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**README.rst** 

# sense2vec: Use spaCy to go beyond vanilla word2vec

Read about sense2vec in our blog post. You can try an online demo of the technology here and use the open-source REST server.



#### **Overview**

There are three relevant files in this repository:

#### bin/merge\_text.py

This script pre-processes text using spaCy, so that the sense2vec model can be trained using Gensim.

#### bin/train\_word2vec.py

This script reads a directory of text files, and then trains a word2vec model using Gensim. The script includes its own vocabulary counting code, because Gensim's vocabulary count is a bit slow for our large, sparse vocabulary.

#### sense2vec/vectors.pyx

To serve the similarity queries, we wrote a small vector-store class in Cython. This made it easier to add an efficient cache in front of the service. It also less memory than Gensim's Word2Vec class, as it doesn't hold the keys as Python unicode strings.

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Similarity queries could be faster, if we had made all vectors contiguous in memory, instead of holding them as an array of pointers. However, we wanted to allow a <code>.borrow()</code> method, so that vectors can be added to the store by reference, without copying the data.

#### Installation

Until there is a PyPI release you can install sense2vec by:

- 1. cloning the repository
- 2. run pip install -r requirements.txt
- 3. pip install -e .
- 4. install the latest model via sputnik --name sense2vec --repository-url http://index.spacy.io install reddit vectors

You might also be tempted to simply run pip install -e git+git://github.com/spacy-io/sense2vec.git#egg=sense2vec instead of steps 1-3, but it expects Cython to be present.

### Usage

```
import sense2vec
model = sense2vec.load()
freq, query_vector = model["natural_language_processing|NOUN"]
model.most_similar(query_vector, n=3)

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For additional performance experimental support for BLAS can be enabled by setting the USE\_BLAS environment variable before installing (e.g. use\_blas=1 pip install ...). This requires an up-to-date BLAS/OpenBlas/Atlas installation.

# **Support**

- CPython 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 (only 64 bit)
- OSX
- Linux
- Windows

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