NLP Suite

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Mission statement & target audience

In an age of BIG DATA, the purpose of the suite is rather to provide humanists and social scientists a wide range of **computational tools for the analysis and visualization of smaller datasets**, the more typical datasets humanists and social scientists use (e.g., the works of one Nobel Prize winner, a handful of in-depth interviews, a few thousand newspaper articles).

Furthermore, the NLP suite is designed for non-specialists, for scholars with **no knowledge or little knowledge of Natural Language Processing**.

GNU license agreement

The suite of Java and Python NLP (Natural Language Processing) tools made available here have been developed by Roberto Franzosi and a team of collaborators at Emory University. The Suite is distributed freely under a **GNU License Agreement** (https://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-3.0.en.html).

Introduction to the suite of NLP tools

The Suite is expanding in functions and help files on a weekly basis. The current release consists of

- 1. some 200 Python 3 files with several functions in each,
- 2. 10 Java files,
- 3. some 50 TIPS (help) files.

The TIPS complement, with far more extensive explanations, the online HELP, ReadMe, and reminder messages available for each script.

Suite architecture

The Python scripts in the NLP Suite have filenames that clearly identify the Suite architecture. Filename suffixes designate three different types of files: main, GUI, and util.

_main files

1. _main files are the only ones that you can run in command line independently of others; they will call both GUI and util files.

_GUI files

The NLP suite provides a set of user-friendly GUIs (Graphical User Interface) scripts to make complex tasks available to non-specialists. Each GUI comes with a set of ?HELP buttons that provide minimal help for a specific line in the GUI, a ReadMe button for overall help on the tools available for the GUI, a set of pdf TIPS files for detailed help, and reminders for the novice. A total of some 50 (and growing) TIPS files accompany the NLP suite.

GUI files lay out on the screen the widgets of a specific script for easy Graphical User Interface (GUI).

_util files

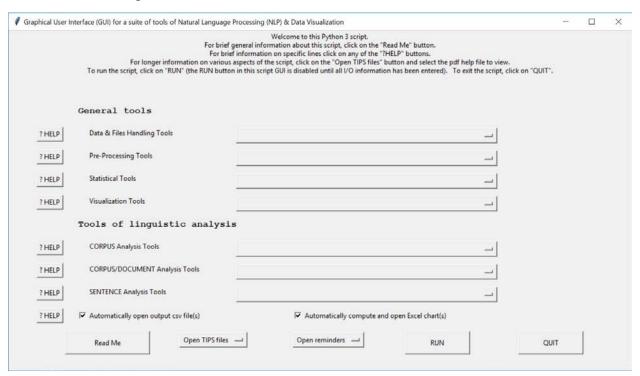
The _util files do all the computational heavy lifting behind each _main and _GUI script.

Filename suffixes and prefixes

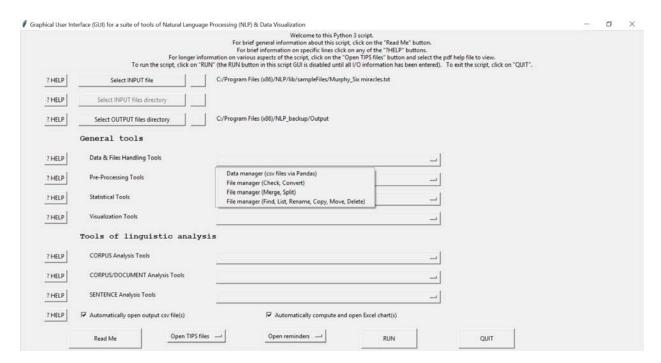
ALL SCRIPTS SUFFIXED BY main CAN BE RUN INDIPENDENTLY OF THE NLP_main.py. Thus on command line you can type, for instance, Python annotation_main.py and it will fire up the annotator_GUI.py independently of NLP_main.py. Filename prefixes cluster together scripts used for the same purpose. Thus annotator identifies all files dealing with html annotation.

What the NLP GUI can do: An overview

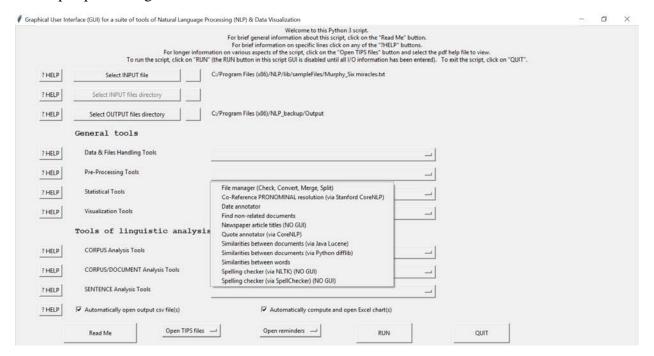
When you type Python NLP_main.py in command line, this is what you see. A GUI (Graphical User Interface) that provides access to all tools available in the NLP Suite.



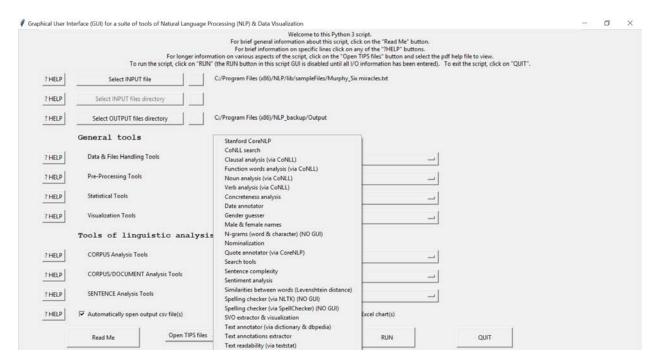
Each menu widget opens a set of more specific tools (for example, for data and file handling).



Or for pre-processing documents.

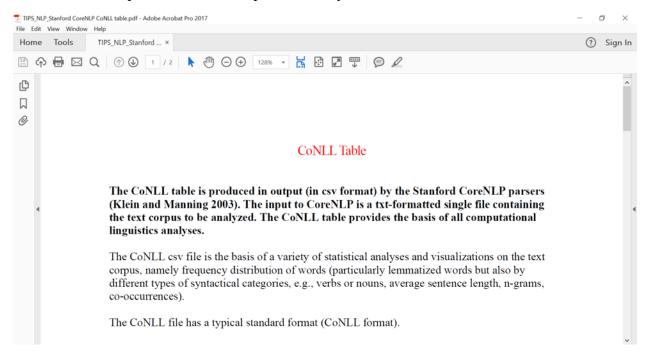


Or for analyzing a corpus of documents or a single document.

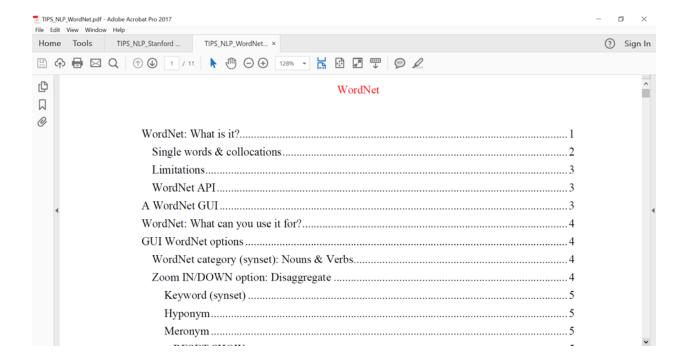


TIPS files

And here is a sample of a TIPS file, opened directly from the NLP Suite.

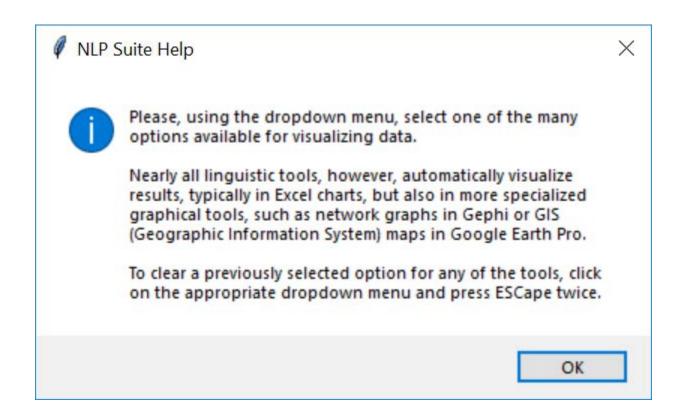


Some TIPS have more elaborate structures complete with Table of Contents.



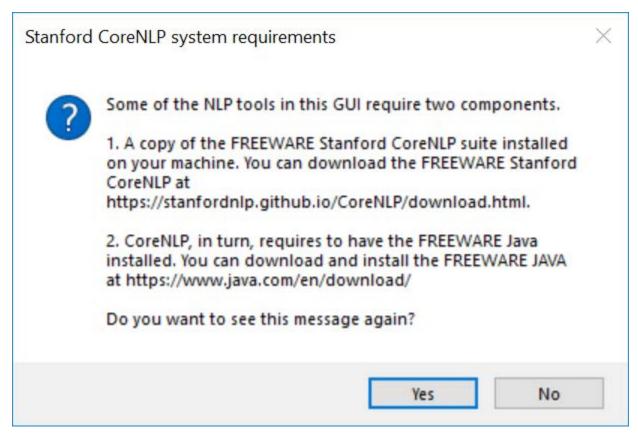
? HELP and ReadMe messages

This is a typical help message for a ? HELP button.



Reminder messages

And here is a typical reminder you get when you fire up the Stanford CoreNLP scripts.

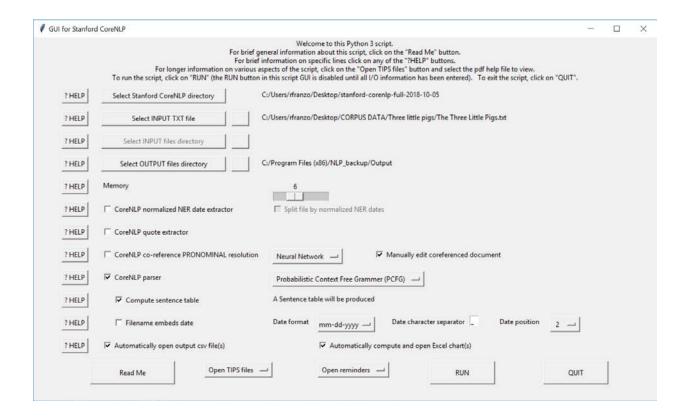


Specialized GUIs

You can run the tools in the NLP Suite via the NLP_main.py, or you can also run each separately, for as long as it is a _main type file. And of the core tools is the Stanford_CoreNLP_main. It is the engine upon whose output rely many of the other tools. Let's take a closer look at the Stanford CoreNLP GUI.

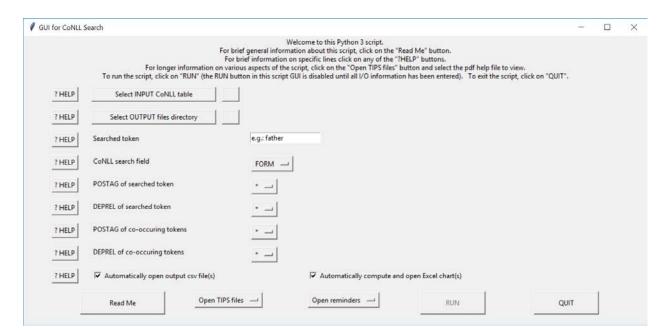
Language tools

Stanford CoreNLP

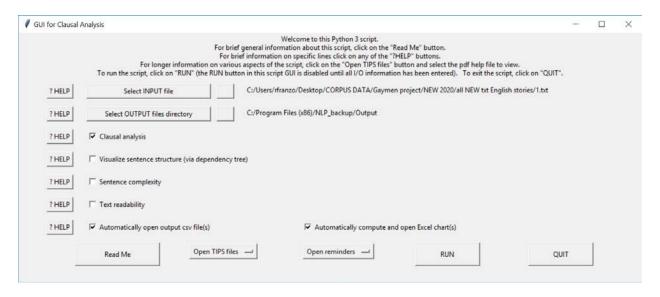


The Stanford CoreNLP (https://stanfordnlp.github.io/CoreNLP/) provides a wide range of open source, freeware natural language processing tools (originally in Java and more recently also in Python). The parser is at the core of their tools; it produces the CoNLL table used for may subsequent analyses.

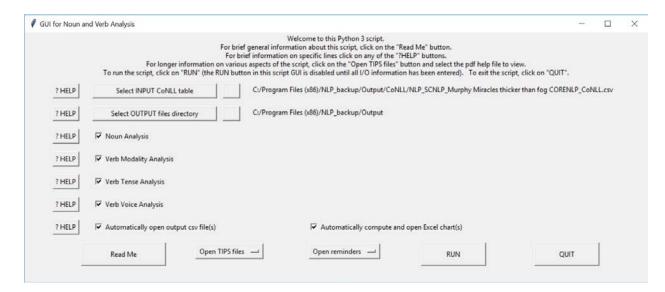
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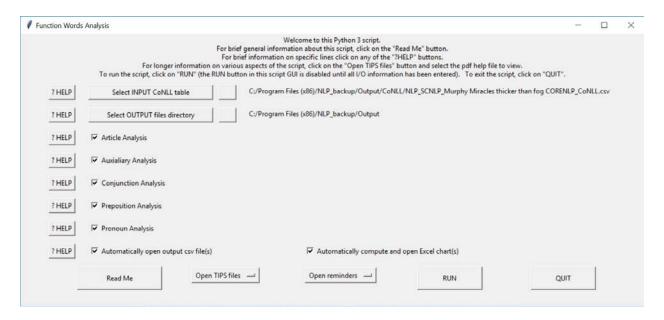
CoNLL table & clausal analysis



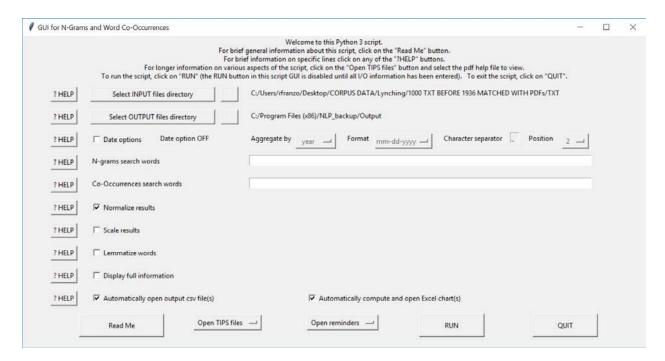
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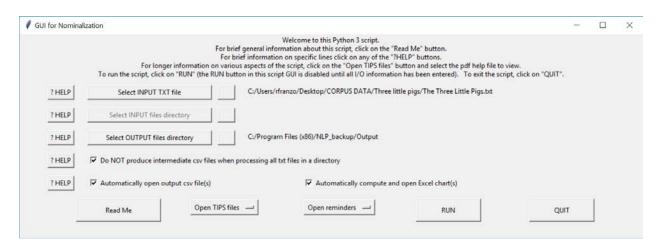
CoNLL table & function words



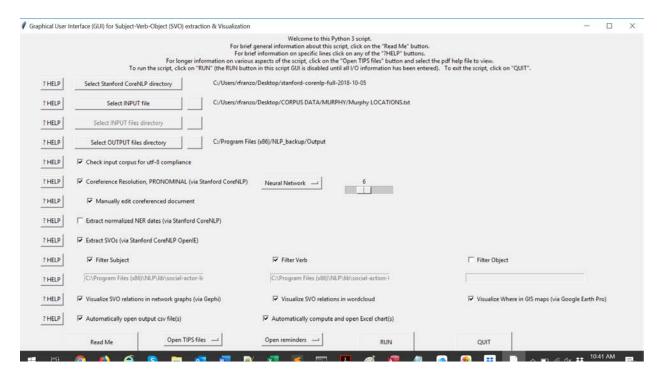
N-grams and co-occurrence viewer



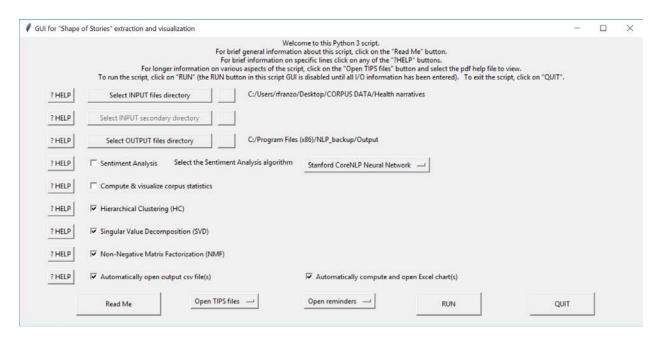
Nominalization



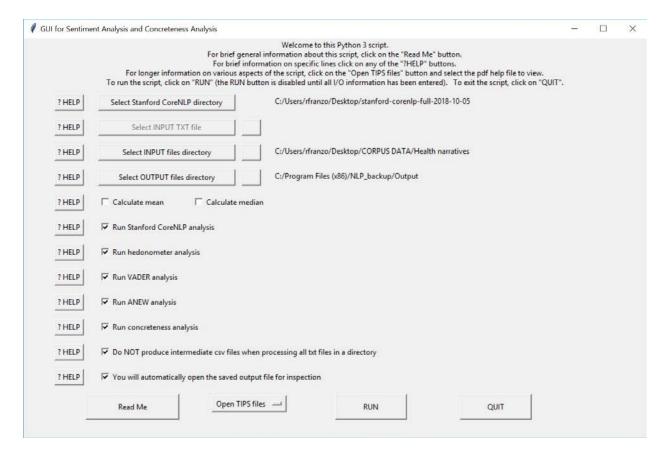
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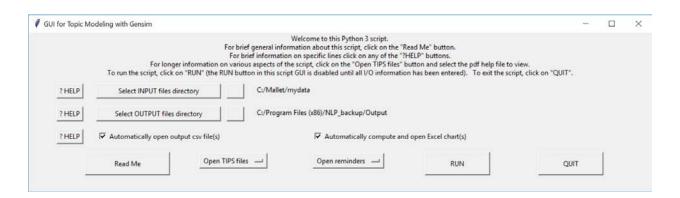
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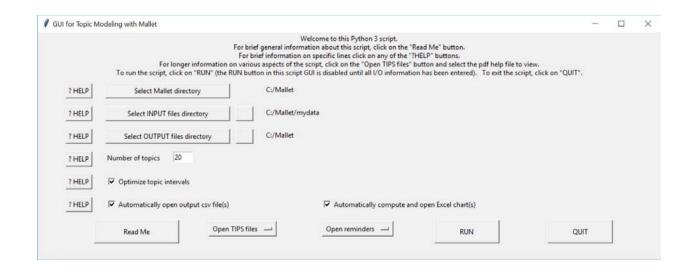


Sentiment and concreteness analysis

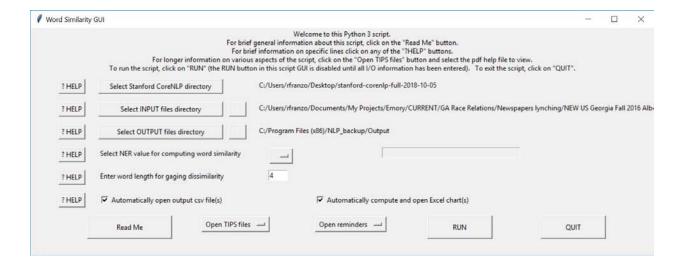


Topic modeling (Gensim & Mallet)

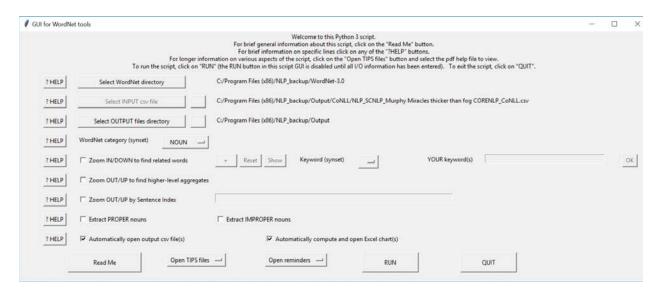




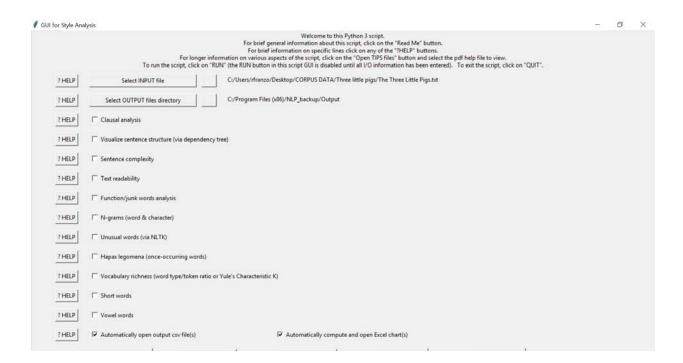
Word similarity



WordNet

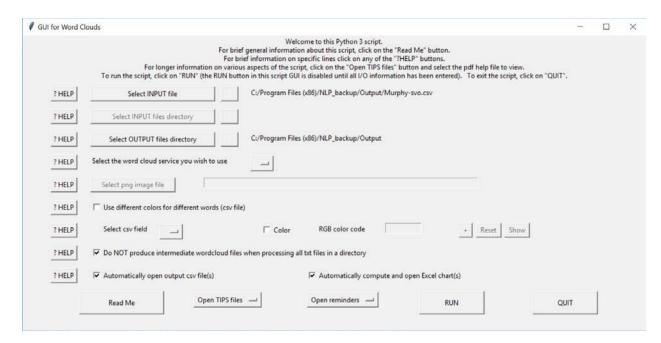


Style measures: A summary GUI

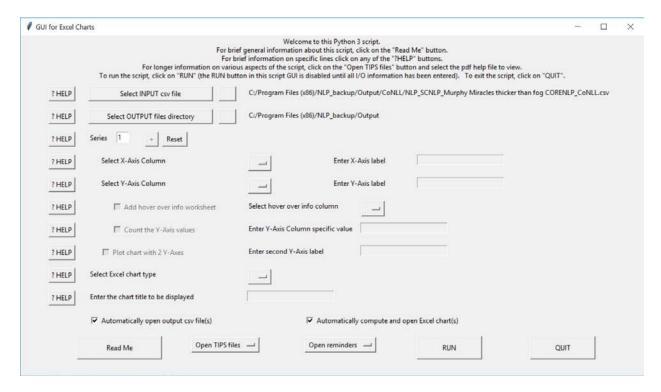


Visualization tools

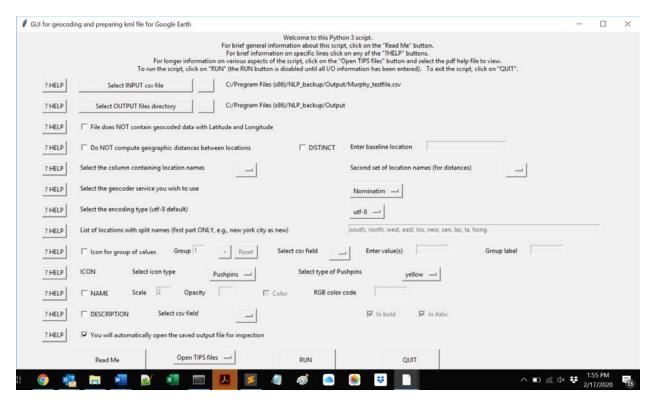
Word clouds



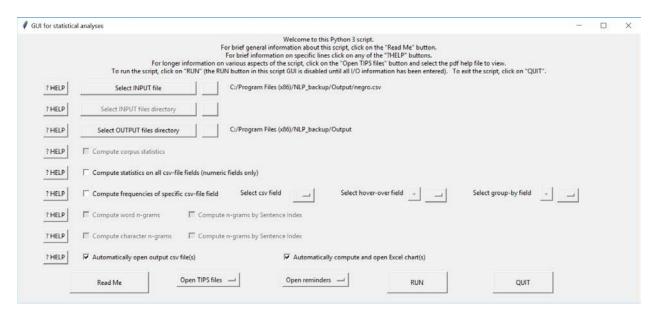
Excel charts



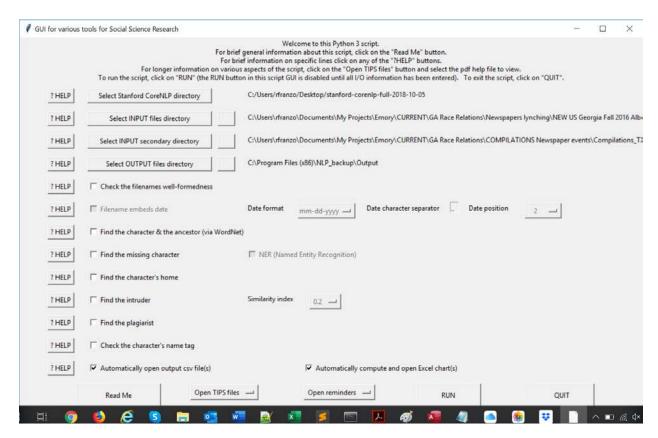
Geocoding and visualizing spatial data in Google Earth Pro



Statistical tools

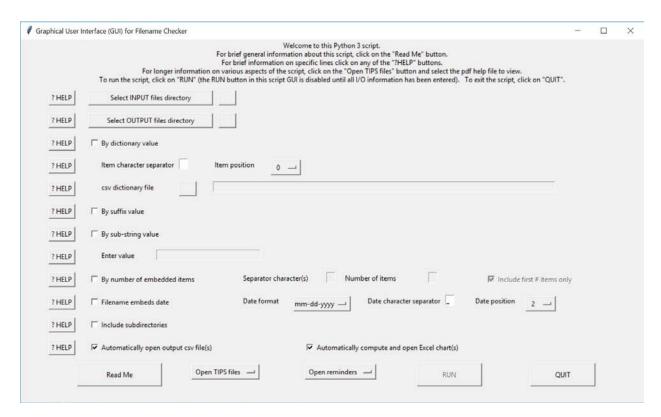


A set of comprehensive tools for social science research

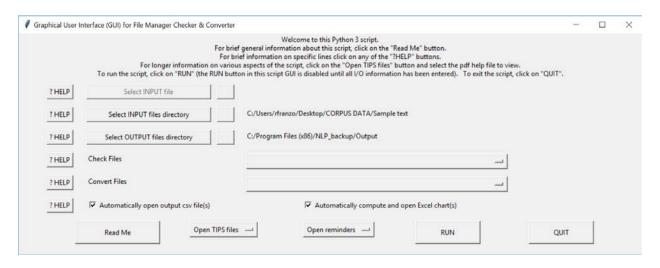


File and data management tools

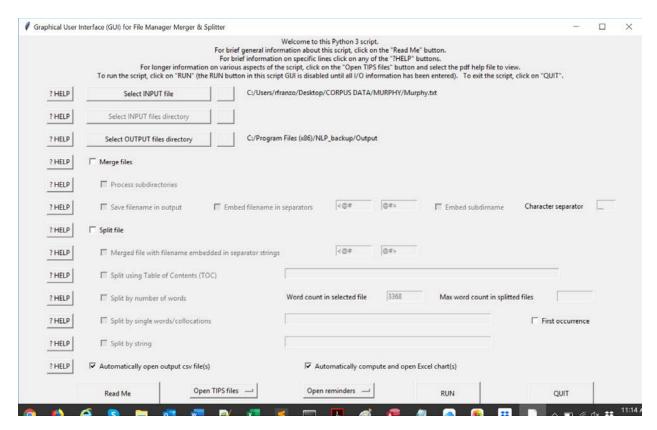
Filename checker



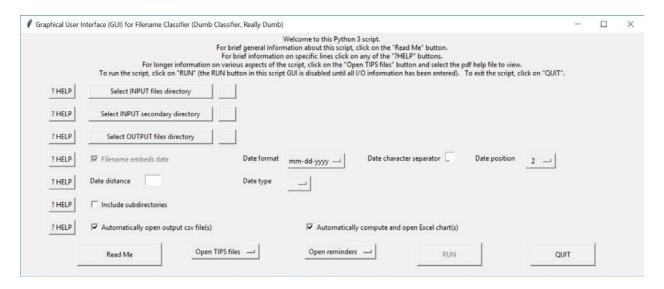
File content checker & converter



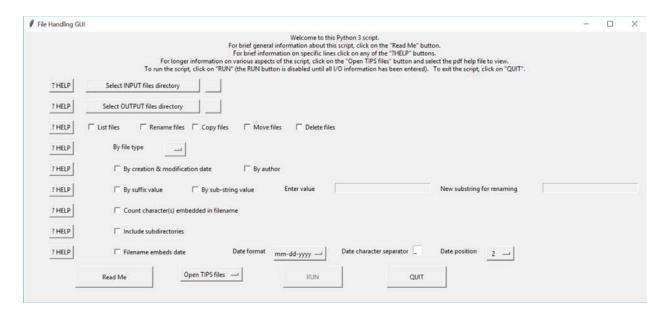
File merger & splitter



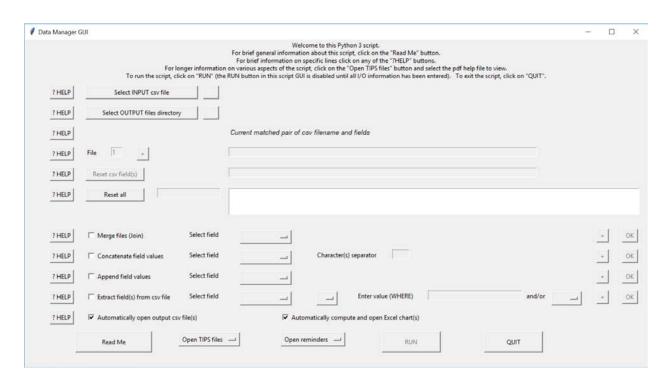
File classifier (dumb classifier)



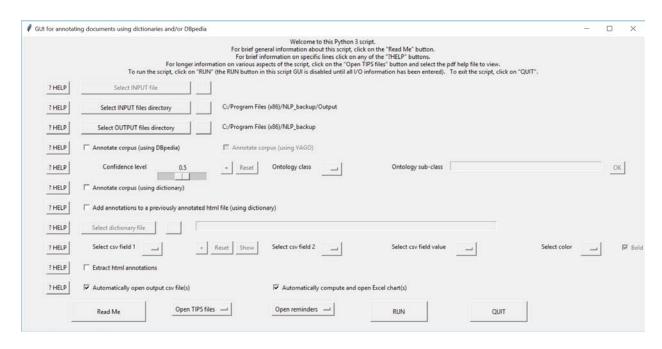
File manager



Data manager



Knowledge bases and annotator tools (DBpedia & YAGO, dictionaries)



Work ahead: What needs to be done

We continue to develop new tools. In particular, we want to develop the following set of tools:

- 1. Allow the use of different language packs in our implementation of Stanford CoreNLP
- 2. Fix and generalize the use of the Query CoNLL tool
- 3. Generalize the use of WordNet to allow for a more fine_grained WordNet searches
- 4. Quote extractor via Stanford CoreNLP
- 5. Date extractor via Stanford CoreNLP date annotator
- 6. Generalize the use of the PyTesseract pdf converter
- 7. Expand the algorithms for sentence complexity
- 8. All our Java scripts that are based on the Stanford CoreNLP contain inside them the current release of Stanford CoreNLP with 2 negative consequences:
 - a. The size of these Java scripts becomes enormous
 - b. These Java scripts become quickly obsolete as every new release of Stanford CoreNLP would require constant updates of our Java scripts.

We must try to make a call to CoreNLP downloaded on the hard drive rather than embedding it.

- 9. Implement Semantic Role Labeling (SRL)
- 10. Update our Java spelling checker
- 11. Connect the Python Word2Vec library to the NLP suite
- 12. Text annotator via dictionary, Dbpedia, YAGO
- 13. Topic segmentation
- 14. Automatic classification of various aspects of a story: description, action, emotions/feelings, dialogue, evaluation.

More generally, we want to improve the overall organizational structure of NLP suite.

- a. Currently, for reasons of haphazard growth of the scripts, each tool (e.g., geocoder_Google_Earth.py) has its own specialized GUI (e.g., geocoder_Google_Earth_GUI.py) but these GUIs depend upon a more general GUI script (GUI_util.py). GUI_util.py contains references to all available GUIs for all scripts. This is a cumbersome design. There should be no script containing references to all scripts.
- b. For similar reasons, the cumbersome design of config_util.py, containing references to all scripts should be streamlined by passing a parameter for the number of lines to be rewritten in the output config filename.

How to run the NLP suite

The NLP Suite is launched in command line via Python NLP_main.py; this will fire up the NLP_GUI.py with a convenient Graphical User Interface (GUI) that provides access to the dozens of NLP and visualization tools available to the users.

Download and install NLP Suite.zip

Download the NLP Suite.zip depository and extract the content in an NLP directory, e.g., C:\Program Files (x86)\NLP. Your NLP folder will look like this.

Name	Date modified	Туре
config	6/13/2020 10:37 AM	File folder
[™] lib	6/13/2020 4:39 AM	File folder
reminders	6/5/2020 5:03 AM	File folder
sampleData	6/14/2020 5:27 AM	File folder
	6/13/2020 4:37 AM	File folder
■ TIPS	6/8/2020 10:37 AM	File folder
NLP Suite.docx	6/14/2020 8:57 AM	Microsoft Word Doc
readme installation.txt	6/13/2020 5:13 AM	TXT File
requirements.txt	6/13/2020 5:10 AM	TXT File

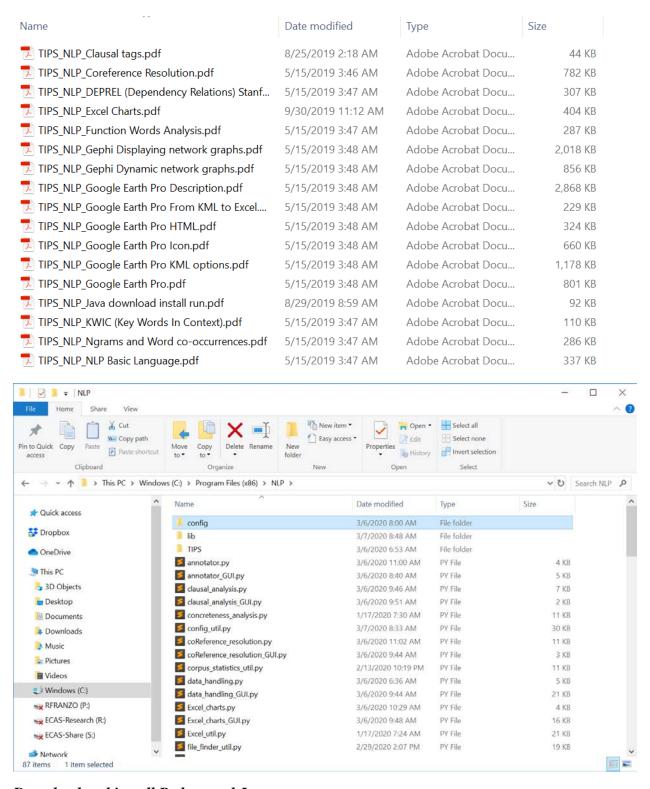
The **config subdirectory** will contain a bunch of config.txt files with the Input/Output options for each script (e.g., Stanford-CoreNLP-config.txt or geocoder-GoogleEarth-config.txt). Each config file will have as suffix the name of the script followed by -config.txt.

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annotator-config.txt	11/26/2019 5:49 PM	TXT File	1 KB
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Excel-config.txt	11/15/2019 3:45 PM	TXT File	1 KB
file-handling-config.txt	11/16/2019 7:38 PM	TXT File	1 KB
function-words-config.txt	10/26/2019 3:47 PM	TXT File	1 KB
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The **lib subdirectory** will contain a set of files used by various scripts.

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EnglishShortenedANEW.csv	2/22/2018 4:34 PM	Microsoft Excel Com	319 KB
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i sw.txt	10/7/2016 6:51 PM	TXT File	2 KB
vader_lexicon.txt	3/2/2016 4:51 PM	TXT File	424 KB

The **TIPS subdirectory** will contain some 50 pdf files of help an available to the various NLP tools.



Download and install Python and Java

To run the Python and Java NLP tools you will also need to install both Python and Java. Read the TIPS files

TIPS_NLP_Python download install run.pdf

TIPS_NLP_Java download install run.pdf

Install Python libraries

There is an important file inside your NLP directory: requirements.txt (on the function of a requirements.txt file, see TIPS_NLP_Python download install run.pdf). The file contains all the Python libraries used by the various scripts of the NLP suite. Run it, to install automatically all the libraries once and for all.

pip install – r requirements.txt

Download and install Stanford CoreNLP: A language parser and more

Depending upon which tools you use you will also need to install various other **freeware** tools. One such fundamental tool is the suite of NLP tools by Stanford CoreNLP (https://stanfordnlp.github.io/CoreNLP/download.html). Read the TIPS file

TIPS_NLP_Stanford CoreNLP download install run.pdf

Download and install Gephi: A network software

You will also want to download and install Gephi, a freeware network software (https://gephi.org/users/download/).

Download and install Google Earth Pro: A Geographic Information System (GIS) software

If you want to automatically visualize maps, you will need to download and install Google Earth Pro, a freeware Geographic Information System (GIS) software (https://www.google.com/earth/versions/).

Run NLP.py

Go to command line



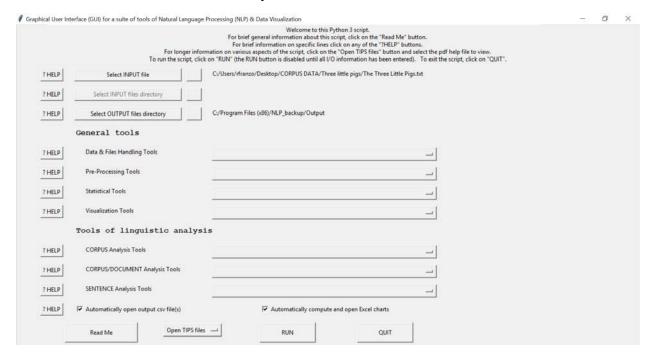
change directory to your NLP directory

cd C:\Program Files (x86)\NLP

type

python NLP.py

hit return and, with a little bit of luck, you will see this:



This GUI (Graphical User Interface) will give you access to all NLP tools available n the NLP suite (see all sections below). You can run any of the scripts that have an embedded GUI directly, without accessing first the NLP GUI. Just type, for instance,

Python Stanford_CoreNLP.py

Or

Python geocoder_Google_Earth.py

And their respective GUIs will open up.