Datathon and Machine Learning Competition on Antisemitism

Agenda & Objectives

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5. Pre-Processing the Data
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Objectives: What You'll Learn Today:

- How to register and get started
- How the Annotation Portal works
- How to approach the ML challenge
- Where to find tools and datasets
- How to succeed as a team

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Prerequisites & Setup

Before You Start:

- A computer with internet access
- A Gmail account
- A X account
- Access to Google Colab (https://colab.research.google.com/)

Stop & Do Now:

- Register on the Annotation Portal: https://annotate.osome.iu.edu
- Check Github: https://github.com/AnnotationPortal/DatathonandHackathon.github.io/blob/main/README.md
- Read Challenge Description: https://github.com/damieh1/datathon_2025/blob/main/Datathon_Challenge.pdf

What is the Datathon?

Today's presentation will focus only on Part I of the Datathon competition.

🧠 **A Two-Part Challenge on Hate Speech Detection**

📌 **Part I: Annotation Competition (Workshop 13th & 20th July)**

- Scrape Social Media Posts from X
- Apply a Framework to Classify Antisemitic Content
- Label and Annotate a Dataset

📌 **Part II: Machine Learning Model (Workshop 27th July)**

- Train a model using annotated data
- Submit predictions & Evaluation Metrics
- Error Analysis

Instructions for Challenge #1

📌 **Subtasks include:**

1. Define your scraping focus (hashtags, user groups, topics) and document your rationale and potential biases.

2. Use the Bright Data interface to scrape at least 100 relevant user-generated posts from X.com.

3. Annotate your data using a structured definition of antisemitism and hate speech.

4. Prepare a X/Twitter dataset, and include a dataset report with label definitions, distribution information, and annotation rationale.

Instructions for Challenge #1

📌 **Deliverables for Challenge #1**

- Adapting and implementing an existing definition of antisemitism
- Reporting how the data was scraped and which guidelines were used to classify and annotate the data in a standardized way

Gain **+10 bonus points** by evaluating the consistency of your team's annotations using an inter-annotator agreement (IAA) metric.
This means:

- Having at least two annotators label a shared subset of the data
- Calculating a formal agreement score, such as:
  - **Cohen's Kappa** (for binary or pairwise categorical annotation)
  - **Krippendorff's Alpha** (especially for multi-class or missing data)

Clearly report:

- Which subset was double-annotated
- Your score and a brief interpretation (e.g., "moderate agreement," "high agreement")

Working With X's Advanced Search Function

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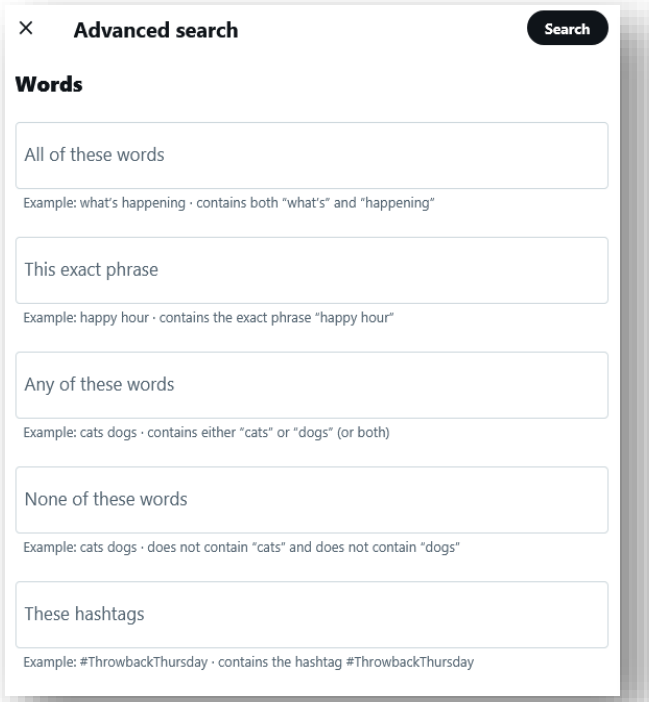

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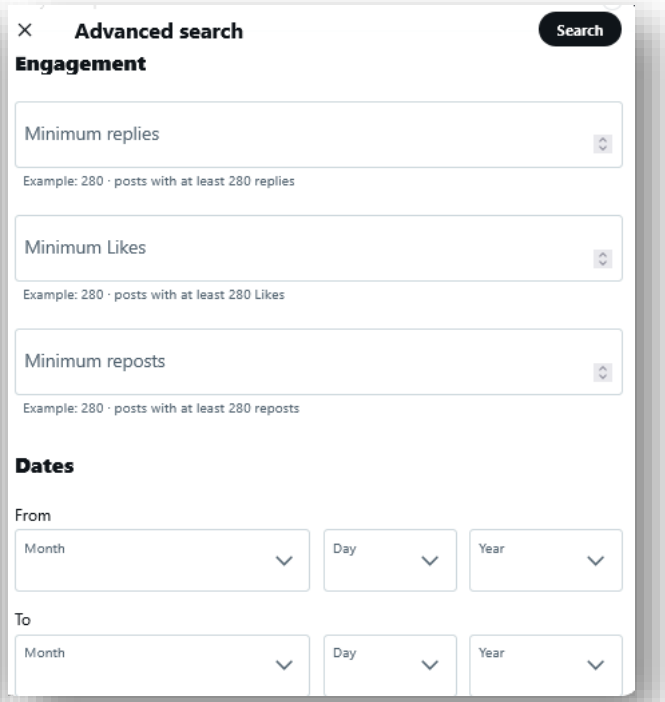
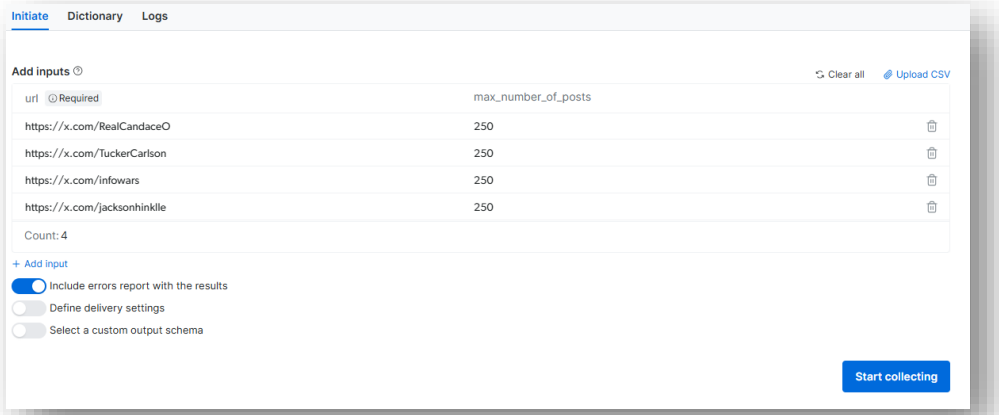
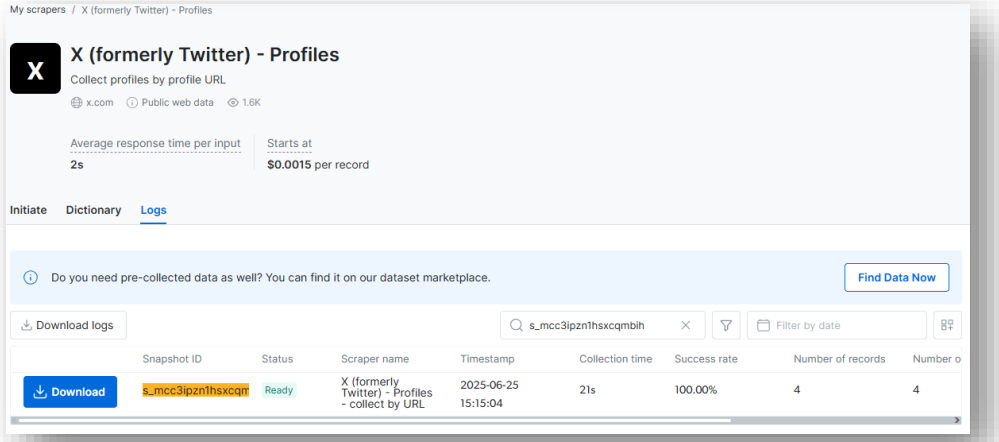


1. Go to: → X (Twitter) → https://x.com/search-advanced
2. Specify dates, e.g., May 8, 2024.
3. Click "Search."
4. Select posts with a minimum of 200 views.
5. Go to user profiles and copy URLs to a spreadsheet.
6. Goal: Find a wide range of users who engage in online discourse.

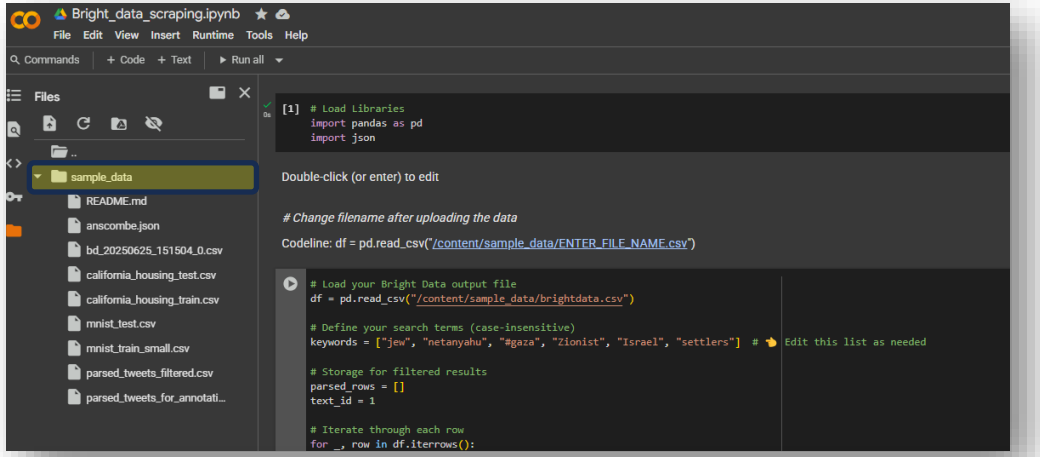
Working With Bright Data

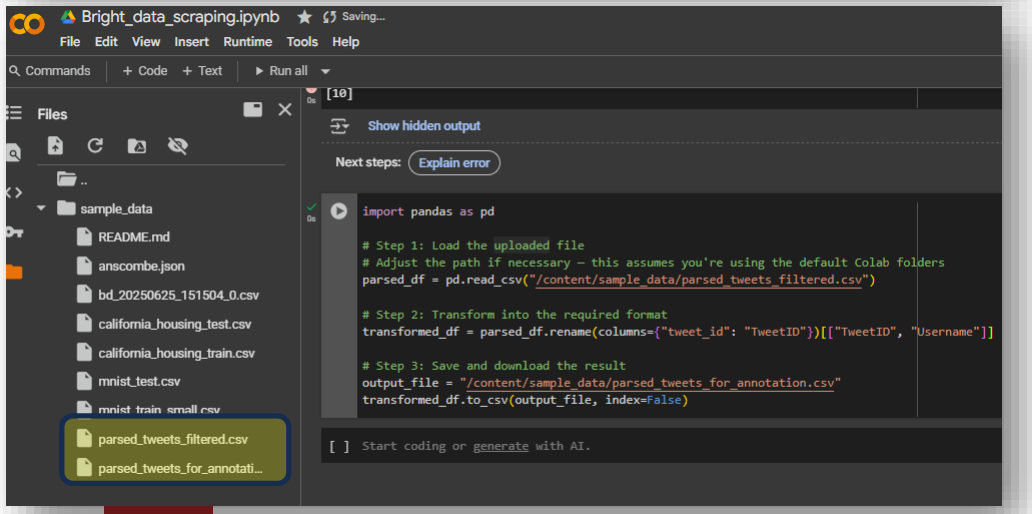




1. Go to: Bright Data → Web Scrapes → X (Twitter) → Posts → Discover by URL → https://brightdata.com/cp/scrapers/no_code
2. Click: Add Inputs → https://x.com/RandomXUser
3. Specify Number of Posts → max. 250 per User
4. Start Collecting → Runes the Query
5. Download Output as .CSV

Working With Google Colab





1. Go to: Google Colab → https://colab.research.google.com
2. Upload: Bright Data Output .CSV
3. Parse Data
   → Run Code on Colab
4. Prepare Data for Annotation Portal
   → Run Code on Colab
5. Download compatible .CSV Output

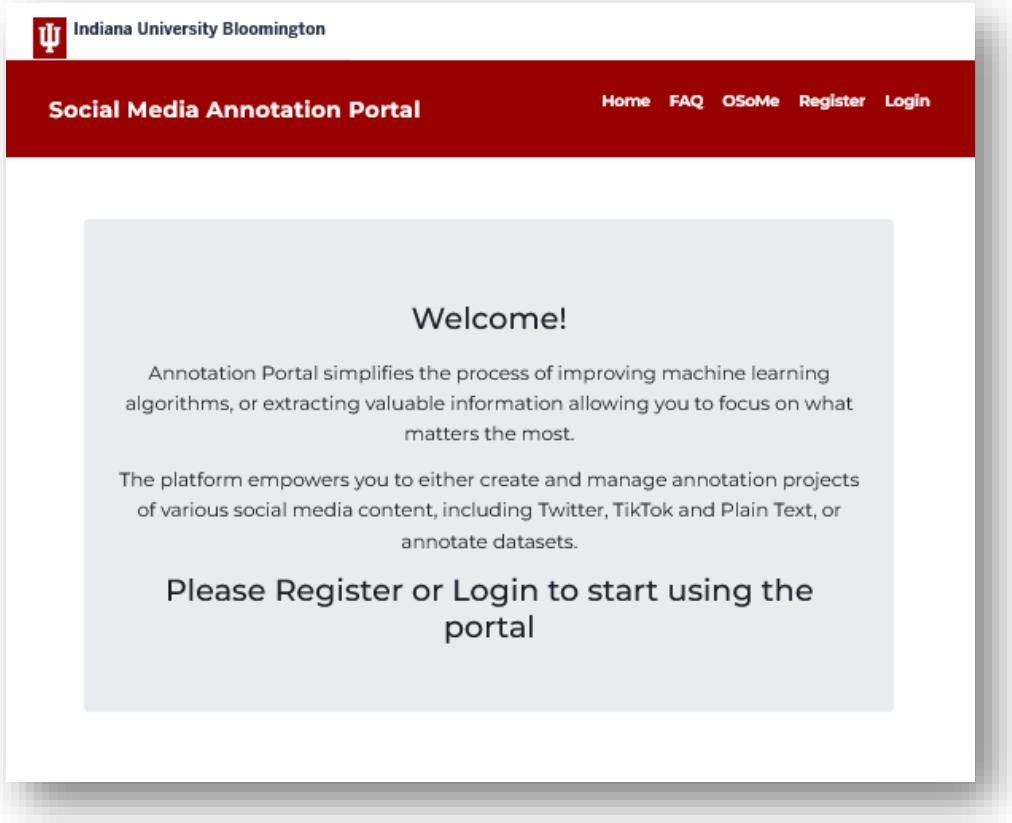
Click this → Open in Colab

Annotation Portal Walkthrough

How to Use the Portal:

1. Register and & Login
2. Appoint a Manager to Your Team
3. Create New Project
4. Create a Sample
5. Create Annotation Scheme and Questions
6. Important! Do not start annotating before the schema has been fully created.
7. Export when done

Demo Pause: Let's annotate 1 example together!



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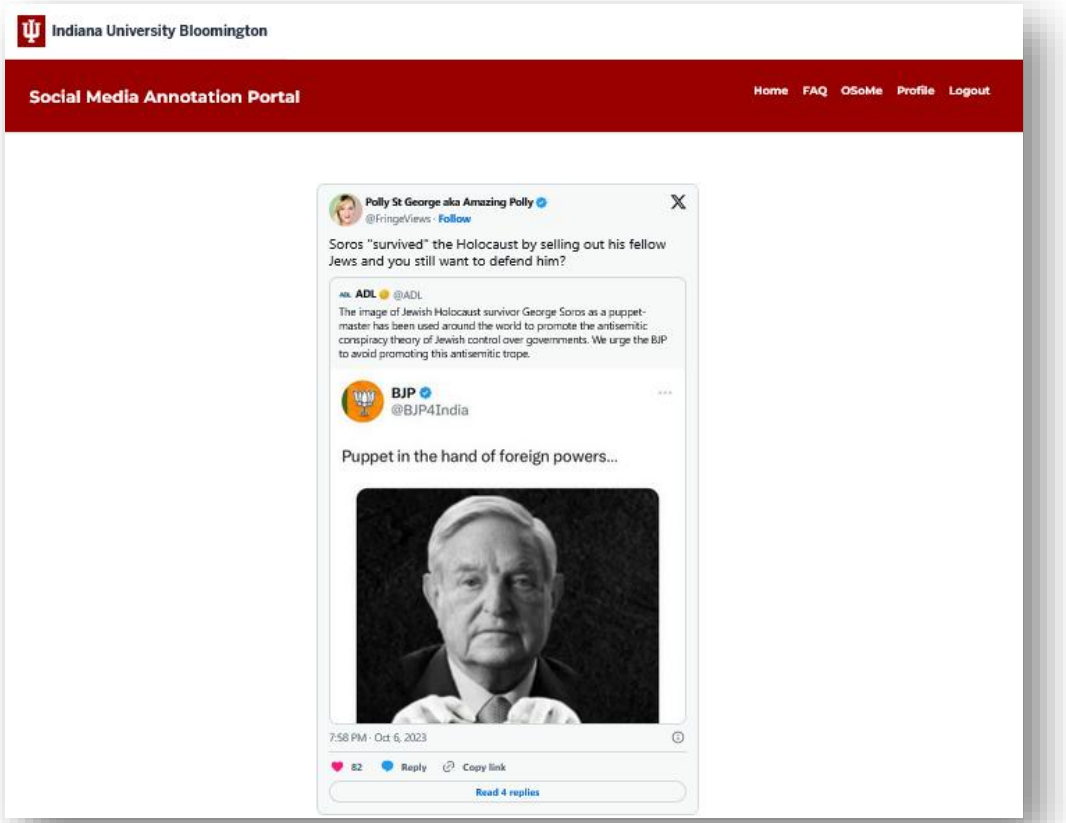
Annotation Best Practices

✅ **Tips for Quality Annotation:**

- Read carefully – context matters
- Be consistent with labels
- Use the comment field if unsure
- Check your export for errors



Summary & Final Tips

Okay, before you jump in, let's make sure you crossed everything on the checklist.

📌 **Recap Checklist:**

[ ] Registered on the Portal, X
[ ] Setup Annotation Scheme
[ ] Registered Accessed GitHub and Colab
[ ] Explored ML challenge resources
[ ] Read Challenge Descriptions 1 and 2 thoroughly

📫 Questions? Reach out to your instructor or organizers.
💡 Remember: Collaboration, Curiosity & Critical Thinking!

Instructions for Challenge #2

- **Pre-Annotated Datasets:**
  - Use our pre-annotated gold standard dataset to build and evaluate a hate speech detection system.
  - Select and combine the following curated datasets:
    - Antisemitism on Twitter: A Dataset for Machine Learning and Text Analytics
    - Antisemitism on X: Trends in Counter-Speech and Israel-Related Discourse Before and After October 7
  - Datasets are classified as either biased or non-biased

- **Subtasks include:**
  1. Download the (Goldstandard/GroundTruth) datasets listed above
  2. Use state-of-the-art transformer models to train and fine-tune a system to detect antisemitic content.
  3. Evaluate your model:
     - Report precision, recall, F1-score, and display a confusion matrix.
     - List the hyperparameters used for training.
     - Conduct error analysis and provide qualitative examples, especially false positives.

ML Challenge & Resources

🤖 **Phase 2: Machine Learning Challenge**

- Download gold-standard dataset
- Use Colab or local notebook to train

🔧 **GitHub Resources Include:**

- NLP Tools and Code Examples
- Sample Datasets and Jupyter Notebooks

🛑 Participation in the third workshop on July 27 provides further information.

Instructions for Challenge #2

📌 **Deliverables for Challenge #2**

- Build and evaluate a transformer-based system for detecting antisemitic content using our pre-annotated gold standard datasets.
- Fine-tune a transformer model using the provided annotated datasets.

📌 **Code Submission**

- Clearly document the model used and include a summary of your training setup (train/test split, random seed, training strategy).
- Upload or link your training script(s), configuration files, and any preprocessing pipeline.

Earn up to **+10 bonus points** by testing your model on **unseen data**:

- Collect a small new sample of tweets by using Bright Data' scraping services
- Manually annotate 20–30 examples using the same label scheme
- Apply your trained model to this new set
- Report performance and reflect on how well the model generalizes

Thanks for your attention

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