP/1.[01]$", caps$operation)
table(w)
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
We now can use capture groups on these strings to extract the HTTP action/operation, the file path and the
version. Again, we'll use named capture groups:
w = grepl("^(?P<action>[A-Z]+) (?P<file>.*) HTTP/1.(?P<version>[10])$", caps$operation, perl = TRUE)
table(w)
## w
## TRUE
## 8548
And now we can call getCaptures
ops = getCaptures("^(?P<action>[A-Z]+) (?P<file>.*) HTTP/1.(?P<version>[10])$", caps$operation, row.nam
dim(ops)
## [1] 8548
                3
names(ops)
## [1] "action"
                 "file"
                             "version"
This looks fine, so we append this data.frame with the entire caps data.frame:
caps2 = cbind(caps, ops)
```

What are the Login Names

```
sort(table(caps2$who), decreasing = TRUE)
##
##
                                  fangh
                                           luming rayljazz rickyt1 kamirira btenberg kcolson ladyapus l

    yuecongw dchenucd

##
       8387
                  16
                            13
                                               13
                                                        13
                                                                  13
                                            xiliu
##
     ejxiao asterial boyaliu
                                rskapul
```

UserAgent, Web browser, Operating System

How any different user agents are there?

```
length(unique(caps2$useragent))
## [1] 238
We'll take a look at a few of these:
head(unique(caps2$useragent))
## [1] "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/46.0.2490.80
```

```
## [2] "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/46.0.2490.80
## [3] "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; Baiduspider/2.0; +http://www.baidu.com/search/spider.html)"
## [4] "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; bingbot/2.0; +http://www.bing.com/bingbot.htm)"
## [5] "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; Yahoo! Slurp; http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/ysearch/slurp)"
```

```
## [6] "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_8_5) AppleWebKit/536.30.1 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version
How many start with "Mozilla/5.0"?
table(grepl("^Mozilla/5.0", caps2$useragent))
##
## FALSE TRUE
     916 7632
##
Or with "Mozilla"?
w = grepl("^Mozilla", caps2$useragent)
table(w)
## w
## FALSE TRUE
    728 7820
What about the ones that don't start with "Mozilla"
head(caps2$useragent[!w])
## [1] "-"
## [2] "-"
## [3] "Safari/10601.2.7.2 CFNetwork/720.5.7 Darwin/14.5.0 (x86 64)"
## [4] "Safari/10601.2.7.2 CFNetwork/720.5.7 Darwin/14.5.0 (x86_64)"
## [5] "Safari/10601.2.7.2 CFNetwork/720.5.7 Darwin/14.5.0 (x86_64)"
## [6] "Safari/10601.2.7.2 CFNetwork/720.5.7 Darwin/14.5.0 (x86_64)"
So some blank ones ("-") and others starting with Safari, the Mac browser.
So let's look at the ones that rest, i.e., that don't start with Safari or Mozilla:
w = grepl("^(Safari|Mozilla)", caps2$useragent)
table(w)
## w
## FALSE TRUE
    538 8010
head(caps2$useragent[!w])
## [1] "-"
## [3] "R (3.1.3 x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 x86_64 darwin10.8.0)" "R (3.1.3 x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 x8
## [5] "R (3.1.2 x86_64-w64-mingw32 x86_64 mingw32)"
                                                                    "Google favicon"
So we have "R", "Google favicon"
tt = sort(table(caps2$useragent[!w]), decreasing = TRUE)
tt[ tt > 5]
##
##
                            R (3.2.2 x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 x86_64 darwin13.4.0)
##
                                                                                    77
##
                                                                       Google favicon
##
                                     R (3.0.2 x86 64-pc-linux-gnu x86 64 linux-gnu)
##
##
##
                            R (3.0.3 x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 x86_64 darwin10.8.0)
##
##
                            R (3.1.2 x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 x86_64 darwin13.4.0)
```

```
##
                                 MobileSafari/601.1 CFNetwork/758.1.6 Darwin/15.0.0
##
##
                                        R (3.2.2 x86 64-w64-mingw32 x86 64 mingw32)
##
##
                                                                                  33
##
##
                                                                                  19
##
                               MobileSafari/600.1.4 CFNetwork/711.5.6 Darwin/14.0.0
##
    com.apple.WebKit.WebContent/10600.8.9 CFNetwork/720.5.7 Darwin/14.5.0 (x86_64)
##
##
                                                                              Nessus
##
##
                                                                                  14
##
                                        R (3.1.2 x86_64-w64-mingw32 x86_64 mingw32)
##
                           R (3.1.3 x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 x86_64 darwin10.8.0)
##
##
##
                           R (3.2.1 x86 64-apple-darwin13.4.0 x86 64 darwin13.4.0)
##
   com.apple.WebKit.WebContent/10600.6.3 CFNetwork/720.3.13 Darwin/14.3.0 (x86_64)
##
         facebookexternalhit/1.1 (+http://www.facebook.com/externalhit uatext.php)
##
##
##
                                            R (3.1.3 i386-w64-mingw32 i386 mingw32)
##
   com.apple.WebKit.WebContent/10600.7.12 CFNetwork/720.4.4 Darwin/14.4.0 (x86_64)
##
##
                           R (3.2.1 x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 x86_64 darwin10.8.0)
##
How many start with R
table(grepl("^R \\(", caps2$useragent))
##
## FALSE
          TRUE
    8214
           334
Let's look at the requests/lines where the user agent is "Google favicon"
idx = grep("Google favicon", 11)
head(ll[idx])
## [1] "66.249.84.180 - - [01/Nov/2015:08:47:57 -0800] \"GET / HTTP/1.1\" 200 - \"-\" \"Google favicon\
## [2] "66.249.84.182 - - [01/Nov/2015:08:47:57 -0800] \"GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1\" 404 209 \"-\" \"Go
## [3] "66.249.84.180 - - [01/Nov/2015:10:42:55 -0800] \"GET /stat141/ HTTP/1.1\" 200 4176 \"-\" \"Goog
## [4] "66.249.84.180 - - [01/Nov/2015:10:42:55 -0800] \"GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1\" 404 209 \"-\" \"Go
## [5] "66.249.84.181 - - [01/Nov/2015:11:48:07 -0800] \"GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1\" 404 209 \"-\" \"Go
## [6] "66.249.84.181 - - [01/Nov/2015:14:11:44 -0800] \"GET / HTTP/1.1\" 200 - \"-\" \"Google favicon\
```

R (3.1.1 x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 x86_64 darwin10.8.0)

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##

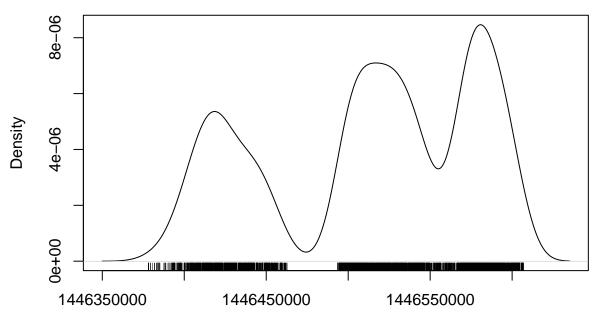
##

We can extract the operating system (OS) from the useragent field and see which OSes are most common.

When did the Request Occur?

```
plot(density(as.numeric(caps2$timestamp)))
rug(as.numeric(caps2$timestamp))
```

density.default(x = as.numeric(caps2\$timestamp))



N = 8548 Bandwidth = 9411

HTTP Operations

What are the HTTP operations

table(caps2\$action)

```
## ## GET HBESPY HEAD POST WFZWXO ## 8457 1 84 5 1
```

HTTP Version and Useragent

table(caps2\$version)

```
##
## 0 1
## 334 8214
table(caps$useragent, caps2$version)
```

Referer Pages/URLs

```
length(unique(caps2$referer))
```

[1] 97

dsort(table(caps2\$referer))

Spaces in the File Paths

Do any of the file paths contain spaces?

grep(" ", caps2\$file)

integer(0)