

C+J 2019

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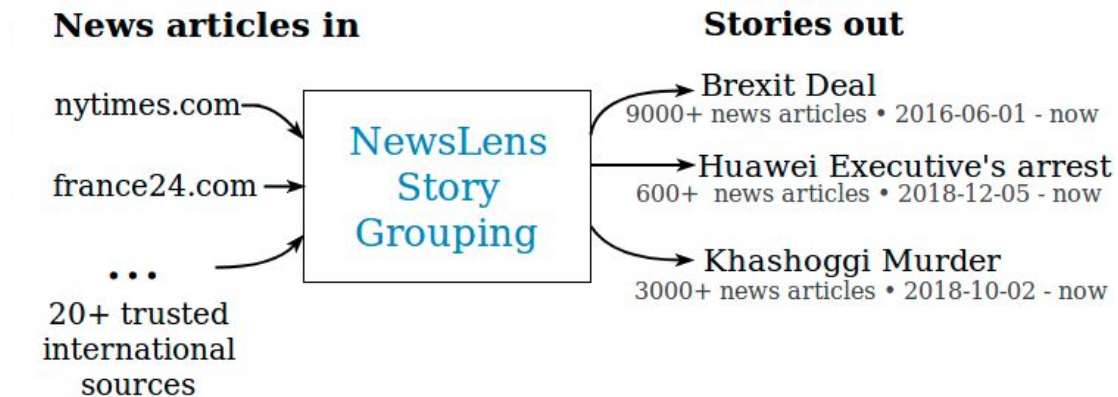


NewsLens: Navigating Complex News Stories

Our definitions

News article: Text written by journalist(s), published by a news source on a specific day.

News story: A group of news articles that discuss a set of related events over time.



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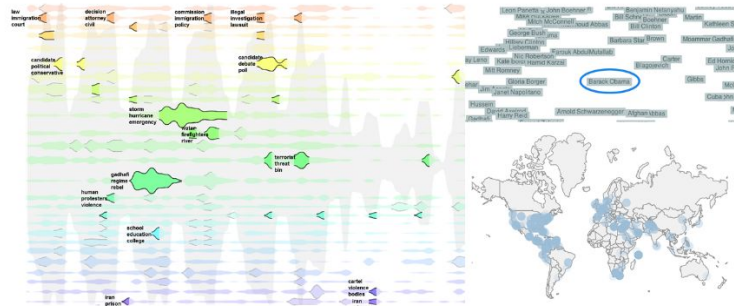
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In short: we limit our scope, to focus on helping users navigate major news stories.

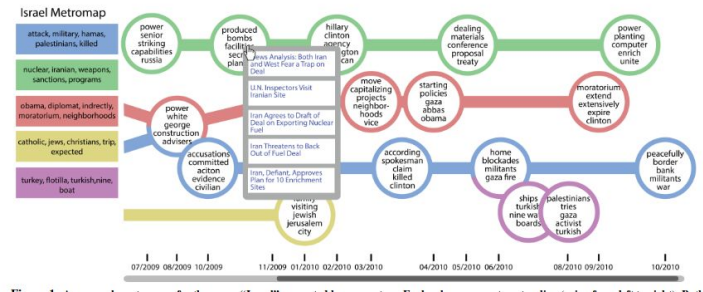
A text-centric interface

Other projects focus on visual elements: timelines, maps, graphs. Limiting text to keywords, entities, and headlines. Article content is not shown.

We propose a **text-centric** interface: enabling the user to explore the wealth of textual content.



Leadline: Dou et al. 2012



Metromaps: Shahaf et al. 2013

Multiple levels-of-detail

Challenge: How do you help a user navigate 9000+ news articles about Brexit?

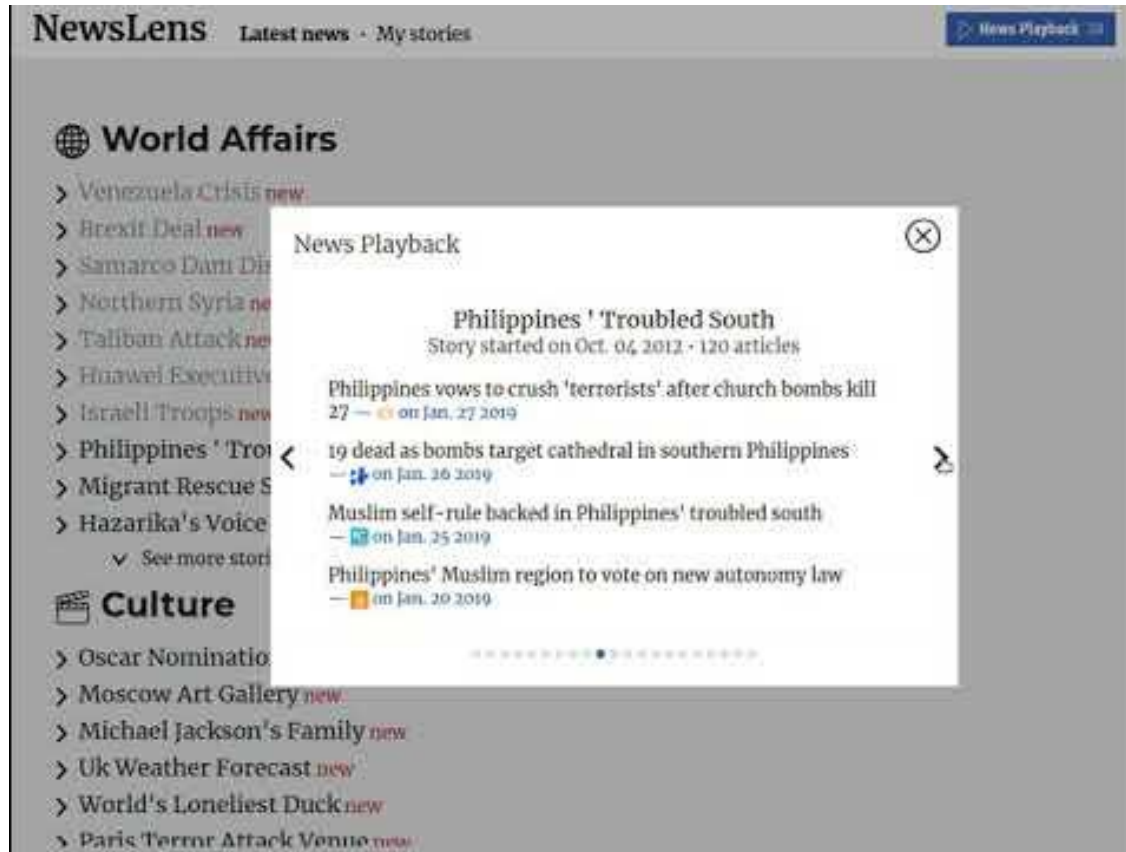
We propose: automatically organizing the story into multiple levels-of-detail.

Story name

Latest update

Story overview

Detailed event view



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2019-01-29

2019-01-30

When Bob comes back

- Some stories are **updated**
- Some stories are **new**
- Some stories are **unchanged**

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World Affairs

- > Venezuela Crisis 9 new highlights
- > Brexit Deal 9 new highlights
- > Samarco Dam Disaster 5 new highlights
- > Huawei Executive's Arrest 6 new highlights
- > Northern Syria 3 new highlights
- > Israeli Troops 2 new highlights
- > Taliban Attack 2 new highlights

Business

- > Khashoggi Murder 1 new highlights
- > PG & E Bankruptcy
- > Renault-Nissan Alliance
- > Qatar Lawsuit **new**
- > Longer-Term Guidance **new**
- > Paris Air Show **new**
- > Former Malaysian PM Najib **new**

Politics

- > Trump Campaign 5 new highlights
- > US Shutdown
- > Nigeria's Chief Justice Trial 2 new highlights
- > US Intelligence Chiefs **new**
- > Three Oleg Deripaska Companies 1 new highlights
- > Independent 2020 Run 1 new highlights
- > PGA Championship 1 new highlights

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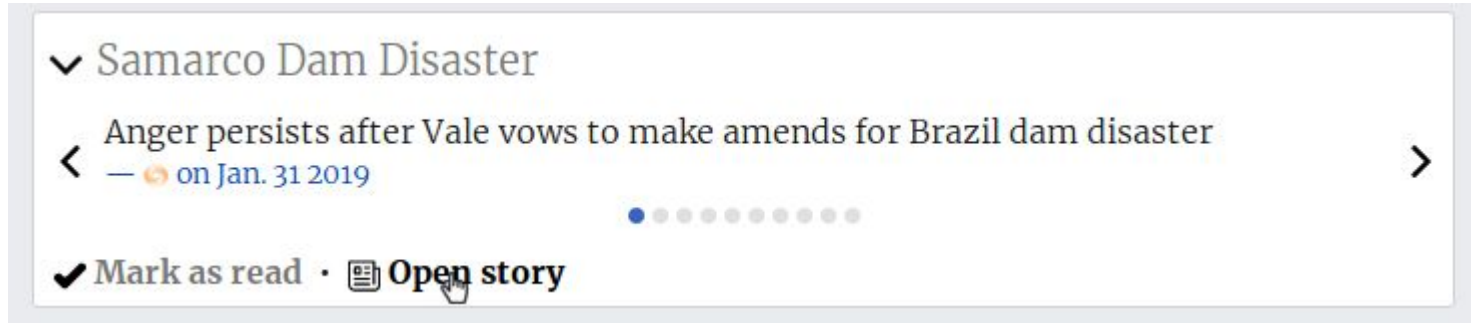
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- > Renault-Nissan Alliance 1 new highlights
- > Khashoggi Murder
- > PG & E Bankruptcy
- > \$ 10bn Wisconsin Factory Plan
- > Qatar Lawsuit
- > Spain's ' Anti-Uber ' Strike **new**
- > Facebook's Market Research App 1 new highlights

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- > Netanyahu's Toughest Ballot Rival

Opening the story



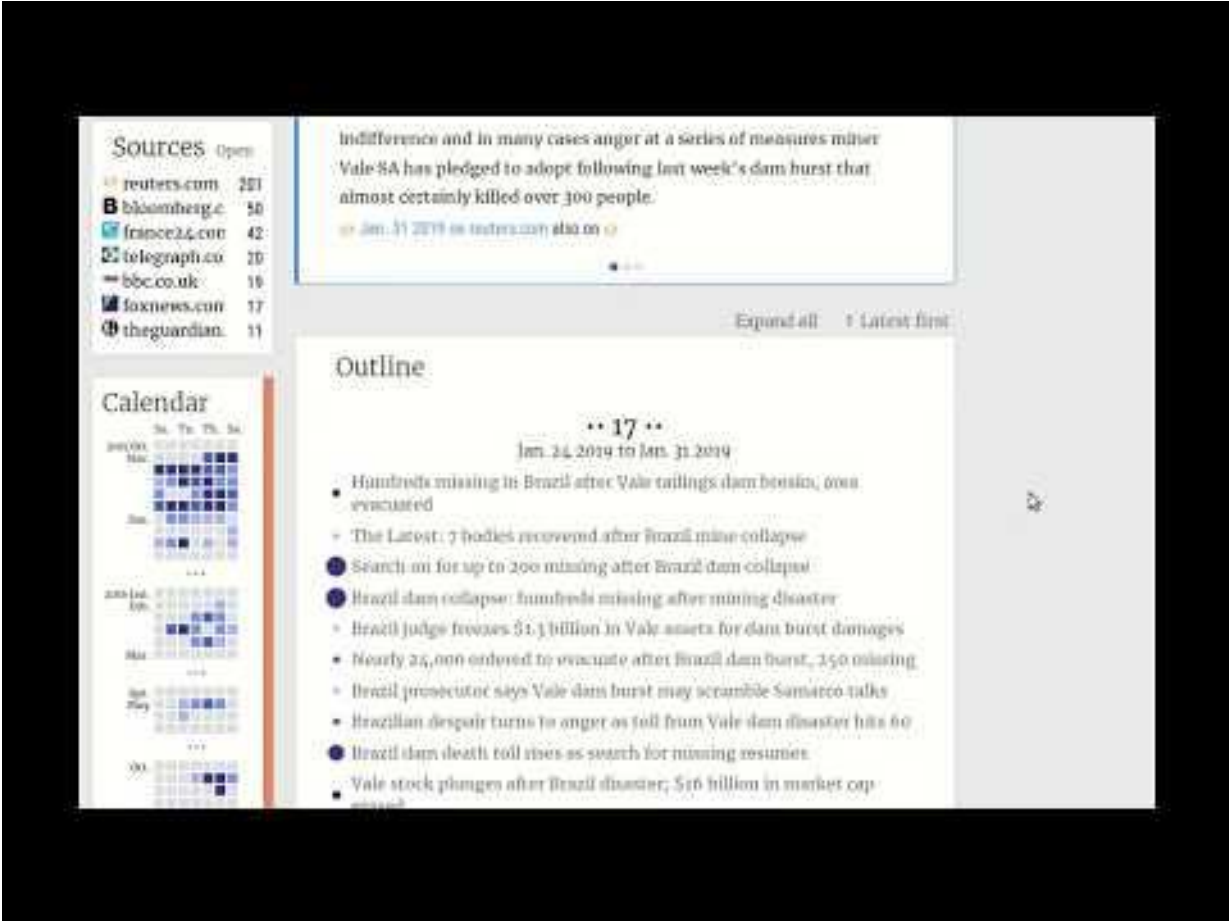
Opening the story leads to the next level-of-detail

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Calendar



rescued people by helicopter and ground vehicles. Local television channel TV Record showed a helicopter hovering inches off the ground as it pulled people covered in mud out of the waste.

Jan. 25 2019 on [apnews.com](#)

Fabio Schwartzman cafeteria worker

"The environmental impact should be much less, but the human tragedy is horrible."

Jan. 25 2019 on [reuters.com](#)

< "I ask for forgiveness from all those affected and all of Brazilian society" >

Jan. 24 2019 on [aljazeera.com](#)

Fabio Schwartzman

Mina Feijao engineers Corrego

The authorities arrested three Vale employees, including two senior managers at Corrego do Feijao on Tuesday. They have also arrested two engineers from german auditor firm tiv sud. DEMANDS.

Jan. 30 2019 on [reuters.com](#)

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