

# DSI Summer Workshops Series

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Please make sure you have a copy of R up and running, as well as a Python 3 installation (ideally from Anaconda).

## Goals for today

Understand basics of text analysis using R

(well enough so that you can Google your problems, find the answer, and implement it.)

### More specifically

1. Up and running with R & IPython
2. Understand a basic exploratory data analysis workflow
3. Basics of R and Topic Modeling

### Why R and not Python

It's good for data exploration!

# Part 1: Getting yourself ready

## First: Install software on your computer

- R [CRAN \(https://www.anaconda.com/download/\)](https://www.anaconda.com/download/)
- Python [Anaconda \(https://www.anaconda.com/download/\)](https://www.anaconda.com/download/)

## Second: Prep your R environment

On a Mac open a terminal and start R

```
[plindner@peggys-mbp:~$ R

R version 3.5.0 (2018-04-23) -- "Joy in Playing"
Copyright (C) 2018 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

  Natural language support but running in an English locale

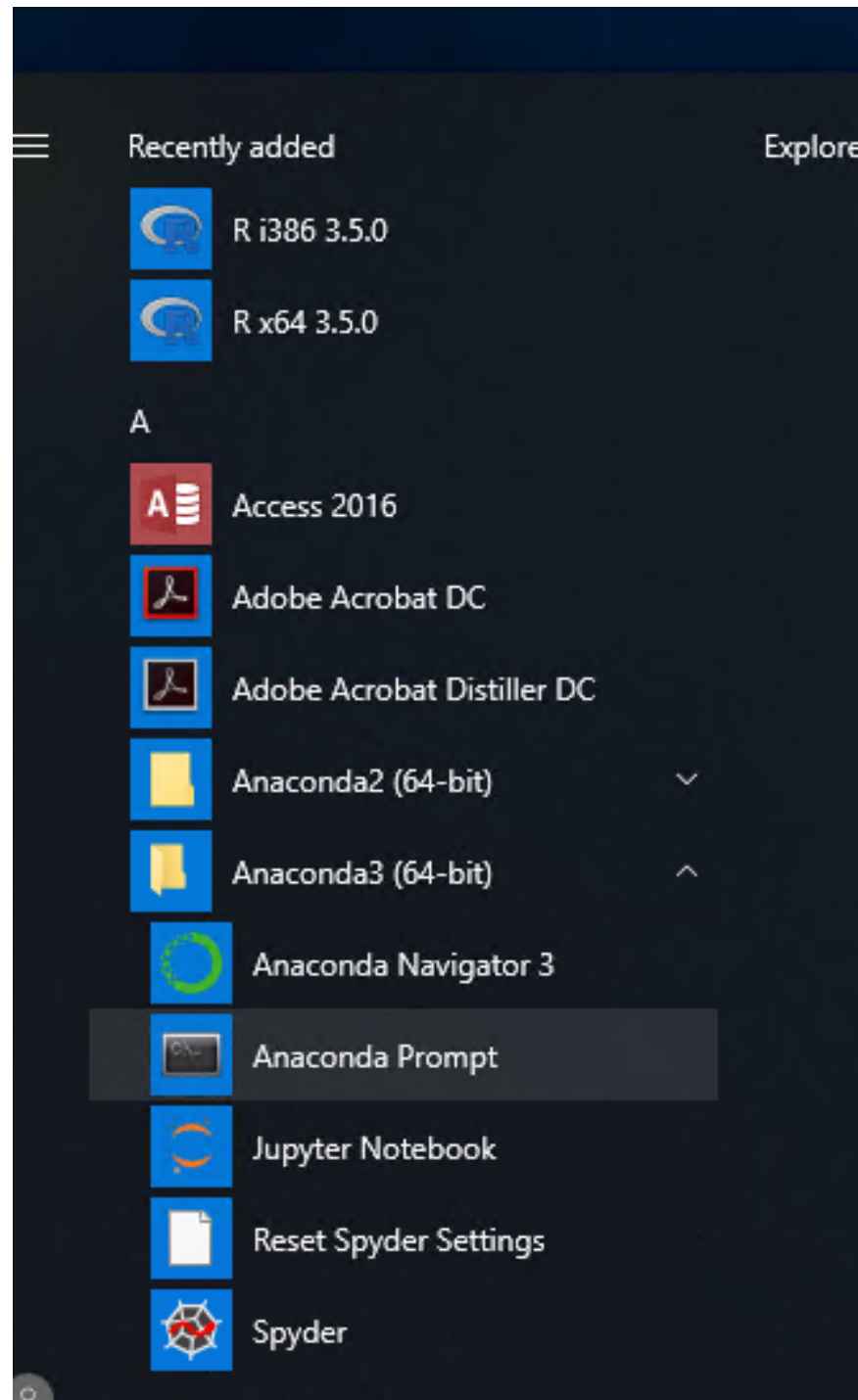
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'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

[Previously saved workspace restored]

> █
```

On Windows: Open the Anaconda Command line and start R



```
(C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3) C:\> cd C:\Program Files\R\R-3.5.0\bin\x64\
```

```
(C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3) C:\Program Files\R\R-3.5.0\bin\x64>R
```

```
R version 3.5.0 (2018-04-23) -- "Joy in Playing"  
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Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
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> IRkernel::installspec()
```

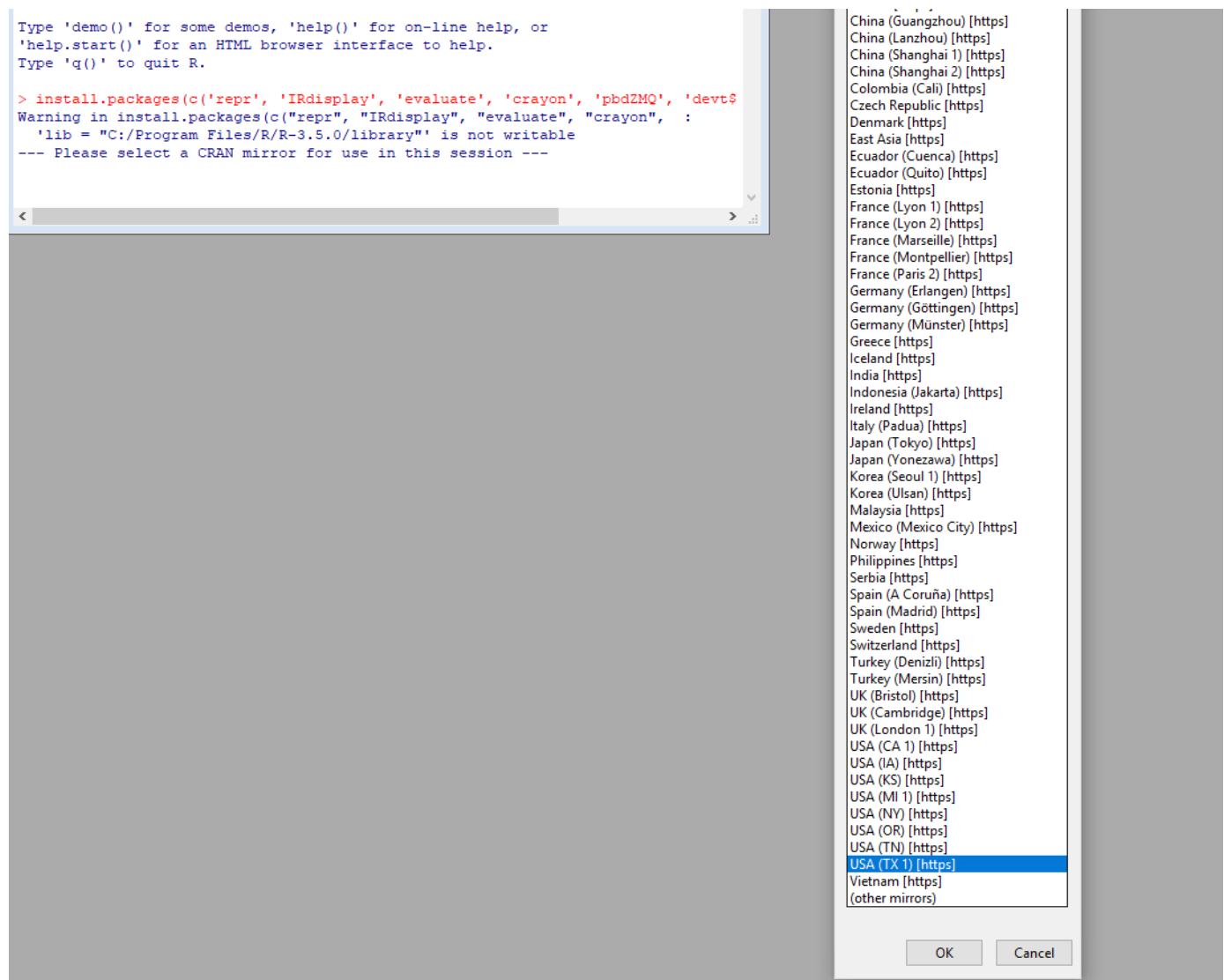
```
[InstallKernelSpec] Installed kernelspec ir in C:\Users\plindner\AppData\Roaming\jupyter\kernels\ir
```

```
> q()_
```

Now let's install some packages ...

```
> install.packages(c('readr', 'stringr', 'SnowballC', 'wordcloud', 'RColorBrewer'))
> install.packages(c('tm', 'ggplot2', 'topicmodels'))
> install.packages(c('repr', 'IRdisplay', 'evaluate', 'crayon', 'pbdZMQ', 'devtools', 'uuid', 'digest'))
> devtools::install_github('IRkernel/IRkernel')
```

When you see "Please select a CRAN mirror" , well select one.



... one last step - installing the Kernel

```
> IRkernel::installspec()
```

Now we can close the R environment (but leave your terminal and console open)

```
> quit()
```

Say "N" (no) when asked to save the workspace.

## Jupyter Notebooks is what we will be going to use

We are now ready to start up our Jupyter Environment from the terminal or the console:

```
$ jupyter notebook --notebook-dir C:/Users/[your username]  
e]
```

or on a Mac

```
$ jupyter notebook --notebook-dir /Users/[your username]
```

And your browser should open at the address: <http://localhost:8888/tree>  
(<http://localhost:8888/tree>)



## Open the downloaded notebook on your computer



The image shows the JupyterLab interface. At the top, there is a 'jupyter' logo and buttons for 'Quit' and 'Logout'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Files', 'Running', and 'Clusters'. The 'Files' tab is active, showing a file browser. The browser displays the 'Downloads' directory with a list of files and folders. The files are: 'DSI Workshop Summer 2018a.ipynb' (11 minutes ago, 6.99 kB), 'Simple\_0.6.tar.gz' (7 hours ago, 223 kB), and 'Simple' (7 hours ago). The interface includes a search bar, a 'Select items to perform actions on them.' prompt, and buttons for 'Upload', 'New', and 'Refresh'.

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## Quick intro to Jupyter notebooks

Cells can be Markdown (like this one) or code

### To start off with

Make sure you hit `Shift-Enter` or `Ctrl-Enter` when you are done. You can also use the "Run" button.

In [1]:

```
2 + 2
```

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## Part 2: The Exploratory Analysis Workflow

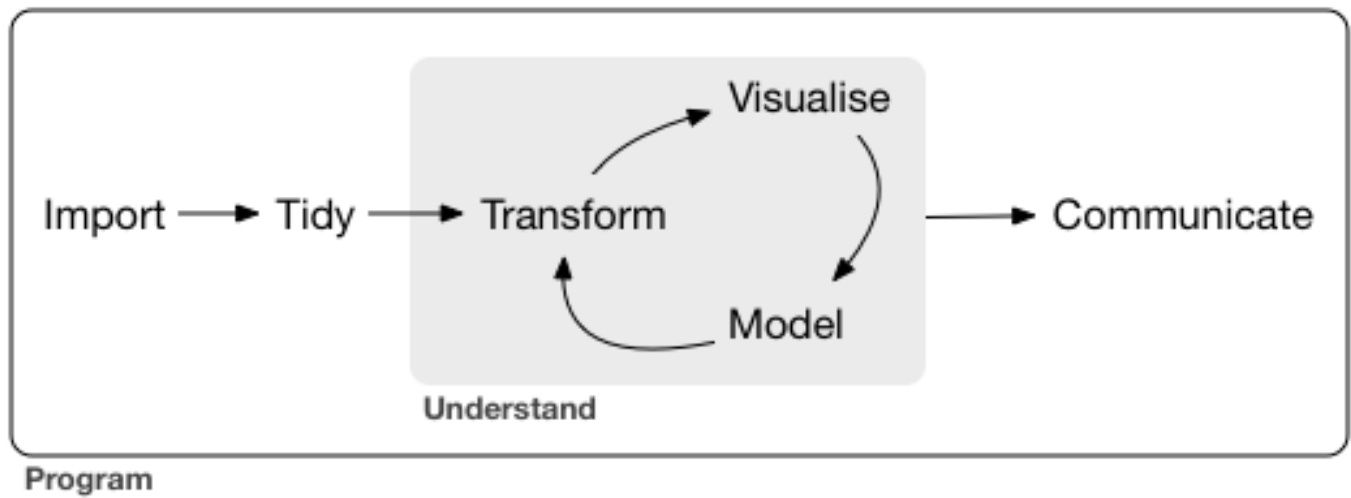
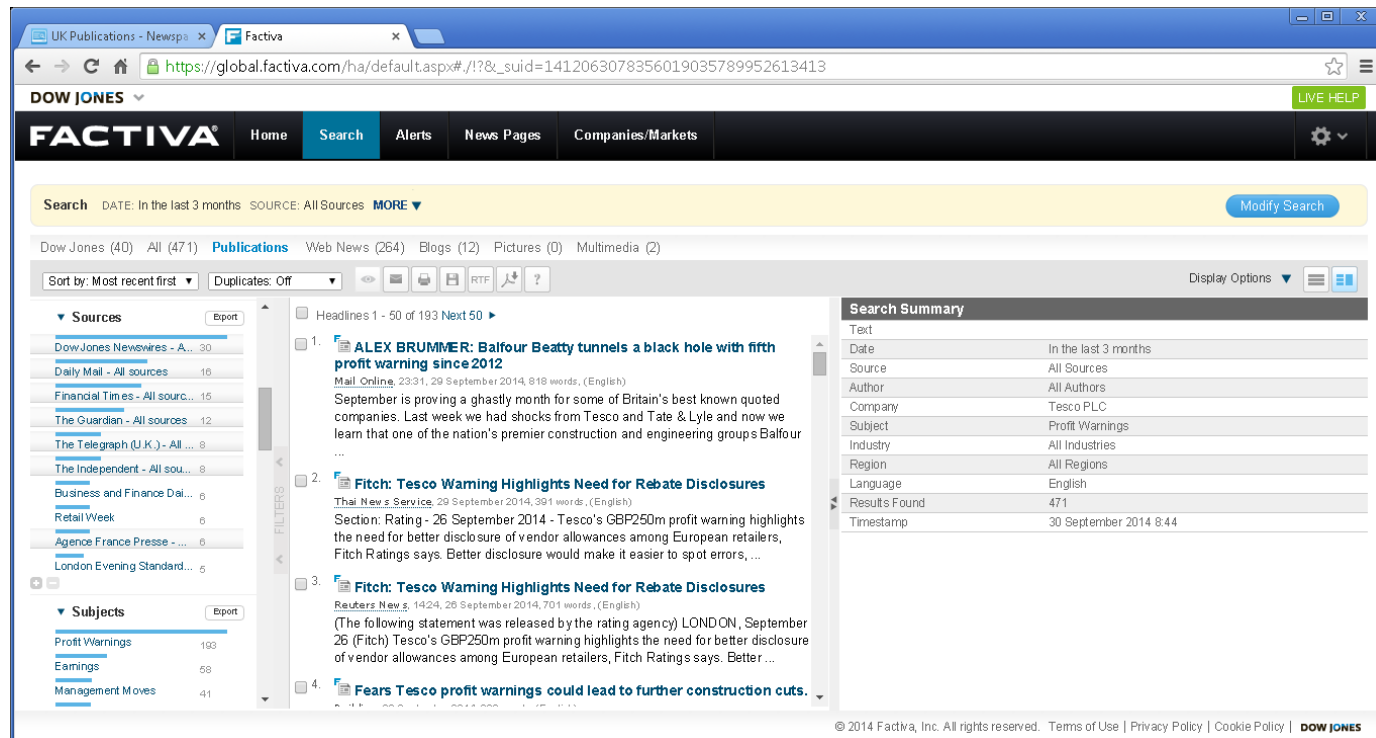


Image source: Hadley Wickham, R for Data Science



## Our Example

Media Analysis of a bunch of articles downloaded from a database called "Factiva"



The screenshot shows the Factiva search results page for Dow Jones publications. The page is displayed in a web browser window with the URL <https://global.factiva.com/ha/default.aspx#/?!7&suid=1412063078356019035789952613413>. The page features a navigation bar with links to Home, Search, Alerts, News Pages, and Companies/Markets. A search bar at the top indicates the search criteria: DATE: In the last 3 months, SOURCE: All Sources, MORE. The search results are displayed in a list format, showing the first 50 results. The results are sorted by Most recent first. The left sidebar shows the Sources and Subjects filters. The right sidebar shows the Search Summary, which includes details about the search results, such as the number of results found (471) and the timestamp (30 September 2014 8:44).

**Sources**

Source	Count
Dow Jones Newswires - A...	30
Daily Mail - All sources	16
Financial Times - All sour...	15
The Guardian - All sources	12
The Telegraph (U.K.) - All...	8
The Independent - All sou...	8
Business and Finance Dai...	6
Retail Week	6
Agence France Presse - ...	6
London Evening Standard...	5

**Subjects**

Subject	Count
Profit Warnings	193
Earnings	58
Management Moves	41

**Search Results**

- ALEX BRUMMER: Balfour Beatty tunnels a black hole with fifth profit warning since 2012**  
Mail Online, 23:31, 29 September 2014, 818 words, (English)  
September is proving a ghastly month for some of Britain's best known quoted companies. Last week we had shocks from Tesco and Tate & Lyle and now we learn that one of the nation's premier construction and engineering groups Balfour ...
- Fitch: Tesco Warning Highlights Need for Rebate Disclosures**  
Thai New s Service, 29 September 2014, 391 words, (English)  
Section: Rating - 26 September 2014 - Tesco's GBP250m profit warning highlights the need for better disclosure of vendor allowances among European retailers, Fitch Ratings says. Better disclosure would make it easier to spot errors, ...
- Fitch: Tesco Warning Highlights Need for Rebate Disclosures**  
Reuters New s, 14:24, 26 September 2014, 701 words, (English)  
(The following statement was released by the rating agency) LONDON, September 26 (Fitch) Tesco's GBP250m profit warning highlights the need for better disclosure of vendor allowances among European retailers, Fitch Ratings says. Better ...
- Fears Tesco profit warnings could lead to further construction cuts.**

**Search Summary**

Field	Value
Text	
Date	In the last 3 months
Source	All Sources
Author	All Authors
Company	Tesco PLC
Subject	Profit Warnings
Industry	All Industries
Region	All Regions
Language	English
Results Found	471
Timestamp	30 September 2014 8:44

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Make sure you download the data source file:

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/peggylind/Materials\\_Summer2018/master/dataJune7th](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/peggylind/Materials_Summer2018/master/dataJune7th)  
([https://raw.githubusercontent.com/peggylind/Materials\\_Summer2018/master/dataJune7th](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/peggylind/Materials_Summer2018/master/dataJune7th)

and store it in a folder called dataJune7th next the Jupyter notebook directory (next to the \*.ipynb file).

## Frequently used R Packages in conjunction with text data

- readr (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/readr/readr.pdf>) Import data

### Data Analysis of text based material

- stringr (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/stringr/vignettes/stringr.html>) Clean up text
- SnowballC (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/SnowballC/SnowballC.pdf>) Stemming of words
- tm (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/tm/vignettes/tm.pdf>) Text mining
- Quanteda (<https://quanteda.io/>) versatile text analysis tool
- topicmodels (<https://www.tidytextmining.com/topicmodeling.html>) Topic Modeling

### Visualization

- ggplot2 (<http://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/>) Modern R visualizations
- wordcloud (<http://developer.marvel.com>) Make some nice word clouds
- RColorBrewer (<https://dataset.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>) Get color into your visualizations

In [2]:

```
#load all required libraries
library(readr)
library(stringr)
library(SnowballC)
library(wordcloud)
library(RColorBrewer)
library(tm)
library(ggplot2)
library(topicmodels)
```

Loading required package: RColorBrewer

Loading required package: NLP

Attaching package: 'NLP'

The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':

annotate

## Data Import

In [3]:

```
# put the name of your csv file
inputfile <- "dataJune7th/sample.txt"
# read the data
alldata <- read_file(inputfile)
# look at the dat
# what type is our data?
str(alldata)
```

```
chr " \n\n\nTurkey rejects US 'double standard' in
Syria ceasefire\n\n474 words\n6 March 2018\nAl Jazeera
English\nA"| __truncated__
```

## Prepare data

In [4]:

```
# data wrangling - split the file in different articles
split.word <- "Document AJAZEN(.*)"

# split up into individual documents
list_alldataSplitted <- str_split(alldata, split.word)
# convert to vector and remove last element (which is a leftover)
alldataSplitted <- unlist(list_alldataSplitted)
alldataSplitted <- alldataSplitted[-length(alldataSplitted)]
str(alldataSplitted)
```

```
chr [1:71] " \n\n\nTurkey rejects US 'double standard' in Syria ceasefire\n\n474 words\n6 March 2018\nAl Jazeera English\nA" | __truncated__ ...
```

In [5]:

```
### create corpus
article.corpus <- Corpus(VectorSource((alldataSplitted)))

article.corpus
```

```
<<SimpleCorpus>>
```

```
Metadata: corpus specific: 1, document level (indexed): 0
```

```
Content: documents: 71
```

In [6]:

```
#inspect a particular document  
writeLines(as.character(article.corpus[[30]]))
```

## Qatar-Gulf crisis: All the latest updates

630 words

17 February 2018

Al Jazeera English

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English

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\* Anti-terrorism: On Monday, both countries held a session of official talks and signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the "fight against terrorism" and organised crime."

\* Sierra Leone: On Monday, both countries signed an agreement encouraging and protecting mutual investments and an agreement on air services between the two governments.

\* Sierra Leone was not among the eight countries that downgraded ties with Qatar at the start of the crisis.

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In [ ]:

```
#Check details (look at bunched up corpus to find anomalies)  
inspect(article.corpus)
```

## Data cleaning

In [8]:

```
#create the toSpace content transformer
toSpace <- content_transformer(function(x, pattern) { return (
gsub(pattern, " ", x))})
#to remove potentially problematic symbols
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, toSpace, "-")
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, toSpace, ":")
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, toSpace, "'")
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In [9]:

```
#Remove punctuation - replace punctuation marks with " "  
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, removePunctuation)  
  
#Good practice to check after each step.  
writeLines(as.character(article.corpus[[30]]))
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In [10]:

```
#Transform to lower case
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus,content_transformer(to
lower))

#Strip digits
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, removeNumbers)

#Remove stopwords from standard stopword list
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, removeWords, stopword
s("english"))

#inspect output
writeLines(as.character(article.corpus[[30]]))
```

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qatar   neighbouring countries   latest development  
s   saturday february

munich security conference

futile crisis manufactured   neighbours qatari  
emir sheikh tamim bin hamad al thani told   major se  
curity conference held   germany   friday   defusing  
impact   illegal   aggressive measures imposed   peo  
ple qatar   preserved   sovereignty

aggressive actors wish   use smaller states   pawns  
within   power games   sectarian conflicts   vital  
interests   people   middle east   guarantee   sovere  
ignty   states like qatar

tillerson   kuwait

tuesday   us secretary   state rex tillerson said  
restoration   arab gulf unity   best interest   par  
ties   region

tillerson made   assertion   press conference held  
kuwait   attending   high level meeting   members  
us led coalition   islamic state   iraq   levant isi  
l also known   isis

asian championships league

monday al gharafa qatar opened asian championsh  
ips league campaign abu dhabi al jazira united a  
rab emirates

uae requested play games third country idea  
rejected asian football confederation organises  
tournament featuring teams split eight groups fo  
ur

clubs qatar saudi arabia united arab emirates  
played home away basis per afc regulations  
afc said recent statement

soccer federations uae saudi arabia accepted  
decision though expressed reservations made

anti qatar conference

sunday report buzzfeed revealed daniel kawczyn  
ski british parliamentarian paid british pounds  
help organise anti qatar conference london

time analysts described conference attempt g  
ather support coup qatar accused saudi arabia  
uae funding

russian president s invitation

wednesday emir tamim bin hamad al thani met pre  
sident russian republic ingushetia yunus bek yev  
kurov doha

meeting reviewed relations qatar ingushetia  
discussed aspects cooperation economic trade inv  
estment well means developing

president yunus bek yevkurov handed written messa  
ge russian president vladimir putin including inv  
itation visit russia

calls end blockade

tuesday local media reported dr ali bin smaikh a  
l marri chairman national human rights committee  
nhrc called european union countries nations  
join international human rights organisations deman  
ding immediate end blockade imposed qatar

louvre map

monday qatar s national human rights committee re  
ported louvre museum apologised opened official  
inquiry incident abu dhabi s louvre museum map o  
mitted qatari peninsula

bilateral agreements

anti terrorism monday countries held session  
official talks signed memorandum understanding m  
ou fight terrorism organised crime

sierra leone monday countries signed agreement  
encouraging protecting mutual investments agreem  
ent air services two governments

sierra leone among eight countries downgraded  
ties qatar start crisis

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Stopwords (<https://github.com/arc12/Text-Mining-Weak-Signals/wiki/Standard-set-of-english-stopwords>)

In [11]:

```
#define and eliminate all custom stopwords
myStopwords <- c("monday")
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, removeWords, myStopwo
rds)

#Strip whitespace (cosmetic?)
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus, stripWhitespace)

#inspect output
writeLines(as.character(article.corpus[[30]]))
```

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Word Stemming (<http://www.omegahat.net/Rstem/stemming.pdf>)



In [12]:

```
#Stem document  
article.corpus <- tm_map(article.corpus,stemDocument)  
  
#inspect output  
writeLines(as.character(article.corpus[[30]]))
```

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## Prepare for Analysis - create word counts

In [13]:

```
#Create document-term matrix  
dtm <- DocumentTermMatrix(article.corpus)  
  
dtm
```

```
<<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 71, terms: 3593)>>  
Non-/sparse entries: 15956/239147  
Sparsity           : 94%  
Maximal term length: 16  
Weighting          : term frequency (tf)
```

In [14]:

```
#inspect segment of document term matrix  
inspect(dtm[15:16,100:105])
```

```
<<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 2, terms: 6)>>  
Non-/sparse entries: 9/3  
Sparsity           : 25%  
Maximal term length: 7  
Weighting          : term frequency (tf)  
Sample            :  
  Terms  
Docs isil islam jazeera known last least  
  15    2    1      4      1    2      0  
  16    2    1      3      1    0      0
```

In [15]:

```
#collapse matrix by summing over columns - this gets total counts (over all docs) for each term  
freq <- colSums(as.matrix(dtm))  
#length should be total number of terms  
length(freq)
```

3593

In [16]:

```
#create sort order (descending)
ord <- order(freq,decreasing=TRUE)
#inspect most frequently occurring terms
freq[head(ord)]
#inspect least frequently occurring terms
freq[tail(ord)]

#List all terms in decreasing order of freq and write to disk
write.csv(freq[ord],"word_freq.csv")
```

**said**

348

**syria**

347

**syrian**

299

**jazeera**

243

**state**

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**english**

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**rampant**

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**riyadh**

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**secessionist**

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**starvat**

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**takeov**

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In [17]:

```
#alterantive: remove very frequent and very rare words
dtmr <- DocumentTermMatrix(article.corpus, control=list(wordLengths=c(4, 20),
                                                    bounds = list(global = c(3,2
7))))

dtmr

freqr <- colSums(as.matrix(dtmr))
#length should be total number of terms
length(freqr)

#create sort order (desc)
ordr <- order(freqr,decreasing=TRUE)
#inspect most frequently occurring terms
freqr[head(ordr)]
#inspect least frequently occurring terms
freqr[tail(ordr)]
```

<<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 71, terms: 1254)>>

Non-/sparse entries: 9263/79771

Sparsity : 90%

Maximal term length: 15

Weighting : term frequency (tf)

1254

**assad**

116

**turkish**

103

**israel**

103

**kurdish**

89

**russia**

78

**rebel**

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**weaponri**

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**tribe**

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**revolt**

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**technic**

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**event**

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**diplomaci**

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In [18]:

```
#list most frequent terms. Lower bound specified as second argument  
findFreqTerms(dtmr, lowfreq=60)
```

```
'eastern' 'right' 'turkish' 'kurdish' 'rebel' 'iran'  
'qatar' 'assad' 'children' 'isra' 'israel' 'russia'
```

Now that we have the most frequently occurring terms in hand, we can check for correlations between some of these and other terms that occur in the corpus. In this context, correlation is a quantitative measure of the co-occurrence of words in multiple documents.

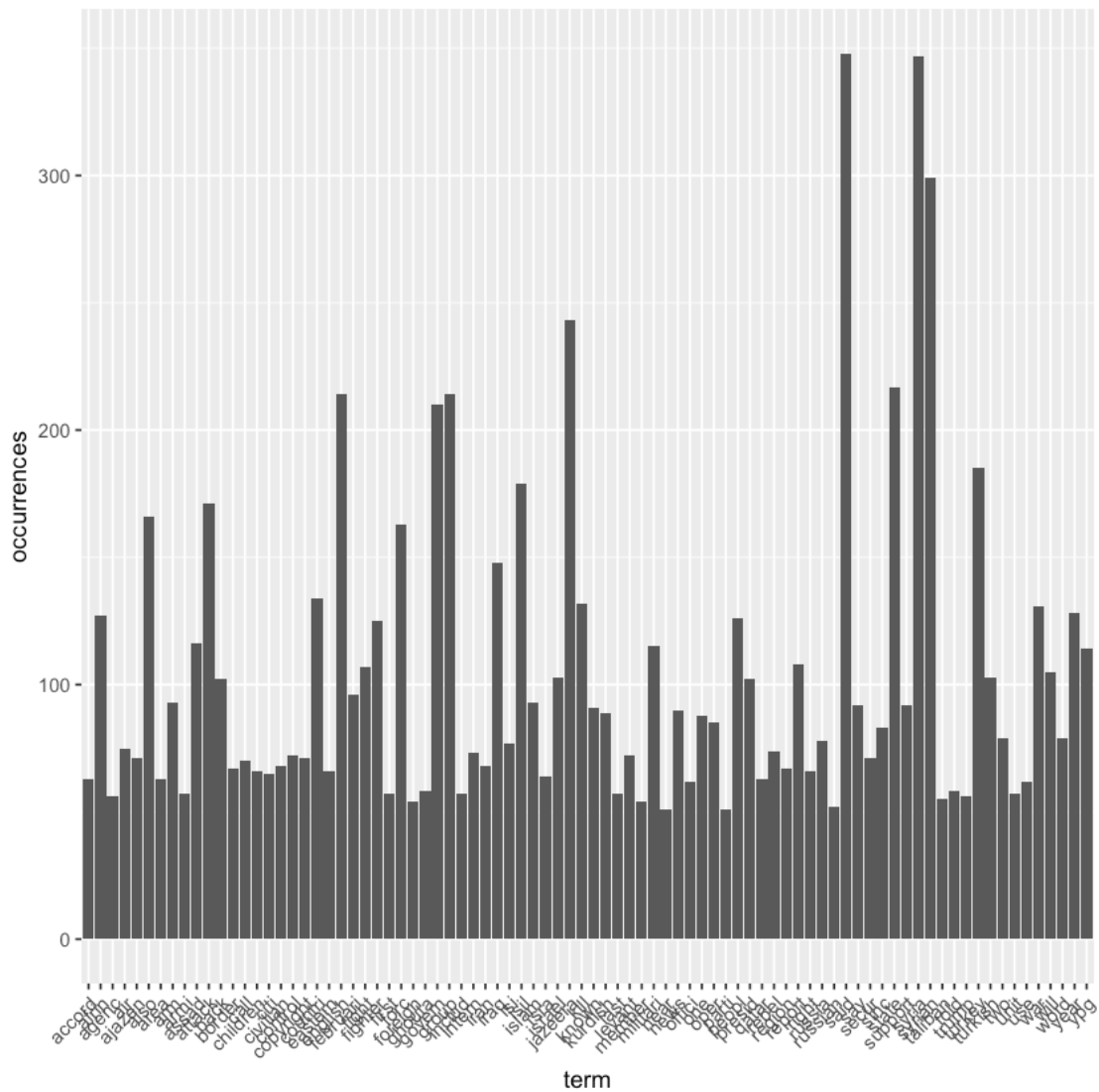
In [ ]:

```
#correlations  
findAssocs(dtm, "turkish", 0.5)  
#findAssocs(dtm, "children", 0.5)
```

One needs to specify the DTM, the term of interest and the correlation limit. The latter is a number between 0 and 1 that serves as a lower bound for the strength of correlation between the search and result terms. For example, if the correlation limit is 1, findAssocs() will return only those words that always co-occur with the search term. A correlation limit of 0.5 will return terms that have a search term co-occurrence of at least 50% and so on.

## Visualizations

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In [21]:

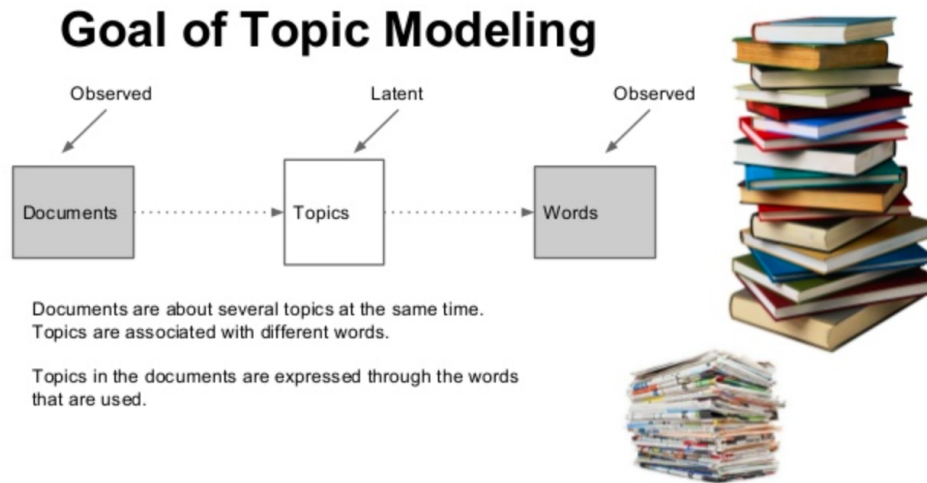
```
#wordcloud  
#setting the same seed each time ensures consistent look across clouds  
set.seed(42)  
#limit words by specifying min frequency  
wordcloud(names(freq),freq, min.freq=70)  
#...add color  
wordcloud(names(freq),freq,min.freq=70,colors=brewer.pal(6,"Dark2"))
```

syria  
state  
attack  
copyright  
militari february presid  
arm countri turkey govern  
report russia support  
war turkish islam forc  
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iraq air two will one peopl  
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said  
assad  
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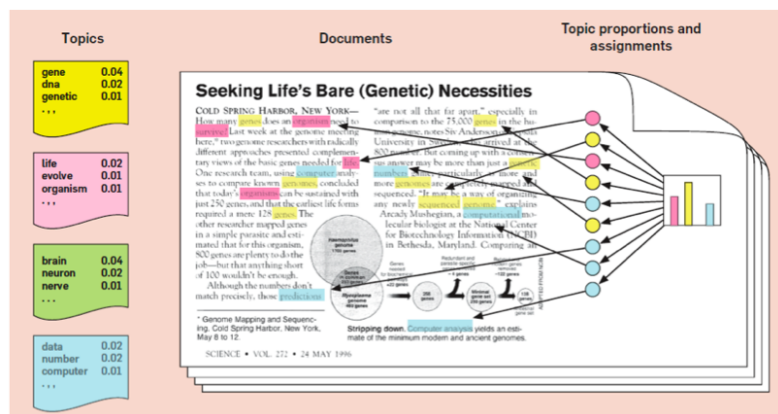
# What is Topic Modeling

- deals with the problem of automatically classifying sets of documents into themes



## What is behind Topic Modeling?

- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) ...
- ... assumes that each of the documents in a collection consist of a mixture of collection-wide topics
- in reality we observe only documents and words, not topics – the latter are part of the hidden (or latent) structure of documents
- goal is to infer the latent topic structure given the words and document - LDA does this by recreating the documents in the corpus by adjusting the relative importance of topics in documents and words in topics iteratively



In [22]:

```
#Topic modeling
#Set parameters for Gibbs sampling
burnin <- 4000
iter <- 2000
thin <- 500
seed <-list(2003,5,63,100001,765)
nstart <- 5
best <- TRUE

#Number of topics
k <- 5

#Run LDA using Gibbs sampling
ldaOut <-LDA(dtm,k, method="Gibbs", control=list(nstart=nstart
, seed = seed, best=best, burnin = burnin, iter = iter, thin=t
hin))
```

In [23]:

```
#have a look at the model and some output
ldaOut
topics(ldaOut)
as.matrix(terms(ldaOut,6))

#write out results
#docs to topics
ldaOut.topics <- as.matrix(topics(ldaOut))
write.csv(ldaOut.topics,file=paste("LDAGibbs",k,"DocsToTopics.
csv"))

#top 6 terms in each topic
ldaOut.terms <- as.matrix(terms(ldaOut,6))
write.csv(ldaOut.terms,file=paste("LDAGibbs",k,"TopicsToTerms.
csv"))
```



A LDA\_Gibbs topic model with 5 topics.

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**71**  
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Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5
presid	iraq	said	turkey	syrian
state	english	attack	syria	syria
right	jazeera	kill	afrin	govern
trump	isil	jazeera	said	group
two	countri	year	ypg	war
israel	qatar	children	forc	assad