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Executive summary	The "Analytics Workbench" is a software platform developed within the CS Track project as a product of Task T3.2. The main deliverable is a software published on GitHub under an open- source software license. In addition to the software, this document provides an overview of the functional characteristics of the Analytics Workbench. In month 24, a workshop with potential users from the stakeholder groups has been conducted to evaluate the usability and utility of the tool. Preliminary results of the evaluation are included in this deliverable.

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1. Introduction

In D3.1 we presented several approaches and methods that can be utilized to extract information or analyse semantics. We combined and integrated a selection of these approaches as functional components into one web application called the "Analytics Workbench". This accomplishes milestone MS13 as a result of task T3.2 as described in the WP3 specification. The actual deliverable is indeed the Analytics Workbench as a piece of software. This document labelled D3.2 describes the software in terms of its technical implementation (chapter 2) and includes a report on a first evaluation (section 3) and a brief conclusion. Accordingly, the written version of D3.2 should be understood as a documentation and not as a research paper.

CS Track maintains a continuously growing and updated database of CS projects (see D2.1). The goal is to generate a comprehensive and up-to-date overview of CS activities. This includes a sometimes repetitive application of sophisticated algorithms to the database. Since, these algorithms and methods are mostly expert tools, but the stakeholders of the results are most likely not experts with respect to these methods and tools, there is an interest in providing a tool that makes the results of several analyses accessible to non-expert stakeholders. This includes browsing the results providing different views (e.g., network views, word clouds, taxonomical categories like SDGs & research areas, geo maps) on the data to highlight different aspects of CS activities, discovery of related projects, but also adding new projects (not included in the database until now). There are already existing applications serving similar goals like RapidMiner (Mierswa et al., 2006; Mierswa & Klinkenberg 2018), which provide a comprehensive toolsuite for datamining experts. However, we aim at supporting less experienced users for more selective predefined tasks. Business analytics suites like PowerBI¹, a tool for automatic analysis of business figures, or data visualisation tools like Metabase² that combine data from different datasources in a dashboard view are easy-to-use but not sufficiently geared towards the specific processing needs and applications of our target users. Specifically, Metabase has been used in the project in parallel to the development of the WP2 database. It provides basic data visualisations but does not support functional or productive applications. In this sense, the Analytics Workbench supports routine data management beyond just visualisation and incorporates algorithms that have been developed and applied for these purposes, now in a more standardised form. An important feature of the workbench that many visual data mining tools still do not have is that it is web-based application which does not require local installations.

The tasks supported by the Analytics Workbench are primarily related to the mesolevel of analysis in the distinction introduced in D3.1 (repetitive tasks that can be applied to collections of projects in a largely uniform way with smaller "manual" corrections and adaptations). The main data sources for the Analytics Workbench are the descriptors collected in the WP2 database. The descriptors are filled with data from the WP2 crawler (cf. deliverable D2.1), which extracts unstructured information, particularly textual descriptions, from citizen science project websites. Therefore, the selection of methods related to the ones comprised in D3.1 has a strong focus on text mining and semantic analyses. Micro-level analysis based on project-specific logfile data require expert skills and are not included here. In addition to text-based analyses,

¹ https://powerbi.microsoft.com/

² https://www.metabase.com/

the workbench provides different types of data visualisation, including network visualisations. However, the application of sophisticated exploratory network analysis techniques also requires expert skills. In the CS Track project, we rely on tools like Gephi³ (Heyman & Jacomi, 2009) for these purposes. As a recent extension of the workbench, we have integrated a Lynguo-based module for the analysis of Twitter feeds (macro-level). Again, network and other visualisations are included as specific post-processing steps.

The Analytics Workbench is a web-based application that can be accessed via a graphical user interface running in the browser. In addition, the workbench provides several data interfaces (REST APIs) which can be integrated into other applications. For example, the implemented extraction methods can be directly accessed through the crawler developed in WP2 (cf. D2.1) to enrich the database, particularly the collection of descriptors for citizen science projects.

The utility (functional value) and usability of the Analytics Workbench have been evaluated in a user workshop (milestone MS13), which is documented in Section 3 of this deliverable. The workshop involved possible end users of the Analytics Workbench to exemplify and demonstrate how the results of web analytics can be interpreted. For future work in CS Track, this will help to conduct the Case Studies (T3.3) and to interface with other analyses (along with WP4) and export the results into the community platform (T3.4).

The source code of the Analytics Workbench (which is the core of D3.2) will be published at GitHub under an open-source software license (AGPL v3) with the following URL:

https://github.com/cstrack-code/analytics-workbench

³ https://gephi.org/⁴ Pallets, Welcome to Flask (2010), <u>https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/2.0.x/</u>. Accessed: 2021-12-08

2. Technical Implementation

This section describes the technical implementation of the Analytics Workbench.

2.1 Architecture, components, and tools

When implementing the workbench, the various functionalities were implemented as separate components. This was done to have them run independent from each other. Additionally, this keeps the functionality separate from the presentation of results which enables us to use the functionalities in different contexts. Therefore, we divided the workbench in frontend, middleware and multiple backends (see Figure 1). Each analysis tool we implemented in a backend that serves the corresponding analysis results. In addition, one backend was implemented to serve as data management for the web application. The frontend manages the web application and holds the APIs for the workbench to make its functionalities available outside of the main application (mainly to the crawler implemented in WP2). The middleware is used to connect frontend to its backends.

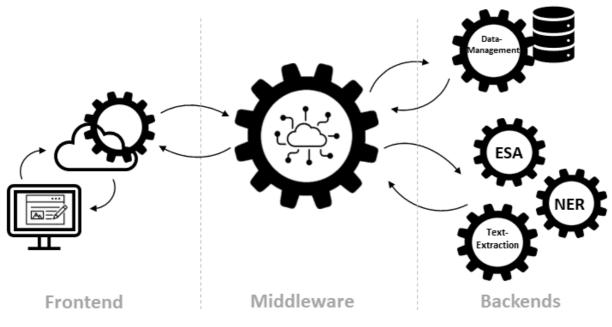


Figure 1: Workbench Architecture

For the realization of the Analytics Workbench, we based our implementation on preexisting concepts and used already existing tools, mostly in form of python modules, which will be described in the next part before the tools we developed in this context will be described.

2.1.1 Components

Middleware and Backend components of the Analytics Workbench were implemented in python utilizing Flask⁴ as a framework. The Text-Extraction Backend is

⁴ Pallets, Welcome to Flask (2010), <u>https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/2.0.x/</u>. Accessed: 2021-12-08

an exception as it was implemented using Node.js. The components communicate with each other via http requests and responses.

Frontend. The Frontend holds the web application as well as an API that can be used from the crawler implemented in WP2. It serves as the public point of contact with the functionalities provided in the respective backends. An overview over the functionalities as well as screenshots of their presentation in the web application can be found in section 2.2 Functional features. Additionally, the Frontend holds the code for the Twitter Analysis described in section 2.2.3.

Middleware. The Middleware serves as the connection between frontend and the backends. In this capacity it is also responsible to check if requested projects have already been analysed as to not re-analyse them needlessly. Since we went through some iterations of code in the backends it also checks against a current version number to ensure that present results are not outdated. In case no or outdated results are found the middleware will have them analysed to provide the results.

Text-Extraction Backend. The Text-Extraction Backend can be used to extract text from websites. It uses the Mercury Web Parser⁵ and is implemented in Node.js. It is utilized to extract the reference texts for SDGs ("sustainable development goals") and research areas in the set-up of the Workbench. It can also be used to extract project descriptions from given URLs.

NER Backend. Using the NER ("named entity recognition", cf. D3.1) implemented in spaCy⁶ the NER Backend of the Workbench identifies Named Entities from a given project description. For this we use a pretrained model by spacy.

ESA Backend. The ESA Backend holds an implementation of the ESA approach ("explicit semantic analysis", cf. D3.1). In this we use a predefined vector space model based on a Wikipedia dump. It compares given project descriptions to precalculated text vectors of research areas or SDGs. For this the research areas were set with the taxonomy provided within Web of Science⁷ and text vectors were calculated from related Wikipedia articles. For the SDGs the set list of 17 SDGs was used and here likewise the related Wikipedia articles were used to calculate text vectors. All precalculated vectors are stored in a MySQL database. The similarities between a project description and all research areas/SDGs are calculated and ranked. At 75% of the highest reached similarity between a research area/SDG and this project a cutoff score is set to assign all research areas/SDGs exceeding this score. This percentage is based on previous trial and error. Additionally, we utilized tf-idf ("term frequency – inverse document frequency", cf. D3.1) to reduce the number of terms from a text that are used to calculate the text vector.

Data Management Backend. The Data Management Backend holds the Workbench's MongoDB database. In the database the collected project data is saved. The database can either be fed through using the Workbench's Web interface, over the API or with local program code that feeds an excel list of projects into the database. The most basic information for a project would be project name,

⁵ Postlight, Mercury (2021). <u>https://mercury.postlight.com/</u>. Accessed: 2021-11-25

 ⁶ spaCy, Entity Recognizer: <u>https://spacy.io/api/entityrecognizer</u>. Accessed: 2021-11-25
 ⁷ Clarivate, Web of Science Core Collection Help – Research Areas:

https://images.webofknowledge.com/images/help/WOS/hp_research_areas_easca.html. Accessed: 2021-11-25

project URL, and project description, whereas the structure of a completely analysed and user corrected project would be as follows:

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{
"project name": < project name >,
"project_link": < project link >,
"description": < description >,
"ra results": {
   "top classification areas with sim":
        < list of assigned research areas with similarities >,
   "classification areas with sim":
        < list of all research areas with similarities >,
   "used tokens": < list of for esa used tokens >
   "classification scheme": < research_areas or sdgs >
   "version control": < control number for used setting version >
},
"sdg results": {
   "top classification areas with sim":
        < list of assigned sdgs with similarities >,
   "classification areas with sim":
        < list of all sdgs with similarities >,
   "used tokens": < list of for esa used tokens >
   "classification scheme": < research areas or sdgs >
   "version control": < control number for used setting version >
},
"ner results": {
   "ner list":
       < list of named entity results with label, descriptor, start
         and end character >,
   "all descriptors":
       < list of all available labels with descriptors >
}
"user ra results": < same data structure as ra results >,
"user sdg results": < same data structure as sdg results >,
"user ner results": < same data structure as ner results >
}
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The analysis of the collected data is also done in the Data Management Backend. For this the data is read from the database and divided in projects with analysis results and projects without results. From the projects with analysis results the Backend creates lists of occurring named entities, research areas and SDGs while also counting each number of occurrences.

The main element of the analysis is the creation of a network of all projects, research areas, SDGs and named entities which is done using NetworkX⁸. In NetworkX it is possible to give each node additional information, with that the nodes can later still be identified as project, research area, SDG or named entity.

For the network that will be shown in the Web Interface's dashboard non-project nodes (i.e., research areas, SDGs and named entities) that are also leaves in the graph

⁸ NetworkX, NetworkX: <u>https://networkx.org/documentation/stable/index.html</u>. Accessed: 2021-11-25

are removed to reduce the memory load in the browser. Additionally, a folded network is created that shows connections between projects with the edges representing common elements between projects. The created networks are translated in vis.js networks before they are handed toward the frontend as this is the format, they will be represented in.

The network also serves as the basis for recommendations. Recommendations are calculated using the PageRank implementation in NetworkX⁹. PageRank can be used both with and without personalization.

2.1.2 Data sources

In this section, we describe all the connected data sources used in the Analytics Workbench that are either functioning as a target for analysis or help to perform the analysis, for example as knowledge sources or ontologies. The data sources can be divided into unstructured, semi-structured and structured data sources (cf. D2.1).

Unstructured data. Project descriptions of Citizen Science (CS) projects are intentionally written by CS project leaders and their respective team to provide information and explanations about the project and its context to the readers of the description. Those descriptions are published on project websites and harvested by the WP2 crawler. As a means of explaining the project to human readers, the descriptions are free and unstructured texts. Therefore, such descriptions are valuable data sources for the Analytics Workbench to be transformed into structured information. The analysis of project descriptions may contain goals, research topics, organizations, stakeholders, or covered SDGs.

Semi-structured data. To gain a larger picture of the CS landscape, we harvest Twitter data ("macro level of analytics") using the Lynguo tool (cf. D3.1). Within the Lynguo tool, queries to monitor Twitter have been created. If a Tweet matches the query, it will be stored in the Lynguo database. Lynguo provides a CSV interface to download all Tweets from the internal storage. Although this dataset is tabular, the fields contain unstructured data such as the Tweet text itself, but also structured data such as account names, references, or hashtags.

Structured data. Algorithms included with the Analytics Workbench support the mapping of unstructured and semi-structured data to semantic interpretations and representations. For this purpose, the workbench has access to connected knowledge sources and external web services that serve structured data. For the method of Explicit Semantic Analysis (ESA, see D3.1, section 3.3.3), knowledge bases necessary to construct the concept space must be used. For the extraction of research areas (cf. section 2.2.1) a mapping between a taxonomy of research areas and corresponding textual descriptions was needed. This led to the creation of a mapping from categories to subordinate research areas and finally to links of corresponding Wikipedia pages. From this knowledge base, text vectors and subsequently concept vectors were created to span the concept space. For the extraction of SDGs (cf. section 2.2.1), an equal mapping from each SDG to a corresponding Wikipedia article was created from which likewise concept vectors are calculated to span the concept space representing the SDGs.

⁹ NetworkX Guide, PageRank algorithm (2021). <u>https://networkx.guide/algorithms/link-analysis/pagerank/</u>. Accessed: 2021-11-25

2.2 Functional features

In this section the functional features that can be found in the web application of the workbench are described. These entail Natural Language Processing (NLP) based tools for the analysis of individual projects, project networks that investigate the collected data and a twitter analysis tool.

2.2.1 NLP-based analyses

As stated out in Deliverable D3.1, the processing of natural language ("NLP" = natural language processing) and text analytics are in the core set of methods and tools for CS Track. For most of the projects in the corpus of the CS Track Database (cf. WP2, D2.1), a valuable information source to characterize a project or an activity is the project description. The Analytics Workbench uses the descriptions stored in the database by the crawler and processes information to generate semantic characterisations. This process is fully automated so that all the methods are valid for the whole set of CS projects, if a project description is stored in the database.

The analysis tasks performed in the Analytics Workbench using methods of NLP are shown in Table 1.

Information Extraction Task	Method	Knowledge Sources	Representations / Visualizations
Extraction of Research Areas	Explicit Semantic Analysis (ESA)	Wikipedia, Research Area Taxonomy ("WoS Core"), tf-idf model (pre- processed), DBpedia	List (per project), bar chart (aggregated)
Extraction of SDGs	Explicit Semantic Analysis (ESA)	Wikipedia, Mapping of SDGs, tf-idf model	List (per project), bar chart (aggregated)
Extraction of Named Entities	Named Entity Recognition (NER)	-	List (per project), network of projects (aggregated)

Table 1: Information extraction tasks and corresponding NLP methods in the Analytics Workbench.

The representation of the results is dependent on the specific method. ESA delivers a list of explicit concepts such as the extracted research areas or SDGs from a project description. The resulting concepts needed to be defined in the external knowledge source which is used to span the concept space and to construct the word-concept-matrix for the ESA algorithm (cf. D3.1, section 3.3.3). For named entity recognition, the results are typed according to the entity type extracted. This can be cardinal numbers, dates, persons, geolocations, organizations and much more. The full list can be found in the documentation of spaCy¹⁰.

The advantages and mechanisms of methods such as ESA or Named Entity Recognition have been discussed in D3.1, section 3. By using knowledge sources and

¹⁰ spaCy, named entity recognition: <u>https://spacy.io/api/data-formats#named-entities</u>. Accessed: 2021-11-24.

a closed vocabulary for ESA, the results always match the right terminology (i.e., existing names of research areas or SDGs). However, they still might be incorrect due to a "wrong" context or inaccurate due to the quality of the textual description. Therefore, the Analytics Workbench contains functions for the correction of results per project. Users might uncheck or add research areas, SDGs or named entities to a project. In addition to correcting the results of the mechanisms, users also might add new projects or change descriptions stored in the database. However, the changes do not interfere with the WP2 database, as they are kept in the local database of the Analytics Workbench (cf. section 2.1.1, Data Management). Figure 2 shows the analysis of project descriptions in the user interface of the workbench.

Analytics Workbench	Home Analy	se Project Find a project like Explore Data			Analys	is of citizen Science Activities
Projects you might be						
interested in based on the projects you	Project name	e Health eHeart Study				
visited: 💿	Project Link: Project link	https://scistarter.org/health-eheart-study				
PLANET 9 Aurora Zoo	Toject link	neepor, seesan eerrorg, nearen enear e seaay				
Agent NEO	Project descrip					
Planet Hunters TESS mobile BACKYARD WORLDS: PLANET 9 Comet Hunters	project description	The Health eHeart Study is the first of its kind - an elect about participants' health and behaviors with the latest The goal of this study is to hone in on more specific pr profile in relation to our constantly evolving world. We need people of all ages and from all backgrounds the participants are 18 years and older. We are looking Please join in on the fight against heart disease here: He Follow the Health eHeart Study	technologies. edictors of heart disease by taking in to tease out the reasons behind heart to enroll up to 1 million participants	to account each p t disease. The only	person's unique	
Help adding to the database and work on one of these projects:			Analyse differ	ent project M	odify Description	
Fish Watchers	Research	n Areas - ESA results		What is ESA?	Modify Results	
Astro Drone Herbier BIOL-F201	# Re	search Area		Similari	ity	
The Million Orchid	1 Pu	blic, Environmental & Occupational Health		0.75127		
Project Purple Loosestrife	2 He	alth Care Sciences & Services		0.65699		
Volunteers	3 Me	edical Informatics		0.59427		
	4 Nu	trition & Dietetics		0.57508		
	Sustainn	nent Development Goals (SDGs)	- ESA results	What is ESA?	Modify Results	
	# SI	DG		Similarity		
	1 SI	DG #03 - Good Health and Well-Being		0.6725		
	Named	Entities - NER results		What is NER?	Modify Results	
	# Named	l Entity	Туре			
	1 The He	alth eHeart Study	ORG (Companies, agencies, institut	ions, etc.)		
	2 first		ORDINAL ("first", "second", etc.)			
	3 18 year	S	DATE (Absolute or relative dates or	periods.)		

Figure 2: Interface for the analysis of project descriptions. Users select a project, and if it already exists in the database, the project description is fetched from the database. The analysis triggers all tasks asynchronously and informs the user once it is finished.

In addition to the individual analysis of projects, all the results are also visualized in aggregated representations over the whole set of projects. The named entities also

play an important role in the construction of project networks because they can be conceived as connectors between projects (see next section).

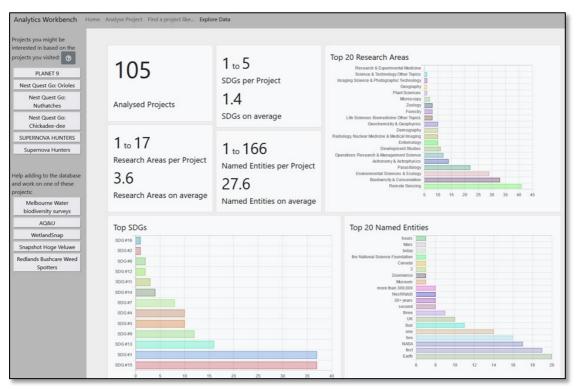


Figure 3: Aggregated results from the extraction of research areas, SDGs and named entities.

2.2.2 Project networks

Although the projects do not have an inherent or explicit network structure, we might observe aspects that connect projects. Different activities might share similar research topics, similar sustainable development goals or even organizations. Therefore, the backend of the Analytics Workbench creates networks based on the (semantic) connectors that are derived from the NLP functionality (see previous section).

The following features of the Analytics Workbench facilitate network structures (for Twitter-based network features see section 2.2.3):

- Recommender system (for project discovery):
 - Find similar projects (globally).
 - Find similar projects based on individual trajectories (personalized PageRank).
- Explore and filter connections of projects
 - o Multi-mode network (projects, research areas, SDGs, named entities),
 - Fold the network to a one-mode network (project-project relation),
 - Filter networks (node type, by project name),
 - o k-Core filtering,
 - o find and highlight nodes.

For the construction of the network, the following rules are applied:

- Nodes are created for projects and extracted entities from text analytics such as research areas, SDGs and named entities (organizations, persons, locations, ...).
- An edge between two nodes is established based on co-occurrences, particularly, when an item I is extracted from a description of project P, then the edge (P, I) is added to the set of edges.

By folding the network, it is possible to create a network of projects and from this network, we can determine measure for the similarity of projects. The recommendation is based on a personalized and non-personalized version of the PageRank algorithm (Page et. al, 1999). In the "Find a project like..." tab, users can explore the recommender system. The main panel (Figure 4) shows the global recommender system. This is based on a PageRank algorithm, where the user can select a single or multiple projects, research area(s) or SDGs as seeds for the PageRank. The results are displayed as a list with links to the recommended projects. This enables to further inspect the adjacent project descriptions, research areas, SDGs or named entities.

In the left panel of the recommender system, the user has the access to recommendations from a personalized PageRank, which is based on the individual trajectories of projects visited. In the bottom part of this tab, another category of recommendations which are not based on network features is placed. Those recommendations are based on missing data in the database of the Analytics Workbench.

Analytics Workbenc	h Home Analyse Project Find a pr	oject like Exp	plore Data			
Projects you might be interested in based on the projects you visited:	Find a projec	t that i	is simila	r to		
PLANET 9	× Al4Mars					
Nest Quest Go: Orioles	Research Areas					
Nest Quest Go:	× Astronomy & Astrophysics					
Nuthatches	SDGs					
Nest Quest Go:	Type to search					
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HUNTERS						
Supernova Hunters						
	PLANET 9	Disk Detectiv	/e	SUPERNOV	A HUNTERS	Planet Hunters TESS mobile
Help adding to the database and work on	visit	visit		visit		visit
one of these projects: FaceTopo	BACKYARD WORLDS: PLANET	9	Planet Hunters T	ESS	Supernova Hunters	EXOPLANET EXPLORERS
Wisconsin Mussel Monitoring Program	visit		visit		visit	visit
Citclops/EyeOnWater	Milky Way Project				Comet Hunters	
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Kent springtails	visit				visit	

Figure 4: User interface for the recommender system. Main panel: actively triggered (and controlled) recommendations; Left panel: personalized recommendations.

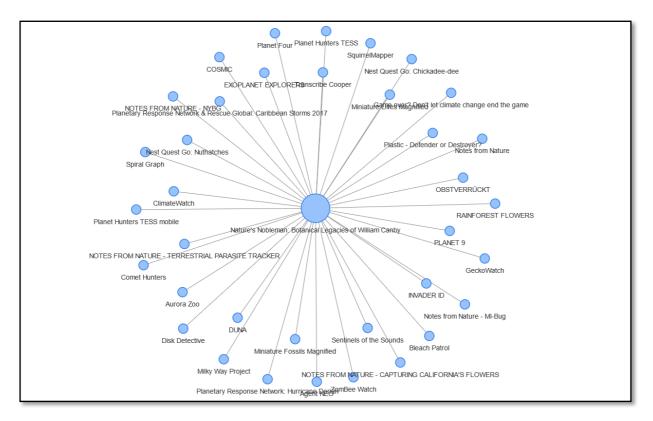


Figure 5: Ego-network for a single project. Connected nodes are similar to the central node regarding on of the specific connectors (research areas, SDGs, named entities).

The similarity of projects can be also perceived in the "Explore projects" tab, which shows by default an ego-network for the previously selected project. Figure 5 shows this network for the "Nature's Nobleman: Botanical Legacies of William Canby" project. All nodes connected to this project are other similar projects. The similarity is, as stated out previously, determined by the connection through a node of one of the types (1) research area, (2) SDG, or (3) named entity (including various sub-types). For this view, the network is folded to a one-mode network only showing the projects.

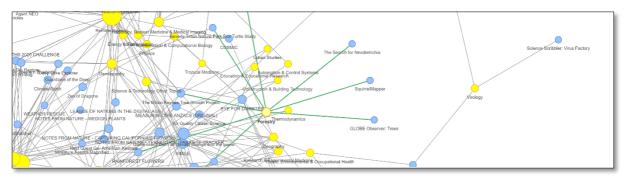


Figure 6: Portion of the extracted and displayed project network in the "explore results" tab of the Analytics Workbench. Blue nodes represent projects that are connected to a certain research topic (yellow nodes). The connections are established based on the information extraction for projects.

Figure 6 shows a network of projects (blue nodes) that are connected through research areas (yellow nodes). In this figure, the research area forestry and the adjacent projects are highlighted. This relation has been established, because in all

the adjacent projects' descriptions, the research area "forestry" has been extracted using the ESA algorithm (see previous section).

2.2.3 Twitter analysis

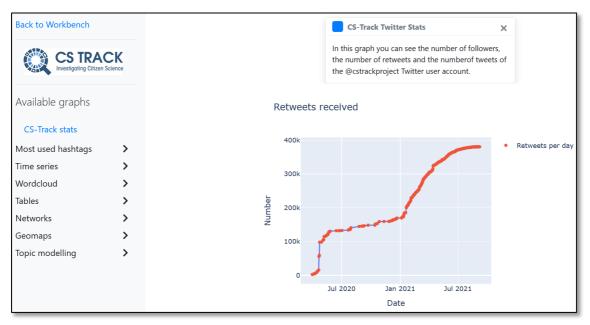


Figure 7: Dashboard startpage

In the Twitter analysis Dashboard (Figure 7), the main features of the tweets are explored and visualized using several techniques. They provide different views on the CS projects from the Twitter data.

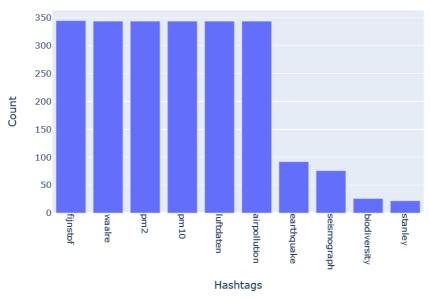


Figure 8: Most used hashtags

Most used hashtags. This section presents the bar charts of most used hashtags and most retweeted hashtags. In the most used hashtags, the presence of each hashtag in the Lynguo database is counted. This can be filtered applying keywords, uploading a list of predefined keywords, and selecting a starting and end date to refine the

search of hashtags. Besides, it can be changed the number of hashtags displayed in the graph. The appearance of this graph is shown in Figure 8.

In the most retweeted hashtags analysis, hashtags that received the higher number of retweets are displayed. Like in the section before all the analysis can be filtered according to the same possibilities. The filtering process shown in Figure 9 is also available in the time series analysis.

Numb	er hashtags:	Keywords:	Keywords:
10			Upload File
Dates:	Start Date	ightarrow End Date	

Figure 9: Filters for hashtags analysis

Time series. In the time series analysis, every use of a hashtag or retweet is analysed and displayed through the time. In this example the starting point was the 29th of September 2020 so the usage or number of retweets can be displayed starting from that point. Once more these graphs can be filtered according to the previous filters described alongside a new functionality which allows the selection of one specific hashtag. An example of use of this section is shown in Figure 10.



Figure 10: Use of the time series analysis

Word cloud. In the Word cloud section, the most used noun in the dataset are displayed.

Degree and sentiment analysis. The Degree analysis shows the users with the higher degrees in the database, which is calculated according to the number of retweets these users received. The sentiment analysis the users with higher sentiment are presented. This sentiment is calculated through natural language processing methods, text analysis,

computational linguistics, and biometrics to show a subjective appreciation to each user tweets.

Retweets, Retweets Communities and Two-mode networks. The network of retweets graph shows the users that receive the highest number of retweets in a redder colour and bigger size as it can be observed in Figure 10.

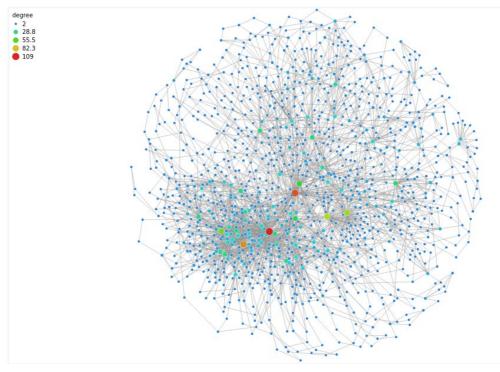


Figure 11: Network of retweets

The Retweets Communities allow to see the communities formed around certain users. At first glance a graph with nodes of different colours can be seen and once we select one node (community) the whole community graph is displayed allowing the analysis of individual nodes such as the central node around which the community evolves around.

The Two-mode section displays a bipartite directed graph. This graph is composed of two set of nodes, the first set is the user and the other the tweets. Thus, this allows the visualization of the most retweeted tweets in the database.

Geomaps. A Geomaps section presents the information about location and countries of the users in the database. The first subsection, Tweets and Followers per country, the number of tweets per country will be shown and the number of followers to users

Figure 11.

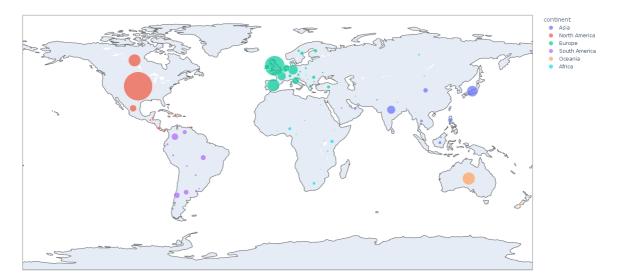


Figure 12: Tweets per country

Additionally, a world map displaying the location of the users in the database see Figure 12

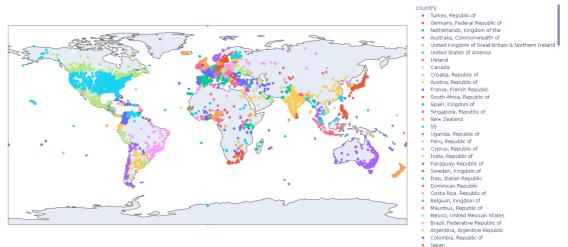
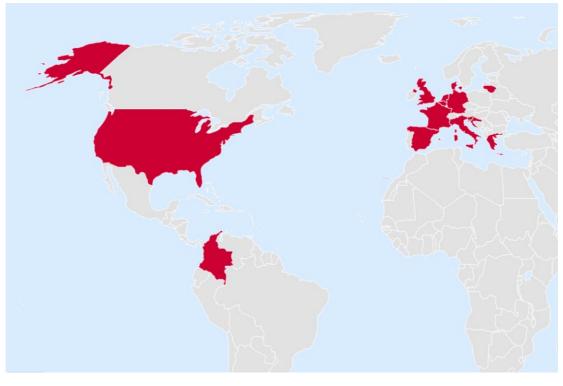


Figure 13: Locations of the users in the Lynguo database

3. Evaluation

We ran a workshop in mid-November to present the Analytic Workbench to participants and use the data collected in the Workshop to evaluate the Workbench under aspects of utility and usability. The usability orientation followed the User Experience Questionnaire (UEQ-S; Schrepp, Hinderks & Thomaschewski, 2017). The utility evaluation was based on predefined tasks leading the participants through a prototypical application case. The guidance was provided through a structured online questionnaire (SoSci Survey¹¹). This section documents the workshop and its results.



3.1 Workshop documentation

Figure 14: Global distribution of participants

The workshop was held online using zoom and was visited by 22 participants (plus 3 hosts from ATiT and 3 presenters from RIAS). As shown in Figure 16 the participants came predominantly from Europe, more concretely from nine EU member states as well as Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Additionally, we had one participant each from the United States and Colombia. After an introduction and a demo of the Workbench the participants were instructed to follow a questionnaire to analyse a project and answer questions in the process. The schedule for the workshop was the following:

¹¹ SoSci Survey GmbH, soSci, <u>https://www.soscisurvey.de/</u>

Time	Presenter	Торіс	
14:00	H. Ulrich Hoppe	Reception and CS Track introduction	
14:10	Sven Manske	Analytics Workbench introduction	
14:20	Cleo Schulten	Analytics Workbench demo	
14:30	Cleo Schulten	Hands-on task description	
14:35	Participants	Hands-on task / questionnaire	
15:15	H. Ulrich Hoppe	Questions and remarks	
15:25	H. Ulrich Hoppe and Sally Reynolds	Closing of the Workshop	

In the beginning of the interaction with the questionnaire, each participant was randomly given an individual citizen science project that they could then use in the then following questions that relate to a specific project.

The first questions asked the participants to read the project description of their assigned project and give their own opinion on possible research areas and SDGs that would fit the project. Next, they were supposed to have the Workbench analyse their project and report on some of the given results as well as indicate whether they found the results fitting.

After that they were asked to use the dashboard view to investigate connections between their project and other projects in the database. Additionally, they were supposed to report on the predominant research area, SDG, and named entity as well as a project each is connected to respectively.

As a last interaction with the Workbench the participants were asked to generate recommendations based on their project and a list of given interests.

Subsequently followed the short User Experience Questionnaire (UEQ-S; Schrepp, Hinderks & Thomaschewski, 2017) as well as open feedback questions and questions regarding the helpfulness of the individual functionalities of the workbench.

Finally, the participants were asked what role they see themselves in within the CS context.

For the concrete questions in the questionnaire see Annex 1.

3.2 Evaluation of results

Participants. 17 participants of the workshop started the questionnaire and 13 completed it. Of these 13 participants seven stated they were engaged in CS-related research, one identified him-/herself as a professional scientist, the other five selected other options and gave more information on their role in an open text field. Out of those five, one indicated the role as a researcher in related topics, one said (s)he was supporting researchers using CS methodology, one declared to be a community manager for a CS project, another one works in the design of CS tools and infrastructures and the last one just declared not being an expert in this context.

Individual projects. Of the 15 participants that answered the questions regarding the assigned research areas, SDGs and organisations for their project (cf. Annex 1, questions 3, 5 and 7), 12 correctly reported the assigned research areas, one gave

only the similarities, one used the wrong project but gave the correct research area for that project and one participant's answer was uninterpretable. The same pattern was found in the replies for the SDGs. For the organisations all but one participant gave one or more identified organisation for the project they analysed, the remaining one gave a product instead.

Finding connections in the network view. In the questions asking the participants to find projects connected to their project with the network view (cf. Annex 1, questions 8-10) only two out of 14 participants were entirely unable to give correct project names. Two other participants seem to have misunderstood one of the questions and gave an organisation or an incomplete project name. The same pattern reoccurred at the question asking for the connector that links their project to the most other projects (i.e., the neighbour with the highest degree).

Global view on collected data. All 14 participants correctly identified the predominant research area in the workbench (cf. Annex 1, question 11) and all except one gave a correct project linked to this research area. Equally all participants correctly named the predominant SDG (cf. Annex 1, question 12), though for this two failed to name a linked project. When reporting one of the named entities listed in the top 20 (cf. Annex 1, question 13), all 14 participants correctly named one, but four failed to name a connected project, with one giving no answer at all.

Recommendations. When creating recommendations based on their project the participants were asked to report their input for the recommendation (cf. Annex 1, question 14). Eleven participants chose appropriate input values ranging from the project name to assigned research areas or SDGs and various combinations. The remaining two that answered these questions gave an unconnected research area and an entirely different project name respectively.

UEQ-S. The results of the performed short UEQ-S (cf. Annex 1, question 17) are shown in Figure 17. These are based on the answers of all 13 participants that answered this part of the questionnaire. In pragmatic quality the Workbench reaches a value of 0.904, for hedonic quality 1.173 and a value of 1.038 overall. These values are on a scale from -3 to 3 and values above 0.8 constitute a positive result regarding the usability of the Analytics Workbench.

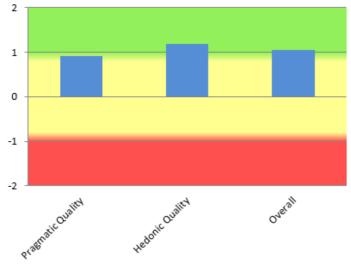


Figure 15: UEQ-S scores

Helpfulness. Additionally, we asked the participants to rate each functionality on their perceived helpfulness. The corresponding results are pictured in Figure 18. To calculate the mean answer per functionality we coded the answers as follows: not helpful - 0, somewhat helpful - 1, helpful - 2 and very helpful - 3.

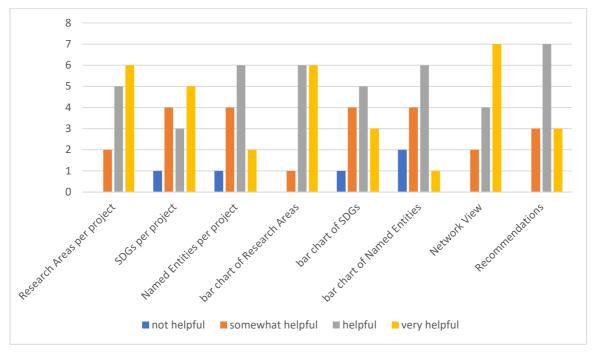


Figure 16: Helpfulness ratings per functionality

For the results per project, we asked separately for research areas, SDGs and named entities. The research areas were rated somewhat helpful by two participants, helpful by five and very helpful by six, with a mean of M=2.31 (SD=0.75). The assigned SDGs are rated as not helpful by one participant, somewhat helpful by four, helpful by three and very helpful by five (M=1.92, SD=1.04). Named entities has the lowest mean value out of the three with M=1.69 (SD=0.85). This is based on one participant rating them as not helpful, four as somewhat helpful, six as helpful and two as not helpful. Still the mean value of 1.69 can be translated as somewhat helpful with a considerable tendency to helpful.

For the bar charts included in the dashboard - that show the top research areas, SDGs and named entities - we equally asked separately for each chart. The research area bar chart was rated as somewhat helpful by one participant, helpful by six and very helpful by six, leading to a higher mean than the research area results per project with M=2.38 (SD=0.65). The SDG bar chart was rated as not helpful by one participant, somewhat helpful by four, helpful by five and very helpful by three (M=1.77, SD=0.93). The named entities bar chart was rated as not helpful by two participants, somewhat helpful by six and very helpful by one. With a mean of M=1.46 (SD=0.88) this feature is rated as the least helpful, which can be translated as somewhat helpful with a slight tendency to helpful.

The network view is deemed somewhat helpful by two participants, helpful by four and very helpful by seven, making it the best rated feature with a mean of M=2.38 (SD=0.77). The recommendation is rated as helpful by seven participants and as somewhat helpful and very helpful by two each, giving it a mean of M=2 (SD=0.71).

The overall positive rating of helpfulness for the Workbench's features indicates a positive result regarding the utility of the Workbench. Looking back to the evaluation of the guided questions those show us that most of the participants were able to utilize the features of the Workbench in order to answer the given questions correctly.

Open ended questions. In the evaluative part of the questionnaire, we inquired whether the participant's expectations of this workbench were met, if something surprised them, what else they might have expected to see or what else they wished to see (cf. Annex 1, questions 18 and 19). One of the findings is, that the participants are interested in meta data about the workbench processing from other participants-such as how often results of a project were analysed and if modifications diverge. Furthermore, the participants were interested in additional information about the projects, e.g., about the type of involvement and tasks of citizen scientists. They also had ideas for additional analytics approaches. One participant requested additional tooltips and some improvement of the interface of the Workbench.

Final open discussion. In the final open discussion, in addition to an overall very positive feedback on the workshop, several participants indicated their interest in further using the toolset and workbench. One specific intended application would require dealing with German project descriptions. Here, our suggestion was not to convert the text analytics (in this case, ESA) but to use a source translation. Another participant showed an interest in using NER (Named Entity Recognition) to support the standardization of labels for organisations (here specifically NASA) and their related projects and institutions. It was reported that several databases showed inconsistencies in this respect. Another outcome was the invitation to report on the workbench and further aspects of analytics work in CS Track in a research colloquium at KIT Karlsruhe (Germany).

4. Conclusion

This deliverable has documented the (open source) software release underlying the Analytics Workbench, which is the main outcome of Task T3.2 in the CS Track project. The Analytics Workbench provides a toolset of analytics tools and methods based on the previous deliverable D3.1, with a strong focus on computational content analysis, especially text analytics and network extraction both from project descriptions as well as Twitter-based analyses. The set of tools and methods can be bundled in Analytics Workbench facilitates the interactive usage of the mentioned analytics methods to generate insights about CS activities.

A first workshop with stakeholders and potential users of the workbench has been conducted in month 24 of the project. Within this workshop, the usability and utility of the tools and the system as a whole have been evaluated. It turns out that most of the tools have been perceived as being (very) helpful and that the stakeholders see a significant potential regarding the generation of insights about citizen science projects in their scope or beyond.

During the next phase of the project, the Analytics Workbench will be further employed to support the analyses in CS Track and thus it will also serve as one ingredient of the triangulation approach conducted within WP4.

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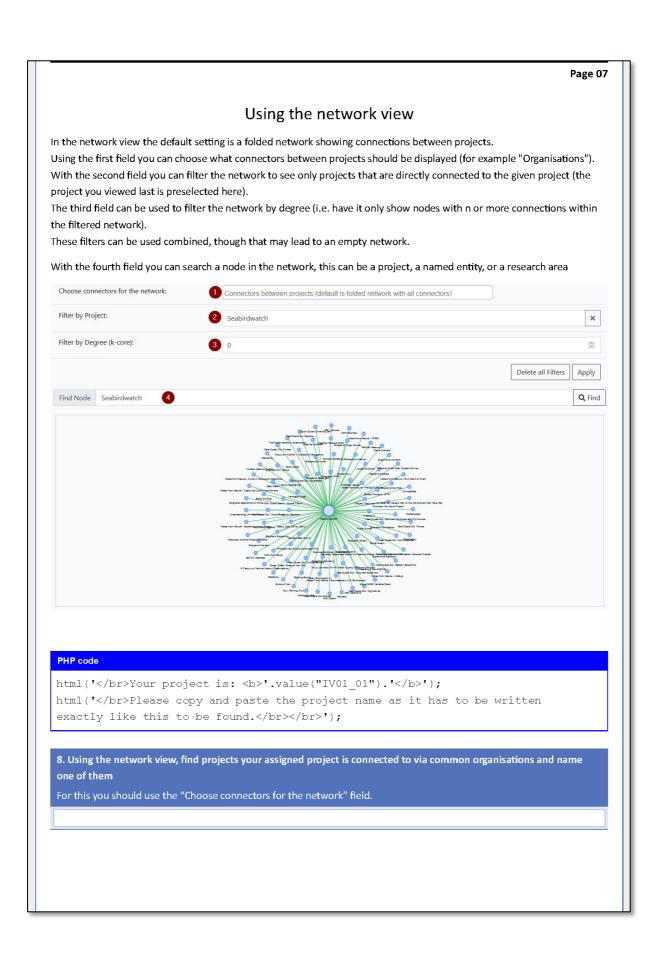
Annexes

Annex 1: Questionnaire (Workshop)

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project.
○ Yes
5. What is the most similar SDG?
For this please refer to the similarity score displayed next to the SDG results
6. Do(es) the assigned SDG(s) match the projects description?
Please base your answer on the projects description and not on any additional knowledge you may have about the
project.
○ No
7. Which organisation(s) is / are connected to the project? Please name one or more.
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For the assessment of the Analytics Workbench as a whole, please fill out the following questionnaire. The questionnaire consists of pairs of contrasting attributes that may apply to the Workbench. The circles between the attributes represent gradations between the opposites. You can express your agreement with the attributes by ticking the circle that most closely reflects your impression.

17. Please decide spontaneously. Don't think too long about your decision to make sure that you convey your original impression.

Sometimes you may not be completely sure about your agreement with a particular attribute or you may find that the attribute does not apply completely. Nevertheless, please tick a circle in every line.

It is your personal opinion that counts. Please remember: there is no wrong or right answer!

obstructive	0000000	supportive
complicated	0000000	easy
inefficient	0000000	efficient
confusing	0000000	clear
boring	0000000	exiting
not interesting	0000000	interesting
conventional	0000000	inventive
usual	0000000	leading edge

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Feedback

Lastly we would greatly appreciate some feedback regarding the Analytics Workbench

18. Did the Analytics Workbench meet your expectations? Did anything surprise you?

19. What else would you have expected? Or which features would you wish were included?

20. Please rate the following features in terms of their helpfulness				
	somewhat			
	not helpful	helpful	helpful	very helpful
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assigned SDGs per project	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
identified Named Entities per project	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
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bar chart of Named Entities	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
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21. Room to elaborate on the last question (e.g. What would have helped?)

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22. In which role do you see yourself in in the Citizen Science context?	
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O Professional Scientist	
O Research in Citizen Science	
Other	
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Ne would like to thank you very much for helping us.	
Your answers were transmitted, you may close the browser window or tab now.	
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