Resources for the workshop

A 'cheat sheet' for this workshop is hosted on Sudo's website at:

https://sudolabs.ca/assets/pdfs/Cheatsheet_IBM.pdf

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IBM Watson Analytics

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Optional preparation for following along

If you have your own laptop with you and are interested in following along with this workshop, please complete the following steps:

- 1. Head to https://www.ibm.com/watson-analytics and click on 'Try it for free'
- 2. Make an IBM account and activate it using your email
 - a. You can put 'Queen's University' if you are asked for an organisation
- 3. Go back to the page and sign in
- 4. You should received an email shortly confirming your 30 day free trial of Watson Analytics
- 5. You should now be at the beginning page for Watson Analytics you are ready to follow along!

IBM Watson: where did it come from?

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is concerned with making computers mimic human-like cognitive abilities
- It aims to solve tasks like:
 - Planning
 - Reasoning
 - Learning
 - Natural language use
 - Perception
- IBM Watson is a question-answering system that uses many (more than 100!) Al techniques - especially ones to deal with natural language!

IBM Watson: how does it answer questions?

Query: what plants are native to the UK?

Several things to consider:

- What word sense does plant have in this context?
 - Is it referring to a factory? A green thing that grows in a pot? The act of placing seeds in soil?
- The UK is made up of several countries we want information about Scotland as well as UK
 - We need a way to model the relationship between UK and Scotland
- Trees and flowers are types of plants how do we know to look for those words too?
 - We need a way to model the relationship between tree, flower, plants

IBM Watson: how does it answer questions?

 Most successful Al programs have been trained to recognise patterns in huge amounts of data

- IBM Watson takes the same approach resources!
 - Access to massive amounts of data
 - Specialist programmers to curate the data it uses
 - Ability to apply many different natural language analysis algorithms at the same time

IBM Watson: what is it used for?

- Watson Analytics
- Watson for Social Media and Conversation
- Watson Health
- Company-specific partnerships
 - General Motors: in-car personalised service
 - Wimbledon: tennis video analysis
 - Many other companies: Natural language virtual assistant

IBM Watson Analytics

Today we will be looking briefly at some of the things we can achieve using Watson Analytics.

If you're following along on your laptop, now is a good time to bring up the Watson Analytics website that you logged into earlier.

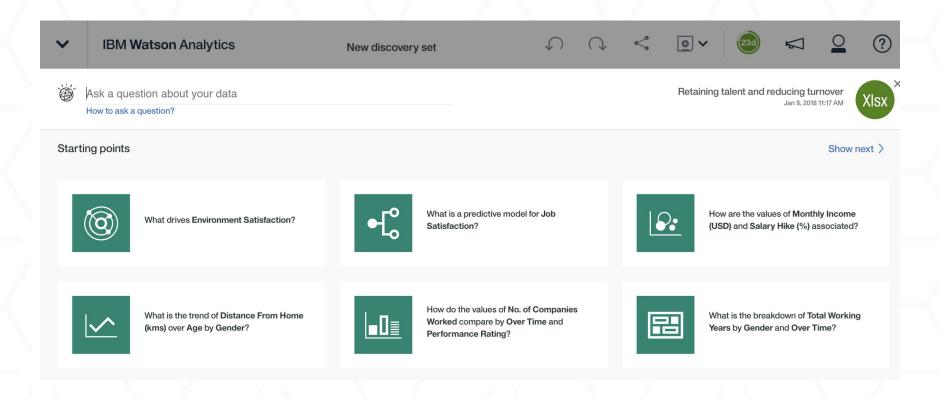
For those not following along - don't worry! We'll be going through some examples step by step on screen.

Watson Analytics: Connecting to your data

You have several options for connecting your data to Watson:

- Import from other programs: Box, Shopify, SurveyMonkey, OneDrive etc
- Secure connection to a database: SQL Server, dashDB etc
- Upload from your local computer

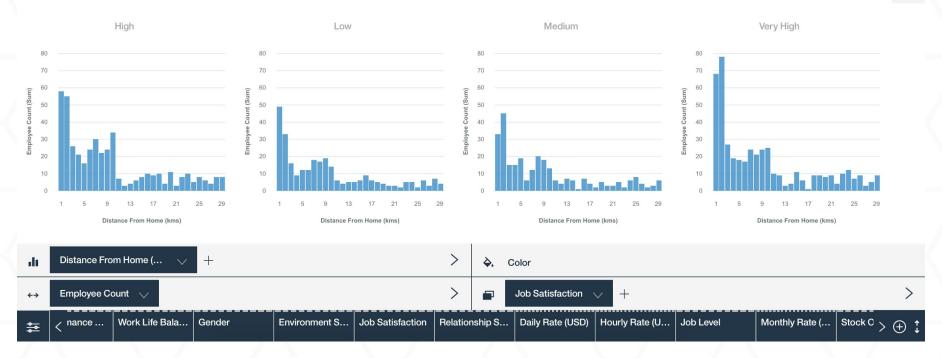
Watson Analytics: Data



Watson Analytics: Visualisation

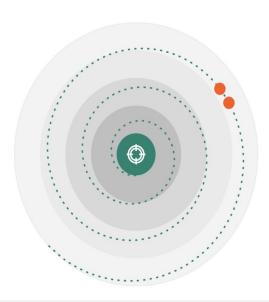
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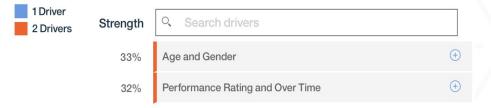




Watson Analytics: Predictive analysis

What drives Job Satisfaction ⊗ ?





Demo!

Want to find out more?

Interested in predictive analytics and/or statistical modelling?

- Plenty of online data science courses on coursera and udemy
- Grab yourself some free data from the UCI or Stanford websites

Interested in natural language processing?

- Learn Python!
- Take some computational linguistics or NLP classes

Interested in general machine learning and AI?

- Create your own project using the Watson API!
 - More information available on the cheat sheet
- Check out sci-kit learn a well-known Python machine learning library