





# Business Analytics as Part of Marketing Education in Business Schools Settings

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### **Problem definition**

- Big Data and Data Science are shaping our society, but degree programs in data analytics are focusing mostly on technical aspects.
- In business education, the number of courses covering practical application of data analytics remains rather small.

#### How can we integrate data science in marketing courses?

How far can we go?

How far can we get?

### Seminar in Business-to-consumer Management

- master program in business studies
- small groups, approx. 10 students

Course objectives

- dealing critically with theoretical and empirical aspects of marketing research
- explaining and critically evaluating empirical methods of marketing- and customer behavior research,
- designing, carrying out and analyzing empirical studies as well as interpreting their results

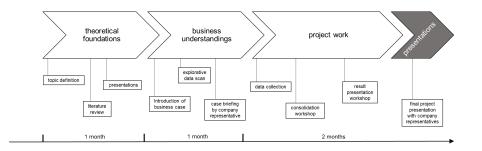
### How to integrate Business Analytics

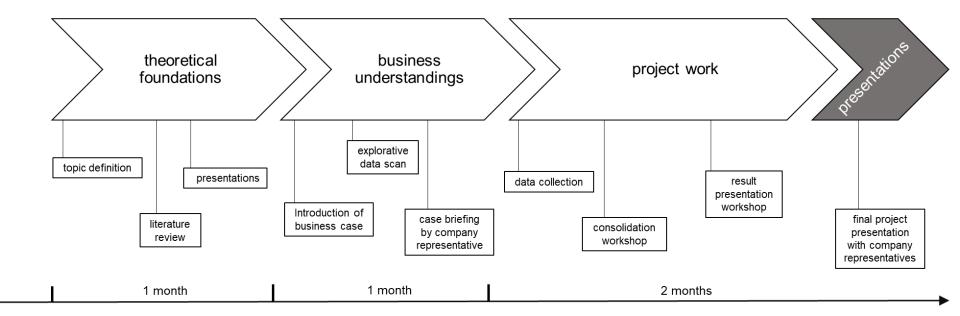
### Goals

- combine already known marketing approaches with methods from business analytics
- apply web mining
- use web data

#### Organization

- Three groups
- Three phases



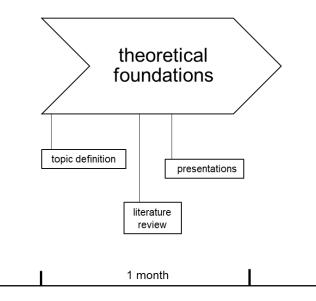


# theoretical business understandings project work

### **Phase one - theoretical foundations**

#### marketing theory

- 1. Extraction of electronic word of mouth via web mining
- 2. Consumer segmentation via web mining
- 3. Predicting consumer behavior via web mining





### **Phase two - business understandings**

### Density and concentration meter: EasyDens

- determines extract content and sugar content of homeproduced fruit juices
- determines alcohol content in spirits
- · monitors the fermentation process of beer and wine
- Easy-to-use with smartphone app

#### Anton Paar

- · Business-to-business supplier of measurement instruments
- 110 countries, 3100+ employees
- Net sales rev. € 309 million (2017)
- EasyDens: first B2C product

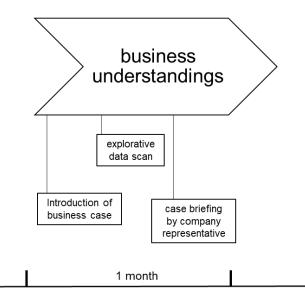




### **Phase two – business understandings**

Group work – understanding the business case

- 1. Exploring data set
- 2. Exploring variables for customer segmentation
- 3. Exploring opportunities for predictions



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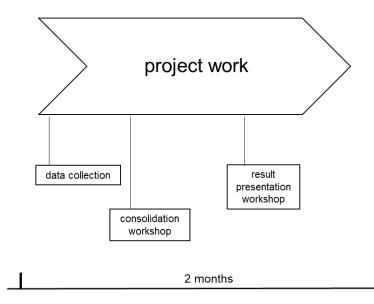
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### **Phase three – project work**

- Extracting electronic word of mouth
- Visualization of electronic word of mouth.
- Customer segmentation based on web contents



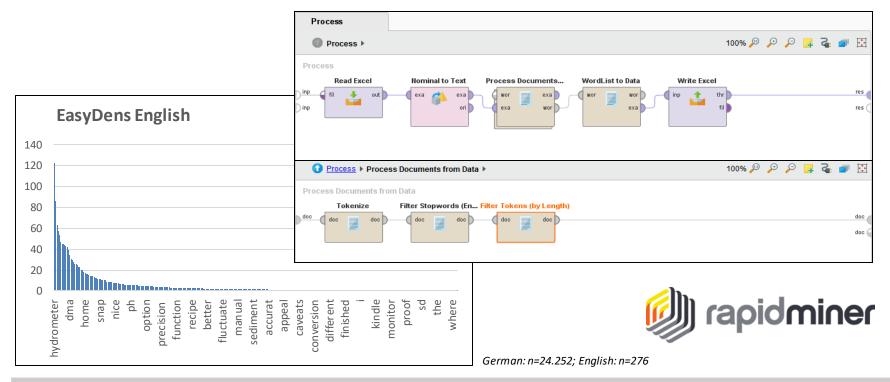
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### Phase three – (1) extracting eWOM

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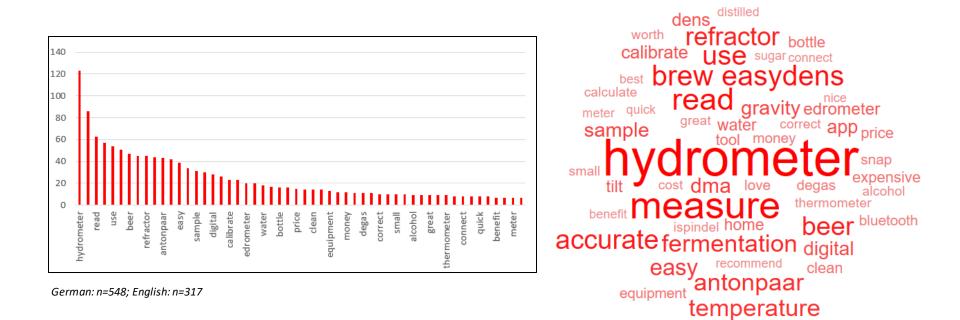


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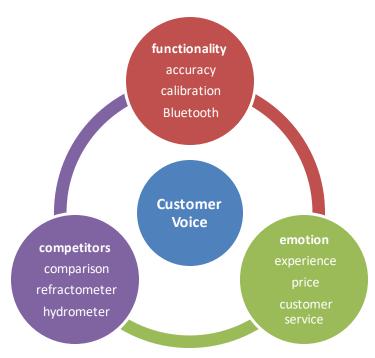




### Phase three - (2) visualization of eWOM



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"Very easy to set up and use. Readings clear and concise. I like the small amount of work needed to take a reading. I would recommend this to anyone considering purchasing it."

"Accurate and totally worth the money if you plan on using it in a semi or professional application."



### Phase three – (3) customer segmentation

#### Cluster I (59.5%)

#### **Positive comments**

#### keywords

- great
- accurate

#### topics

- measurement results
- usage

"Great resource, especially for those shopping to upgrade their measurements!"

#### Cluster II (8%)

#### **Lovingly comments**

#### keywords

- love
- simplicity

#### topics

- experience
- usage

"The EasyDens is so easy to use and I love that it only needs a very small degassed sample to work. Highly recommended!" Cluster III (32.5%)

#### **Price critical comments**

#### keywords

- price
- hydrometer

#### topics

- product comparison
- high price

"Unless you just have unlimited budget to throw at your first attempt, I can think of a dozen ways to more effectively spend money in the quest to make good beer."

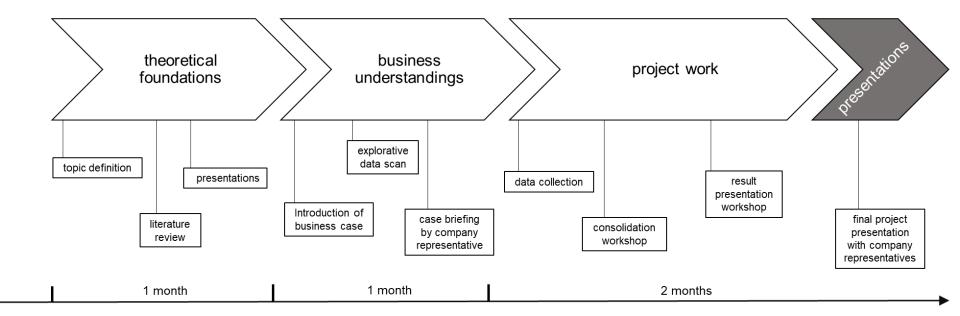
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### Phase three - (3) customer segmentation





### Conclusion

- Web mining of eWOM proofed to be a promising use case for teaching data analytics to marketing students.
- Using a real case was key for student's motivation and learning experience.
- Business students lost their awe regarding data analytic approaches and were much more motivated to experiment.
- Students understood the phases of the data science life cycle and the necessity of acquiring business understandings.
- A plenty of easy-to-handle software applications enable also non-technicians to realize simple data science projects.

# Creating knowledge for future scientific and/or practical application of big data analytics in a marketing context.



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## thank you very much

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