

Introduction to GATE

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What is GATE?

- Stands for General Architecture for Text Engineering.
- Developed at the University of Sheffield
- Component-based architecture with data separated from applications, many discrete capabilities included as plugins.

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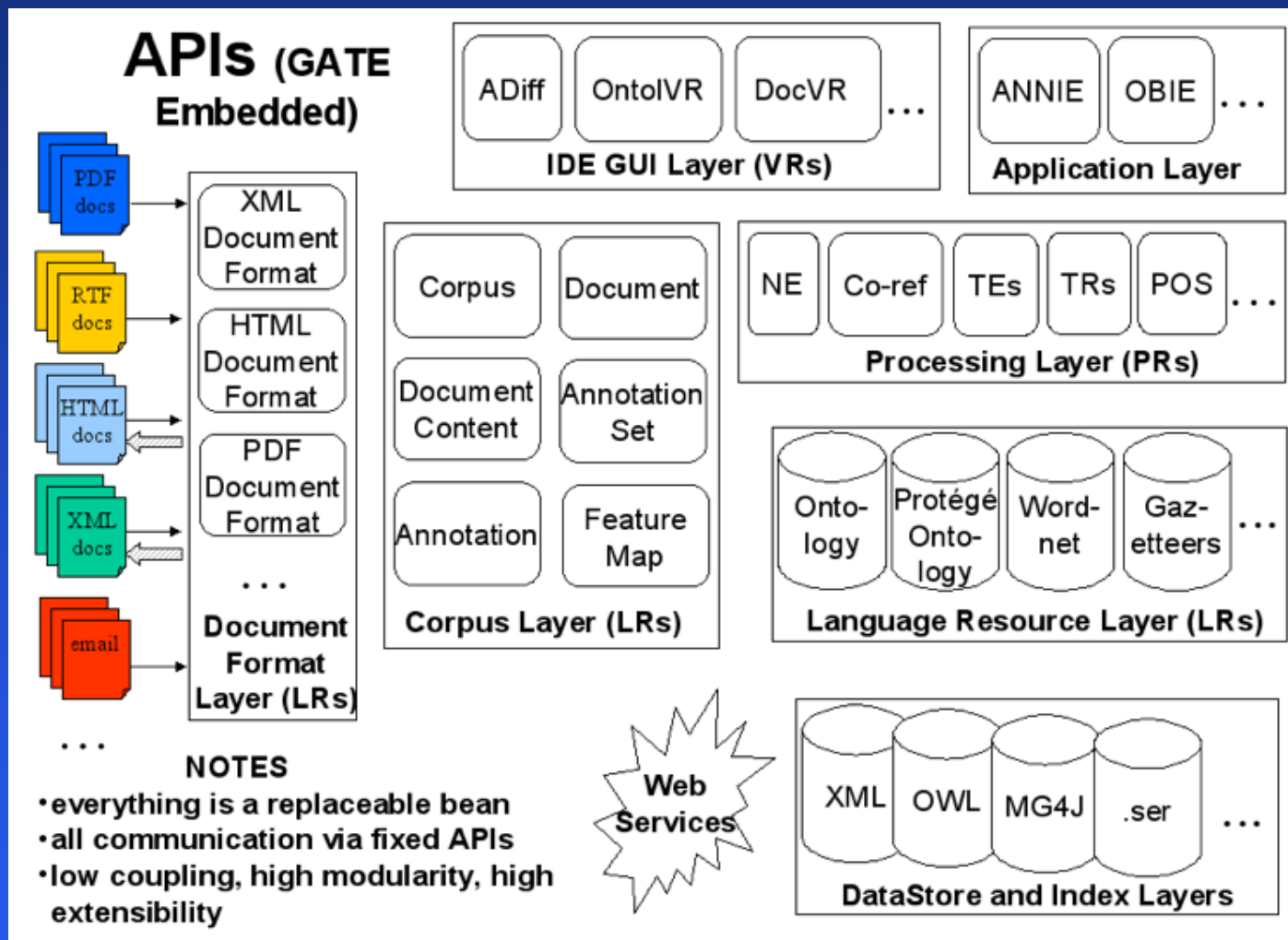
Who Uses GATE?

- Scientists performing experiments that involve processing human language
- Developers developing applications with language processing components
- Teachers and students of courses about language and language computation
- Us :-)

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GATE Architecture Overview



GATE Product Family

- GATE Developer: IDE for language processing, with information extraction and other plugins.
- GATE Embedded: object library which can be included in applications
- GATE Teamware: collaborative annotation environment
- GATE Mimir: a “multiparadigm index” which supports semantic indexing and search
- GATE Wiki: “controllable wiki” based on Grails and Subversion
- GATE Cloud: GATE embedded running on supercomputer hardware

GATE Components

- We will deal primarily with GATE Developer:
- It has four components:
 - Applications: groups of processes to be run on a document or corpus.
 - LanguageResources (LRs): entities such as lexicons, documents, corpora, annotation schemas, ontologies.
 - ProcessingResources (PRs): tools that operate on unstructured text, such as parsers and tokenizers. These are mostly plugins.
 - DataStores: saved processed documents and resources.

Overview of Gate Developer

- GATE Developer
- Resources Pane
 - applications: groups of processes to run on a document or corpus
 - language resources: corpus, ontologies, schemas
 - processing resources: tools that operate on unstructured text
 - datastores: saved documents and resources
- Display Pane: whatever you're currently working with.

Language Resources

- Language Resources can be of four kinds:
 - Documents are modeled as content plus annotations plus features.
 - A Corpus is a Java Set whose members are Documents.
 - Annotations are organized in graphs, which are modeled as Java sets of Annotation.
 - Schemas are XML schemas describing allowable annotations and features

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Documents Processing in GATE

- Document:
 - Formats including XML, RTF, email, HTML, SGML, and plain text.
 - Identified and converted into GATE annotation format.
 - Processed by Processing Resources.
 - Results stored in a serial data store (based on Java serialization) or indexed in a Lucene database.
 - Can also be exported as XML.

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CREOLE

- A Collection of REusable Objects for Language Engineering
- The set of resources integrated with GATE
- All the resources are packaged as Java Archive (or 'JAR') files, plus some XML configuration data.
- Managed in the Creole Plugin Manager

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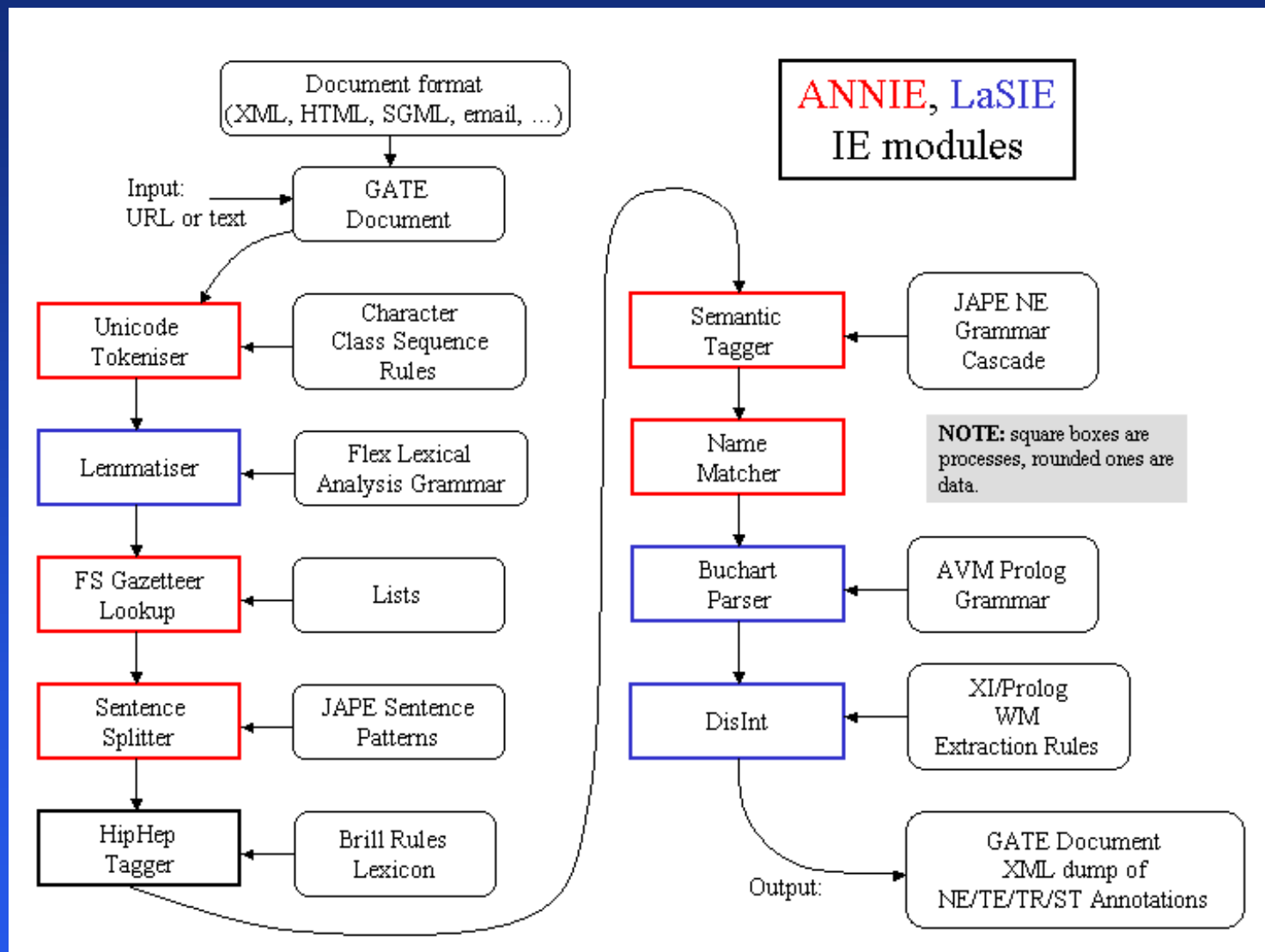
Processing Resources: ANNIE

- A family of Processing Resources for language analysis included with GATE
- Stands for A Nearly-New Information Extraction system.
- Using finite state techniques to implement various tasks: tokenization, semantic tagging, verb phrase chunking, and so on.

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ANNIE IE Modules

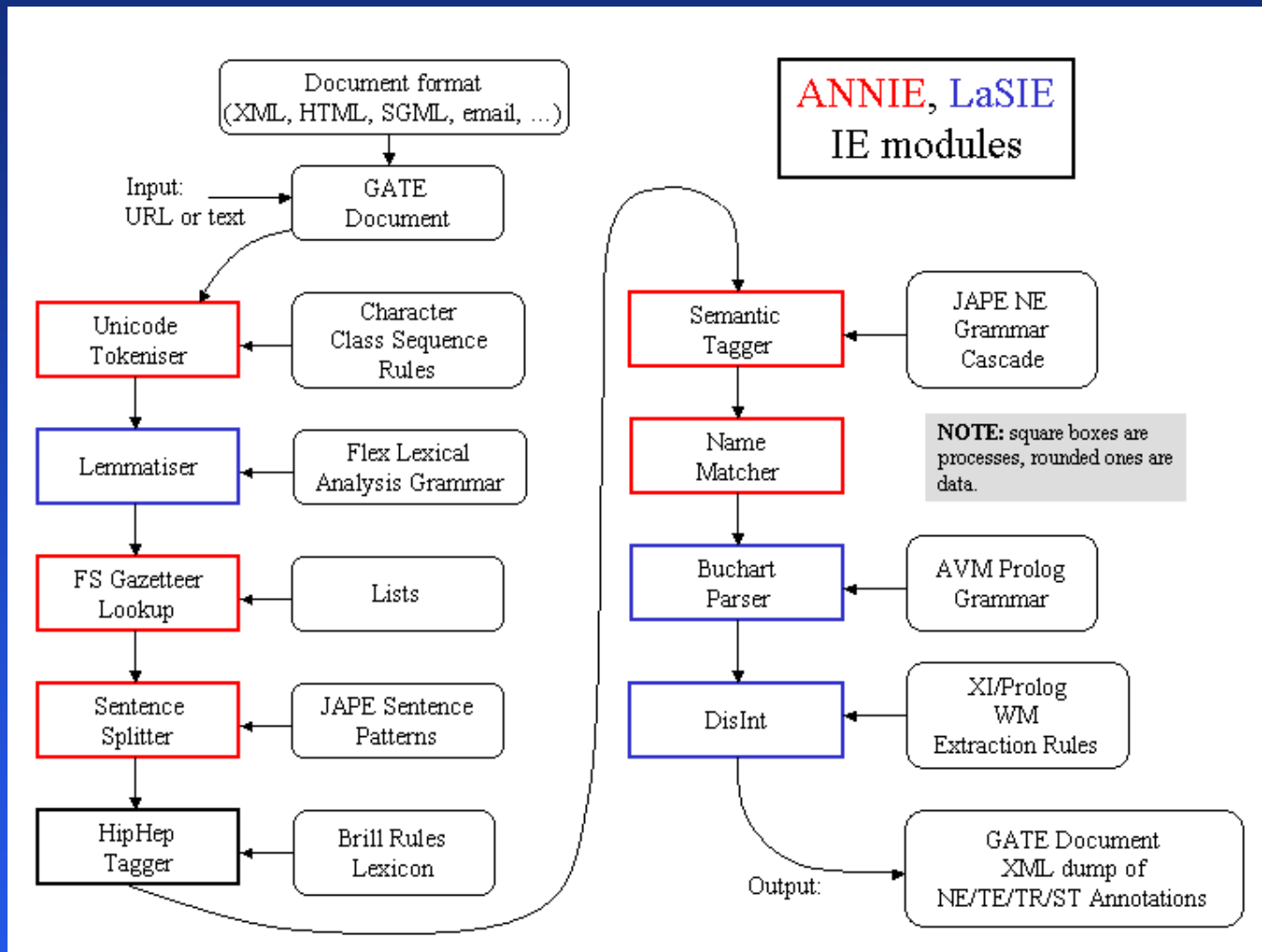


<http://gate.ac.uk/sale/tao/splitch6.html#chap:annie>

On to ANNIE:

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- Using finite state techniques to implement various tasks: tokenization, semantic tagging, verb phrase chunking, and so on.
- (LaSIE is the forerunner of ANNIE, focused specifically on information extraction for the TREC conferences)

ANNIE IE Modules



ANNIE Standard Components

- These are what is loaded when you load ANNIE and run the default application
 - Document Reset
 - Tokenizer
 - Gazetteer: lists of entities
 - Sentence Splitter/Regex sentence splitter
 - Part of Speech Tagger
 - Named Entity Transducer
 - Orthomatcher

Create an Application with Processing Resources (PRs)

- Applications model a control strategy for the execution of PRs.
- Simple pipelines: group a set of PRs together in order and execute them in turn.
- Corpus pipelines: open each document in the corpus in turn, set that document as a runtime parameter on each PR, run all the PRs on the corpus, then close the document
- We will do this during lab.

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Saving GATE Language Resources and Applications

- Data Stores:
 - save processed documents for additional use
 - specialized folder on a hard drive
 - Lucene database
 - improve processing times for large collections of documents

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Types of Data Store

- Serial Data Store:
 - based on java's serialization system.
 - store in a directory
- Lucene Data Store (Lucene is an open-source indexing and search tool.)
 - searchable repository
 - Lucene-based indexing

Saving in a datastore

- Create a folder.
- Right-click to get Create Datastore menu
- This only creates the store. Save corpora or documents in the Language Resources pane.
- Once saved, they can be

Saving as XML

- Individual documents can also be saved directly.
 - Special GATE XML format
 - annotations are appended to the document, locations for tags are embedded in body
 - Preserve original format
 - use for XML or html.
 - will save all original tags and everything selected in the annotations
 - For a plain text file, embeds inline tags.

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Saving Applications

- Save a set of processing resources and their parameters.
 - Right-click, save application state.
 - Append .xgapp for name
- To export as a standalone, export as teamware
 - bundles all needed files
 - intended for teamware but can be used for sharing directly.

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And LOTS more

- GATE is an extraordinarily rich system. Some of the other CREOLE resources included in the standard distribution:
 - Annotation Merging, Quality assurance summarizer for comparing annotations
 - Web crawler , Information Retrieval, Key Phrase Extraction
 - Machine learning
 - Domain-specific taggers (e.g., chemistry)
 - Resources for many languages
- CREOLE plugins for integrating with many other systems. E.g.
 - UIMA
 - Wordnet
 - Penn BioTagger
 - OpenCalais
 - OpenNLP
 - LingPipe
- More details at <http://gate.ac.uk/gate/doc/plugins.html>

Annotation Tools (1): GATE

File Options Tools Help

Messages ANNIE_0001E ft-bank-of-uk-08-Aug-2001.html_00048 ft-bmi-09-may-2001.html_00048

Text Annotations Annotation Sets Coreference

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FT.com | TotalSearch | Global Archive | Print
document.write(getAdHTML('ban',468,60));
Return to Article | Print this Page
US investment hits BMI
FT.com site, May 9, 2001
BY KEVIN DONE, AEROSPACE CORRESPONDENT IN MANCHESTER
BMI British Midland, the UK's second-largest airline by passenger volumes, suffered a 26 per cent fall in pre-tax profits last year from GBP11.1m (\$15.8m) to GBP8.2m.
Profits declined despite a 17 per cent increase in turnover to GBP739m as the company invested heavily to prepare for the launch of its first scheduled long-haul services to the US.
The company also invested to reshape its European short-haul network in a joint venture with Lufthansa and SAS Scandinavian Airlines.
BMI starts direct services from Manchester to Washington DC six times a week from Saturday and daily services to Chicago from June 8.

Default annotations

- ☐ Date
- ☐ FirstPerson
- ☐ Identifier
- ☐ JobTitle
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Lookup
- ☐ Money
- ☒ Organization
- ☐ Percent
- ☐ Person
- ☐ Sentence
- ☐ SpaceToken
- ☐ Split
- ☐ Title
- ☐ Token
- ☐ Unknown

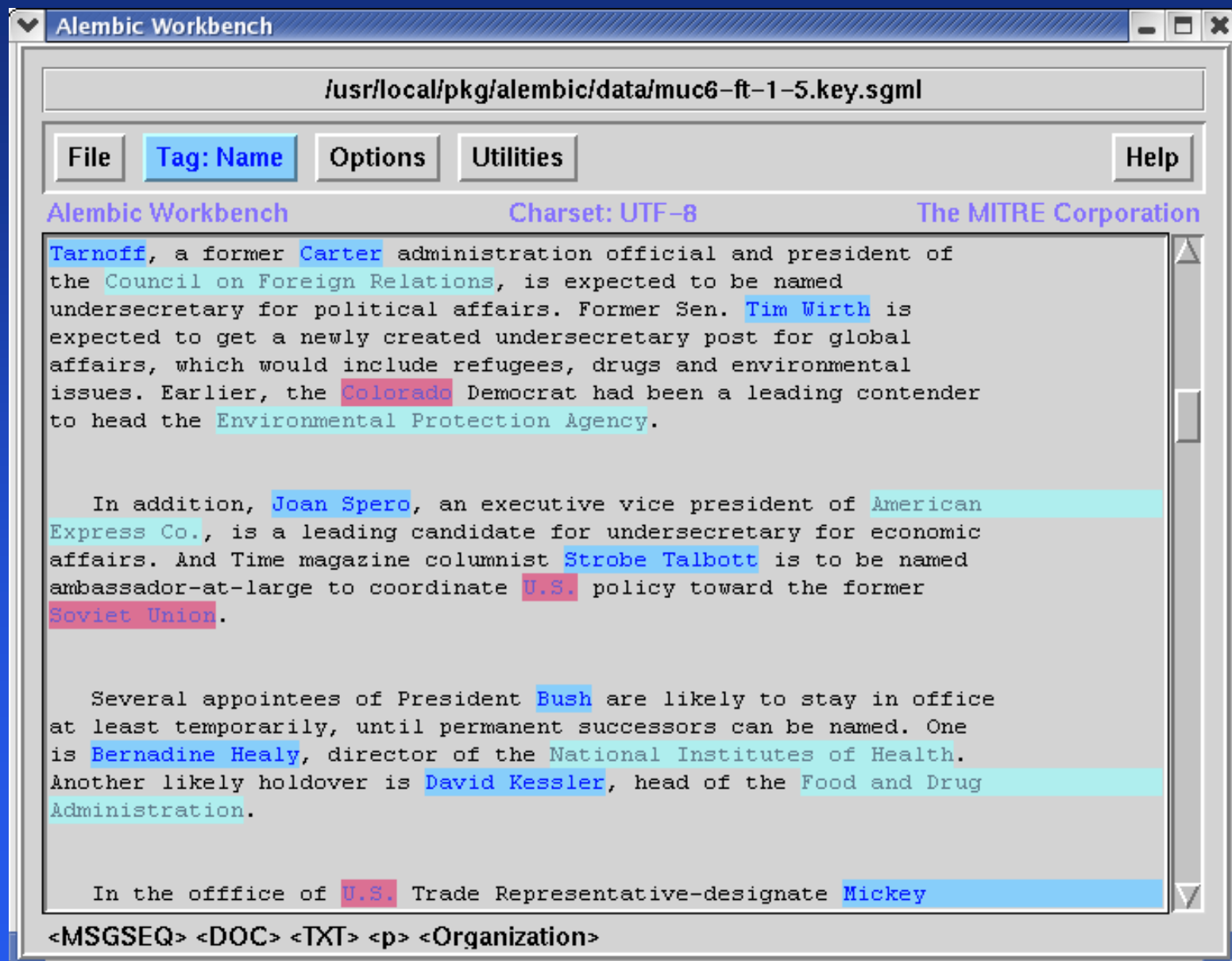
Original markups annotations

- ☐ a
- ☐ b
- ☐ body
- ☐ br
- ☐ head
- ☐ html
- ☐ img

Type Set Start End Features

Annotations Editor Features Editor

Annotation Tools (2): Alembic



NE Rule in JAPE

(JAPE: a Java Annotation Patterns Engine

- Light, robust regular-expression-based processing
- Cascaded finite state transduction
- Low-overhead development of new components
- Simplifies multi-phase regex processing

Rule: Company1

Priority: 25

```
(
  ( {Token.orthography == upperInitial} )+ //from tokeniser
  {Lookup.kind == companyDesignator} //from gazetteer lists
):match
-->
:match.NamedEntity =
  { kind=company, rule="Company1" }
```

Named Entities in GATE

Gate 2.1-alpha1 build 875

File Options Tools Help

Gate

- Applications
 - ANNIE_0001E
- Language Resources
 - GATE corpus_0003D
 - example document
- Processing Resources
 - ANNIE OrthoMatcher_000
 - ANNIE NE Transducer_00
 - ANNIE POS Tagger_00032
 - ANNIE Sentence Splitter_0
 - ANNIE Gazetteer_00029
 - ANNIE English Tokeniser_1
 - Document Reset PR_0002
- Data stores

Messages | GATE corpus_0003D | ANNIE_0001E | example document

Text | Annotations | Annotation Sets | Coreference | Print

the business market, which is where local companies make a lot of their money."

The deal also will give three major cable television companies, which are majority owners of **Teleport**, a collective 10 percent stake in **AT&T**.

By acquiring **Teleport**, **AT&T** can offer business customers local and long-distance telephone service, and data and Internet access, under its own brand name. Using **Teleport**'s local facilities, the company also would be able to reduce the fees it pays to local phone companies for access to local telephone customers.

"It's going to permit us to be much more cost-effective as we go for that local business," Armstrong said at a news briefing. "This has competition and growth written all over it." **AT&T** is paying for **Teleport** with its stock. **Teleport** shareholders will receive 0.943 **AT&T** shares for each of their **Teleport** shares, putting the deal at \$ 59 a share based on **AT&T**'s closing price yesterday of \$ 62.62 1/2 a share, up \$ 2.62 1/2. **Teleport** closed down \$ 3.62 1/2 at \$ 54.12 1/2 a share. The companies expect the deal, which must be approved by regulators and shareholders, to close by fall. **Teleport**, based in Staten Island, N.Y., leads a new breed of local phone competitors that are invading urban markets to grab the most lucrative business customers from the regional Bell companies, **GTE Corp.**

Type	Set	Start ▲	End	
Organization	Default	37	52	{rule2=OrgFinal, orgType=company, rul
Organization	Default	115	130	{rule2=OrgFinal, orgType=null, rule1=C
Organization	Default	138	146	{NMRule=Unknown, kind=PN, rule=Unk
Organization	Default	148	161	{rule2=OrgFinal, orgType=null, rule1=C

Annotations Editor | Features Editor

ANNIE_0001E run in 4.247 seconds

Default annotation

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- ☐ Sentence
- ☐ SpaceTok
- ☐ Split
- ☐ Title
- ☐ Token
- ☐ Unknown

Original markups

- ☐ DOC
- ☐ DOCNO
- ☐ DOCTYPE
- ☐ HEADER

Named Entity Coreference

The screenshot displays the GATE software interface with the following components:

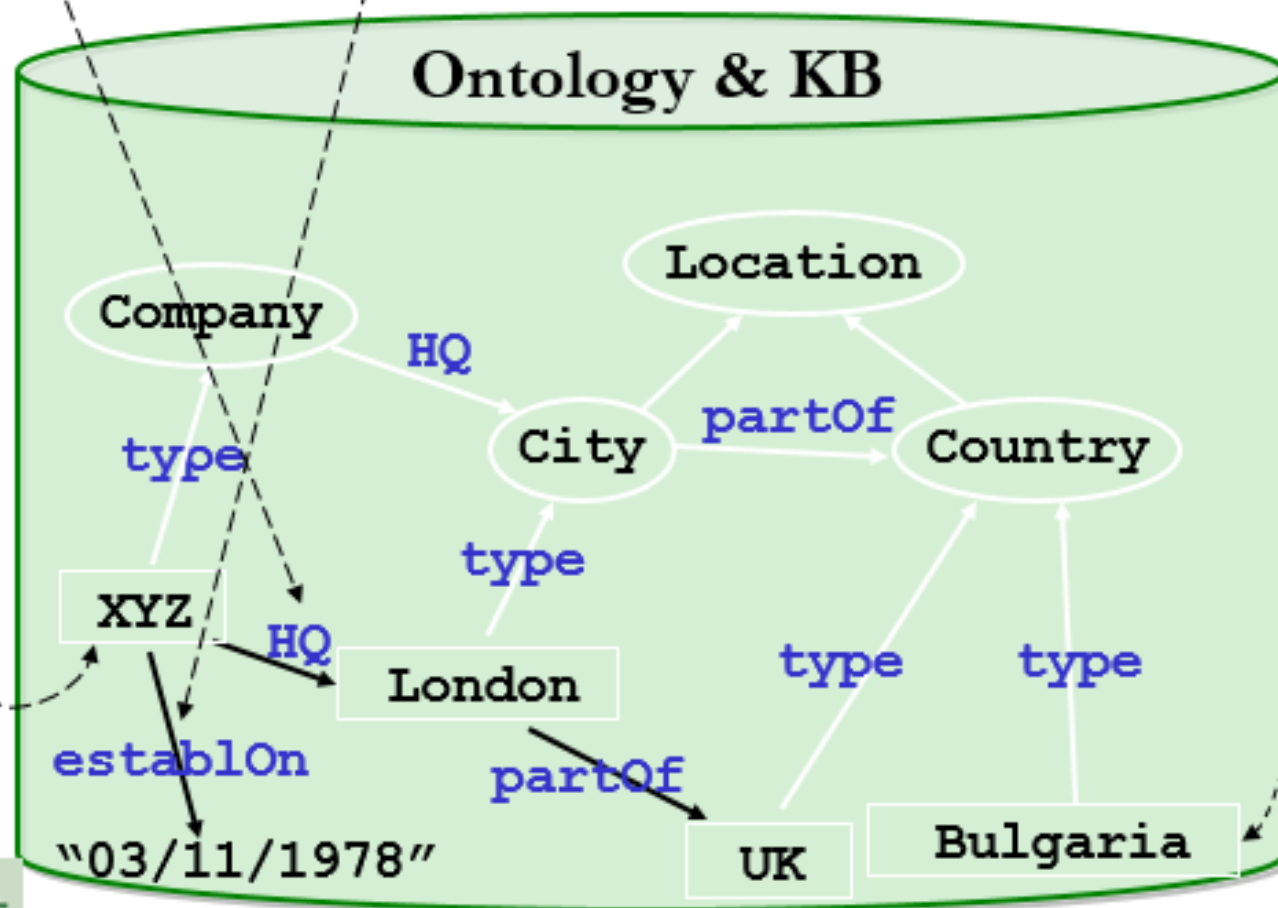
- Top Bar:** Shows the current project and document: "Messages | GATE corpus_0003D | ANNIE_0001E | example document".
- Navigation Tabs:** Includes "Text", "Annotations", "Annotation Sets", "Coreference", "Print", and a magnifying glass icon.
- Main Text Area:** Contains a news article snippet with several named entities highlighted in colored boxes:
 - "Mike Armstrong" (purple box)
 - "AT&T" (pink box)
 - "Teleport" (cyan box)
 - "Hughes" (orange box)
 - "1997" (green box)
 - "yesterday" (orange box)
 - "1996" (green box)
 - "WorldCom Inc" (yellow box)
 - "Armstrong" (purple box)
- Coreference Data Panel:** Located on the right, it shows a list of entities under the "Default" group, each with a checkbox:
 - ☒ AT&T
 - ☒ Teleport
 - ☐ Hughes
 - ☐ 1997
 - ☐ yesterday
 - ☐ 1996
 - ☐ WorldCom Inc
 - ☒ Mike Armstrong
- Bottom Bar:** Includes "Annotations Editor" and "Features Editor" tabs.

Semantic Mapping to Ontologies

- Identify entity mentions in the text
- Reference disambiguation
 - Add new instances if needed
 - Disambiguate wrt instances in the ontology
- Identify instances of attributes and relations
 - take into account what are allowed given the **ontology**, using domain&range as constraints

Example

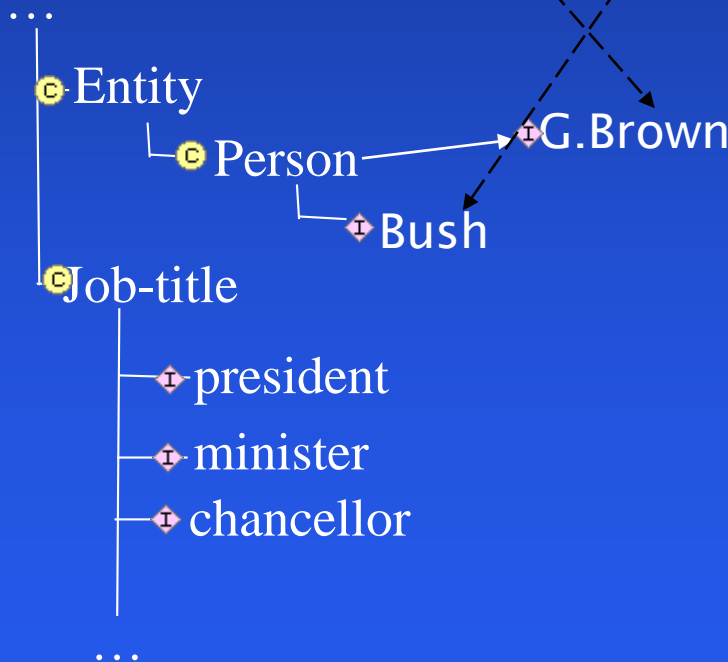
XYZ was established on 03 November 1978 in London. It opened a plant in Bulgaria in ...



Classes, instances & metadata

“Gordon Brown met George Bush during his two day visit.”

Classes+instances before



```
<metadata>
  <DOC-ID>http://... 1.html</DOC-ID>
  <Annotation>
    <s_offset> 0 </s_offset>
    <e_offset> 12 </e_offset>
    <string>Gordon Brown</string>
    <class>...#Person</class>
    <inst>...#Person12345</inst>
  </Annotation>
  <Annotation>
    <s_offset> 18 </s_offset>
    <e_offset> 32 </e_offset>
    <string>George Bush</string>
    <class>...#Person</class>
    <inst>...#Person67890</inst>
  </Annotation>
</metadata>
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