

# Feature LDA: a Supervised Topic Model for Automatic Detection of Web API Documentations from the Web

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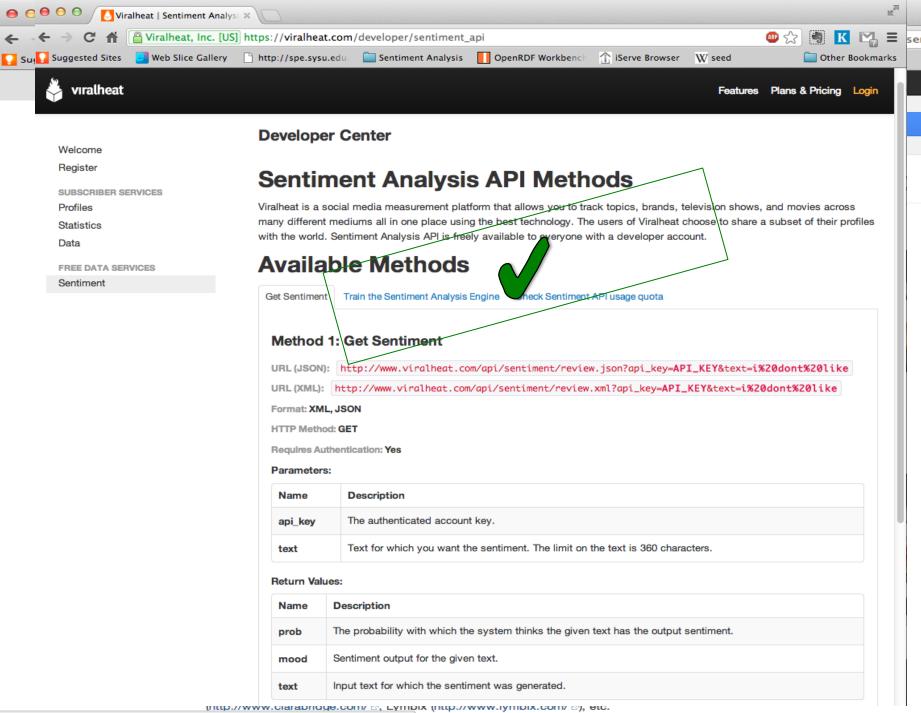
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# Finding a Web API

- Dedicated registries, e.g. ProgrammableWeb
  - Contain out of date or incorrect information,
     e.g. invalid pages or incorrect links to APIs documentation pages
  - Only a limited number of Web APIs listed, left out a large number of third party Web APIs
- General search engine, e.g. Google
  - Not optimized for Web API discovery
  - Mix up with pages that are not (so) relevant,
     e.g. blogs and advertisement about Web APIs.





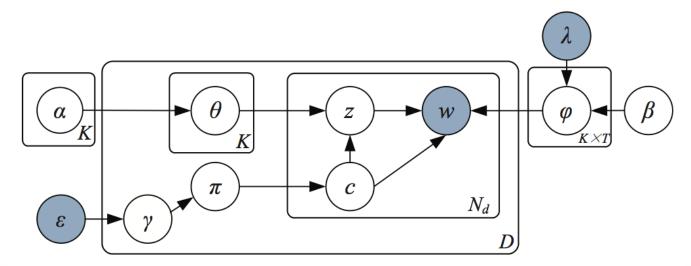
## Our Goal ...

- Goal: To build a customized search engine for detecting third party Web APIs on the Web scale
  - Assume every Web API provides public documentation page(s)
  - These pages provide the most relevant information for developers
  - Approached as a binary classification problem,
     i.e. distinguishing <u>API documentation</u> VS.
     <u>normal pages</u>



### Feature LDA

- **Feature LDA model**: a generic probabilistic framework for text classification.
  - A <u>supervised</u> four-layer hierarchical Bayesian model
  - Accommodate supervisions from both <u>labelled</u> <u>instance</u> and <u>labelled features</u> for training
  - Able to extract meaningful class specific topics





### Conclusions

- Discovering Web APIs is becoming increasingly important and existing support is not optimal
- Treat Web API discovery as a classification problem
- Presented a supervised topic model called feaLDA
  - Outperforms SVM, NB and MaxEnt and supervised topic models labeledLDA and pLDA
  - Offers very high precision which is crucial for reducing false positive when mining from the Web
- Future Work
  - web-scale processing for discovering Web API is in progress.