

Tweet IDs from Ma3Route

Overview

Using the Twitter API, tweets were scrapped from the twitter handle @Ma3Route. Ma3Route is a mobile/web/SMS platform that crowdsources transport data and provides users with information on traffic, road traffic crash (RTC), matatu directions and driving reports. Users post RTC or traffic information to Ma3Route, where Ma3Route then publishes the post on Twitter. Tweets were obtained in order to identify tweets that reported RTC.

This documentation describes a dataset of Tweet IDs of all Ma3Route tweets from May 2012 until July 2020.

Dataset

Twitter's content redistribution policy restricts the sharing of tweet information other than tweet or user IDs. However, tweet IDs can be hydrated¹ to uncover the tweet and metadata. We provide tweet IDs of tweets from Ma3Route from May 2012 (when Ma3Route was started) until July 2020. IDs from January – March 2018 are missing; during this period, we only obtained the text of the tweet, not the IDs as well.

We provide a .csv file with tweet IDs for each year in the format: ma3route_tweetids_[year].csv

¹ There are a number of tools to hydrate tweets; for example, see: <https://github.com/DocNow/twarc>