

GLG: Automated Text Analysis for Improved Service Demand

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Who is GLG?





Problem

- Hundreds of requests are submitted daily to GLG via an intake form
- GLG wants to help people reach experts faster by:
 - Grouping common topics together
 - Grouping similar client requests together
 - Identifying underlying patterns in the data (NER, time-based patterns)



Two Datasets: NER Corpus & All the News 2.0

	NER Corpus	All the News 2.0		
Description	 47,959 sentences Includes each word's part-of-speech (noun, verb, etc.) and NER (geo, org, per, etc.) 	 27 million news articles published between 2016 and 2020 includes date, author, title, and publication name 		
Size	~15 MB	~9 GB		
Labels	Labeled	Unlabeled		
Task	Supervised learning (named entity recognition)	Unsupervised learning (clustering)		



- Clean dataset; no missing data, formatting, or data type issues
- Generated pandas-profiling report
- Created histograms (number of characters per word, number of words per sentence)
- Modified the data format for easier input into models

	Sentence #	Word	POS	Tag 👡
0	1	Thousands	NNS	0
1 2 3	1	of	IN	0
	1	demonstrators	NNS	0
	1	have	VBP	0
4	1	marched	VBN	0
5	1	through	IN	0
6	1	London	NNP	B-geo
7	1	to	ТО	0
8	1	protest	VB	0
9	1	the	DT	0
10	1	war	NN	0

part-of-speech



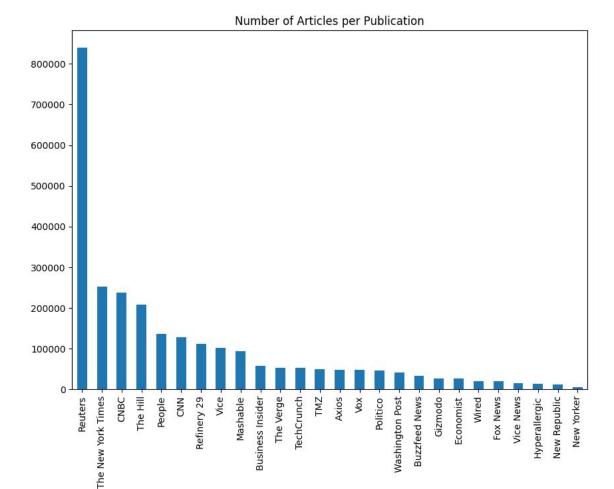
NER



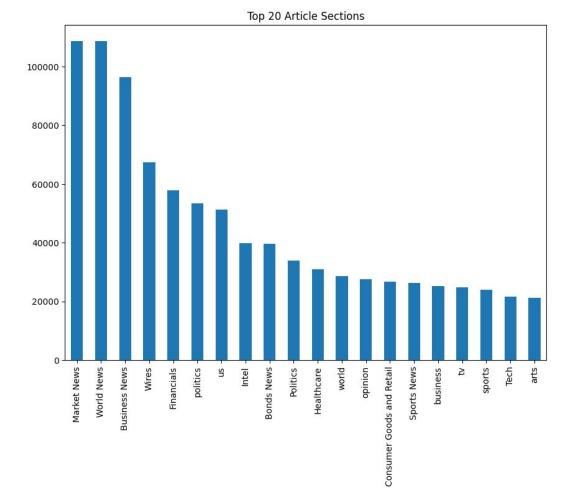
EDA for All the News 2.0

- It was challenging to handle a ~9 GB file (attempted PySpark and pandas chunking)
- Created histograms (number of articles per publication and per year, top article sections, etc.)
- Removed irrelevant columns (URL, author) and removed rows with missing articles
- Performed text analysis to count the number of words and sentences in each article

year	month	day	article	section	publication
2017	Nov	27	Nov 27 (Reuters) - Scout24 Ag: * BLOCK TRADE	IT Services & Consulting	Reuters
2018	Aug	11	Maryland has placed members of the football su	Sports News	Reuters
2019	Apr	11	UBER SAYS CORE PLATFORM ADJUSTED NET REVENUE W	Wires	CNBC
2018	Sep	28	NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India's burgeoning shado	Business News	Reuters
2017	Feb	6	Feb 6 (Reuters) - China Child Care Corporation	Chinese Labor Unrest	Reuters





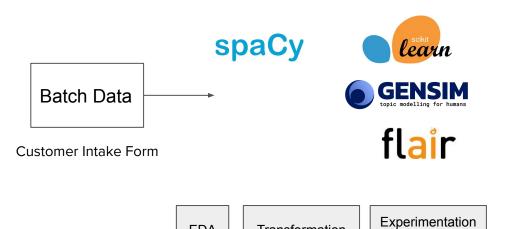




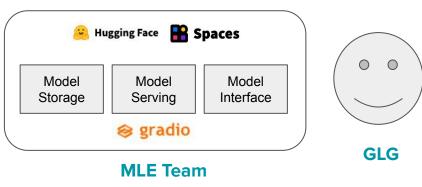
Modeling Preprocessing

Deployment





EDA



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Transformation



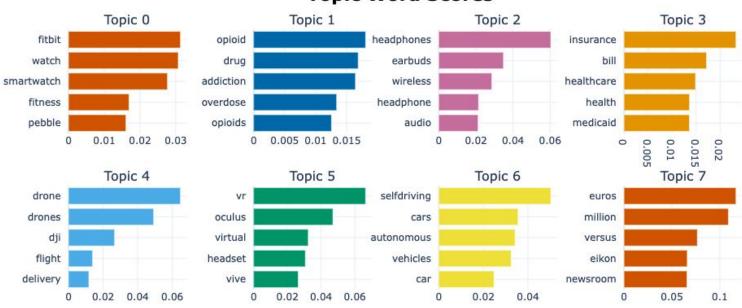
Modeling — Supervised Learning

- Named Entity Recognition (NER)
 - O Data: NER Corpus
 - Model: LSTM RNN
 - Library: Flair
 - Baseline Result: 0.81 F1 score (using a subset of data)
 - Latest Result: 0.86 F1 score (using all data)
- Text Classification
 - Data: All the News 2.0
 - Model: Logistic Regression
 - Library: scikit-learn
 - **Baseline Result**: 0.95 F1 score (using 25k articles)



Modeling — *Unsupervised Learning*

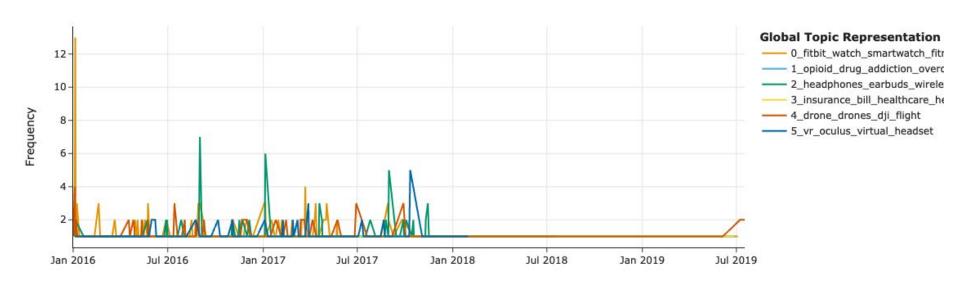
Topic Word Scores





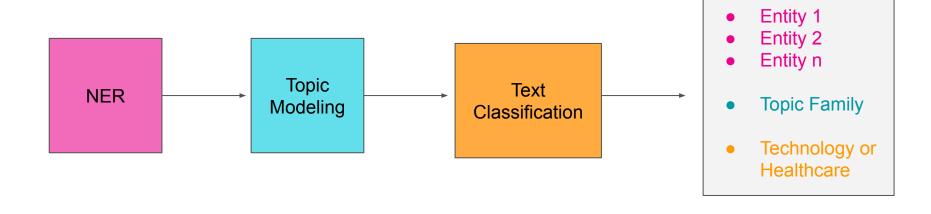
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Topics over Time





Future Work - Potential Flow





Future Work

- Try Transformers to improve NER performance
- Further explore unsupervised methods to understand topics
- Web interface for users to interact with



Thank You! Questions?