

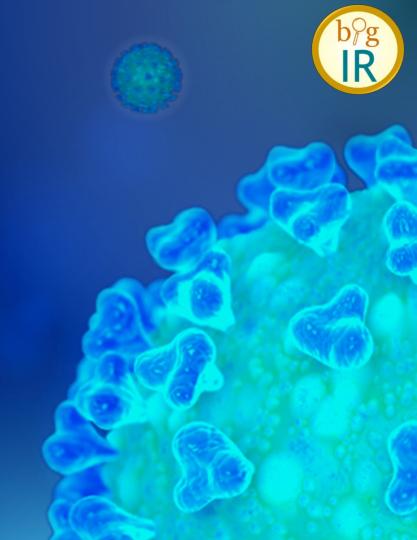


The First Arabic COVID-19 Twitter Dataset with Propagation Networks

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Exceptional moment!

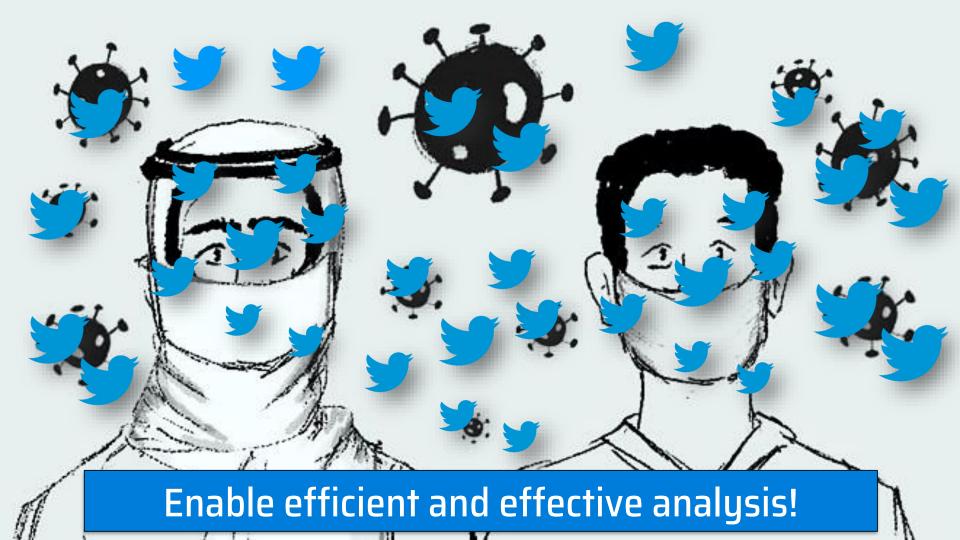
Exceptional history!

History has to be "written" before being "analyzed"!



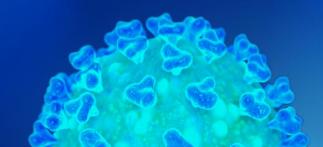
Contribute to capturing current history in the the Arab world to enable efficient and effective analysis!

Collect DATA that captures the exceptional history!





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01.

WHY?

Historical moments need historical data!

04.

ArCOV-19?

Tweets, users, topics, ...

02.

HOW?

Broad and shallow or deep and narrow?

03.

WHAT RELEASED?

Tweets & code

05.

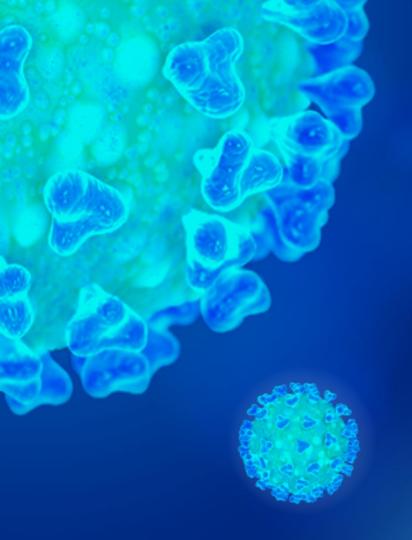
ENABLING RESEARCH

NLP, Text mining, Social Sciences,

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NEXT?

How to go from here ...



02.

HOW?

Source tweets & Propagation networks

Daily Search ...

كوفيد #فيروس_كورونا كورونا المستجد

by Twitter Search API



since Jan 27th

keywords

phrases



Get popular tweets



Deduplicate



Sort





Source tweets

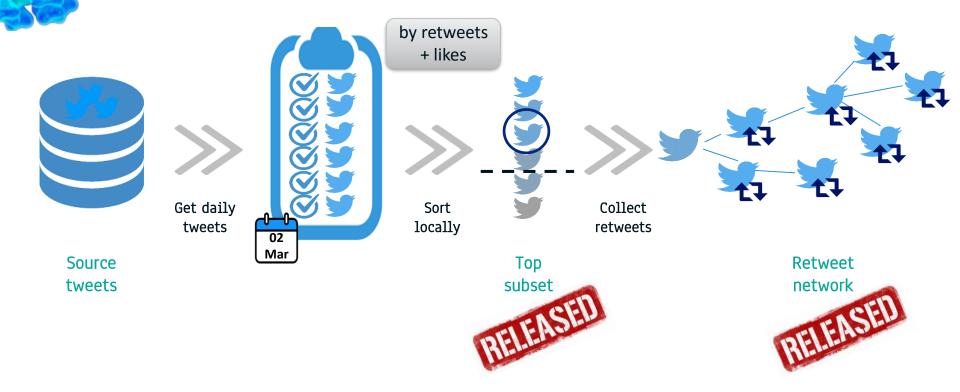
tweets



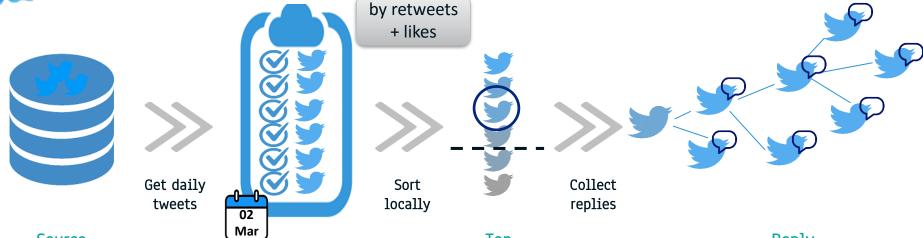


daily ...

Propagation Networks (Retweets)



Propagation Networks (Replies)



Source tweets

Top subset RELEASED Reply network

Narrow & Deep All Tweets

Popular Tweets

Top Subset

Retweets

Conversations

Is that typical?

- No!
 - Typical crawling uses tracking API.
 - Getting "any" tweet that matches the keywords.
 - Subject to spam and "electronic flies"
- Captures influential content
 - Getting "popular" tweets (as defined by Twitter), not "any" tweets.
- Captures propagation networks
 - Retweet networks: spread analysis
 - Reply networks: topical analysis
- Side effects?
 - Sure!



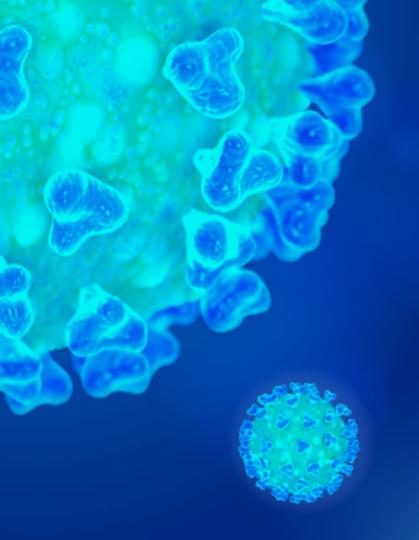
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03.

WHAT RELEASED?

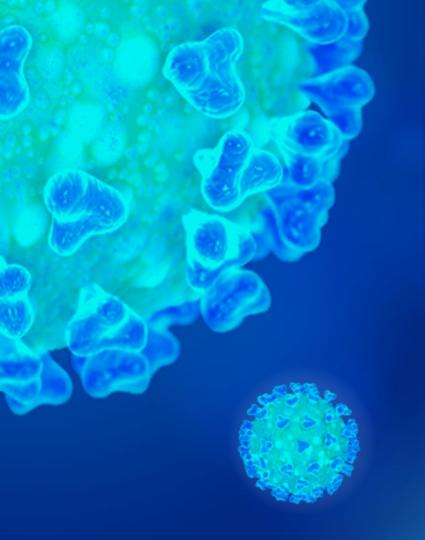
What is released?

- Dataset
 - Source tweets (tweet IDs)
 - Top subset (tweet IDs)
 - + retweet networks (tweet IDs)
 - + conversational threads (tweet IDs)
 - Search queries
- Statistics
 - Frequent words, hashtags, users, etc.
- Code
 - Open-source Crawler

How to get ArCOV-19?

Repo: https://gitlab.com/bigirqu/ArCOV-19

Documentation & Preliminary Analysis: https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.05861







Tweets Overview

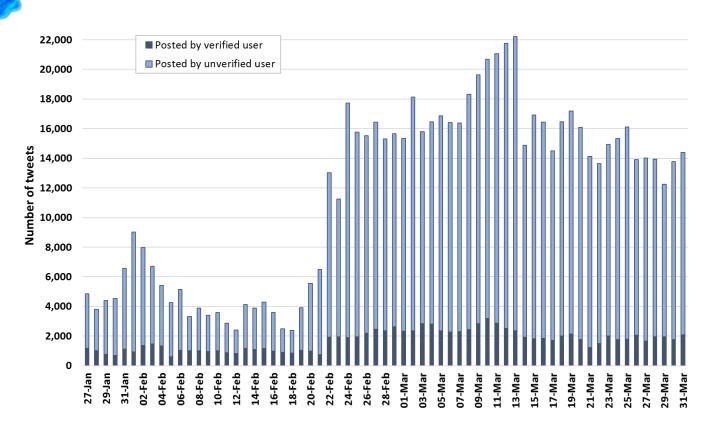
Tweets				
Duration	Jan 27 – Mar 31*			
Source Tweets	747,599			
Geolocated	20,031	(2.68%)		
Verified	110,141	(14.7%)		
Linked	159,239	(21.3%)		
Top Subset	65,000	(8.69%)		

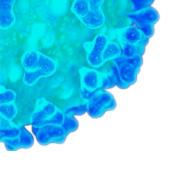
^{*}crawling is on going beyond that



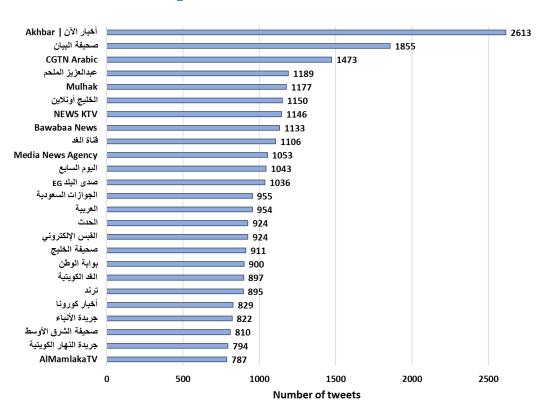
Users				
Unique	248,513			
Verified	3,537	(1.42%)		
Average followers	8,334			
Average friends	1,274			
Average statuses	11,201			

Tweets

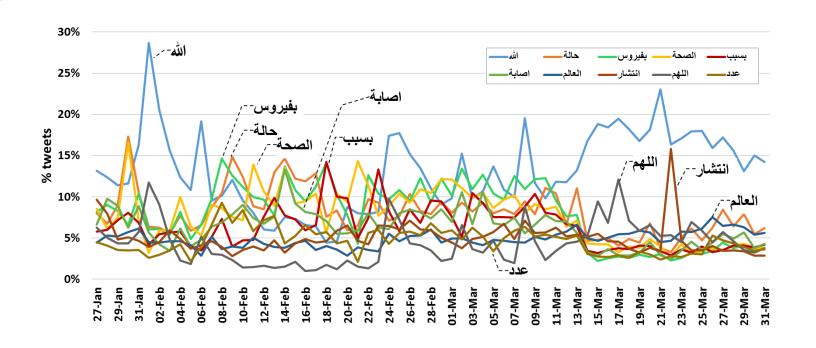




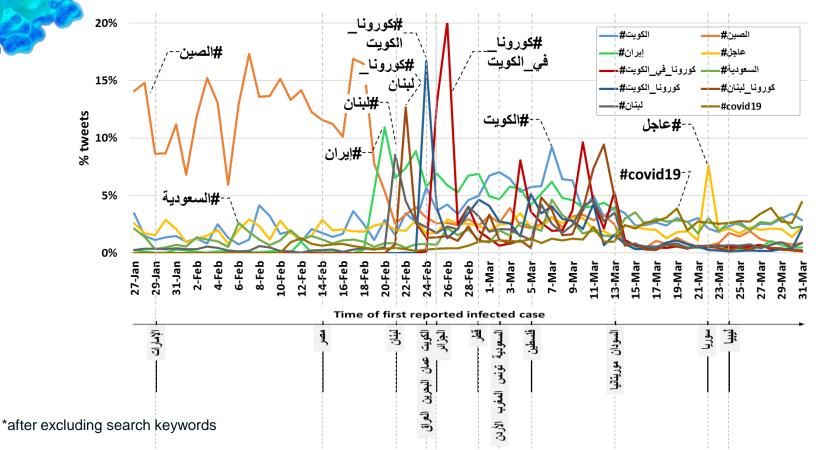
Top Tweeters



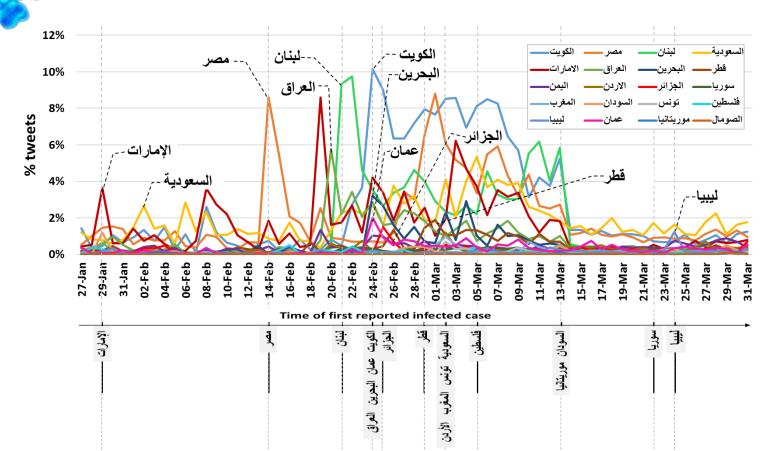
Top Frequent Words*



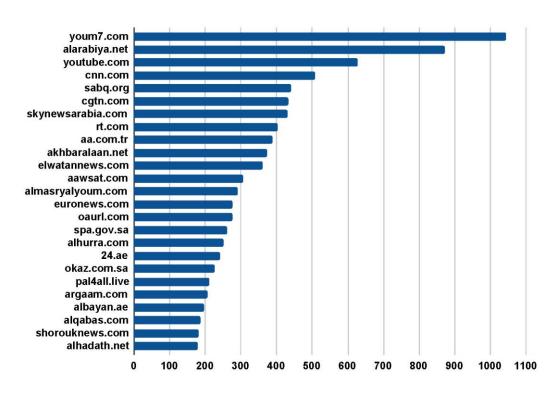
Top Frequent Hashtags*



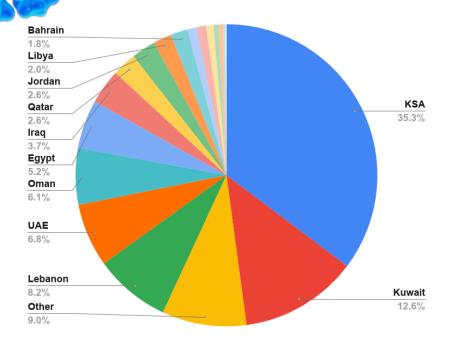
Arab Country Names

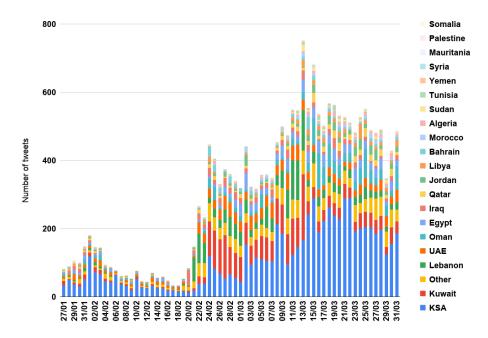


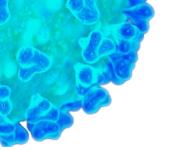
Top Domains in Top Subset



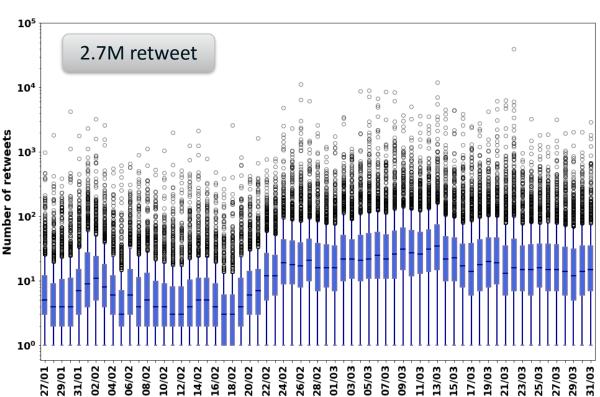
Geographic



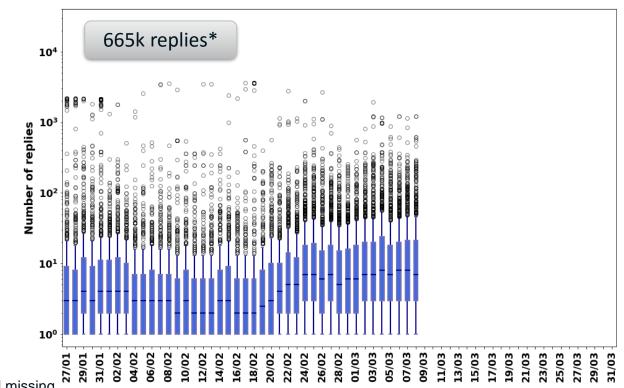


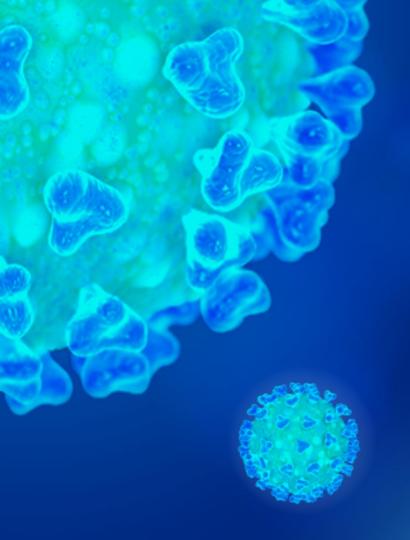


Retweets in Top Subset



Replies in Top Subset





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ENABLING RESEARCH

Just "examples" of use cases ...

Text Mining



Topic detection & tracking



Event & subevent detection



Summarization



Eye-witnesses identification



Geo-location

Misinformation Detection



Fake news / rumor detection





Misinformation propagation



Propagators identification

Natural Language Processing









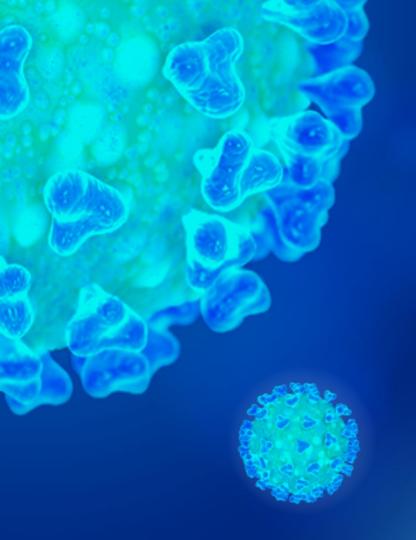
Social Sciences



& reactions







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NEXT?

Next ...

- Still crawling!
 - Source tweets daily
 - Top subset
 - Propagation networks
- Also tracking ©
 - Since Mar 7th only
- Web Search interface
- Labeling
- Collaboration ...



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Conclusion

First Arabic COVID-19
Twitter Dataset

With propagation networks

Enables research in several domains ...

Text mining, NLP, Social Sciences, ...

~750k "popular" tweets

Deep and narrow

Public, open source

Tweets & code

On going ...

Check out our repo!

Good coverage

Matching with events

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