



Assessing Consumer Financial Complaints using Text Analytics and Machine Learning

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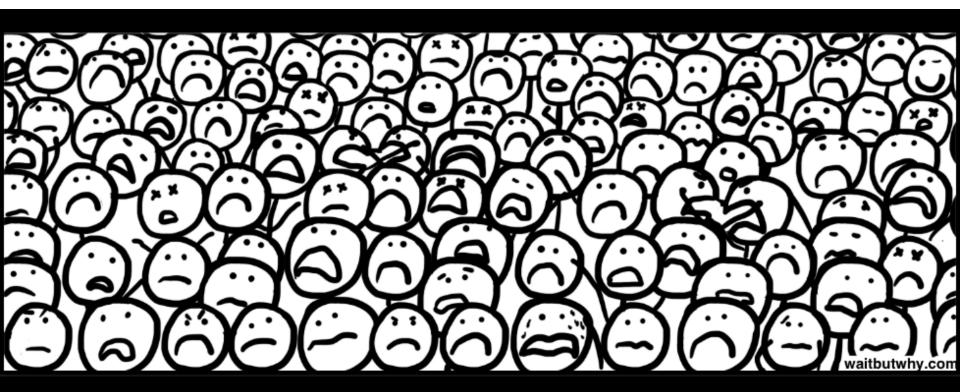
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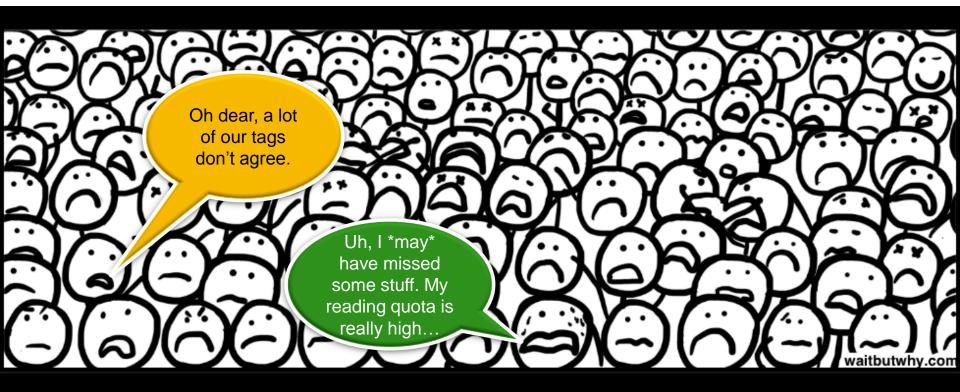


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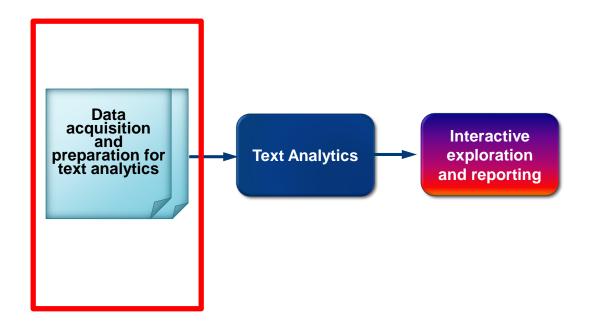
Reader Fatigue / Error

HELP! WE NEED MORE READERS What do you mean "they changed the definitions!?!" Oh dear, a lot of our tags don't agree. Uh, I *may* have missed some stuff. My reading quota is really high...

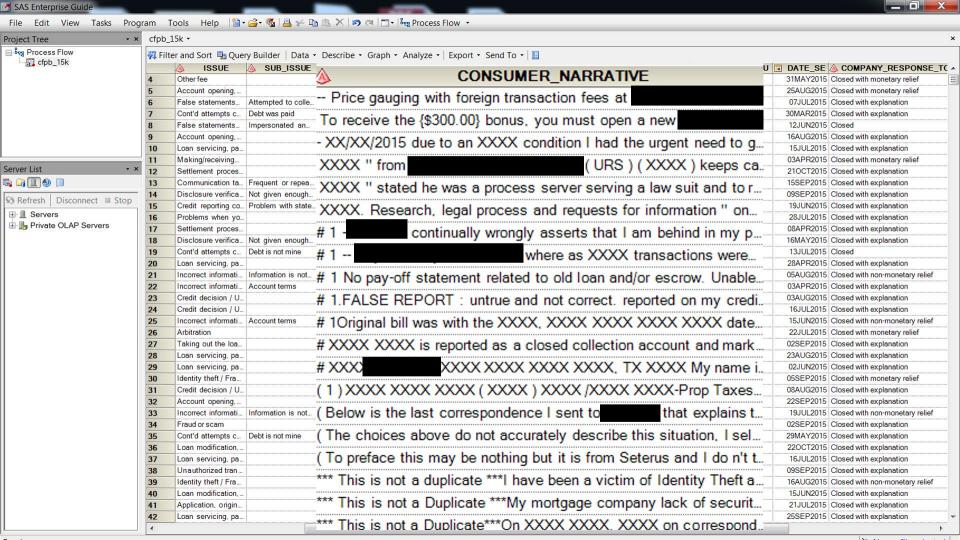
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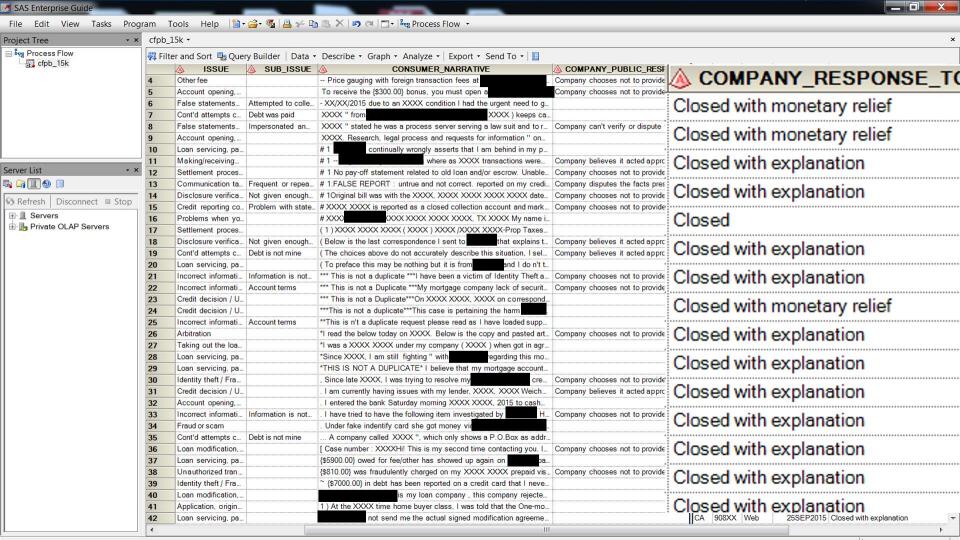


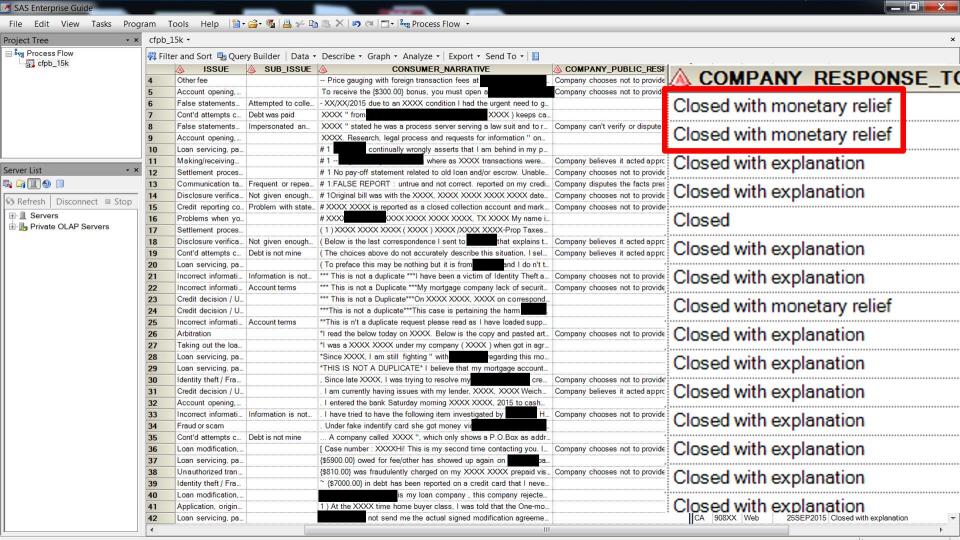
STEP 1: DATA ACQUISITION AND PREPARATION FOR TEXT ANALYTICS



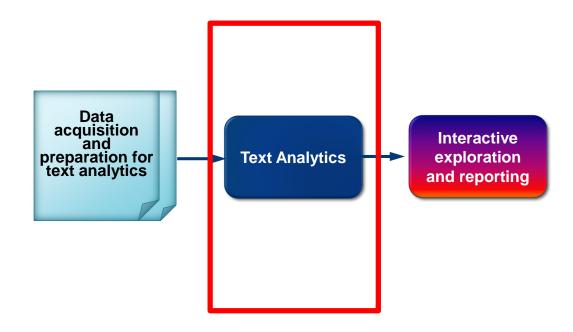


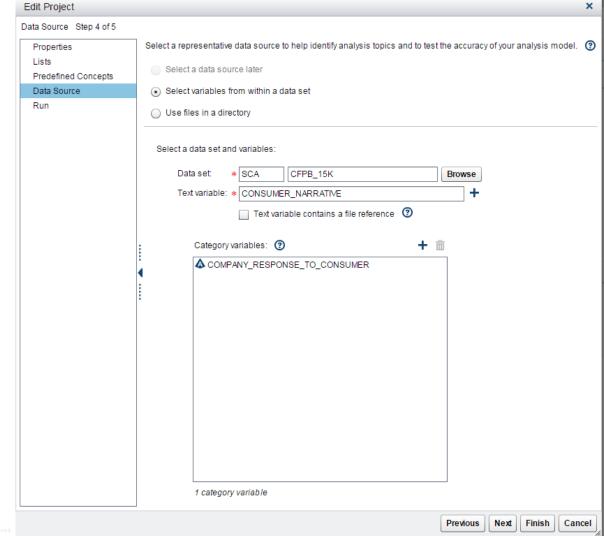






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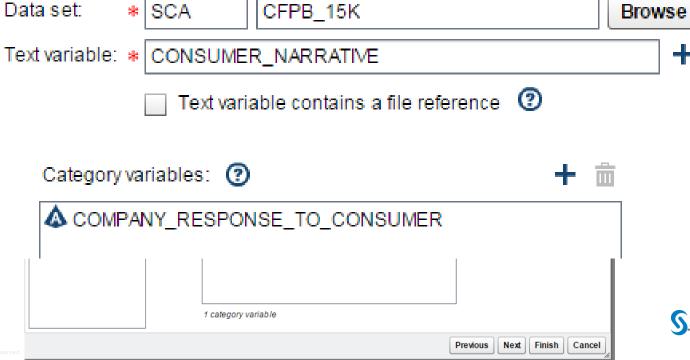




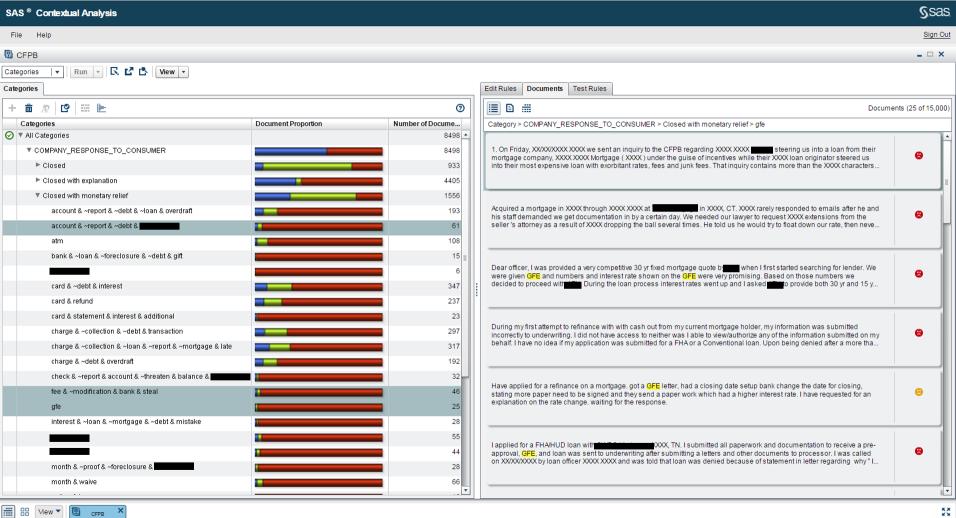


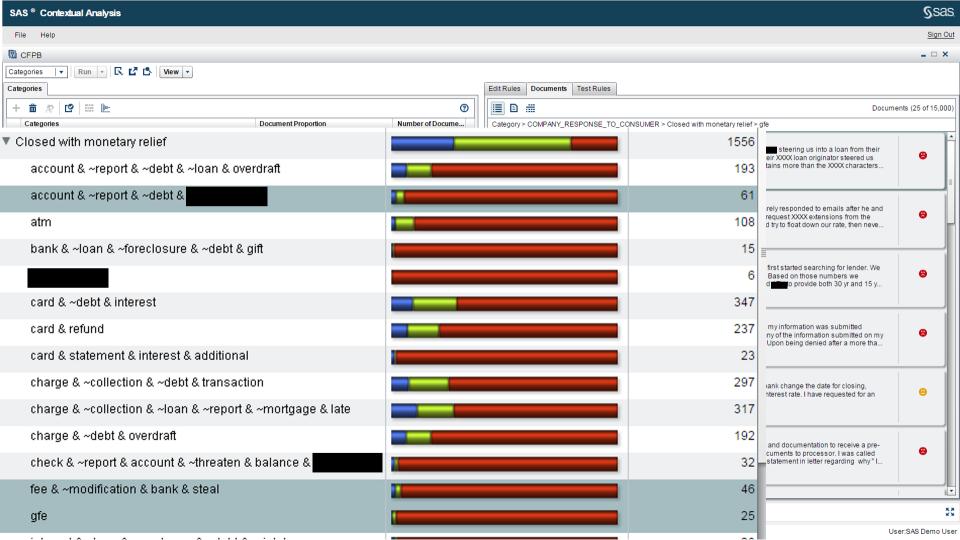


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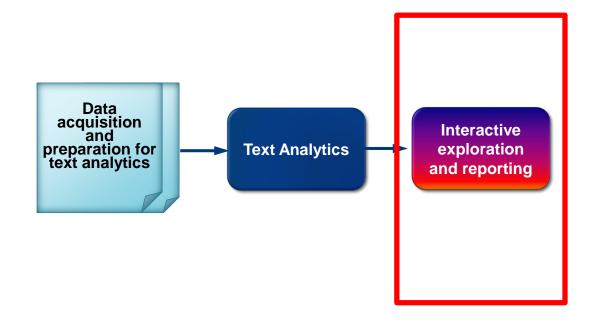


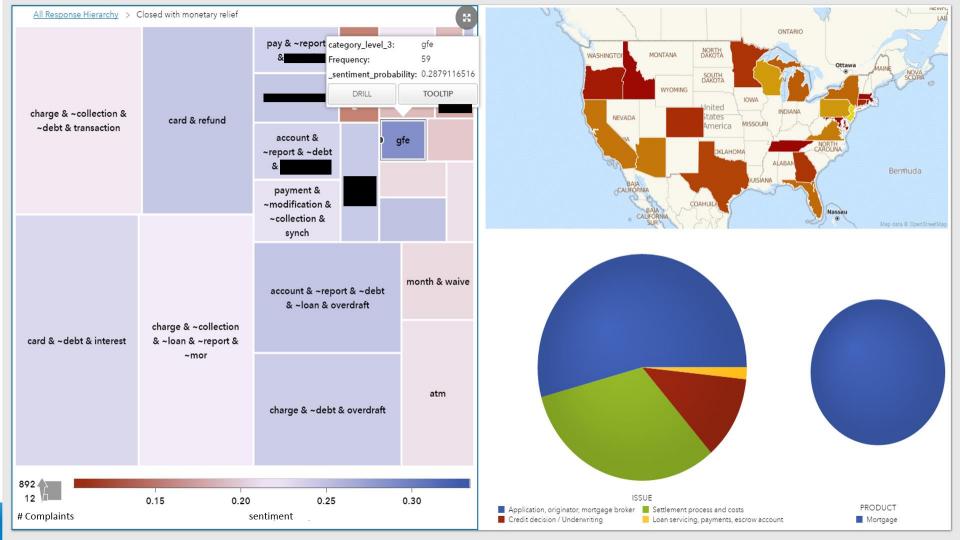


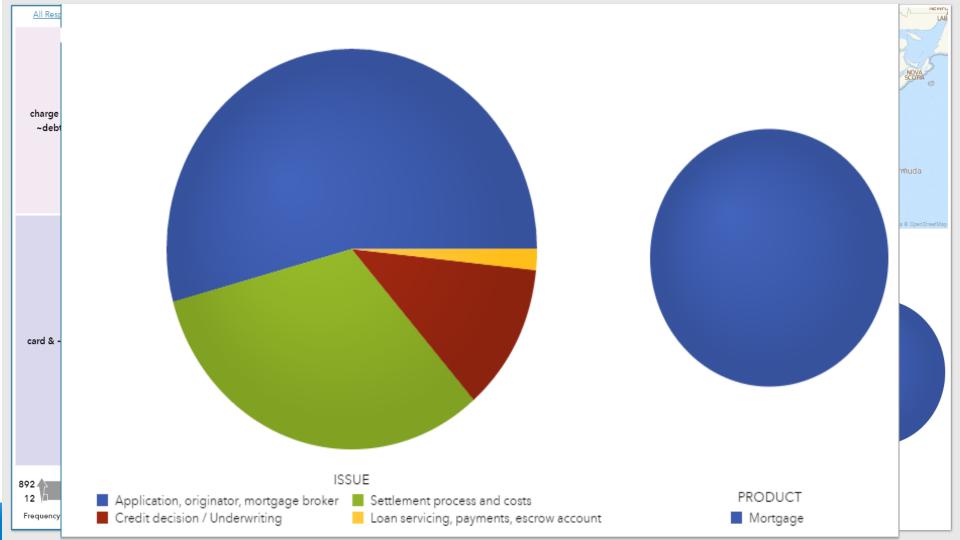


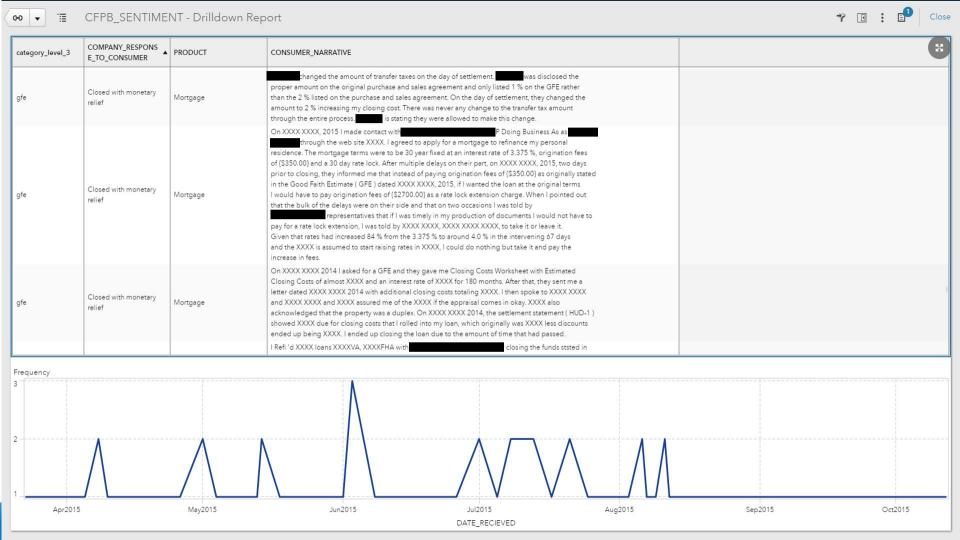


STEP 3: INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION AND REPORTING









Before

Initial TIL disclosure + Good Faith Estimate





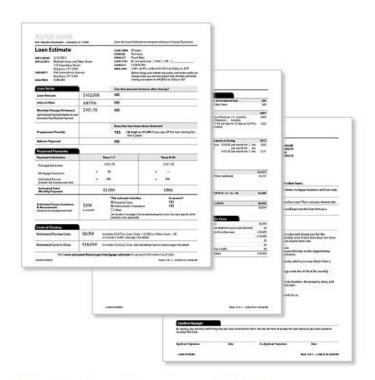




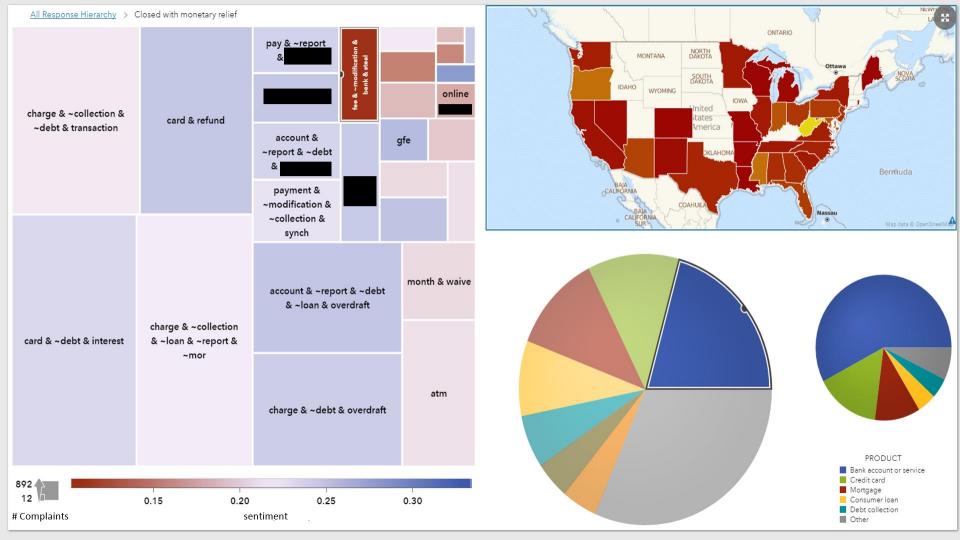


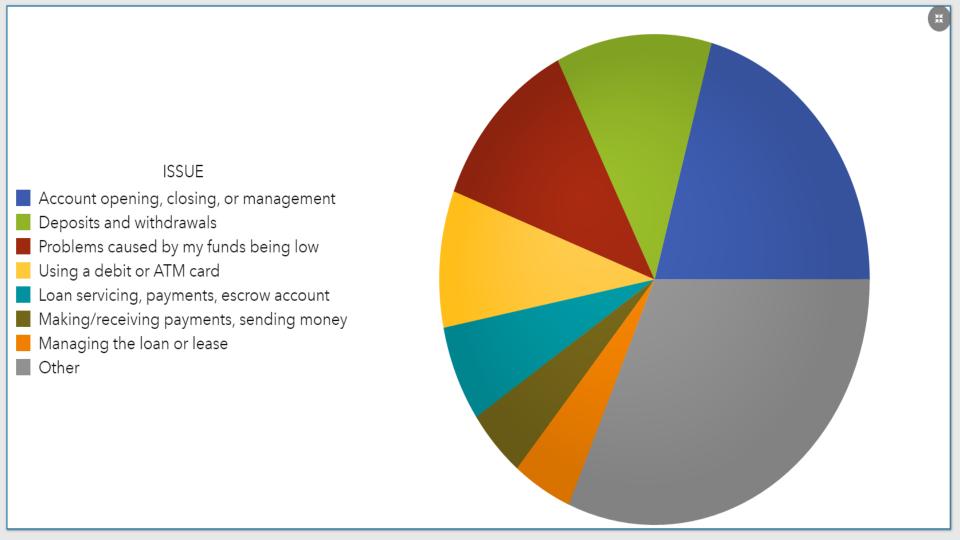
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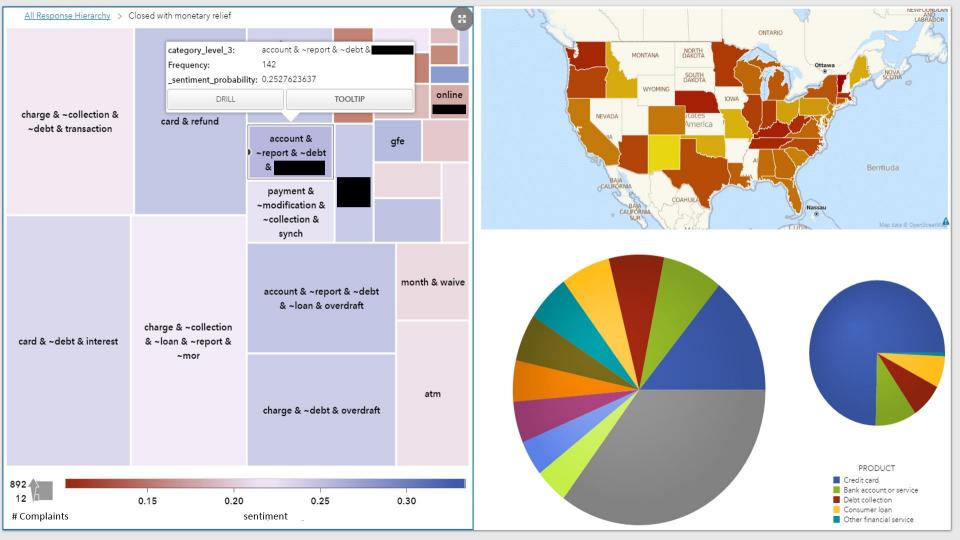
Loan Estimate



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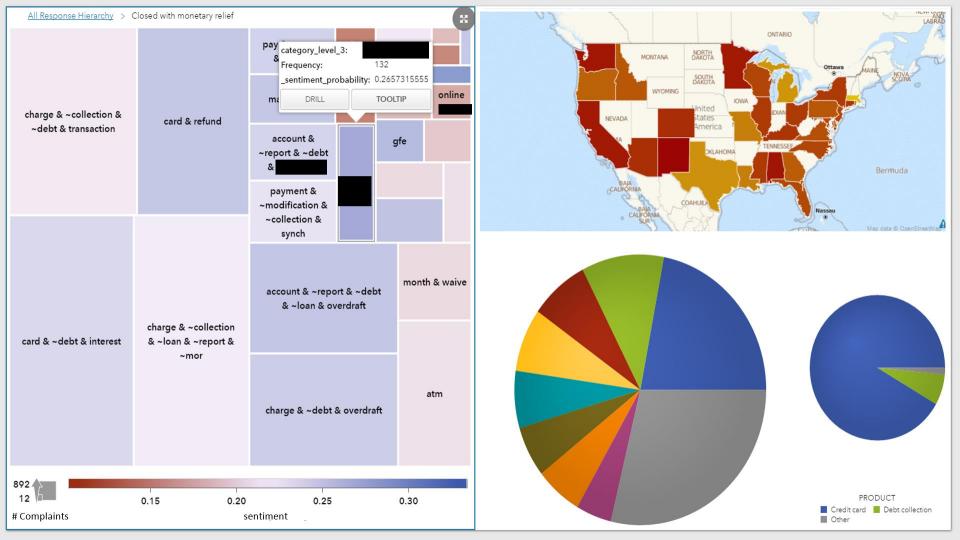






ISSUE

- Billing disputes
- Late fee
- Other
- Closing/Cancelling account
- Account opening, closing, or management
- Managing the loan or lease
- Payoff process
- Transaction issue
- Communication tactics
- Customer service / Customer relations
- Other



DISCUSSION

- Widely applicable methodology
 - 500+ rows, target variable associated to the text
 - Tip lines, surveys, medical encounters, peer reviews, intelligence
- Who should care?



Resources

- White Paper (January 2014): Text Analytics for Government
- Conclusions Paper (September 2013): Applications of Text and Social Media Analytics
- SAS Global Forum Paper (March 2014): Uncovering Trends in Research with Text Analytics with Examples from Nanotechnology and Aerospace Engineering
- SAS Global Forum Paper (April 2015): Show me the Money! Text Analytics for Decision-Making in Government Spending
- SAS Global Forum Paper (April 2016): Extending the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project with SAS® Text Analytics

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