



### Python primer

Mining the social web with python

### Goals for todays talk

- Highlight the elegance of the python programming language
- Quick demonstration on how python can be used to "easily" mine social media data
- Introduce some interesting python libraries
  - "Someone has already done that!"
  - huge selection of libraries
- A tweet is much more than 140 characters!

### Tools and libraries $\triangle$ Linux

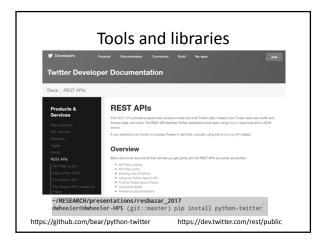


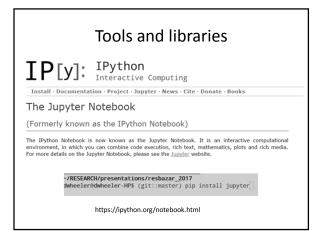
• If you take home only one thing the Research Bazar, make it Linux!



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### Tools and libraries

Python Data Analysis Library

pandas is an open source, BSD-licensed library providing high-performance, easy-touse data structures and data analysis tools for the <u>Python</u> programming language. pandas is a <u>BUMEGUS</u> sponsored project. This will help ensure the success of development of pandas as a world-class open-source project.

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-/RESEARCH/presentations/resbazar\_2017 dwheeler@dwheeler-HP\$ (git::master) pip install pandas

http://pandas.pydata.org/

### Tools and libraries



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### The python Twitter library



### 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 GetPrOST parameters, such as 'count'
 t.statuses.home\_timeline(count=5)

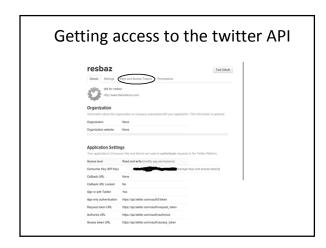
# to pass in the GET/POST parameter 'id' you need to use '\_id'
 t.statuses.oembed(\_id=1234567890)

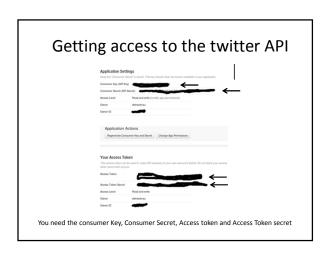
# Update your status
 t.statuses.update(
 status="status" etsians" e

### Getting access to the twitter API









### Python twitter import twitter # need access token from http://dev.twitter.com/apps/new # setup handshake with API CONSUMER\_KEY = ' CONSUMER\_SECRET = ' OAUTH\_TOKEN = ' OAUTH\_TOKEN\_SECRET = auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(OAUTH\_TOKEN, OAUTH\_TOKEN\_SECRET, CONSUMER\_KEY, CONSUMER\_SECRET) twitter\_api = twitter.Twitter(auth=auth) $\ensuremath{\textit{\#}}\xspace$ 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

print world\_trends

# 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  $\underline{\text{lists}}$  and python  $\underline{\text{dictionaries}}$ 

### The twitter API

- Limited to ~150 requests in minute
- The python twitter library is just a wrapper for web requests using the REST philosophy
- Returns data in nested lists and dictionaries that are compatible with the JSON format

### Twitter trends

### Geographical twitter trends

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

: 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

```
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'#UnlimitedMoves')
```

### Geographical twitter trends

print world\_trends\_set.difference(us\_trends\_set)

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set([u'#illoncharleville', u'loco Abreu', u'#\ubcf8\uc778\

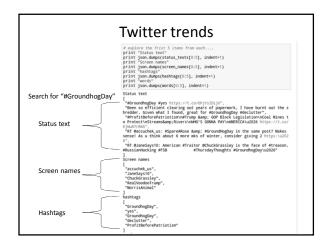
### Twitter trends

```
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):
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r _ 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
```

## 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': "#GroundnoBoay #yes https://i.so/ShjyslDijX",] "is.quote status": false. "in.reply.to.status.id": null, "id": 877248473607135234, "favorite\_count": 0, "entities": { "symbols": [], "user\_mentions": [], "hashtags": [ { "indices": [ 0, 13



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### Twitter trends

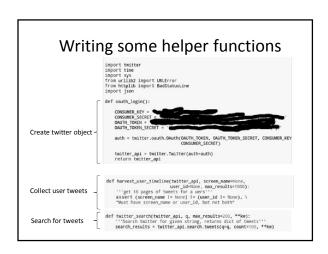
```
from collections import Counter
for item in [words, screen_names, hashtags]:
    c = Counter(item)
    print c.most_common()[:10] # top ten
    print

[(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'N ASASunEarth', 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)]
```





### Writing some helper functions

### Presidential tweets

```
# BrealDonaldTrump
twitter_api = oauth_login()

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

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

# and lats_not forget @BarackObama
obama_tweets = harvest_user_timeline(twitter_api, screen_name='BarackObama',
obj = open('obama_data.txt', 'wb')
json.dump(obama_tweets, obj)
obj.close()

Fetched 200 tweets
```

### Presidential tweets

### 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 ¼ 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

### **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

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Hashtags	Count
DOYOUR JOB ACTONCLIMATE SOTU SCOTUS GETCOVERED Obamacare LoveIsLove DisarmHate LeadOnLeave WearOrange	150 101 63 46 29 23 19 11 10 8
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### **Presidential tweets**

def word\_cloud(most\_common):
 data = []
for name, count in most\_common:
 counter = 0
 while counter < count:
 data.append(name)
 counter+=|
 return data</pre>

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.inshow(wordcloud)
plt.axis('off")
plt.show()



### Presidential tweets





### What about NZ?



### https://www.national.org.nz/team

### An aside: Beautifulsoup

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

# What about NZ? bill\_tweets = harvest\_user\_timpline(twitter\_api, screen\_name='pmbillenglish' obj = open('bill\_data\_txt', 'mb') json\_dump(bill\_tweets, obj) obj.close() Fetched 200 tweets Fetched 200 tweets Fetched 200 tweets Fetched 0 tweets Done fetching tweets screen\_names\_b, hashtags\_b, urls\_b, media\_b, symbols\_b = extract\_tweet\_entit little\_tweets = harvest\_user\_timpline(twitter\_api, screen\_name='AndrewLittle max\_exalts=1000') Fetched 200 tweets Fetched 200 tweets

### What about NZ?



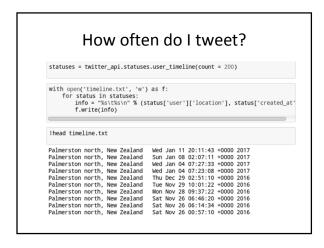


### Leave the pollies alone @dwheelerau



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## 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 Corner Logo Corner Cor



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

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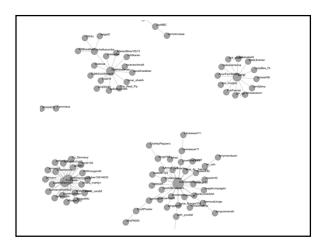
- Finding patterns in tweets and re-tweets
  - Use "Australia" as a search term (back to Trump)
- Nodes represent usernames and edges represent a re-tweet relationship
- Use HTML5 magic to display interactively



### This is only the start

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/ne w to create an app and get authentication credentials that should be inserted into this file's source code. See https://dev.twitter.com/abps/ne w to create an app and get authentication credentials that should be inserted into this file's source code. See https://dev.twitter.com/abps/ne w to create an app and get authentication credentials that should be inserted into this file's source code. See https://dev.twitter.com/abps/ne w to create an app and get authentication on Witter's Oakth implementation
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### Thank you for your time

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