# Class 01: Getting started

September 12, 2017

# Why are you taking this course?

#### Either:

- You don't know programming but are eager to learn, or
- It's a requirement for your degree

#### Good news!

- Programming is fun
- Programming will make your life easier

## More good news!

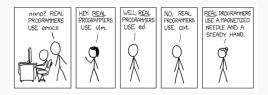
All the examples in this course are based on linguistic problems

## **Prerequisites**

Stuff you need before you begin:

- A UNIX-compatible system (GNU/Linux, \*BSD, Mac/OS)
- A text editor
- An installation of Python Python 3.0 or higher!

How to choose a text editor:



Honestly, use something other people (programmers) you know use.

## Argh but what if I have Windows™

#### I have no idea about Windows

To be safe, install a Virtual Machine (e.g. VirtualBox) and a flavour of  ${\sf GNU/Linux}$ , e.g. Ubuntu.

Installation instructions:

http://wiki.apertium.org/wiki/Apertium\_VirtualBox



#### On your own:

- A search engine such as Google<sup>TM</sup>, Yandex<sup>TM</sup> or DuckDuckGo<sup>TM</sup>
- The fine Python documentation: http://docs.python.org
- Internet Relay Chat: http://webchat.freenode.net
- Stack Overflow: https://stackoverflow.com

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## Structure of the course

https://ftyers.github.io/079-osnov-programm/index.html

Class	Topic	Class	Topic
1	Command line	5	Tagger
2	Segmenter	6	Project work
3	Tokeniser	7	Project work
4.1	Transliterator	8	Project work
4.2	Language model	_	_

## **Pipeline**

A typical basic NLP pipeline looks like the following:

```
sentence segmenter | tokeniser | tagger | parser
```

- segmenter: takes a paragraph and gives sentences
- tokeniser: takes a sentence and gives list of tokens
- tagger: gives every token a morphosyntactic tag
- parser: takes a tagged sentence and gives a parse tree

During the first six classes you will be implementing basic versions of the first three modules.

## **Projects**

For the remaining six classes you will work on:

- A small software project
- Something that you are excited about

For inspiration, you could:

- Perform some quantitative linguistic experiment
- Implement a program to convert between formats
- Write a scraper for some online language data
- Implement a simple machine learning solution to a problem

You will need to decide by the 5th class, if you are unsure, talk to me

## Marking scheme

#### Details on the course page.

#### Marking

- 40% Project
- · 25% Practicals
- 25% Homework
- · 10% Active participation

Project: The project will encompass a good proportion of the class time and homework for the last three classes. You should start thinking from the first class what you might be interested in working on. If you cannot come up with any ideas, then I will give a number of options, or come and talk to me. The project should be non-trivial and test and expand your knowledge in some way. It should contain an evaluation component, either for efficiency of implementation or in terms of accuracy for some task. One of the most important aspects of programming is learning to use the computer to scratch an itch 'yqosnersopurts' naviewe exchance the project will ensury you are able to do that.

Practicals: Most of the course will be made up of practical sessions. I will evaluate your progress after each session.

Homework: Homework that isn't just reading will be submitted through Github, and will need to be completed before the following lesson. Your Github repository should be called 2817-260-soney programs and have the following subdirectories: corpus for your (sub-)corpus from Wikipedia, and project for your project work. If you finish all practical work in a session, you can start on the homework.

Active participation: Beyond simply showing up, I encourage you to contribute to discussions by asking questions, answering articles of the properties of t

tl;dr Most of the final mark is from the class work and project.

# What we are going to do today

#### First things first:

- Make sure you have Python installed
- Set up Github accounts
- Install a text editor
- Work with the shell

#### Then second things:

- Choose a language
  - For purposes of speed, choose one with <= 500,000 articles
- Download the Wikipedia in that language
- Extract the text from Wikipedia

## **Check your Python installation**

Open a terminal and type python3 and press return  ${\ensuremath{\text{@}}}$  .

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$ python3
Python 3.5.2+ (default, Aug 5 2016, 08:07:14)
[GCC 6.1.1 20160724] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
```

If you don't have Python installed, install it now.

### **Github**

All practical work will be stored and submitted through GitHub.

If you don't already have an account:

- Go to https://github.com/join
- Fill in the information
- Click "Create an account"
- Choose "Unlimited public repositories for free."
- Skip the next part.

# Setup the directory structure

#### In your browser:

- First make a repository, call it 2017-osnov-programm
- Choose 'Initialise this repository with a README'
- Click 'Clone or download' and copy the link

#### In the terminal:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/XXXXXX/2017-osnov-programm.git
```

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$ cd 2017-osnov-programm
```

- \$ mkdir corpus project homework
- \$ touch corpus/README.md project/README.md homework/README.md
- \$ git add corpus project homework
- \$ git commit -a -m "Initialise stuff"
- \$ git push

#### Text editor

There are about 100500 text editors ...

I tried to get a definitive answer on which is the best text editor by asking your fellow students I know which one they use ...

- Atom: +
- Emacs:
- Notepadpp: +
- Sublime†: +++
- TextWrangler†: +
- Vim: +

Unfortunately there were nearly as many favourites as students ...

† Not free/open-source software. :'(

# Wikipedia as a corpus/1



## Wikipedia makes a great<sup>1</sup> corpus:

- Free to use and distribute
- Very many languages 295 at the last count

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Well, great in some respects

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Other languages - Weitere Sprachen - Autres langues - Kompletna lista języków - 他の言語 - Otros idiomas - 其他語言 - Другие языки - Aliaj lingvoj - 다른 언어 - Ngôn ngữ khác

Not on Wikipedia: Ainu, Chukchi, Dargwa, Khanty, Udi

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Too big:  ${}^{?}$ English  $\cdot {}^{?}$ French  $\cdot {}^{?}$ German  $\cdot {}^{?}$ Italian  $\cdot {}^{?}$ Japanese  $\cdot {}^{?}$ Polish  $\cdot {}^{?}$ Russian  $\cdot {}^{?}$ Spanish

## Wikipedia as a corpus/3

#### Deliberately vague steps:

- Use your search engine to find where Wikipedia keeps its 'dumps'.
- Find the language code of the language you are interested in
- Download the dump for the language you are interested in
  - Tip 1: You're looking for a 'Database backup dump'
  - Tip 2: The filename will include pages-articles.xml.bz2
- Find WikiExtractor on the Apertium Wiki
- Run WikiExtractor on the dump file you downloaded.