TURNING A TWITTER HASHTAG INTO A WORD CLOUD

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WAIT, WHAT?

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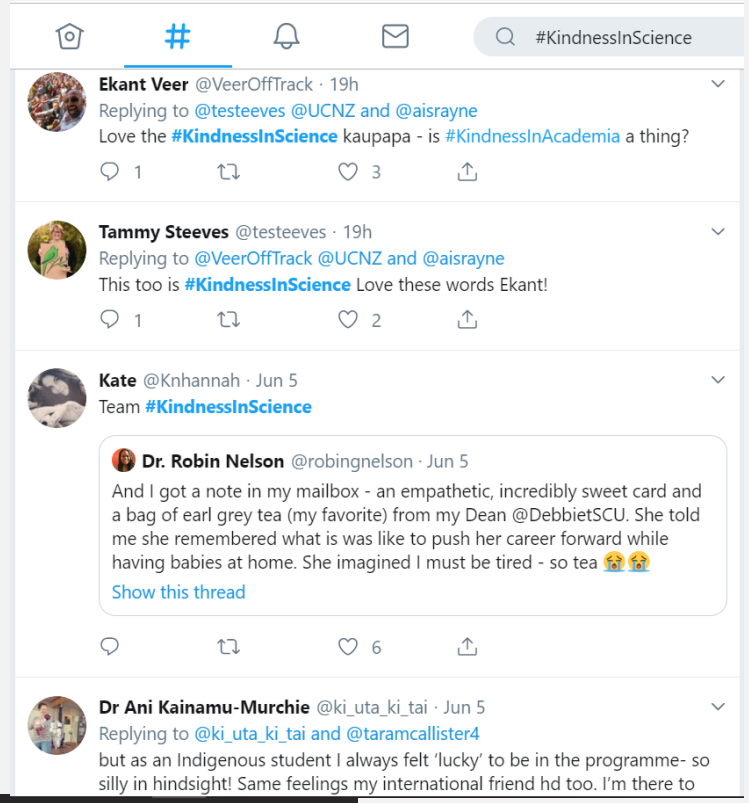

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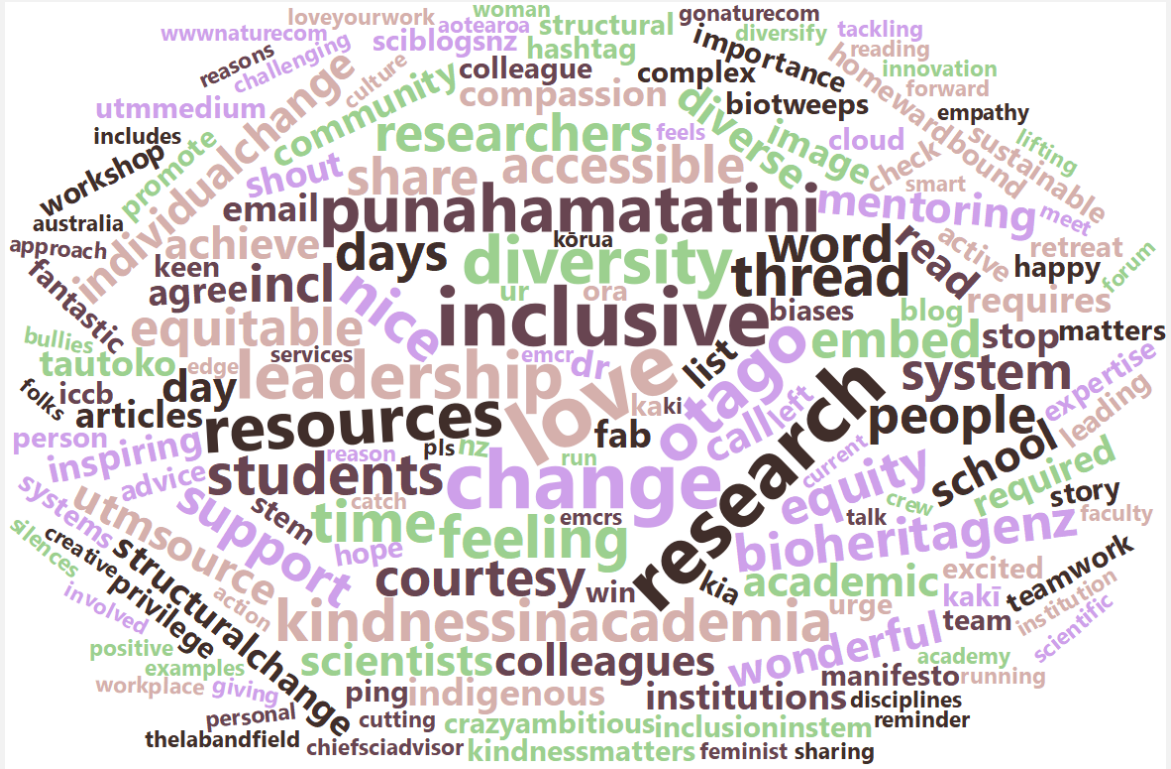

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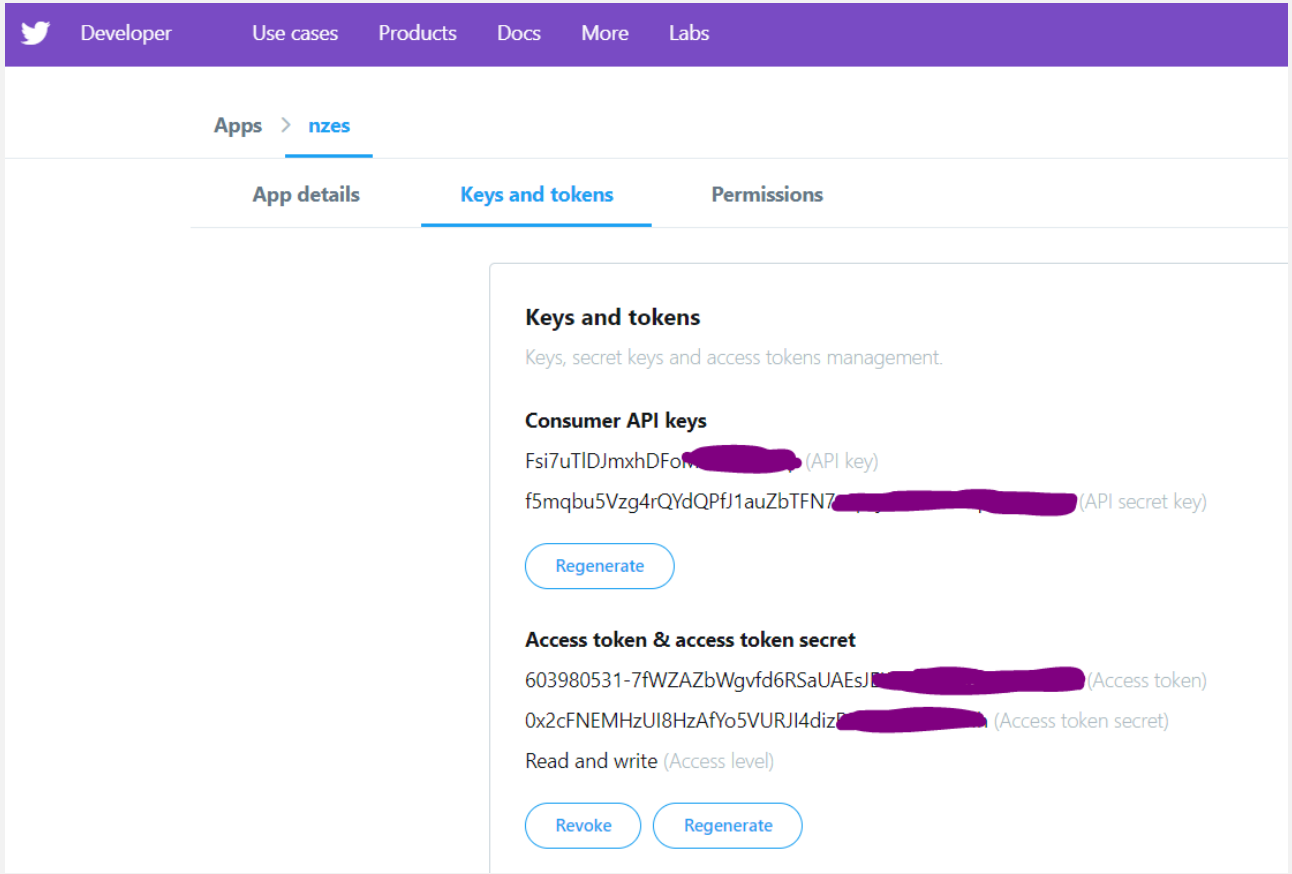
STEP 1: GET TWITTER CREDENTIALS

- Go to https://developer.twitter.com/en/apps
- Create a blank app
- Copy consumer API keys, access token & secret



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STEP 2: SCRAPE THE HASHTAG

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Search parameters, and max no. tweets to return

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setup_twitter_oauth(consumer_key, consumer_secret, access_token, access_token_secret)

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- Issue: twitter only allows searching back as far as 7 days
- Python alternative using screen scraping: https://github.com/taspinar/twitterscraper

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kindTable

Filter

	word	n
1	kindnessinscience	242
2	status	97
3	twittercom	97
4	https	93
5	science	45
6	testeeves	23
7	pictwittercom	20
8	conserteam	16
9	kindness	15
10	sgalla	15
11	http	12
12	love	12
13	change	11
14	inclusive	11
15	research	11
16	cillawehi	10
17	diversity	9

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Break up tweets into vector of single words

```r
## Tidy up the text
Tweet text needs to be tidied by splitting into words, removing punctuation and numbers
and words like "the", "and", etc.
```{r wrangle data and tidy}
# make sure the tweets are stored as character data
kind$text<-as.character(kind$text)

# before we split up, make sure any words that need to stay together are replaced
kind$text<-gsub("te reo", "tereo", kind$text)
kind$text<-gsub("ka rawe", "karawe", kind$text)
kind$text<-gsub("kia ora", "kiaora", kind$text)
kind$text<-gsub("kia kaha", "kiakaha", kind$text)


#use the unnest_tokens function in tidytext to make the word frequency table
# make into data frame with 1 row per word

kindTable <- kind %>%
  unnest_tokens(word, text)
```

Remove unwanted words, punctuation, numbers, etc

```r
#remove numbers and punctuation
kindTable$word<-removeNumbers(kindTable$word) # remove numbers & punctuation
kindTable$word<-removePunctuation(kindTable$word)
kindTable<-kindTable[!(is.na(kindTable$word) | kindTable$word==""), ] # remove
blank/whitespace words

#remove stop words - aka typically very common words such as "the", "of" etc
# now 7770 words
data(stop_words)

kindTable <- kindTable %>%
  anti_join(stop_words)

rm(stop_words)

#add word count to table
kindTable <- kindTable %>%
  dplyr::count(word, sort=TRUE)
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Count how often each word occurs

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- Issues: wordcloud2 is glitchy - difficult to customise cloud and save output.

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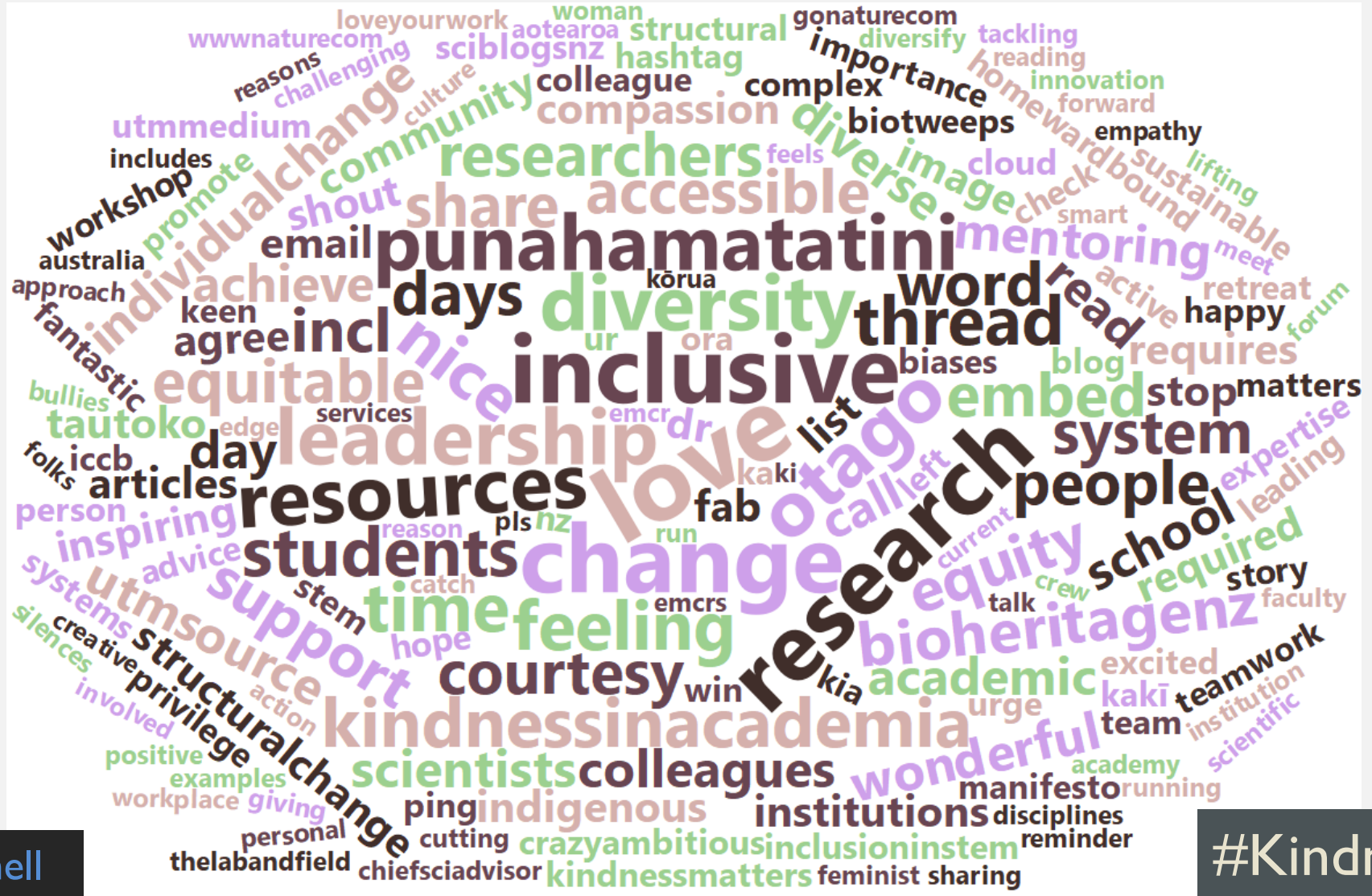
github.com/pannellj/twitter-clouds



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