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# Alpha Presentation

## Text Classification of Seller Forums Content

### The Capstone Experience

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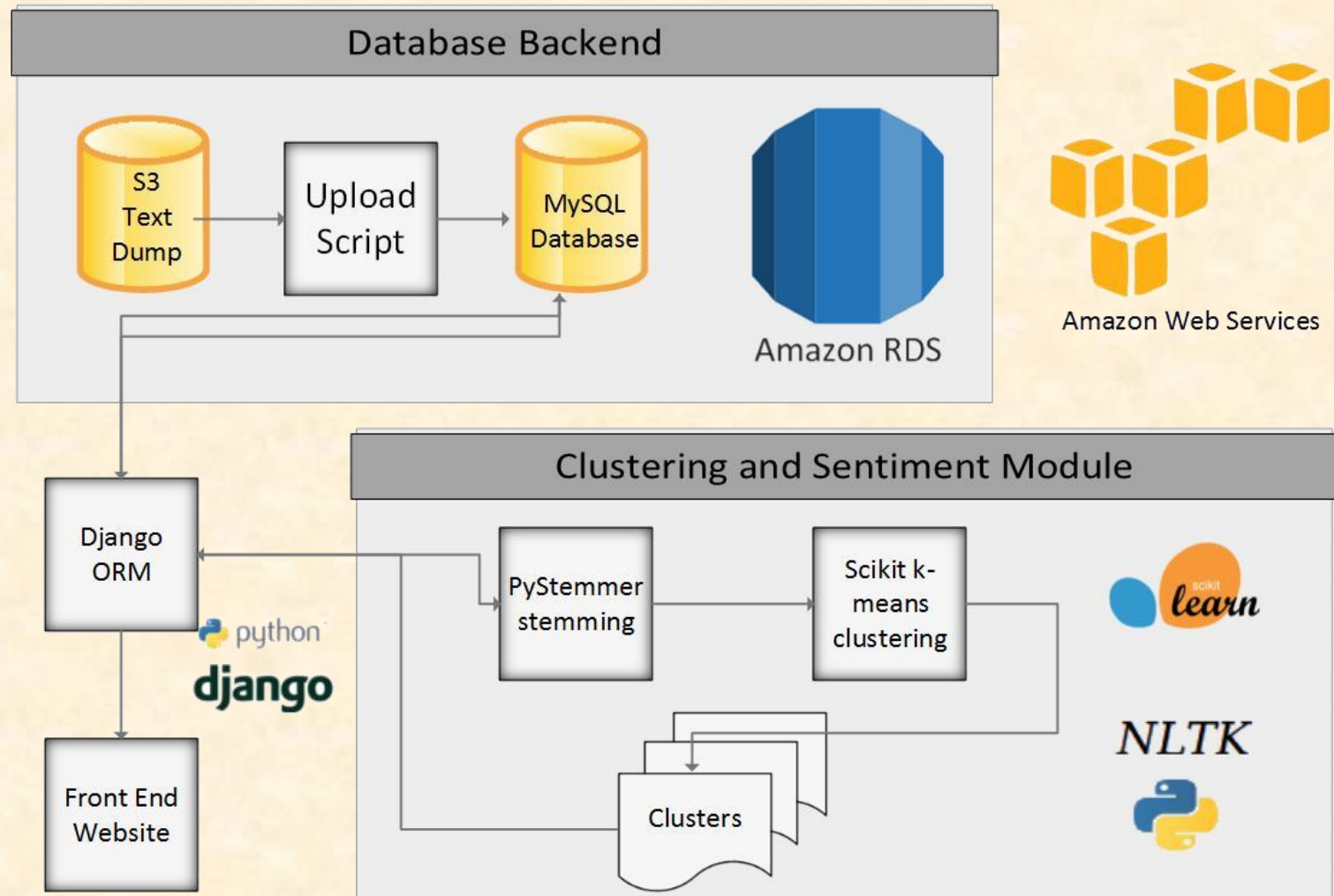
# Project Overview

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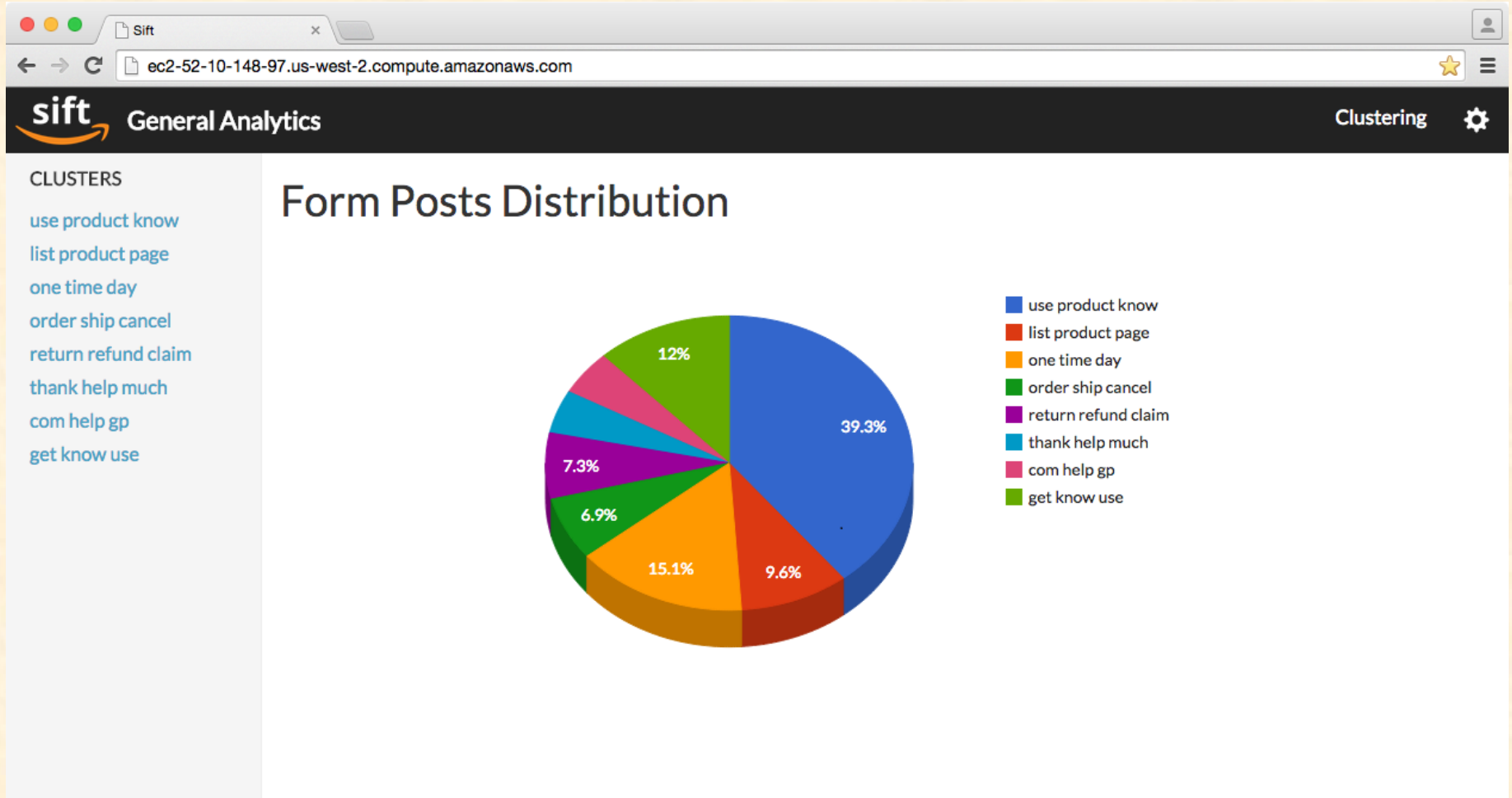
- Amazon is the largest internet-based retailer
- Unlock the value of 3<sup>rd</sup> party Seller Forums
- Data Organization and Analysis
  - Clustering
  - Sentiment
- Dashboard
  - Graphs and tables
  - Notifications



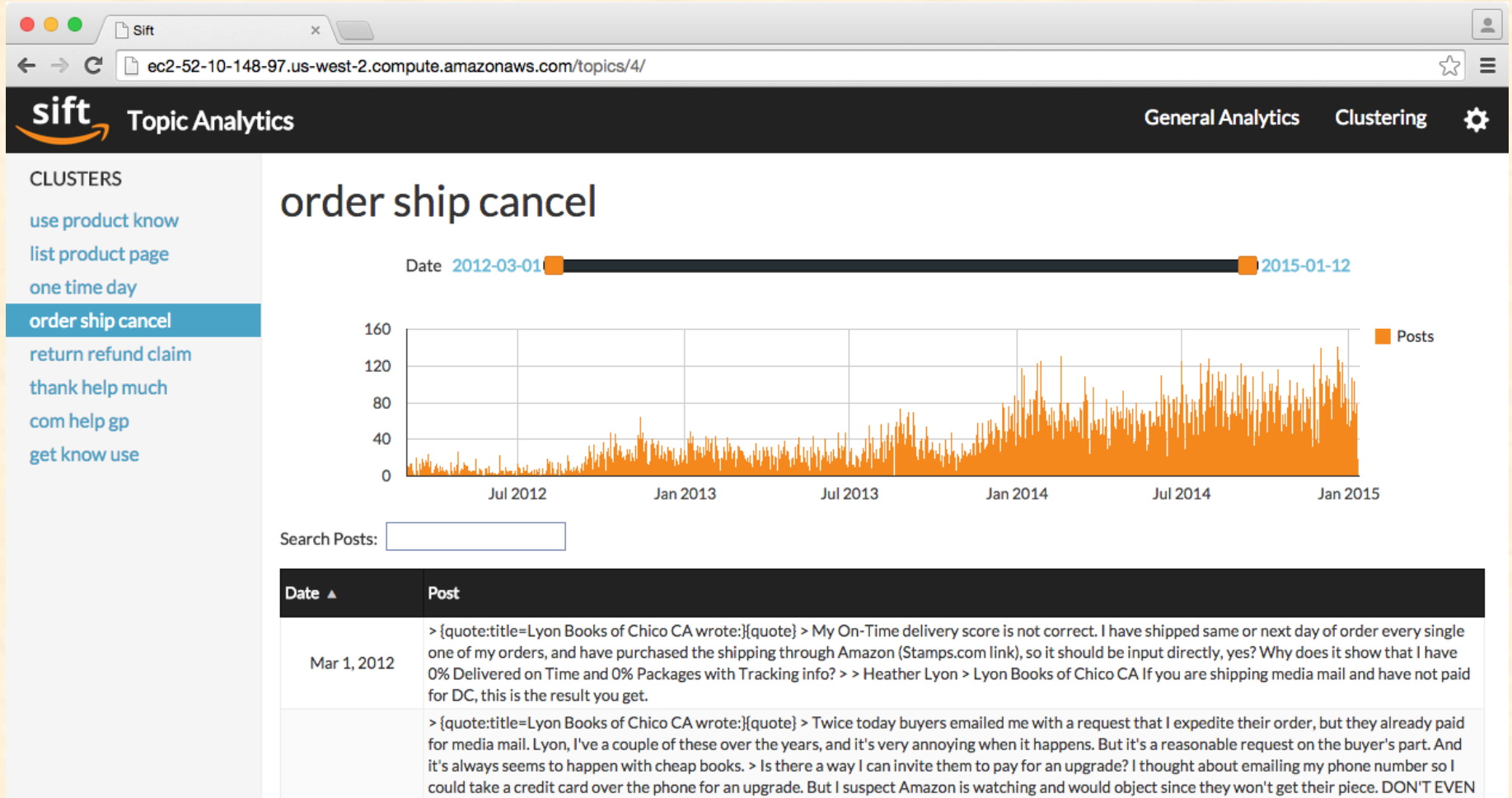
# System Architecture



# General Analytics



# Cluster Details



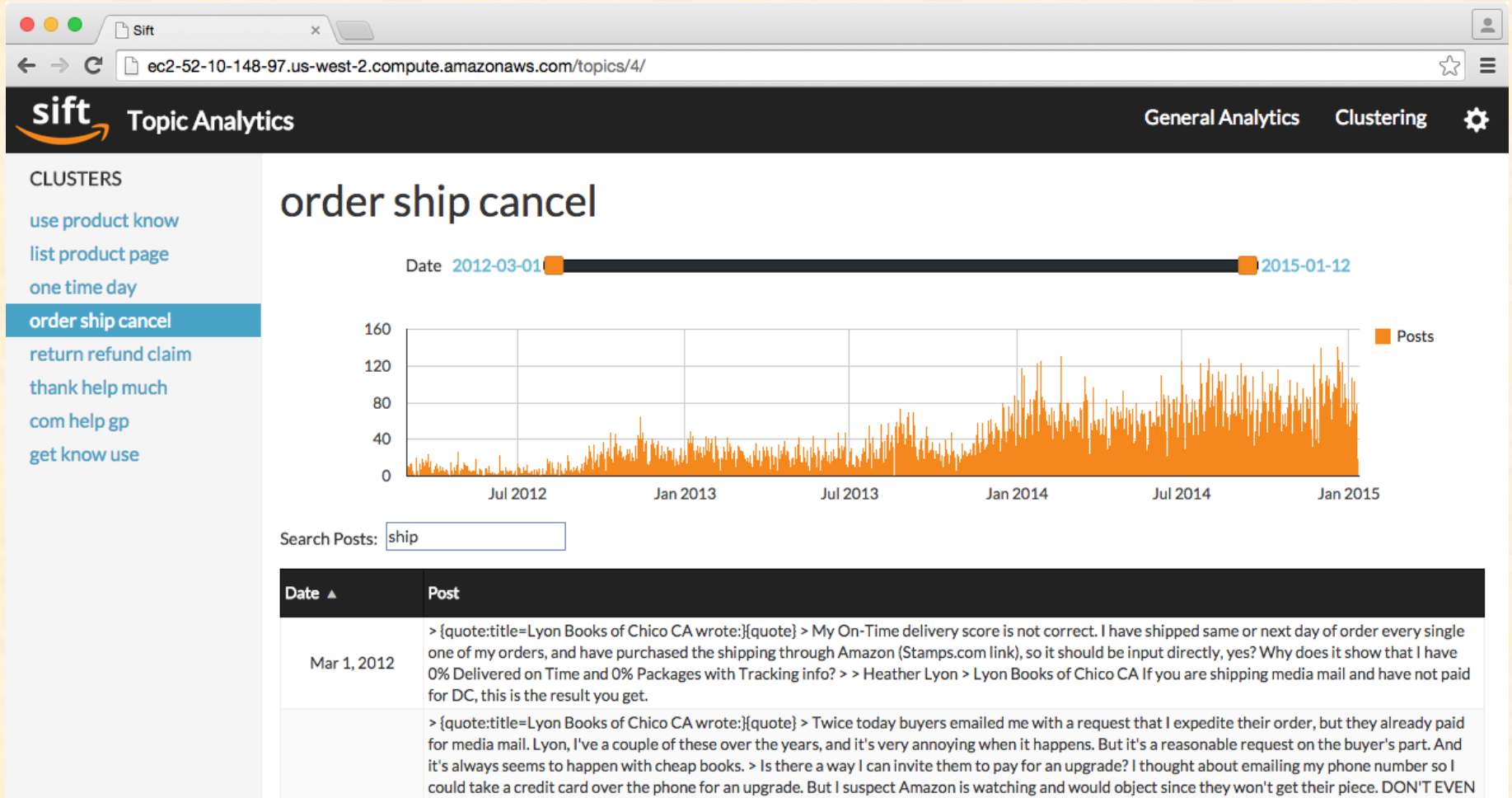
# Cluster Details – *Date Selection*

The screenshot shows the Sift Topic Analytics interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: `ec2-52-10-148-97.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com/topics/4/`. The page title is "order ship cancel". A date range selector is set to "Date 2013-05-12" to "2014-07-02". Below the selector is a bar chart showing the volume of posts over time, with a peak in early 2014. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 160. The x-axis shows months from Jul 2013 to Jul 2014. A search bar labeled "Search Posts:" is present. A table below the chart displays two posts from May 12, 2013.

Date ▲	Post
May 12, 2013	Any email from the buyer, after the sale, makes the order imperfect. The reason is irrelevant. You are wasting your time reading the POP score and its reports. It only exists so volume merchants who have multiple copies of SKUs can spot products which might be potential problems. It is not used to evaluate you. As for the cause of this imperfect order - one of the risks of selling vinyl on Amazon is some dolt who wants a CD will wander to the page for the LP and order it. Happens often on LPs which have never been reissued on CD. I stopped selling VHS when every customer who order one of mine, returned it because they wanted a DVD.
May 12, 2013	> {quote:title=Ka-Razy Kings of Toys wrote:}{quote} > I see plenty of other sellers offering up merchandise available for pre-order this September, but one of my listings was taken down because it was not available to be shipped out within the time frame requested by Amazon. > > What should I do? apparently Amazon told you by suspending you.



# Cluster Details – Searching



# Clustering Configuration

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `ec2-52-10-148-97.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com/clustering/`. The page title is "Clustering Configuration" and the Sift logo is visible in the top left. The navigation bar includes "General Analytics" and "Clustering" with a settings gear icon.

**Clustering Configuration**

Date Range:  
2014-12-23 2015-02-23  
All Posts

Number of Clusters:  
8

Clustering Type:  
K-Means

Max Number of Features  
10000

Run

**Info**

This site uses [term frequency-inverse document frequency \(tf-idf\)](#) vectorization of posts on the Amazon Seller Forums to perform fast [K-means clustering](#) using the [mini-batch algorithm](#).

- **Date Range:** Generate clusters on posts made in a certain date range, or cluster all posts
- **Number of Clusters:** Adjust the number of clusters the algorithm attempts to fit posts to
- **Clustering Type:** Select whether standard K-means or mini-batch (faster) clustering is used
- **Max Number of Features:** The max features attributes indicates how many unique words should be considered when clustering; additional (lower-frequency) words will be ignored by the clustering algorithm.





# What's left to do?

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- Optimize Clustering
- Implement Dynamic Loading
- Generate Sci-Kit Cluster Charts
- Track Trending Clusters
- Sentiment Analysis
- Notifications
- Develop more Visualization and Analysis Tools

