# Module Discussion

## HTML Parser

## Sentence Detector

This module performs the task of pre-processing the text produced by the HTML parser and splitting it into an array of sentences. Each sentence is output as a String in the array. This is done using the OpenNLP class SentenceDetectorNE, which is quite effective at separating sentences using periods, while also ignoring periods which could be in the middle of a sentence (e.g. ‘…’).

## Tokenizer

The tokenizer utilizes the Tokenizer module from OpenNLP. It uses a pre-trained model which is freely available for download from their website [1]. This gives it an advantage over a more naïve approach to tokenization, such as using a regular expression; for instance, it can properly distinguish acronyms as a single token rather than separating the letters and dots as individual tokens. On the other hand, the training data used by the Apache Foundation to train the model has its own short-comings, since it doesn’t properly recognize entities such as email address (which it splits by its special characters such as the ‘@’ or ‘.’), and showed some trouble separating phrases like “Poesio/Kruschwitz” into three tokens, since it doesn’t seem to recognize the forward slash as a stop character. However, it still proves fairly useful at distinguishing periods which should belong within a token (e.g. “1.8 m” or “Y.M.C.A.”), and at recognizing things like phone numbers as one single token.

## Part-of-Speech Tagger

## Phrase Detector

## Ranker

## Entity Extracter

OpenNLP provides a suite of NER models for extracting several kinds of entities such as people, dates, money, etc. [1] We used several of these models along with the NameFinderME class of OpenNLP, which provides an API for using these models in order to extract entities from an array of tokens. The results had varying degrees of success, depending on the model. For instance, the date entity model proved to be not very useful, since it returned many instances of “noise”, in the form of capitalized words which the model recognized as dates for some inexplicable reason. It also failed to parse the days of simple date formats such as “29th September 2015”, instead returning just the month and year. Overall, the best results seem to have been obtained by the organization entity model (see Appendix A), which are comparable to what could have been obtained by a simple regular expression analysis (e.g. a regex that matches all groups of at least two capitalized words in the middle of a sentence). It also seems to suffer some of the same drawbacks as the person entity model: they both have trouble separating entities which are very close together, and will sometimes clump, for instance, several names of different people into a single entity. This seems to happen often with the person model, though also occasionally with the organization model.

# References

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| [1] | The Apache Software Foundation, "OpenNLP Tools Models," [Online]. Available: http://opennlp.sourceforge.net/models-1.5/. [Accessed 9 December 2015]. |

# Appendices

## Appendix A – NER extraction of organizations

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Assisted Information Seeking

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