Web Information Extraction for eEnvironment

We need help from domain experts!

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The Environment and Information on the Web



Real existence of



Partially Reflected on the Web



Extraction



Web Information Extraction

Our Web Information Extraction Framework

- Motivated by the Semantic Web
 - Transformation of human understandable resources to machine understandable ones
- Information extraction form texts (from the Web)
 - Supported by linguistic tools (PDT, Netgraph, ...)
- Machine learning of the extraction procedure
 - Human annotated training set needed
- Structured (and semantic) extraction output
 - Structured output: XML or Ontology data structure
 - Automatically annotated web pages

Web 1) Extraction of text Text 2) Linguistic annotation **Linguistic Trees** 3) Information extraction Structured Data 4) Semantic interpretation Ontology

The Data Flow

Domain expert has to:

- Select relevant pages
- Support learning procedure

Learning procedure produces rules for

- Data extraction
- Data interpretation

Example of processed web page Ministerstvo vnitra



Relevant text

Information relevant to the environment

kabiny vypro postupně od provozních k naložit k odt

"Unik provozních kapalin nebyl zjištěn."

"Outflow of Sealing liquid was not found out."









Servia nejen pro novinare Schengeńská spolupráce

WebEditorial

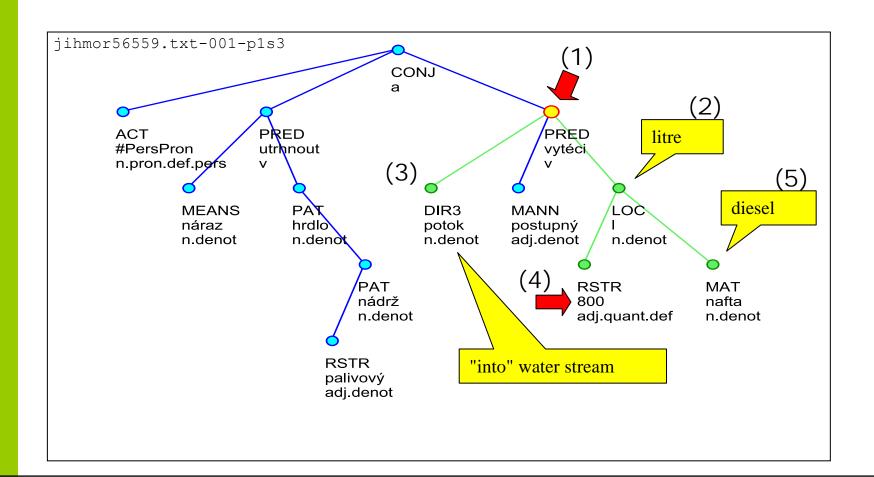
Na našem serveru v Jiných rubrikách

Aktuality Národního archivu

Example of a linguistic tree

"Due to the clash the throat of fuel tank tore off and 800 litres of oil (diesel) has run out to a stream."

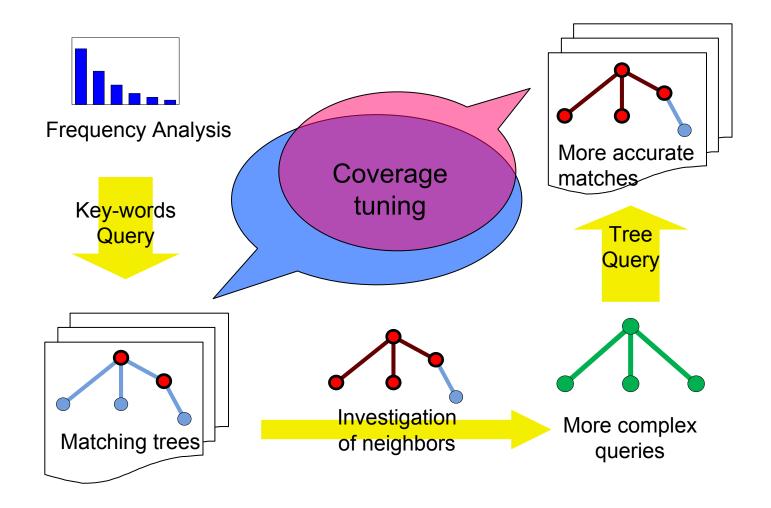
"Nárazem se utrhl hrdlo palivové nádrže a do potoka postupně vyteklo na 800 litrů nafty."



Example of an extraction rule.

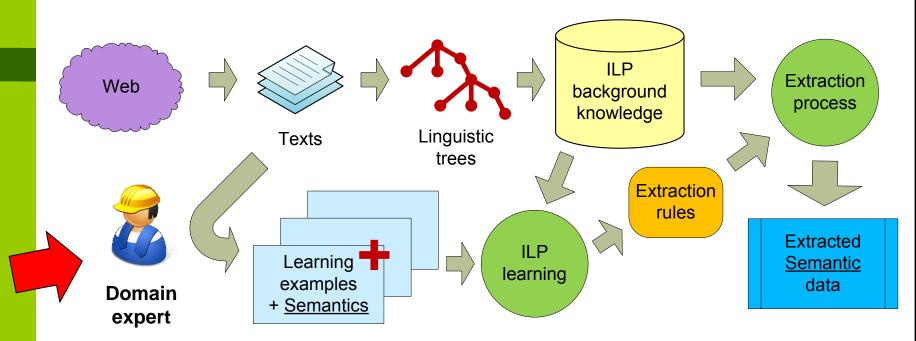
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t_lemma = uniknout | unikat | vytéci
                  name = unit
                                       _optional = true
                                        functor = DIR3
gram/sempos = adj.quant.def
                                       name = where
     _name = amount
                        functor = MAT
                       _name = material
```

Manual learning of extraction rules



Needs expert in both: in the domain and in linguistics

Machine learning of extraction rules



- Use of Inductive Logic Programming
- Learning examples
 - Marked directly in the text
 - Done by domain expert, no linguistic knowledge needed

Experimental results (1)

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<QueryMatches>
  <Match root id="jihmor56559.txt-001-p1s3" match string="15:0,16:4,22:1,23:2,27:3">
   <Sentence>Nárazem se utrhl hrdlo palivové nádrže a do potoka postupně vyteklo na
800 litrů nafty.</sentence>
                                                   litre
   <Data>
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     <Value variable name="unit" attribute name="t lemma">1
     <Value variable name="material" attribute name="t lemma">nafta
     <Value variable name="where" attribute name="t_lemma">potok</Value</pre>
                                                                            diesel
   </Data>
                                       water stream
  </Match>
  <Match root id="jihmor68220.txt-001-p1s3" match string="3:0,12:4,21:1,22:2,27:3">
   <Sentence>Z palivové nádrže vozidla uniklo do půdy v příkopu vedle silnice zhruba
350 litrů nafty, a proto byli o události informováni také pracovníci odboru životního
prostředí Městského úřadu ve Vyškově a České inspekce životního prostředí.</Sentence>
   <Data>
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     <Value variable name="unit" attribute name="t lemma">1
     <Value variable name="material" attribute name="t lemma">nafta</Value>
     <Value variable name="where" attribute name="t lemma">půda</Value>
   </Data>
                                                                        soil
  </Match>
```

Experimental results (2)

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<Match root id="kralovehrad54765.txt-001-p6s5" match string="1:0,7:1,8:2,13:3">
   <Sentence>Z kamionu uniklo zhruba 20 litrů látky.
                                                                       other material
   <Data>
     <Value variable name="amount" attribute name="t lemma">20</Value>
     <Value variable name="unit" attribute name="t lemma">1//Value>//
     <Value variable name="material" attribute name="t lemma">látka</Value>
   </Data>
 </Match>
  <Match root id="moravslez50487.txt-001-p4s1" match string="43:0,49:1,50:2,55:3">
   <Sentence>Hasiči po likvidaci požáru trávy asi na 25 metrech čtverečních ještě
uklízeli společně s pracovníky Správy silnic Moravskoslezského kraje zhruba 15 metrů
silnice, na kterou vyteklo asi 40 litrů hydraulického oleje.</sentence>
   <Data>
     <Value variable name="amount" attribute name="t lemma">40</Value>
     <Value variable name="unit" attribute name="t lemma">1
     <Value variable name="material" attribute name="t lemma">olej</value>
   </Data>
                                                                       gear oil
  </Match>
</QueryMatches>
```

What is interesting on the Web?

- For environment specialists?
- What information from the Web can help with the evidence, inspection and care for the environment?

Perhaps our method can provide it!

We are interested in cooperation!

Concluding Appeal

- We need your help!
- Please send us examples of resources, content interesting for environmentalists!

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