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# THE TRAILS IN US

PATTERNS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR



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# THE PEN ARRIVES

## WHY THE PEN



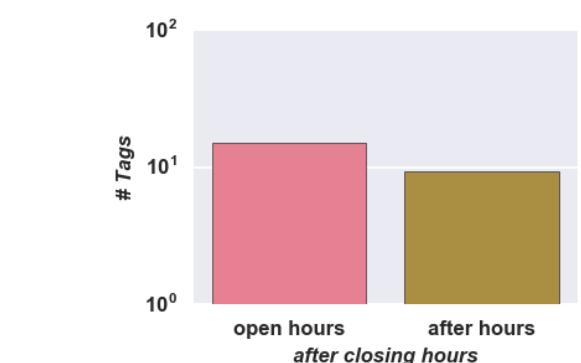
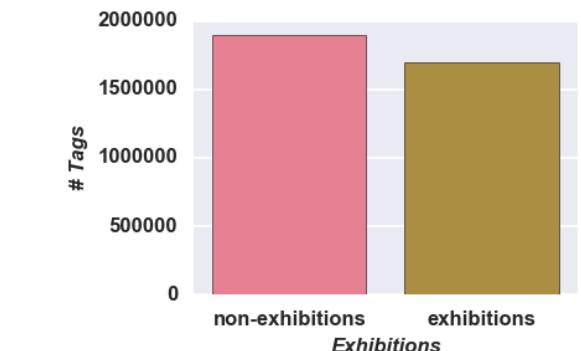
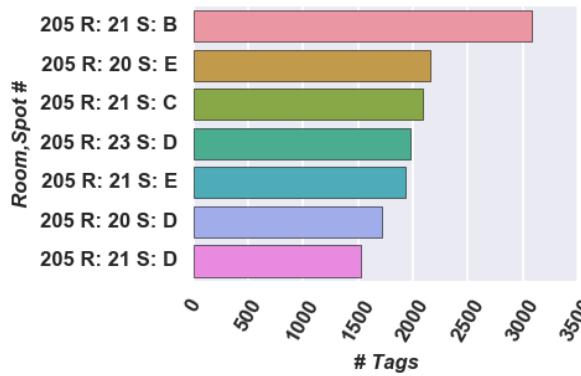
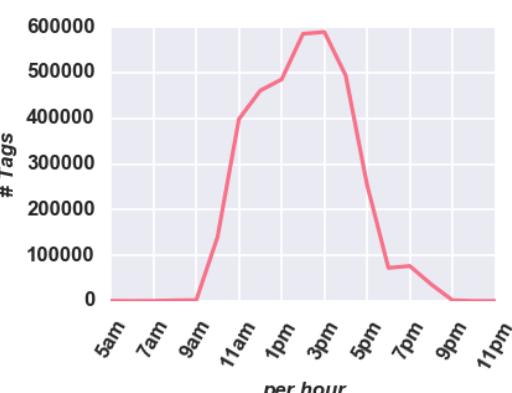
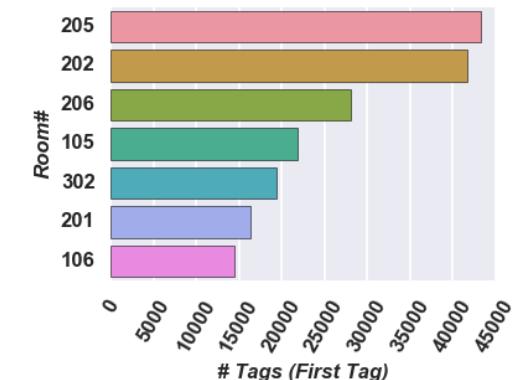
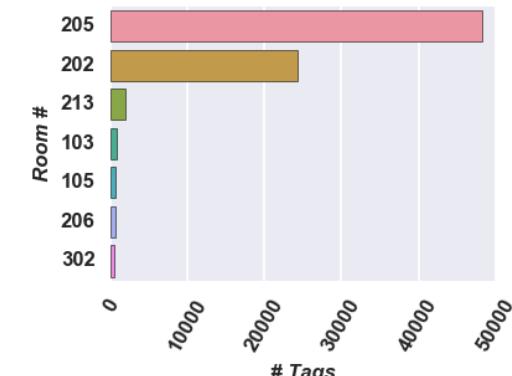
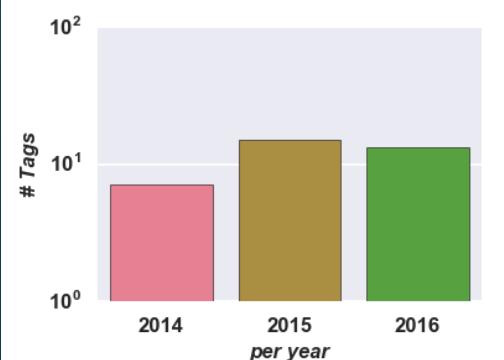
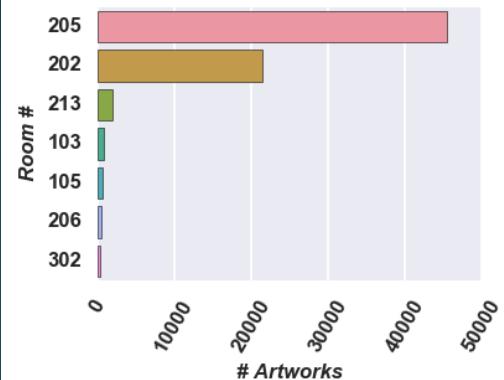
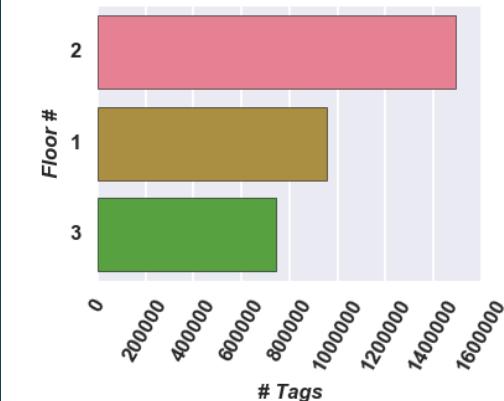
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- ▶ ENHANCE VISITOR EXPERIENCE
  - ▶ DRAW VISITOR INTO THE *DESIGN EXPERIENCE*
- ▶ RECENTLY RELEASED DATASET (MAR 2016)
  - ▶ 3.5M+ OBSERVATIONS
  - ▶ AGGREGATE W/ COLLECTION METADATA (80K+)
- ▶ PROJECT FOCUS:
  - ▶ VISITOR SEQUENCE PATTERN TAGGING BEHAVIOR
  - ▶ IDENTIFYING SEGMENTS BASED ON VISITORS TAG BEHAVIOR



# LOVE THY DATA

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- ▶ HIGH CAPACITY ROOMS
  - ▶ RM 205,202
- ▶ FIRST ARRIVAL
  - ▶ RM 205, 206, 202
- ▶ EXHIBITIONS
  - ▶ INFERRED FROM VISITOR BUNDLES
- ▶ AFTER HOURS
  - ▶ MUSEUM TESTING DATA
  - ▶ SPECIAL EVENTS

# PAGE RANK



TOP 10 INFLUENTIAL ARTWORKS BASED ON A VISITOR'S DAILY JOURNEY  
MODELING THE SEQUENCES



RM 206



RM 212/105



RM 201



RM 212/105



RM 201



RM 212/105



RM 302



RM 206



RM 105



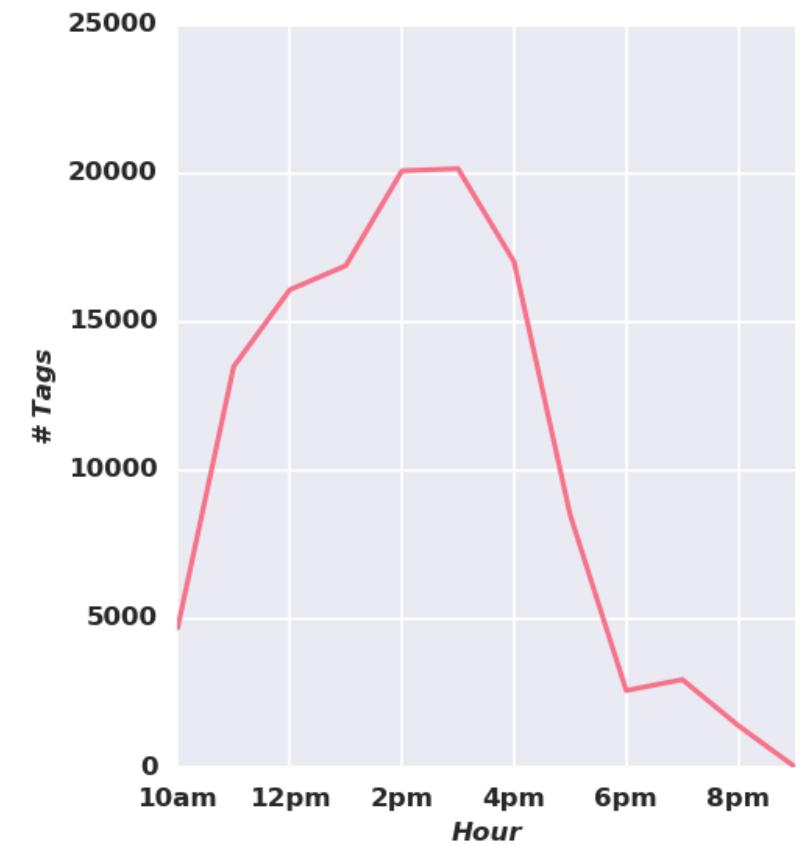
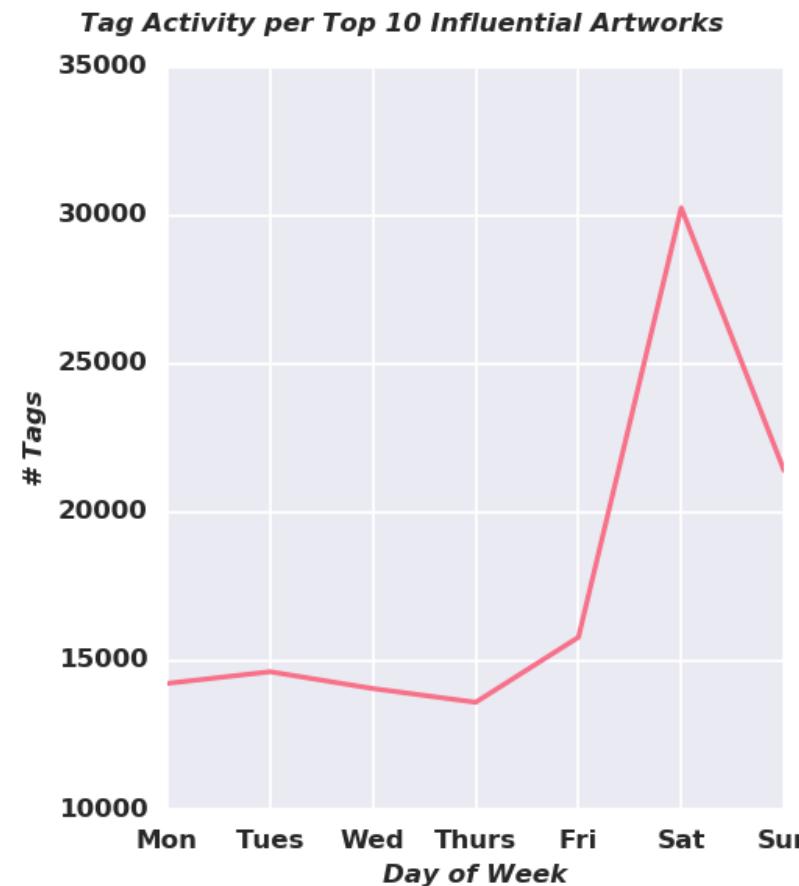
RM 302

- ▶ COMMON THEMES
  - ▶ STAIRCASES
  - ▶ MURALS, POSTERS
  - ▶ TEXTILES
- ▶ MOST CENTRAL ARTWORK
  - ▶ DRAWINGS
- ▶ TRANSITION LOCATIONS
  - ▶ POSTERS (RM 202, 205)
  - ▶ DRAWINGS (RM 202, 205)
  - ▶ CONCEPT ART (RM 103)
- ▶ % OVERALL TAGS: ~ 3%
- ▶ % EXHIBITS: 30%

GROUP A DAILY JOURNEY AS A DIRECTED SEQUENCE

# PERIODS OF ACTIVITY

Per Top 10 Influential Artworks



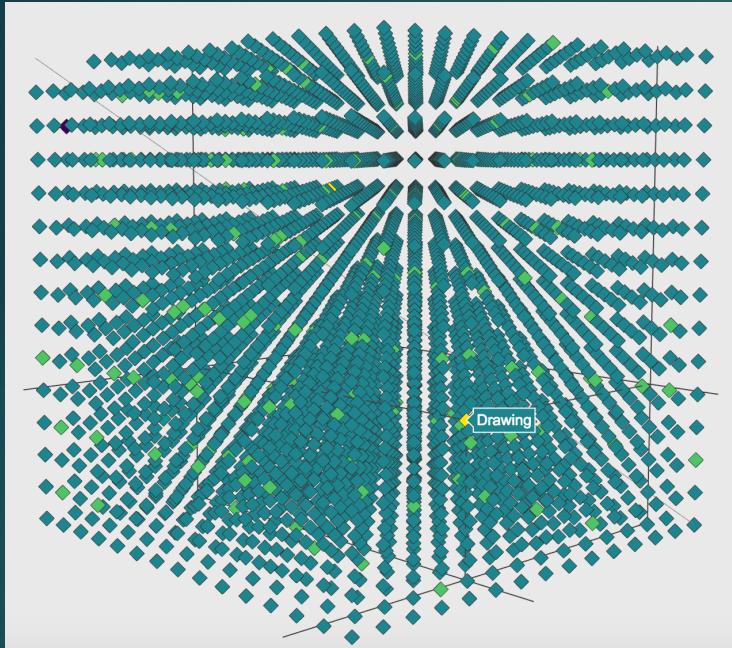
SEASONAL PEAKS: SUMMER, WINTER

WEEKEND PEAKS

AFTERNOON PEAKS: 2-4 PM

# GRAPH BASED COMMUNITIES

## LABEL PROPAGATION ALGORITHM (LPA)



SAMPLING COMMUNITY DETECTION

- ▶ ONE LARGE DENSE COMMUNITY
- ▶ ONE SMALL COMMUNITY
- ▶ SEVERAL SMALL MICRO-COMMUNITIES

DENSE COMMUNITY	SMALL COMMUNITY
HIGH CAPACITY ROOMS (RM 205,202) THEME ROOMS (1 <sup>st</sup> FLOOR: PROCESS LAB)	SMALL CAPACITY ROOMS SPECIFIC TO 3 <sup>RD</sup> FLOOR (302)
TYPES OF ARTWORK: POSTERS/DRAWINGS/ CONCEPT ART	TYPES OF ARTWORK: VESSELS/ SKETCHES/PRINTS
DEPT: DRAWINGS/PRODUCT DESIGN/...	DEPT: PRODUCT DESIGN
EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF EXHIBITIONS	N/A
AFTER HOURS SPECIAL EVENTS	N/A

DRAWBACK OF LPA: SINGLE DENSE COMMUNITY  
WE CAN DO BETTER...

# TEMPORAL PATTERNS



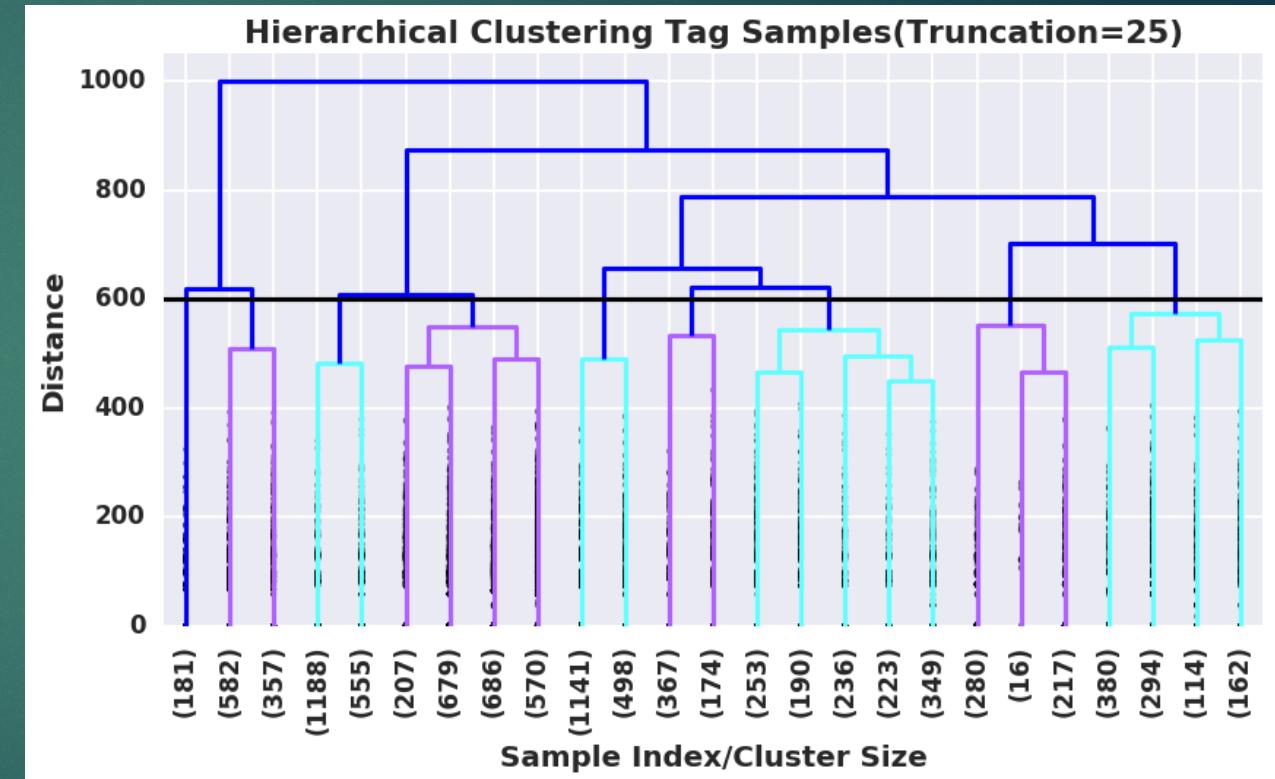
## ADDING MORE CONTEXT TO SEQUENCES

- ▶ BURSTY VISITOR SEGMENTS
  - ▶ RESAMPLED TIME PERIOD SEQUENCES
  - ▶ AS OUTLIERS BASED ON MOVING AVERAGE (MA) WINDOW
- ▶ ACTIVITY TIME PERIODS
  - ▶ PEAK HOURS, DAY OF WEEK, TIME OF YEAR
- ▶ ARTWORK LOCATIONS
  - ▶ ARTWORKS WITH MULTIPLE LOCATIONS BASED ON TIME PERIOD
  - ▶ SPOT LOCATIONS WITH A LARGE TURNOVERS
  - ▶ CAPACITY BASED ROOMS
- ▶ ASSOCIATE VISITOR TAG TO AN EXHIBITION

# HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING

# BASED ON TEMPORAL PATTERNS

- ▶ IDENTIFIED CLUSTERS
    - ▶ FLOORS
    - ▶ ARTWORK ROOM CAPACITY
    - ▶ HIGH VS CONSTANT SPOT TURNOVER
    - ▶ VISITOR STATION REGION AREAS
    - ▶ SPECIAL EVENTS (AFTER HOURS)
  - ▶ ALL DATA IS CATEGORICAL/BINARY
    - ▶ KMEANS NOT A GOOD FIT
    - ▶ CITYBLOCK > COSINE > HAMMING > JACCARD
    - ▶ COPH DISTANCE (CITYBLOCK) ~ 0.73



# BIG DATA CAN IT SCALE



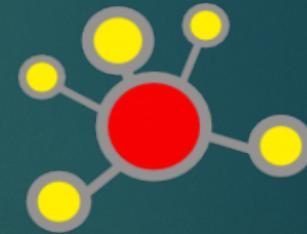
TRANSFORMATIONS



FEATURE ENGINEERING



SUB-SAMPLE



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LAYOUTS/VISUALIZE



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## HOW TO HELP THE MUSEUM

- ▶ FURTHER IMPROVE VISITOR EXPERIENCE – NO MISSED OPPORTUNITIES
- ▶ OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE ON TRANSITION SPOT LOCATIONS
- ▶ TAILORED VISITOR SEGMENTATIONS

# FUTURE VISION

- ▶ ADDITIONAL MODELING ON MEMORY SEQUENCES (RNN/LSTM)
- ▶ FEATURE ENGINEERING ON ANNOTATED METADATA (NLP)
- ▶ TRANSFER LEARNING (APPLY TO OTHER DOMAINS)

# DISCUSSION

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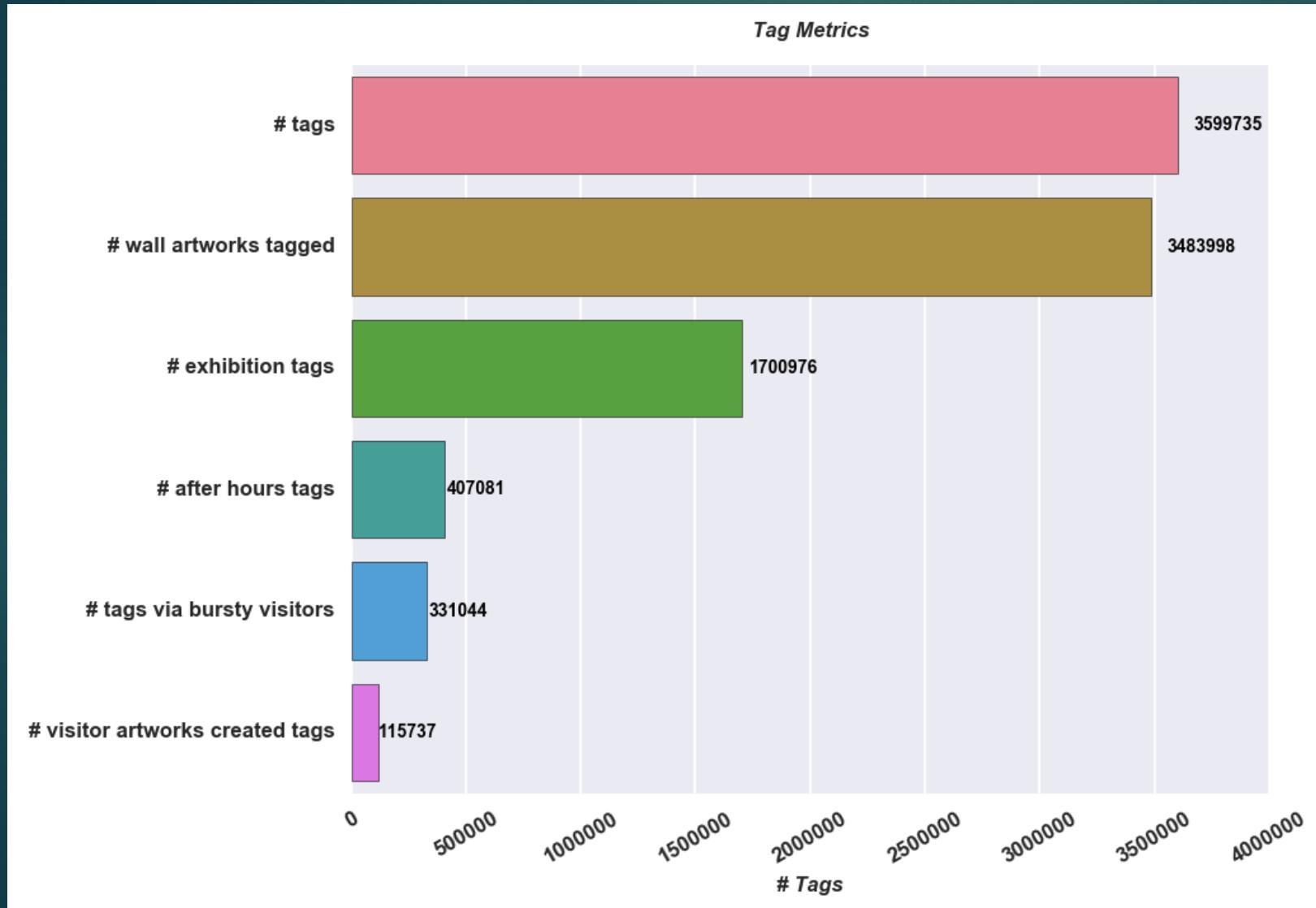


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# Appendix

# ADDITIONAL METRICS



METRIC	MEASURE
# AVG DAILY TAGS	32
# UNIQUE ARTWORKS WITHIN COLLECTION	3895
# UNIQUE VISITORS	111467
# UNIQUE BURSTY VISITORS	14455

# COMPONENTS



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