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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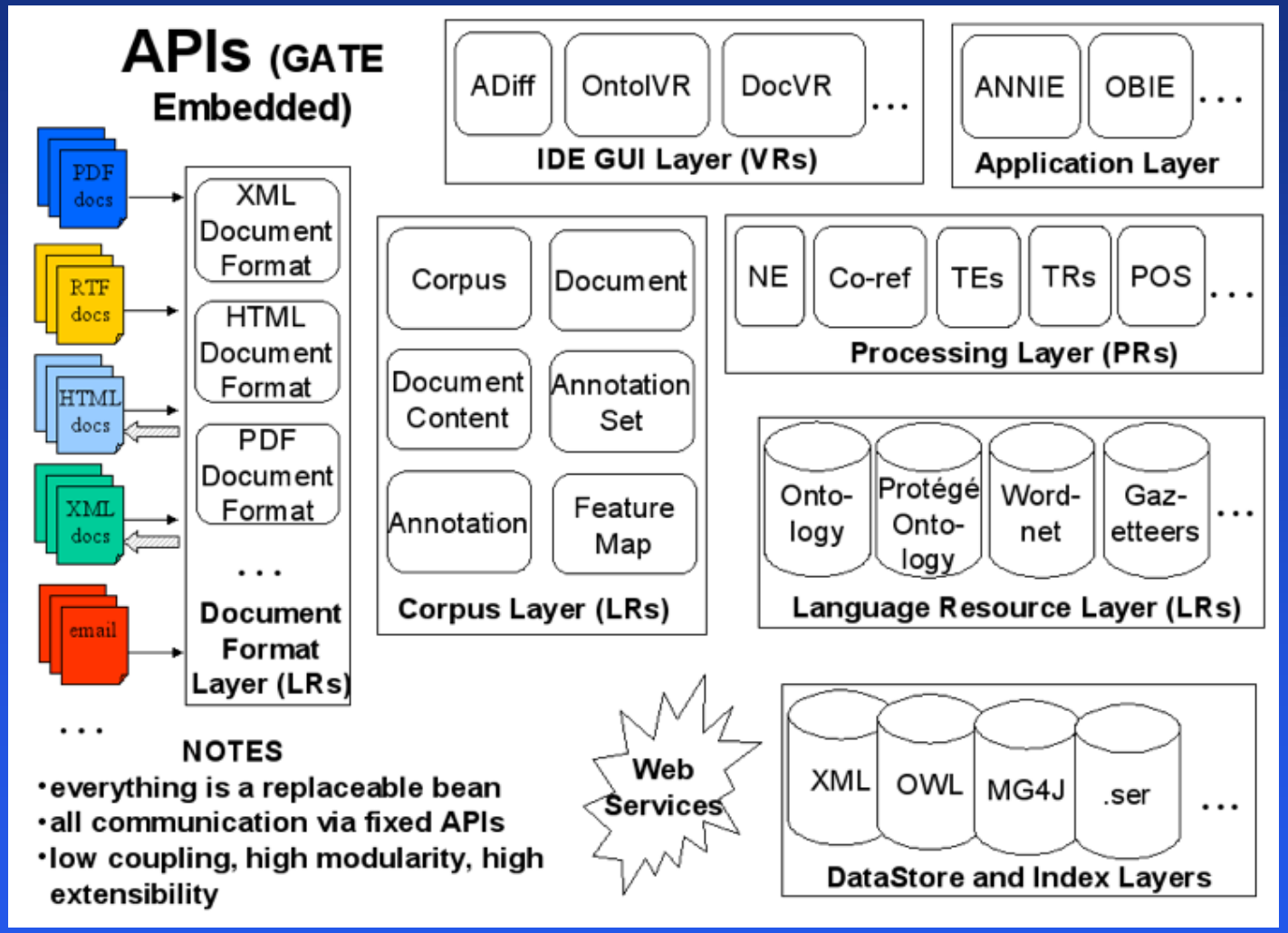
GATE Architecture Overview



http://gate.ac.uk/overview.html

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

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- Stands for A Nearly-New Information Extraction system.
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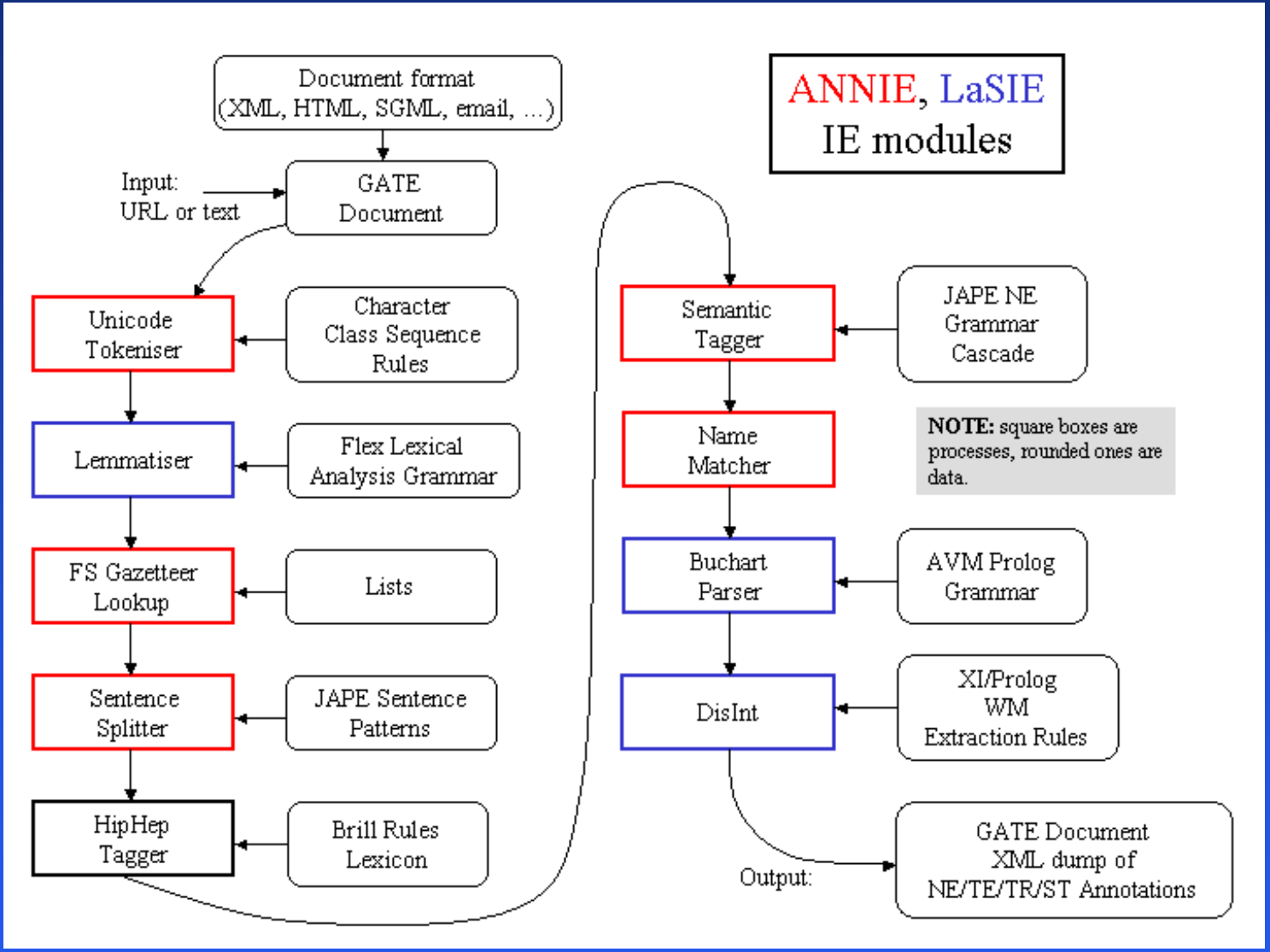
ANNIE IE Modules



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On to ANNIE:

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- (LaSIE is the forerunner of ANNIE, focused specifically on information extraction for the TREC conferences)

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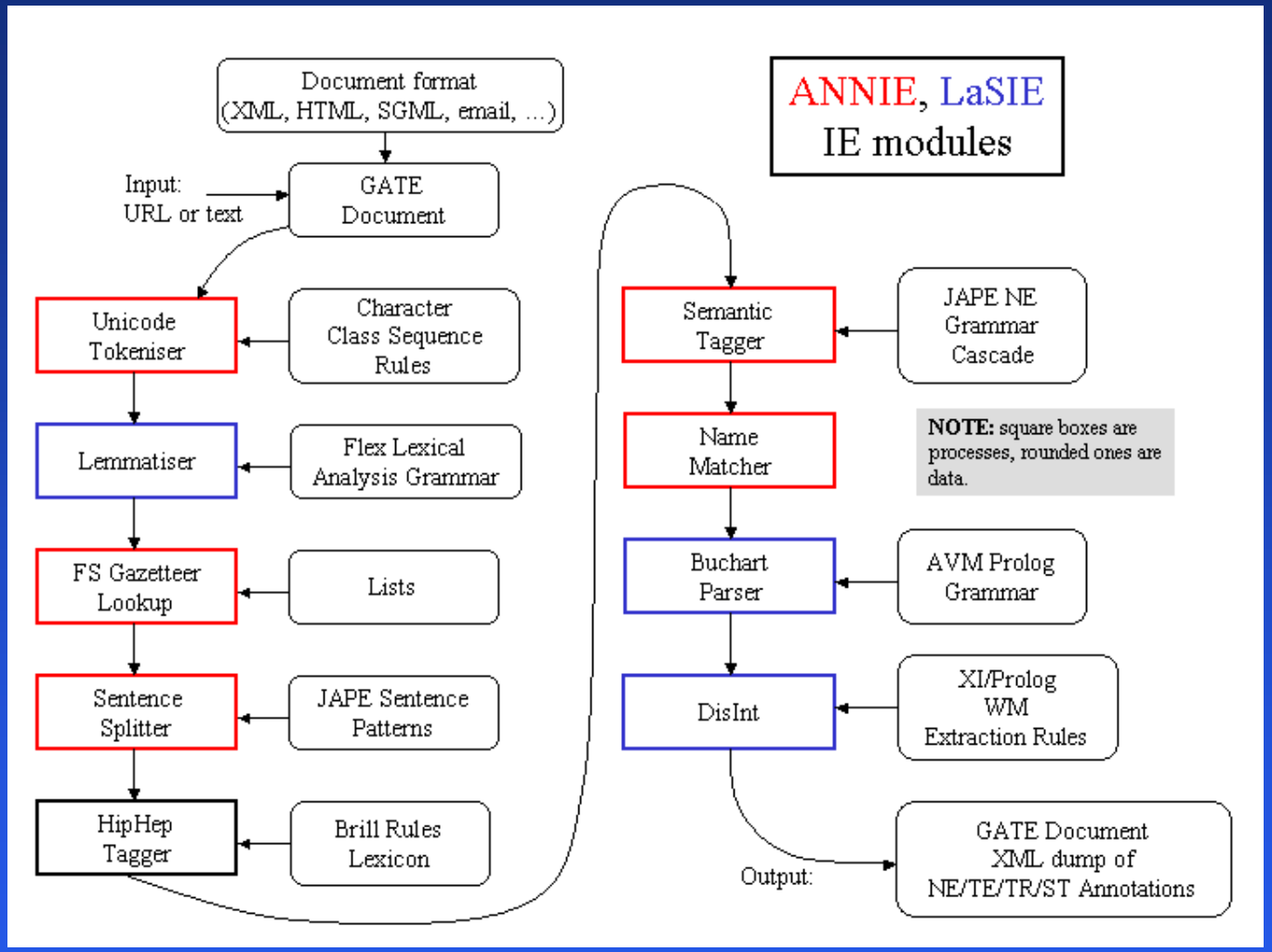

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ANNIE Standard Components

- 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

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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

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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

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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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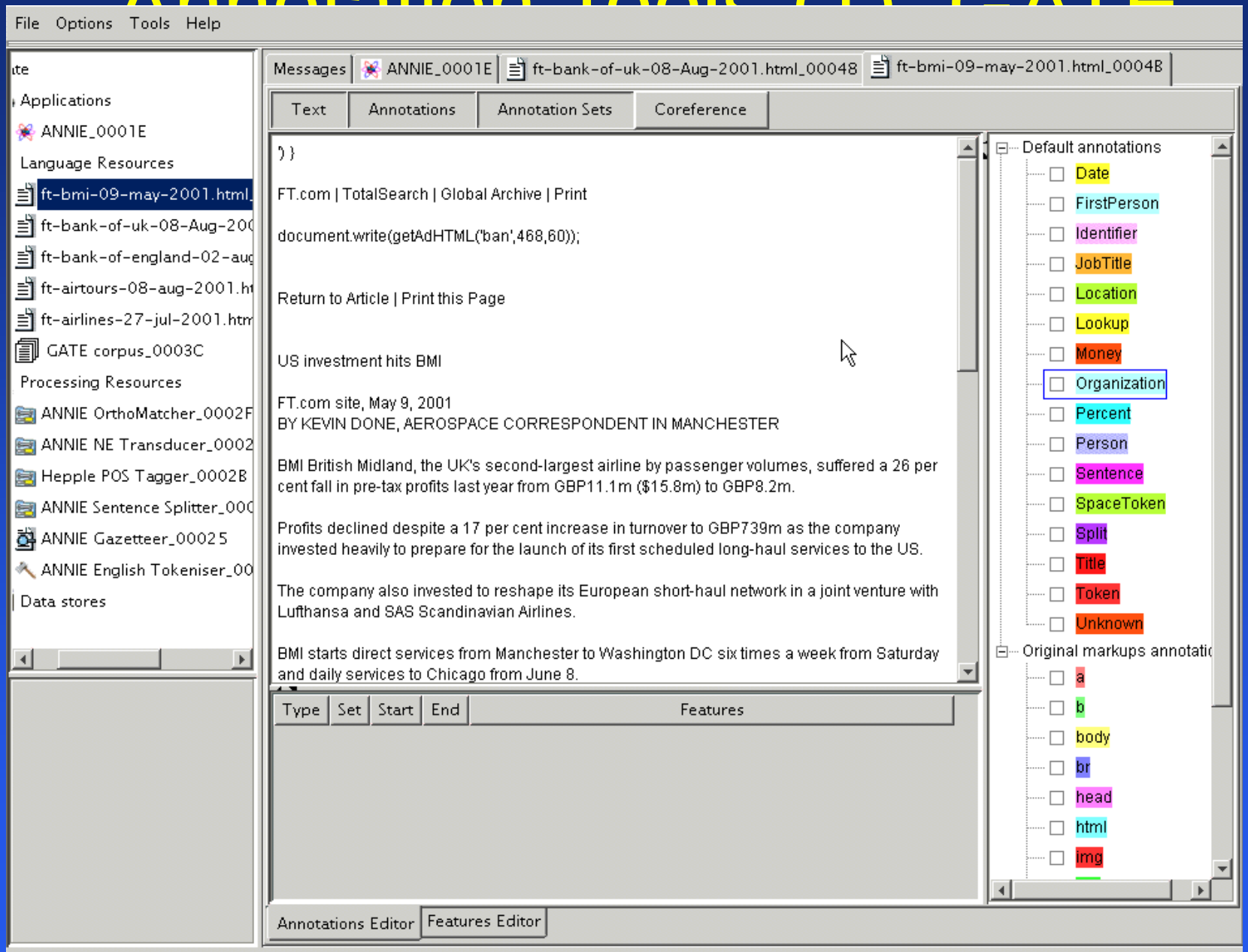
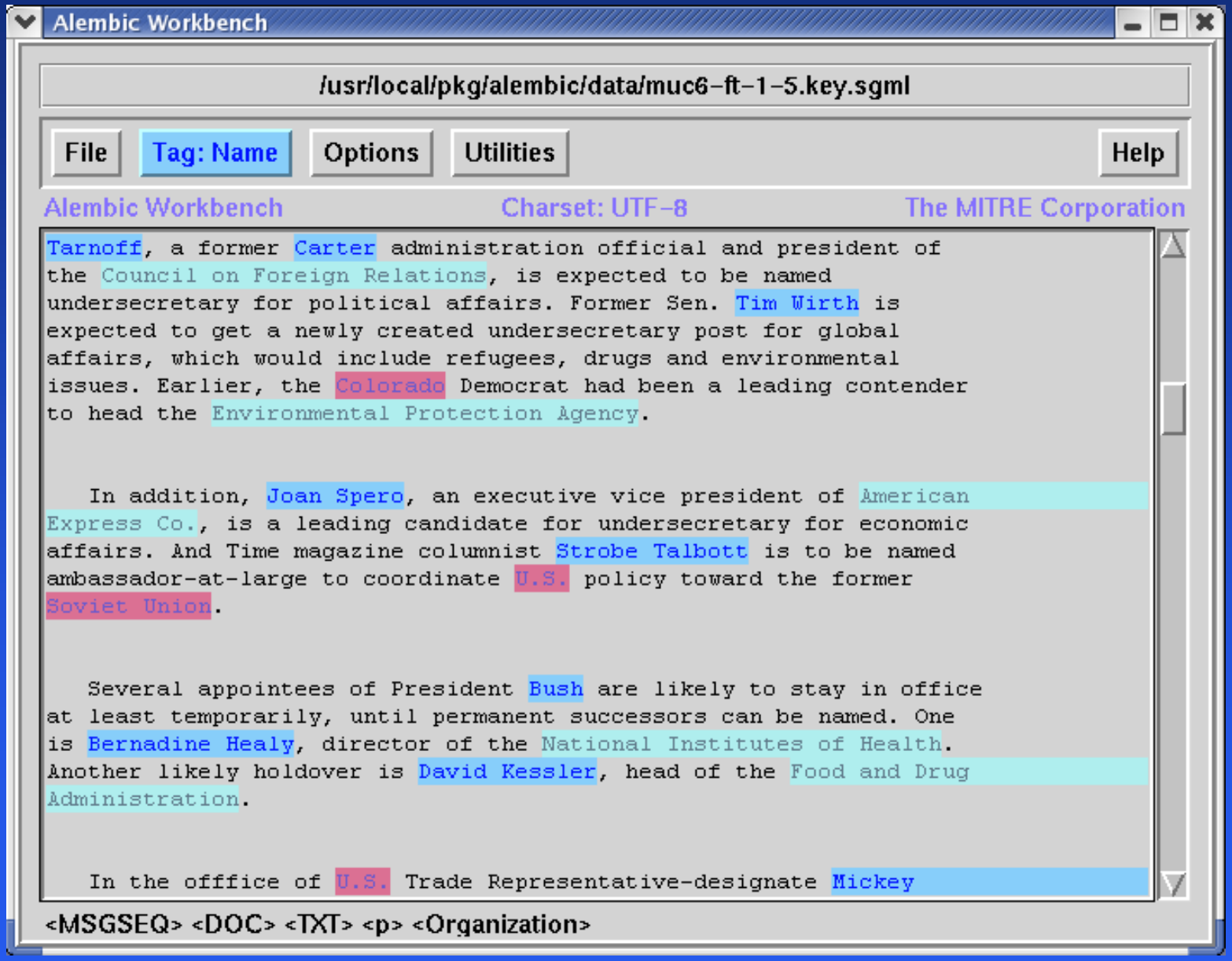
And LOTS more

- 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



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" }
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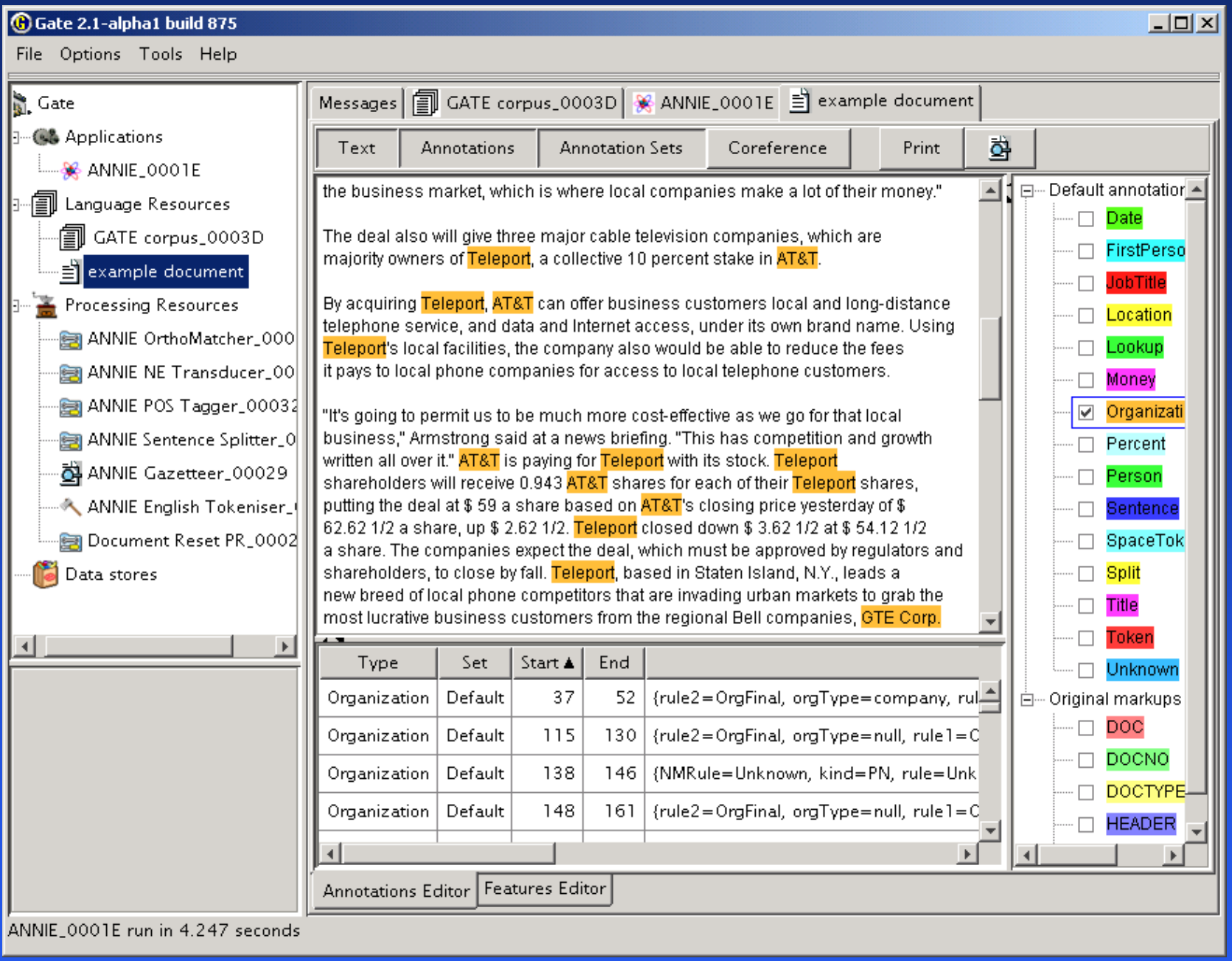
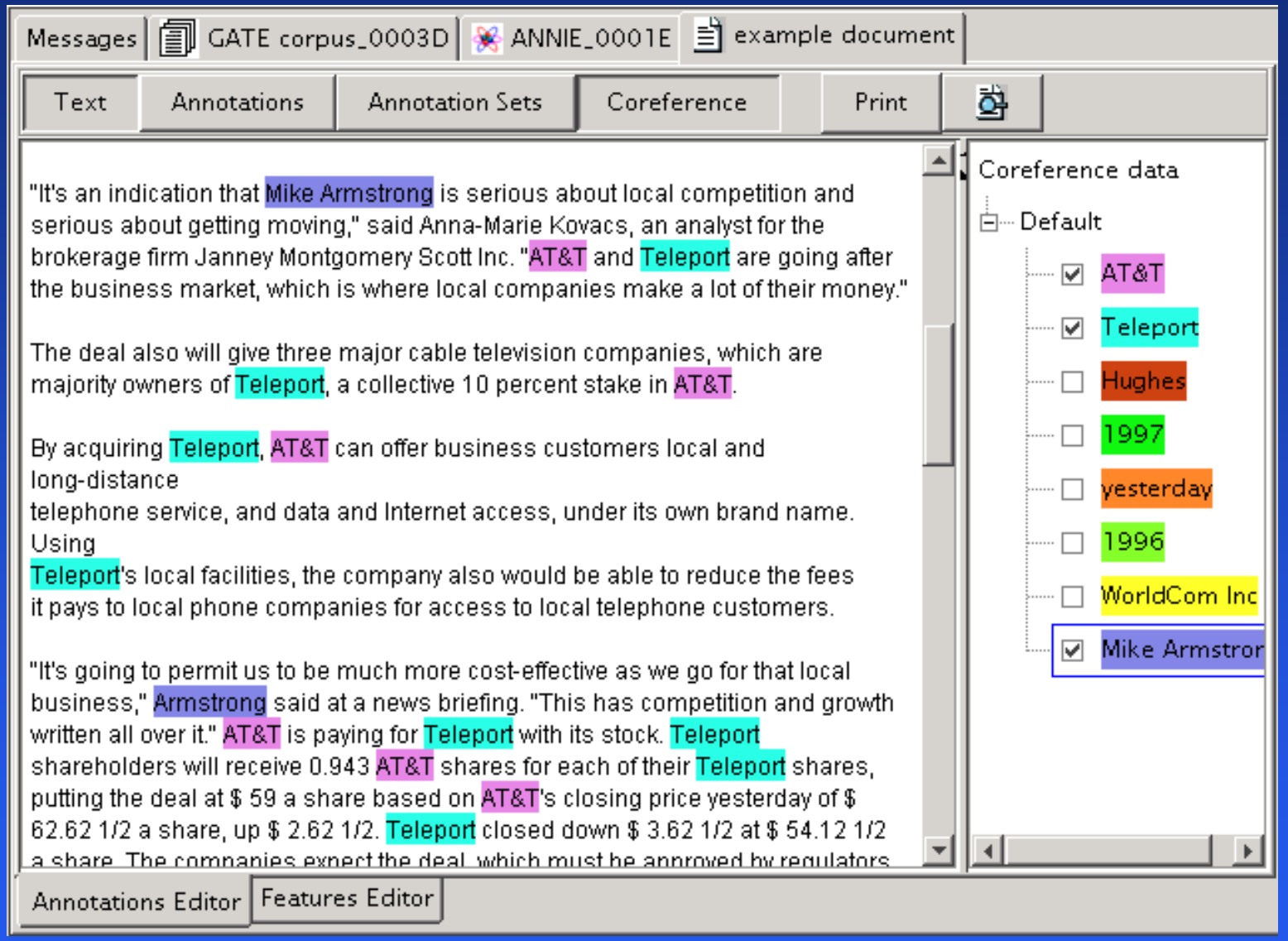
Named Entities in GATE



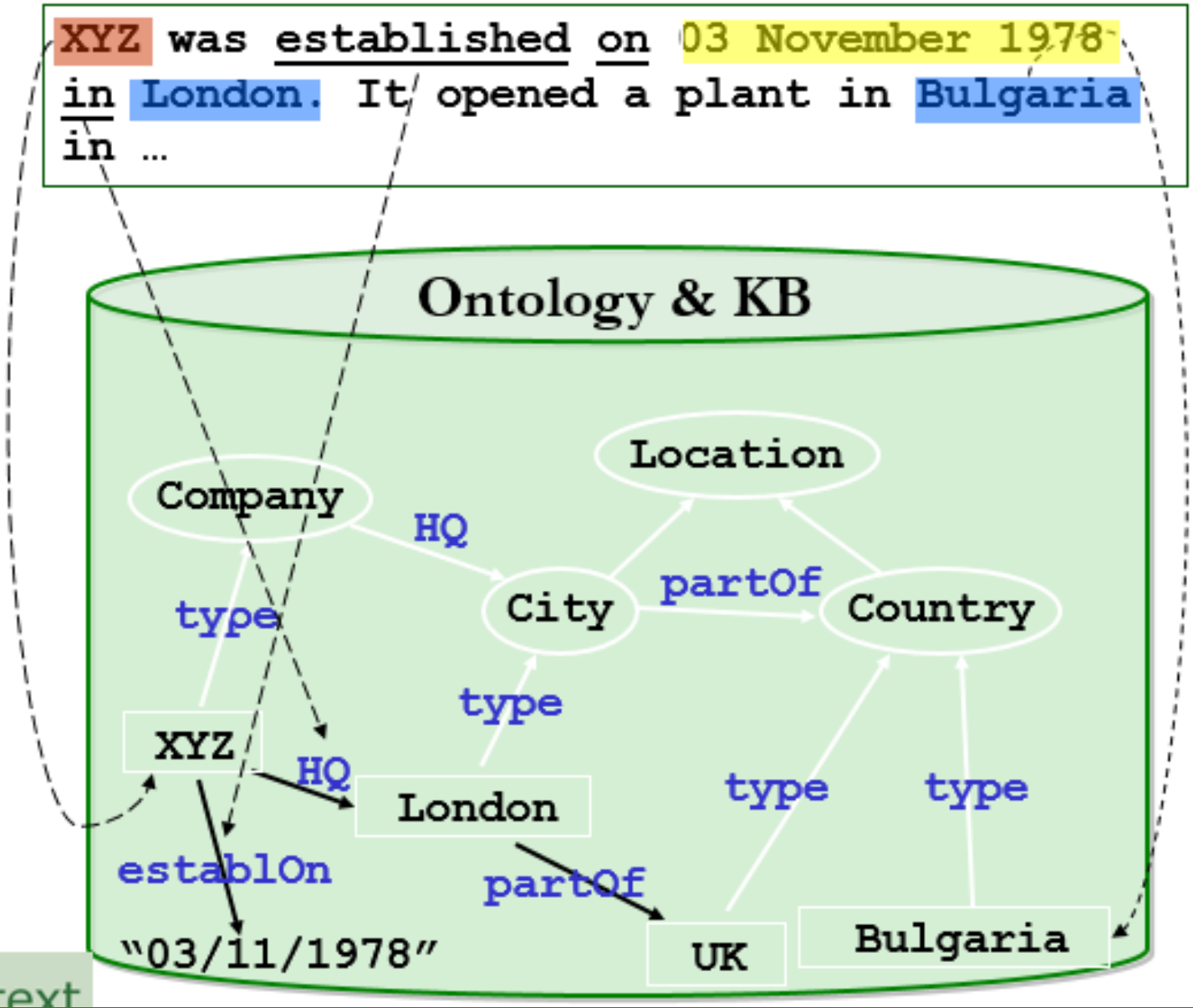
Named Entity Coreference



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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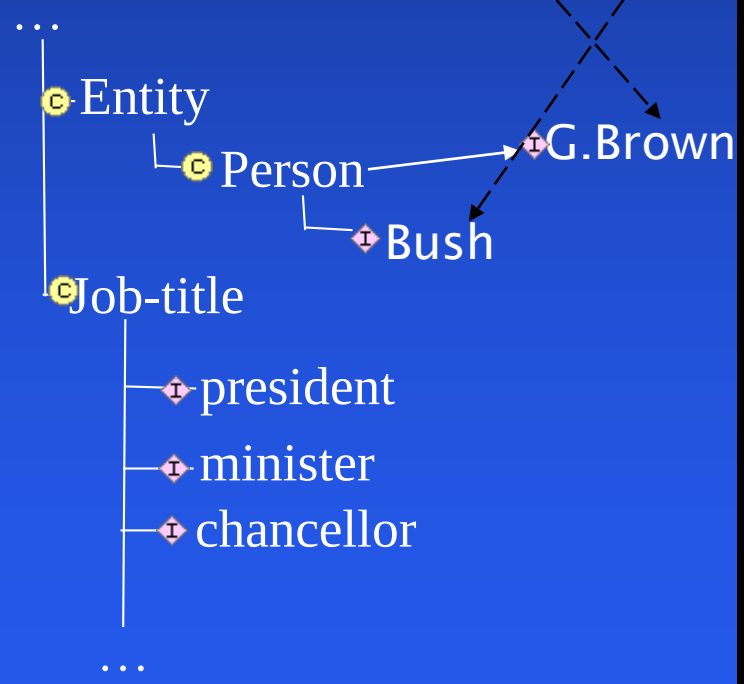
Classes, instances & metadata

"Gordon Brown met George Bush during his two day visit.

Classes+instances before

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    <e_offset> 12 </e_offset>
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    <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>
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