X Lessons

By the end of this activity, you will be able to:

- 1. View the text of Twitter data streaming in real-time containing specific words.
- 2. Create plots of the frequency of streaming Twitter data to see how popular a word is.

**NOTE**: You must complete the instructions in the Reading *Instructions for Creating a Twitter App* before you begin this activity.

**Step 1. Open a terminal shell.** Open a terminal shell by clicking on the square black box on the top left of the screen.



Change into the json directory:

1 cd Downloads/big-data-2/json

Run Is to see the files:

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[cloudera@quickstart json]$ ls
auth json_schema.py LiveTweets.py PlotTweets.py print_json.py twitter.json
[cloudera@quickstart json]$ ■
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The auth file must be contain the Twitter access keys and tokens. See the Reading *Instructions for Creating a Twitter App* for instructions how to create this file.

**Step 2. View real-time tweets.** We can view the contents of tweets in real-time by running the *LiveTweets.py* script. Run *LiveTweets.py* president to see the tweets containing the word president:

1 ./LiveTweets.py president

The output displays two columns: the first is the timestamp of the tweet, and the second is the text of the tweet.

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May 10 02:29:24 RT @WhatSheSaid167: President & Dr. Merali tal May 10 02:29:24 Vice President Business Valuation Services https://t.co/V1kPtErPwv May 10 02:29:24 RT @PSYClaudiaB: Dapat ba parehas and boto ng President at VP? Kung ga May 10 02:29:24 RT @soozmyahs: literally not lehman library. Lehman hall. Barnard libr May 10 02:29:25 RT @Raiders4Hillary: Newspaper Endorsement: The #CharlestonGazetteMail May 10 02:29:25 RT @jomardlrs: Si BBM dinadaya nila para si Leni maging vice tapos imp May 10 02:29:25 RT @Activities_MHS: Faith Ibones for Senior Class Vice President. http May 10 02:29:25 Good morning Philippines! Good morning President-elect Rudy Duterte. # May 10 02:29:25 RT @FoxNews: .@GovernorPerry: "I want...a president that doesn't belie
```

When you are done, enter *Control-c* to stop the script.

Let's run *LiveTweets.py time* to see the tweets containing the word *time*:

```
May 10 02:32:22 RT @GraysonDolan: What ever it is that you're going through at the mom May 10 02:32:22 I'll be yours 'til the end of time

May 10 02:32:22 RT @Pontifex: Jesus, ascended into heaven, is now in the lordship of G May 10 02:32:22 Now every time I conduct 5/4 I get so confused! Lol

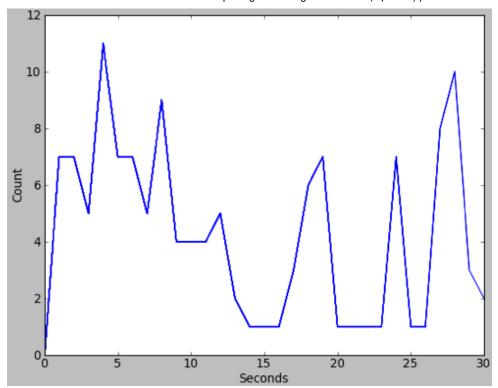
May 10 02:32:22 RT @Dayloveme_: I don't have time for games and please don't waste my May 10 02:32:22 RT @FoxNews: .@GeraldoRivera: "There came a time where @HillaryClinton May 10 02:32:22 One time I logged on and there was a gif of a man playing drums with h May 10 02:32:22 Hi @1010XL please bring @Ballou1010xl back to the PM drive time show.

May 10 02:32:22 RT @amoghdusad: If Hilary Clinton wins, it would be the first time in May 10 02:32:22 So glad to be home. Now time to stay for 3 more hours and study for La May 10 02:32:22 Last time I checked I have a house [1]
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Based on the timestamps, the word *time* appears more often that *president*.

**Step 3. Plot real-time frequency of tweets.** We can create a plot showing the frequency of tweets containing a specific word. Run *PlotTweets.py president* to create the plot for the word *president*:

```
1 ./PlotTweets.py president
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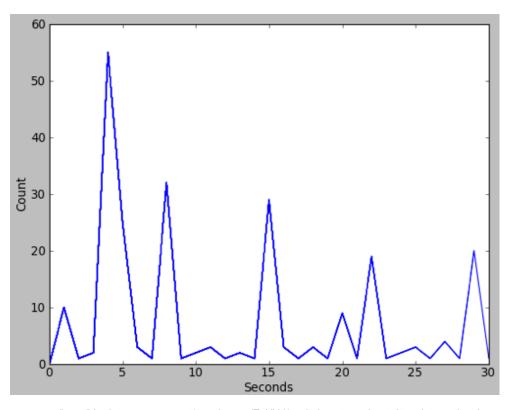


In this plot, we can see the variation over time of the number of tweets per second containing the word *president*. Over this time period, the maximum was 11 tweets per second.

When you are done looking at the plot, click in the terminal window and press enter.

Now let's look at the frequency plot for the word *time*:





In this plot, we can see the maximum number of tweets per second containing the word <i>time</i> was about 55, which is much higher than the maximum for the word <i>president</i> .
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