

Healthcare Language Models for Information Extraction

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Healthcare Language Models

140+ million

Downloads on PyPI.

"Most Widely Used NLP
Library in the Enterprise."

54% share

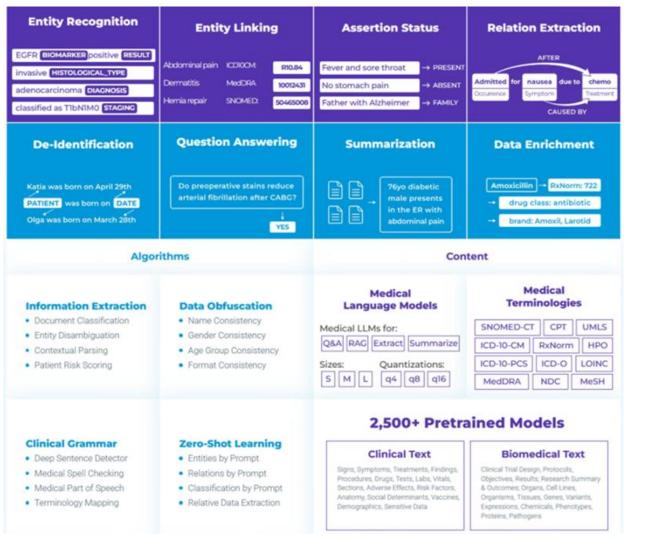
of GenAl in Healthcare projects at large companies use John Snow Labs **#1 Accuracy**

on 25 benchmarks in peer-reviewed papers

O'Reilly Media

Gradient Flow

Papers with Code

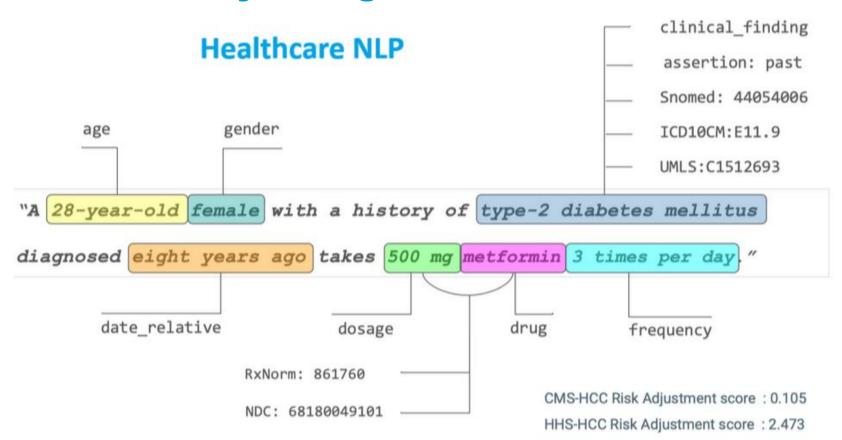




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Named Entity Recognition







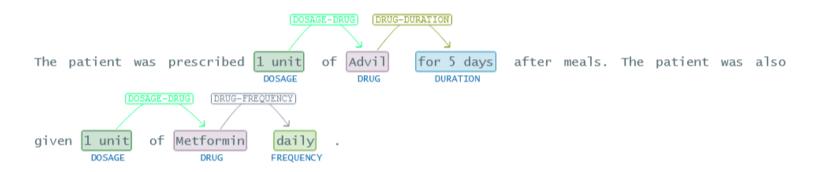
Assertion Status Detection

"Mother with a lung cancer, a patient is diagnosed as breast cancer in 1991 and then admitted to Mayo Clinic in Oct 2000, went under chemo for 6 months, discharged in April 2001 with a prescription of 2 mg metformin 3x per day. No sign of gynecological disorder but she suffers from acute cramps if she doesn't take her drug."

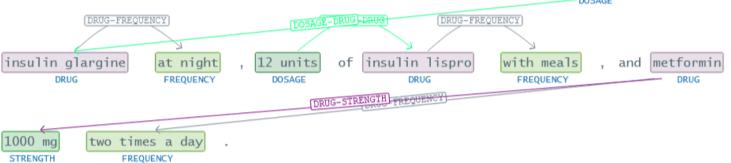
| Chunk | Entity | Assertion |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| lung cancer | Oncological | Family |
| breast cancer | Oncological | Past |
| chemo | Treatment | Past |
| gynecological disorder | Disorder | Absent |
| acute cramps | Disorder | Conditional |



Relation Extraction



He was seen by the endocrinology service and she was discharged on 40 units of





Deidentification

DATE: 2020-02-01 10:00:00 AM

CLINIC NUMBER: 1234567

15 Jan 2020

Mr. John Doe who lives at 123 Main St. Boston, MA 12345 has an acute infection of the lung. He was discharged on 12th Jan after a 7 day treatment of erythromycin

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(a) Detect PHI entities

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3 Jan 2020

(b) Transform

PHI entities

Mr. Jack Michaels who lives at 456, Broadway, New York, NY 56789 has an acute infection of the lung. He was discharged on 1st Jan after a 7 day treatment of erythromycin

READMISSIONS 20 Jan 2020

Mr. Jack aged 50+ was readmitted for a remission

-Dr.WS

Admin 2 doses erythro on 31st Dec.



Clinical Text De-Identification of PHI Data

Healthcare NLP, Azure, Amazon, GPT-40, and Claude 3.7 Sonnet PHI Recognition and Benchmark Comparison (Sample size: 45172 PHI entities).

| Metric / Entity | Healthcare NLP | | | Azure Amazon | | | GPT-4o | | | Claude 3.7 Sonnet | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Precision | Recall | F1-score |
| AGE | 0.96 | 1.00 | 0.98 | 0.94 | 0.45 | 0.61 | 1.00 | 0.41 | 0.58 | 0.87 | 0.50 | 0.64 | 0.73 | 0.55 | 0.63 |
| CONTACT | 0.96 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.73 | 0.88 | 0.80 | 0.78 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.67 | 0.53 | 0.59 | 0.74 | 0.43 | 0.54 |
| DATE | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.91 | 0.99 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.97 | 0.93 | 0.79 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.84 | 0.83 | 0.83 |
| IDNUM | 0.98 | 0.94 | 0.96 | 0.78 | 0.93 | 0.85 | 0.95 | 0.86 | 0.91 | 0.70 | 0.92 | 0.80 | 0.70 | 0.95 | 0.80 |
| LOCATION | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.93 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.88 | 0.52 | 0.74 | 0.61 | 0.82 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.79 | 0.87 | 0.83 |
| NAME | 0.92 | 0.94 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.89 | 0.90 | 0.85 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.79 | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.86 | 0.84 |
| O | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| Macro Avg | 0.96 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| Non-PHI | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| PHI | 0.96 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.92 | 0.91 | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.81 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.81 | 0.84 | 0.83 |
| Macro Avg | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 0.91 | 0.90 | 0.88 | 0.89 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 0.91 |
| cost per 1M doc | | \$2,418 | | | \$13,125 | | | \$14,525 | | | \$21,400 | | | \$23,330 | |

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