

KDnuggets Poll: RapidMiner again the Number 1 Open Source Data Mining Tool

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Three years in a row, the KDnuggets readers choose RapidMiner as the most widely used open source data mining solution.

KDnuggets.com is the leading web portal for information on data mining and knowledge discovery and KDnuggets News has been widely recognized as the leading newsletter on data mining and knowledge discovery reaching more than 11,000 professionals (subscribers) twice a month. Once each year, KDnuggets asks its readers "What data mining tools have you used for a real project (not just for evaluation) in the past 6 months?" This year, for the third year in a row in this KDnuggets poll, RapidMiner was again selected as the number 1 among the open source data mining tools. According to the poll, the most widely used data mining tool overall (open and closed source) is SPSS PASW Modeler (Clementine), with RapidMiner following directly on the second place.

The number of votes for RapidMiner increased by 78% compared to last year's poll making RapidMiner's user base the second fastest growing among all data mining tools and the fastest growing among the open source solutions. Hence RapidMiner is not only the most widely used open source data mining software, but also the one that spreads the fastest. By now, already 21% of all interviewed data mining experts use RapidMiner. The fact, that companies like SAS and SPSS have been in the market with their tools for more than 40 years, while the software RapidMiner was introduced only eight years ago, illustrates the enormous growth of the RapidMiner user base and market share.

About RapidMiner:

RapidMiner [www.RapidMiner.com] is the leading open source data mining software. According to polls of the major web portal for data mining and knowledge discovery, KDnuggets.com, in 2007, 2008, and 2009, RapidMiner is the most widely used open source data mining tool and the second most frequently employed software for data analysis overall. A study of the Technical University of Chemnitz presented at the international Data-Mining-Cup 2007 (DMC-2007) compared the major open source data mining tools and found RapidMiner to be the leading open source data mining software outperforming the others especially with respect to its advanced technology and to its usability. Within its "Innovation Award 2008", the German initiative for small and mid-sized businesses ("Initiative Mittelstand") awarded RapidMiner as one of the most innovative open source solutions. For its innovativeness, RapidMiner also won the Open Source Business Award 2008. RapidMiner has thousands of users in more than 40 countries world-wide. During the last three years, RapidMiner was downloaded more than 400,000 times. RapidMiner provides more than 500 different modules for detecting patterns in data and for their 2D and 3D visualisation. RapidMiner supports data import from common data formats of other data mining tools, Excel sheets, SPSS files, all common databases, and unstructured text documents like news texts, e-mail messages, web pages, web blogs, PDF documents, as well as time series and audio data. The RapidMiner Enterprise Edition supports the complete process from data integration and transformation (ETL) to predictive analytics, data mining, and reporting within a single solution. RapidMiner offers a high flexibility in the design of analysis processes and is regarded as the most comprehensive solution for automated data integration, data analysis, predictive analytics, data mining, text mining, web mining, opinion mining, and sentiment analysis in the market.

About Rapid-I:

Rapid-I [www.rapid-i.com] is an innovative provider of predictive analytics, data mining, text mining, and web mining software, solutions, and services headquartered in Dortmund, Germany. Rapid-I offers its customers automatable intelligent data analysis of large amounts of data and text including automatically generated classification and forecasting systems. The open source data mining specialist Rapid-I enables other companies to use the latest technology for intelligent data analysis and for the discovery of still unused company knowledge from existing data and for the optimization of production and business processes. Rapid-I guides companies through the complete process of applying and integrating established as well as highly innovative data mining techniques. More than ten years of data mining expertise enable the consultants and developers of Rapid-I to optimize all departments of a company from manufacturing and production to marketing and customer relationship management. Rapid-I won the highly rewarded Open Source Business Award 2008 for its innovative software RapidMiner. Rapid-I has a broad user and customer base in more than 40 countries world-wide including large companies like Akzo Nobel, Allianz, Aureus Pharma, Bank of America, BNP Paribas, Celera, Cisco, comdirect bank, Cyprotex, EADS, E.ON, Ford, GfK, Honda, IBM, HP, LexisNexis, Libri, Lufthansa Systems, Merrill Lynch, Miele, Mitre, mobilkom austria, moxie interactive, Nokia, Pervasive, PharmaDM, Philips, Revere, Salzgitter Mannesmann, Sanofi-Aventis, Schober, Schott, Siemens, ThyssenKrupp Nirosta, as well as many small and mid-sized companies. Besides of data mining solutions like RapidMiner, RapidInsight, and RapidSentry, Rapid-I offers its customers a broad range of services including consulting, trainings, professional support, software development, customization, and extensions as well as complete data analysis services from a single source. Further information is available at www.rapid-i.com .

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Links to the results of the KDnuggets Poll 2009:

<http://www.kdnuggets.com/polls/2009/data-mining-tools-used.htm>

<http://kdnuggets.com/news/2009/n10/li.html>

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