



# CoGrammar

## Natural Language Processing



**SKILLS  
FOR LIFE**

**SKILLS BOOTCAMPS**



Department  
for Education

## Data Science Lecture Housekeeping

---

- The use of disrespectful language is prohibited in the questions, this is a supportive, learning environment for all - please engage accordingly.  
**(FBV: Mutual Respect.)**
- No question is daft or silly - **ask them!**
- There are **Q&A sessions** midway and at the end of the session, should you wish to ask any follow-up questions. Moderators are going to be answering questions as the session progresses as well.
- If you have any questions outside of this lecture, or that are not answered during this lecture, please do submit these for upcoming Open Classes.  
You can submit these questions here: [Open Class Questions](#)

## Data Science Lecture Housekeeping cont.

---

- For all **non-academic questions**, please submit a query: [www.hyperiondev.com/support](https://www.hyperiondev.com/support)
- Report a **safeguarding** incident: [www.hyperiondev.com/safeguardreporting](https://www.hyperiondev.com/safeguardreporting)
- We would love your **feedback** on lectures: [Feedback on Lectures](#)

# Lecture Objectives

- Employ NLP techniques using **spaCy** for tasks such as **tokenization, named entity recognition, and semantic similarity assessments**, culminating in the creation of a **basic film recommendation engine using word vectors**.



# NLP Introduction

- ★ **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** is a crucial field in AI that focuses on the **interaction between computers and humans using natural language**. The ultimate objective of NLP is to **read, decipher, understand, and make sense of human languages in a manner that is valuable**.
- ★ **Importance of NLP:** It's essential for various applications, including **sentiment analysis, language translation, and information extraction**, enabling computers to **process and analyze vast amounts of natural language data**.

# spaCy

- ★ spaCy is **a leading NLP library in Python**, known for its efficiency and ease of use. Unlike other libraries, **spaCy is designed specifically for production use, offering fast and accurate linguistic annotations.**
- ★ For the adventurous amongst you, search for HuggingFace - a platform that also hosts amazing NLP models used in production applications.

# spaCy

- ★ spaCy provides **out-of-the-box support for many NLP tasks**, such as tokenization, POS tagging, and NER, making it more robust and faster than libraries like NLTK or TextBlob.
  
- ★ **Key Features:**
  - **Speed:** Optimized algorithms and data structures for fast performance.
  - **Accuracy:** High accuracy in linguistic annotations, powered by deep learning.
  - **Ease of Use:** Intuitive API and extensive documentation, suitable for beginners and professionals.



# Installation and Setup

```
# !pip install spacy  
# !python -m spacy download en_core_web_sm  
!pip3 install spacy  
!python3 -m spacy download en_core_web_sm
```

# Tokenization

- ★ Tokenization is the process of **breaking down text into individual words, phrases, symbols, or other meaningful elements called tokens.**

```
# Sample text
text = "Apple is looking at buying U.K. startup for $1 billion"

# Process the text
doc = nltk(text)

# Iterate over tokens
for token in doc:
    print(token.text)
```

Apple  
is  
looking  
at  
buying  
U.K.  
startup  
for  
\$  
1  
billion

# Linguistic Features

- ★ **POS Tagging:** Part-of-Speech tagging **assigns parts of speech to each word, such as noun, verb, adjective, etc.,** based on its definition and context.
- ★ **Dependency Parsing:** Analyzes the grammatical structure of a sentence, establishing **relationships between "head" words and words which modify those heads.**

# Linguistic Features

Apple	PROPN	nsubj
is	AUX	aux
looking	VERB	ROOT
at	ADP	prep
buying	VERB	pcomp
U.K.	PROPN	dobj
startup	NOUN	dep
for	ADP	prep
\$	SYM	quantmod
1	NUM	compound
billion	NUM	pobj

# Named Entity Recognition

- ★ NER is a **process of locating and classifying named entities** mentioned in unstructured text into pre-defined categories such as **person names, organizations, locations, medical codes, time expressions, quantities, monetary values, percentages, etc.**
- ★ spaCy includes a **pre-trained NER model capable of recognizing various named entities.** It uses a combination of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and conditional random fields (CRFs) for high accuracy.

# Named Entity Recognition

Apple

ORG

U.K.

GPE

\$1 billion

MONEY

2021

DATE

# Semantic Similarity

- ★ Semantic similarity measures **how much two pieces of text (documents, sentences, or words) are related to each other** in terms of meaning.
- ★ spaCy uses **word vectors, multidimensional representations of meanings of words, to calculate similarity.**

# Semantic Similarity

```
# To avoid the warning let us try this with the larger model also  
# !python3 -m spacy download en_core_web_md  
nlp = spacy.load('en_core_web_md')
```

```
# Comparing two sentences  
doc1 = nlp("I like salty fries and hamburgers.")  
doc2 = nlp("Fast food tastes very good.")
```

```
# Compute similarity  
similarity = doc1.similarity(doc2)  
print(f"Document similarity: {similarity:.2f}")
```

```
# We need the larger model to continue with the next examples
```

```
✓ 0.8s
```

```
Document similarity: 0.69
```



# Let's Breathe!

**Let's take a small break  
before moving on to the  
next topic.**

# Film Recommendation Engine

## ★ Building the Engine with spaCy:

- **Data Preparation:** Start with a dataset of film descriptions.
- **Feature Extraction:** Use spaCy to process descriptions and extract features such as named entities, keywords, and semantic vectors.
- **Similarity Calculation:** Compute similarity scores between a query (user's favorite film description) and the dataset.
- **Recommendation:** Recommend films with the highest similarity scores to the query.

# Film Recommendation Engine

```
# Dummy dataset
films = {
    "Film A": "A sci-fi adventure set in the future",
    "Film B": "A documentary about the history of aviation",
    "Film C": "A romantic comedy set in New York",
}

# Query
query = "A futuristic adventure"
```

Recommended Film: Film A

# CoGrammar

## Q & A SECTION

**Please use this time to ask  
any questions relating to the  
topic, should you have any.**



# CoGrammar

# Thank you for joining us

1. Take regular breaks
2. Stay hydrated
3. Avoid prolonged screen time
4. Practise good posture
5. Get regular exercise

*“With great power comes great responsibility”*

---