Report System Preview

The programs presented in this book are divided between collecting data from the Twitter API and reporting on this data. The report system is the user interface for displaying the most important tweets and users, and then interacting with them through replies, retweets and follows. Think of the code in this book as a car, and recognize that a human is needed to drive it. Driving is much more productive than walking, but a human is still needed to make the decisions

Working with a system like this helps you get to know the most influential users personally. That is the point of Twitter. The screen shots that follow are based on a foodie community on Twitter. They are all collected based on tweets and @mentions related to @FoodNetwork and @WholeFoods. Any community of interest can be found by changing the leader accounts. The same code can report on the current trends in any subject area.

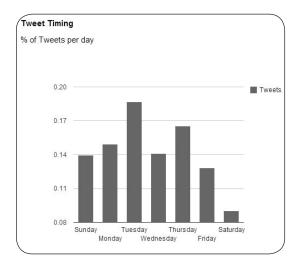
Please take a few minutes to look over the sample reports. There is only room to display a couple of tweets or users in each image. When you run this code on your own server, you will see up to 100 tweets or users per page, and be able to filter by a date range where appropriate. This selection of reports is just a subset of everything available in the system, but it shows how much information can be data mined from a good Twitter database.

If you are patient, and work your way through each chapter in turn, you will understand how all of these reports work. You'll also learn how to create your own reports based on custom queries.

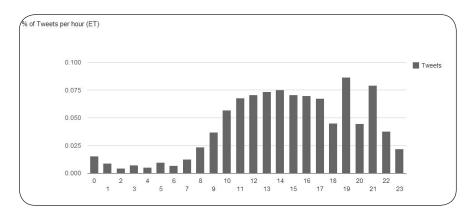
Popular leader tweets based on retweet count



Most active days for tweeting



Most active times for tweeting



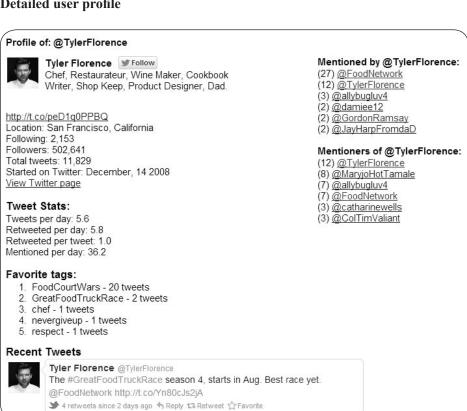
Search all tweets



Searching user descriptions



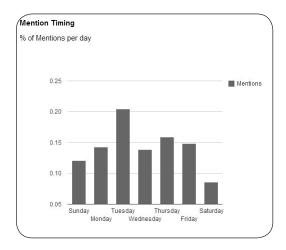
Detailed user profile



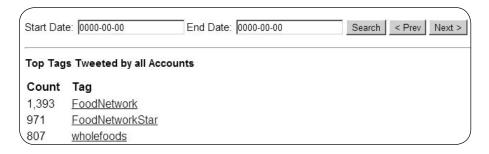
Most frequently mentioned users



Most active days for mentions



Most used tags in tweets



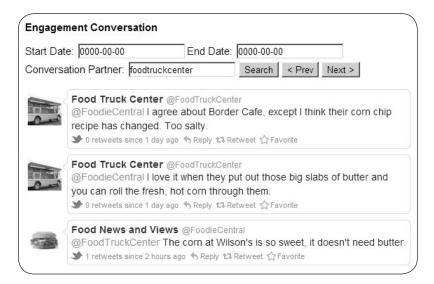
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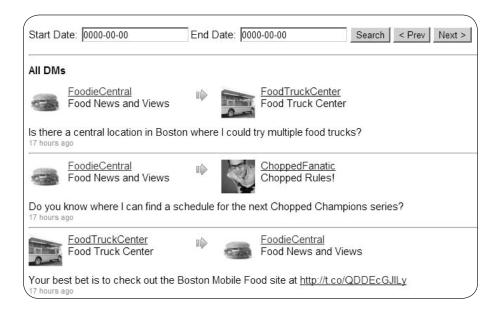
Most used URLs in tweets



Engagement tweets with a specific account



All direct messages to and from the engagement account



Search direct messages



This is just a sample of what you will have available when you have the complete engagement system running. It really is remarkable how much information the Twitter API allows you to collect and data mine.