Helpful Tools to Guide Your Research

How to Analyze Word Frequencies in a Body of Text

1. Go to [www.textalyser.net](http://www.textalyser.net).
2. Option 1: Enter a body of text into the box titled “Enter your text to analyze here:” at the top of the page.
3. Under “Analysis Options,” you can adjust the minimum characters per word, specify a specific word or expression to analyze, and adjust the general number of words you can analyze.
4. Press the “Analyze the Text” button.
5. You will now see a results page. Scroll down to find out the frequency of the words present in your body of text.
6. If you keep scrolling down, you will see sections titled “2, 3, 4, and 5 word phrases frequency.” This also may be helpful when you are looking for key phrases.
7. Option 2: You can analyze the text present in a website by entering a URL under the “Analyze a Website” option.
8. Under “Analysis Options,” you can adjust and specify the same criteria mentioned above.
9. Press the “Analyze the Text” button.
10. You will see the same results page as the one shown after entering a body of text.

Merging Multiple PDF Files

1. Go to [www.pdfmerge.com](http://www.pdfmerge.com)
2. Select files to merge by uploading individual files from your computer. First click the “Browse” button and select each file individually.
3. You have the option of adding more files by clicking the “More Files” button.
4. Once you have selected your files, click the “Merge!” button.
5. You will now open one PDF file that includes the content of all individual files.
6. You can save this file on your computer and begin your keyword frequency searches.

Creating a Word Cloud from a Body of Text

1. Go to [www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net) (You will need to have the necessary Java plug-in to view these images).
2. Click the “Create” button.
3. Option 1: Paste in a body of text in the box labeled “Paste in a bunch of text.”
4. Click the “Go” button.
5. Option 2: Paste a URL into the box labeled “Enter the URL…”
6. Click the “Go” button.
7. These images may be useful for viewing which words are the most common in a body of text.