Social Media and Digital Methods Laboratory instructions (Labs 2-6)

View and interact with Jupyter notebooks and learn about text mining techniques.

Prior Knowledge

Lectures.

Software Requirements

The notebooks are available in the course GitHub repository: https://github.com/UppsalaIM/2IS060

Binder is a hosted service that takes care of all the installation for you, and runs the notebooks on the cloud. For running on the cloud using Binder you will need only:

• A Web browser: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

For running on your computer, you will need to install:

- Python 3.7 or newer
- Jupyter
- The somialabs Python package

Full installation instructions can be found in repository documentation (visit the URL given above).

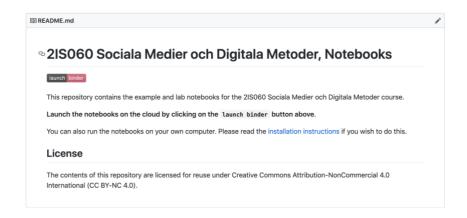
Starting the Labs

The laboratory sessions for this course are run in Jupyter.

Jupyter is an environment that is web based, and allows you to do interactive programming inside a Web browser. Jupyter allows you to view and create computational notebooks, which are like Web pages that contain cells that are static content and cells that are Python code that you can run and view the output in the browser. You will not need to do any coding in these labs.

1. Visit the GitHub source code repository for the Labs at https://github.com/UppsalaIM/2IS060

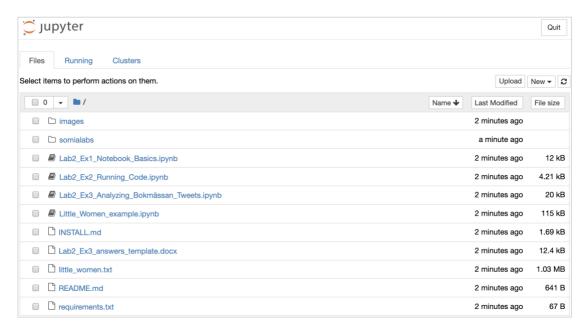
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There are two ways to launch the notebooks repository. The simplest way is to use the **launch binder** button. If you installed Jupyter on to your own computer, launch Jupyter from the command-line with the command

jupyter notebook

or if you are using Anaconda launch Jupyter from the Anaconda Navigator app. Once launched, you should see the repository contents in the Jupyter dashboard like this:



To launch a specific notebook, click on any of the .ipynb files in the dashboard.

2. Open each lab exercise notebook corresponding to the current session and complete the tasks in each notebook.

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e.g. During Lab 2, Open up, read and complete the tasks contained in Lab2 Ex1 Notebook Basics.ipynb, Lab2 Ex2..., Lab2 Ex3... etc.
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The first few exercises (of Lab 2) will help you familiarize yourself with the Jupyter environment. The exercises that follow will aim to help you understand text mining and its application to social media data.

3. When you have completed all the questions in each lab exercises, remember to have a chat with the Lecturer/Teaching Assistant who is supervising your lab session.

Good luck!