

METHO-POINTER: TEXTMINING



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DEFINITION

Textmining is effectively a quantitative approach for text analysis, based on keywords to be defined or found in texts. It allows to quantitatively assess texts and show interconnections.

PURPOSE

As a research method, it can be applied in many different ways. Textmining can be especially helpful to:

Visualize a research profile of:

- Researcher
- Department

- Chair

- Faculty

Conduct a literature review to find out about the most important:

- Disciplines
- Researchers
- Journals
- Subtopics in a field



And how they connect to each other.

HOW TO

- A database of text is necessary, e.g. abstracts being downloaded from web of science.
- The database can be best managed in Excel (if it does not become too large).
- To conduct the actual Textmining the data needs to be imported in a *.csv file into a specific software.

RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE

KHCoder: is free and can be downloaded here.

Click here for a tutorial on how to use KHCoder:

