# Supporting Tools for the Social Sciences

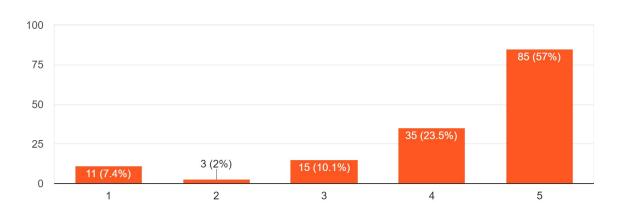
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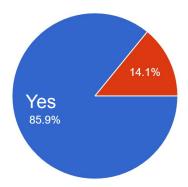
### Software in social science

#### How important is research software to your work?

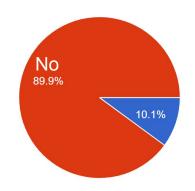
149 responses



## Do you use research software?



Do you develop your own research software?





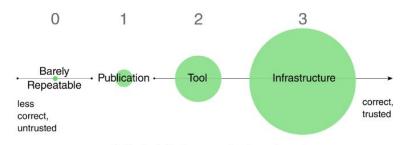
#### All 543 tools by competitive cluster



Latest: bit.ly/31fGff6

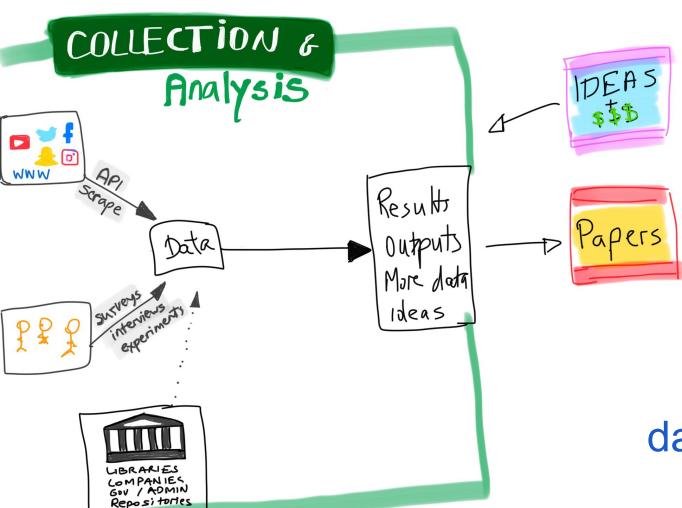
## Tools, footnote

cloud and locally installed apps, software applications, packages and code, licensed and open source, essentially any piece of code, whether neatly packaged within an interface or delivered raw on GitHub and used by academic researchers



Circle size indicates research software impact

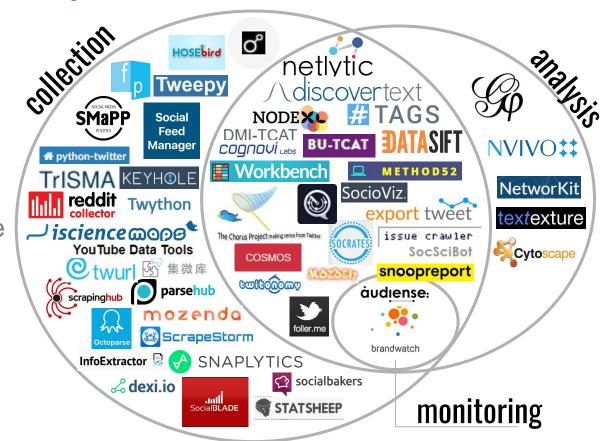
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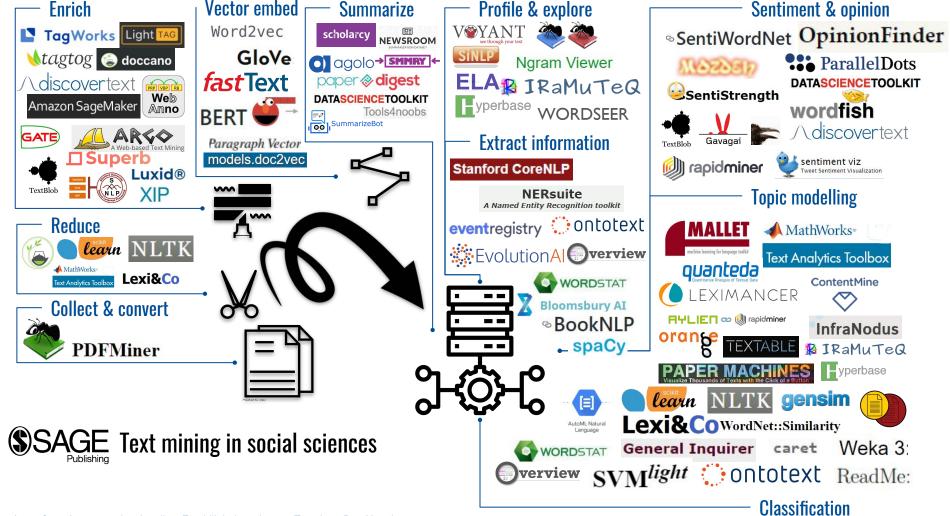


Tools focusing on data collection and analysis

## Social media analysis tools

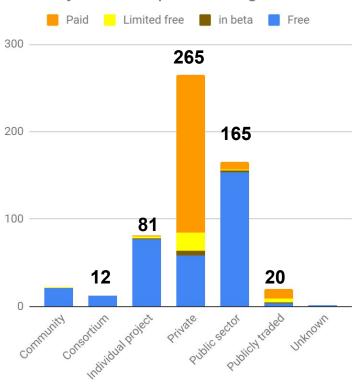
- A lot of tools, esp for twitter
- Somewhat hard to automate text analysis
- Very little on image analysis





#### Who's behind the tools?

#### Tools by ownership and charge









MIT Open Source	13
BSD-3-Clause License	3
Apache 2.0 open source	10
GNU General Public License v3 (GPLv3)	3

## Insights: successful tools

#### **Open Source/Free**

- Team or individual dedicated fully to raising funds up to \$6M
- When applicable beyond academia backed by a growing and large community
- Sell a component or comm use



#### **Commercial**

- Applicability beyond academia
- VC-backing up to \$400M
- Big brand clients
- Founding team with business background







#### Tools we funded



- ★ Measuring experience in VR
- ★ Homicide Media Tracker
- ★ Oolong
- ★ Touch Capture Pro
- ★ Exploratory Labeling Assistant

TextWash







MiniVAN (Visual Analyser of Networks)

Grants to develop software for social research

SSAGE conceptgrants



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## Thank you!

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