Collaborative Data Science within Gov't of Canada

Development of R libraries for common tasks with Open Canada data

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- Why R (for data science collaboration)
- GC collaborative platforms (for growing technical knowledge)
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Raison d'être

- In GoC, we are working on the same data science problems
 - Working with the same <u>data</u> (eg. Geospatial, StatCan, open.canada.ca)
 - Developing many similar visualizations, analyses and reporting tools
 - Addressing many of same data engineering and data mining <u>challenges</u>

Challenges

- Often, data scientists end up "reinventing the wheel", and not able to catch-up with rapidly growing development of data science tools
- Lack of collaboration and peer-reviewing creates the risk of being inefficient, producing suboptimal solutions
- Much more can be achieved, if we leverage each other's work!
 - Discussed at GC Data 2021 Conf., <u>Data Engineering workshop</u>



Vision

To ensure standardized and consistent approaches to data science across the GoC, we need:

- 1. To grow and maintain our skills and knowledgebase
- 2. To build codes and tools for common data science problems
 - Contributed, reviewed and maintained by GoC data science community
 - Open & free available to any data scientist who needs them

By leveraging what is the best and already available within GC:

- 1. Collaboration platforms: gccode, gccollab, gcwiki, github
- 2. Programming environment: **R**



Why R?

- 1. Advanced graphics with *ggplot2* and its extensions
- 2. Automated report/tutorials/textbooks generation with *RMarkdown*
- 3. Streamlined package development with *devtools*
- 4. Streamlined Interactive interfaces and dashboards development and deployment with *Shiny*
- 5. "Best for geo-computation"
- 6. Common tidy design shared across packages
- 7. Curated peer-tested repo of packages at CRAN
- 8. RStudio IDE (Integrated Development Environment) on desktop and cloud (rstudio.cloud)
- 9. Full support and inter-operability with Python from the same IDE
- 10. Global RStudio-led movement for R education and advancement (rstudio.com)

https://geocompr.robinlovelace.net/intro.html#why-use-r-for-geocomputation https://gccollab.ca/discussion/view/7404883/why-r



Collaborative Platforms

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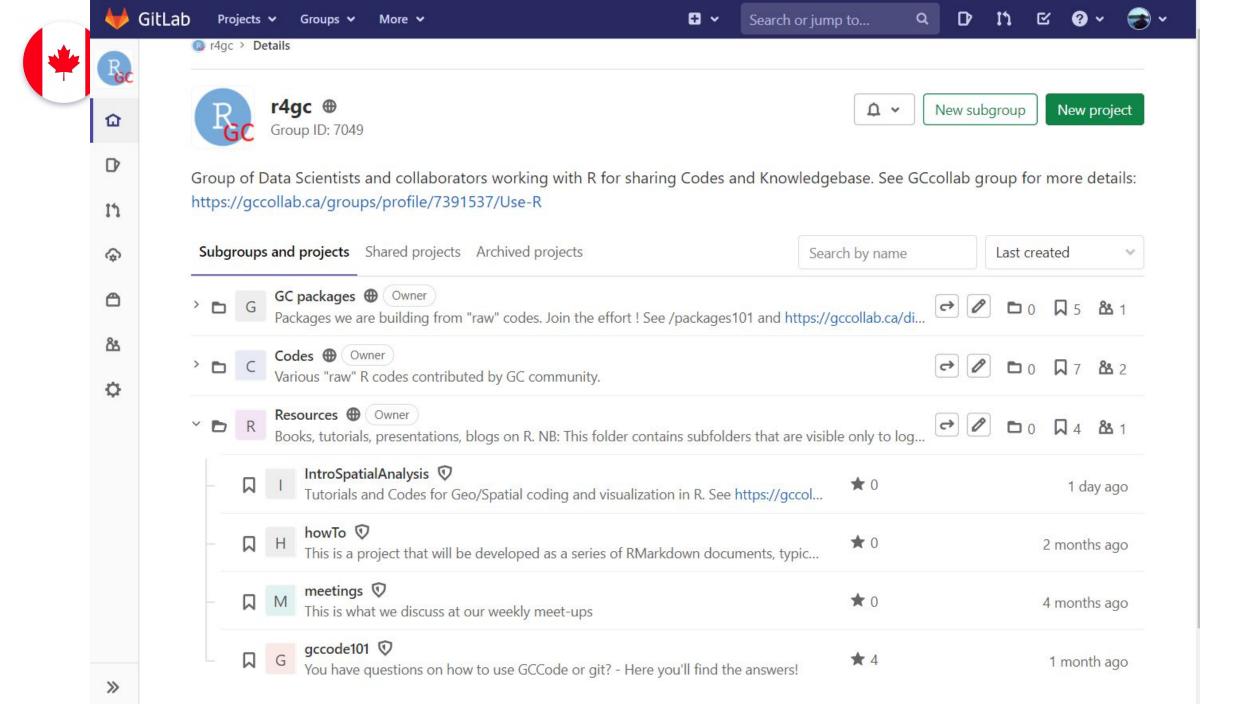
- https://gccode.ssc-spc.gc.ca/r4gc/
- https://wiki.gccollab.ca/UseR!
- https://gccollab.ca/groups/profile/7391537/Use-R
 - <u>'Lunch and Learn' Data Science with R: Friday Meet-ups</u>

Public facing:

- https://github.com/open-canada
 - UNCLASSIFIED material for Lunch and Learns
 - Apps (e.g. https://open-canada.github.io/Apps/atip)
- CRAN Views (ideal for finished packages)







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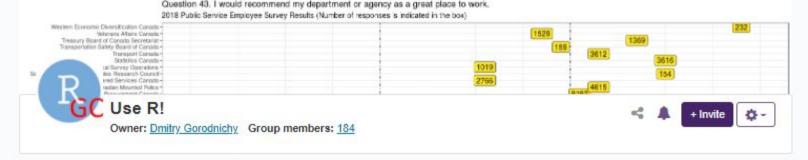
Page Discussion

UseR!

Data Science Communities of Practice - UseR!

This page provides the list of discussions organized by the GCcollab's Use R! group. Please consider contributing to those discussions by joining the Use R! group and participating in group's weekly "Lunch and Learn Data Science with R" meetups.

- · General topics:
 - · Why R?
 - Best way to start (and keep learning) R
 - · Events and Forums for R users
 - . From Excel to R
 - R with Python (and other languages/tools)
 - . Efficient programming in R (coding style, memory-efficient coding, collaboration-ready codes, source control)
 - data.table for efficient data processing
 - . Reading various kinds of data in R
 - Open R codes for GC: on GCcode and GitHub
 - RStudio news and tricks
- Specialized topics:
 - ggplot2 and its extensions for data visualization
 - Shiny for Interactive Data Visualization, Analysis and Web App development
 - R Markdown for automated and reproducible data science
 - · Record Linking and other Data Engineering tasks in R
 - · Geo/Spatial coding and visualization in R
 - Text Analysis in R
 - Machine Learning and Modeling in R
- . Webinars and Tutorials (NB: you need to join the "Lunch and Learn Data Science with R" meetups group to access recordings of these sessions)
 - 30 Jul 2021: Geospatial data tools in R (code)
 - 16 Jul 2021: Dual Coding Python and R unite!
 - 9 Jul 2021: Exploring ggplots (recording, code)
 - 2 Jul 2021: Parsing GC Tables (code)
 - 25 Jun 2021: Using the Open Government Portal API within R (recording, code on github.com/open-canada@)
 - 21 Apr 2021: Analyzing PSES results using R and Shiny
 - 16 Apr-15 May 2021: Building R packages (recording, code)



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Discussion topics

Add discussion topic

Best way to start (and keep) learning R

The number of resources and ways to learn R is enormous. Some of us had tried many of them until we found the ones that we believe are the best ones. Share them here! Here's how my personal recommendation - gouted...

4 Replies

Started by Dmitry Gorodnichy 2021-03-05 22:52



Shiny for Interactive Data Visualization, Analysis and Web App development

This discussion thread is dedicated to Shiny package - a RStudio-curated tool for developing and deploying Interactive Data Visualization and Analysis tools and applications. Share your experiences, tricks, tools and questions...

6 Replies



Geo/Spatial coding and visualization in R

There's much effort to across many GC departments to link and visualize geo-data. This discussion is the place to share your results, ideas or problems related to the problem. Below is a great resource to start, which also...

4 Renlies

Discussion

Reading (all sorts of) data in R - efficiently!

My favourite methods for reading / writing "regular" .csv files has been 'data.table::fread() / fwrite()' - the fastest and automated in many ways. Now there's another one - with package 'vroom' -...

2 Replies





Excel -> R

There was a keen interest expressed at last Friday meetup on transitioning from Excel to R. Incidentally, there was an RStudio Community Meet-up focused exactly on this topic: Meetup: Making the Shift from Excel to R:...

2 Replies



R communities in GC

Roughly sorted by the level of group activity GCConnex (GC...



Owner: Dmitry Gorodnichy Group members: 59







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'Lunch and Learn' Data Science with R: Friday Meet-ups's files

New file folder

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Folder structure

Main folder

Did you know?

You can drag and drop files on to the folders to organize them!

Main folder



VIDEO & NOTES: 23 April-15 May, 2021. Building R packages - Sessions 1-4 By Dmitry Gorodnichy - 17 May 2021 @ 3:33pm - Download



VIDEO & NOTES: Meetup 28 May 2021. - Lookup table function w. data.table, delivering packages, new...

By Dmitry Gorodnichy - 1 June 2021 @ 4:49pm - Download



VIDEO & NOTES: Meetup 4 June 2021 - Utility functions and Converting Shiny to Exe

By Dmitry Gorodnichy - 4 June 2021 @ 8:31pm - Download



VIDEO & NOTES: Meetup 2021-06-11.- parse_gcTable(), api.canada.ca, shiny in aws, best PSES...

By Dmitry Gorodnichy - 11 June 2021 @ 8:19pm - Download



VIDEO & NOTES: Meetup 2021-06-18. How to dynamically assign()

By Dmitry Gorodnichy - 18 June 2021 @ 5:34pm - Download



VIDEO & NOTES: Meetup 2021-07-25 . Using API for working with Open Government Data within R

By Dmitry Gorodnichy - 25 June 2021 @ 5:28pm - Download



VIDEO: Lunch and Learn (2021-07-09). Automating advanced common visualizations with ggplot()

By Jonathan Dench - 9 July 2021 @ 6:30pm - Download



Next steps

- The work is in progress (and will always be!)
- Much more ahead. We need your help!
 - curating data <u>problems</u> and public domain <u>solutions</u> (codes/papers)
 - curating public domain <u>datasets</u>
 - testing & benchmarking
 - tutorials, use cases
- Join the community: Join GCcollab / GCcode groups
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Appendices: key outputs (so far)

- GCcode 101 for GC employees: https://gccode.ssc-spc.gc.ca/r4gc/resources/gccode101
- R packages 101 for GC employees: https://gccode.ssc-spc.gc.ca/r4gc/gc-packages/packages101
- How To: Interactive rmarkdown / learnr built tutorials to various problems
- Geospatial analysis and visualization: markdown built use cases
- Data Engineering: package and App for fuzzy matching, record linking & deduplication https://rCanada.shinyapps.io/demo
- Interactive Shiny Apps: for ATIP, PSES, COVID-19, Border Wait Times: https://open-canada.github.io/Apps/atip (~/pses, ~/covid, ~/border)
- Working with Open Government Portal API within R (using ckanr and adobeanalyticsr)
- Automating R scripts to run with GitHub Actions



Slides below will <u>not</u> be presented, and are for reference only.



R packages 101

Key package

 devtools has a series of key functions for setting up a package, especially directory and file structures

Testing code

- Writing tests is a key skill to ensuring robust, reproducible code
 - Goal is to ensure each step of a function works properly with a reproducible example
 - E.g. Is the output of function X a list?
- testthat & testthis packages facilitate test writing

Key considerations for GoC R packages

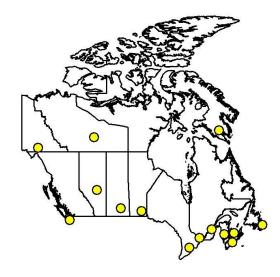
- Licensing
- What can be submitted to CRAN? What are the legal implications?



Geospatial Analysis in R

Guidance & Tutorials

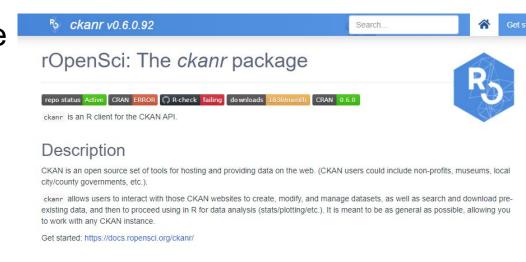
- Applied Spatial Data Analysis with R (2008) Roger Bivand et al.
- Geocomputation with R (2021) (https://geocompr.robinlovelace.net/)
- Preparing series of workshops and guided code for the R4GC group.





Working with Open Government Portal API (1)

- CKAN is a very widely used software package for powering open data portal catalogues (data.gov, open.canada.ca, data.gov.uk, etc.)
- CKAN offers an API that can be used to retrieve datasets and metadata from the system, but also create, update, and manage datasets.
- Using the ckanr package offers a good developer experience for using the CKAN API within R.





Working with Open Government Portal API (2) Using ckanr

What you can do with it

Function	API Command	CKANR function
Get information about the system	action/status_show	ckan_info()
List organizations that publish data	action/organization_list	organization_list()
Get a list of datasets on the portal	action/package_list	<pre>package_list()</pre>
Retrieve the metadata for a dataset	<pre>action/package_show/{id}</pre>	<pre>package_show()</pre>
Search for datasets	<pre>action/package_search?q={some thing-to-search-for}</pre>	<pre>package_search()</pre>
Create a new dataset	action/package_create	<pre>package_create()</pre>
Update an existing resource	<pre>action/resource_patch()</pre>	resource_patch()

Example Use Case: What datasets relating to COVID-19 are available on the portal?

- Web Browser:
 <a href="https://open.canada.ca/data/api/action/package_search?q="COVID"
- Batch: curl --verbose https://open.canada.ca/data/api/ action/package_search?q="COVID"
- ckanr:

```
library(ckanr)
ckanr_setup(url="https://open.ca
nada.ca/data")
search_results<-package_search(q
="COVID", as= "table")
View(search_results$results)</pre>
```



Web Analytics in R with Adobe Analytics

- The GC uses Adobe Analytics to measure usage on Canada.ca as well as several standalone web applications.
- The adobeanalyticsr package enables an analyst to pull in data from Adobe Analytics to create web analytics reports within R.
- This can be used to generate simple data extracts, but also to create Rmd reports, or power Shiny Applications.

adobeanalyticsr

R Client for Adobe Analytics API 2.0

Connect to the Adobe Analytics API v2.0, which powers Analysis Workspace. The package was developed with the analyst in mind and will continue to be developed with the guiding principles of iterative, repeatable, timely analysis. New features are actively being developed and we value your feedback and contribution to the process. Please submit bugs, questions, and enhancement requests a issues in this Github repository.





Adobeanalyticsr – basic usage

- Authenticate into Adobe Analytics using an OAuth token using function aw_token()
- Use the function aw_freeform_table to create a report based on parameters you supply
- Functions aw_get_metrics, aw_get_dimensions, aw_get_segments can be used to get available parameters.
- Analyze or Visualize your data within R

```
topPages<-aw_freeform_table(
   date_range = c("2021-04-01", "2021-04-28"),
   company_id = Sys.getenv("AW_COMPANY_ID"),
   rsid = Sys.getenv("AW_REPORTSUITE_ID"),
   dimensions = c("prop65", "evar11"),
   metrics = c("pageviews", "visits", "event25"),
   search = "MATCH 'OG-GO'",
   top = c(20)
 ## Estimated runtime: 16.8sec./0.28min
 ## 1 of 21 possible data requests complete. Starting the next 1 requests.
 ## A total of 20 rows have been pulled.
 names(topPages)<-c("App Name", "Page Name", "pageviews", "visits", "downloads")
kable(topPages)
Name Page Name
                                                                                                  pageviews visits downloads
       Open Government Portal
                                                                                                      76222 24853
GO
      Open Government
                                                                                                      19418 15608
GO
       Search Grants and Contributions
                                                                                                      15383 3950
GO
      Search Government Contracts over $10,000
                                                                                                      14397 3159
GO
       Completed Access to Information Requests
                                                                                                      12511 2898
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OG-
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       Canada Base Map Transportation (CBMT) - Open Government Portal
GO
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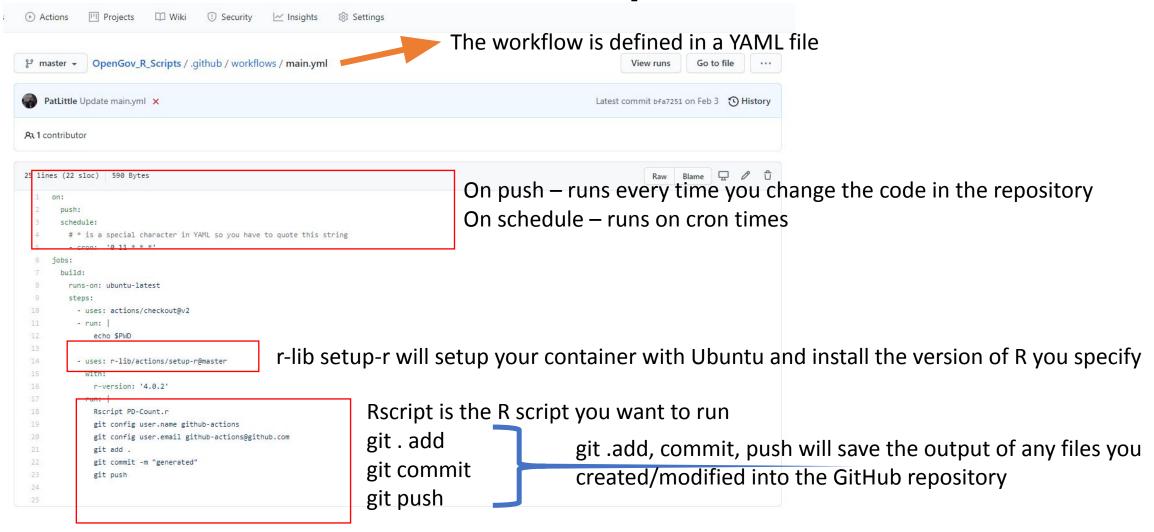


Automating R scripts to run in GitHub Actions

- GitHub Actions is a free workflow driven platform designed for automating software development tasks such as CI/CD.
- GitHub actions uses docker containers that can be configured to run a myriad of different operating systems and software packages, including R.
- This allows a user to run an R script based on a cron schedule, or other events such as a change to the script.
- GitHub actions is very useful for automating reports or other R workloads.



How to run an R script in GitHub Actions





Data Engineering Records cleaning, deduplication and linking

https://rCanada.shinyapps.io/demo

Leverages the work of CBSA, various R packages for data cleaning and linking, and RStudio's Shiny framework

Included use cases:

- Web crawling: .../demo/#section-web-crawling
 - Dates extraction
 - Finding nicknames and names variants



Record linking challenges

Dates: '20210820' vs. 'dob 20 Aug 2021'

Names: 'Dmitry Gorodnichy' vs. 'Dimitri Horodnytchyyi'

Business Names: AC, AirCanada, Air Canada Corp.

• Geographic Names: Ottawa, Orleans, Orléans

General Text: "<tag> ca\$h 4 u! Sooo... C O O L! Cant believe it "

Postal: "klo 001" vs "K100o1"

Text matching: Phrase matching, topics/keywords detection

Test it:

Enter dates, any way you want, and observe how they get automatically converted to YY MM DD format.

Intro

7 jul 35

Reset table

Result:

7 jul 35 -> 2035-07-07

text	YY	MM	DD	
7jul35	2035	7	7	
1935.087	1935	8	7	
DOB 12/26/2010	2010	12	26	
26/12/1930	1930	12	26	
7.VI.35	2035	6	7	
7 jul35	2035	7	7	
7 jul 35	2035	7	7	

Cleaning Dates

text2timestamp(): extracts automatically timestamp from free-form text

Test it:

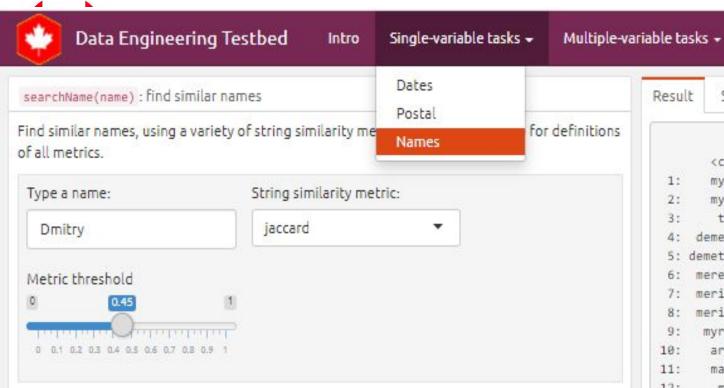
Enter a timestamp any way you want and observe how it gets converted to the same canonical timestamp YY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss format.

2021-03-17 19:14:08

Result:

2021-03-17 19:14:08 --> 2021-03-17 19:14:08

text	TIMESTAMP
2010-04-14 22:00	2020-10-04 14:22:00
2010-04-14 10pm	2020-10-04 14:10:00
2010-04-14-04-35-59	2010-04-14 04:35:59
2010-04-01-12-00-00	2010-04-01 12:00:00
20/2/06 11:16:16.683	2020-02-06 11:16:16
20100101120101	2010-01-01 12:01:01
2009-01-02 12-01-02	2009-01-02 12:01:02
2009.01.03 12:01:03	2009-01-03 12:01:03
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Created on 10-01-11 at 10:01:11 PM	2010-01-11 22:01:11



Approximate (fuzzy/probabilistic) name matching

esu	lt Searc	h and S	ave:							
	Name	osa	lv	hamming	lcs	qgram	cosine	jaccard	jw	soundex
	<char></char>	<num></num>								
1:	myrtie	5	5	5	8	2	0.167	0.286	0.306	1
2:	myrtis	5	5	5	8	2	0.167	0.286	0.306	1
3:	timmy	4	4	Inf	7	3	0.228	0.333	0.411	1
4:	demetria	4	4	Inf	6	4	0.355	0.375	0.278	9
5:	demetrice	5	5	Inf	7	5	0.473	0.375	0.296	Ð
6:	meredith	7	7	Inf	8	4	0.355	0.375	0.403	1
7:	merideth	7	7	Inf	8	4	0.355	0.375	0.403	1
8:	meridith	7	7	Inf	8	4	0.225	0.375	0.403	1
9:	myrtice	6	- 6	Inf	9	3	0.228	0.375	0.337	1
10:	armida	5	5	6	8	4	0.423	0.429	0.444	1
11:	marita	5	5	6	6	4	0.423	0.429	0.347	1
12:	marti	4	5	Inf	7	3	0.270	0.429	0.261	1
13:	marty	3	4	Inf	5	3	0.270	0.429	0.261	1
14:	mertie	5	5	5	8	4	0.423	0.429	0.306	1
15:	mindy	3	3	Inf	5	3	0.270	0.429	0.300	1
16:	mirta	3	4	Inf	5	3	0.270	0.429	0.261	1
17:	misty	3	3	Inf	3	3	0.270	0.429	0.178	1
18:	myriam	6	6	6	8	4	0.278	0.429	0.444	1
19:	myrta	4	5	Inf	7	3	0.270	0.429	0.411	1
20:	trinity	5	5	Inf	7	5	0.261	0.429	0.357	1
21:	trudi	6	6	Inf	7	3	0.270	0.429	0.544	1
22:	trudy	5	5	Inf	5	3	0.270	0.429	0.544	1
23:	yadira	5	5	5	6	4	0.423	0.429	0.333	1
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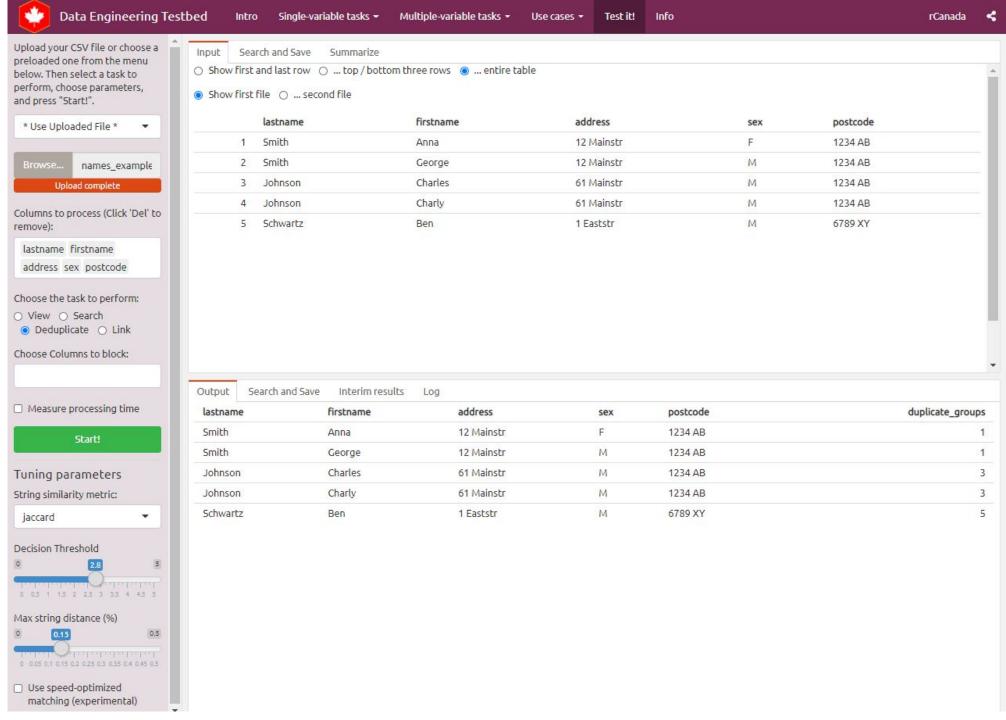
Info

Test it!

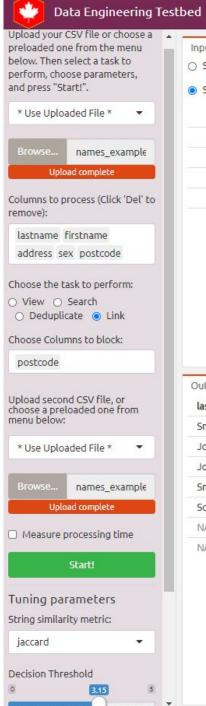
Use cases ▼

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Intro Single-variable tasks ▼ Multiple-variable tasks ▼ Use cases ▼ Test it! Info

lastname.x	firstname.x	address.x	sex.x	postcode.x	lastname.y	firstname.y	address.y	sex.y	postcode.y
5mith	George	12 Mainstr	М	1234 AB	Smith	Gearge	12 Mainstreet		1234 AB
Johnson	Charles	61 Mainstr	M	1234 AB	Johnson	Charles	61 Mainstr	F	1234 AB
Johnson	Charly	61 Mainstr	М	1234 AB	Johnson	Charles	61 Mainstr	F	1234 AB
5mith	Anna	12 Mainstr	F	1234 AB	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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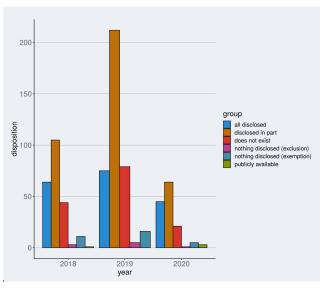
NLP topic modeling in TBS ATIP data

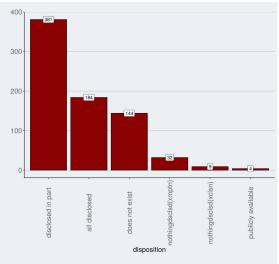
https://open-canada.github.io/Apps/atip

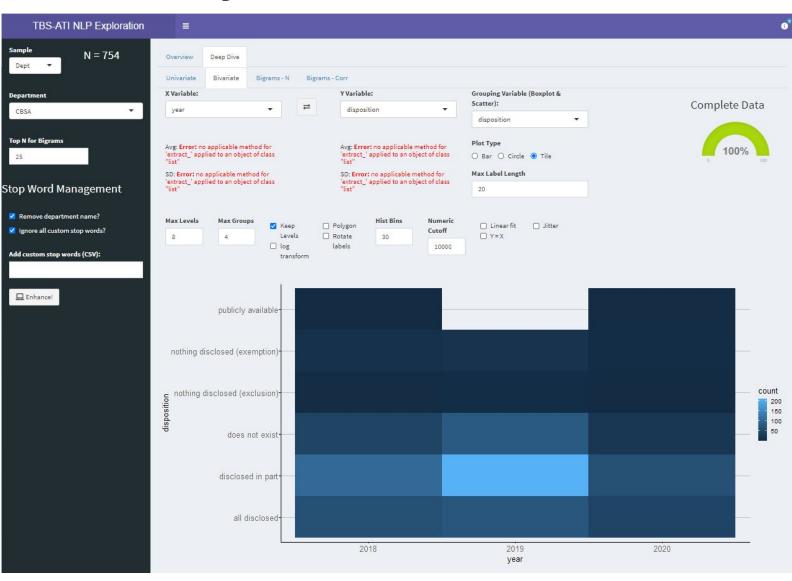
Leverages the work of TBS, various R packages for text mining, and RStudio's Shiny framework



Univariate and bivariate analysis of dataset variables

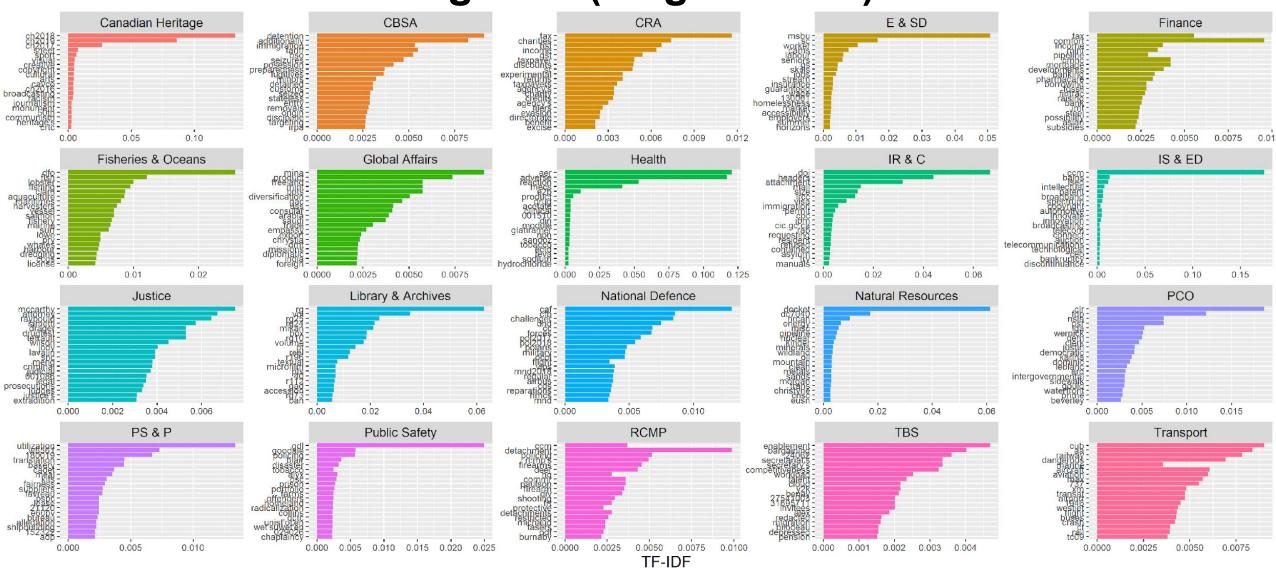








1-grams (single words)





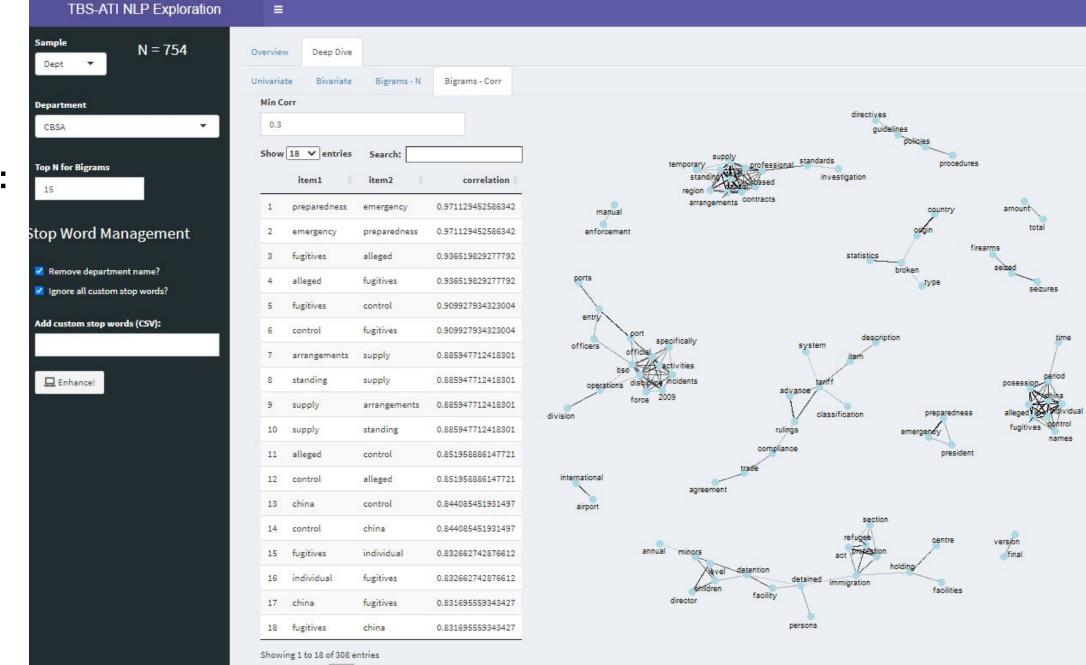
Topic modeling (30 main topics): wordcloud

airport_authority	alleged_fugitives	analytics_predictive	annual_statistics	british_columbia
detention reason removal	allegedadegeschina fugitives	branch officers duties analytics classification	broken annualseized statistics president	detention detained columbia
capital_region	cell_site	country_origin	customs_enforcement	detention_facility
professional taskcapital region contracts	directives devices exporting directives devices companies	evaluation origin origin country final country	manual erotision ent enforcement	officerbroken refused statistics
emergency_preparedness		intelligence_operations	international_airport	officer_induction
preparedness epiresaleury preparedness	policy nationals erforeignent migration	intelligence iopelietions enforcement	employee statistics complaints	statisticsbroken additionally referrals officer
official_port	persons_detained	port_entry	ports_entry	professional_standards
released specifically removal gcvessels	technology limited evel training procedures	entryactivities port incidents	operational Civer by mit	quebecinternal restaulament labour package
protection_act	quebec_region	refugee_protection	trade_compliance	united_customs
irpaemployees security quebec	frenchcontract. trainingprovided	refugee Progression statistics	trade rulings itestatifaciones tariffcompliance	understanding update system



Topic modelling:

Graph / Network view



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Previous