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#### **Turning a Billion Articles into Actionable Insights**

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## Dow Jones Intelligent **Identifiers**

Why a Taxonomy?

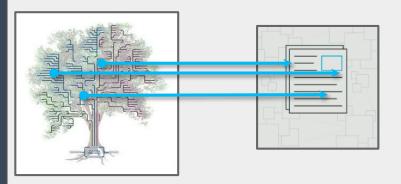




#### **Evolving Taxonomy**

- Not the total number of tags ; We have a dedicated MD team
- Ensures our taxonomy is rightsized!
- Evaluation of new tags (emerging industries, technologies etc...)
- Example: Drones, Crypto-**Currency or Al**
- Evaluation of placement / redefinition
- Evaluation of tag usage / removals (VCR technology)
- All part of the 60 day DJID release schedule

Key Differentiator: Millions of articles flowing through our pipeline daily, our content is tagged with valuable metadata that defines the article: Harnessing the power of our metadata allows customers to build out models. data analytics, drive visualizations & deep learning. May 2018



### Keyword Searches vs. Dow Jones Intelligent Identifiers

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#### **Solutions using DJID codes**

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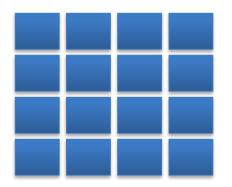
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DJID code = Acts of Terror

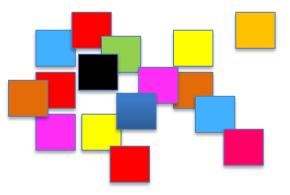
#### Reading & Understanding Unstructured Text (Our Content)

#### **Structured Data**

#### **Unstructured Data**



- Clearly defined
- Expected fields and values
- Easily classified / categorized

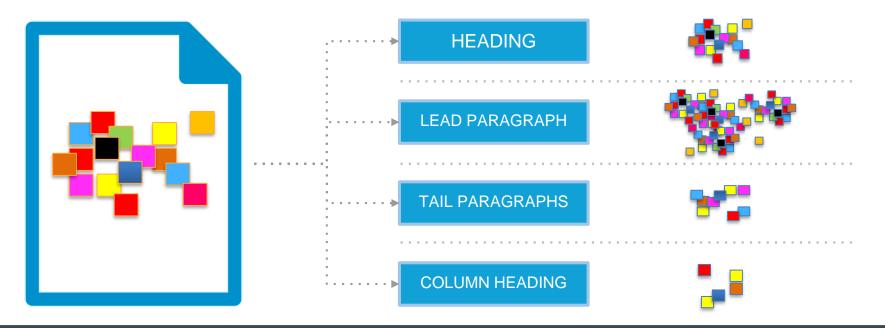


- Data is random / unpredictable
- Data is not defined
- Free form text format
- No expected fields
   and values

- Classification difficult
- Prone to error
  - Requires sophisticated linguistic tools to categorize

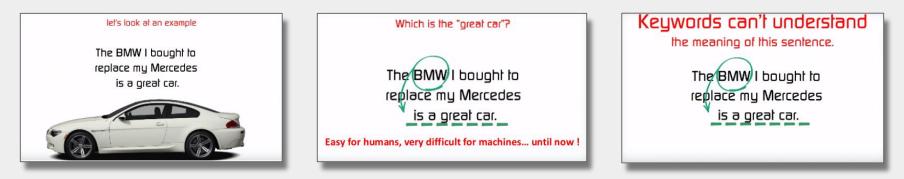
### Creating structure to a News Article

**DISTDOC** - Articles are normalized into a fixed format



### Language is Difficult to Understand

Older systems/machines that only used keywords found it very challenging to correctly interpret the context, the way humans can.



- Keyword rules based engines
- Rely on proximity and distance to other words
- As a way to collect evidence, what the story was about.
- As you can see here, language is "tricky" !

# Language is difficult...

#### Lexical ambiguity - Homophones

## A word that sounds the same but have different meanings.

- "The **bat** slipped from his hand" or a flying mammal?
- "Cinderella had a **ball**" or is ball an event or physical object?
- "Ron lies asleep in his bed" or is he telling a lie in his sleep? "I have four **mouths** to feed at home"



# What is Autocoding?

- Autocoding is the <u>automatic application of Dow</u> Jones Intelligent Identifiers (DJID) codes on all Factiva/DNA content with minimal editorial intervention. (26 languages)
- Aboutness is the <u>underlying principle</u> of coding the Dow Jones Intelligent Identifiers taxonomy.
- Autocoding specialists configure coding systems in an effort to categorize the item based on what it is about, not what sector, country, product or group it may be of interest to (also known as "of-interest-to" coding) or for passing mentions.

How do we get around these linguistic challenges? <sup>26 Languages</sup>  Hybrid strategic approach - Requiring multiple tools

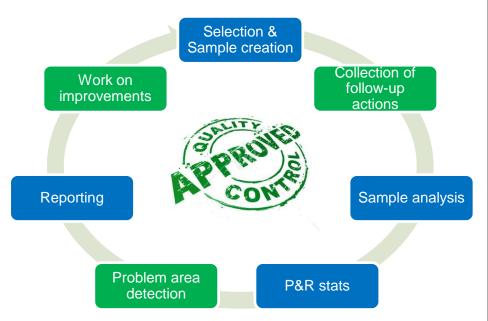
No one tool / system today can do it all

 Multiple tools fill tackle these linguistic challenges

 Mission: is to hit extremely high quality metrics / KPI – No 100%

## Quality – A "never-ending" process

- Customers want to hear we "stay on top" of our taxonomy and tagging. Remember "evolving" DJID?
- We also stay on top of Quality.
- Dedicated Quality team
- Monthly monitoring
- Monitored by staff in Quality, Metadata, Autocoding & external
- Gaps identified assigned for follow-up (by Autocoding)
- Future? More about machine learning and Auto-Feedback loop – *More to come...*



## Recent GDPR Business Case

#### GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation

EU regulation on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union.

- It aims primarily to give control to citizens and residents over their personal data
- It becomes enforceable on 25 May 2018

## What is a SIP?

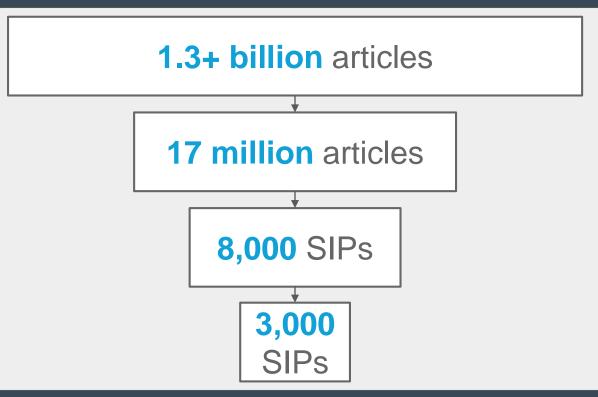


New GDPR Regulation

#### Many SIPs were AQUITTED of the crime

# 200k SIPs needed to be reviewed

## Solution to the Business Challenge



# Benefit

Saved 11 research years

GDPR Compliant Data

## Conclusion



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 Autocoding uses AI to apply codes to articles

Al utilized to read over 1.3 billion articles