



# Python primer

Mining the social web with python

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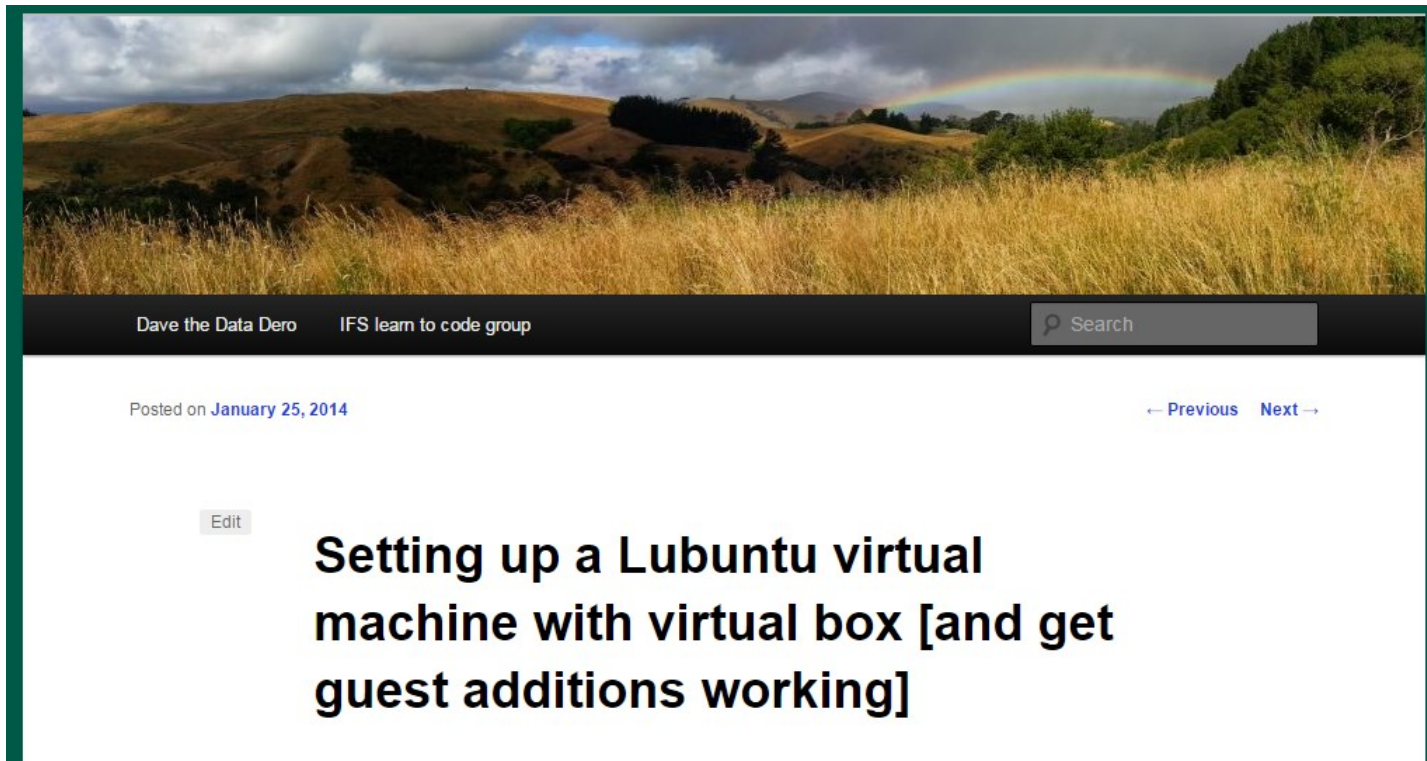
- Hint at the elegance of the python programming language
- Show how python can be used to “easily” mine social media data
  - Using data types you will learn about today!
- Introduce some interesting python libraries
  - “Someone has already done that!”
- A tweet is much more than 140 characters!

# Tools and libraries



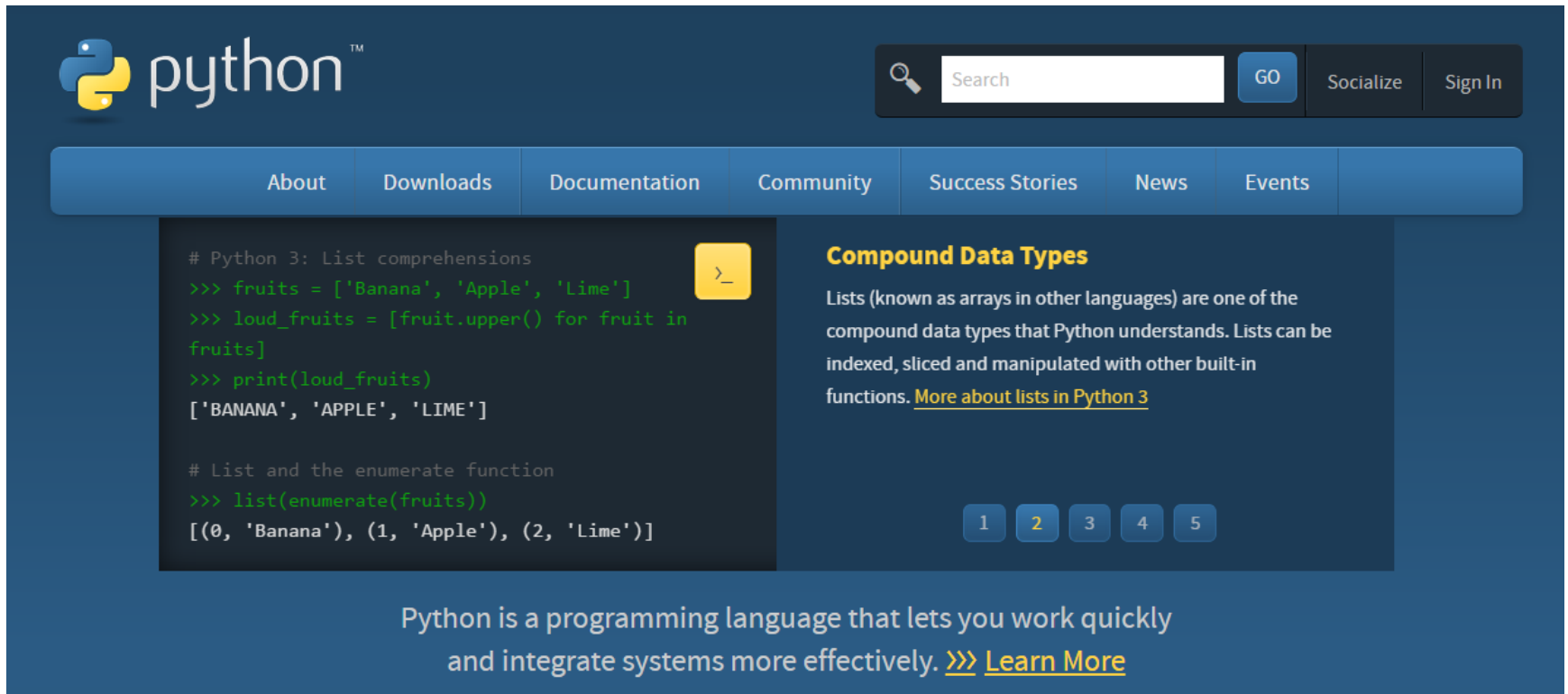
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- If you take home only one thing the Research Bazar, make it Linux (and tell ITS about it)!



<https://dwheelerau.com/2014/01/25/setting-up-a-ubuntu-virtual-machine-with-virtual-box/>

# Tools and libraries



The image is a screenshot of the Python.org homepage. At the top left is the Python logo and the word "python" with a trademark symbol. To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, a "GO" button, and links for "Socialize" and "Sign In". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "About", "Downloads", "Documentation", "Community", "Success Stories", "News", and "Events". The main content area is split into two columns. The left column contains a code snippet demonstrating list comprehensions and the enumerate function. The right column features the heading "Compound Data Types" followed by a paragraph explaining lists and a link to "More about lists in Python 3". At the bottom of the page is a blue banner with the text "Python is a programming language that lets you work quickly and integrate systems more effectively." and a link to "Learn More".

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```
# Python 3: List comprehensions
>>> fruits = ['Banana', 'Apple', 'Lime']
>>> loud_fruits = [fruit.upper() for fruit in fruits]
>>> print(loud_fruits)
['BANANA', 'APPLE', 'LIME']

# List and the enumerate function
>>> list(enumerate(fruits))
[(0, 'Banana'), (1, 'Apple'), (2, 'Lime')]
```

### Compound Data Types

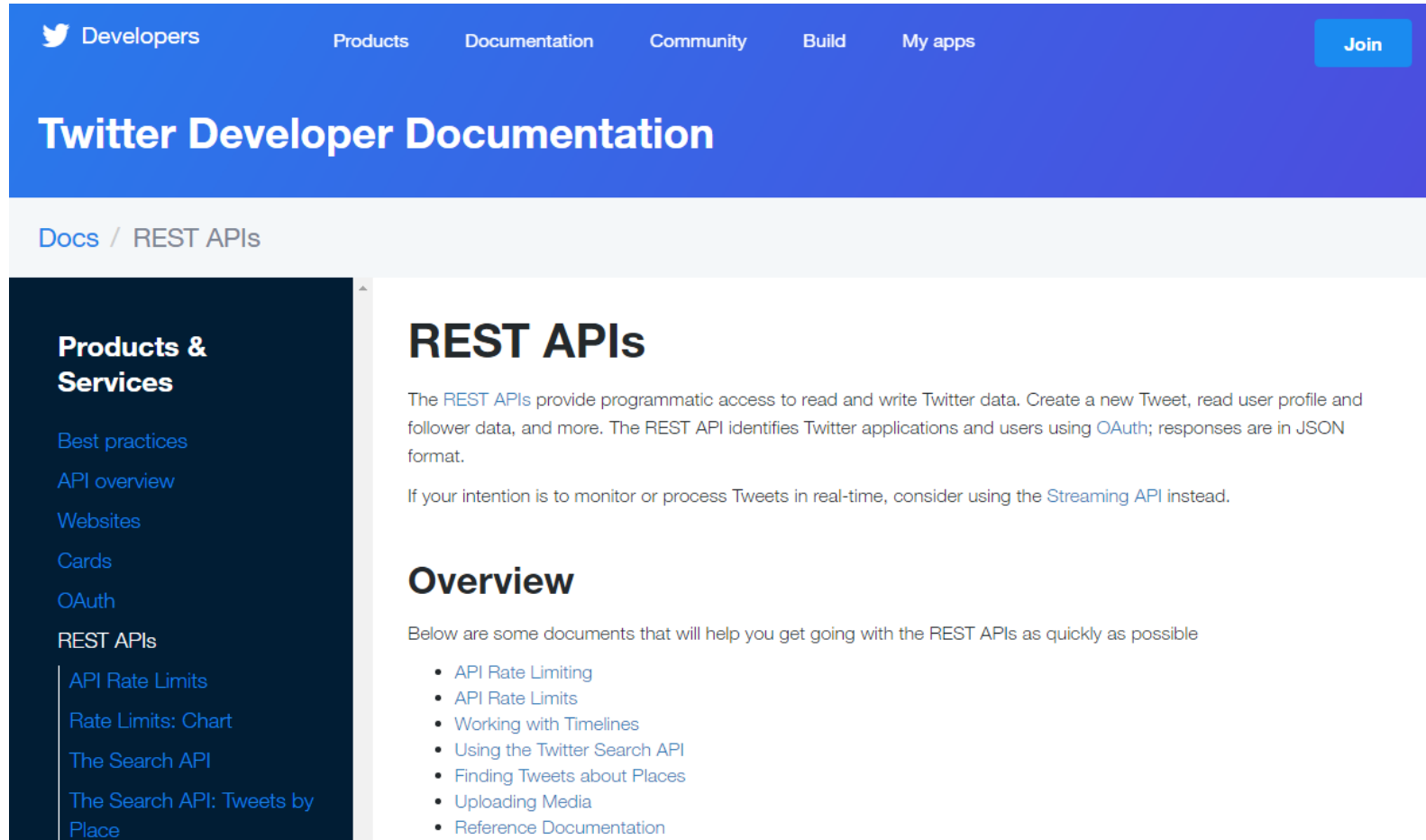
Lists (known as arrays in other languages) are one of the compound data types that Python understands. Lists can be indexed, sliced and manipulated with other built-in functions. [More about lists in Python 3](#)

1 2 3 4 5

Python is a programming language that lets you work quickly and integrate systems more effectively. [>>> Learn More](#)

<https://www.python.org/>

# Tools and libraries



The screenshot shows the Twitter Developer Documentation website. The top navigation bar is blue with the Twitter logo and links for Developers, Products, Documentation, Community, Build, and My apps. A 'Join' button is in the top right. Below the navigation bar is a blue header with the text 'Twitter Developer Documentation'. The main content area has a light blue background. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the title 'Products & Services' and a list of links: Best practices, API overview, Websites, Cards, OAuth, REST APIs (highlighted), API Rate Limits, Rate Limits: Chart, The Search API, and The Search API: Tweets by Place. The main content area has the title 'REST APIs' and a paragraph explaining that the REST APIs provide programmatic access to read and write Twitter data. It also mentions that responses are in JSON format. Below this is a paragraph about using the Streaming API instead for real-time processing. Further down is an 'Overview' section with a list of links: API Rate Limiting, API Rate Limits, Working with Timelines, Using the Twitter Search API, Finding Tweets about Places, Uploading Media, and Reference Documentation.

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## Twitter Developer Documentation

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- [The Search API: Tweets by Place](#)

## REST APIs

The [REST APIs](#) provide programmatic access to read and write Twitter data. Create a new Tweet, read user profile and follower data, and more. The REST API identifies Twitter applications and users using [OAuth](#); responses are in JSON format.

If your intention is to monitor or process Tweets in real-time, consider using the [Streaming API](#) instead.

### Overview

Below are some documents that will help you get going with the REST APIs as quickly as possible

- [API Rate Limiting](#)
- [API Rate Limits](#)
- [Working with Timelines](#)
- [Using the Twitter Search API](#)
- [Finding Tweets about Places](#)
- [Uploading Media](#)
- [Reference Documentation](#)

```
~/RESEARCH/presentations/resbazar_2017  
dwheeler@dwheeler-HP$ (git::master) pip install python-twitter
```

<https://github.com/bear/python-twitter>

<https://dev.twitter.com/rest/public>

# The python twitter library

- The python twitter library is just a wrapper for web (http) requests based on the REST philosophy
- Returns data in nested python *lists* and *dictionaries*
  - You will be using some of these data types today

# Tools and libraries

**IP[y]:** IPython  
Interactive Computing

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## The Jupyter Notebook

(Formerly known as the IPython Notebook)

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The IPython Notebook is now known as the Jupyter Notebook. It is an interactive computational environment, in which you can combine code execution, rich text, mathematics, plots and rich media. For more details on the Jupyter Notebook, please see the [Jupyter](#) website.

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dwheeler@dwheeler-HP$ (git::master) pip install jupyter
```

<https://ipython.org/notebook.html>

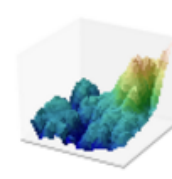
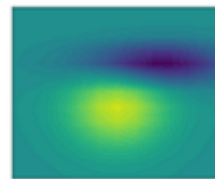
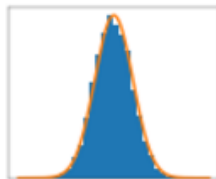
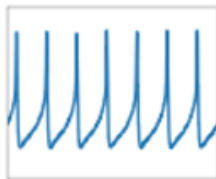
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## Introduction

Matplotlib is a Python 2D plotting library which produces publication quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms. Matplotlib can be used in Python scripts, the Python and [IPython](#) shell, the [jupyter](#) notebook, web application servers, and four graphical user interface toolkits.



Matplotlib tries to make easy things easy and hard things possible. You can generate plots, histograms, power spectra, bar charts, errorcharts, scatterplots, etc., with just a few lines of code. For a sampling, see the [screenshots](#), [thumbnail](#) gallery, and [examples](#) directory

For simple plotting the [pyplot](#) module provides a MATLAB-like interface, particularly when combined with [IPython](#). For the power user, you have full control of line styles, font properties, axes properties, etc, via an object oriented interface or via a set of functions familiar to MATLAB users.

```
~/RESEARCH/presentations/resbazar_2017  
dwheeler@dwheeler-HP$ (git::master) pip install matplotlib
```

<http://matplotlib.org/>



# Tools and libraries

## Python Data Analysis Library

*pandas* is an open source, BSD-licensed library providing high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for the Python programming language.

*pandas* is a NUMFocus sponsored project. This will help ensure the success of development of *pandas* as a world-class open-source project.

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dwheeler@dwheeler-HP$ (git::master) pip install pandas
```

<http://pandas.pydata.org/>

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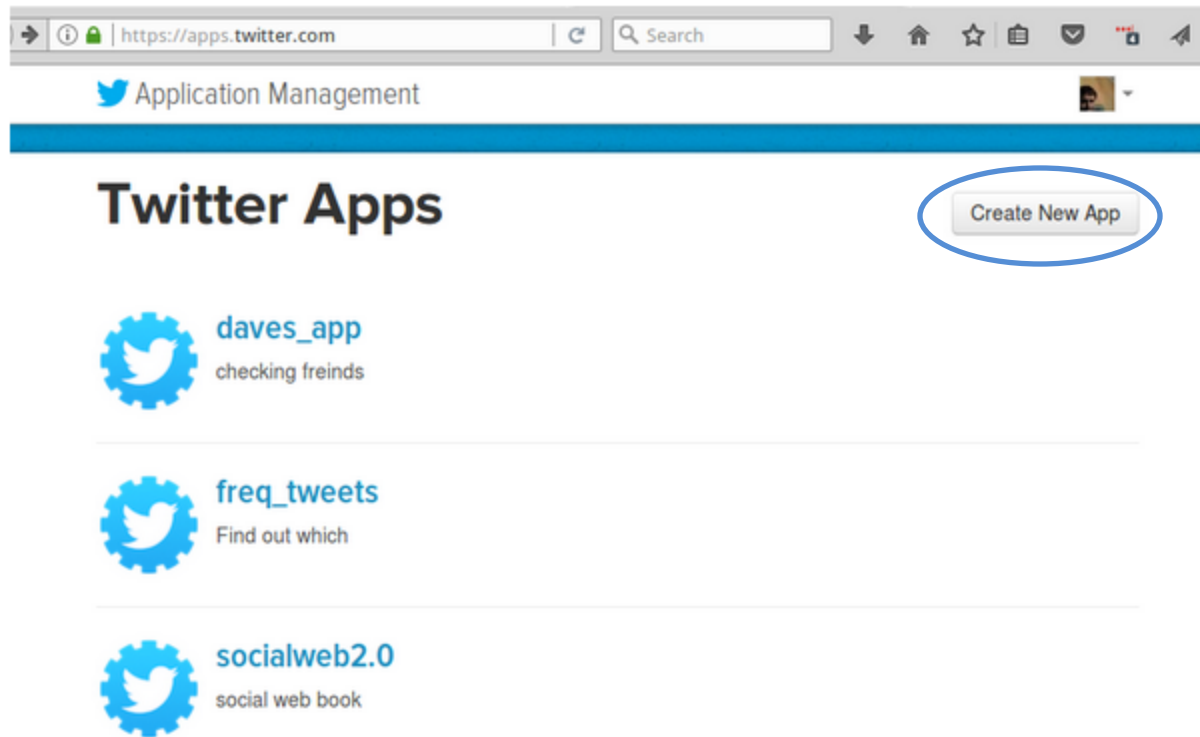


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<http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920030195.do>

# Getting access to the twitter API



<https://apps.twitter.com/>

# Getting access to the twitter API

## Create an application

### Application Details

**Name \***

Your application name. This is used to attribute the source of a tweet and in user-facing authorization screens. 32 characters max.

**Description \***

Your application description, which will be shown in user-facing authorization screens. Between 10 and 200 characters max.

**Website \***

Your application's publicly accessible home page, where users can go to download, make use of, or find out more information about your app. Tweets created by your application and will be shown in user-facing authorization screens.  
(If you don't have a URL yet, just put a placeholder here but remember to change it later.)

**Callback URL**

Where should we return after successfully authenticating? [OAuth 1.0a](#) applications should explicitly specify their `oauth_callback` URL on the application from using callbacks, leave this field blank.

### Developer Agreement

☒ Yes, I have read and agree to the [Twitter Developer Agreement](#).

Create your Twitter application

# Getting access to the twitter API

resbaz

Test OAuth

Details

Settings

Keys and Access Tokens

Permissions



talk for resbaz

<http://www.dwheelerau.com>

## Organization

Information about the organization or company associated with your application. This information is optional.

Organization None

Organization website None

## Application Settings

Your application's Consumer Key and Secret are used to [authenticate](#) requests to the Twitter Platform.

Access level Read and write ([modify app permissions](#))

Consumer Key (API Key) [REDACTED] ([manage keys and access tokens](#))

Callback URL None

Callback URL Locked No

Sign in with Twitter Yes

App-only authentication <https://api.twitter.com/oauth2/token>

Request token URL [https://api.twitter.com/oauth/request\\_token](https://api.twitter.com/oauth/request_token)

Authorize URL <https://api.twitter.com/oauth/authorize>

Access token URL [https://api.twitter.com/oauth/access\\_token](https://api.twitter.com/oauth/access_token)

# Getting access to the twitter API

## Application Settings

Keep the "Consumer Secret" a secret. This key should never be human-readable in your application.

Consumer Key (API Key) [REDACTED]

Consumer Secret (API Secret) [REDACTED]

Access Level Read and write ([modify app permissions](#))

Owner dwheelerau

Owner ID [REDACTED]

## Application Actions

[Regenerate Consumer Key and Secret](#)

[Change App Permissions](#)

## Your Access Token

This access token can be used to make API requests on your own account's behalf. Do not share your access token secret with anyone.

Access Token [REDACTED]

Access Token Secret [REDACTED]

Access Level Read and write

Owner dwheelerau

Owner ID [REDACTED]

You need the consumer Key, Consumer Secret, Access token and Access Token secret

# The python Twitter library

```
import twitter  
help(twitter.Twitter)
```

Help on class Twitter in module twitter.api:

```
class Twitter(TwitterCall)
```

    The minimalist yet fully featured Twitter API class.

    Get RESTful data by accessing members of this class. The result is decoded python objects (lists and dicts).

    The Twitter API is documented at:

<http://dev.twitter.com/doc>

    Examples::

```
        from twitter import *
```

```
        t = Twitter(  
            auth=OAuth(token, token_key, con_secret, con_secret_key))
```

# The python Twitter library

```
import twitter
help(twitter.Twitter)
```

```
# Get a particular friend's timeline
t.statuses.user_timeline(screen_name="billybob")

# to pass in GET/POST parameters, such as `count`
t.statuses.home_timeline(count=5)

# to pass in the GET/POST parameter `id` you need to use `_id`
t.statuses.oembed(_id=1234567890)

# Update your status
t.statuses.update(
    status="Using @sixohsix's sweet Python Twitter Tools.")

# Send a direct message
t.direct_messages.new(
    user="billybob",
    text="I think yer swell!")
```



# Python twitter

```
import twitter
```

```
# need access token from http://dev.twitter.com/apps/new
```

```
# setup handshake with API
```

```
CONSUMER_KEY = 'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX'
```

```
CONSUMER_SECRET = 'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX'
```

```
OAUTH_TOKEN = 'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX'
```

```
OAUTH_TOKEN_SECRET = 'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX'
```

```
auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(OAUTH_TOKEN, OAUTH_TOKEN_SECRET,  
                           CONSUMER_KEY, CONSUMER_SECRET)
```

```
twitter_api = twitter.Twitter(auth=auth)
```

```
# this creates a twitter api object that gives us access to the twitter API
```

```
print twitter_api
```

```
<twitter.api.Twitter object at 0x7fe3540ed750>
```

# Twitter trends

- Need GEO codes that we can get from <http://developer.yahoo.com/geo/geoplanet>

```
: # World, USA and New Zealand trends
```

```
WORLD_WOE_ID = 1
```

```
US_WOE_ID = 23424977
```

```
NZ_WOE_ID = 23424916
```

```
: # get the trends
```

```
world_trends = twitter_api.trends.place(_id=WORLD_WOE_ID)
```

```
us_trends = twitter_api.trends.place(_id=US_WOE_ID)
```

```
nz_trends = twitter_api.trends.place(_id=NZ_WOE_ID)
```

# Twitter trends

Returns data as nested python lists and python dictionaries

```
print world_trends
```

```
[{'u'created_at': '2017-02-02T19:33:53Z', 'u'trends': '[{"u'url': 'u'http://twitter.com/search?q=%23D8%A7%D9%84%D9%87%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%84_%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%B3%D9%8A%D9%87', 'u'query': 'u'%23D8%A7%D9%84%D9%87%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%84_%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%B3%D9%8A%D9%87', 'u'tweet_volume': None, 'u'name': 'u'#\u0627\u0644\u0647\u0644\u0627\u0644\u0627\u0644_\u0627\u0644\u0642\u0627\u062f\u0633\u064a\u0647', 'u'promoted_content': None}, {'u'url': 'u'http://twitter.com/search?q=%23GroundhogDay', 'u'query': 'u'%23GroundhogDay', 'u'tweet_volume': 137456, 'u'name': 'u'#GroundhogDay', 'u'promoted_content': None}, {'u'url': 'u'http://twitter.com/search?q=%23BenimVatan%C4%B1m', 'u'query': 'u'%23BenimVatan%C4%B1m', 'u'tweet_volume': 27995, 'u'name': 'u'#BenimVatan\u0131m', 'u'promoted_content': None}, {'u'url': 'u'http://twitter.com/search?q=%23D8%A7%D9%83%D8%AB%D8%B1_%D8%B4%D9%8A%D8%A1_%D9%8A%D8%AC%D8%B0%D8%A8%D9%83_%D8%A8%D8%B4%D9%83%D9%84_%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D8%AC%D9%84', 'u'query': 'u'%23D8%A7%D9%83%D8%AB%D8%B1_%D8%B4%D9%8A%D8%A1_%D9%8A%D8%AC%D8%B0%D8%A8%D9%83_%D8%A8%D8%B4%D9%83%D9%84_%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D8%AC%D9%84', 'u'tweet_volume': 18125, 'u'name': 'u'#\u0627\u0643\u062b\u0631_\u064a\u062c\u0630\u0628\u0643_\u0628\u0643\u0644_\u0627\u0644\u0631\u062c\u0644\u0644', 'u'promoted_content': None}, {'u'url': 'u'http://twitter.com/search?q=%23D8%AD%D9%81%D9%84_%D9%81%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%87_%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D8%A8_%D8%86%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84_mhsl'}
```

# Twitter trends

```
# python's JSON library
```

```
import json
```

```
print json.dumps(world_trends, indent=1)
```

```
[
  {
    "created_at": "2017-02-02T18:58:51Z",
    "trends": [
      {
        "url": "http://twitter.com/search?q=%23%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%87%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%84_%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%B3%D9%8A%D9%87",
        "query": "%23%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%87%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%84_%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%B3%D9%8A%D9%87",
        "tweet_volume": null,
        "name": "#\u0627\u0644\u0647\u0644\u0627\u0644_\u0627\u0644\u0642\u0627\u0644\u0633\u064a\u0647",
        "promoted_content": null
      },
      {
        "url": "http://twitter.com/search?q=%23GroundhogDay",
        "query": "%23GroundhogDay",
        "tweet_volume": 131495,
        "name": "#GroundhogDay",
        "promoted_content": null
      }
    ]
  }
]
```

# Geographical twitter trends

```
: # we can use python's set data structure (unordered collection of  
# unique items)  
cats = ["Toby", "Fred", "Spot", "Fred"]  
dogs = ["Tom", "Spot", "Howard"]  
cats = set(cats)  
dogs = set(dogs)
```

```
: print cats # Unique names  
print dogs  
  
set(['Spot', 'Toby', 'Fred'])  
set(['Howard', 'Spot', 'Tom'])
```

```
: # great for indentifying commonality/differences between  
# collections of data  
dogs.intersection(cats)
```

```
: {'Spot'}
```

# Geographical twitter trends

```
: # computing intersection of two sets of trends  
world_trends_set = set([trend['name']  
                        for trend in world_trends[0]['trends']])  
us_trends_set = set([trend['name']  
                    for trend in us_trends[0]['trends']])  
nz_trends_set = set([trend['name']  
                    for trend in nz_trends[0]['trends']])
```

```
: common_trends = world_trends_set.intersection(us_trends_set)
```

```
: print common_trends
```

```
set([u'Matthew McConaughey', u'#WhatBringsMeJoy', u'#KCAFavGlobalMusicStar'  
, u'#ThursdayThoughts', u'#GroundhogDay', u'#RuVeal', u'Givenchy', u'#Unlim  
itedMoves'])
```



# Geographical twitter trends

```
print world_trends_set.difference(us_trends_set)
```

```
set([u'#FillonCharleville', u'Loco Abreu', u'#\ubcf8\u00778\u00774_\u0070\u00c0\u00d0\u00628_\u00b355\u009c8_\u00acbd\u00b85c\u00b97c_\u00b9d0\u00d574\u00bdf4\u00790', u'#Mafi  
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ard', u'#KCAFavPinoyStar', u'#farketmeden', u'#BenimVatan\u00131m'])
```

# Twitter trends

```
q = "#GroundhogDay"

count = 100

search_results = twitter_api.search.tweets(q=q, count=count)
```

```
statuses = search_results['statuses']

# iterate through 5 batches of these results
for _ in range(5):
    print "length of statuses", len(statuses)
    try:
        # this is actually a function call to the twitter API
        # asking for the next set of results
        next_results = search_results['search_metadata']['next_results']
    except KeyError, e:
        # no more results
        break

    kwargs = dict([ kv.split('=')
                    for kv in next_results[1:].split("&") ])
    search_results = twitter_api.search.tweets(**kwargs)
    statuses += search_results['statuses']
```



# Twitter trends

```
# show one example by slicing a list  
print json.dumps(statuses[0], indent=1)
```

```
length of statuses 100  
length of statuses 200  
length of statuses 200  
{  
  "contributors": null,  
  "truncated": false,  
  "text": "#GroundhogDay #yes https://t.co/GhjYslDijX",  
  "is_quote_status": false,  
  "in_reply_to_status_id": null,  
  "id": 827248473607135234,  
  "favorite_count": 0,  
  "entities": {  
    "symbols": [],  
    "user_mentions": [],  
    "hashtags": [  
      {  
        "indices": [  
          0,  
          13
```

```
"text": "#GroundhogDay #yes https://t.co/GhjYslDijX",  
"is_quote_status": false,  
"in_reply_to_status_id": null,  
"id": 827248473607135234,  
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  "hashtags": [  
    {  
      "indices": [  
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```



 Follow

#GroundhogDay #yes



# Twitter trends

```
"truncated": false,  
"text": "#GroundhogDay #yes https://t.co/GhjYslDijX",  
"is_quote_status": false,  
"in_reply_to_status_id": null,  
"id": 827248473607135234,  
"favorite_count": 0,  
"entities": {  
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  "user_mentions": [],  
  "hashtags": [  

```

```
status_texts = [ status['text']  
                  for status in statuses]  
  
screen_names = [ user_mention['screen_name']  
                  for status in statuses  
                  for user_mention in status['entities']['user_mentions']]  
  
hashtags = [ hashtag['text']  
              for status in statuses  
              for hashtag in status['entities']['hashtags']]
```

# Twitter trends

```
# explore the frist 5 items from each....
print "Status text"
print json.dumps(status_texts[0:5], indent=1)
print "Screen names"
print json.dumps(screen_names[0:5], indent=1)
print "hashtags"
print json.dumps(hashtags[0:5], indent=1)
print "words"
print json.dumps(words[0:5], indent=1)
```

Search for “#GroundhogDay”

Status text

```
Status text
[
  "#GroundhogDay #yes https://t.co/GhjYslDijX",
  "Been so efficient clearing out years of paperwork, I have burnt out the s  
hreder. Given what I found, great for #GroundhogDay #declutter",
  "#ProfitBeforePatriotism\n#Trump & GOP Block Legislation\nCoal Mines t  
o Protect\nStreams&Rivers\nWHO'S GONNA PAY\nAMERICA\u2026 https://t.co/KjWuA7rRwS",
  "RT @accuchek_us: #SpareARose & #GroundHogDay in the same post? Makes  
sense! As u think about 6 more wks of winter, consider giving 2 https://t.co/6",
  "RT @JaneSays10: American #Traitor @ChuckGrassley is the face of #treason.  
#RussianHacking #FSB #ThursdayThoughts #GroundhogDay\u2026"
```

Screen names

```
]
Screen names
[
  "accuchek_us",
  "JaneSays10",
  "ChuckGrassley",
  "RealVoodooTrump",
  "MorrisAnimal"
```

Hashtags

```
]
hashtags
[
  "GroundhogDay",
  "yes",
  "GroundhogDay",
  "declutter",
  "ProfitBeforePatriotism"
]
```

# Twitter trends

```
from collections import Counter

for item in [words, screen_names, hashtags]:
    c = Counter(item)
    print c.most_common()[:10] # top ten
    print
```

```
[(u'#GroundhogDay', 148), (u'RT', 147), (u'of', 55), (u'the', 43), (u'is', 38), (u'more', 35), (u'a', 35), (u'to', 31), (u'weeks', 28), (u'you', 28)]
```

```
[(u'MarvelStudios', 11), (u'DrStrange', 11), (u'ElectricStarlet', 11), (u'NASAASunEarth', 5), (u'PolToons', 4), (u'MLB_PLAYERS', 4), (u'MLBPAClubhouse', 4), (u'Wale', 4), (u'AUG_RickMcKee', 3), (u'ClimateReality', 3)]
```

```
[(u'GroundhogDay', 188), (u'Eclipse2017', 5), (u'Punxsutawneyphil', 5), (u'groundhogday', 5), (u'DemocratLiesMatter', 4), (u'DontGetFooledAgain', 4), (u'GroundHogDay', 4), (u'ThursdayThoughts', 4), (u'ThrowbackThursday', 4), (u'entry', 4)]
```

# Twitter trends

```
# collection of all words from all tweets
words = [w
          for t in status_texts
          for w in t.split()]
```

```
# lets look at this in a table using python!
from prettytable import PrettyTable

for label, data in (('Word', words),
                   ('Screen name', screen_names),
                   ('Hashtag', hashtags)):
    pt = PrettyTable(field_names=[label, 'Count'])
    c = Counter(data)
    [ pt.add_row(kv) for kv in c.most_common()[:10]]
    # column and row alignment
    pt.align['label'], pt.align['Count'] = 'l', 'r'
    print pt
```

Word	Count
#GroundhogDay	148
RT	147
of	55
the	43
is	38
more	35
a	35
to	31
weeks	28
you	28



# The tweets of @realDonaldTrump



**Donald J. Trump** ✓  
@realDonaldTrump  
45th President of the United States of America  
Washington, DC  
Joined March 2009


TWEETS 34.4K   FOLLOWING 41   FOLLOWERS 24M   LIKES 45

Tweets   Tweets & replies   Media


 **Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump · 6h  
The failing @nytimes writes total fiction concerning me. They have gotten it wrong for two years, and now are making up stories & sources!

↳ 27K   ↺ 12K   ❤️ 56K

# ...and @BarackObama




A large photograph of Barack Obama and a woman standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, forested mountain range under a blue sky with scattered clouds. Barack is wearing a white button-down shirt, dark trousers, and sunglasses. The woman is wearing a dark jacket and leggings.





**Barack Obama** ✓  
@BarackObama  
Dad, husband, President, citizen.  
📍 Washington, DC  
🌐 [obama.org](http://obama.org)  
📅 Joined March 2007  
🎂 Born on August 4, 1961

TWEETS 15.4K FOLLOWING 632K FOLLOWERS 84.2M LIKES 10 LISTS 3

 Follow

Tweets Tweets & replies Media

 **Barack Obama** @BarackObama · Jan 22  
I read letters like these every single day. It was one of the best parts of the job – hearing from you.



To Obama With Love, and Hate, and Desperation

New to Twitter?

Sign up now to get your own personalized timeline!

Sign up

You may also like · Refresh



# Writing some helper functions

Create twitter object

```
import twitter
import time
import sys
from urllib2 import URLError
from httplib import BadStatusLine
import json

def oauth_login():

    CONSUMER_KEY = [REDACTED]
    CONSUMER_SECRET = [REDACTED]
    OAUTH_TOKEN = [REDACTED]
    OAUTH_TOKEN_SECRET = [REDACTED]

    auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(OAUTH_TOKEN, OAUTH_TOKEN_SECRET, CONSUMER_KEY,
                                CONSUMER_SECRET)

    twitter_api = twitter.Twitter(auth=auth)
    return twitter_api
```

Collect user tweets

```
def harvest_user_timeline(twitter_api, screen_name=None,
                           user_id=None, max_results=1000):
    '''get 16 pages of tweets for a users'''
    assert (screen_name != None) != (user_id != None), \
        "Must have screen_name or user_id, but not both"
```

Search for tweets

```
def twitter_search(twitter_api, q, max_results=200, **kw):
    '''Search twitter for given string, returns dict of tweets'''
    search_results = twitter_api.search.tweets(q=q, count=100, **kw)
```

# Writing some helper functions

Lexical diversity

```
def analyze_tweet_content(statuses):  
    '''Calc lexical diversity of a users tweets'''  
    if len(statuses) == 0:  
        print "No statuses to analyze"  
        return
```

Extract tweet info

```
def extract_tweet_entities(statuses):  
    '''extract screen names, hashtags, url, symbols from tweets'''  
    if len(statuses) == 0:  
        return [], [], [], [] , []
```

Save/load info  
In JSON format

```
def save_to_jsonfile(data, fname):  
    '''Helper function to save twitter data in json format'''  
    obj = open(fname, 'wb')  
    json.dump(data, obj)  
    obj.close()  
  
def load_from_jsonfile(fname):  
    '''Helper function to load twitter data from json format'''  
    obj = open(fname)  
    data = json.load(obj)  
    return data
```

# Presidential tweets

```
# @realDonaldTrump
twitter_api = oauth_login()

trump_tweets = harvest_user_timeline(twitter_api, screen_name='realDonaldTrump',
                                     max_results=1000)

obj = open('trump_data.txt', 'wb')
json.dump(trump_tweets, obj)
obj.close()

# and lets not forget @BarackObama
obama_tweets = harvest_user_timeline(twitter_api, screen_name='BarackObama',
                                     max_results=1000)

obj = open('obama_data.txt', 'wb')
json.dump(obama_tweets, obj)
obj.close()
```

```

Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Done fetching tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Fetches 200 tweets
Done fetching tweets
```

# Presidential tweets

```
trump_tweets[0]
```

```
{u'contributors': None,
 u'coordinates': None,
 u'created_at': u'Thu Feb 02 17:29:16 +0000 2017',
 u'entities': {u'hashtags': [],
  u'symbols': [],
  u'urls': [{u'display_url': u'axios.com/trump-effect-s\u2026',
    u'expanded_url': u'https://www.axios.com/trump-effect-samsung-may-build-u-s-factory-2233101986.html',
    u'indices': [48, 71],
    u'url': u'https://t.co/r5nxC9o0A4'}]},
 u'user_mentions': [{u'id': 97610612,
  u'id_str': u'97610612',
  u'indices': [11, 19],
  u'name': u'Samsung',
  u'screen_name': u'samsung'}]},
 u'favorite_count': 56583,
 u'favorited': False,
 u'geo': None,
 u'id': 827207267632164868,
 u'id_str': u'827207267632164868',
 u'in_reply_to_screen_name': None,
 u'in_reply_to_status_id': None,
 u'in_reply_to_status_id_str': None,
 u'in_reply_to_user_id': None,
 u'in_reply_to_user_id_str': None,
 u'is_quote_status': False,
 u'lang': u'en',
 u'place': None,
 u'possibly_sensitive': False,
 u'retweet_count': 12711,
 u'retweeted': False,
 u'source': u'<a href="http://twitter.com/download/iphone" rel="nofollow">Twitter for iPhone</a>',
 u'text': u'Thank you, @Samsung! We would love to have you! https://t.co/r5nxC9o0A4',
 u'truncated': False,
 u'user': {u'id': 25073877, u'id_str': u'25073877'}}
```

# Lexical diversity

- Number of unique “words” in text divided by total number of words
- Or the “unique information” gained from each tweet
- The function “analyze\_tweet\_content” calculates this by:
  - Count the number of words
  - Use “set()” to count the number of unique words
- A lexical diversity of 0.25 would equate to around  $\frac{1}{4}$  words are unique within aggregated tweets (about 3 words in an average 14 word tweet)

# Lexical diversity

- Trump is a winner (alternative facts?)

```
analyze_tweet_content(trump_tweets)
```

```
Lexical diversity (words): 0.32869508053  
Lexical diversity (screen names): 0.360856269113  
Lexical diversity (hashtags): 0.22602739726  
Average words per tweet: 18.254
```

```
analyze_tweet_content(obama_tweets)
```

```
Lexical diversity (words): 0.284128185718  
Lexical diversity (screen names): 0.235294117647  
Lexical diversity (hashtags): 0.163751987281  
Average words per tweet: 15.852
```

---

# Presidential tweets

```
screen_names_t, hashtags_o, urls_o, media_o, symbols_o = extract_tweet_entit
```

```
pt_trump = PrettyTable(field_names=['Hashtags', 'Count'])

counter_trump = Counter(hashtags_t)
[pt_trump.add_row(kv) for kv in counter_trump.most_common()[:10]]
pt_trump.align['Hashtags'], pt_trump.align['Count'] = 'l', 'r' # set column
print pt_trump
```

Hashtags	Count
DrainTheSwamp	78
BigLeagueTruth	49
MAGA	45
Debate	36
ICYMI	18
MakeAmericaGreatAgain	16
CrookedHillary	16
Debates	13
ThankYouTour2016	12
Debates2016	12

# Presidential tweets

```
pt_obama = PrettyTable(field_names=['Hashtags','Count'])

counter_obama = Counter(hashtags_o)
[pt_obama.add_row(kv) for kv in counter_obama.most_common()[:10]]
pt_obama.align['Hashtags'], pt_obama.align['Count'] = 'l', 'r' # set column
print pt_obama
```

Hashtags	Count
DoYourJob	150
ActOnClimate	101
SOTU	63
SCOTUS	46
GetCovered	29
Obamacare	23
LoveIsLove	19
DisarmHate	11
LeadOnLeave	10
WearOrange	8



# Presidential tweets

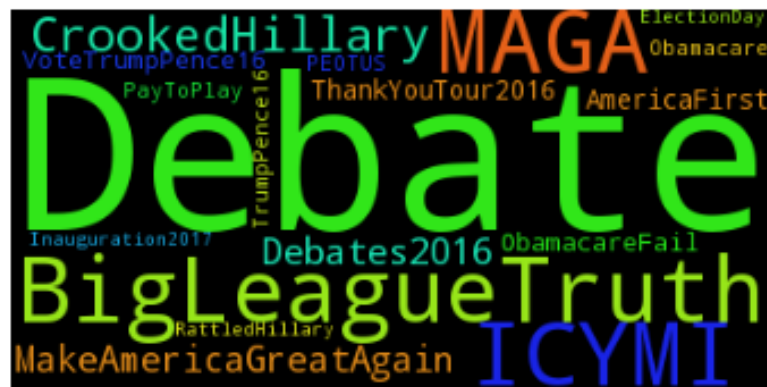
```
def word_cloud(most_common):  
    data = []  
  
    for name, count in most_common:  
        counter = 0  
        while counter < count:  
            data.append(name)  
            counter+=1  
  
    return data
```

```
trump_cloud = word_cloud(counter_trump.most_common()[1:21])  
obama_cloud = word_cloud(counter_obama.most_common()[1:21])
```

```
# display images in notebook  
  
with open('trump_cloud.txt', 'w') as f:  
    [f.write(val+'\n') for val in trump_cloud]  
  
with open('obama_cloud.txt', 'w') as f:  
    [f.write(val+'\n') for val in obama_cloud]
```

# Presidential tweets

```
: # Python rocks!  
# pip install wordcloud  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
from wordcloud import WordCloud  
  
# ipython magic  
%matplotlib inline  
  
# Read the whole text.  
text = open('trump_cloud.txt').read()  
wordcloud = WordCloud().generate(text)  
# Open a plot of the generated image.  
plt.imshow(wordcloud)  
plt.axis("off")  
plt.show()
```



# Presidential tweets

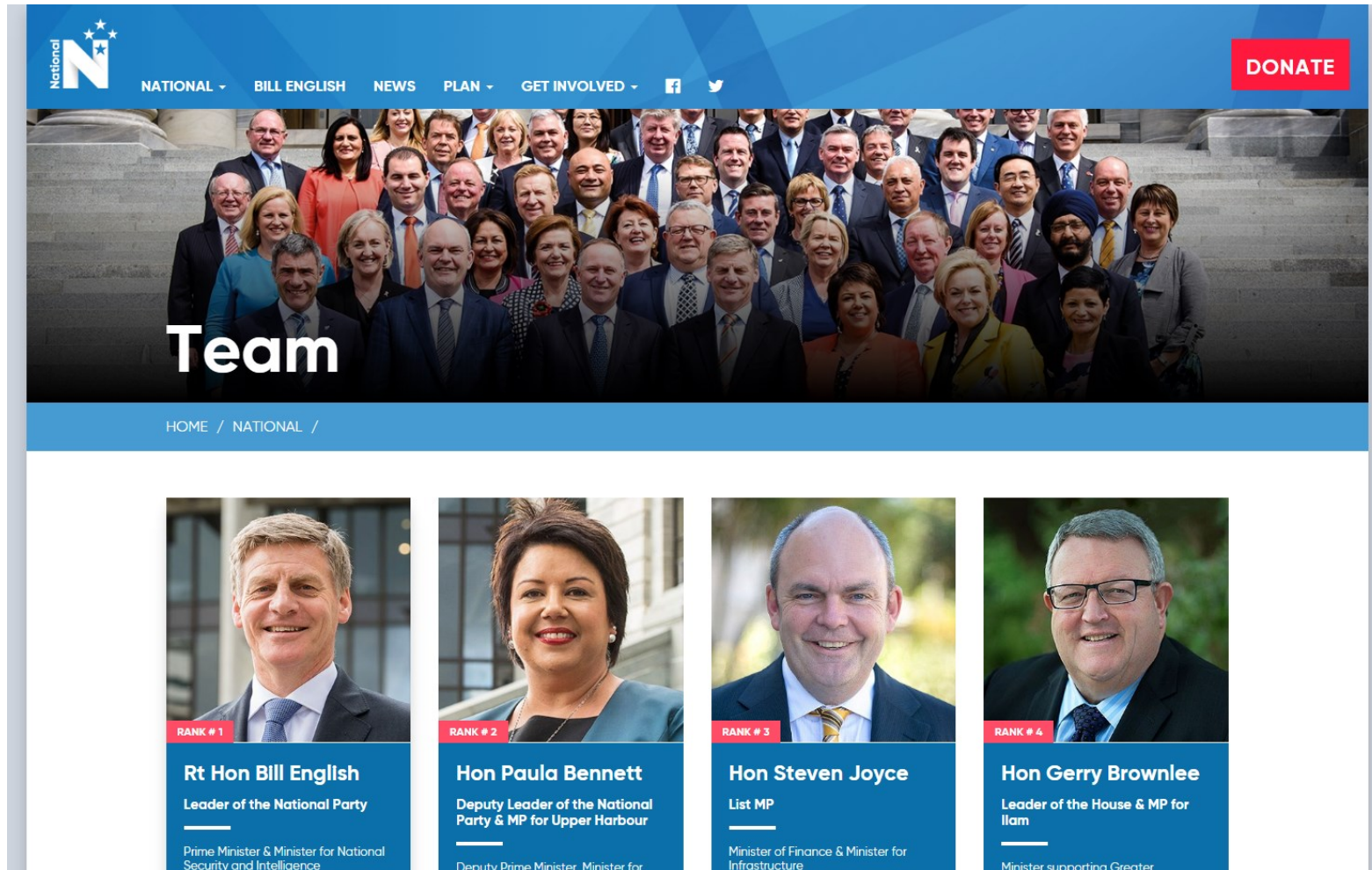
Trump



Obama



# What about NZ?



The screenshot shows the top of the National Party website. The header is blue with the National Party logo (a large 'N' with three stars) on the left. To the right of the logo are navigation links: NATIONAL, BILL ENGLISH, NEWS, PLAN, GET INVOLVED, and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. A red 'DONATE' button is on the far right. Below the header is a large group photo of the party's team. The word 'Team' is written in large white letters over the bottom left of the photo. Below the photo is a blue bar with the text 'HOME / NATIONAL /'. Below this bar are four individual portraits of party leaders, each with a red 'RANK' label and a blue background with white text.

**Team**

HOME / NATIONAL /

RANK # 1	RANK # 2	RANK # 3	RANK # 4
<b>Rt Hon Bill English</b> Leader of the National Party Prime Minister & Minister for National Security and Intelligence	<b>Hon Paula Bennett</b> Deputy Leader of the National Party & MP for Upper Harbour Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for	<b>Hon Steven Joyce</b> List MP Minister of Finance & Minister for Infrastructure	<b>Hon Gerry Brownlee</b> Leader of the House & MP for Ilam Minister supporting Greater

<https://www.national.org.nz/team>

# An aside: BeautifulSoup

```
# save the nationals page ('https://national.org.nz/team') to file using  
# an internet browser  
soup = BeautifulSoup(open('national.txt').read())
```

```
# All the names are in h3 HTML elements!  
for h3 in soup.findAll("h3"):  
    print repr(h3)
```

```
<h3>Rt Hon Bill English</h3>  
<h3>Hon Paula Bennett</h3>  
<h3>Hon Steven Joyce</h3>  
<h3>Hon Gerry Brownlee</h3>  
<h3>Hon Simon Bridges</h3>  
<h3>Hon Amy Adams</h3>  
<h3>Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman</h3>  
<h3>Hon Christopher Finlayson</h3>  
<h3>Hon Michael Woodhouse</h3>  
<h3>Hon Anne Tolley</h3>  
<h3>Hon Hekia Parata</h3>  
<h3>Hon Nathan Guy</h3>  
<h3>Hon Murray McCully</h3>  
<h3>Hon Nikki Kaye</h3>
```

# What about NZ?

```
bill_tweets = harvest_user_timeline(twitter_api, screen_name='pmbillenglish'  
                                     max_results=1000)  
obj = open('bill_data.txt', 'wb')  
json.dump(bill_tweets, obj)  
obj.close()
```

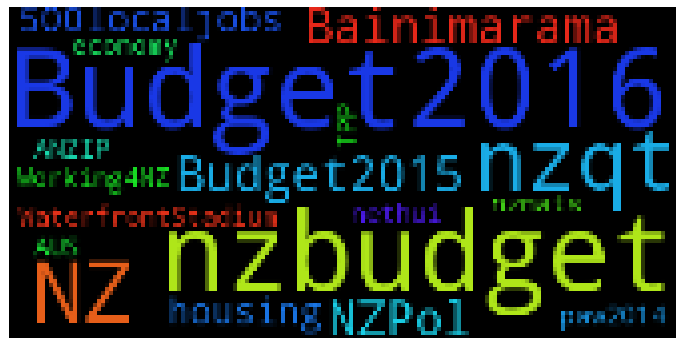
```
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 68 tweets  
Fetches 0 tweets  
Done fetching tweets
```

```
screen_names_b, hashtags_b, urls_b, media_b, symbols_b = extract_tweet_entities(bill_tweets)
```

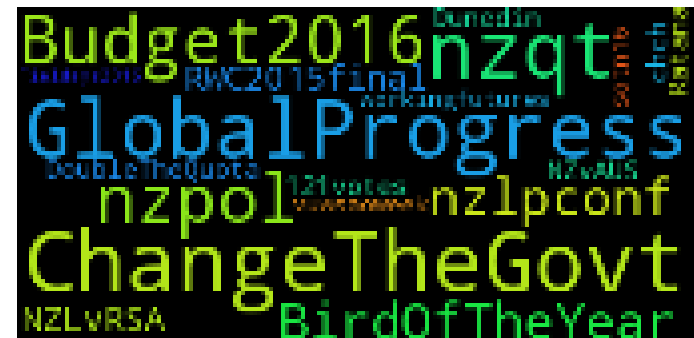
```
little_tweets = harvest_user_timeline(twitter_api, screen_name='AndrewLittle'  
                                       max_results=1000)
```

```
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 200 tweets  
Fetches 200 tweets  
Done fetching tweets
```

# What about NZ?



Little



# Leave the pollies alone @dwheelerau

```
counter_dw = Counter(hashtags_dw)
dw_cloud = word_cloud(counter_dw.most_common()[1:21])
with open('dw_cloud.txt', 'w') as f:
    [f.write(val+'\n') for val in dw_cloud]

text = open('dw_cloud.txt').read()
wordcloud = WordCloud().generate(text)
# Open a plot of the generated image.
plt.imshow(wordcloud)
plt.axis("off")
plt.title("Dave")
plt.show()
fig.savefig("dave_cloud.png")
```

Dave





# Leave the polliés alone @dwheelerau

```
pt_dw = PrettyTable(field_names=['Hashtags', 'Count'])  
  
[pt_dw.add_row(kv) for kv in counter_dw.most_common()[:10]]  
pt_dw.align['Hashtags'], pt_dw.align['Count'] = 'l', 'r' # set column align  
  
print pt_dw
```

Hashtags	Count
atheist	7
bioinformatics	6
phdchat	5
evolution	5
RWC2015	5
atheism	5
RIPGoughWhitlam	4
science	4
JeSuisCharlie	4
CharlieHebdo	4

# Where do my followers live?

```
[pt_loc.add_row(r) for r in locations]  
print pt_loc
```

Place	County
Harrogate	England
Bloomington	IN
Varanasi	India
South Carolina	USA
Massey University	
Arizona	
Cornwall campus	Penryn UK
San Diego	CA
Norwich	England
Omaha	NE
New Zealand	
Auckland	New Zealand
Menlo Park	CA
Palo Alto	CA
Rochester	NY
Potsdam	Brandenburg
vancouver island b.c. canada	

# How often do I tweet?

```
statuses = twitter_api.statuses.user_timeline(count = 200)
```

```
with open('timeline.txt', 'w') as f:
    for status in statuses:
        info = "%s\\t%s\\n" % (status['user']['location'], status['created_at'])
        f.write(info)
```

```
!head timeline.txt
```

Palmerston north, New Zealand	Wed Jan 11 20:11:43 +0000 2017
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Sun Jan 08 02:07:11 +0000 2017
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Wed Jan 04 07:27:33 +0000 2017
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Wed Jan 04 07:23:08 +0000 2017
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Thu Dec 29 02:51:10 +0000 2016
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Tue Nov 29 10:01:22 +0000 2016
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Mon Nov 28 09:37:22 +0000 2016
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Sat Nov 26 06:46:20 +0000 2016
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Sat Nov 26 06:14:34 +0000 2016
Palmerston north, New Zealand	Sat Nov 26 00:57:10 +0000 2016

# How often do I tweet?

- Processing tabular data with pandas

```
from pandas import DataFrame
import pandas as pd
df = DataFrame(pd.read_table('timeline.txt', names=['Place', 'Date_Time']))
df.head()
```

	Place	Date_Time
0	Palmerston north, New Zealand	Wed Jan 11 20:11:43 +0000 2017
1	Palmerston north, New Zealand	Sun Jan 08 02:07:11 +0000 2017
2	Palmerston north, New Zealand	Wed Jan 04 07:27:33 +0000 2017
3	Palmerston north, New Zealand	Wed Jan 04 07:23:08 +0000 2017
4	Palmerston north, New Zealand	Thu Dec 29 02:51:10 +0000 2016

5 rows × 2 columns

# How often do I tweet?

	Place	Date_Time	Date	year
Date_Time				
2017-01-11 20:11:43	Palmerston north, New Zealand	2017-01-11 20:11:43	2017-01-11 20:11:43	2017
2017-01-08 02:07:11	Palmerston north, New Zealand	2017-01-08 02:07:11	2017-01-08 02:07:11	2017
2017-01-04 07:27:33	Palmerston north, New Zealand	2017-01-04 07:27:33	2017-01-04 07:27:33	2017
2017-01-04 07:23:08	Palmerston north, New Zealand	2017-01-04 07:23:08	2017-01-04 07:23:08	2017
2016-12-29 02:51:10	Palmerston north, New Zealand	2016-12-29 02:51:10	2016-12-29 02:51:10	2016

5 rows × 4 columns

```
g = df.groupby('year')  
g.size()
```

```
year  
2015    84  
2016   112  
2017     4  
dtype: int64
```

# This is only the start

- Finding patterns in tweets and re-tweets
  - Use “Australia” as a search term (back to Trump)
- Nodes represent usernames and edges represent a re-tweet relationship
- Use HTML5 magic to display interactively



# This is only the start

```
: %run graph.py 'Australia'
```

This example has been updated to use Twitter's v1.1 API, which now requires authentication for *all* requests (amongst other things.)

To run this example, you'll just need to go to <http://twitter.com/apps/new> to create an app and get authentication credentials that should be inserted into this file's source code. See <https://dev.twitter.com/docs/auth/oauth> for more information on Twitter's OAuth implementation

Number nodes: 602

Num edges: 439

```
Node degrees: [u'.@LloydRothwell', u'.@MZHemingway', u'.@SenJohnMcCain',
u'0_Toole', u'5SOSChile', u'9562Debbie', u'ABCNews', u'ABWright824:', u'A
LT_DOJ', u'AP', u'AP_Politics', u'Aargh4Shelly', u'Acosta', u'Admiral_224
', u'AkiPeritz', u'AlbertBrooks', u'AlbertoSolis15', u'AlexisinNH', u'Ali
_Star', u'AlsoWonderWoman', u'AmyMek', u'AndrewD_editor', u'Andy', u'Anew
ThomasPaine', u'AnonFamSheila', u'Antipaganda', u'AnySurvival', u'ArmyWif
e98', u'Art_Lilla_Music', u'ArtmanJanet', u'AshakaSaleh:', u'Asher_Wolf',
u'AshleyC80839691', u'AsiaPolicy', u'Aussiebelle1972', u'Australia', u'Au
straliaVote', u'BP_NP', u'BUDDYBLUE920', u'BadLibrarian', u'Bait_AL_7ekma
h', u'BellaFlokarti', u'Bethany4646', u'BigFreakMedia', u'BillPar24756930
', u'Bioben78', u'Blackcattt', u'Bluevestle', u'BraddLaffy', u'Breznican
```





# Thank you for your time

- Thanks to the open source community that make this all possible!
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