What can Web link analysis reveal about the nature and rise of Euroscepticism in the UK

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Warning! This is a research prototype for a web archive search service, and may be taken down at any time.

Search

Advanced Search

Search Tips

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Search For

Search Terms: <TEXT FIELD>, <MATCH TYPE>

Proximity: phrase phrase 25

All these words

If you wish to search for word that appear together, try a proximity search. For example, the following finds resources where the words 'coffee' and 'java' occur within 25 words of each other.

None of these words: rodent, Jack Russell

Within Resources

JISC UK Web Domain Dataset (1996-2013)
Host Link Graph  JISC UK Web Domain Dataset (1996-2010)

The ~2.5 billion 200 OK responses from the 1996-2010 tranche of the JISC UK Web Domain Dataset dataset have been scanned for hyperlinks. For each link, we extract the host that the link targets, and use this to build up a picture of which hosts have linked to which other hosts, over time.

This host-level link graph summarises the number of links between hosts, in each year. The data format is a slightly unusual, as you can see from this snippet:

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<td>art-www.acorn.co.uk</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>back.niss.ac.uk</td>
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<tr>
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<td>beta.bids.ac.uk</td>
<td>portico.bl.uk</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>blaisweb.bl.uk</td>
<td>blaisweb.bl.uk</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>bonsai.illinois.edu</td>
<td>portico.bl.uk</td>
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There are two tab-separated columns. The first contains three tab-separated fields: the crawl year, the source host, and the target host. The second contains the number of linking URLs. Therefore, the first line:

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represents an assertion that, from the data crawled in 1996, we found one URL on the 'appserver.ed.ac.uk' host that contained a hyperlink to a resource held on 'portico.bl.uk'.

Download

This large dataset cannot be hosted on GitHub. It can be downloaded from here instead, in a compressed format (total download size, about 19GB).

Usage

Further, the simplest way to exploit this dataset is via the grep command. This can be used to extract a subset of the data, containing only a particular
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Tools

Wayback Machine Availability API
Build your own tools.

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Banish broken links from your blog.

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Save Page Now

Capture a web page as it appears now for use as a trusted citation in the future.
Only available for sites that allow crawlers.
Who really runs this country?
75% of our laws are now made in Brussels.
Historical Context and Development

- Originally founded by Alan Sked in 1991 as Anti-Federalist League Euroscepticism
- Became the United Kingdom Independence Party in 1993
- Until 1997 in shadow of James Goldsmith’s Referendum Party
- Following 1997 became main Eurosceptic party in the UK although influence rose and ebbed depending on extent of Euroscepticism of Conservative Party (i.e. Hague in 2001 General Election and his successor Ian Duncan Smith)
- 2004 gains in European Parliament election (12 seats – 16% vote)
- 2005 infighting and division lead to decline in 2005 election
- Controversy over links to BNP (British National Party)
- Nigel Farage as leader (2006-2009, 2010-2016)
- 2009 European Parliament successes (13 seats -16% vote; second largest UK party)
- 2012-2013 increased national profile and local election successes
- 2014 major political success in local and particularly European Parliament elections (biggest party 24 seats -27.5% vote)
- Success fundamental in Cameron agreeing 2016 referendum
- Regional structure with regions having own websites
Key Search terms and urls

Euroscepticism
UKIP

ukip.org
leave.eu
Growing the Search terms and urls

Euroscepticism
UKIP

ukip.org
- ukip-ynl.com (Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire), etc.
- ukipnorthwales.org.uk
- eukip.org
- independent.org.uk
- derekclarkmep.org.uk (UKIP MEP)
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A CHRONOLOGY OF A VICTORY

Details

Annual Party Conference

Friday 29th September and
Saturday 30th September

Event Details
LINKS TO EURO-SCEPTIC WEBSITES

Assistance gratefully received of any errors and omissions.

European Union Myths and Follies
http://www.no-euro.com

Business for Sterling's anti-Euro campaign

Openness & Transparency in the E.U.
Mr. Jens-Peter Bonde, MEP from the Danish June Movement and President, of the EDD-group, launches a website, where relevant documents and, public debates on transparency can be found.

Democracy Movement

Congress for Democracy

Eurofighter Homepage

Euro sceptic search engine

Keele Critical European Group

The Silent Majority
Ongoing Thoughts …

• Importance of combining close with distance reading
  • Must also examine historical webpages (layout, types of links, etc)
  • Hackathon LinkAnalysis project results

• Knowledge of historical context and development

• Dirty and noisy data

• Improve my Command line and data analysis
Thank you.

Comments, Questions, Suggestions, Help.

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