**MetaMap wrapper project**

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**General Description**

MetaMap is a tool for mapping various medical names and concepts to a smaller set of standard concepts, to allow categorization and easier analysis of entire medical texts.

This project aims to provide a wrapper (written in python) for the MetaMap functionality.

The project source can be found in this [GitHub repository](https://github.com/JonathanShifman/metamap-project).

**Usage Instructions**

To use the wrapper, you will need to perform the following steps:

Download & Install MetaMap

Download the latest version of MetaMap from the [downloads page](https://metamap.nlm.nih.gov/MainDownload.shtml).  
Make sure to download the Linux release, since the project is currently not compatible with windows.

Follow the installation instructions to install MetaMap. Be sure to start the Tagger server as described.

Install pymetamap

pymetamap is a python tool which provides an API for extracting concepts (along with other info) from sentences.   
The project uses pymetamap to access the MetaMap data and analyzes its output.