

## Spatial Databases Exercise : Geoparsing

1. **Read the contents of the file *JackHagelExerciseText.txt* and list those named entities that you regard as geographical places.**  
**Could include (but subject to discussion):**

World Trade Center  
New York  
Raleigh  
Lower Manhattan  
Washington  
Country Club Plaza  
Kansas City  
Mo.  
Raleigh  
Cameron Village  
Southeast

2. **Write a python script to use the spaCy Named Entity Recognition tool to list all named entities in the file.**

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Note:

spaCy can be installed

via:

`pip install spacy`

See : <https://spacy.io/usage/linguistic-features>

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The following is an example from the spaCy

(<https://spacy.io/usage/linguistic-features>)

NER tool.

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```
import spacy
```

```
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
```

```
doc = nlp("Apple is looking at buying U.K. startup for $1 billion")
```

```
for ent in doc.ents:
```

```
    print(ent.text, ent.start_char, ent.end_char, ent.label_)
```

```
>>>>>
```

The label property stores the entity type as a code such as ORG. See lecture notes for some of the other codes.

If you paste the text of the file into a python script you might have problems with the quote characters that could need to be escaped. This should not be a problem if you read from the file in your python script.

**Answer : Named entities listed by spaCy:**

Jack Hagel PERSON  
the World Trade Center ORG  
New York GPE  
Raleigh ORG  
Smedes York PERSON  
Urban Land Institute ORG  
the World Trade Center and Lower Manhattan Summit ORG  
last month DATE  
York PERSON  
the Urban Land Institute ORG  
Washington GPE  
1989 to 1991 DATE  
J.W. "Willie" York PERSON  
the Urban Land Institute ORG  
1947 DATE  
J.C. Nichols PERSON  
Country Club Plaza ORG  
Kansas City GPE  
Mo. GPE  
Willie York PERSON  
Raleigh ORG  
Cameron Village GPE  
Southeast LOC  
first ORDINAL

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Note that the input

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import spacy

import json

import os

```
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
```

```
infile = open('JackHagelExerciseText-NotEscaped.txt', "r")
```

```
theText = infile.read()
```

```
infile.close()
```

```
doc = nlp(theText)
```

```
#doc = nlp("Jack Hagel, Staff Writer Redevelopment of the World  
Trade Center site in New York is getting some input from a Raleigh  
real-estate maven. York Properties President Smedes York was  
chairman of an Urban Land Institute panel at the World Trade Center  
and Lower Manhattan Summit last month. York was chairman of the  
Urban Land Institute, a Washington nonprofit organization, from 1989  
to 1991. His dad, J.W. \"Willie\" York, joined the Urban Land  
Institute in 1947. That's where he met J.C. Nichols, the  
developer of Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo. - the center  
that inspired Willie York to build Raleigh's Cameron Village, the  
Southeast's first shopping center.")
```

```
for ent in doc.ents:
```

```
    place = ent.text
```

```
    print ("Geo-place: " + str(place) + " " + str(ent.label_))
```

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3. **Modify your script to output only those entities that can be regarded as geographic. These are ones with NER types of GPE, FAC or LOC. List the places in the text that spaCy has failed to categorise correctly as geographic places. How were these missed places categorised if at all?**

**Solution:**

**Places identified as GPE, FAC or LOC**

New York GPE  
Washington GPE  
Kansas City GPE  
Mo. GPE  
Cameron Village GPE  
Southeast LOC

Places with other categorisation:

World Trade Center (though doesn't exist now) – ORG  
Lower Manhattan – ORG as part of World Trade Centre entity  
Raleigh – ORG  
Country Club Plaza – ORG

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4. **Enter the text from the assignment. List any places that you think that it has failed to identify. Of the places that it has geocoded – are all**
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**Solution:**

It has failed to identify  
Lower Manhattan – but it does identify Manhattan  
Country Club Plaza  
Cameron Village – but it misidentifies Cameron as a place  
Southeast – but this is a vague region

It has made mistakes in geocoding:

- Manhattan – it finds somewhere in Kansas but should be in New York
- Cameron - it finds somewhere in Kansas but the Cameron Village referred to in the text is actually in North Carolina, inside Raleigh, as stated in the text “Raleigh's Cameron Village”
- New York – it has geocoded the state of New York but the text refers to the city.

5. **Extend your python script to use the GeoPy geocoder tool to attach coordinates to each of the places that spaCy identified as either GPE, FAC or LOC. Use the Nominatim gazetteer and select only the first geocoded place returned by GeoPy – thus set “Limit = 1”**

**When applied to the places that SpaCy identified as either GPE, FAC or LOC, how well has the default first choice geocoded location succeeded in finding the correct place?**

Notes for this question:

The GeoPy library can be installed with pip as follows (see

<https://pypi.org/project/geopy/>)

```
pip install geopy
```

The following is an example of using GeoPy with the Nominatim gazetteer – taken directly from the GeoPy website at <https://pypi.org/project/geopy/>

```
from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim
geolocator =
Nominatim(user_agent="specify_your_app_name_here")
location = geolocator.geocode("175 5th Avenue NYC")
print(location.address)
>>>Flatiron Building, 175, 5th Avenue, Flatiron, New
York, NY
print((location.latitude, location.longitude))
>>>(40.7
```

Solutions:

GPE, FAC or LOC geocoded places

```
Nominatim Geo-place: New York
New York, United States of America
40.7127281 -74.0060152
>>>> This is the state not the city
```

```
Nominatim Geo-place: Washington
Washington, District of Columbia, 20230, United States of America
38.8949924 -77.0365581
>>>> Correct
```

```
Nominatim Geo-place: Kansas City
Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, United States of America
39.100105 -94.5781416
>>>> Correct
```

```
Nominatim Geo-place: Mo.
Missouri, United States of America
38.7604815 -92.5617875
>>>> Correct
```

```
Nominatim Geo-place: Cameron Village
Cameron Village, Baltimore, Maryland, 21239, United States of America
39.356734 -76.5992851
```

>>>> error – the Cameron Village in the text is in Raleigh in North Carolina, not in Baltimore, Maryland

Nominatim Geo-place: Southeast  
Sverige  
59.6749712 14.5208584

>>>> error – the Southeast in the text is the south region of the USA, not somewhere in Sweden.

**6. Modify the script in 5 to treat entities classes as ORG as places and consider how well it has geocoded these organisations.**

Solution:

Nominatim Geo-place: the World Trade Center  
World Trade Center, 180, Greenwich Street, Financial District, Manhattan  
Community Board 1, Westfield World Trade Center, New York County, New  
York, 10048, United States of America  
40.7118877 -74.0059412  
>>>> Correct

Nominatim Geo-p  
Raleigh, Wake C  
35.7803977 -78.  
>>>> Correct

Nominatim Geo-place: Country Club Plaza  
Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, Jackson  
States of America  
39.0420441 -94.5927959  
>>>> Correct

Nominatim Geo-place: Raleigh  
Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, United States of America  
35.7803977 -78.6390989  
>>>> Correct