National Australian Twitter Collection

The project extends and enhances existing frameworks for gathering large-scale data from the Australian Twittersphere into a national resource that can be made available to all Australian researchers. It builds on prior research and development efforts led by the QUT which established a collection of some 3 billion tweets by up to 3.72 million Australian Twitter accounts between the launch of Twitter in March 2006 to the present.

The project represents a prototyping stage focussing on three central and interrelated elements:

1. continued development of the National Australian Twitter Collection (NATC) data gathering, processing, and storage architecture;
2. recruitment of a sector-wide alliance of research and research services institutions supporting the NATC initiative;
3. identification of legally and regulatory sound institutional frameworks for a future NATC entity.

Start date

23 July 2019

Expected completion date

21 October 2019

Investment by ARDC

$50,000

Co-investment partners

Queensland University of Technology

Curtin University of Technology

Deakin University

Monash University

RMIT University

Swinburne University of Technology

University of Adelaide

University of Canberra

University of Melbourne

University of Queensland

University of Tasmania

Lead node

QUT the university for the real world

1. Report

Summary of the project, including project approach, FAIRness of the data, collaboration and lessons learnt

2. Presentation

Presentation of project findings at the Data and Services Summit

Core features

Community support and involvement

A strong sense of community support and involvement in developing answers to some of the more difficult questions our sector faces.

Ignite ideas and discussions

Enabling diverse stakeholders to engage in discussions and sharing of ideas.

Who is this project for?

- Research organisations
- Researchers

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What does this project enable?

Projects in this area will contribute to determining what vision, governance structure and implementation program is necessary to create an Australian research data commons.

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Handy resources

- **Final Report** [PDF 110KB]
- **FAIR Assessment** [PDF 119KB]
- **Presentation** [PDF 426KB]
- **Poster** [PDF 16MB]

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