

ONLINE ARTICLES POPULARITY

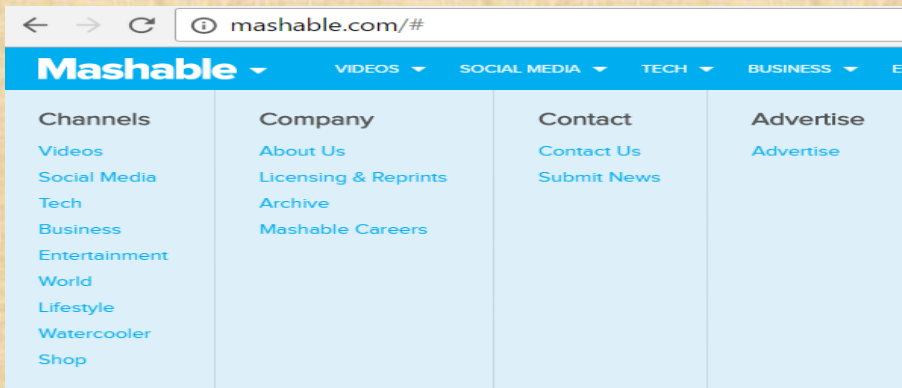
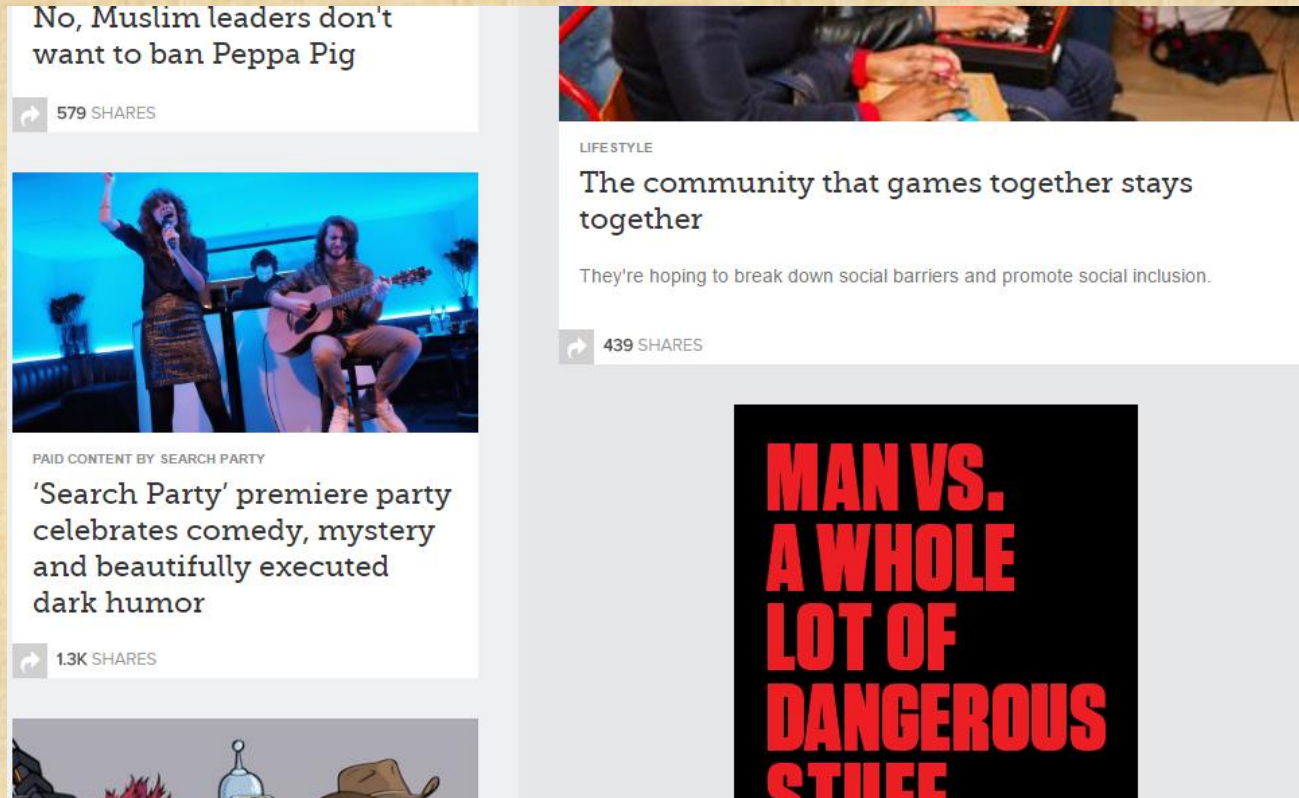
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Why this Dataset?



More on the Data set

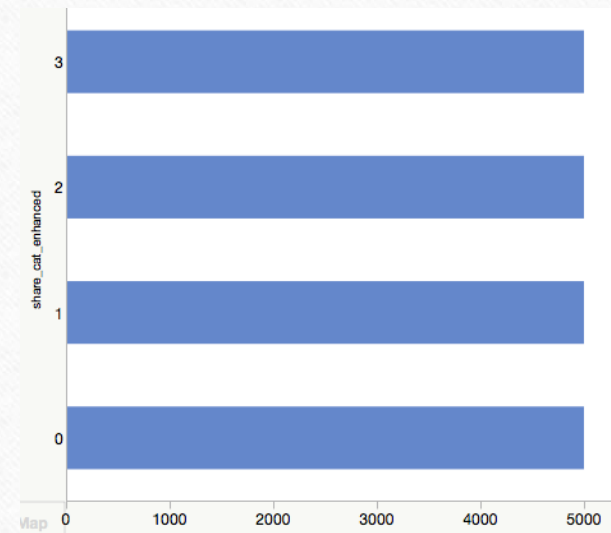
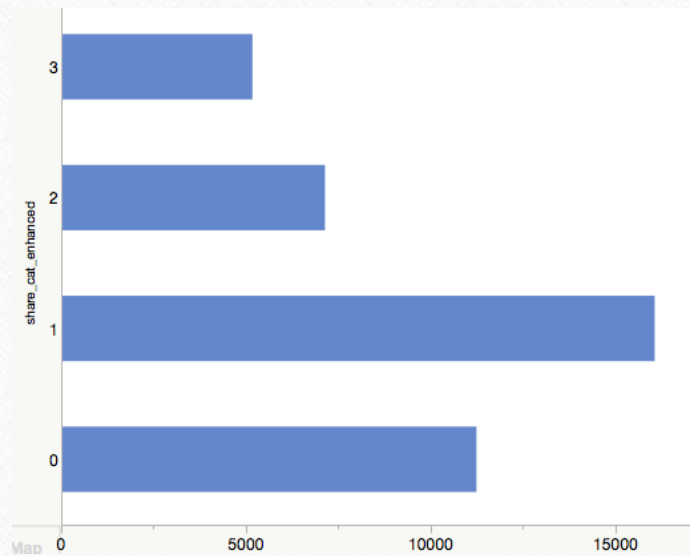
- Created to analyze the number of shares depending on the attributes and predict if an article will be popular on the internet or not.
- 39,644 observations
- 61 attributes
- Mashable website: collected over a 2 year period from Jan 2013 - Jan 2015
- No missing values, but some topics were unclassified
- Target: number of shares

Approach we would follow

- Sample
- Explore
- Modify
- Modelling
- Assess

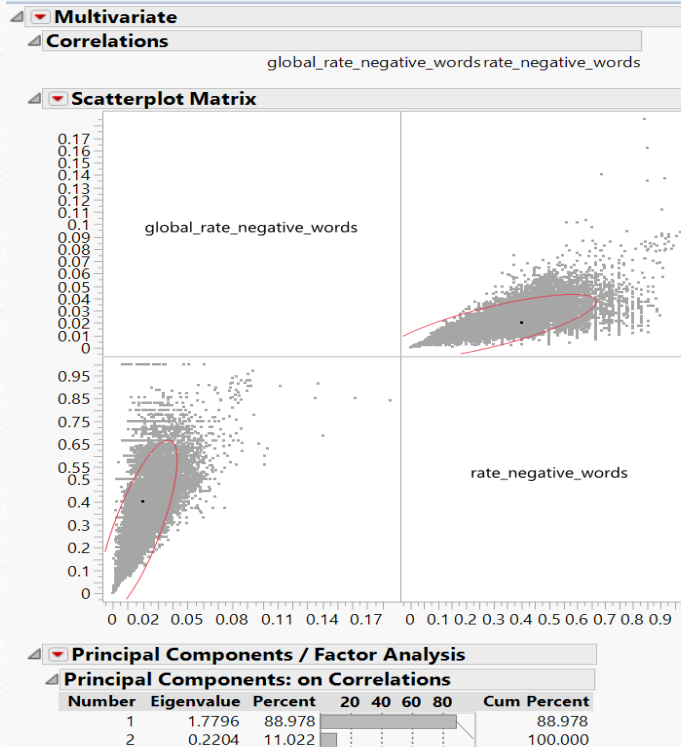
Sample

Sampling is done to make balance in the labeling as some models ignore



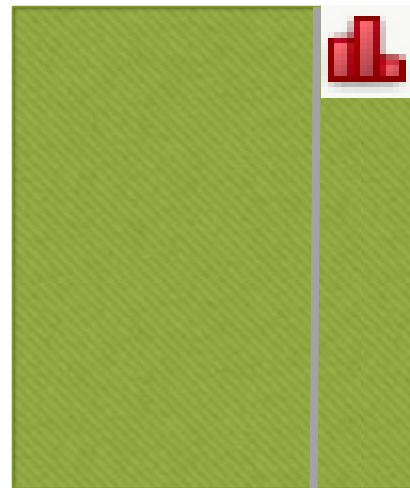
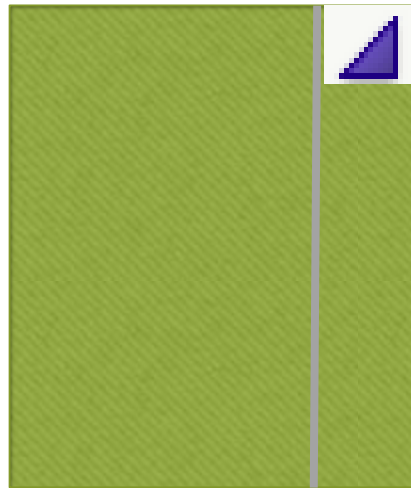
Modifications

shares	Day	News_Cat
593	Mon	Entertainment
711	Mon	Business
1500	Mon	Business
1200	Mon	Entertainment
505	Mon	Tech
855	Mon	Tech
556	Mon	LifeStyle
891	Mon	Tech
3600	Mon	Tech
710	Mon	World
2200	Mon	World
1900	Mon	LifeStyle
823	Mon	Null
10000	Mon	Null
761	Mon	Null
1600	Mon	World



Prin1 2	Prin1 3	Prin1 4	Prin1 5	Prin1 6
0.0416305283	0.5686696917	-0.449116809	-0.567303566	-0.383083737
0.0278343418	0.3327814166	-0.156762937	-0.567303566	-0.416349914
0.0003274989	1.3502936751	-1.122784725	-0.567303566	-0.354780658
-0.011059206	0.0157282074	0.4735588864	-0.567303566	-0.416349914
-0.04757449	2.0820547874	-0.963756591	-0.567303566	-0.103308665
0.0038996325	-0.990103013	1.5326105959	-0.567303566	0.1537357899
-0.045579955	2.1885814394	-0.521214487	-0.567303566	-0.103308665
-0.03911363	2.4098635765	-0.705114209	-0.567303566	-0.103308665
0.0464735458	-0.658250073	0.7691001975	-0.567303566	-0.416349914
0.0339315664	-0.471740107	1.5713506951	-0.567303566	-0.416349914
-0.001639752	-0.171741301	0.5628348051	-0.567303566	-0.416349914
0.0394136595	-0.403373248	-0.396453253	-0.567303566	-0.416349914
0.0136487037	0.2951422465	1.1646567359	-0.567303566	0.4473202669

Target Manipulation



Binary Labeling

Multi-class Labeling

T = Threshold/Cutoff

L = Label 

n = # of categories

If  $< T$

$L = 0$

Else

$L = 1$

If  $< T_1$

$L = 0$

Else if  $< T_2$

$L = 1$

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Else

$L = n-1$

Models (Categorical Target - Multi-class)

Model Comparison Validation - enhanced=Training

Predictors

Measures of Fit for share_cat_enhanced

Creator	.2	.4	.6	.8	Entropy RSquare	Generalized RSquare	Mean -Log p	RMSE	Mean Abs Dev	Misclassification Rate	N
Partition					0.0657	0.1695	1.2128	0.6810	0.6678	0.5622	23786
Bootstrap Forest					0.1509	0.3503	1.1023	0.6540	0.6419	0.4900	23786
Fit Nominal Logistic					0.0707	0.1813	1.2063	0.6776	0.6635	0.5512	23786

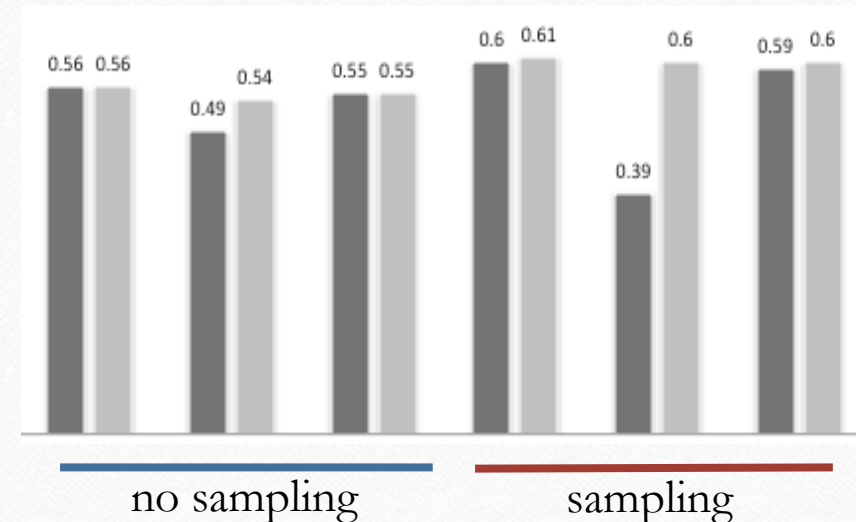
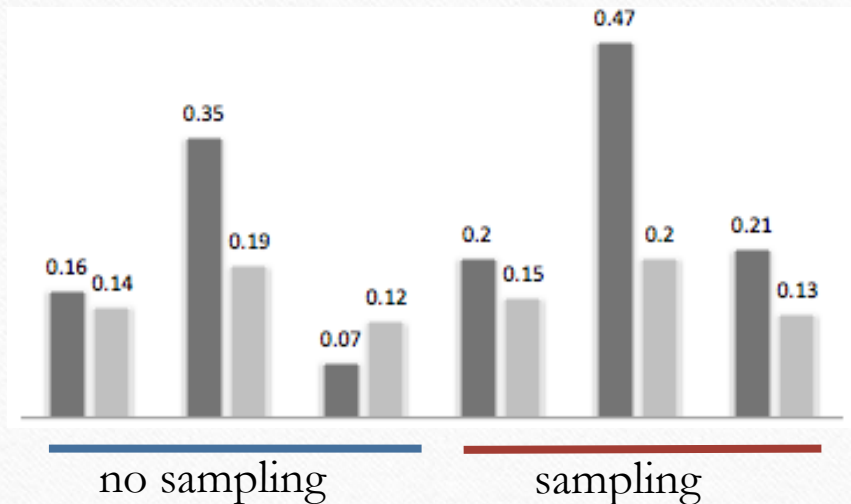
Model Comparison Validation - enhanced=Validation

Predictors

Measures of Fit for share_cat_enhanced

Creator	.2	.4	.6	.8	Entropy RSquare	Generalized RSquare	Mean -Log p	RMSE	Mean Abs Dev	Misclassification Rate	N
Partition					0.0534	0.1400	1.2288	0.6845	0.6711	0.5665	15858
Bootstrap Forest					0.0767	0.1951	1.1986	0.6792	0.6667	0.5457	15858
Fit Nominal Logistic					0.0471	0.1244	1.237	0.6799	0.6658	0.5542	15858

Models: Decision Tree, Bootstrap Forest and Logistic Regression.



Models (Categorical Target – Binary Class)

OnlineNewsPopularity_myver - Partition of HIGH/LOW 4 - JM...

Bootstrap Forest for HIGH/LOW

Specifications

Target Column:	HIGH/LOW	Training rows:	20030
Validation Column:	Validation	Validation rows:	13480
		Test rows:	0
Number of trees in the forest:	100	Number of terms:	42
Number of terms sampled per split:	10	Bootstrap samples:	20030
		Minimum Splits Per Tree:	10
		Minimum Size Split:	39

Overall Statistics

Measure	Training	Validation	Definition
Entropy RSquare	0.1985	0.1218	$1 - \text{Loglike}(\text{model}) / \text{Loglike}(0)$
Generalized RSquare	0.3207	0.2071	$(1 - (L(0)/L(\text{model}))^{2/n}) / (1 - L(0)^{2/n})$
Mean -Log p	0.5553	0.6082	$\sum -\text{Log}(p[i]) / n$
RMSE	0.4313	0.4585	$\sqrt{\sum (y[i] - p[i])^2 / n}$
Mean Abs Dev	0.4068	0.4323	$\sum y[i] - p[i] / n$
Misclassification Rate	0.2659	0.3339	$\sum (p[i] \neq p_{\text{Max}}) / n$
N	20030	13480	n

Confusion Matrix

Training			Validation		
Actual	Predicted		Actual	Predicted	
HIGH/LOW	0	1	HIGH/LOW	0	1
0	7024	2754	0	4190	2326
1	2572	7680	1	2175	4789

Cumulative Validation

Per-Tree Summaries

Models: Decision Tree, Bootstrap Forest and Logistic Regression

Model Comparison Validation=Training

Predictors

Measures of Fit for HIGH/LOW

Creator	.2	.4	.6	.8	Entropy RSquare	Generalized RSquare	Mean -Log p	RMSE	Mean Abs Dev	Misclassification Rate	N
Bootstrap Forest					0.1988	0.3212	0.5551	0.4313	0.4061	0.2675	20030
Partition					0.0995	0.1717	0.6239	0.4661	0.4346	0.3507	20030
Fit Nominal Logistic					0.1108	0.1897	0.6161	0.4619	0.4274	0.3392	20030

Model Comparison Validation=Validation

Predictors

Measures of Fit for HIGH/LOW

Creator	.2	.4	.6	.8	Entropy RSquare	Generalized RSquare	Mean -Log p	RMSE	Mean Abs Dev	Misclassification Rate	N
Bootstrap Forest					0.1224	0.2080	0.6078	0.4584	0.4314	0.3326	13480
Partition					0.0880	0.1531	0.6317	0.4699	0.4380	0.3588	13480
Fit Nominal Logistic					0.0482	0.0862	0.6592	0.4664	0.4313	0.3453	13480

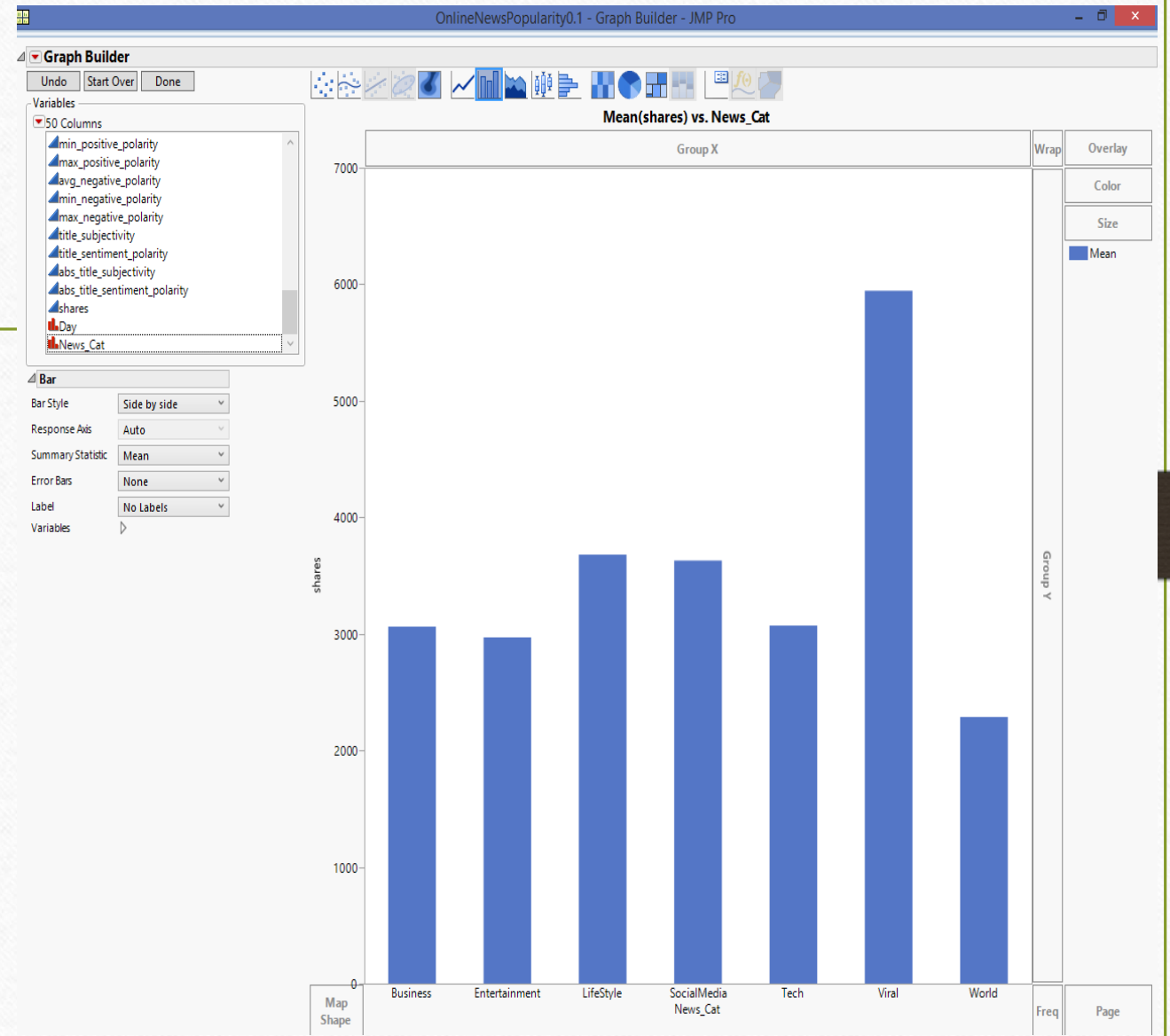
The Assessment

- Our best model is Bootstrap forest with misclassification 26.75.
- Based of given variables Mashable can predict whether article will get high share and low share.
- Mashable can do some changes in its article accordingly to get high shares and making website more profitable

Data Insights

Channel:

- Most popular topic is Viral,
- followed by lifestyle and social media
- Least popular topic is World News



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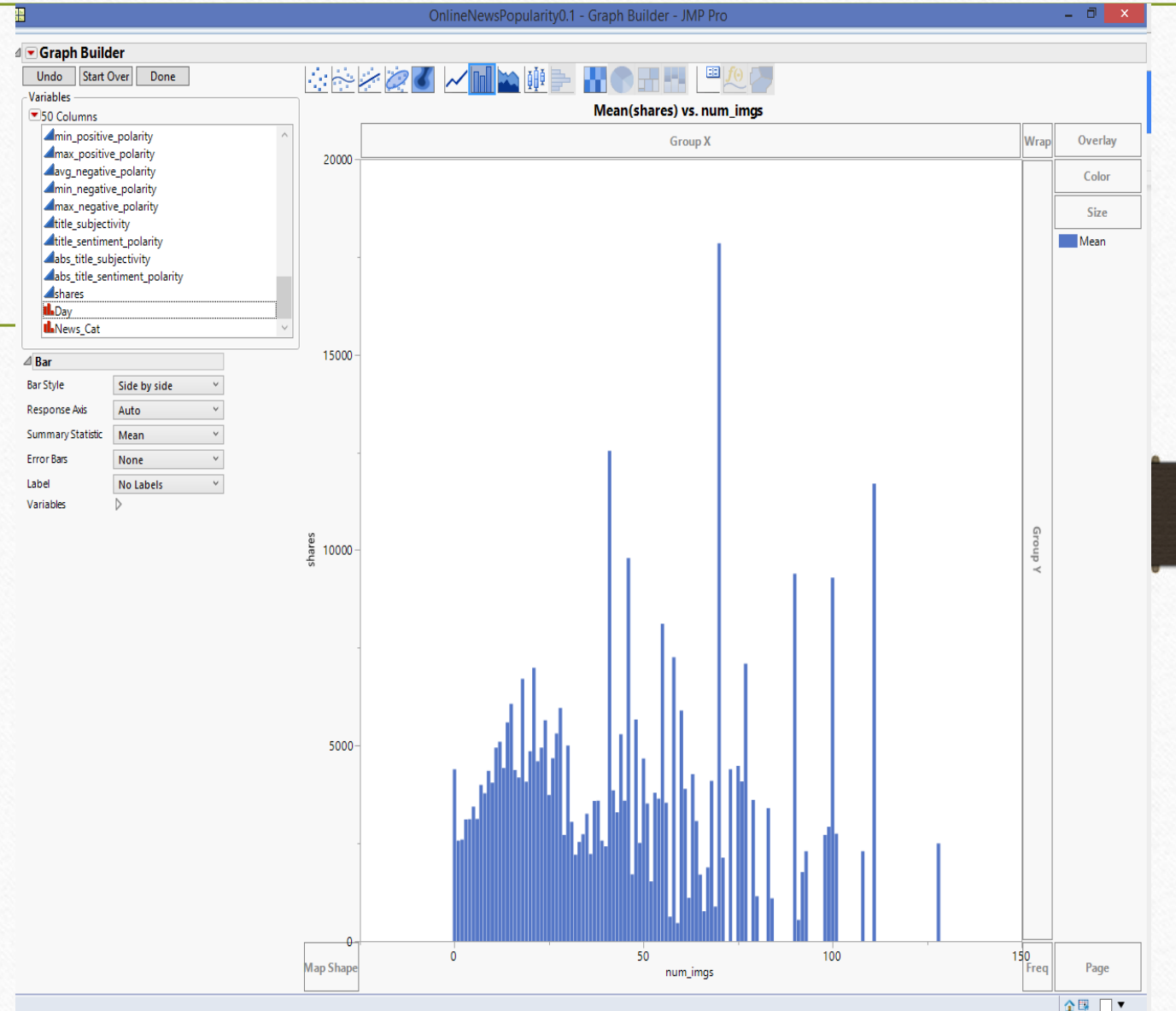
No. of keywords:

- Generally between 5 to 10.

Articles per day			
Average	Standard Deviation	Min	Max
55.00	22.65	12	105

No. of images

- The number of shares are dense when number of Images are between 0-50.

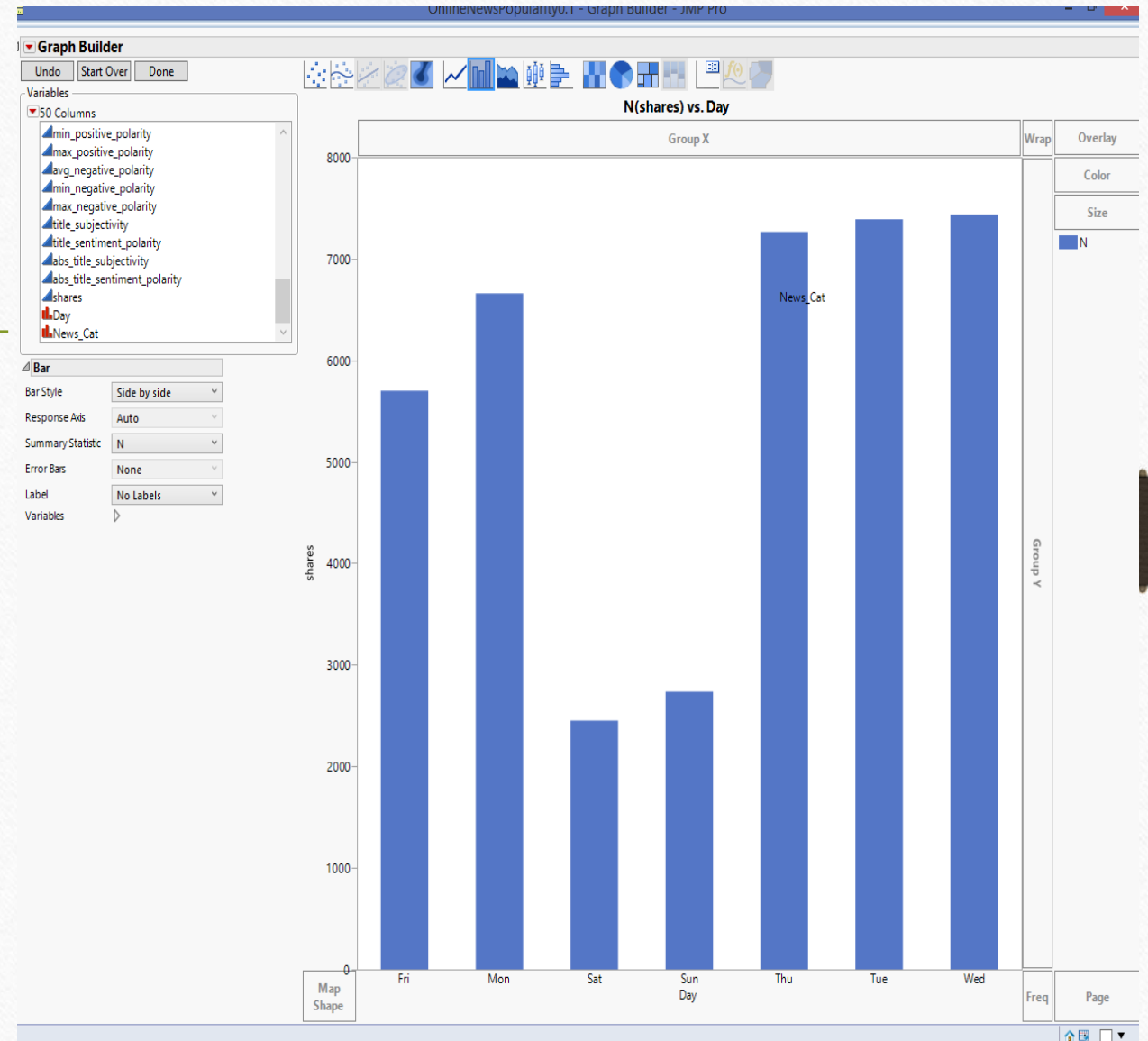


Data Insights

Publication Day:

- Most articles published - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Least articles published - Weekends.

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The Business Value-How can we use this to our advantage

For Mashable

- Publish during the week rather than weekend
- Publish about viral topics, social media articles and avoid world news
- Publish articles closer to the topic (minimize impurity)
- Consider adding ads in the peak time, and related to the topic.

For Researchers

- Always identify your attributes
- To get more accurate results, get data about the number of likes and comments and the time.
- number of tweets or hashtags, number of URL mentions and to understand the

A hand holding a pen, pointing at the word 'THANK YOU' in a large, bold, red font. The background is a collage of various 'thank you' phrases in many different languages and scripts, including English, Russian, Japanese, and others, arranged in a word cloud style.