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(Facebook & Instagram URL-Search Data)

- 2) Two-mode Semantic Networks
- 3) Twitter Bot Detection with Botometer API

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APR **07** 2021 Social Media Lab's Computational Social Science off Q (CSS) Bootcamp – Summer 2021

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What: CSS Bootcamp on Examining Online Discourse & Networks with Communalytic

When: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am -11:30 am (ET) between May and July, 2021.

Where: Zoom (see details below)
Free Registration via Zoom

Outline

- Data Collection using CrowdTangle (Facebook & Instagram URL-Search Data)
- 2. Two-mode Semantic Networks
- 3. Twitter Bot Detection with Botometer API (*Tiago Ribeiro*)





What Facebook/Instagram data does CrowdTangle cover?

- Facebook: 7M+ Facebook pages, groups, and verified profiles. This includes all public Facebook pages with more than 25K Page Likes or Followers (automated via API), all public Facebook groups with 95k+ members, all US-based public groups with 2K+ members, and all verified profiles.
- Instagram: 2M+ public Instagram accounts. This includes all public Instagram accounts with more than 50K followers, as well as all verified accounts.

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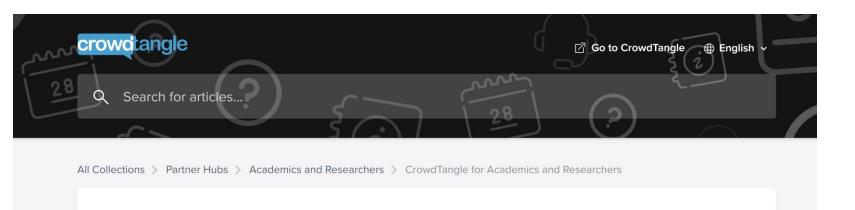
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What public Facebook Pages does CrowdTangle cover?

The table below summarizes the percentage of Facebook Pages active in the last 28 days that CrowdTangle tracks, broken down by number of Page Likes or Followers (last updated 6/08/2021). It does not include places (like this example), which do not contain any posts. The table will be updated every 30 days.

Number of Page Likes/Followers	Percentage of Pages CrowdTangle Tracks
>50,000	99.83%
>30,000	86.21%
>10,000	48.18%
>7,500	40.35%
>5,500	33.24%
>2,500	19.40%
>500	7.18%
ALL	1.72%



CrowdTangle for Academics and Researchers

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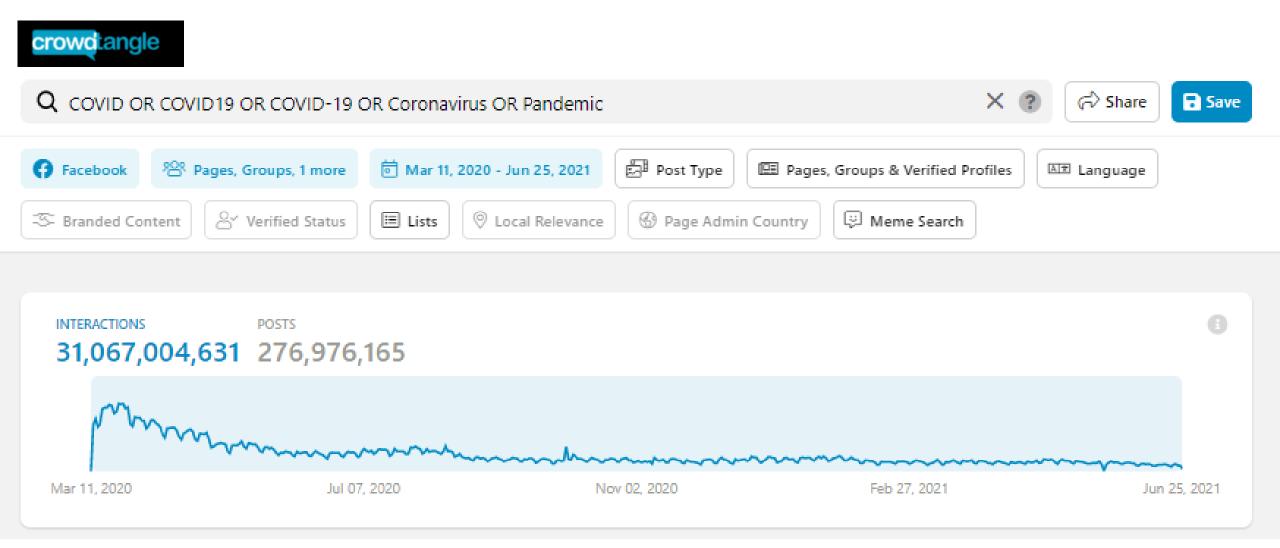
CrowdTangle started a pilot program in 2019 to partner with researchers and academics to help them study the spread of public content on Facebook and

Apply to Access CrowdTangle

Apply to be part of CrowdTangle's Academics & Researchers program and get access to the CrowdTangle interface and API, as well as training and resources. Before applying, learn more about how Academics & Researchers use CrowdTangle here. We're currently prioritizing university researchers (faculty, PhD students, postdoctoral research fellows) focused on:

- Misinformation
- Elections
- COVID-19
- Racial justice
- Well-being

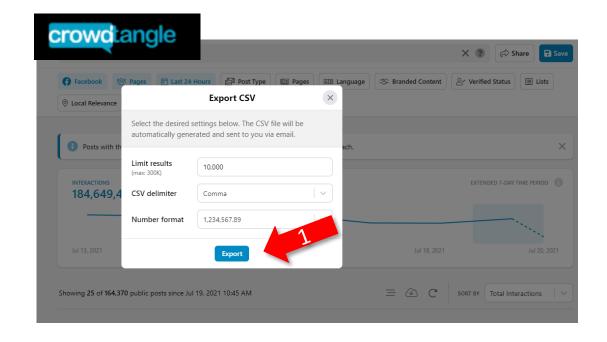
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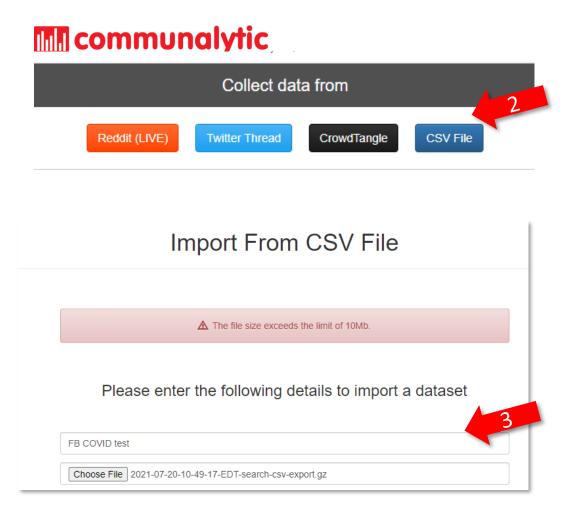


Source: <u>Crowdtangle</u>

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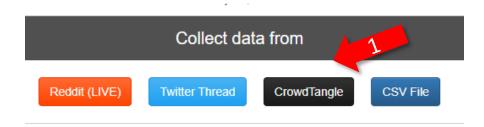




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Option 2: Direct Import via CrowdTangle's URL-search API

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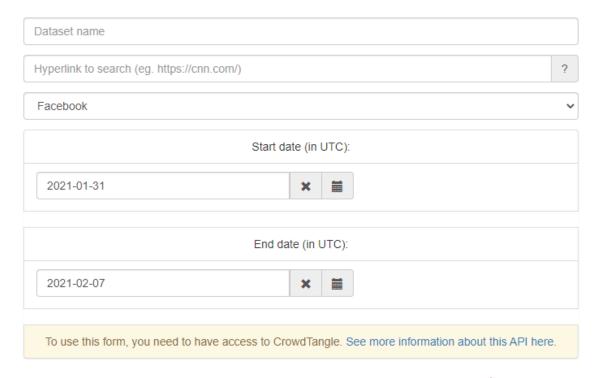


Via CrowdTangle, Communalytic can collect and analyze public Facebook and Instagram posts that shared the same URL.

Example: A URL to a New York Times story or the URL to any domain name

CrowdTangle Data Import

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Sample URL-based Search with CrowdTangle

A news story about a possible side-effect of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine

Facebook posts sharing and commenting on this news story



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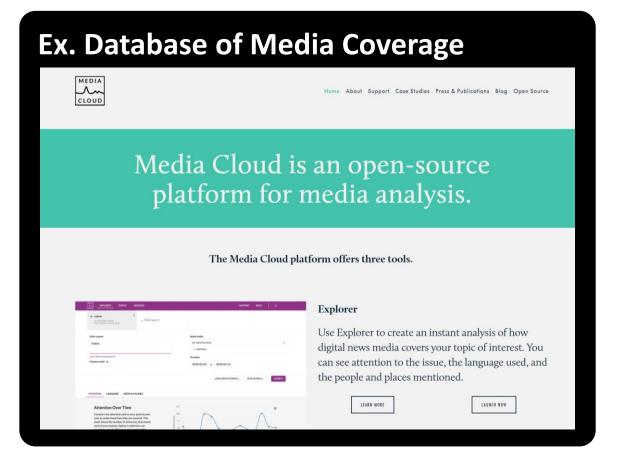
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Research Projects using CrowdTangle's URL-based Search

Sample Research Topics

- Identify signs of possible coordination among seemingly disparate accounts on platforms like Facebook and Instagram
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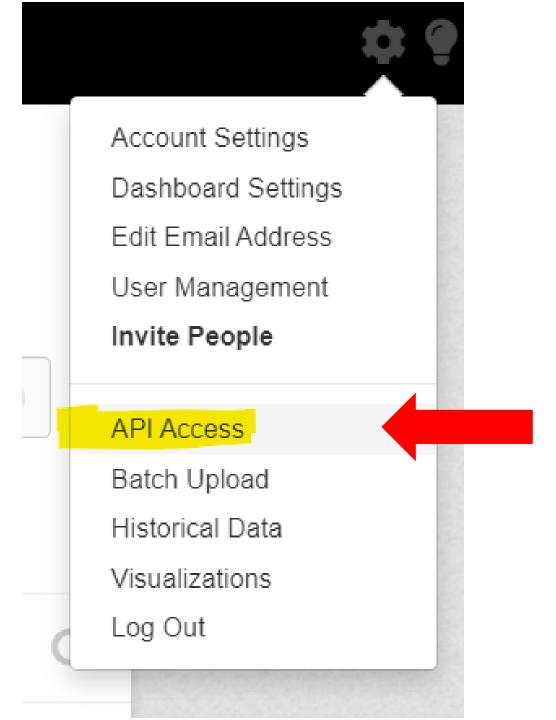
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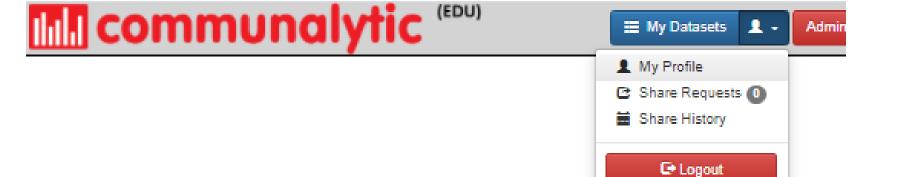
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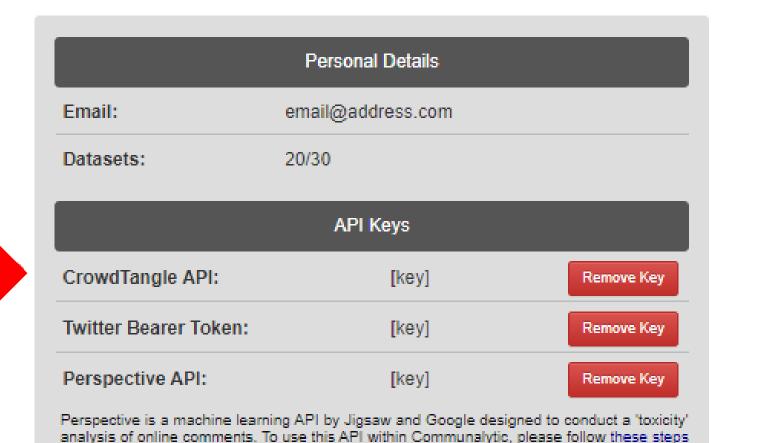
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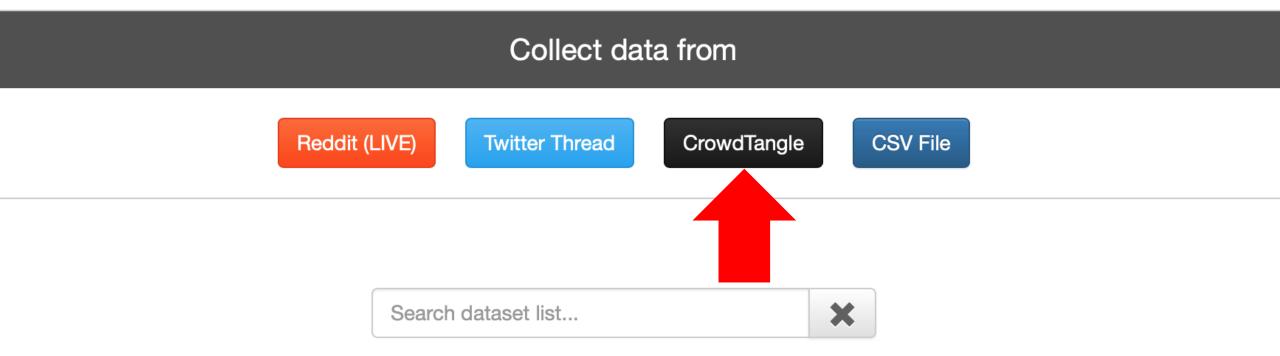
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to generate an API key. Once generated, enter your API key in the text field above.



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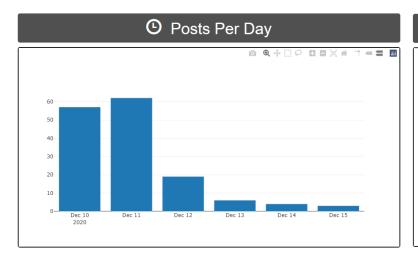
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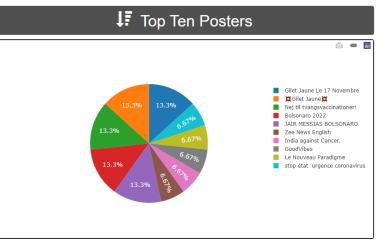
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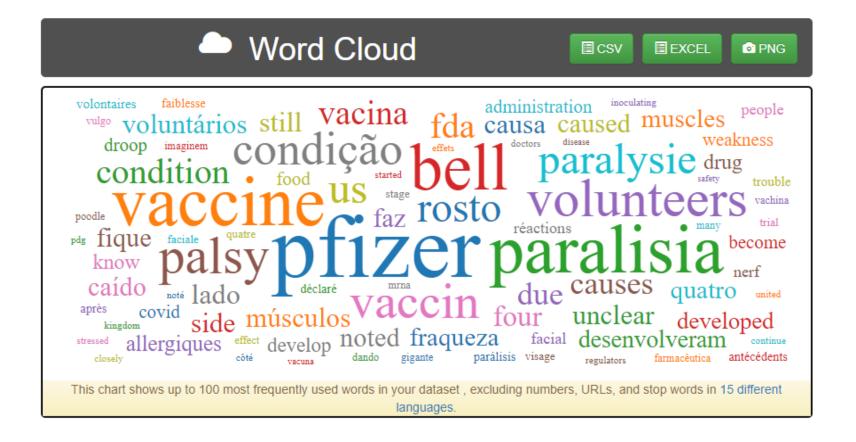
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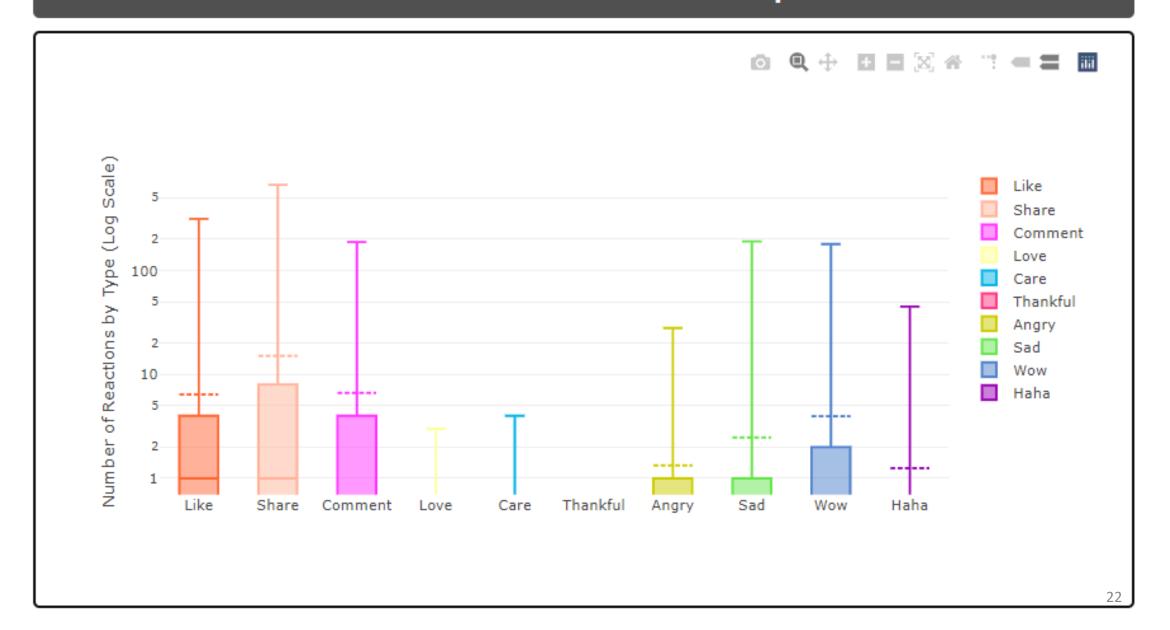
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■ Reaction Count Boxplots



Toxicity Analysis

There were 151 comments analyzed in English

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Reset Analysis

⚠ The Toxicity analysis can only run with one language mode at a time. To change the primary language selection for this dataset, click on the Reset Analysis button and rerun the analysis as needed.

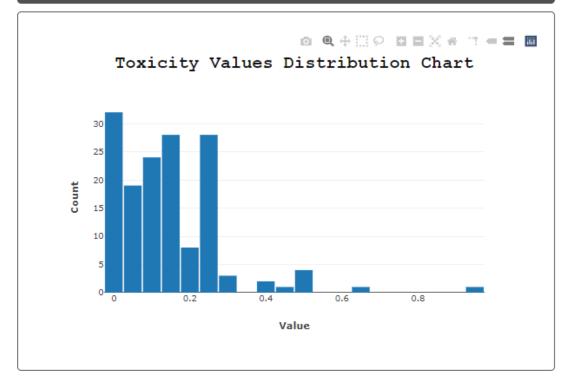
Click on the highest/lowest values to see the top posts for each category

Download the Toxicity analysis results as a CSV file.

	Average for dataset	Highest value	Lowest value
Toxicity 19	0.15	0.96	0.01
Severe toxicity 6	0.10	0.89	0.00
Identity attack 😉	0.13	0.80	0.00
Insult 😉	0.14	0.79	0.01
Profanity 6	0.12	0.97	0.00
Threat 6	0.15	0.49	0.01
Sexually Explicit 😉	0.10	0.85	0.01
Flirtation 6	0.36	0.67	0.18

TOXICITY VALUES DISTRIBUTION CHART





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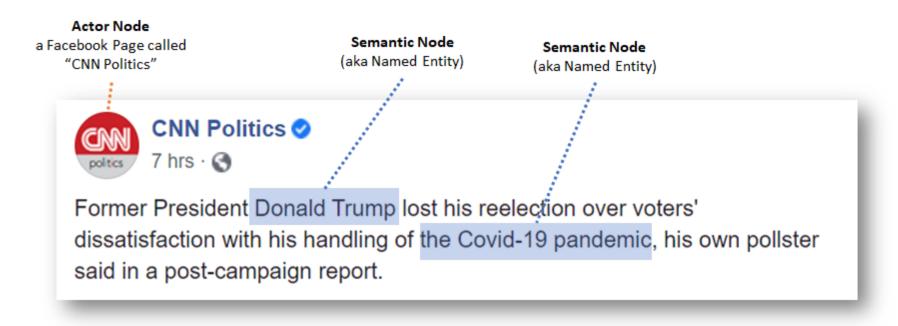
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Example of a Two-mode Semantic Network based on a single Facebook post

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Communication then uses natural language processing (NLP) to examine the content of the post and locate any **Semantic Nodes** (Named Entities). In this example, it found two **Semantic Nodes**: "Donald Trump" and "Covid-19 pandemic".

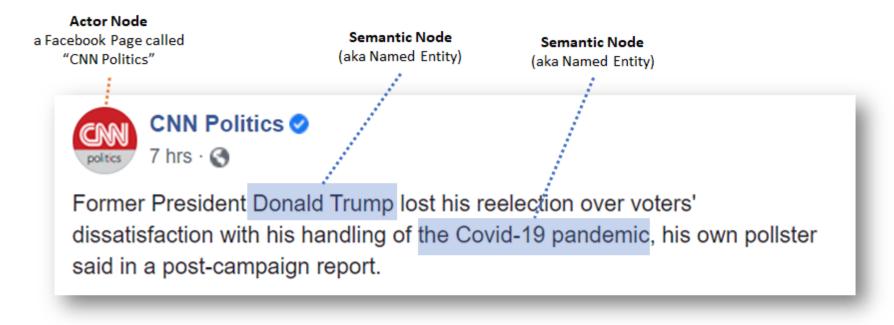


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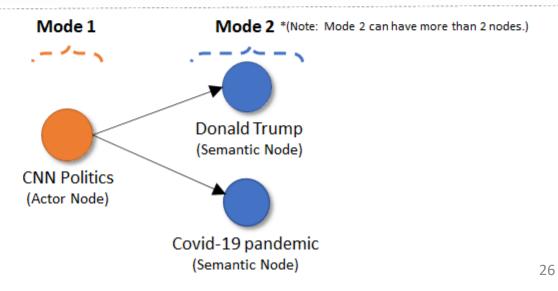
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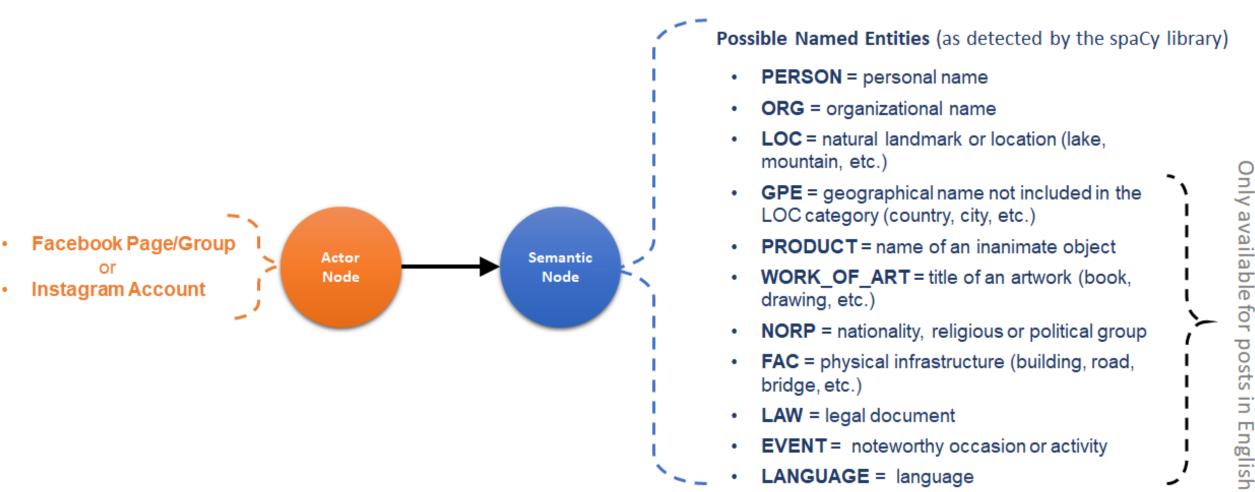
Step 2: Edge Discovery

Next, to create a **two-mode network**, Communalytic automatically connects the **Actor Node** ("CNN Politics") to the two **Semantic Nodes** ("Donald Trump" and "Covid-19 pandemic").



How are 'Named Entities' identified?

Communalytic relies on **spaCy**, a natural language processing library, to detect different types of named entities.



Accuracy Measures for Named Entities Detection using spaCy:

Language models	Precision [0.00-1.00]	Recall [0.00-1.00]
English model	0.86	0.85
Japanese model	0.74	0.70
Chinese model	0.74	0.69
Multi-language model	0.84	0.83

https://spacy.io/usage/linguistic-features#named-entities

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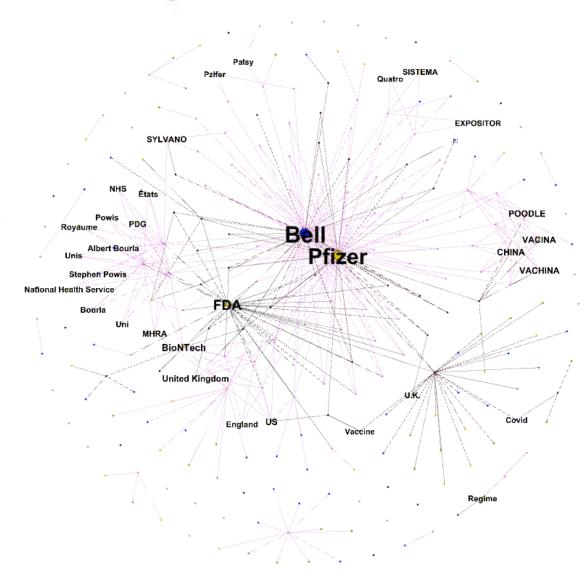
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Two-mode Semantic Network connecting Actor Nodes to Semantic Nodes



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This step automatically creates a 'who replies to whom' communication network from your Twitter dataset. If you are new to Social Network Analysis (SNA), check out <u>this SNA primer</u> to learn the fundamentals of Network Analysis.

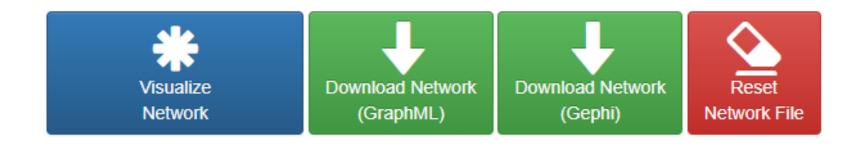
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Network generation in progress! The completion time depends on the network size and may take up to few hours for large networks. Feel free to close the window and come back later.

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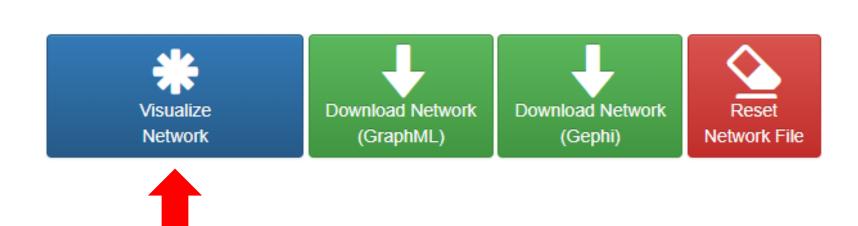




Two-Mode Semantic Network Visualizer in Communalytic

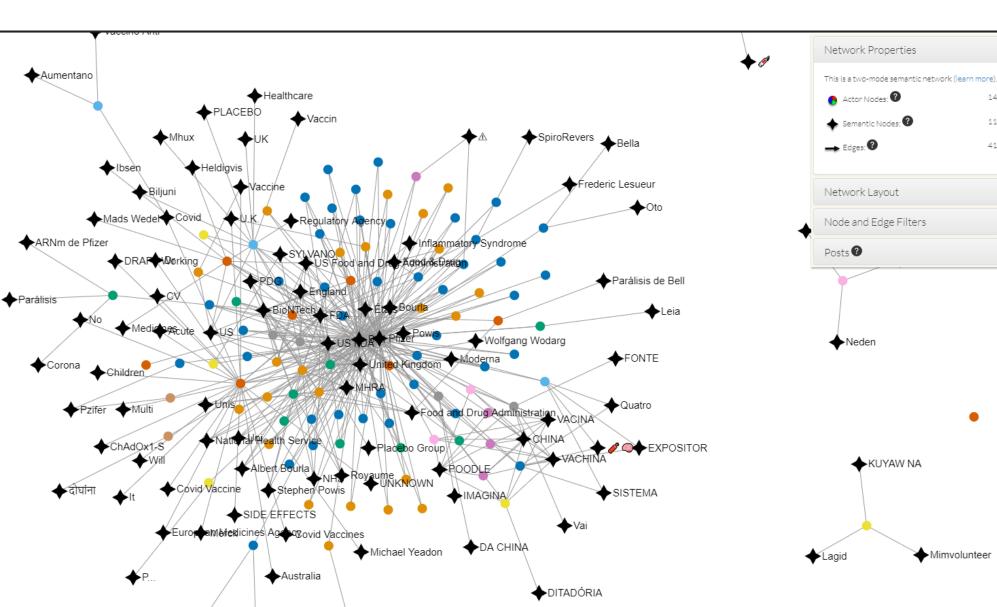
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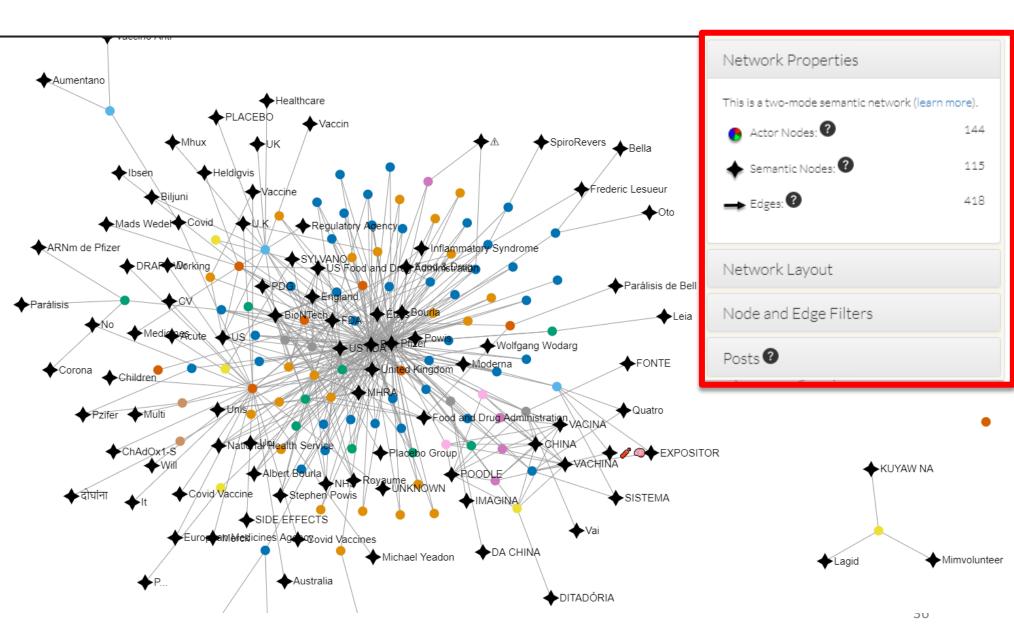
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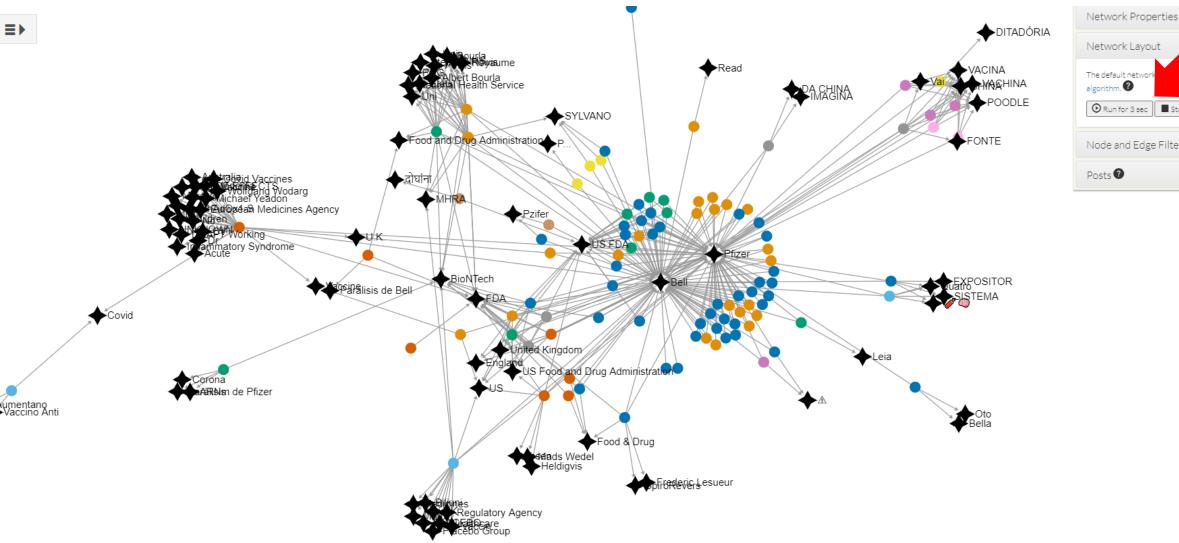


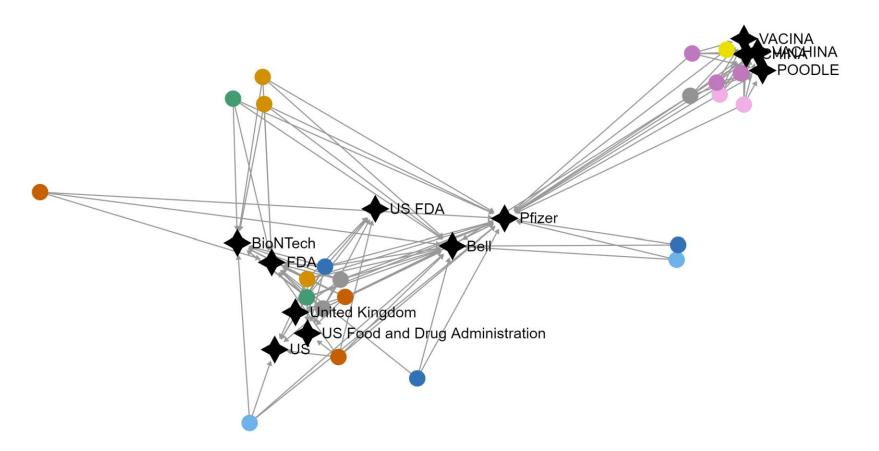
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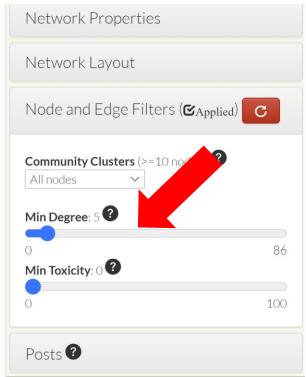
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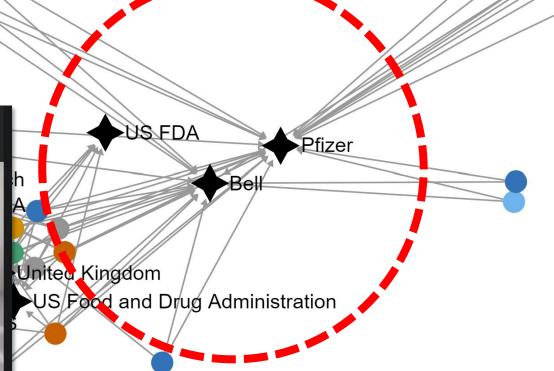


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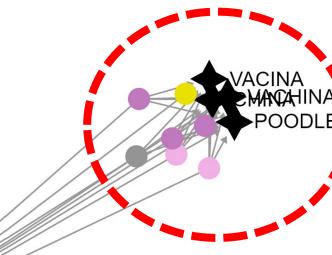
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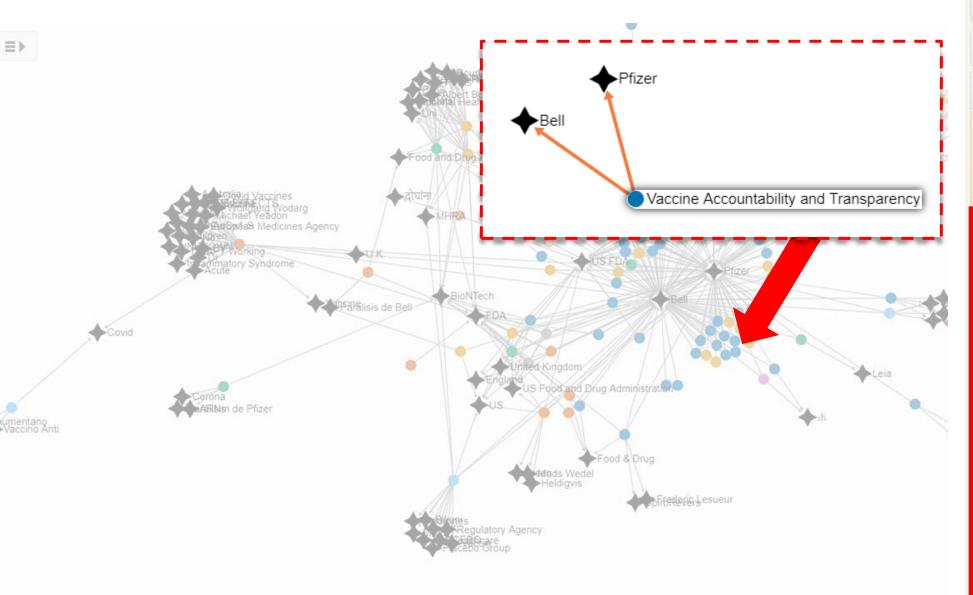
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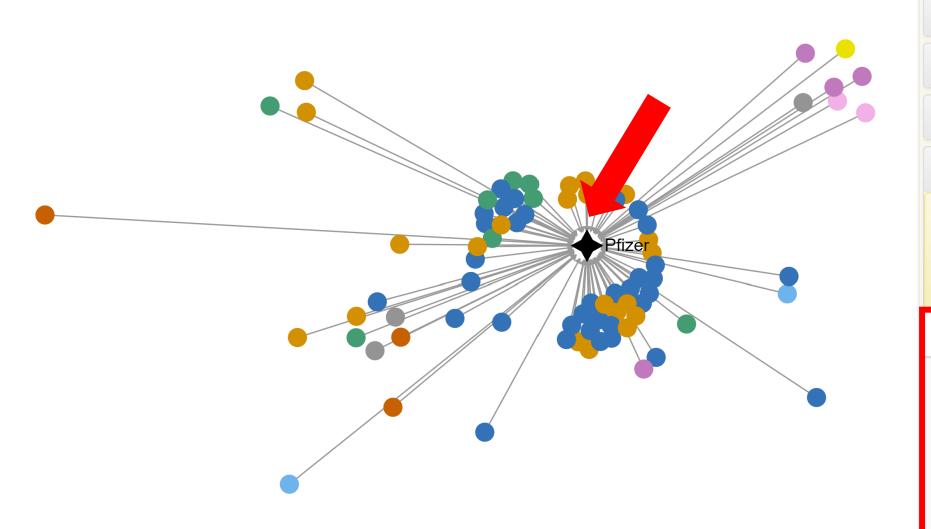
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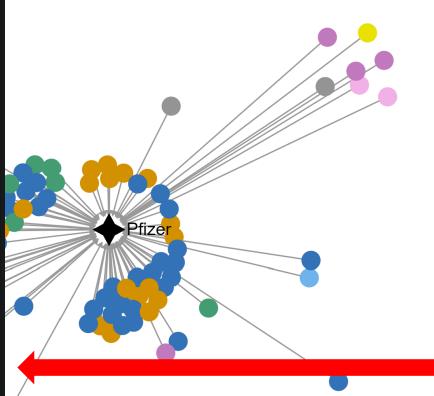
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UK drug regulator Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has allayed fears of Bell's palsy being associated with coronavirus vaccine developed by Pfizer-BioNTech after 4 participants of a US trials suffered from the facial paralysis.

The vaccine has been developed by US-based pharmaceutical company Pfizer and German biotechnology company BioNTech.

According To Reports, 4 Out Of 21,720 Participants In The US Suffered Bell's Palsy After receiving Pfizer Vaccine But None Out Of The 21,728 Subjects Faced Any Problem In Placebo Group.





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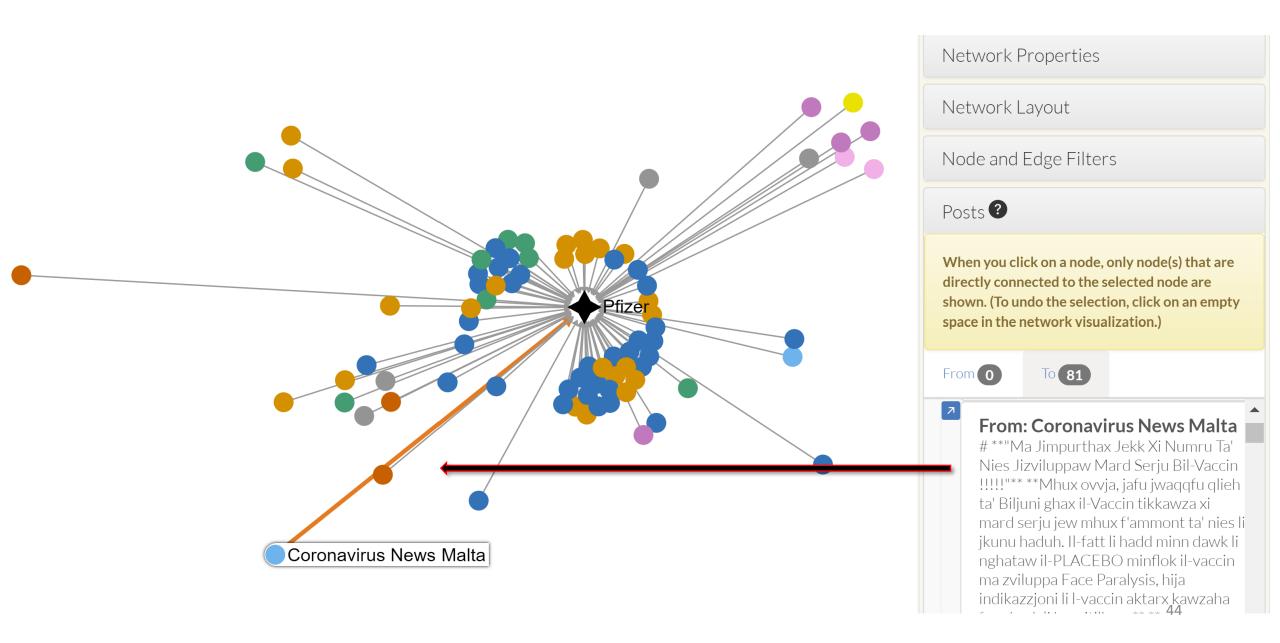
When you click on a node, only node(s) that are directly connected to the selected node are shown. (To undo the selection, click on an empty space in the network visualization.)

From 0

To 81

From: Coronavirus News Malta

"Ma Jimpurthax Jekk Xi Numru Ta' Nies Jizviluppaw Mard Serju Bil-Vaccin !!!!!" **Mhux ovvja, jafu jwaqqfu qlieh ta' Biljuni ghax il-Vaccin tikkawza xi mard serju jew mhux f'ammont ta' nies li jkunu haduh. Il-fatt li hadd minn dawk li nghataw il-PLACEBO minflok il-vaccin ma zviluppa Face Paralysis, hija indikazzjoni li l-vaccin aktarx kawzaha

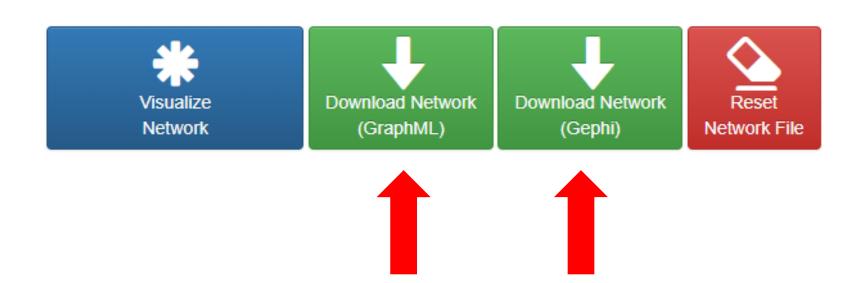




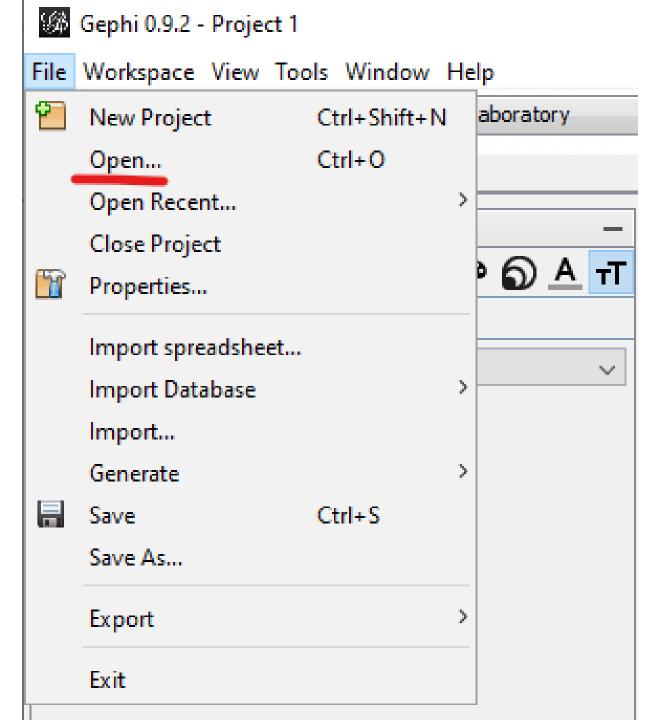
Two-Mode Semantic Network Visualizer in Gephi

Network Analysis

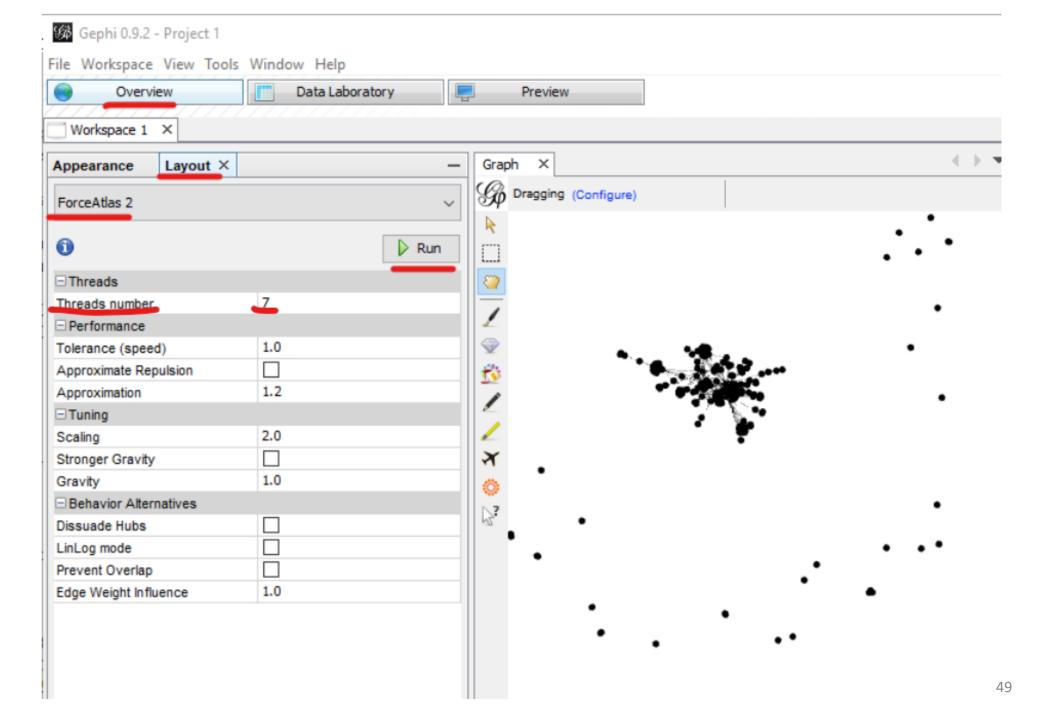
• This module automatically creates a two-mode semantic network from your CrowdTangle (FB or IG) dataset. If you are new to Social network Analysis (SNA), check out **this tutorial** to learn more about how two-mode semantic networks are built and how to analyze them.

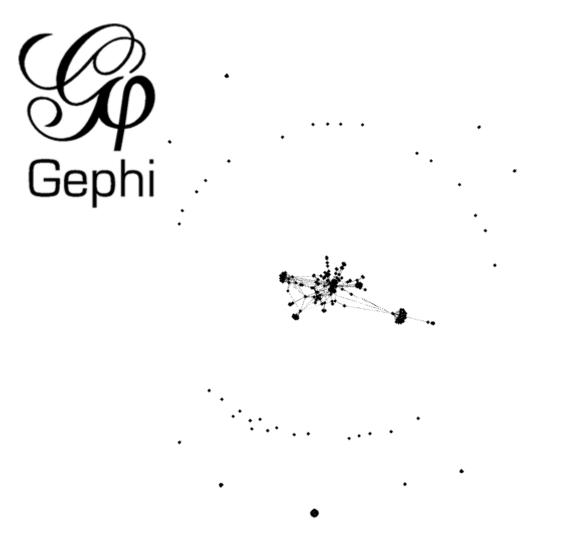




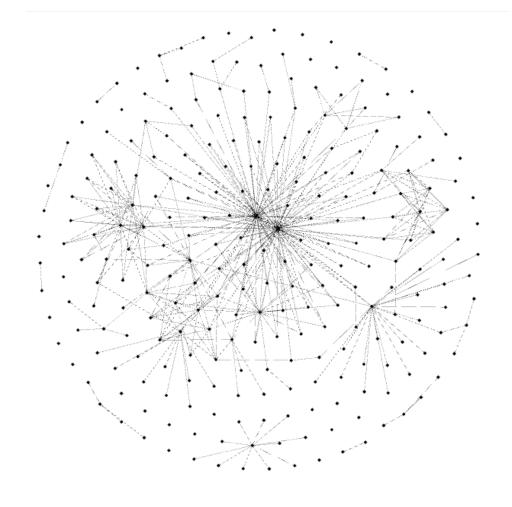






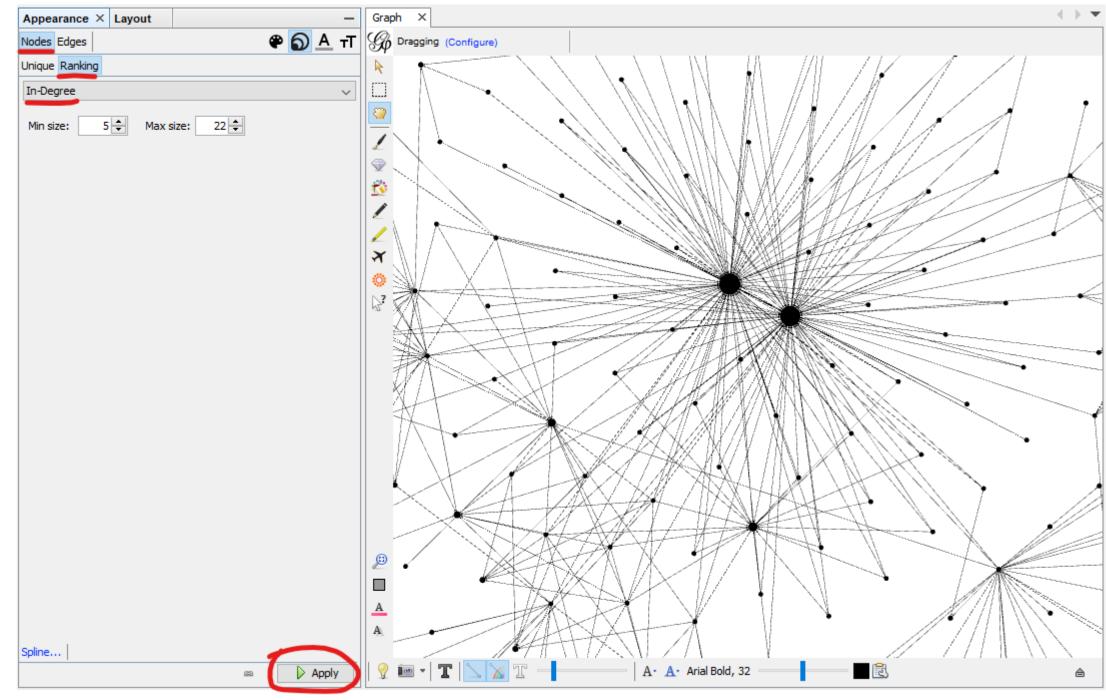


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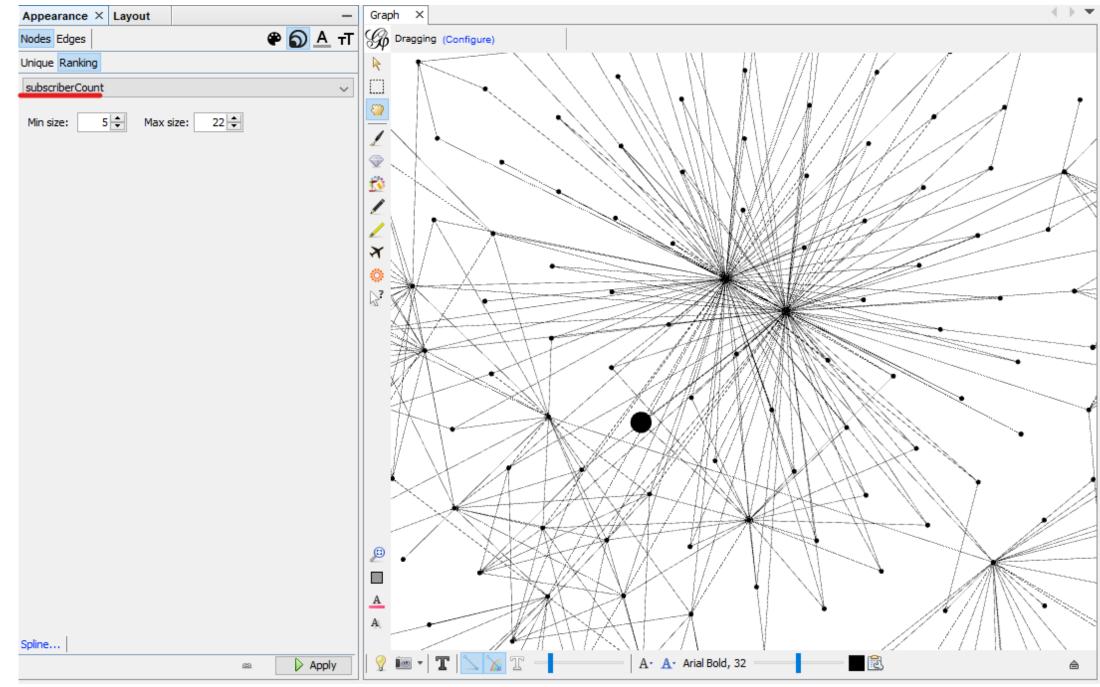


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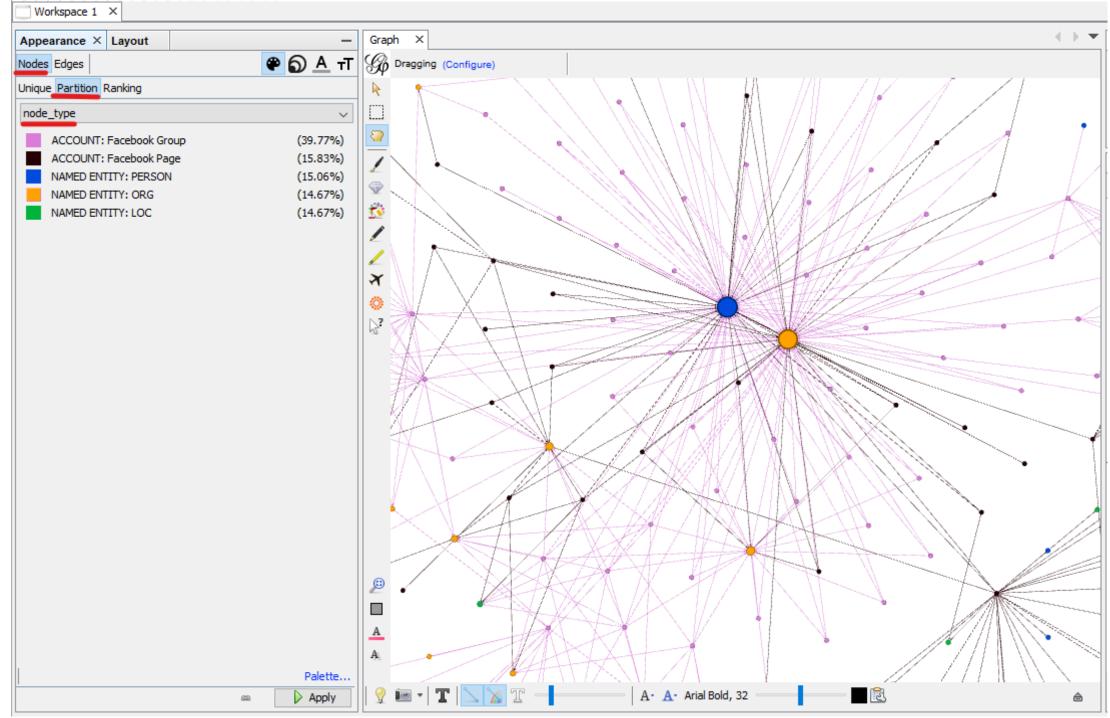




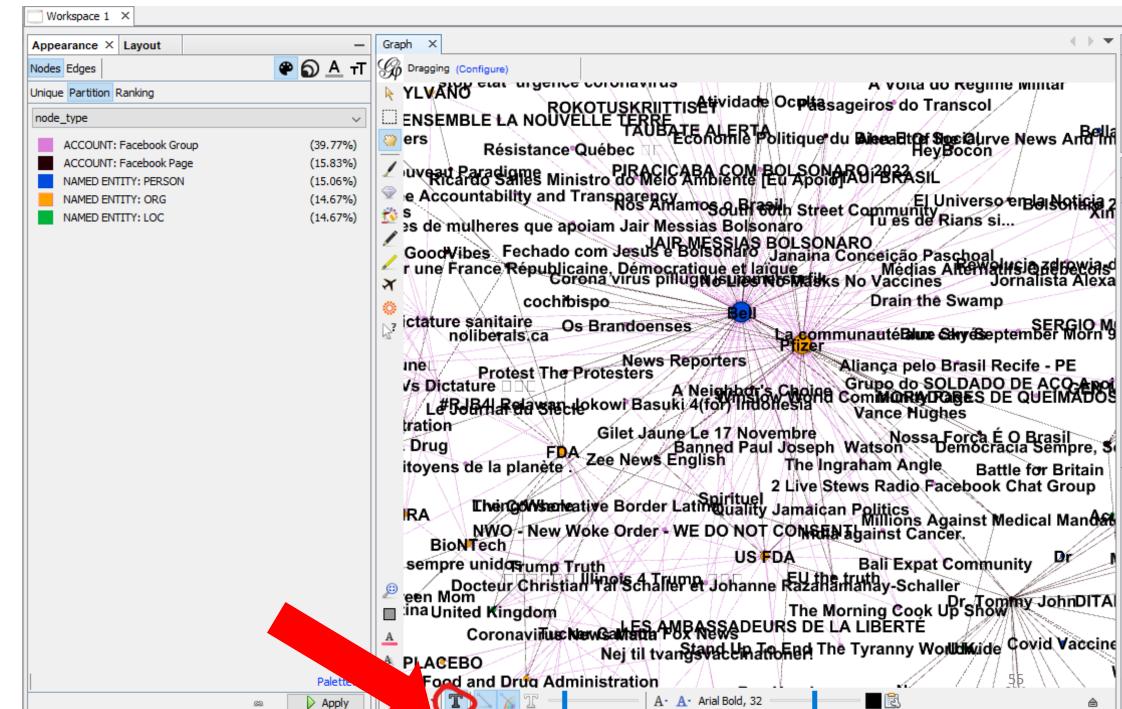




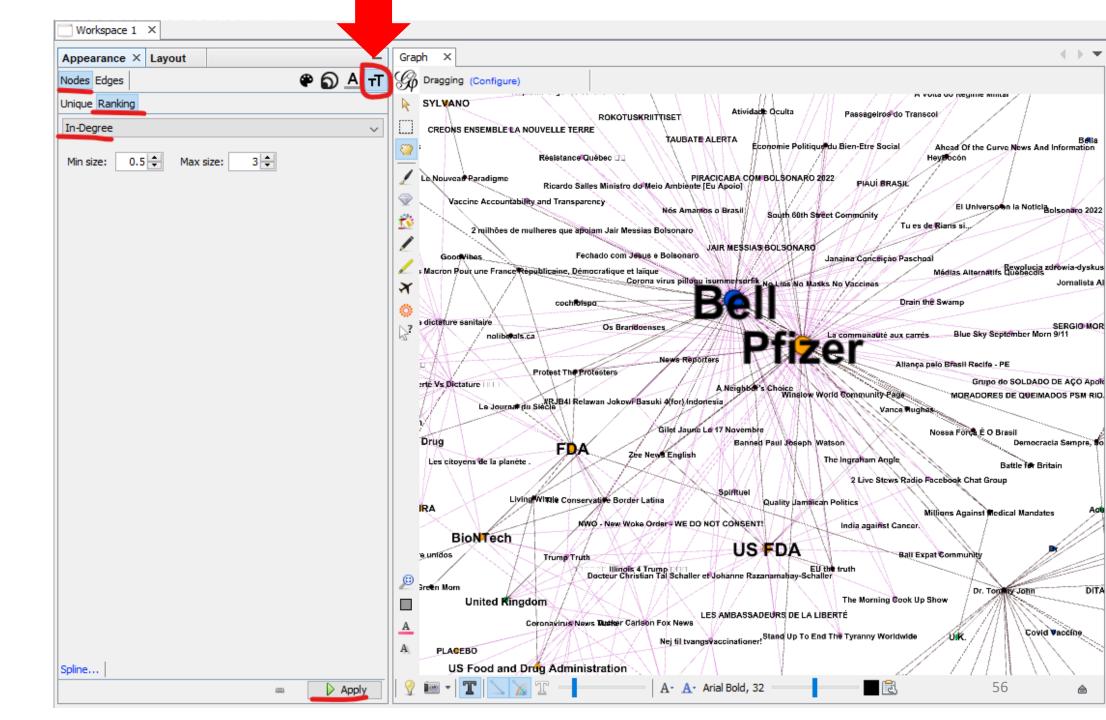










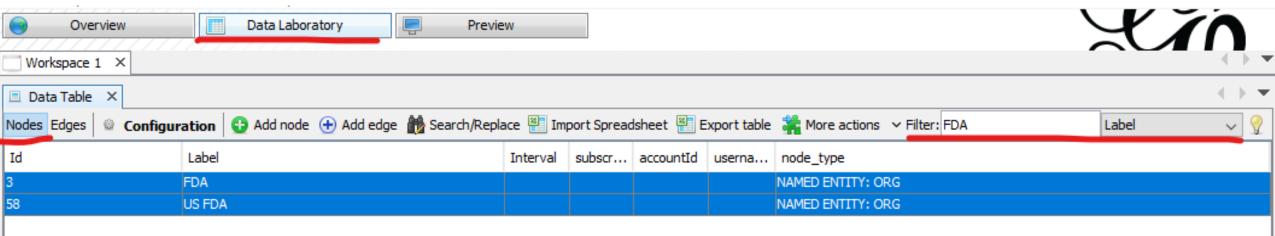




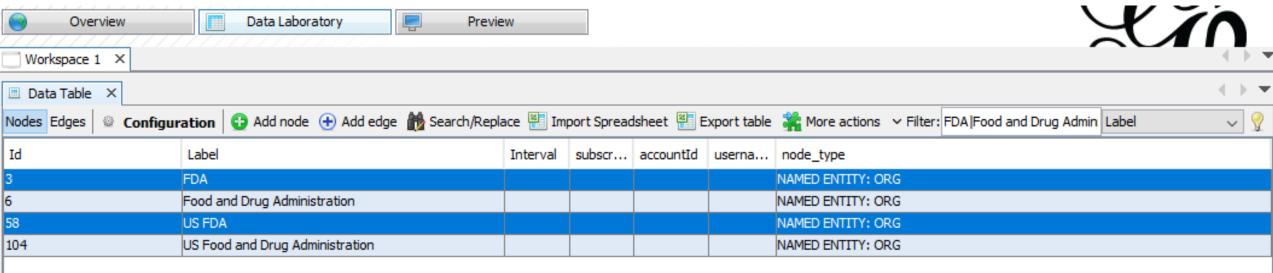
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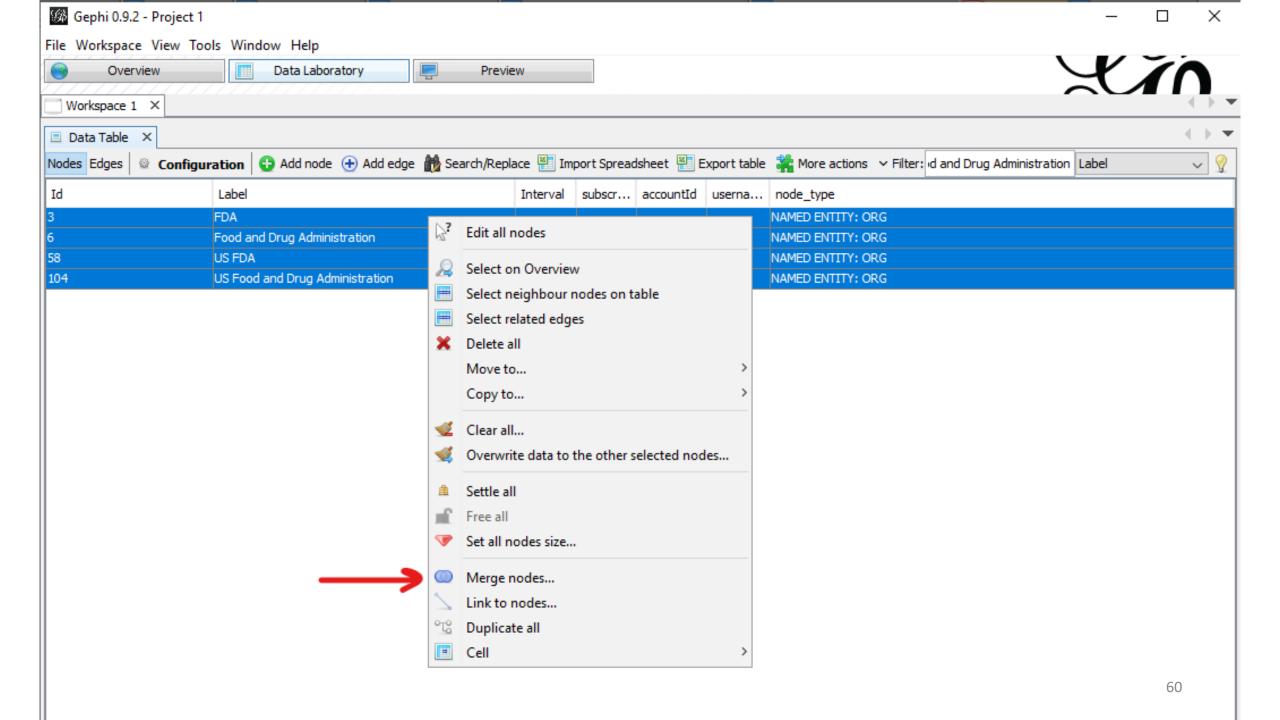
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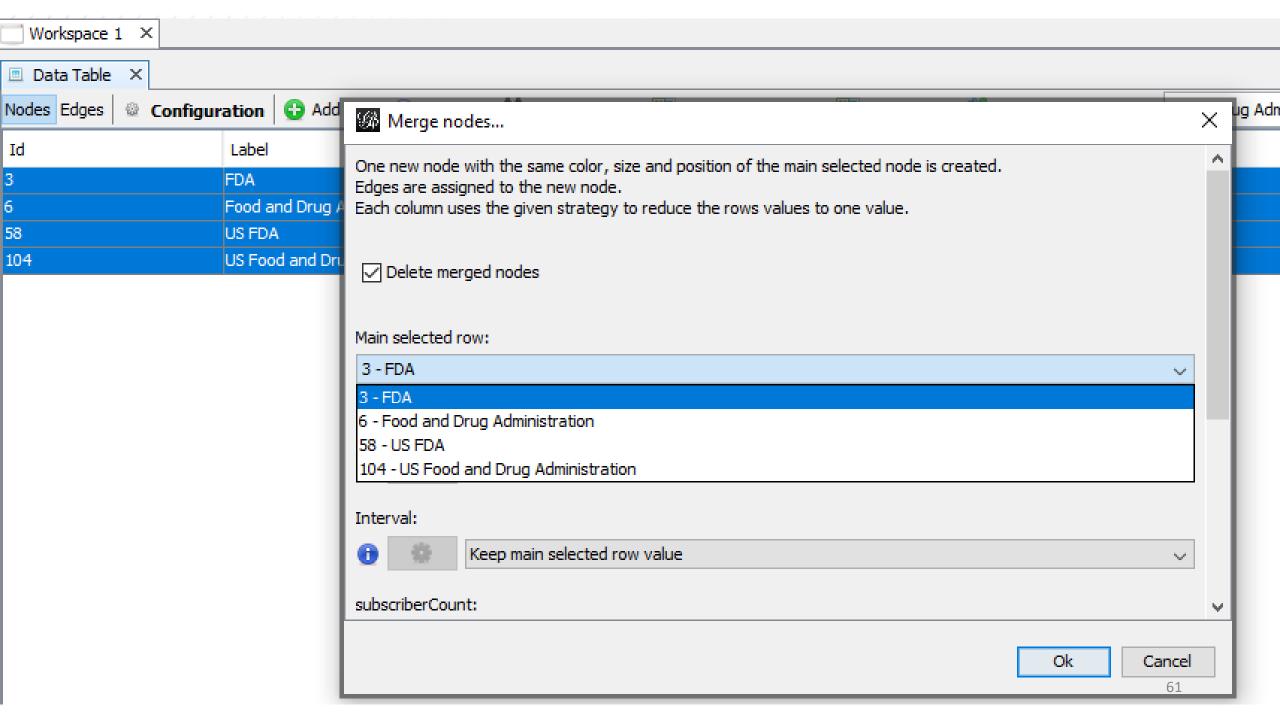


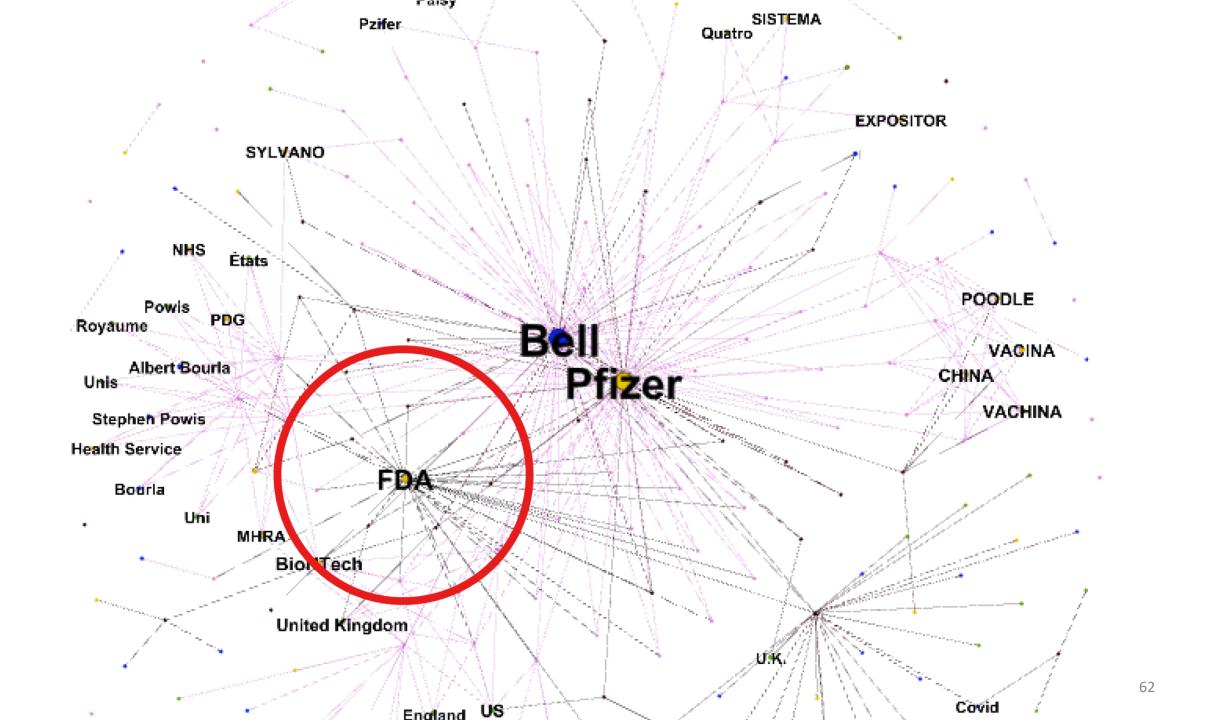








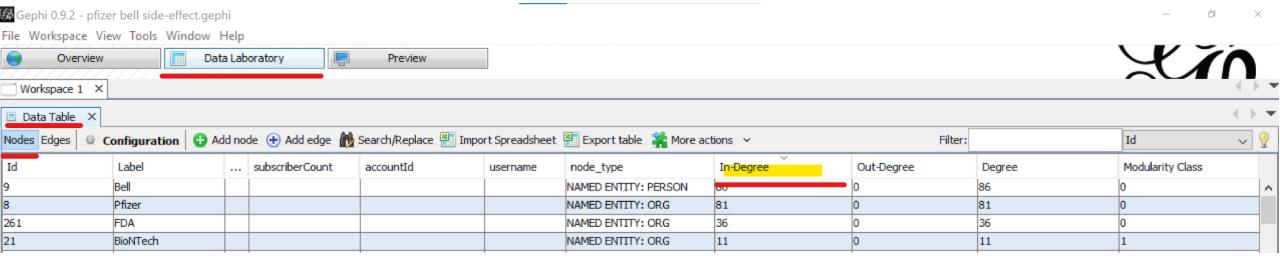


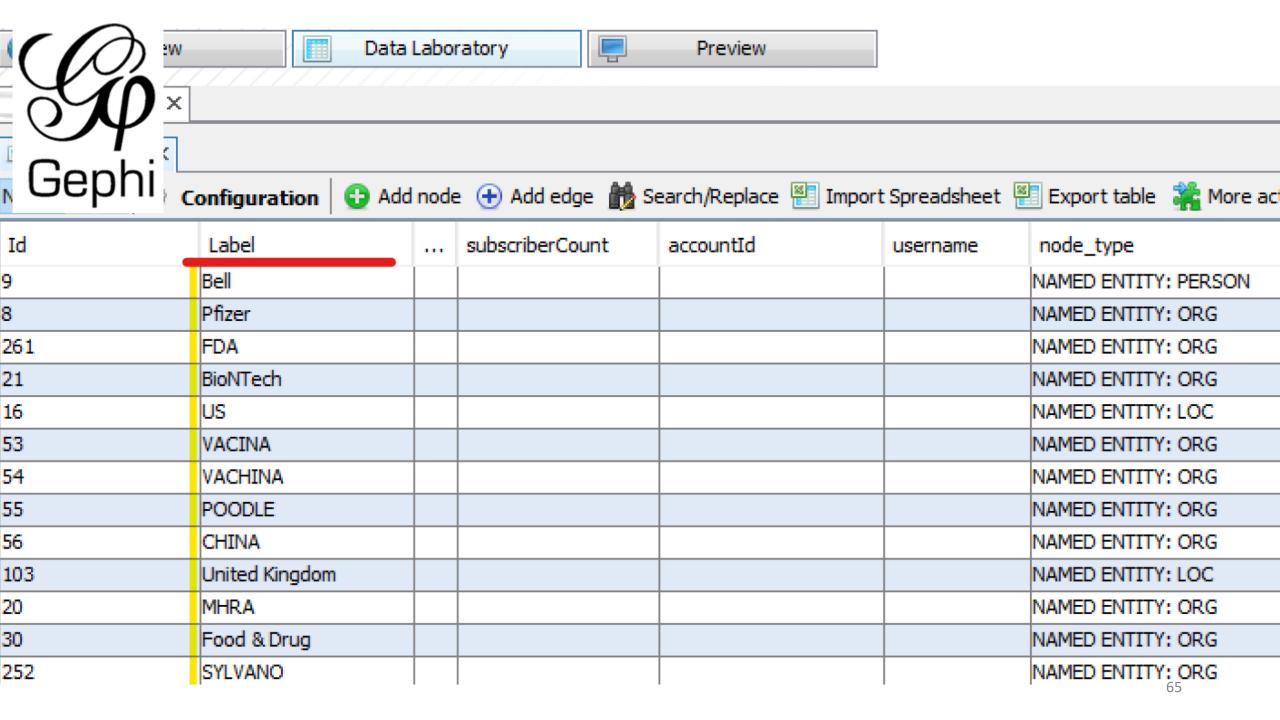


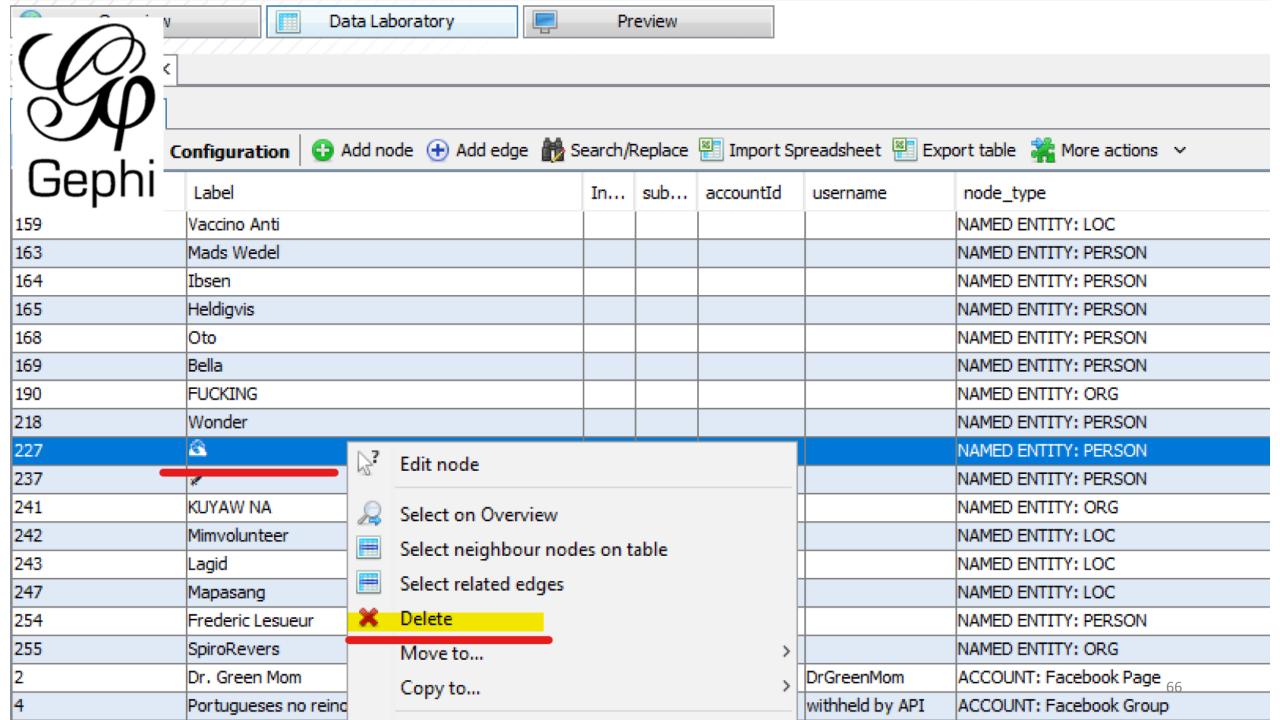


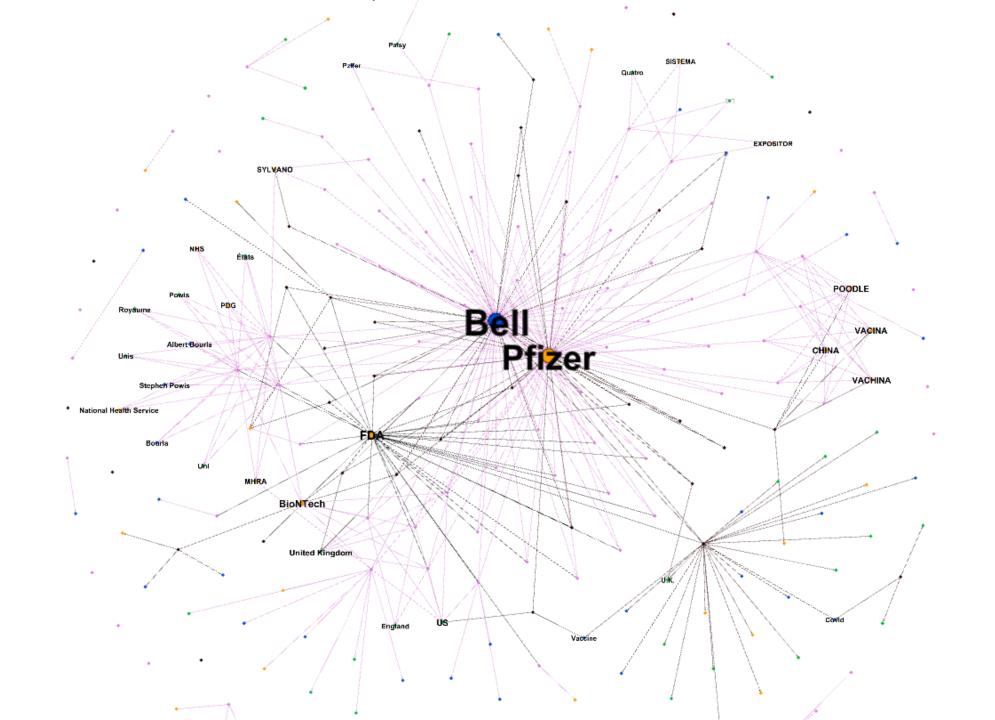
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Semantic Networks for Other Dataset Types



Reddit/CSV Datasets

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Reply-To Network

○ Two-Mode Semantic Network (learn more)

Twitter Datasets

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○ Two-Mode Semantic Network based on Twitter's annotation

↓ Generate Network

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Use the Reset Network File button: 1) to switch between different network representations, or 2) to add toxicity scores to your existing network file if you recently completed the Perspective API toxicity analysis. (Clicking Reset Network File will NOT delete your dataset.)

Additional option to discover Named Entities for Twitter datasets Start by selecting the desired network type, then click on the "Generate Network":

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Tweet annotation types

Entities

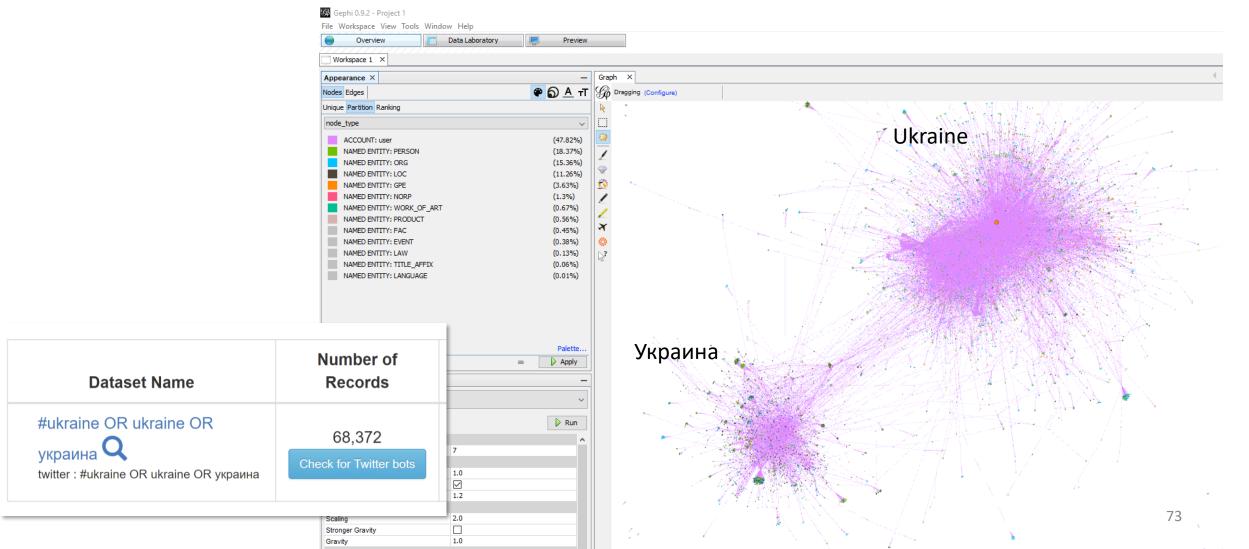
Entity annotations are programmatically defined entities that are nested within the entities field and are reflected as annotations in the payload. Each annotation has a confidence score, and an indication of where in the Tweet text the entities were identified (start and end fields).

The entity annotations can have the following types:

- Person Barack Obama, Daniel, or George W. Bush
- Place Detroit, Cali, or "San Francisco, California"
- Product Mountain Dew, Mozilla Firefox
- · Organization Chicago White Sox, IBM
- · Other Diabetes, Super Bowl 50

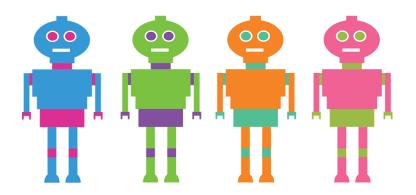
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Example: Two-mode Semantic Network of a Twitter dataset mentioning **Ukraine OR Украина**



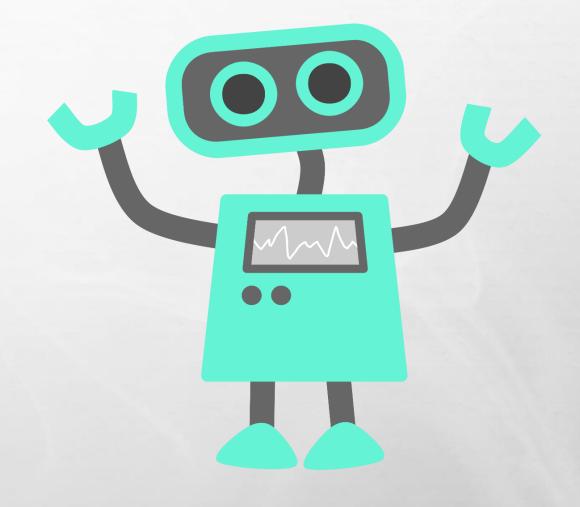
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- Data Collection using CrowdTangle (Facebook & Instagram)
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- 3. Twitter Bot Detection

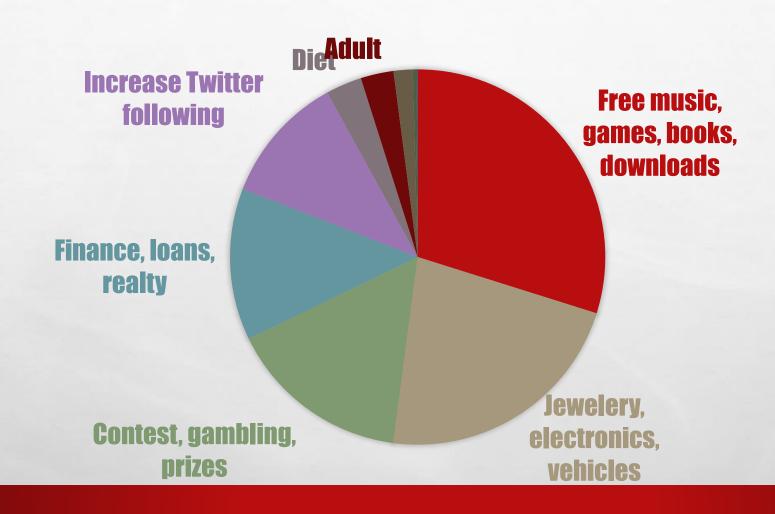


SOCIAL BOT

SOFTWARE DESIGNED TO ACT ON THE INTERNET WITH SOME LEVEL OF AUTONOMY



DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOTS



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(Grier et al, 2010)

Sample Twitter Bots



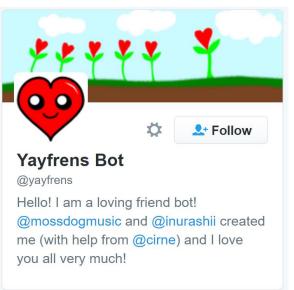














"BAD" BOTS

- SOCIAL BOTNET DESIGNED TO EXPOSE PRIVATE INFORMATION
- HINDER THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY
- ARTIFICIALLY ENLARGING THE AUDIENCE OF SOME PEOPLE
- RUIN THE REPUTATION OF A COMPANY









Cracking the stealth political influence of bots

Among the millions of real people tweeting about the presidential race, there are also a lot accounts



Pro-Clinton bots 'fought back but outnumbered in second debate'

DETECTING BOTS...

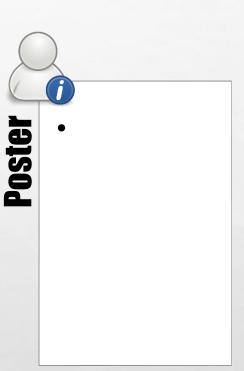


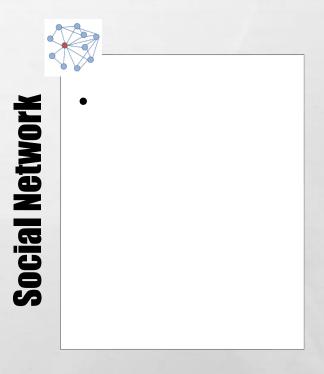
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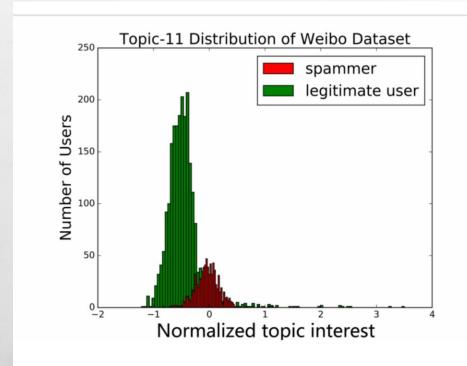
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Social Network

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BOT DETECTION BASED ON TOPIC MODELING



- "LEGITIMATE" USERS MAINLY SHARE ON LIMITED TOPICS OF INTEREST.
- "FAKE ACCOUNTS" POST ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, LIKELY BECAUSE THEY RANDOMLY COPY & RT OTHER USERS.

(LIU ET.AL., 2016)

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• # Friends

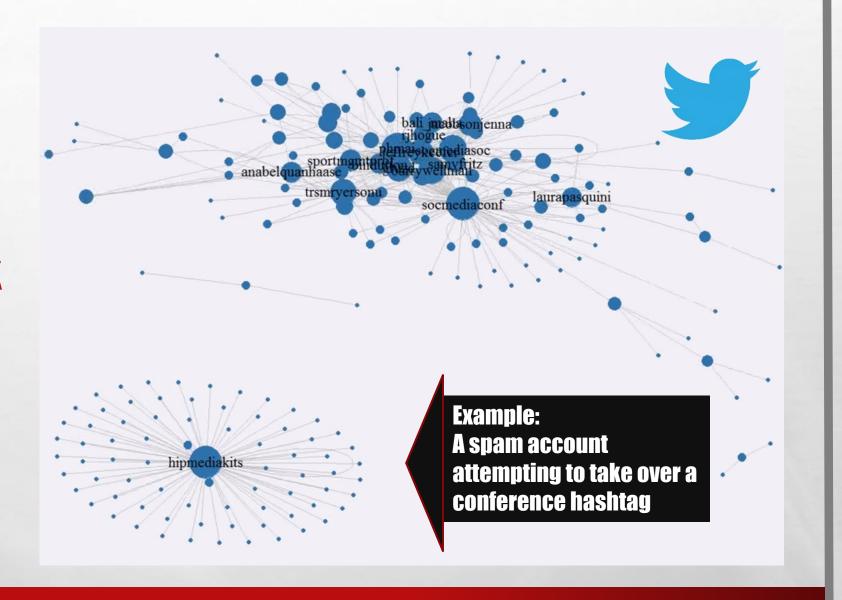
- # Following
- In/out degree centrality
- Clustering

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Social

Detecting Bots...

Using Social Network Analysis



TWITTER BOT DETECTION UTILIZING MULTIPLE MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

BY MRP STUDENT JIEFAN LUO SUPERVISOR: ANATOLIY GRUZD

Features	Accuracy (Cross-validation)
followers_count	0.6736118
followers_count, friends_count	0.6864886
followers_count, friends_count, favourites_count	0.7188525
followers_count, friends_count, favourites_count, statuses_count	0.7640931
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Twitter Bot Detection in Communalytic with Botometer API





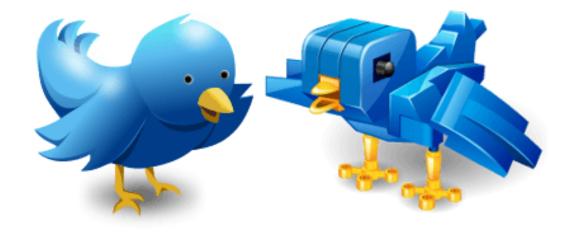
How to use Twitter Bot Analysis in Communalytic



How to get a Botometer API Key

What is Botometer API?

- Botometer API is a tool created by the Observatory of Social Media at Indiana University
- Checks the activity of a Twitter user's account and detects the potential use of automation (shows bot like activity)
- Differentiate between different types of bot behaviours



What Types of Bot behaviours can it detect?

6 main bot account behaviours Botometer detects:

- → Echo-chamber "accounts that engage in follow back groups and share and delete politic content in high volume"
- → Fake follower "bots purchased to increase follower counts"
- → Financial "bots that post using cashtags"
- → Self declared "bots from botwiki.org"
- → Spammer "accounts labeled as spambots from several datasets"
- → Other "miscellaneous other bots obtained from manual annotation, user feedback, etc."

How does Botometer differentiate these behaviours?

→ Botometer uses different machine learning models to determine whether the pattern of behaviour is more like a human or a bot.

→ It generates **probability scores** for 6 types of bot-like behaviours. (See slide 3)

→ It then compare "models trained on different kinds of bots and on human accounts" to calculate an Overall probability score that corresponds to the model(s) with which it has the highest confidence in. Botometer FAQ API Publications Bot Repo BEV Lite @_ @_ttribeiro ~

Botometer_®

An OSoMe project (bot*o*meter)



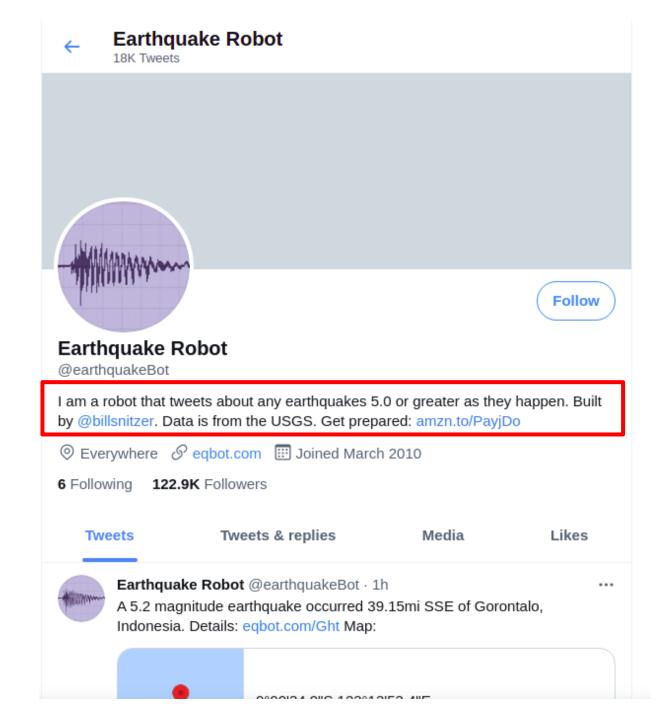
Botometer (formerly BotOrNot) checks the activity of a Twitter account and gives it a score. Higher scores mean more bot-like activity.

Use of this service requires Twitter authentication and permissions. (Why?)

If something's not working or you have questions, please contact us only after reading the FAQ.

Botometer is a joint project of the Observatory on Social Media (OSoMe) and the Network Science Institute (IUNI) at Indiana University.

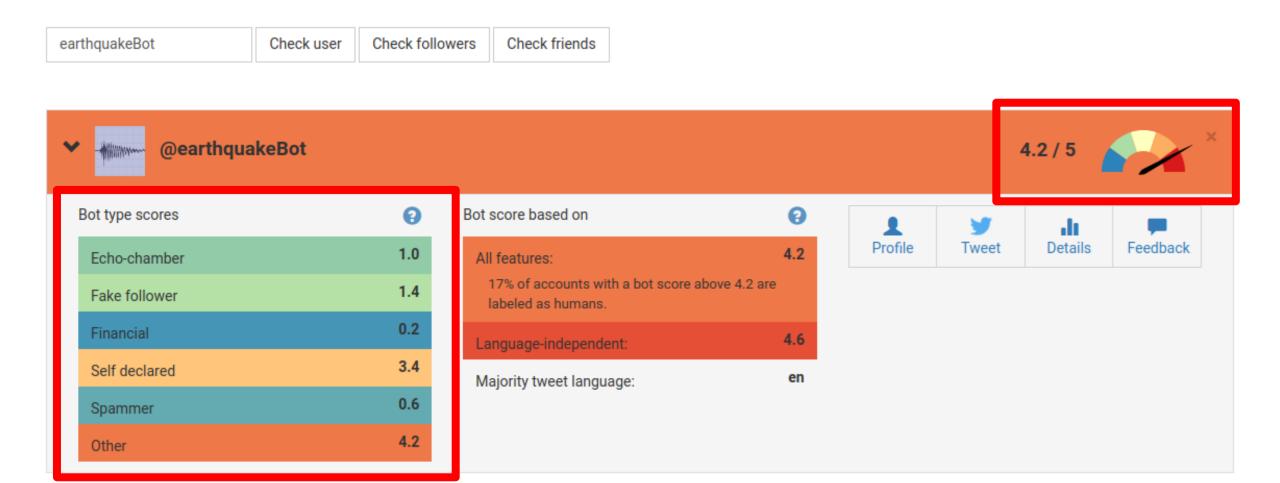
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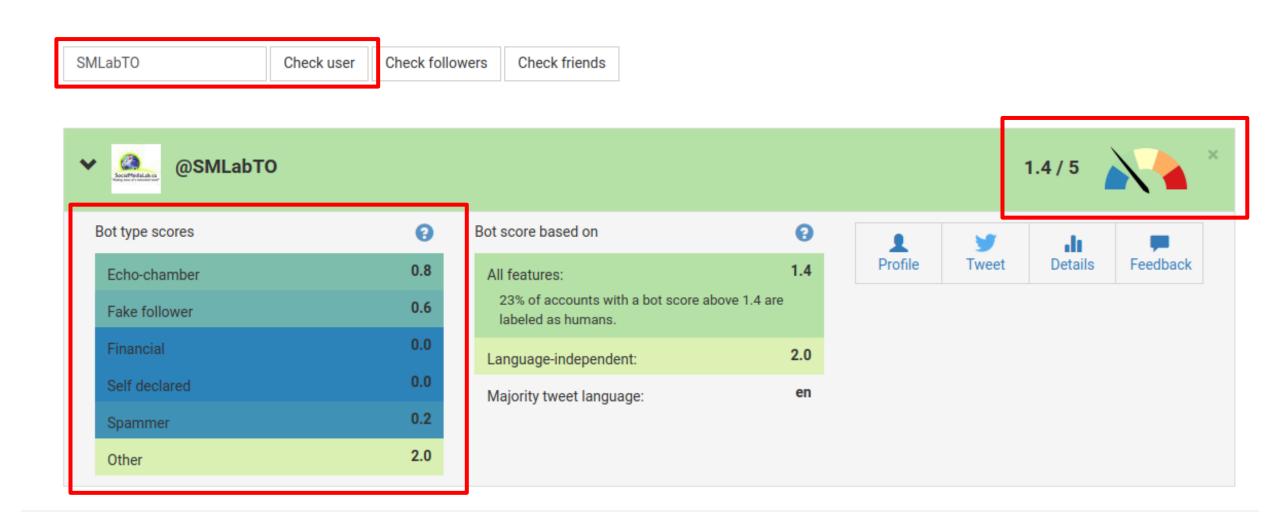


Let's take a look at a self proclaimed bot to see how it is scored by Botometer...

Botometer's Web Interface

https://botometer.osome.iu.edu/







Outline



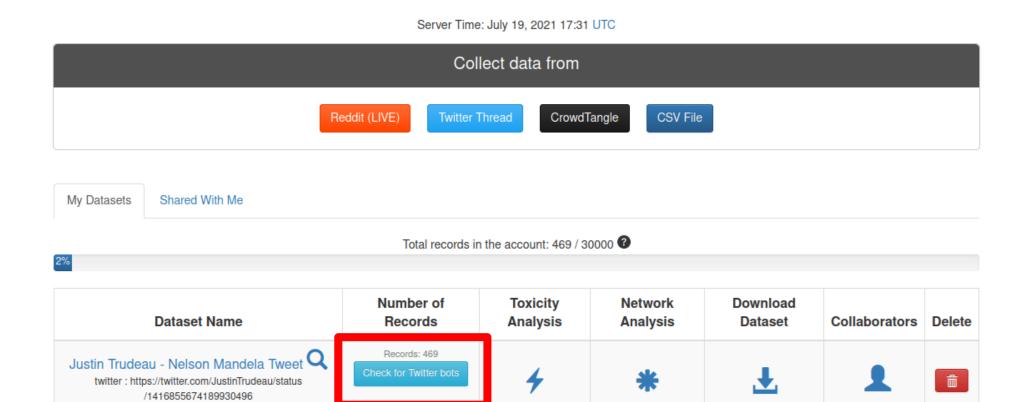


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My Datasets

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■ Overview

Justin Trudeau -

Nelson Mandela Tweet

Platform: twitter

https://twitter.com Search /JustinTrudeau/status Criteria: /1416855674189930496

Collection 2021-07-19 17:30

Collection 2021-07-19 17:30 ended:

Records: 469

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Twitter Bot Analysis

The Twitter Bot Analysis Module is designed to detect potential use of automation. It analyzes accounts in your dataset and generates the probability scores for a variety of different types of automated and/or fraudulent activities (from 0=not likely to 1=highly likely). Once the analysis is complete, the probability scores for each account will be added to your dataset.

Analyze Top 100 Accounts

This option will only analyze 100 most active posters in your dataset.

OR

Analyze All (357) Accounts

This option will analyze all accounts in your dataset, which will take ~1 days to complete using the Botometer Basic plan (500 requests per day). Also since there are >100 unique accounts in your dataset, to use this option, you'll need to request and add your own Botometer API key to your Communalytic account under My Profile.

- . The Twitter Bot Analysis Module is based on a machine learning API called Botometer, a project by the Observatory on Social Media (OSoMe) at the University of Indiana.
- . If you already have an API key for Botometer, it can be added to your Communiaytic account under My Profile; otherwise, you can requests one here.
- · Botometer generates probability scores for a variety of automated and/or fraudulent activities including Echo Chamber, Fake Follower, Financial, Self Declare, Spammer and Others.
- Twitter accounts that have been deleted, banned or privated on Twitter will not be analyzed by Botometer.
- . To ensure that you are not flagged as a security/excessive user of the Botometer API, Communalytic will only use up to 80% of your daily API limit. When the 80% threshold is reached, the analysis will pause for a day.

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Analysis In Progress ...

(You may close this window and visit later to download the bot analysis results)

27%

Progress: 27 / 100 Users Analyzed

Check progress in (30) sec

Cancel Analysis



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100 out of 100 accounts from your dataset were analyzed by Botometer API.

TRESET Analysis

CSV of your dataset with the Botometer probability scores for the various types of automated and/or fraudulent activities (from 0=not likely to 1=highly likely).



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Download Dataset



1 If this is the first time that you are working with Twitter data, please review the Twitter attributes guide prior to downloading and working with the CSV file of your dataset.

Viewing Botometer Scores in Excel

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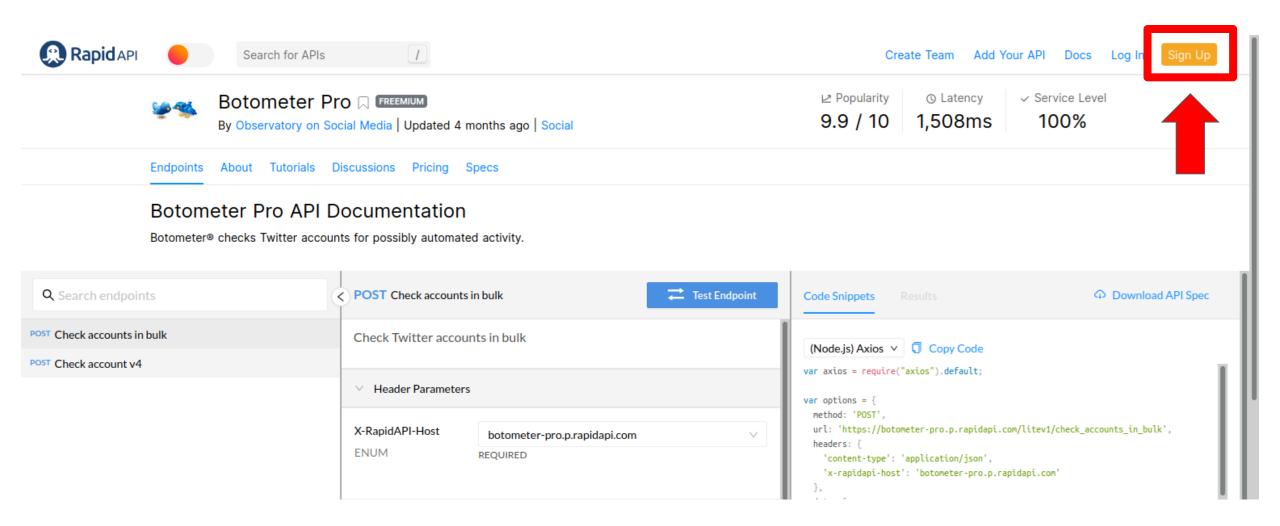
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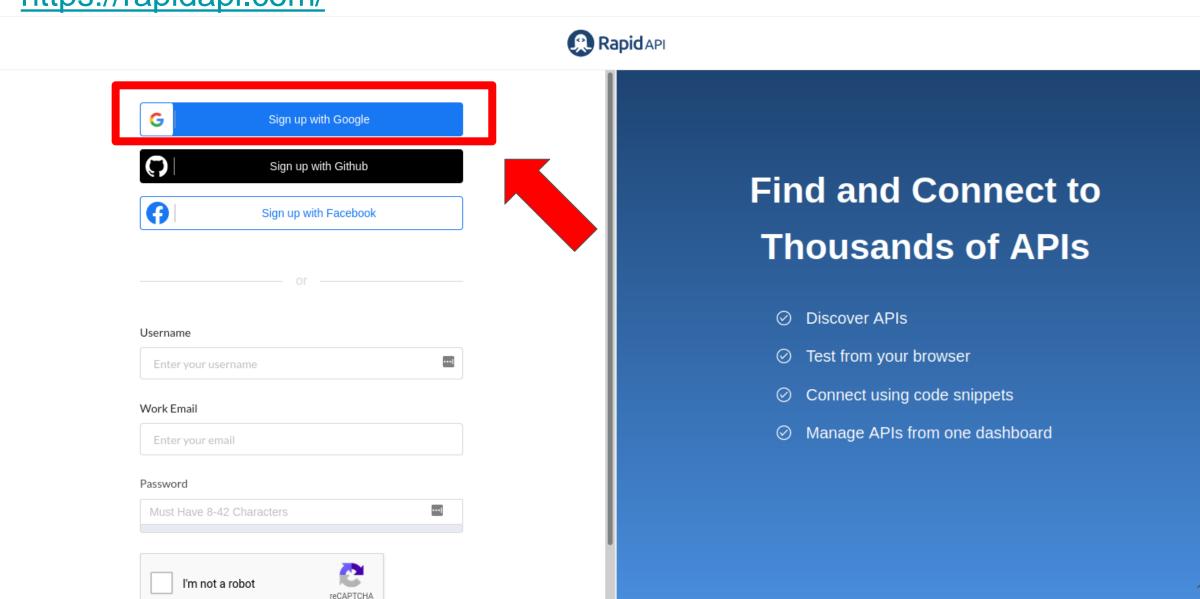
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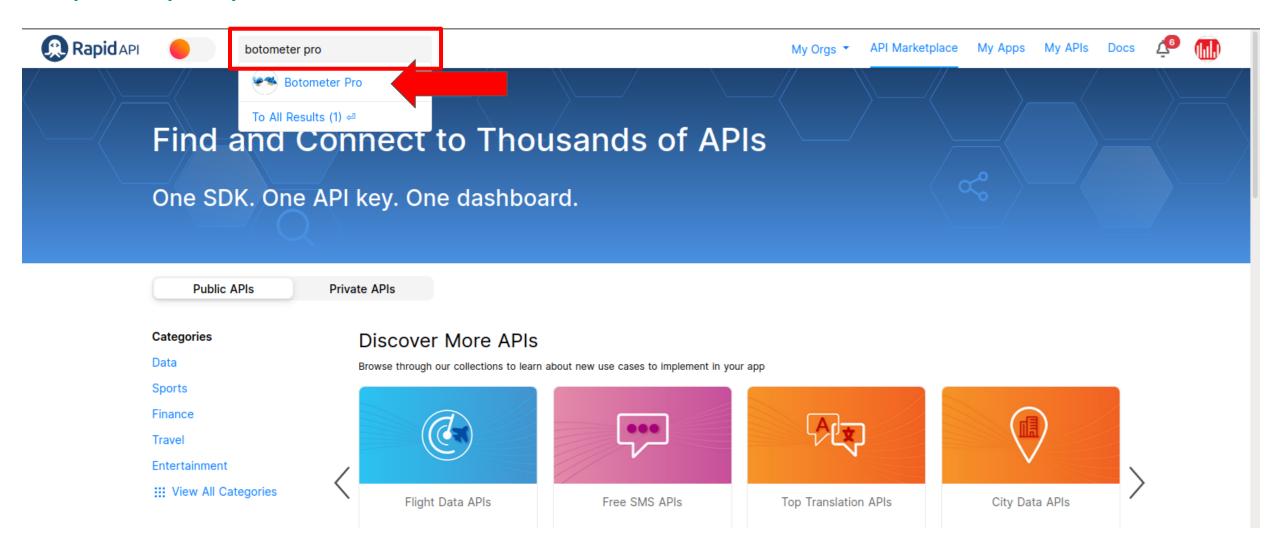
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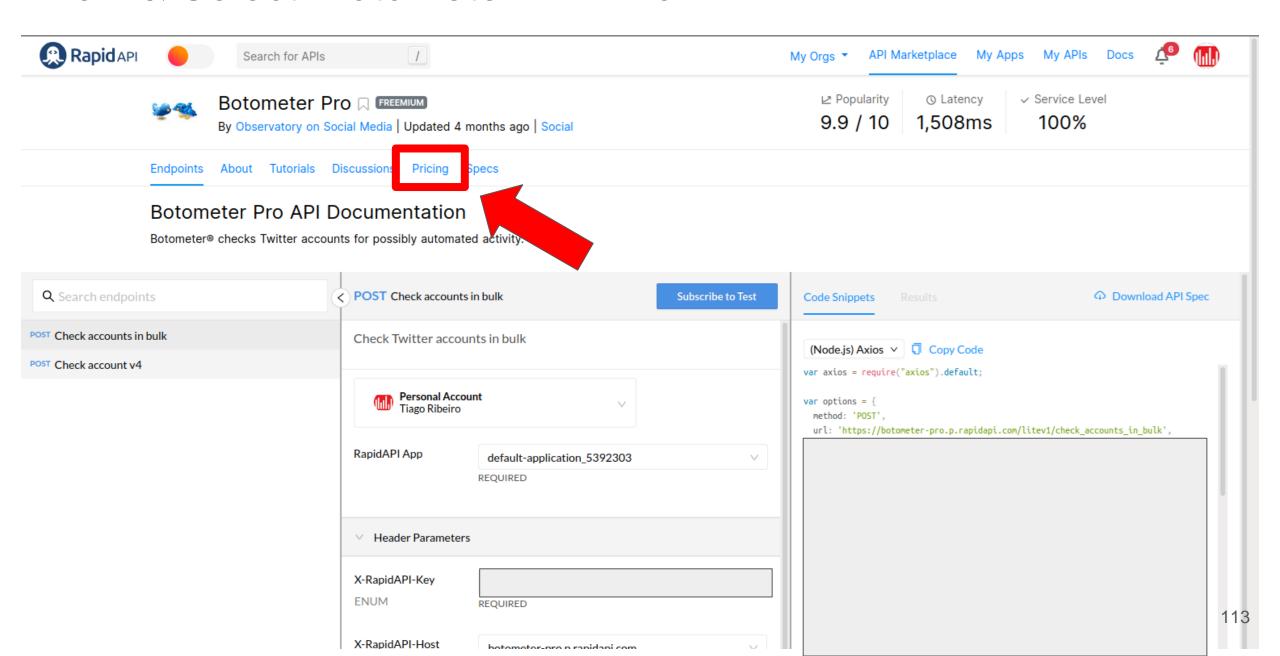


Search for 'Botometer' API on the RapidAPI site

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View & Select 'Botometer' API Plan



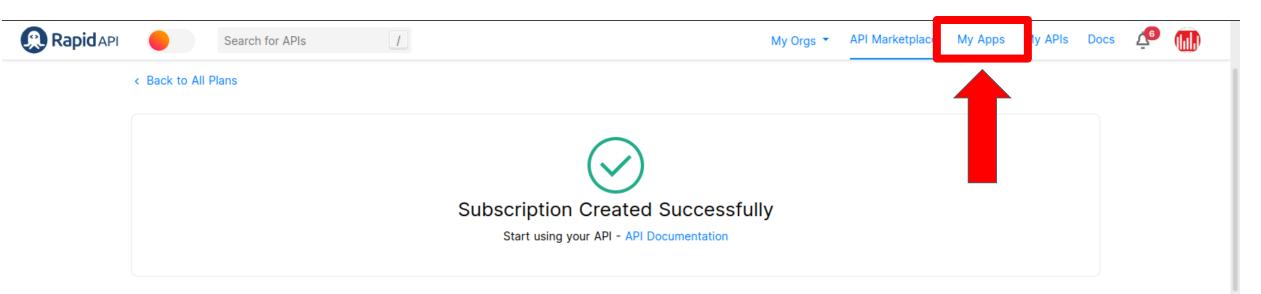
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Choose the Right Plan For You

RapidAPI partners directly with API providers to give you no-fuss, transparent pricing. Find a plan that best matches the scale you need for your application.



Objects	Basic \$0.00 / mo	Pro \$0.00 / mo Subscribe	Ultra \$50.00 / mo
BotometerLite			200 / day + \$0.01 each other
Check account	500 / day Hard Limit	2,000 / day + \$0.001 each other	17,280 / day + \$0.001 each other
Features			
BotometerLite ③	×	×	~
Check account ①	~	~	~
Rate Limit	one request per second		



Frequently Asked Questions

Is my payment information secure?

Credit cards are processed through a PCI compliant banking partner.

Why do you require a credit card for a freemium API?

We work directly with API providers to implement clear, transparent pricing for developers. The Provider may require a credit card if a plan has a quota with an overage fee. If you would no longer like to use the API, you can unsubscribe from the plan at anytime by clicking the "unsubscribe" button under the Billing section of the RapidAPI Dashboard.

What if I exceed my plan limits?

Depending on your plan's specification, you will either incur overage charges or be suspended.

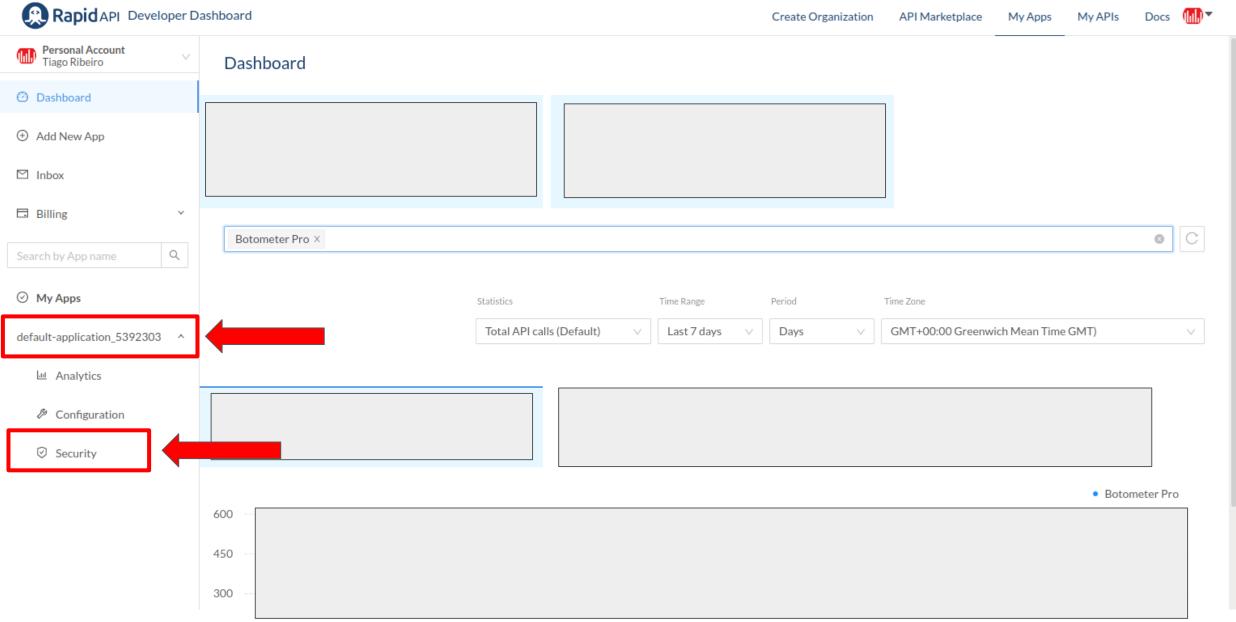
When will I be billed?

We charge your credit card upon subscription to an API's plan and at the next recurring interval.

How are refunds handled?

For refund requests, please contact us at support@rapidapi.com

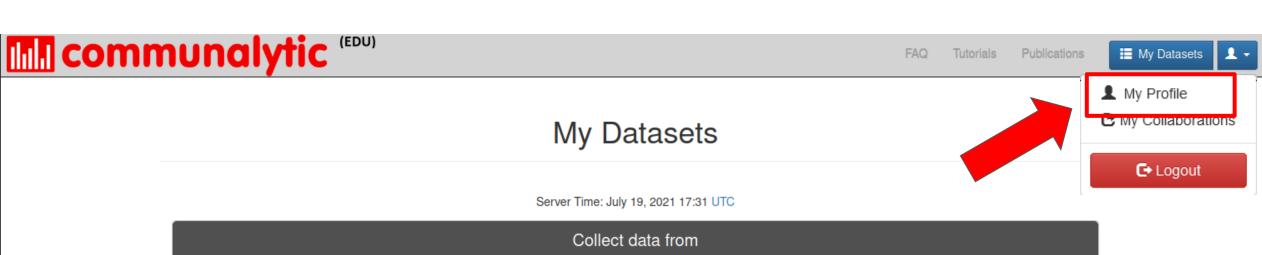
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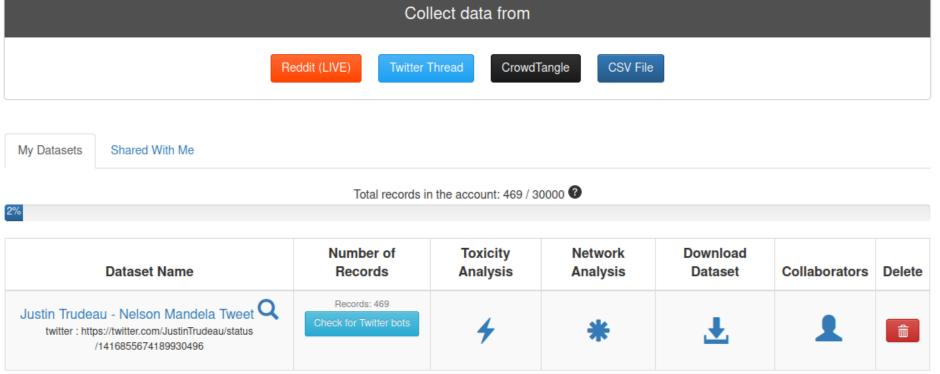


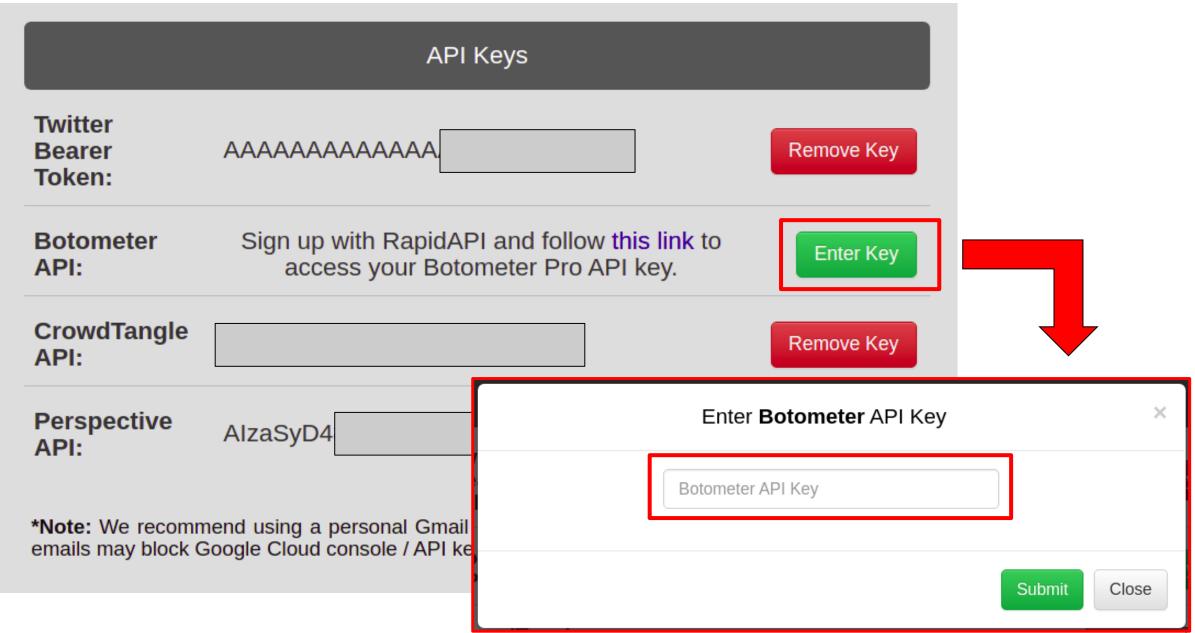
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API Keys Twitter Bearer Token: AAAAA Remove Key 8e9b90 Remove Key **Botometer API: CrowdTangle API:** Remove Key **Perspective API:** AlzaSyl Remove Key *Note: We recommend using a personal Gmail account to request an API key, some institutional emails may block Google Cloud console / API key requests



My Datasets

Server Time: July 19, 2021 17:31 UTC

Collect data from

Reddit (LIVE)

Twitter Thread

CrowdTangle

CSV File

My Datasets Shared With Me

Total records in the account: 469 / 30000 ?

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Justin Trudeau -

Nelson Mandela Tweet

Platform: twitter

https://twitter.com Search /JustinTrudeau/status Criteria: /1416855674189930496

Collection 2021-07-19 17:30 started:

Collection 2021-07-19 17:30 ended:

Records: 469

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100 out of 100 accounts from your dataset were analyzed by Botometer API.



Download a CSV of your dataset with the Botometer probability scores for the various types of automated and/or fraudulent activities (from 0=not likely to 1=highly likely).

Username	Overall 2	Echo Chamber 2	Fake Follower 🕜	Financial ②	Self Declared 3	Spammer ②	Other ②
1979HAB 🗷	0.04	0.14	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.18
7otnauh 🔼	0.34	0.50	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.40
AdbudMan 🗷	0.08	0.05	0.14	0.07	0.01	0.09	0.17
Ahmad86815198 🖪	0.78	0.14	0.28	0.06	0.41	0.07	0.78
Al_Mahbook 🗷	0.30	0.12	0.30	0.06	0.01	0.14	0.31
Ange04920249 🗷	0.40	0.18	0.32	0.01	0.23	0.33	0.39
Angie_CRK 🗷	0.71	0.09	0.52	0.05	0.71	0.25	0.61
BBKing94554247 🖪	0.40	0.16	0.15	0.00	0.03	0.16	0.28
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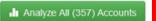
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I Analyze Top 100 Accounts

This option will only analyze 100 most active posters in your dataset.

OR



This option will analyze all accounts in your dataset, which will take ~1 days to complete using the Botometer Basic plan (500 requests per day). Also since there are >100 unique accounts in your dataset, to use this option, you'll need to request and add your own Botometer API key to your Communalytic account under My Profile.

- . The Twitter Bot Analysis Module is based on a machine learning API called Botometer, a project by the Observatory on Social Media (OSoMe) at the University of Indiana.
- . If you already have an API key for Botometer, it can be added to your Communiaytic account under My Profile; otherwise, you can requests one here.
- · Botometer generates probability scores for a variety of automated and/or fraudulent activities including Echo Chamber, Fake Follower, Financial, Self Declare, Spammer and Others.
- Twitter accounts that have been deleted, banned or privated on Twitter will not be analyzed by Botometer.
- . To ensure that you are not flagged as a security/excessive user of the Botometer API, Communalytic will only use up to 80% of your daily API limit. When the 80% threshold is reached, the analysis will pause for a day.

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Analysis In Progress ...

(You may close this window and visit later to download the bot analysis results)

34%

Progress: 122 / 357 Users Analyzed

Check progress in (19) sec

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356 out of 357 accounts from your dataset were analyzed by Botometer API.



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