



Contextual Ads

as the New Frontier in Privacy Compliant Advertising

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Current digital advertising landscape - what's at stake?

The screenshot shows the Icelandair website interface. Overlaid on the left is a browser's 'About icelandair.com' panel, which includes a security status, permissions, a list of 95 cookies, and tracking prevention settings (set to 'Balanced'). Overlaid in the center is a 'Cookies in use' panel, which lists cookies from icelandair.com and smaato.net. A table within this panel provides details for a specific cookie:

Name	NID
Content	511=Udywz2Z5tDKJNsT95Gxj_9au4xvllIH!wxul6VgAj...
Domain	.google.com
Path	/
Send for	Secure connections only
Created	Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 2:35:59 PM
Expires	Friday, December 22, 2023 at 1:35:59 PM

Below the table are 'Block', 'Remove', and 'Done' buttons. The background website shows a search form with fields for 'From' (labeled 'Departing from') and 'To' (labeled 'Where are you going?'). Navigation links for 'Flights', 'Vacations', 'Cars', and 'Sign up!' are visible. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Book flights', 'Check-in', and 'Manage booking'. On the right side of the image, there is an illustration of a chocolate chip cookie with crumbs scattered around it.

How can Machine Learning in contextual advertising contribute to addressing privacy concerns?

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The screenshot shows the Guardian website interface. At the top, there is a travel advertisement for Icelandair with the text "Flight sale to Europe!" and "From \$799". Below the ad, there is a navigation bar with links for "Support the Guardian", "Print subscriptions", "Sign in", "Search jobs", "Search", and "International edition". The main content area features a news article titled "Lancashire holidays" by Chris Moss, dated Thu 29 Jun 2023 07:00 BST. The article includes a photograph of a river scene and text about the region's old mills and museums.

Travel Ad

Picks advertisers
(IcelandAir) who wants
to show travel ad

of a cookie (tracking users across web) to show an ad?

Ad platform receives
the category signal
Example: Travel

Analyze texts

ML Predicts the
category it belongs

What is the impact in terms of dollars ?

“..the Interactive Advertising Bureau estimates publishers' exposure at up to **\$10 billion in lost revenue** without third party **cookies**..” Source: [IAB](#)

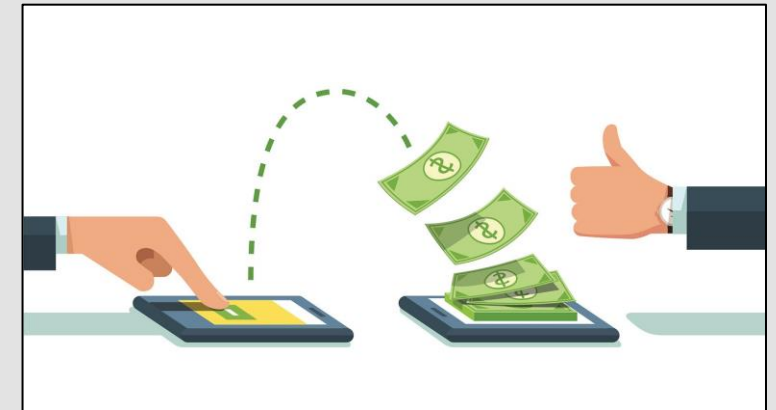
Impact of our proposed solution



Users seeing relevant ads



Advertisers will gain high ROI



Publishers sell more ads

What's our data - how does it look like?



209,527 rows
&
6 columns

This dataset contains news headlines from 2012 to 2022 from HuffPost.

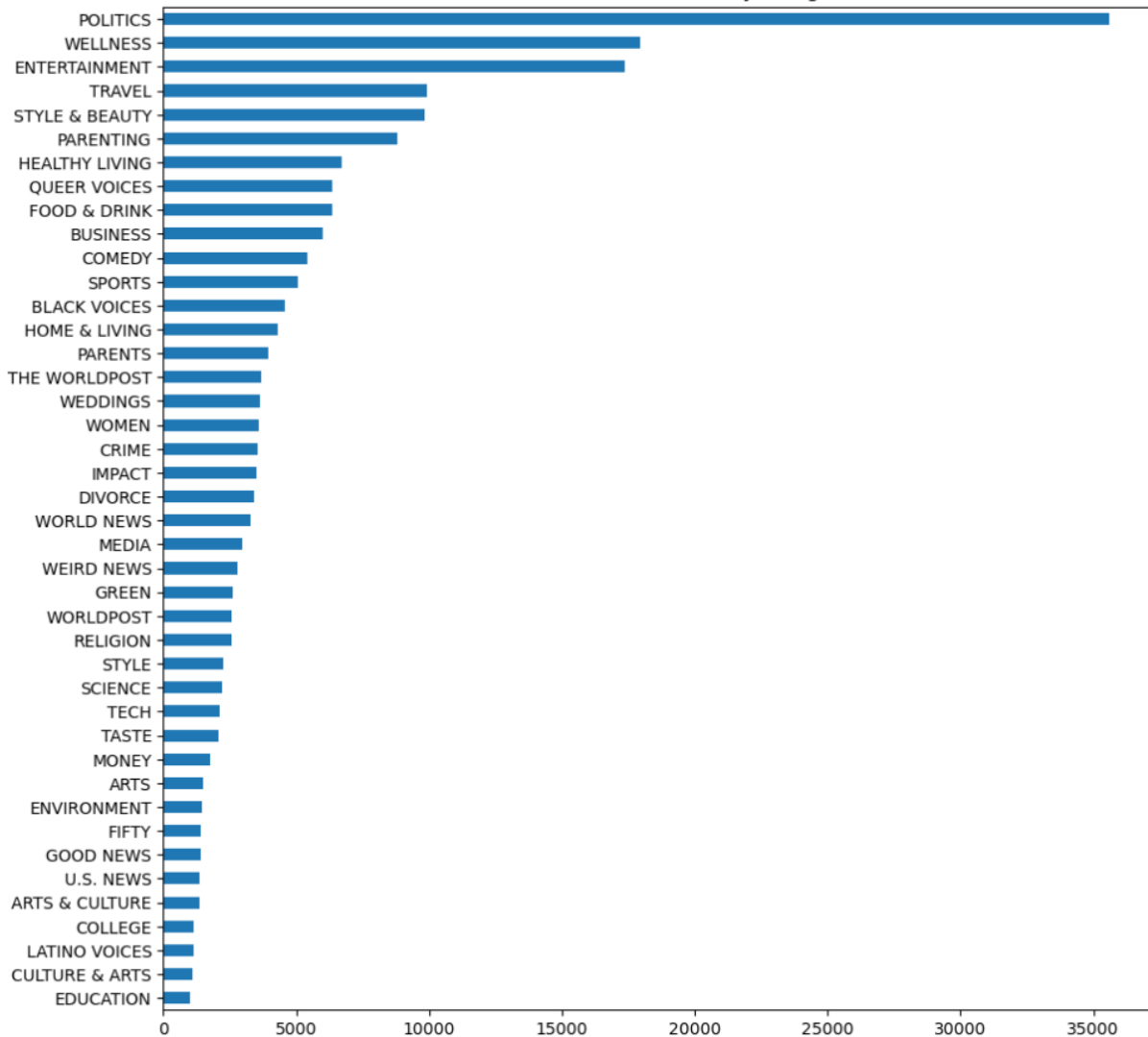
link	headline	category	short_description	authors	date
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/covid-boos	Over 4 Million Americans Roll Up	U.S. NEWS	Health experts said it is too early to predict whether demand would match up with the 171 million doses of the new boosters the U.S. ordered for the fall.	Carla K. Johnson, AP	2022-09-23 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/american-a	American Airlines Flyer Charged,	U.S. NEWS	He was subdued by passengers and crew when he fled to the back of the aircraft after the confrontation, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.	Mary Papenfuss	2022-09-23 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/funniest-tv	23 Of The Funniest Tweets About	COMEDY	"Until you have a dog you don't understand what could be eaten."	Elyse Wanshel	2022-09-23 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/funniest-p	The Funniest Tweets From Parent	PARENTING	"Accidentally put grown-up toothpaste on my toddler's toothbrush and he screamed like I was cleaning his teeth with a Carolina Reaper dipped in Tabasco sauce."	Caroline Bologna	2022-09-23 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/amy-coope	Woman Who Called Cops On Black	U.S. NEWS	Amy Cooper accused investment firm Franklin Templeton of unfairly firing her and branding her a racist after video of the Central Park encounter went viral.	Nina Golgowski	2022-09-22 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/belk-work	Cleaner Was Dead In Belk Bathroo	U.S. NEWS	The 63-year-old woman was seen working at the South Carolina store on Thursday. She was found dead Monday after her family reported her missing, authorities said.		2022-09-22 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/reporter-g	Reporter Gets Adorable Surprise I	U.S. NEWS	"Who's that behind you?" an anchor for New York's PIX11 asked journalist Michelle Ross as she finished up an interview.	Elyse Wanshel	2022-09-22 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/puerto-ric	Puerto Ricans Desperate For Wate	WORLD NEWS	More than half a million people remained without water service three days after the storm lashed the U.S. territory.	DÁNICA COTO, AP	2022-09-22 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mija-docur	How A New Documentary Capture	CULTURE & ARTS	In "Mija," director Isabel Castro combined music documentaries with the style of "Euphoria" and "Clueless" to tell a more nuanced immigration story.	Marina Fang	2022-09-22 00:00:00
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/biden-un-r	Biden At UN To Call Russian War A	WORLD NEWS	White House officials say the crux of the president's visit to the U.N. this year will be a full-throated condemnation of Russia and its brutal war.	Aamer Madhani, AP	2022-09-21 00:00:00

Feature	% missing
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headline	0%
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short_description	9%
authors	18%
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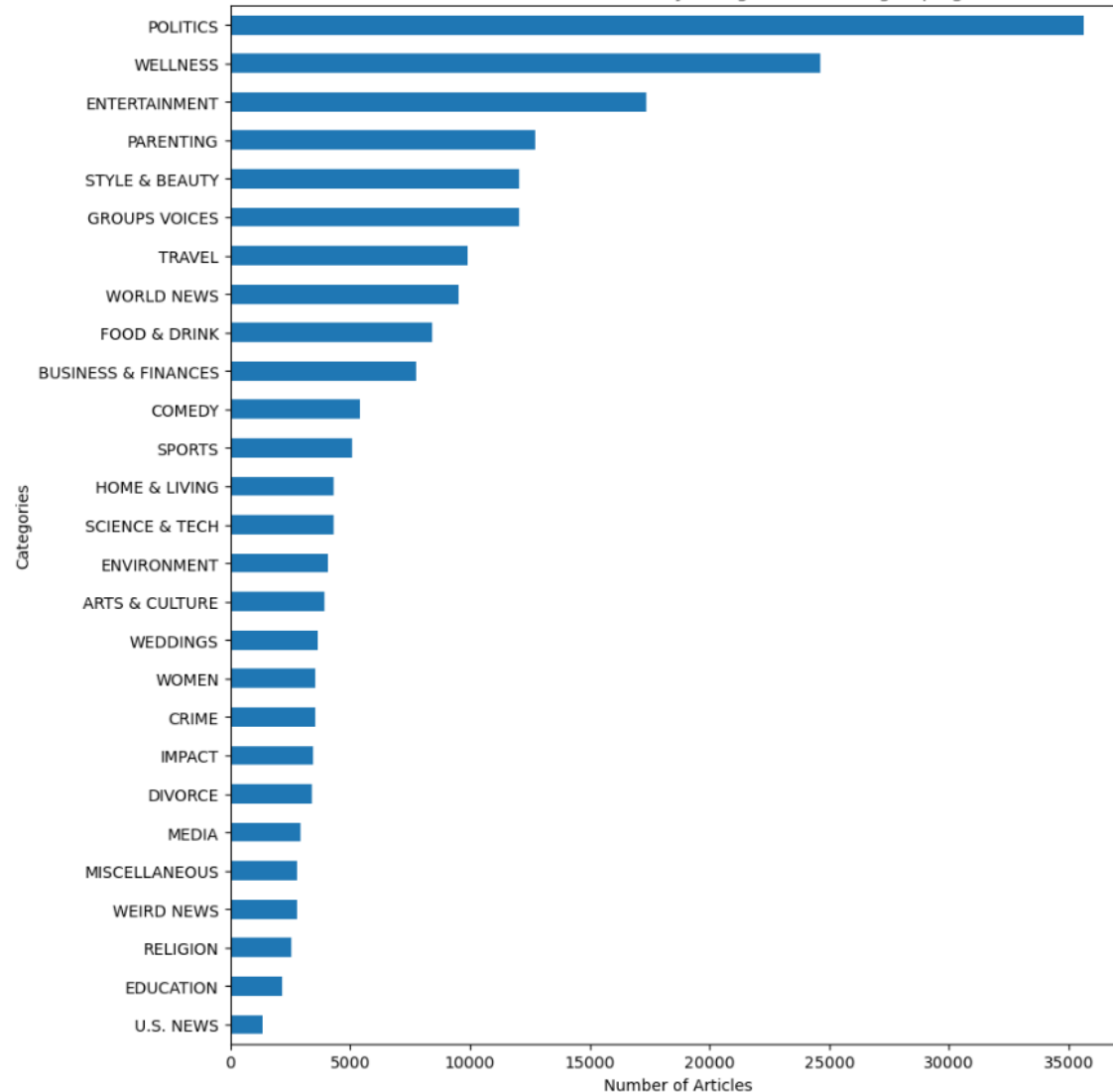
Pre-processing

Effort to reduce class imbalance: From 42 \rightarrow 27 unique categories

Count of number of Articles by Categories



Count of number of Articles by Categories after re-grouping



Pre-processing

Custom-Tokenizer:

- remove punctuation and set to lower case
- remove digits using list comprehension
- remove html tags
- remove stopwords and any tokens that are just empty strings

Example:

`my_tokenizer("Until you have a dog you don't understand what could be eaten.")`

→ `['dog', 'dont', 'understand', 'could', 'eaten']`

Baseline Model

Logistic Regression:

Tokenizer	Pre-processing	Train	Test	Remarks
CountVectorizer	Custom tokenizer	61.40%	45.70%	Overfitting
	Custom tokenizer and upsampling "train set"	84.80%	36.80%	Severe Overfitting
TF-IDF	Custom tokenizer	52%	46.70%	Promising!
	Custom tokenizer and upsampling "train set"	66.50%	33.40%	Overfitting

Note: ‘Politics’ category constitutes about 1/6th of the total articles. Our model's test accuracy(46.7%) is better than random guessing which would be at max approx 16% (if one were to predict everything as Politics).

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
GOOD NEWS	0.1	0	0.01	222
FIFTY	0.13	0.01	0.02	210
STYLE	0.21	0.01	0.02	314
U.S. NEWS	0.42	0.02	0.03	274
TASTE	0.34	0.02	0.04	416
WEIRD NEWS	0.21	0.02	0.04	482
ARTS & CULTURE	0.23	0.04	0.07	269
PARENTS	0.21	0.05	0.08	658
HEALTHY LIVING	0.27	0.05	0.09	1060
ARTS	0.39	0.09	0.14	169
LATINO VOICES	0.74	0.08	0.15	209
BLACK VOICES	0.37	0.13	0.2	854
COMEDY	0.34	0.14	0.2	881
ENVIRONMENT	0.41	0.13	0.2	276
CULTURE & ARTS	0.47	0.14	0.21	228
GREEN	0.32	0.16	0.21	413
IMPACT	0.36	0.15	0.21	595
MEDIA	0.43	0.14	0.21	492
WOMEN	0.37	0.14	0.21	660
WORLDPOST	0.51	0.14	0.22	236
COLLEGE	0.36	0.17	0.23	173
WORLD NEWS	0.39	0.18	0.25	632
SCIENCE	0.48	0.18	0.26	355
EDUCATION	0.44	0.19	0.27	198
THE WORLDPOST	0.39	0.21	0.27	690
MONEY	0.53	0.24	0.33	367
TECH	0.53	0.24	0.33	426
BUSINESS	0.38	0.3	0.34	992
RELIGION	0.54	0.25	0.34	367
CRIME	0.42	0.31	0.35	590
SPORTS	0.51	0.35	0.42	899
ENTERTAINMENT	0.35	0.57	0.43	2972
QUEER VOICES	0.61	0.34	0.44	1099
HOME &	0.55	0.44	0.49	887
PARENTING	0.46	0.54	0.5	1811
FOOD &	0.48	0.6	0.53	1241
WELLNESS	0.46	0.75	0.57	3546
TRAVEL	0.53	0.64	0.58	1946
POLITICS	0.48	0.81	0.61	6455
DIVORCE	0.75	0.53	0.62	679
STYLE & BEAUTY	0.58	0.66	0.62	2017
WEDDINGS	0.7	0.56	0.63	703

Next steps...

- Refine pre-processing by finding ways to tokenize and remove noisy words/characters.
- Work with hyperparameters to see if the results get better.
- Optimize the parameters
- Explore other classification models such as SVM, Decision Trees, Naïve-Bayes



Thank You!

Appendix

File Name	Remarks	Train %	Test %	Status
ARK_V1	countvectorizer (custom tokenizer)		46	ok
ARK_V2	countvectorizer (custom tokenizer)		46	ok
	TFIDF vectorization		46	ok
ARK_V3	countvectorizer (custom tokenizer + remove html)	61	45	ok
	TFIDF vectorization	51	46	ok
ARK_V3_Sentence2Vec	Using the representation learning - (averaging the vector for the whole sentence).			WIP (re-run)
ARK_V4	upsampled			WIP (re-run)
ARK_V4_new_ngrams	upsampled + n-grams = 2	96	94	Mistake!
ARK_V5_upsampling	-	-	-	Error
ARK_V6_BERT	-	-	-	Error
ARK_V6_BERT_LM	BERT model (tensorflow)	42	44	ok
ARK_V7	custom tokenizer for TF-IDF and countvectorizer. Also, did upsampling for both tf-idf and countvec			

Learnings: Lots of back and forth in refining the features, model testing etc.