

Information and Access Agreement for the CMU Gardenhose/Decahose Archives

User Name: _____ Andrew-ID: _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____ Department: _____

At CMU we are lucky to have access to an archive of the "Gardenhose"/"Decahose" Twitter stream. It consists of around 10% of all public messages created 2008/09 – 2014/09. It's very valuable, can be misused, and we're not allowed to redistribute it outside CMU. Twitter has issued legal threats to researchers at other institutions who have made these data available. To protect CMU's interests everyone who uses this data must follow these rules:

1. You must first sign this agreement, and fully understand it, before accessing or using any of the data.
2. You will stop using the data and delete it if Jürgen Pfeffer (ISR/SCS) asks you to, at any time, to the best of your ability.
3. You will only use the data for research purposes that is related to your work at CMU. You must not sell the data or do any form of business consulting with the data.
4. You must be actively affiliated with CMU (Pittsburgh campus) to use the data.
 - You must be employed by the university, or be a student.
 - Titular affiliation does not count (e.g. adjunct faculty).
 - It doesn't count to just be a research collaborator.
 - It doesn't count to just have a server login or other account at CMU.
 - A non-Pittsburgh CMU campus, or another affiliated institution, does not count.
 - You may not use the data when your affiliation with CMU ends.
5. You will only store the data on CMU Pittsburgh desktop computers or servers.
 - Laptops are not allowed.
 - Copies of the data on external hard drives or other devices must remain on CMU campus.
6. You will not share the data with anyone else, including at CMU.
 - Every individual working with the data must sign this agreement separately before getting access to the data.
7. You will always use the data in an ethical and respectful manner. You must consider privacy implications of analyzing this data.
8. This agreement does not include IRB issues. Please also start an IRB approval process for your research.
9. If you need to publicly redistribute data access for research purposes, note that Twitter's terms of service just allows redistribution of message IDs, for which a recipient has to run a program to download the actual messages from the public API.
10. Once again, under no circumstances you will share the data.

I (the signer) agree to the above rules.

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I (the signer) understand that it is my responsibility that my student/post-doc/staff member complies with the above rules.

Signature User

Signature Faculty Sponsor

Date