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## Question 1

**Write a Python program that extracts 1000 unique links from Twitter. You might want to take a look at: <http://thomassileo.com/blog/2013/01/25/using-twitter-rest-api-v1-dot-1-with-python/>**

But there are many other similar resources available on the web. Note that only Twitter API 1.1 is currently available; version 1 code will no longer work.

Also note that you need to verify that the final target URI (i.e., the one that responds with a 200) is unique. You could have many different shortened URIs for [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) (t.co, bit.ly, goo.gl, etc.). You might want to use the search feature to find URIs, or you can pull them from the feed of someone famous (e.g., Tim O'Reilly). Hold on to this collection – we'll use it later throughout the semester.

For solving the above problem I used Python programming language. Following are the steps I have taken to solve the given problem:

- For using the Twitter API, firstly I registered for a twitter application to generate a consumer key and consumer secret.
- Using the keys that are generated in the above step, I authenticated the application for requesting the tweets.
- To fetch the tweet data I started researching for packages and found multiple of them but I decided to work with 'tweepy'.
- Using 'extractTweets.py', I used the tweet data that I received from the API and fetched tweet text, list of URIs in the tweet, tweet JSON and tweet id. This code is listed in Listing3.1.
- While extracting the data mentioned above, program broke multiple times due to overloading, to resolve this issue I wrote an exception handler to wait with a sleep time of 60\*15 and then continue.

- The data is processed in JSON format and written to a output file 'tweet.json'.
- I loaded the JSON data from the above outputted file 'tweet.json', and obtained the final URI with a HTTP response code 200 by checking if the URI has any redirects in its history.
- To get unique URIs I stored all the final URIs obtained in the above step in a set data structure which has an inherent property of storing only unique data and have written into a file 'uri.json'.

### Code Listing

```

1  '''
2  CS532: Introduction to Web Science
3  Author: Srividya Majeti
4  Assignment 2
5  '''
6
7  import tweepy
8  import re
9  import json
10 import urllib2
11 import sys
12 import time
13 import requests
14 from sets import Set
15
16 CONSUMER_KEY = 'wTSsHE3PTA3ZZPiaKHEiQnLtf'
17 CONSUMER_SECRET = '
    UblYYCmNYIEffAY4T4QHGHWAWMFqiueXdx35xZFhoK3AECp1'
18 ACCESS_KEY = '157985123-
    WfvzlfDa8KStBZzevMfQBTM7fi8zKHYl2LQpTfGr'
19 ACCESS_SECRET = '
    lSax0XLwIimJ4VVbuU5OY9BpBic4vsSFfi0riAq3DPvTxU'
20
21 auth = tweepy.auth.OAuthHandler(CONSUMER_KEY,
    CONSUMER_SECRET)
22 auth.set_access_token(ACCESS_KEY, ACCESS_SECRET)
23 api = tweepy.API(auth)
24
25 tweetJsonFile = open("tweet.json","a")
26 tweetCounter = 0
27 search_results = tweepy.Cursor(api.search, q="tesla", lang="
    en").items(5000)
28
29 while True:
30     try:
31         tweet = search_results.next()
32         for tweet in search_results:

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33         #print tweet._json['entities']['urls
34         '']
35         tweetJson = {}
36         tweetJson['id'] = tweet.id
37         tweetJson['text'] = tweet.text
38         urlList = []
39         uriCount = 0
40         tweetCounter += 1
41         for entityObj in tweet._json['
42         entities']['urls']:
43             uriCount += 1
44             urlList.append(entityObj['
45             url'])
46         if uriCount > 0:
47             tweetJson['uri'] = urlList
48             tweetJson['json'] = tweet.
49             _json
50             tweetJsonFile.write(json.
51             dumps(tweetJson) + "\n")
52         if tweetCounter > 1000:
53             break
54     except tweepy.TweepError:
55         print "waiting \n"
56         time.sleep(60*15)
57         continue
58     except StopIteration:
59         break
60 tweetJsonFile.close()
61
62 f = open("tweet.json","r")
63 file= open("uri.json","a")
64 count = 0
65 UriSet = Set([])
66 for line in f:
67     data = json.loads(line)
68     if len(data['uri']) > 0:
69         count += 1
70         link= data['uri'][0]
71         try:
72             r = requests.get(link)
73             if r.history:
74                 for h in r.history:
75                     UriSet.add(r.url)
76                     # print "[%s] %s" % (h.
77                     status_code, h.url)
78                     # print "[%s] %s" % (r.status_code,
79                     r.url)

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75         else:
76             # print "[%s] %s" % (r.status_code,
77                               r.url)
78             UriSet.add(r.url)
79     except Exception, e:
80         print e
81         continue
82 for item in UriSet:
83     file.write("%s\n" %item)
84
85 print count
86
87 file.close()
```

**Listing 1.1.** “Python code for extracting tweets and checking for re-directs if it is a 200ok and unique then save it.”



## Question 2

**Write a Python program that: Download the TimeMaps for each of the target URIs. We'll use the ODU Memento Aggregator, so for example:**

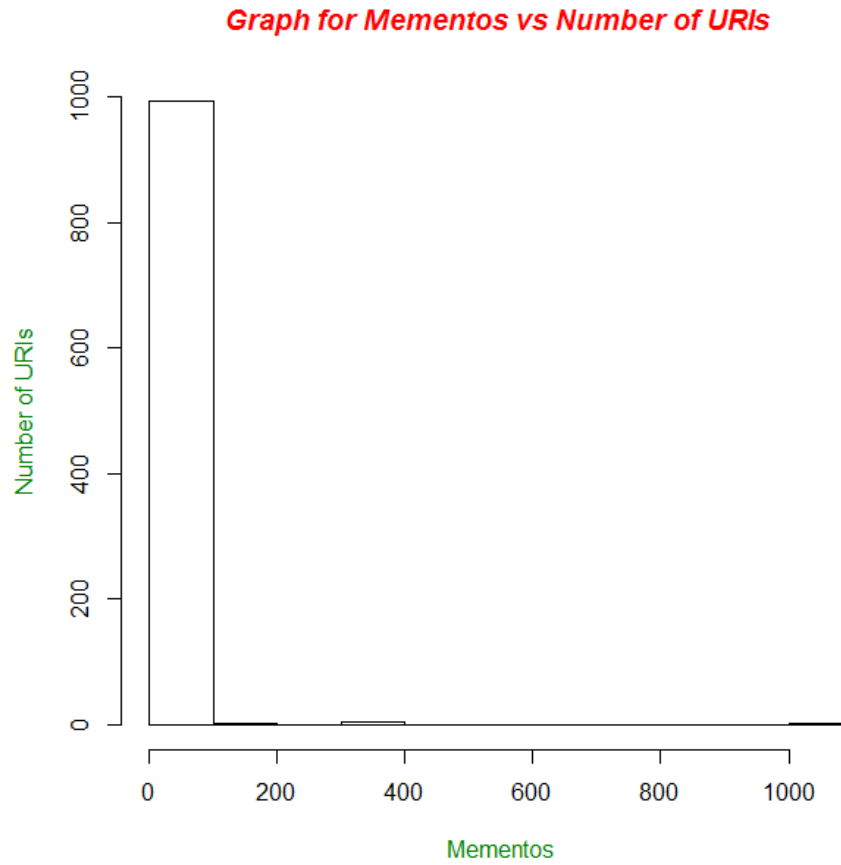
**URI-R = `http://www.cs.odu.edu/`**

**URI-T = `http://mementoproxy.cs.odu.edu/aggr/timemap/link/1/http://www.cs.odu.edu/`**

**Create a histogram\* of URIs vs. number of Mementos (as computed from the TimeMaps). For example, 100 URIs with 0 Mementos, 300 URIs with 1 Memento, 400 URIs with 2 Mementos, etc.**

**\* = `https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Histogram`**

- With the help of ODU Memento Aggregator, I downloaded TimeMaps for all the URIs that are extracted in question 1 using the following curl command:  
`curl -i --silent http://mementoproxy.cs.odu.edu/aggr/timemap/link/1/<uri>`
- I stored the output produced by the cURL command into a file 'PagesList'.
- I processed the data from the above file to create a JSON with the original URI, memento URI, datetime and memento count. The memento count for each URI is derived by counting the URIs with rel="memento". This is outlined in Listing 3.1.
- Using 'uri.py' I wrote the memento count for all the 1000 URIs and URIs with > 0 mementos in 2 different files 'allMementos' and 'mementosExcluding0' respectively. This code is listed in Listing 3.2.
- File 'mementosExcluding0' is used for question 3 and file 'allMementos' is used for plotting a histogram with memento count on x-axis and frequency on y-axis.
- I observed that most of the URIs are not archived as they are recently created tweets. Out of 1000 instances 849 tweets have 0 mementos.
- This distribution is summarized in Figure 3.1.



**Fig. 2.1.** Graph for Mementos vs Number of URIs

### Code Listing

```

1  '''
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4  Assignment 2
5  '''
6  import commands
7  import re
8  import json
9  import sys
10
11 def geturi():

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12     file=open("uri.json","r")
13     uricounter = 0
14     for line in file:
15         if uricounter <1000:
16             f = open('PagesList','w')
17             response = getPages(line)
18             f.write(response)
19             f.close()
20             finalCount =getMementosData()
21             uricounter += 1
22     file.close()
23
24 def getPages(uri):
25     timemapUri = "http://mementoproxy.cs.odu.edu/aggr/
26         timemap/link/1/"
27     command ="curl -i --silent " + timemapUri + str(uri)
28         .strip()
29
30     pageList = commands.getoutput(command)
31     return pageList
32
33 def getMementosData():
34     getMementosDataFile = open("PagesList","r")
35     outputfile= open('mementoData.json','a')
36     mementoList= []
37     mementoJson ={}
38     Json ={}
39     count = 0
40     for line in getMementosDataFile:
41         if 'rel="original"' in line:
42             count = 0
43             originalLink = (re.findall(r'(https
44                 ?://[^\s]+>)', line))[0][-1]
45             Json['originaluri'] = originalLink
46         if 'rel="memento"' in line:
47             count += 1
48             link = ""
49             if re.findall(r'(https?://[^\s]+>)',
50                 line):
51                 link = (re.findall(r'(https
52                     ?://[^\s]+>)', line))
53                     [0][-1]
54             elif re.findall(r'(www.[^\s]+>)',
55                 line):
56                 link = (re.findall(r'(www
57                     .[^\s]+>)', line))
58                     [0][-1]
59             else:
60                 # next(getMementosDataFile)

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52         print line
53         mementoId = count
54         mementoJson[ 'mementouri' ] = link
55         mementoJson[ 'id' ] =mementoId
56         if(line.find('datetime="') > -1):
57             datetime = (line.split('
                    datetime="') [1].split('
                    "') [0]
58             mementoJson[ 'datetime' ] =
                    datetime
59             mementoList.append(mementoJson)
60             Json[ 'memento' ] = mementoList
61         finalCount = str(count)
62         Json[ 'count' ] = finalCount
63         outputfile.write(json.dumps(Json) + "\n")
64
65     geturi()

```

**Listing 2.1.** “Python code for getting mementos data and writing the output into a json file”

### Code Listing

```

1  '''
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4  Assignment 2
5  '''
6
7  import json
8
9  f= open( 'data.json', 'r')
10 f1 = open( 'urisWithMementosExcluding0', 'w')
11 f2 = open( 'allMementos', 'w')
12 f3=open( 'mementosExcluding0', 'w')
13 for line in f:
14     data= json.loads(line)
15     f2.write(data[ 'count' ] + "\n")
16     if data[ 'count' ] != "0":
17         f1.write(line)
18         f3.write(data[ 'count' ] + "\n")

```

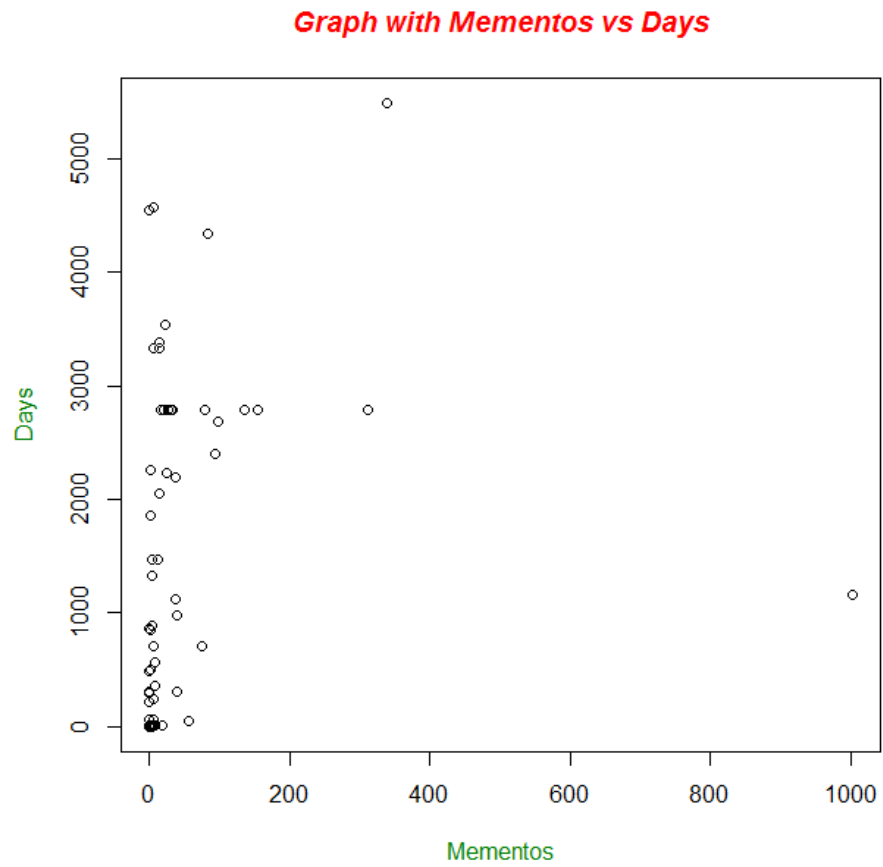
**Listing 2.2.** “Python code for writing all mementos count and URIs with count > 0 in 2 different files ”

### Question 3

Estimate the age of each of the 1000 URIs using the "Carbon Date" tool: <http://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2014/11/2014-11-14-carbon-dating-web-version-20.html>

Note: you'll should download the library and run it locally; don't try to use the web service. For URIs that have  $> 0$  Mementos and an estimated creation date, create a graph with age (in days) on one axis and number of mementos on the other. Not all URIs will have Mementos, and not all URIs will have an estimated creation date. State how many fall into either categories.

- I downloaded the 'Carbon Date' tool from <http://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2014/11/2014-11-14-carbon-dating-web-version-20.html>.
- With the help of this tool, estimated creation date of URIs is obtained.
- I carbon dated URIs which had mementos  $> 0$ . This is outlined in Listing 3.1.
- Furthermore I parsed the estimated creation date if any and calculated the age of each URI in days using 'getCreatedTime.py'.. This is outlined in Listing 3.2.
- Figure 3.1 illustrates a graph with Mementos on x-axis and Age(in days) on y-axis. Looking at the graph I observe that for most of the URIs, as the number of mementos increases age also increases.
- Figure 3.2 illustrates the data of Age(in Days) and Number of mementos, with Number of mementos in ascending order.
- If I run the code for all the 1000 URIs, 525 URIs did not have estimated Creation date. But if I consider only the URIs that have  $> 0$  mementos then all of them have an Estimated creation date.
- Out of the 1000 URIs, 151 URIs fulfilled the given criteria of having  $> 0$  Mementos and an estimated creation date.



**Fig. 3.1.** Graph for Mementos vs age

Item	Age(in Days)	Number of Mementos	Item	Age(in Days)	Number of Mementos	Item	Age(in Days)	Number of Mementos	Item	Age(in Days)	Number of Mementos
1	308	1	40	5	3	79	567	9	118	2791	16
2	1	1	41	5	3	80	5	9	119	2791	17
3	62	1	42	5	3	81	1469	13	120	2791	17
4	8	1	43	1330	4	82	3335	14	121	2791	17
5	484	1	44	1469	4	83	3335	14	122	8	19
6	210	1	45	1330	4	84	3335	14	123	2791	21
7	298	1	46	1330	4	85	3335	14	124	2791	21
8	308	1	47	1330	4	86	3386	14	125	3531	24
9	7	1	48	1330	4	87	3335	14	126	2227	26
10	4	1	49	1330	4	88	2056	15	127	2227	26
11	5	1	50	1330	4	89	2791	16	128	2227	26
12	4	1	51	1	4	90	2791	16	129	2227	26
13	866	1	52	890	4	91	2791	16	130	2227	26
14	6	1	53	1330	4	92	2791	16	131	2791	28
15	1	1	54	1330	4	93	2791	16	132	2791	32
16	4550	1	55	1330	4	94	2791	16	133	2791	32
17	62	1	56	1330	4	95	2791	16	134	2791	33
18	846	2	57	1330	4	96	2791	16	135	1121	38
19	6	2	58	1469	4	97	2791	16	136	2189	38
20	4	2	59	1330	4	98	2791	16	137	301	39
21	8	2	60	1330	4	99	2791	16	138	977	41
22	1858	3	61	1330	4	100	2791	16	139	54	57
23	495	3	62	1330	4	101	2791	16	140	701	76
24	4	3	63	1330	4	102	2791	16	141	2791	80
25	4	3	64	1330	4	103	2791	16	142	4339	84
26	8	3	65	1330	4	104	2791	16	143	2403	95
27	3	3	66	7	5	105	2791	16	144	2682	99
28	5	3	67	4	5	106	2791	16	145	2682	99
29	1858	3	68	7	5	107	2791	16	146	2791	136
30	5	3	69	4	5	108	2791	16	147	2791	154
31	495	3	70	713	6	109	2791	16	148	2791	311
32	2254	3	71	62	6	110	2791	16	149	5486	338
33	4	3	72	4567	6	111	2791	16	150	5486	338
34	5	3	73	245	6	112	2791	16	151	1162	1002
35	4	3	74	5	6	113	2791	16			
36	5	3	75	3331	7	114	2791	16			
37	8	3	76	9	8	115	2791	16			
38	5	3	77	358	8	116	2791	16			
39	5	3	78	9	8	117	2791	16			

Fig. 3.2. Data for Number of Mementos and age





```

46 bitlyThread = Thread(target=getBitlyCreationDate , args=(
    url , outputArray , 1))
47 googleThread = Thread(target=getGoogleCreationDate , args
    =(url , outputArray , 2))
48 archivesThread = Thread(target=getArchivesCreationDate ,
    args=(url , outputArray , 3))
49
50 if( backlinksFlag ):
51     backlinkThread = Thread(target=
        getBacklinksFirstAppearanceDates , args=(url ,
        outputArray , 4))
52
53 #topsyThread = Thread(target=getTopsyCreationDate , args
    =(url , outputArray , 5))
54
55
56 # Add threads to thread list
57 threads.append(lastmodifiedThread)
58 threads.append(bitlyThread)
59 threads.append(googleThread)
60 threads.append(archivesThread)
61
62 if( backlinksFlag ):
63     threads.append(backlinkThread)
64
65 #threads.append(topsyThread)
66
67
68 # Start new Threads
69 lastmodifiedThread.start()
70 bitlyThread.start()
71 googleThread.start()
72 archivesThread.start()
73
74 if( backlinksFlag ):
75     backlinkThread.start()
76
77 #topsyThread.start()
78
79
80 # Wait for all threads to complete
81 for t in threads:
82     t.join()
83
84 # For threads
85 lastmodified = outputArray[0]
86 bitly = outputArray[1]
87 google = outputArray[2]
88 archives = outputArray[3]

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89
90     if( backlinksFlag ):
91         backlink = outputArray[4]
92     else:
93         backlink = ''
94
95     #topsy = outputArray[5]
96
97     #note that archives["Earliest"] = archives[0][1]
98     try:
99         #lowest = getLowest([lastmodified, bitly, google,
100             archives[0][1], backlink, topsy]) #for thread
101         lowest = getLowest([lastmodified, bitly, google,
102             archives[0][1], backlink]) #for thread
103     except:
104         print sys.exc_type, sys.exc_value, sys.exc_traceback
105
106     result = []
107
108     result.append(("URI", url))
109     result.append(("Estimated Creation Date", lowest))
110     result.append(("Last Modified", lastmodified))
111     result.append(("Bitly.com", bitly))
112     result.append(("Topsy.com", "Topsy is out of service"))
113     result.append(("Backlinks", backlink))
114     result.append(("Google.com", google))
115     result.append(("Archives", archives))
116     values = OrderedDict(result)
117     r = json.dumps(values)
118
119     now1 = datetime.datetime.now() - now0
120
121
122     #print "runtime in seconds: "
123     #print now1.seconds
124     #print r
125     print 'runtime in seconds: ' + str(now1.seconds) + '\n'
126         ' + r + '\n'
127
128     return r
129
130 output = open('createdTime', 'w')
131 readData= open('urisWithMementosExcluding0.json', 'r')
132 uriCounter =0
133 for line in readData:
134     # print line

```

```

135         # print line.rstrip('\n')
136         data= json.loads(line)
137         uri = data['originaluri']
138         uriCounter += 1
139         if uriCounter <1001:
140             r= cd(uri)
141             output.write(r + "\n")
142
143 output.close()
144
145 # if len(sys.argv) == 1:
146     # print "Usage: ", sys.argv[0] + " url
147     # backlinksOnOffFlag ( e.g: " + sys.argv[0] + " http
148     # ://www.cs.odu.edu [--compute-backlinks] )"
149 # elif len(sys.argv) == 2:
150     # #fix for none-thread safe strptime
151     # #If time.strptime is used before starting the threads,
152     # then no exception is raised (the issue may thus
153     # come from strptime.py not being imported in a thread
154     # safe manner). — http://bugs.python.org/issue7980
155     # time.strptime("1995-01-01T12:00:00", '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%
156     # S')
157     # cd(sys.argv[1])
158 # elif len(sys.argv) == 3:
159     # time.strptime("1995-01-01T12:00:00", '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%
160     # S')
161
162     # if (sys.argv[2] == '--compute-backlinks'):
163         # cd(sys.argv[1], True)
164     # else:
165         # cd(sys.argv[1])

```

**Listing 3.1.** “Python code which takes URIs > 0 Mementos as input and writes the JSON output with Estimated Creation date into a file.”

**Code Listing**

```

1  '''
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4  Assignment 2
5  '''
6
7  import json
8  import datetime
9  import dateutil.parser
10
11 now = datetime.datetime.now()
12 readCreatedTime = open('createdTime', 'r')
13 ageFile=open('UriWithAge.json', 'w')
14 noEstimatedDatecounter =0
15 for line in readCreatedTime:
16     data= json.loads(line)
17     Age= {}
18     AgeList =[]
19     if len(data['Estimated Creation Date']) >0:
20         Age['uri'] = data['URI']
21         EstimatedDate= data['Estimated Creation Date']
22         d1 = dateutil.parser.parse(EstimatedDate)
23         nowDate =now.isoformat()
24         d2 = dateutil.parser.parse(nowDate)
25         days = abs((d2 - d1).days)
26         Age['days'] = days
27         ageFile.write(json.dumps(Age) + "\n")
28         # print Age
29     else:
30         noEstimatedDatecounter +=1
31 ageFile.close()
32
33 print "URI's with no EstimatedDate",noEstimatedDatecounter
34
35 read= open('UriWithAge.json', 'r')
36 output= open('days.json', 'w')
37 for line in read:
38     data=json.loads(line)
39     # print data['days']
40     output.write(str(data['days'])+"\n")

```

**Listing 3.2.** “Python code for calculating age of URI in days and writing them into a file”

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