

Usage Agreement for the
TREC 2011 Microblog Dataset

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apply(ies) to use the information designated as the TREC 2011 Microblog Dataset subject to the following understandings, terms and conditions. In the following, "information" means the ids of microblog posts listed in the TREC 2011 Microblog Dataset, the content of these microblog posts obtained from Twitter, and any supplementary data such as the crawled content of documents linked from the microblog posts. These understandings, terms and conditions apply equally to all or to part of the information.

Permitted Uses

1. The information may only be used for research and development of natural-language-processing, information-retrieval or document-understanding systems.
2. Summaries, analyses and interpretations of the linguistic properties of the information may be derived and published, provided it is not possible to reconstruct the information from these summaries.
3. Small excerpts of the information may be displayed to others or published in a scientific or technical context, solely for the purpose of describing the research and development and related issues. Any such use is subject to the Twitter Terms of Service and the Twitter Developer Terms of Service, and shall not infringe on the rights of any third party including, but not limited to, the authors and publishers of the excerpts.

Access to the Information by Individuals

1. Access to the information by an individual person is to be controlled by that person's organization. The organization may only grant access to people working under its control, i.e., its own members, consultants to the organization, or individuals providing service to the organization.
2. The organization will maintain a list of people with current and recently-terminated access to the information.
3. An individual with access may only display the information to or share the information with persons whom his organization lists as having access to the information.
4. The organization will remove information that is reported as deleted by Twitter.

By the Organization:

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