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Now it's time to construct and preprocess the corpus.

So we'll start by loading the tm package with `library(tm)`.

And now that we'll have done that, we'll construct a variable called `corpus` using the `corpus` and `vector source` functions and passing in all the emails in our data set, which is `emails$email`.

So now that we've constructed the corpus, we can output the first email in the corpus.

We'll start out by calling the `strwrap` function to get it on multiple lines, and then we can select the first element in the corpus using the double square bracket notation and selecting element 1.

And we can see that this is exactly the same email that we saw originally, the email about the working paper.

So now we're ready to preprocess the corpus using the tm map function.

So first, we'll convert the corpus to lowercase using `tm map` and the `two lower` function.

So we'll have `corpus = tm_map(corpus, tolower)`.

And then we'll do the exact same thing except removing punctuation, so we'll have `corpus = tm_map(corpus, removePunctuation)`.

We'll remove the stop words with `remove words` function and we'll pass along the stop words of the English language as the words we want to remove.

And lastly, we're going to stem the document.

So `corpus = tm_map(corpus, stemDocument)`.

And now that we've gone through those four preprocessing steps, we can take a second look at the first email in the corpus.

So again, call `strwrap(corpusstrwrap(corpus[[1]])`.

And now it looks quite a bit different.

We can come up to the top here.

It's a lot harder to read now that we removed all the stop words and punctuation and word stems, but now the emails in this corpus are ready for our machine learning algorithms.

