

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

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

The ~2.5 billion 200 OK responses from the 1996-2010 tranch 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:

```
1996|appserver.ed.ac.uk|portico.bl.uk 1
1996|art-www.acorn.co.uk|portico.bl.uk 1
1996|astra.ich.ucl.ac.uk|portico.bl.uk 1
1996|back.niss.ac.uk|portico.bl.uk 1
1996|beta.bids.ac.uk|portico.bl.uk 2
1996|blaiseweb.bl.uk|blaiseweb.bl.uk 4
1996|bonsai.iieir.dmu.ac.uk|portico.bl.uk 4
```

There are two tab-separated columns. The first contains three bar-separated fields: the crawl year, the source host, and the target host. The second contains the number of linking URLs. Therefore, the first line:

```
1996|appserver.ed.ac.uk|portico.bl.uk 1
```

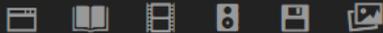
represents an assertion that, from the data crawled in 1996, we found one URL on the 'appserver.ed.ac.uk' host that contained a hyperlink to a resource held on 'portico.bl.uk'.

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

Perhaps the simplest way to exploit this dataset is via the `grep` command. This can be used to extract a subset of the data, pertaining to a particular



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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
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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.

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