

# PyTAIL: An Open Source Tool for Interactive and Incremental Learning of NLP Models with Human in the Loop for Online Data

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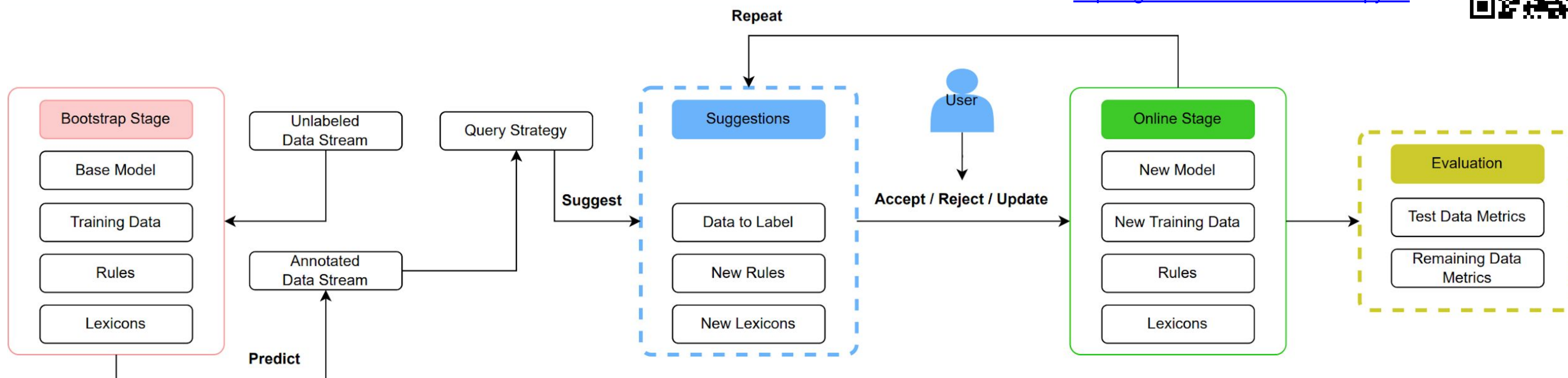
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ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.13786>

Dataset: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7236430>

Code: <https://github.com/socialmediaie/pytail>



## Problem formulation

- Given a large unlabeled corpus, can we:
  - label it efficiently using fewer human annotations?
  - allow human-in-the-loop injection of rules?
  - update models efficiently to work with new data?
- Proposal:
  - Use active learning for data labeling
  - Use interface to surface and inject prominent rules
  - Use incremental learning algorithms for model
- Highly applicable to social media data:
  - Model should adapt to new and streaming data

## PyTAIL Benchmark for Social Media Active Learning

- Tasks for Social Media Text Classification: Abusive, Sentiment, Uncertainty
- 10 tasks, 200K social media posts
- Derived from Social Media IE Multi Task Benchmark –  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5867160>

Table 2: Performance of query strategies across datasets using around 10% training dataset.

task	dataset	round	$N$	$N_{left}$	$\%_{used}$	Full	Rand	$E_{top}$	$E_{prop}$	$M_{top}$	$M_{prop}$
Test Dataset											
ABUSIVE	Founta	42	41,861	37,661	0.10	0.79	0.77	0.78	0.78	0.79	0.77
	WaseemSRW	14	13,072	11,672	0.11	0.82	0.79	0.78	0.77	0.78	0.76
SENTIMENT	Airline	9	8,725	7,825	0.10	0.82	0.76	0.78	0.79	0.77	0.77
	Clarin	45	44,299	39,799	0.10	0.66	0.63	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.63
	GOP	8	7,121	6,321	0.11	0.67	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.64
	Healthcare	1	590	490	0.17	0.59	0.64	0.60	0.61	0.60	0.60
	Obama	2	1,777	1,577	0.11	0.63	0.56	0.60	0.58	0.59	0.57
	SemEval	13	12,145	10,845	0.11	0.65	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.58	0.61
	Riloff	2	1,201	1,001	0.17	0.78	0.77	0.76	0.77	0.76	0.79
UNCERTAINTY	Swamy	1	555	455	0.18	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.39	0.34	0.31
Remaining Dataset											
ABUSIVE	Founta	42	41,861	37,661	0.10	NaN	0.77	0.80	0.78	0.81	0.78
	WaseemSRW	14	13,072	11,672	0.11	NaN	0.78	0.79	0.77	0.80	0.76
SENTIMENT	Airline	9	8,725	7,825	0.10	NaN	0.75	0.79	0.79	0.80	0.78
	Clarin	45	44,299	39,799	0.10	NaN	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.63
	GOP	8	7,121	6,321	0.11	NaN	0.62	0.64	0.62	0.63	0.63
	Healthcare	1	590	490	0.17	NaN	0.53	0.56	0.53	0.47	0.50
	Obama	2	1,777	1,577	0.11	NaN	0.54	0.56	0.57	0.56	0.56
	SemEval	13	12,145	10,845	0.11	NaN	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.63	0.62
	Riloff	2	1,201	1,001	0.17	NaN	0.80	0.82	0.84	0.82	0.81
UNCERTAINTY	Swamy	1	555	455	0.18	NaN	0.37	0.40	0.40	0.33	0.36