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### **GLG** Project

### A match made in machine learning heaven: linking every client request to the best expert

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### Problem (1 min)

GLG's business largely revolves around *matching clients*, requesting insights on a specific topic, *with an expert* on that topic from their large database so that they can meet by phone, video or in person. Visually:



Since GLG receives **100s of these requests** per day, how can they leverage machine learning to *semi-automate the matching process at scale*?



### Solution (1 min), preliminary

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Named-Entity Recognition (NER)

Selected libraries: spaCy, The
 Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)

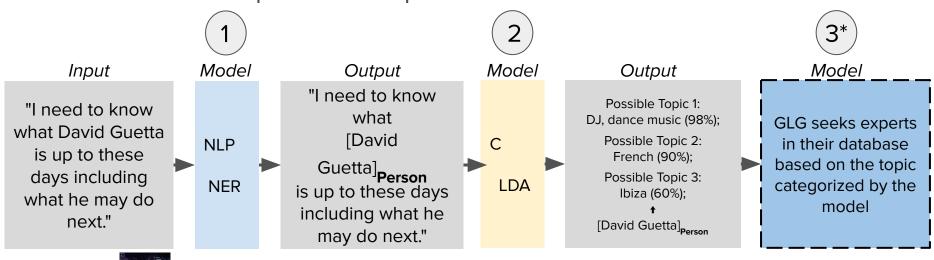
Clustering

- Topic modeling: latent Dirichlet allocation or LDA (being tested, promising)
- K-means clustering (current results disappointing; to be tested using better embedding algorithm)
- 3\* Step 3 would be to build a recommendation system to suggest the highest matching expert(s) for each request but that is outside the scope of this project



### Solution (1 min), preliminary

Illustrative and simplified example:



Acronyms: NLP (Natural Language Processing), NER (Named-Entity Recognition), C (Clustering), LDA (latent Dirichlet allocation), DJ (Disc Jockey), GLG (Gerson Lehrman Group). \* Step 3 is outside the scope of this project

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## Model status: accomplishments, challenges (1 of 2)



### Named-Entity Recognition (NER)

#### **Test 1, using spaCY predictions:**

Accuracy: 0.937, Recall: 0.619, Precision: 0.753,
 F1 Score: 0.680

**Test 2, TPOT for AutoML**: too computationally intense for local machine

#### Test 3, using one-hot encoding:

- XGB: Accuracy: 0.959, Recall: 0.906, Precision: 0.755,
   F1 Score: 0.824
- Logistic Regression: Accuracy: 0.932, Recall: 0.761,
   Precision: 0.659, F1 Score: 0.706

#### **Test 4**, using **TF-IDF** encoding:

- XGB: Accuracy: 0.935, Recall: 0.881, Precision: 0.644,
   F1 Score: 0.744
- Logistic Regression: Accuracy: 0.921, Recall: 0.612,
   Precision: 0.638, F1 Score: 0.625

#### Test 5, using one-hot encoding with preprocessed data:

- XGB: Accuracy: 0.959, Recall: 0.906, Precision: 0.758, F1
   Score: 0.825
- Logistic Regression: Accuracy: 0.932, Recall: 0.761,
   Precision: 0.659, F1 Score: 0.706

#### Test 6, using TF-IDF encoding with preprocessed data:

- XGB: Accuracy: 0.935, Recall: 0.881, Precision: 0.644,
   F1 Score: 0.744
- Logistic Regression: Accuracy: 0.921, Recall: 0.612,
   Precision: 0.638, F1 Score: 0.625

## Model status: accomplishments, challenges (2 of 2)

# 2 Clustering

#### Model 1: Bag of words + KMeans

- n\_cluster=2: Silhouette Coefficient is 0.28 for random\_states=1, 5, 10, 42
- n\_cluster=3, Silhouette Coefficient is 0.17 for random states=0, 1
- Silhouette Coefficient decreases as n\_cluster increases.

#### Model 2: TF-IDF + KMeans

- n\_cluster=2: Silhouette Coefficient is 0.00814
- n\_cluster=3: Silhouette Coefficient is 0.000157

#### Model 3: Bag of words + PCA + KMeans

- n cluster=2: Silhouette Coefficient is 0.28
- n\_cluster=3, Silhouette Coefficient is 0.17

#### Model 4: Bag of words + PCA + Agglomerative

- Aborted: It took too long to run; after 50 mins, the model is still running.
- The code is tested on a small portion of the dataset.

#### Model 5: Bag of words + LDA (to be tested further)

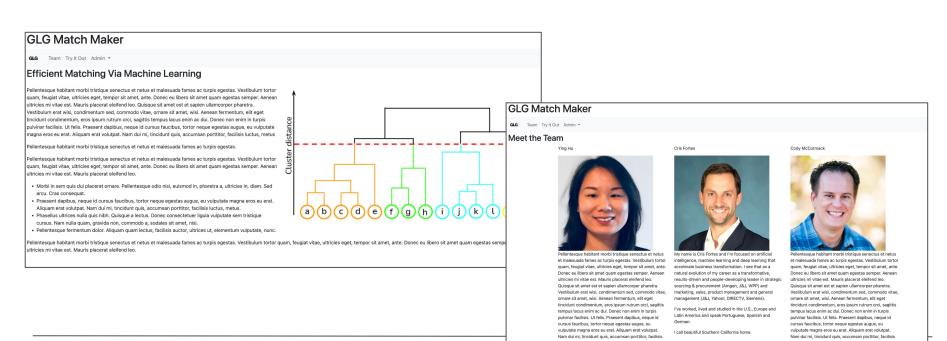
• So far, with topic number = 10, the model seemingly outputs the most sensible list of topics.

See questions at later slide about 1) whether to use much bigger dataset and 2) how best to connect NER output to clustering model...



## Next steps: starting to develop a web app in Flask

### Deployment (work in progress)





### Questions:

- Data issue:
  - We don't have GLG's "client request" (input) dataset to test our model.
  - Looking at the clustering results, there is a concern that the **dataset we are using may not be diverse enough** in terms of the topics it involves.
    - Should we use the bigger News 2.0\* dataset?
    - if so, do we need to run it on AWS?
- Connections between two parts of the model:
  - How can we use the tagged words from the NER model in the second clustering part?

    At the moment, the clustering is done using the entire sentence, with stopwords and punctuation removed.
  - Some sentences don't have tagged words.

<sup>\*</sup> All the News 2.0 - Components: 2.7-million news articles dataset



## Q&A and Feedback

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### Data (1 min)

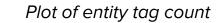
- Did exploratory data analysis (EDA) on two datasets from Kaggle:
  - Annotated Corpus for Named Entity Recognition | Kaggle

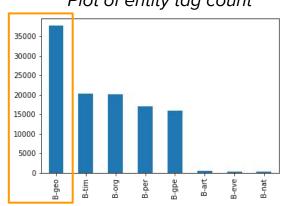
#### List of entity tags

- geo = Geographical Entity
- org = Organization
- per = Person
- gpe = Geopolitical Entity
- tim = Time indicator
- art = Artifact
- eve = Event
- nat = Natural Phenomenon

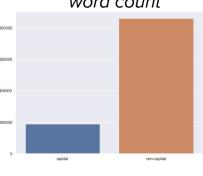
#### Example of entity tag







Capital vs. non-capital word count



- Next step: train our model using this other 2.7-million news articles dataset:
  - All the News 2.0 Components

For discussion: use this data to train the model (in light of capstone time constraints?)