Gnip, with examples...

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We believe social data has unlimited value and near limitless application

...this refrain helps keep us focused on our ultimate goal: to be the source of record for all public social conversation.

Providing Social Media Data to the Enterprise

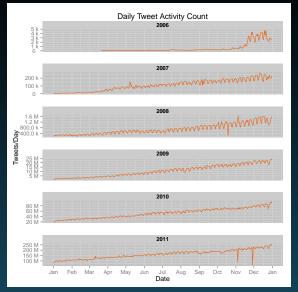
- Firehoses Twitter, Tumblr, Wordpress, Disgus ...
- Data Collectors API access (Gnip !Ping) to Facebook, YouTube Comments,
 Reddit, G+, Flickr ...

Firehose

Continuous stream of flexibly structured social media activities in near-real time.

Publisher	Daily Activity
Twitter	400M
Tumblr	75M
Wordpress Posts	615k
Wordpress Comments	1.1M
Disqus	1.3M
Engagement (likes, votes)	2.4M

Twitter Growth (2006 - 2010)...



Without Gnip...



With Gnip...



http://blog.ubervu.com/ubervu-is-now-plugged-in-to-gnip.html

Streaming firehose with cURL ...

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PowerTrack: Shape and Filter

- core idea: token filter (e.g. "obama", "beer" ...)
- operators: meta-data (geo, language, bios, ...)
- operators: shaping (e.g. sample:10
- operators: (by publisher) user, hashtag, language,...
- combinations:

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newline = OR

space = AND

"AND" = AND

"OR" = OR

"-" = NOT

"(...)" = grouping
"..." = literal
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Example Toyota PowerTrack Rules

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-evt10023885212 (sexy OR speed OR speeding OR \sport utility\" OR ...
 suv OR toyota) (infiniti OR infinitis OR #infiniti OR @infiniti) -job ...
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Enterprise Features

- Keep alive signal that connection is live, even when no data is coming
- Low latency: avg 1s Twitter; 10s Twitter enriched ...
- Redundancy multiple simultaneous connections
- Backfill buffer data and fill in if short term disconnect
- Replay connect with start and end dates to stream past time periods (<5 days)
- Historical PowerTrack Twitter historical filtering for any time period
- Rules: 250K rules
- Update individual rules without disconnect, \lesssim 1s update time (100s of rules)
- Rule tagging

Social media pulse: The shape of breaking news on social media

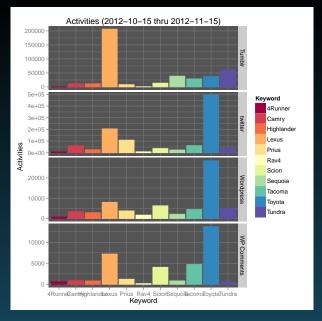
why social media for breaking stories?

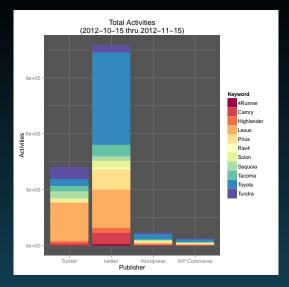
1. audience, perspective and coverage

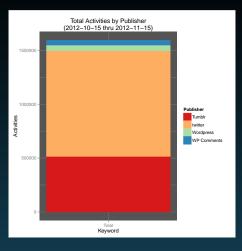
2. speed

3. richness, diversity

many publishers: audience, perspective and coverage







Darren Aronofsky's "Noah" Delayed Due to Flooding

Posted: October 31st, 2012 by WorstPreviews.com Staff



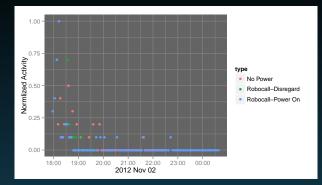
Darren Aronofsky (<u>Black Swan</u>, The Wrestler) has been filmling his "Noah" film, based on the Biblical tale of Noah's Ark, at Oyster Bay, NY. To make it as realistic as possible, the director built a massive ark, which measures 450 feet long, 75 feet tall and 45 feet wide.

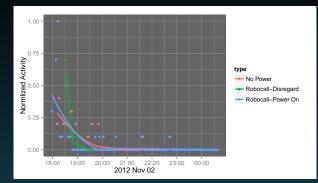


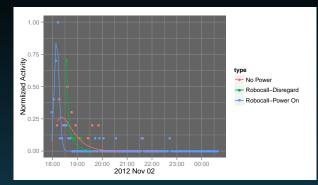
Unfortunately, it was never meant to be sailed.

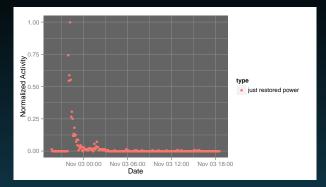
With production wrapping up within the next few weeks, the ark was forced to <u>deal</u> with flooding as Hurricane Sandy passed through Oyster Bay. Emma Watson, one of the actresses on the film, pointed out the irony of flooding being the cause of problems for the production.

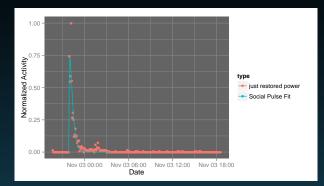
noise or signal?











realtime firehose: speed

Events

Туре	Response	Examples
Expected	Approx.	Hurricane Sandy
	Symmetric	Olympics
Unexpected (many obs.)	Social Media Pulse	Beyonce' VMAs
		Mexico earthquake
		Steve Jobs
Unexpected Sigmoid (spread) Pulse	Sigmoid	Osama Bin Laden
		Whitney Houston
		Syrian dissidents

Half-life

time to observe $\frac{1}{2}$ of the activities for an event

Social media pulse

Given an event, the probability of a activity from one person,

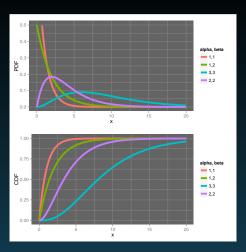
$$f(t) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda t)$$
, for $t \ge 0$.

Many people posting, so sum of random variables $S = X_1 + X_2 + ... + X_{n \text{ posters}}$. Probability distribution function,

$$f_{\mathcal{S}}(t) = \frac{\beta^{-\alpha}t^{\alpha-1}\exp(\frac{-t}{\beta})}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

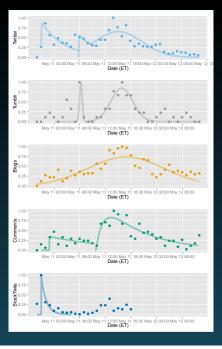
Cumulative distribution is the "generalized regularized incomplete gamma function",

$$F_{\mathcal{S}}(t) = Q(\alpha, 0, \frac{t}{\beta})$$



Publishers

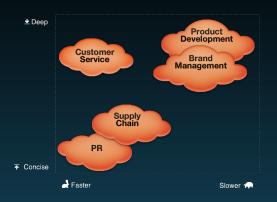
Publisher	Speed
Twitter	Fast
Tumblr	Fast and Slow
Wordpress Posts	Fast and Medium
Wordpress Comments	Fast
Disqus	Fast
Engagement (likes, votes)	Fast



Speed and Richness

Publisher	Speed	Richness
Twitter	Fast	Concise
Tumblr	Fast, Slow	Rich, multimedia
Wordpress Posts	Fast, Medium	Rich, text
Wordpress Comments	Fast	Reactive, small-to-medium
Disqus	Fast	Reactive, small- to-medium
Engagement	Fast	Terse

Social Cocktail



Thank you!



- Presentation, data, code at: http://github.com/DrSkippy27/DSBAMeetup2012
- Gnip is hiring: http://gnip.com/careers/