



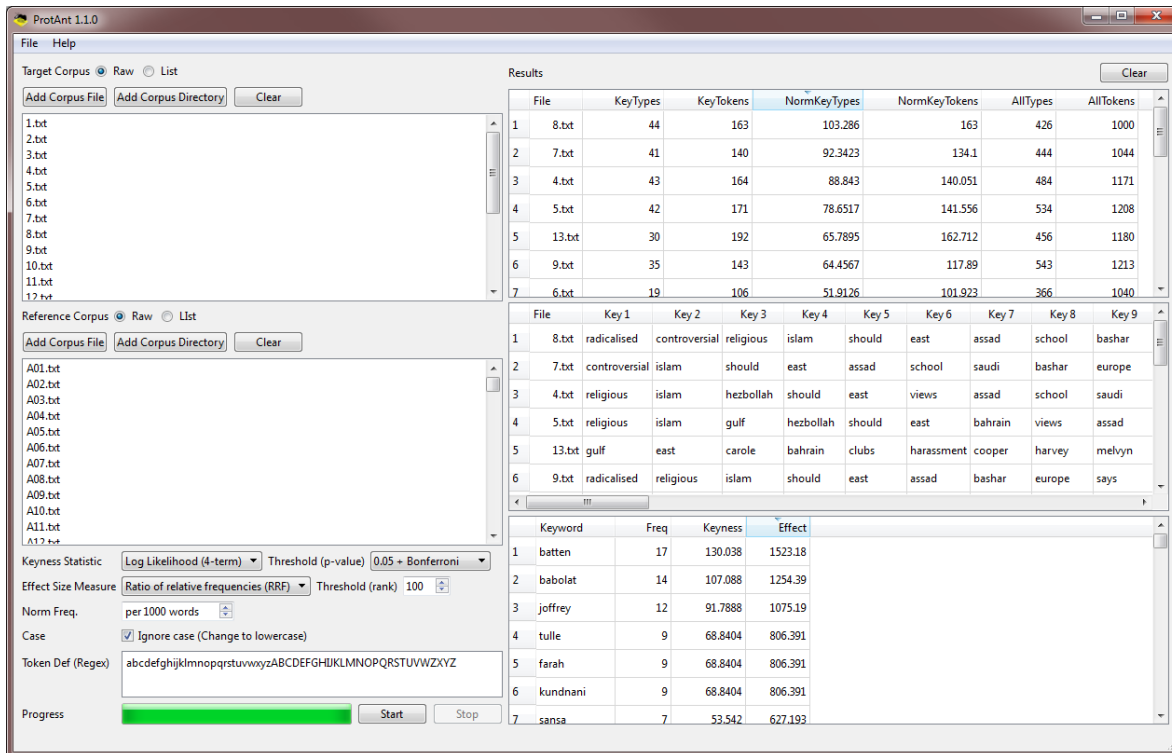
ProtAnt (Windows)

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Introduction

ProtAnt is a freeware prototypical text detection tool developed in collaboration with Paul Baker of Lancaster University, UK. *ProtAnt* takes a corpus of texts (**UTF-8 encoded**) and compares them against a reference corpus (**UTF-8 encoded**) to find keywords that represent the characteristic features of the corpus as a whole. Then, *ProtAnt* looks at each individual file and counts how many keywords are in them. The corpus files are then ranked by the number of keywords they contain normalized in various ways. *ProtAnt* runs on any computer running Microsoft Windows (tested on Win 98/Me/2000/NT, XP, Vista, Win 7, Win 8) and Macintosh OS X computers (tested up to OS X 10.9 Mavericks). *ProtAnt* is developed in Python and Qt using the *PyInstaller* compiler to generate executables for the different operating systems.

Getting Started (No installation necessary)

Windows

On Windows systems, simply double click the *ProtAnt* icon to launch the program.

Macintosh OS X

On Macintosh systems, simply double click the *ProtAnt* zip file. The zip file will unzip the *ProtAnt* application. Then, you can drag the *ProtAnt* application to your application folder, your desktop, or anywhere else you like. Throw away the zip file when you are finished.

Finding prototypical texts

Step 1: Select the type of target corpus files you are going to use (raw files or word lists)

Step 2: Select the target corpus files that you want to analyze. You can do this in four ways:

- a) Click on the File->Open Target File(s) menu option and select the files you want to analyze;
- b) Click on the File->Open Target Dir menu option and select a directory of files you want to analyze;
- c) Click on the "Add Corpus Files" button below the "Target Corpus" label and select the files you want to analyze;
- d) Drag and drop files directly onto the *ProtAnt* application.

Note 1: If you click on the File->Close Target Files menu option or click the "Clear" button below the "Target Corpus" label, the corpus files will be removed from the list.

Step 3: Select the type of reference corpus files you are going to use (raw files or word lists)

Step 4: Select the reference corpus files that you want to use. You can do this in four ways:

- a) Click on the File->Open Reference File(s) menu option and select the files you want to analyze;
- b) Click on the File->Open Reference Dir menu option and select a directory of files you want to analyze;
- c) Click on the "Add Corpus Files" button below the "Reference Corpus" label and select the files you want to analyze;
- d) Drag and drop files directly onto the *ProtAnt* application.

Note 1: If you click on the File->Close Reference Files menu option or click the "Clear" button below the "Reference Corpus" label, the corpus files will be removed from the list.

Step 5: Choose the keyness statistic, keyness threshold value (p-value), effect size measure, and effect size threshold (the cutoff rank) you would like to use to generate keywords for the target corpus. Note that a keyness threshold of 0 means all (positive) keywords will be considered, and an effect size threshold of -1 means that all effect values will be shown. A positive keyword means that it is relatively more frequent in the target corpus than the reference corpus. In *ProtAnt*, negative keywords (relatively more frequent in the reference corpus than the target corpus) are not considered.

Step 6: Choose the normalization function for frequencies displayed in the results window.

Step 7: Choose to ignore case in the target corpus (change all words to lowercase) and decide a suitable token definition based on regular expression (regex) syntax.

Step 8: Click "Start" to begin the segmenting process.

Note 1: The results of the prototypical text detection are shown in the top right window. The keywords appearing in each (ranked) corpus file are shown in the middle right window. The complete list of keywords is shown in the bottom right window. All columns can be sorted in either ascending or descending order by clicking on the column headers.

Note 2: The prototypical text detection analysis can be stopped at any time by clicking the "Stop" button.

Note 3: If you are using word lists, they should be formatted as RANK, FREQ, TYPE separated by tabs. Any line beginning with # will be ignored.

Additional Features

The output display can be selected, copied, and pasted as is standard on the operating system:

Windows:	CTRL-A ⇨ Select All	CTRL-C ⇨ Copy	CTRL-V ⇨ Paste
Macintosh:	CMD-A ⇨ Select All	CMD -C ⇨ Copy	CMD -V ⇨ Paste

NOTES

Comments/Suggestions/Bug Fixes

All new editions and bug fixes are listed in the revision history below. However, if you find a bug in the program, or have any suggestions for improving the program, please let me know and I will try to address the issues in a future version.

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KNOWN ISSUES

None at present.

REVISION HISTORY

1.1.0

This is minor update

New features

1. Either raw files or word lists can now be used as the target corpus and/or reference corpus.
2. Many more effect size measures can now be chosen.
3. The left and right panes in the main window and the individual results panes can now be dragged and hidden to maximize screen space.

Bug fixes:

1. In Version 1.0.2, effect sizes cut offs of types were based on alphabetically ordering instead of numerical ordering. This resulted in spurious rankings. This is now fixed.
2. In earlier versions, the last keyword in the list of keywords was not displayed in the file keyword middle panel. This is now corrected.

This is minor update

Bug fixes:

1. When files were dragged and dropped on the target corpus or reference corpus boxes, they were not loaded correctly. Drag and drop is now working.
2. When the Log Ratio option was chosen, in some cases no results were generated. This is now fixed.
3. In previous versions of ProtAnt, the keyness statistic (Log Likelihood) was based on a 2-term version of the calculation that is commonly used in corpus linguistics. This is an estimate of the more accurate 4-term calculation which is now the default. For backwards compatibility, the 2-term version is left as an option.
4. Although not strictly a bug, rather than allowing a ranking of keywords by keyness values (effectively a ranking by p-values) as in previous versions, ProtAnt now encourages rankings of keywords by an effect size measure. Two effect size measures are provided.

1.0.1

This is minor update

Bug fix: When a general Unicode character class token definition was supplied (e.g. `\p{L}` for letters), non-English texts were not being processed correctly. This is now fixed.

1.0.0

This is the first version of the program

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