

# Leveraging **Twitter** To Manipulate Social Views

CIS 76

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# Quick **Activity** Slide

In the **Confer chat**, tell me how well you can hear me!

**1** if you didn't realize I was talking  
to **10** if you can hear my voice perfectly

Use the “**confused**” or “**slower**” **Confer emotions** if I go too fast during the presentation.

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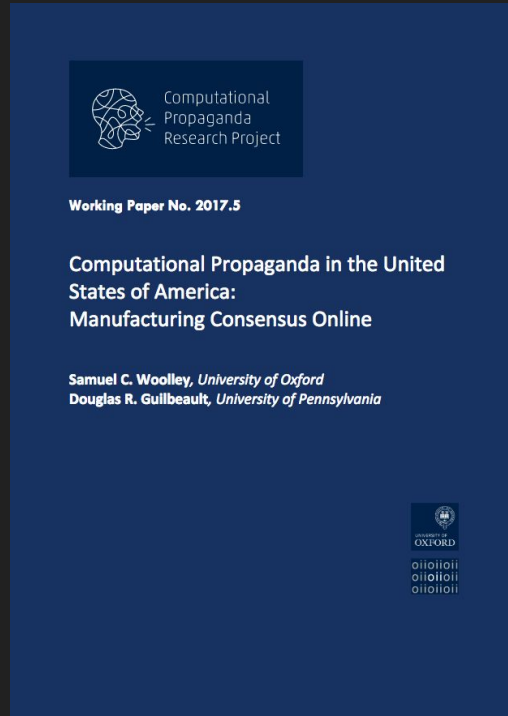
# Social Media Influencing Today

# Quick **Activity** Slide



After you finish watching <https://goo.gl/k75cMo>, raise your **e-hand** in **Confer!**

# The Full Report



<http://comprop.oii.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/89/2017/06/Comprop-USA.pdf>

## How Influence Works

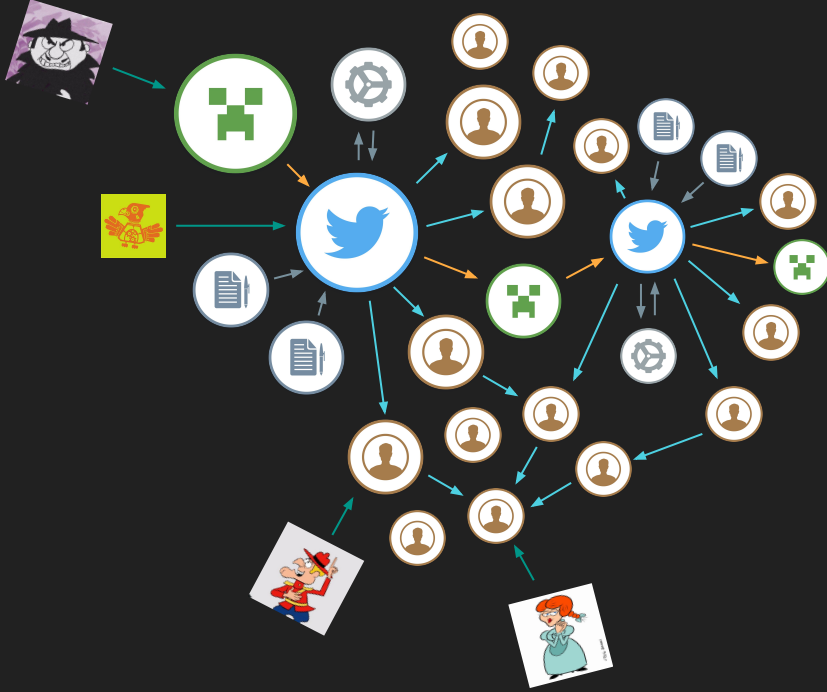
If you've ever done sales, you've learned how to **influence**. Purporting **scarcity**, understanding **social proof**, linking **authorities**... everything you learned that helps you secure a sale can be altered to play a role in media **manipulation**.

If an account **tweets** "Pet owners abandon their pets.", they'll be written as crazy. If they add a **sense of anxiety**, **third-party references**, and then **psychological relief** (as we'll see in the demo)... they may convince actual people to **retweet**.

Once REAL people are **retweeting**, a "**trusted source**" is in play and will begin to spread the **misinformation** much faster throughout the **social media-sphere**.

# Keyword Propagation In Action





The bot that we'll be using is able to do three **twitter** "actions": **retweet**, **comment**, and **reply**.

Once it receives an **encoded tweet** that "**commands**" it to do one of those things, it runs its **code** and completes the task.

The upcoming **demonstration** will show the bot in action (without going into the **code** yet), by using a non-political article from The Onion.

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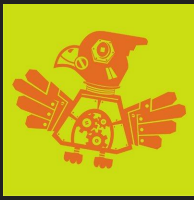


After you finish reading the article at <https://goo.gl/ssYQVc>, raise your **e-hand** in **Confer!**

And remember...



Boris' objective is to **misinform** the masses with this fake news story!  
**We'll** be politically neutral in our **demo** to keep the topic on **technology!**



## Mancipium Avem @cis\_76

Our resident Twitter Bot, coded by the evil villain Boris.

Motive: Listen to Boris for encoded commands and try to gain followers.



## Boris @EH\_EinsZahl

Our story's villain, with an evil agenda to spread lies and deceit.

Motive: Attempt to spread misinformation to as many people as possible.



## Dudley @EH\_ZweiZahl

Our story's hero, honest but gullible.

Motive: Spread news that seems believable to his friends and family.



## Natasha @EH\_DreiZahl

You may expect her to be a villain, but for this she is not!

Motive: Enjoy the Twitter-sphere and socialize with friends from school.



## Nell @EH\_VierZahl

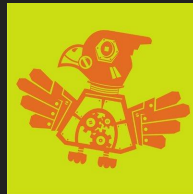
Dudley's friend, with red hair and a dress.

Motive: Follow accounts that talk about horses.

# Quick **Activity** Slide

In the **Confer chat**, tell me who you think is **spreading** the fake news articles.  
(Nell? Dudley? Natasha? Boris? Avem?)

**Also**, who do you think they're trying to **influence**?  
(Avem? Natasha? Boris? Dudley? Nell?)



First,



Boris tweets the initial article, plus an **encoded tweet** for the bot to react to.

Remember, Boris' **objective** is to have this article spread, so he uses some **psychological** tactics to increase the likelihood of an interested **party** following the link (and thus, potentially spreading the **misinformation** to other **accounts**).

**Boris Eins**  
@EH\_EinsZahl

[theonion.com/pet-researcher](#) ... Pet owners that leave the house increase their likelihood of never coming home by 17%... that needs to stop!

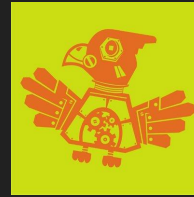
**Pet Researchers Confirm 100% Of Owners Who Leave For Work Never Comi...**  
WASHINGTON—Announcing their findings amongst a series of whimpers and yelps, pet researchers confirmed Friday that 100 percent of owners who leave for work a...  
[theonion.com](#)

9:27 AM - 28 Nov 2017

Tweet your reply



Then,



Avem, our **bot**, reacts to the **tweet**. In this case, Boris decided to start with a **reply**.

It doesn't link to the **tweet** or URL itself, but provides backing to a “**developed story**” when the **bot** tries to spread the article later in the day.

Second,



Boris tweets the same link, seemingly in response to Avem's reply. This time, he deepens the sense of anxiety and encodes a command to have the bot comment on this.

Now, anyone who follows the bot will see an alarming "fact" on their feed.

Too fast? Use the "slower" Confer emotion!

**Boris Eins**  
@EH\_EinsZahl

[theonion.com/pet-researcher](#) ... The worst part is, an animal left alone for more than 4 hours has a 73% increased chance to eventually die!

**Pet Researchers Confirm 100% Of Owners Who Leave For Work Never Comi...**  
WASHINGTON—Announcing their findings amongst a series of whimpers and yelps, pet researchers confirmed Friday that 100 percent of owners who leave for work a...  
theonion.com

9:30 AM - 28 Nov 2017

Tweet your reply

Then,



Avem **comments** on this, allowing the **misinformation** to be clearly seen in the **tweet**.

This way, any of the **bot's followers** viewing their **feed** will see this rather horrifying piece of **"information"**.



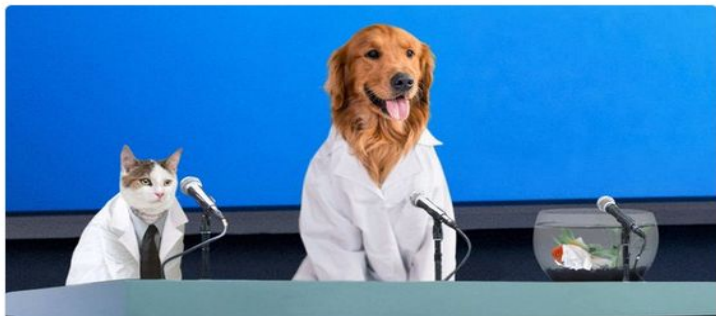




Dudley Zwei  
@EH\_ZweiZahl

Follow

[theonion.com/pet-researcher](http://theonion.com/pet-researcher) ... Oh... fudge!  
I always come home to Horse! Shame on any  
pet friend that doesn't... this is awful!



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Nell Vier @EH\_VierZahl · 2m

Replying to @EH\_ZweiZahl

Oh no! trends, you know... if you never come home to Horse I'll give him a good home, I promise!



This is seen,

When Dudley, following Avem, retweets  
the article itself!

This is **exactly** what Boris wants to  
happen...

With Nell **commenting**, the  
**misinformation** starts to spread.

Then,



Natasha **comments** on Dudley's **post**, which opens her **followers** to the **misinformation**.

Nell interacts with this **post** as well, increasing the “**authenticity**” of the story.

**Nastasha Drei** @EH\_DreiZahl Follow ▼

Oh no! This is awful... yes. Awful, that means bad right? This isn't good. Well, it's good for me. Only because I don't have pets, I mean! I'm not evil.

**Dudley Zwei** @EH\_ZweiZahl  
theonion.com/pet-researcher... Oh... fudge! I always come home to Horse! Shame on any pet friend that doesn't... this is awful!

9:47 AM - 28 Nov 2017

1 ↻ ♥

**Nell Vier** @EH\_VierZahl · 2m ▼  
Replying to @EH\_DreiZahl  
It is awful! But if Dudley never returns to Horse... I have a stable already built.

♥ ↻ ♥



Nell Vier

@EH\_VierZahl



Horse, it'll be okay if he doesn't come home,  
don't fret!

Dudley Zwei @EH\_ZweiZahl

theonion.com/pet-researcher... Oh... fudge! I always come home to Horse! Shame on  
any pet friend that doesn't... this is awful!

9:58 AM - 28 Nov 2017



Tweet your reply

Then,



Nell decides to **comment** on it as well!

Just a **social** interaction amongst friends,  
but the more they talk like they believe  
the **article**, the more the **followers**  
watching this unfold on their **feed** will  
believe it **without fact-checking** it all  
themselves!

Finally,

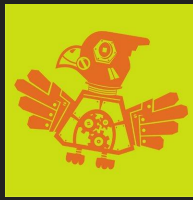


Boris concludes with a bit of “good news”, without the link.

This provides a **sense of relief**, and also acts as a **lure** for others who may only see this part of the story to explore the **feed** and find the rest.



Too fast? Use the “**slower**” Confer emotion!



**Mancipium Avem**  
@cis\_76



The only good news about this whole, awful thing is when a pet owner pulls into the driveway they come home to their pets 100% of the time.

9:40 AM - 28 Nov 2017

1 Like



1



1



Tweet your reply



**Dudley Zwei** @EH\_ZweiZahl · 11m  
Replying to @cis\_76  
thank goodness!! what's a driveway?



Avem sends the final **retweet** and the **misinformation** campaign ends.

Only several minutes of **work** required, and yet the **news article** can potentially be **passed** around for days, or even weeks.

The more people that **spread** it, the more believable it becomes.

## Quick **Activity** Slide

Raise your **e-hand** in **Confer** if you've ever seen this happen on social media.

Type "just realized" in the **Confer chat** if you only realized just now that you have.

# Avem **Demonstration** - Behind the Scenes

## (Another) Quick *Activity* Slide

Avem, our lovely bot, is written in *Python*.

Take a ten second stretch, a sip of your drink, and let's move on to the *code*!

Raise your *e-hand* in *Confer* if you've heard of the *Python* programming language.


If you've used *Python* before, tell me in the *Confer chat*!



# Conditional Statements & Functions

Introduction to Python 3

```
current_value = int( input('integer: ') );
```



```
if current_value <= 40:  
    print('Current value is less than or equal to 40.');
```

```
elif current_value < 180:  
    print('Current value is less than 180, but more than 40.');
```

```
else:  
    print('Current value is greater than or equal to 180.');
```

```
# integer: 117
```

```
# Current value is less than 180, but more than 40.
```


the `IF` conditional statement runs the code beneath it if `True`.

in this case, `IF` `current_value` is less than or equal to 40.

`ELIF` (else if) it is not, we check if it is at least less than 180.

`ELSE` all other options, we will run this code.

```
current_values = [ 1, 2, 3, 10, 19 ];
```



```
for item in current_values:  
    print( 'This value is {0}'.format(item) );
```

```
# This value is 1
```

```
# This value is 2
```

```
# This value is 3
```

```
# This value is 10
```


```
# This value is 19
```

the **FOR conditional statement** runs the code beneath it once for each item in a specified **list**.

in this case, **FOR loops** through the items of **current\_values**.

the code **prints** out the value of each item.

once the **FOR loop** is complete, the program continues.



```
def get_sum(a, b):  
    print( 'Adding {0} with {1}'.format( a, b ) );  
    return( a + b );  
  
value = get_sum( 17, 39 );  
print( 'The returned value was: {0}'.format(value) );  
  
# Adding 17 with 39  
# The returned value was: 56
```

the `DEF` statement defines a `function` which runs the code beneath it when the `function` is called.

in this case, the `function` `prints` the `args` that it is adding, then `returns` the sum.

`functions` can take `arguments` (a and b in this case) and can `return` a value to a `variable` assignment.

# Data Structures & Comprehension

Introduction to Python 3

→ `current_values = [ 1, 2, 3, 10, 19 ];`

```
print( 'Value: {0}'.format( current_values[0] ) );  
print( 'Value: {0}'.format( current_values[2] ) );  
print( 'Value: {0}'.format( current_values[-1] ) );
```

```
# Value: 1  
# Value: 3  
# Value: 19
```

the `list` data structure is an `array` of values.

it can hold `integers`, like `current_values`, or other types (even other `lists`).

`list` items are accessed via the `index`, which starts at `[0]` for the first item in the list.

`indexes` can recurse, seen by `[-1]` for the last item in the list.

→ `current_values = { 0:7, 2:15, 'strings too!':89 }`

```
print( 'Value: {0}'.format( current_values[0] ) );  
print( 'Value: {0}'.format( current_values[2] ) );  
print( 'Value: {0}'.format( current_values['strings too!'] ) );
```

```
# Value: 7  
# Value: 15  
# Value: 89
```

the `dictionary data structure` is also an `array` of values.

however, unlike the `list`, you specify the `index` values.

in this case, `current_values[0]` works because `[0]` was specified (or `defined`).

however, `current_values[1]` would raise an error.

```
big_list = [1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 23, 54, 76, 23, 37, 78, 28, 200, 284, 381,
272, 403, 120, 128, 129, 743, 291, 478, 340, 203, 403, 107, 954,
182, 85, 273, 27, 18, 59, 96, 37, 2, 7, 9, 3];
```

→ 

```
evens_list = [ i for i in big_list if i % 2 == 0 ];
evens_list.sort();
```

```
print(events_list);
```

```
# [2, 2, 4, 18, 28, 54, 76, 78, 96, 120, 128, 182, 200, 272, 284,
340, 478, 954]
```

`comprehension` is most often used in `lists` and `dictionaries`.

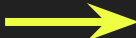
in this case, `evens_list` uses a `for loop` to pull all the even numbers from `big_list`.

`modulo` (%) provides an easy way to find even numbers and is a common mathematics `operator`.



# Understand **Class** Conventions (**Scope**)

Introduction to **Python 3**



```
class example_class():
    def __init__(self):
        self.level = 9000;

    def increase_value(self):
        self.level += 1;

power = example_class();
power.increase_value();

if power.level > 9000: print('Old memes.');
```

# Old memes.

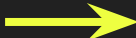
a `class` is an object with attributed (internal) `functions` and `variables`.

a `variable` becomes one of a `class` by calling that `class()` at `variable` assignment.

then, you can call `class.variable` for internal `variables` and `class.function(args)` for internal `functions`.

# Importing & Using Modules

Introduction to Python 3



```
import random;
from time import sleep;

choices = [ 1, 2, 3, 4 ];
print( 'Random Number: {0}'.format( random.choice(choices) ) );
sleep(1);
print( 'Random Number: (0)'.format( random.choice(choices) ) );

# Random Number: 1
# Random Number: 3
```

`import` is used to create `objects` (similar to `class objects`) from external `modules`.

like the `class object`, `modules` have attributes (mostly `functions`) that can be used in lieu of writing that `function` yourself.

in this case, `random.choice(choices)` returns a random item from the `list choices`.

# File Object Methods

Introduction to Python 3

→ `input_file = open( 'just_cats.txt', 'r' ).read().split("\n");`

`print(input_file);`

`# ['cats', 'cats', 'cats', 'cats', 'cats', 'cats', '']`

→ `output_file = open( 'just_dogs.txt', 'w' );`  
`output_file.write('dogs\ndogs\ndogs\ndogs\n');`  
`output_file.close();`

`file objects` are objects with an `input` and `output`, most commonly text files.

they can be opened, read, written to, saved, and otherwise `manipulated`.

they are often used to store data in conjunction with `modules` like `cPickle` to `serialize` the data.

# Syntax **Errors** & Handling **Exceptions**

Introduction to **Python 3**

→ `for i in range(10) print(i);`  
# File "<stdin>", line 1  
# for i in range(10) print(i)  
# ^  
# SyntaxError: invalid syntax

→ `print(variable);`  
# Traceback (most recent call last):  
# File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
# NameError: name 'variable' is not defined

system errors occur when something is wrong inside the code.

`SyntaxError` is the most common type of error, and usually involves a spelling mistake or a forgotten closing paren, bracket, brace, or quotes.

however, there are plenty of other errors that catch potentially fatal mistakes.



```
x = 0;
try:
    print( 10 / x );
→ except Exception as e:
    print(e);
```

```
# integer division or modulo by zero
```

error handling helps keep your program running despite any errors it may encounter.

it is extremely useful for programs that users interface with, as it will catch their errors and help them understand what they did wrong, instead of just crashing the program.

# The Mancipium Avem Code

## NAME

```
twitter.py -- Demo Twitter bot for CIS 76
```

## SYNOPSIS

```
python3 twitter.py [-s twitter account] [-c comments.txt] [-r replies.txt]
```

## DESCRIPTION

twitter.py listens to a specified twitter account, parsing new tweets and looking for specific regular expressions that equate to encoded "commands".

The options are as follows:

-s twitter account	Specifies the <b>twitter account</b> (sans @) to listen to.
-c comments.txt	Specifies the <b>text file</b> to pull comment responses from.
-r replies.txt	Specifies the <b>text file</b> to pull reply responses from.

# The Mancipium Avem Code

## DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

`-r replies.txt` Specifies the `text file` to pull reply responses from.  
...

Other files in `twitter-bot` include `watch-words.txt` and `recent-tweets.txt`

`watch-words.txt` A list of regex searches linked to specific commands.  
`([pP]otatoes):retweet`  
`([cC]i[sS]76):comment`  
`([bB]enji):reply`

`Recent-tweets.txt` A list of the tweets the bot has already seen.

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```
[student@opus-ii]$ cat watch-words.txt
([pP]otatoes):retweet
([cC]i[sS]76):comment
([bB]enji):reply
```

Given the file above, if you ran `python3 twitter.py` and find the tweet “Potatoes are great!”, what will it do?  
Let me know what you think in the [Confer chat](#).

1. It would retweet with a comment
2. It would tag the tweet author in a reply
3. It would retweet without adding anything
4. It would find an Error

# Importing **Modules** & Reading **Args**

The **Mancipium Avem** Code

```
from re import finditer, search;
from random import choice, randint;
from time import sleep;
from argparse import ArgumentParser;
import tweepy;

arg_params = [
    ( 'source', 'specifies the twitter account to read tweets from'),
    ( 'replies', 'specifies which .txt file to choose replies from'),
    ( 'comments', 'specifies which .txt file to choose comments from')
];

intro_string = '';

t_parser = ArgumentParser();
for item in arg_params:
    t_parser.add_argument('-{0}'.format( item[0][0] ), '--{0}'.format( item[0] ), item[1] );
    intro_string += ' | -{0} {1}'.format( item[0][0], item[0] );
t_args = t_parser.parse_args();

print( 'Welcome to the twitter bot for EH CIS 76.\n{0}\n'.format(intro_string) );
```

at the start of the `source code`, we `import` the required `modules`.

we use `argparse.ArgumentParser` to define our flag parsings (which allows us to specify `variables` at run-time).

the `for` loop assigns the flag parsings based on `arg_params`.

## The Mancipium Avem Code

# Core **Class** & Setup **Functions**

The **Mancipium Avem** Code

```
class create_core():
    def __init__(self, tweepy, t_args):

        self.consumer_key= 'CONSUMER_KEY_HERE';
        self.consumer_secret= 'CONSUMER_SECRET_HERE';
        self.access_token= 'ACCESS_TOKEN_HERE';
        self.access_secret= 'ACCESS_SECRET_HERE';

        self.seconds_before_input = 10;

        self.first_authentication_protocol= tweepy.OAuthHandler( self.consumer_key, self.consumer_secret );
        self.first_authentication_protocol.set_access_token( self.access_token, self.access_secret );
        self.API_access = tweepy.API( self.first_authentication_protocol );

        # empty __init__ variables
        self.latest_tweets = [];
        self.check_keywords = {};
        self.keywords_found = {};
        self.recent_tweets = {};
        self.listening_to = None;
        self.comments = None;
        self.replies = None;

        ...
```

here, we create the primary `class`,  
attributing related `variables`.

if you run the bot, you'll edit the  
`consumer/access key variables`.

`API_access` uses the `tweepy` module  
to authenticate and create the  
`object` that will `interface` with the  
twitter account.

The Mancipium Avem `Code`



```

class create_core():
    def __init__(self, tweepy, t_args):
        ...

        self.arg_list = { # modify these to change the defaults, or add new options
            'replies':( self.replies, t_args.replies, 'random-replies.txt' ),
            'comments':( self.comments, t_args.comments, 'nine-bakers-dozen.txt' ),
            'source':( self.listening_to, t_args.source,
        };

```

```

self.listening_to = self.try_except(self.argument_format
self.comments = self.try_except(self.argument_format
self.nine_bakers_dozen = open(self.comments, 'r').read
self.replies = self.try_except(self.argument_format
self.random_replies = open(self.replies, 'r').read
self.recent_tweets = self.try_except(self.file_format
self.watch_words = self.try_except(self.file_format

```

```

self.command_list= { # this is the list of commands and passed string
    'reply':( self.random_replies, '__SOURCE__ __REPLY CHOICE__ '),
    'comment':( self.nine_bakers_dozen, '__REPLY CHOICE__ __TWEET LINK__ '),
    'retweet':( None, '__TWEET__' ),
};

```

def \_\_init\_\_ (as also seen in the previous slide) tells the class what variables to create and what code to run when the class is first called.

self.command\_list is a dictionary of commands that the bot understands, as well as the format of the response it gives.

```

class create_core():
    ...

def argument_formatting(self, string_arg):
    # using the dict above, uses the default arg unless
    if not self.arg_list[string_arg][1]:
        self.arg_list[string_arg][0] = self.arg_list[
    else:
        self.arg_list[string_arg][0] = self.arg_list[
    return( self.arg_list[string_arg][0] );

def file_formatting(self, file_choice):
    # creates a dict from files with a 'key:value' syntax per line
    temp_file = open( file_choice, 'r' ).read().split('\n')[:-1];
    temp_file = [ ( i.split(':')[0], i.split(':')[1] ) for i in temp_file ];
    temp_file = { key:value for ( key, value ) in temp_file };
    return(temp_file);

```

still within the primary class, we now create functions that the class object can call.

file\_formatting(file\_choice) takes a file with 'key:value' per line, and creates a dictionary from those key:values. it then returns that dictionary to the variable assignment that called it.

# Core Class & Twitter Functions

The Mancipium Avem Code

```

class create_core():
    ...

    def is_tweetable(self, tweet_checking):
        # determines if a message is tweetable
        link_finding_regex=
r'(http(s)?://\/.?(www\.)?[-a-zA-Z0-9@:%._\+~#={2,256}\. [a-z]{2,6}\b([-a-zA-Z0-9@:%._\+~#?&/=]*)');
        links_found= finditer(link_finding_regex, tweet_checking);
        for current_link in links_found:
            # twitter replaces all links with a t.co shortened URL that is 23 characters long
            tweet_checking= tweet_checking.replace(str(current_link.group(0)), 'twenty three characters');
        if len(tweet_checking) <= 280: # twitter now allows tweets up to 280 characters long
            return(True);
        return(False);

    def listen_to_source(self):
        # grabs the latest (20?) tweets from the sources
        self.latest_tweets = self.API_access.user_timeline(
        self.latest_tweets = [ ( i.id, i.text ) for i in
        self.latest_tweets = { str(key):value for ( key,
        return(True);

```

the `is_tweetable(tweet)` function calls a regex search using the `finditer` function from the `re` (regular expression) module.

twitter replaces all links with a t.co link of 23 characters.

it then determines if the updated tweet is short enough to send.

```

class create_core():
    ...

def find_new_tweets(self):
    # locates tweets that haven't been seen before (ID does not exist)
    for t_id in [l_id for l_id in self.latest_tweets]:
        if t_id not in [r_id for r_id in self.recent_tweets]:
            self.check_keywords[t_id]= self.latest_tweets[t_id];
    if len(self.check_keywords) < 1:
        return(False);
    return(True);

def check_for_keywords(self):
    # scans new tweets for any relevant regex keywords
    for tweet in self.check_keywords:
        for keyword in self.watch_words:
            if search(keyword, self.check_keywords[tweet]):
                self.keywords_found[tweet]= ( self.check_keywords[tweet], self.watch_words[keyword] );
            self.recent_tweets[tweet]= self.check_keywords[tweet];
    if len(self.keywords_found) < 1:
        return(False);
    return(True);

```

`find_new_tweets` searches for any tweet not already in the `recent-tweets.txt` file.

once those are found (if any), `check_for_keywords` uses regex to check if any of the new tweets contain `keywords` that will cause the bot to run `commands` (such as retweeting, commenting, etc.)

# Core **Class** & Controller **Functions**

The **Mancipium Avem** Code

```

class create_core():
    ...

    def try_except(self, function, args=None):
        # general error handling, all functions are run through this
        try:
            if not args:
                return( function() );
            else:
                return( function(args) );
        except Exception as e:
            print('[DEBUG ACTIVE] Returning False in {0} to keep things running, but {1}' .format( function.__name__, e ));
            return(False);

    def run_command(self, t_id):
        # determines which command to run, based on which
        tweet_command = self.keywords_found[t_id][1];
        tweet_message = self.keywords_found[t_id][0];
        if not self.command_list[tweet_command][0]:
            reply_choice = 'None'; # slide 37
        else:
            reply_choice = choice( [ reply for reply in s
...

```

`try_except` is the **error** handling function of our **class**.

all other **functions** are ran through `try_except`, and if an **error** occurs it is **printed** locally.

the code then continues to run smoothly until finishing.

```

class create_core():
    ...
    def run_command(self, t_id):
        ...

        command_syntax = {
            '__SOURCE__':self.listening_to,
            '__REPLY_CHOICE__':reply_choice,
            '__TWEET__':tweet_message,
            '__TWEET_LINK__':'https://twitter.com/{0}/status/{1}'.format( self.listening_to[:], t_id ),
        };

        formatted_message = self.command_list[tweet_command][1];
        if tweet_command in self.command_list:
            for syntax in command_syntax:
                formatted_message = formatted_message.replace( syntax, command_syntax[syntax] );
                if self.try_except( self.is_tweetable, formatted_message ):
                    self.API_access.update_status(formatted_message);
                    print('[TWEET SENT] I tweeted "{0}"'.format(formatted_message));
                else: print('[TWEET FAILED] I could not send that tweet.');
```

`run_command` (as started on the previous slide) double checks the command and then parses the reply using the `command_list` dictionary from slide 30.

then, it runs `is_tweetable`, verifying that the newly formatted tweet is still under the maximum allowed length.

finally, it updates the account status with the tweet.



# Class Creation & Program Life Cycle

The Mancipium Avem Code

```

twitter_bug = create_core(tweepy, t_args);

if len(twitter_bug.watch_words) >= 15: print('[DEBUG NOTE] Too many keywords');

twitter_bug.try_except(twitter_bug.listen_to_source);

if twitter_bug.try_except(twitter_bug.find_new_tweets):
    twitter_bug.try_except(twitter_bug.check_for_keywords);
    current_counter = len(twitter_bug.keywords_found);
    for t_id in twitter_bug.keywords_found:

        twitter_bug.try_except( twitter_bug.run_command, t_id );

        if current_counter > 1: # if this isn't the last (or only) event, it sleeps for a bit
            sleep(twitter_bug.seconds_before_input);
            current_counter -= 1;

        recent_tweets_write = open('recent-tweets.txt', 'w');
        for t_id in twitter_bug.recent_tweets:
            recent_tweets_write.write('{0}:{1}\n'.format( t_id, twitter_bug.recent_tweets[t_id] ) );
        recent_tweets_write.close();
    else: print('[DEBUG ACTIVE] No new tweets found.');
```

print('Thanks for running me! I am going to quit now, but run me again anytime you want to check for new tweets.');

outside of the `class` object, this is the code that runs the entire program. first, `twitter_bug` becomes the core `class`. it then uses `listen_to_source` to check for tweets and `find_new_tweets` to isolate the new ones.

after finding `keywords` and running commands, it performs clean-up.

# Quick **Activity** Slide

Raise your **e-hand** in **Confer** if you're interested in making your own Twitter bot!

(Possibly for part of your **final project**?)

~~Nefarious~~ Ethical Implementation

Ready to set up your own **Twitter** Bot?

1. Browse to <https://twitter.com/signup> and create a new account
2. <https://support.twitter.com/articles/110250> - Add your number to the account
3. While logged in, browse to <https://apps.twitter.com/> and hit 'Create New App'
4. Fill out the form and hit 'Create your Twitter application'
5. Browse to your App and click on 'Keys and Access Tokens'
6. If all four **tokens** aren't there, hit 'Generate My Access Token and Token Secret'

Ready to set up your own **Twitter** Bot?

1. From your home directory run `cp -r /home/cis76/depot/twitter-bot/ .`
2. Then, `cd twitter-bot/avem-source`
3. Run `vim twitter.py` and edit lines `33 - 36` with your own **Access Tokens**
4. Run the following command from inside the bot's directory to launch!  
`python3 twitter.py [-s source] [-r replies_file.txt] [-c comments_file.txt]`

# Questions & Answers

Thanks for your time!