

# Assignment 1

## Web Analytics and Mining

MET CS 688

The objective of this homework is to collect a list of articles in Google News or Bing News, which include the keyword Covid-19.

(1) Do either one of the following:

(a) Use a BeautifulSoup, RVEST, or any other libraries you like and search for the “Covid19 Vaccine” and download 50 articles title or abstract, from the search result, via web scrapping.

**Output:**

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In [1]: import requests
import bs4
import pandas as pd
import re
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
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In [2]: # Question 1.a

res = requests.get("https://news.google.com/search?q=Covid19%20Vaccine")
soup = bs4.BeautifulSoup(res.text,"lxml")
articles = []
for i in range(0,50):
    a = soup.select('.xrnccd')[i].getText()
    articles.append(a)

for i in range(0,len(articles)):
    print("\n",articles[i])
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NY hospital puts baby deliveries on hold as maternity workers quit over COVID-19 vaccine mandateFox News11 hours ago
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England cancels plans for COVID-19 vaccine passports: health officialFox News7 hours agobookmark_bordersharemore_vert
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Arkansas governor: Biden's Covid-19 vaccine mandate 'hardens the resistance' to themCNN9 hours agobookmark_bordersha
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What might increase COVID-19 vaccine willingness? NMSU professor's study may yield answers.Las Cruces Sun-News5 hour
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FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine | FDAFDA.govAug 23bookmark_bordersharemore_vert

Not getting vaccinated against Covid-19 is like driving while intoxicated, health expert saysCNNYesterdaybookmark_bo
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(2) Stores the downloaded articles' title and abstract on your local drive in a standard file format, e.g., CSV, XML, SQL, or JSON.

(3) Write a script to look at the title of each article and count the following words: “side effect,” “Pain,” “Booster,” “vaccine” Then, create a word frequency histogram.

## Output:

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In [3]: # Question 2
df = pd.DataFrame(articles)
df.to_csv("Covid19_articles.csv", index=False)

In [4]: # Question 3

In [5]: words = ["side effect", "Pain", "Booster", "vaccine"]

In [6]: word_count = {}
for j in words:
    sum1 = 0
    for i in range(0, len(articles)):
        if re.findall(j.lower(), str(articles[i]).lower()):
            sum1 += 1
    word_count[j] = (sum1)
    print("{} appeared {} times".format(j, sum1))

side effect appeared 0 times
Pain appeared 0 times
Booster appeared 0 times
vaccine appeared 38 times

In [7]: print(word_count)

{'side effect': 0, 'Pain': 0, 'Booster': 0, 'vaccine': 38}

In [8]: plt.figure(figsize = (15,7))
sns.barplot(x = list(word_count.keys()), y = list(word_count.values()))
plt.title("Word frequency")
plt.ylabel("Count of words")
plt.show()
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