

Mining the Social Web

Mining Web Pages

This Jupyter Notebook provides an interactive way to follow along with and explore the examples from the video series. The intent behind this notebook is to reinforce the concepts in a fun, convenient, and effective way.

Using dragnet to extract the text from a web page

Example blog post: <http://radar.oreilly.com/2010/07/louvre-industrial-age-henry-ford.html>
(<http://radar.oreilly.com/2010/07/louvre-industrial-age-henry-ford.html>).

In *Mining the Social Web, 3rd Edition*, we used a library called `boilerpipe` to extract the main content of web pages. `boilerpipe` is a sophisticated piece of software that works very well but has some software dependencies that can be very difficult to install, especially if you do not have administrative privileges on the computer you are working with. I have replaced `boilerpipe` with `Goose`, which can be easily installed using `pip`:

```
pip install goose3
```

You can learn more about `goose3` on its [GitHub page \(https://github.com/goose3/goose3\)](https://github.com/goose3/goose3). Another example of a content extraction library for Python is `dragnet`, which you can find [here \(https://github.com/draget-org/draget\)](https://github.com/draget-org/draget).

```
In [1]: ▶ 1 from goose3 import Goose
2
3 g = Goose()
4 URL='https://www.oreilly.com/ideas/ethics-in-data-project-design-its-abo
5 article = g.extract(url=URL)
6
7 print(article.title)
8 print('-'*len(article.title))
9 print(article.meta_description)
10
11 content = article.cleaned_text
12 print()
13 print('{}...'.format(content[:500]))
```

Ethics in data project design: It's about planning

The destination and rules of the road are clear; the route you choose to get there makes a huge difference.

When I explain the value of ethics to students and professionals alike, I refer it as an “orientation.” As any good designer, scientist, or researcher knows, how you orient yourself toward a problem can have a big impact on the sort of solution you develop—and how you get there. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, “perception is not whimsical, but fatal.” Your particular perspective, knowledge of, and approach to a problem shapes your solution, opening up certain paths forward and forestalling ot...

Using feedparser to extract the text (and other fields) from an RSS or Atom feed

```
In [3]: ▶ 1 import feedparser # pip install feedparser
2
3 FEED_URL='http://feeds.feedburner.com/oreilly/radar/atom'
4
5 fp = feedparser.parse(FEED_URL)
6
7 for e in fp.entries:
8     print(e.title)
9     print(e.links[0].href)
10    print(e.content[0].value)
```

Four short links: 30 April 2020

<http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/oreilly/radar/atom/~3/-jpbQW9V448/> (<http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/oreilly/radar/atom/~3/-jpbQW9V448/>)

To Microservices and Back Again: Why Segment Went Back to a Monolith — <i>microservices came with increased operational overhead and problems around code reuse. … If microservices are implemented in correctly or used as a band-aid without addressing some of the root flaws in your system, you’ll be unable to do new product development because you’re drowning in the complexity.</i>

GNU poke — <i>interactive editor for binary data. Not limited to editing basic entities such as bits and bytes, it provides a full-fledged procedural, interactive programming language designed to describe data structures and to operate on them.</i> (via Kernel Recipes)

Blender — Facebook

Harvesting blog data by parsing feeds

```
In [4]: ▶ 1 import os
2 import sys
3 import json
4 import feedparser
5 from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
6 from nltk import clean_html
7
8 FEED_URL = 'http://feeds.feedburner.com/oreilly/radar/atom'
9
10 def cleanHtml(html):
11     if html == "": return ""
12
13     return BeautifulSoup(html, 'html5lib').get_text()
14
15 fp = feedparser.parse(FEED_URL)
16
17 print("Fetched {0} entries from '{1}'".format(len(fp.entries[0].title),
18
19 blog_posts = []
20 for e in fp.entries:
21     blog_posts.append({'title': e.title, 'content'
22                       : cleanHtml(e.content[0].value), 'link': e.links[0
23
24 out_file = os.path.join('feed.json')
25 f = open(out_file, 'w+')
26 f.write(json.dumps(blog_posts, indent=1))
27 f.close()
28
29 print('Wrote output file to {0}'.format(f.name))
```

Fetched 31 entries from 'Radar'
Wrote output file to feed.json

Starting to write a web crawler

```
In [6]: 1 import httpplib2
2 import re
3 from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
4
5 http = httpplib2.Http()
6 status, response = http.request('http://www.nytimes.com')
7
8 soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html5lib')
9
10 links = []
11
12 for link in soup.findAll('a', attrs={'href': re.compile("^http(s?)://")})
13     links.append(link.get('href'))
14
15 for link in links:
16     print(link)
```

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Create an empty graph

Create an empty queue to keep track of nodes that need to be processed

Add the starting point to the graph as the root node

Add the root node to a queue for processing

Repeat until some maximum depth is reached or the queue is empty:

Remove a node from the queue

For each of the node's neighbors:

If the neighbor hasn't already been processed:

Add it to the queue

Add it to the graph

Create an edge in the graph that connects the node and its neighbor

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Using NLTK to parse web page data

Naive sentence detection based on periods

```

In [7]: 1 text = "Mr. Green killed Colonel Mustard in the study with the candlestick"
        2 print(text.split("."))

['Mr', ' Green killed Colonel Mustard in the study with the candlestick', '
Mr', ' Green is not a very nice fellow', '']

```

More sophisticated sentence detection

```

In [8]: 1 import nltk # Installation instructions: http://www.nltk.org/install.htm
        2
        3 # Downloading nltk packages used in this example
        4 nltk.download('punkt')

[nltk_data] Downloading package punkt to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\szaki5\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Unzipping tokenizers\punkt.zip.

```

Out[8]: True


```
In [9]: 1 sentences = nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(text)
        2 print(sentences)
```

```
['Mr. Green killed Colonel Mustard in the study with the candlestick.', 'Mr. Green is not a very nice fellow.']
```

```
In [10]: 1 harder_example = """My name is John Smith and my email address is j.smit
        2 Mostly people call Mr. Smith. But I actually have a Ph.D.!
        3 Can you believe it? Neither can most people..."""
        4
        5 sentences = nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(harder_example)
        6 print(sentences)
```

```
['My name is John Smith and my email address is j.smith@company.com.', 'Mostly people call Mr. Smith.', 'But I actually have a Ph.D.!', 'Can you believe it?', 'Neither can most people...']
```

Word tokenization

```
In [11]: 1 text = "Mr. Green killed Colonel Mustard in the study with the candlestick"
        2 sentences = nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(text)
        3
        4 tokens = [nltk.word_tokenize(s) for s in sentences]
        5 print(tokens)
```

```
[['Mr.', 'Green', 'killed', 'Colonel', 'Mustard', 'in', 'the', 'study', 'with', 'the', 'candlestick', '.'], ['Mr.', 'Green', 'is', 'not', 'a', 'very', 'nice', 'fellow', '.']]
```

Part of speech tagging for tokens

```
In [12]: 1 import nltk
        2 nltk.download('averaged_perceptron_tagger')
        3
        4 # Downloading nltk packages used in this example
        5 nltk.download('maxent_treebank_pos_tagger')
        6
        7 pos_tagged_tokens = [nltk.pos_tag(t) for t in tokens]
        8 print(pos_tagged_tokens)
```

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[nltk_data] Downloading package averaged_perceptron_tagger to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\szaki5\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Unzipping taggers\averaged_perceptron_tagger.zip.
[nltk_data] Downloading package maxent_treebank_pos_tagger to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\szaki5\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Unzipping taggers\maxent_treebank_pos_tagger.zip.
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```
[(['Mr.', 'NNP'), ('Green', 'NNP'), ('killed', 'VBD'), ('Colonel', 'NNP'), ('Mustard', 'NNP'), ('in', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('study', 'NN'), ('with', 'IN'), ('the', 'DT'), ('candlestick', 'NN'), ('.', '.')], [('Mr.', 'NNP'), ('Green', 'NNP'), ('is', 'VBZ'), ('not', 'RB'), ('a', 'DT'), ('very', 'RB'), ('nice', 'JJ'), ('fellow', 'NN'), ('.', '.')]]
```

Alphabetical list of part-of-speech tags used in the Penn Treebank Project

See: https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall_2003/ling001/penn_treebank_pos.html
(https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall_2003/ling001/penn_treebank_pos.html).

#	POS Tag	Meaning
1	CC	Coordinating conjunction
2	CD	Cardinal number
3	DT	Determiner
4	EX	Existential there
5	FW	Foreign word
6	IN	Preposition or subordinating conjunction
7	JJ	Adjective
8	JJR	Adjective, comparative
9	JJS	Adjective, superlative
10	LS	List item marker
11	MD	Modal
12	NN	Noun, singular or mass
13	NNS	Noun, plural
14	NNP	Proper noun, singular
15	NNPS	Proper noun, plural
16	PDT	Predeterminer
17	POS	Possessive ending
18	PRP	Personal pronoun
19	PRP\$	Possessive pronoun
20	RB	Adverb
21	RBR	Adverb, comparative
22	RBS	Adverb, superlative
23	RP	Particle
24	SYM	Symbol
25	TO	to
26	UH	Interjection
27	VB	Verb, base form
28	VBD	Verb, past tense
29	VBG	Verb, gerund or present participle
30	VCN	Verb, past participle
31	VBP	Verb, non-3rd person singular present
32	VBZ	Verb, 3rd person singular present
33	WDT	Wh-determiner

#	POS Tag	Meaning
34	WP	Wh-pronoun
35	WP\$	Possessive wh-pronoun
36	WRB	Wh-adverb

Named entity extraction/chunking for tokens

```
In [13]: 1 # Downloading nltk packages used in this example
          2 nltk.download('maxent_ne_chunker')
          3 nltk.download('words')

[nltk_data] Downloading package maxent_ne_chunker to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\szaki5\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Unzipping chunkers\maxent_ne_chunker.zip.
[nltk_data] Downloading package words to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\szaki5\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Unzipping corpora\words.zip.
```

Out[13]: True

```
In [14]: 1 jim = "Jim bought 300 shares of Acme Corp. in 2006."
          2
          3 tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(jim)
          4 jim_tagged_tokens = nltk.pos_tag(tokens)
          5
          6 ne_chunks = nltk.chunk.ne_chunk(jim_tagged_tokens)
```

In [15]: ▶ 1 ne_chunks

```

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FileNotFoundError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
C:\Anaconda\lib\site-packages\IPython\core\formatters.py in __call__(self,
obj)
    343         method = get_real_method(obj, self.print_method)
    344         if method is not None:
--> 345             return method()
    346         return None
    347     else:

C:\Anaconda\lib\site-packages\nltk\tree.py in _repr_png_(self)
    819         raise LookupError
    820
--> 821         with open(out_path, 'rb') as sr:
    822             res = sr.read()
    823             os.remove(in_path)

FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'C:\\Users\\szaki5
\\AppData\\Local\\Temp\\tmpi9_8ro11.png'

```

```

Out[15]: Tree('S', [Tree('PERSON', [('Jim', 'NNP')]), ('bought', 'VBD'), ('300', 'C
D'), ('shares', 'NNS'), ('of', 'IN'), Tree('ORGANIZATION', [('Acme', 'NN
P'), ('Corp.', 'NNP')]), ('in', 'IN'), ('2006', 'CD'), ('.', '.')])

```

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In [16]: ▶ 1 ne_chunks = [nltk.chunk.ne_chunk(ptt) for ptt in pos_tagged_tokens]
2
3 ne_chunks[0].pprint()
4 ne_chunks[1].pprint()

```

```

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  (PERSON Mr./NNP)
  (PERSON Green/NNP)
  killed/VBD
  (ORGANIZATION Colonel/NNP Mustard/NNP)
  in/IN
  the/DT
  study/NN
  with/IN
  the/DT
  candlestick/NN
  ./.)
(S
  (PERSON Mr./NNP)
  (ORGANIZATION Green/NNP)
  is/VBZ
  not/RB
  a/DT
  very/RB
  nice/JJ
  fellow/NN
  ./.)

```

Using NLTK's NLP tools to process human language in blog data

```
In [18]: 1 import json
2 import nltk
3
4 BLOG_DATA = "data/feed.json"
5
6 blog_data = json.loads(open(BLOG_DATA).read())
7
8 # Download nltk packages used in this example
9 nltk.download('stopwords')
10
11 # Customize your list of stopwords as needed. Here, we add common
12 # punctuation and contraction artifacts.
13
14 stop_words = nltk.corpus.stopwords.words('english') + [
15     '.',
16     ',',
17     '--',
18     '\s',
19     '?',
20     ')',
21     '(',
22     ':',
23     '\'',
24     '\re',
25     '"',
26     '-',
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28     '{',
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30     ']',
31     '[',
32     '...',
33 ]
```

[nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to

[nltk_data] C:\Users\szaki5\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...

[nltk_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!

```

In [19]: 1 for post in blog_data:
2         sentences = nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(post['content'])
3
4         words = [w.lower() for sentence in sentences for w in
5                 nltk.tokenize.word_tokenize(sentence)]
6
7         fdist = nltk.FreqDist(words)
8
9         # Remove stopwords from fdist
10        for sw in stop_words:
11            del fdist[sw]
12
13        # Basic stats
14
15        num_words = sum([i[1] for i in fdist.items()])
16        num_unique_words = len(fdist.keys())
17
18        # Hapaxes are words that appear only once
19        num_hapaxes = len(fdist.hapaxes())
20
21        top_10_words_sans_stop_words = fdist.most_common(10)
22
23        print(post['title'])
24        print('\tNum Sentences:'.ljust(25), len(sentences))
25        print('\tNum Words:'.ljust(25), num_words)
26        print('\tNum Unique Words:'.ljust(25), num_unique_words)
27        print('\tNum Hapaxes:'.ljust(25), num_hapaxes)
28        print('\tTop 10 Most Frequent Words (sans stop words):\n\t\t', \
29              '\n\t\t'.join(['{0} ({1})'.format(w[0], w[1]) for w in top_10_
30              print()

```

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' (21)
" (21)
" (21)
conversational (15)
bots (7)
says (7)
interaction (7)
must (7)
user (7)
kai (7)

```

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```

Num Sentences:      16
Num Words:          263
Num Unique Words:   204
Num Hapaxes:        173
Top 10 Most Frequent Words (sans stop words):
    hype (9)
    jobs (5)

```

A document summarization algorithm based principally upon sentence detection and frequency analysis within sentences

```
In [20]: ▶ 1 import json
2 import nltk
3 import numpy
4
5 BLOG_DATA = "feed.json"
6
7 blog_data = json.loads(open(BLOG_DATA).read())
8
9 N = 100 # Number of words to consider
10 CLUSTER_THRESHOLD = 5 # Distance between words to consider
11 TOP_SENTENCES = 5 # Number of sentences to return for a "top n" summary
```

```
In [21]: ▶ 1 stop_words = nltk.corpus.stopwords.words('english') + [
2     '.',
3     ',',
4     '--',
5     '\s',
6     '?',
7     ')',
8     '(',
9     ':',
10    '\'',
11    '\re',
12    '"',
13    '-',
14    '}',
15    '{',
16    u'—',
17    '>',
18    '<',
19    '...',
20    ]
```



```

In [22]: 1 # Approach taken from "The Automatic Creation of Literature Abstracts" b
2 def _score_sentences(sentences, important_words):
3     scores = []
4     sentence_idx = 0
5
6     for s in [nlTK.tokenize.word_tokenize(s) for s in sentences]:
7
8         word_idx = []
9
10        # For each word in the word list...
11        for w in important_words:
12            try:
13                # Compute an index for where any important words occur i
14                word_idx.append(s.index(w))
15            except ValueError: # w not in this particular sentence
16                pass
17
18        word_idx.sort()
19
20        # It is possible that some sentences may not contain any importa
21        if len(word_idx) == 0: continue
22
23        # Using the word index, compute clusters by using a max distance
24        # for any two consecutive words.
25
26        clusters = []
27        cluster = [word_idx[0]]
28        i = 1
29        while i < len(word_idx):
30            if word_idx[i] - word_idx[i - 1] < CLUSTER_THRESHOLD:
31                cluster.append(word_idx[i])
32            else:
33                clusters.append(cluster[:])
34                cluster = [word_idx[i]]
35            i += 1
36        clusters.append(cluster)
37
38        # Score each cluster. The max score for any given cluster is the
39        # for the sentence.
40
41        max_cluster_score = 0
42
43        for c in clusters:
44            significant_words_in_cluster = len(c)
45            # true clusters also contain insignificant words, so we get
46            # the total cluster length by checking the indices
47            total_words_in_cluster = c[-1] - c[0] + 1
48            score = 1.0 * significant_words_in_cluster**2 / total_words_
49
50            if score > max_cluster_score:
51                max_cluster_score = score
52
53        scores.append((sentence_idx, max_cluster_score))
54        sentence_idx += 1
55
56    return scores

```

```
In [24]: ▶ 1 def summarize(txt):
2     sentences = [s for s in nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(txt)]
3     normalized_sentences = [s.lower() for s in sentences]
4
5     words = [w.lower() for sentence in normalized_sentences for w in
6               nltk.tokenize.word_tokenize(sentence)]
7
8     fdist = nltk.FreqDist(words)
9
10    # Remove stopwords from fdist
11    for sw in stop_words:
12        del fdist[sw]
13
14    top_n_words = [w[0] for w in fdist.most_common(N)]
15
16    scored_sentences = _score_sentences(normalized_sentences, top_n_word
17
18    # Summarization Approach 1:
19    # Filter out nonsignificant sentences by using the average score plu
20    # fraction of the std dev as a filter
21
22    avg = numpy.mean([s[1] for s in scored_sentences])
23    std = numpy.std([s[1] for s in scored_sentences])
24    mean_scored = [(sent_idx, score) for (sent_idx, score) in scored_sen
25                   if score > avg + 0.5 * std]
26
27    # Summarization Approach 2:
28    # Another approach would be to return only the top N ranked sentence
29
30    top_n_scored = sorted(scored_sentences, key=lambda s: s[1])[-TOP_SEN
31    top_n_scored = sorted(top_n_scored, key=lambda s: s[0])
32
33    # Decorate the post object with summaries
34
35    return dict(top_n_summary=[sentences[idx] for (idx, score) in top_n_
36                  mean_scored_summary=[sentences[idx] for (idx, score) in
```

```
In [25]: 1 for post in blog_data:
2         post.update(summarize(post['content']))
3
4         print(post['title'])
5         print('=' * len(post['title']))
6         print()
7         print('Top N Summary')
8         print('-----')
9         print(' '.join(post['top_n_summary']))
10        print()
11        print('Mean Scored Summary')
12        print('-----')
13        print(' '.join(post['mean_scored_summary']))
14        print()
```

ally converse with the hosts about how the particular game discussed applies to their work. The podcast is hosted by game theorist Ben Klemens and

science journalist and composer Liz Landau. (via Ben Klemens)

Verification Handbook (3ed) – latest guide to investigating disinformation and media manipulation, covering identifying actors, investigating platforms, tracking ads, etc. (via Craig Silverman)

Ransomware Groups (Microsoft) – analysis of ransomware campaigns yields this report, which includes a great graphic taxonomy of ransomware payloads.

Mean Scored Summary

podpaperscissors – From the classic “prisoner’s dilemma” to more obscure coordination games, Pod Paper Scissors takes game theory out of the textbook and into the real world. (via Ben Klemens)

Verification Handbook (3ed) – latest guide to investigating disinformation and media manipulation, covering identifying actors, investigating platforms, tracking ads, etc.

Visualizing document summarization results with HTML output

In [26]:

```

1 import os
2 from IPython.display import IFrame
3 from IPython.core.display import display
4
5 HTML_TEMPLATE = """<html>
6     <head>
7         <title>{0}</title>
8         <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-
9     </head>
10    <body>{1}</body>
11</html>"""
12
13 for post in blog_data:
14
15     # Uses previously defined summarize function.
16     post.update(summarize(post['content']))
17
18     # You could also store a version of the full post with key sentences
19     # for analysis with simple string replacement...
20
21     for summary_type in ['top_n_summary', 'mean_scored_summary']:
22         post[summary_type + '_marked_up'] = '<p>{0}</p>'.format(post['co
23
24         for s in post[summary_type]:
25             post[summary_type + '_marked_up'] = \
26                 post[summary_type + '_marked_up'].replace(s, '<strong>{0}</s
27
28         filename = post['title'].replace('"', '') + '.summary.' + summar
29
30         f = open(os.path.join(filename), 'wb')
31         html = HTML_TEMPLATE.format(post['title'] + ' Summary', post[sum
32         f.write(html.encode('utf-8'))
33         f.close()
34
35         print("Data written to", f.name)
36
37     # Display any of these files with an inline frame. This displays the
38     # last file processed by using the last value of f.name...
39     print()
40     print("Displaying {0}:".format(f.name))
41     display(IFrame('files/{0}'.format(f.name), '100%', '600px'))

```

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Data written to Four short links: 30 April 2020.summary.top_n_summary.htm
1
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ry.html
Data written to Four short links: 29 April 2020.summary.top_n_summary.htm
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ry.html
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ry.html
Data written to Four short links: 27 April 2020.summary.top_n_summary.htm

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1
Data written to Four short links: 27 April 2020.summary.mean_scored_summary.html
Data written to Four short links: 24 April 2020.summary.top_n_summary.html
1
Data written to Four short links: 24 April 2020.summary.mean_scored_summary.html
```

Extracting entities from a text with NLTK

In [27]:

```

1 import nltk
2 import json
3
4 BLOG_DATA = "feed.json"
5
6 blog_data = json.loads(open(BLOG_DATA).read())
7
8 for post in blog_data:
9
10     sentences = nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(post['content'])
11     tokens = [nltk.tokenize.word_tokenize(s) for s in sentences]
12     pos_tagged_tokens = [nltk.pos_tag(t) for t in tokens]
13
14     # Flatten the List since we're not using sentence structure
15     # and sentences are guaranteed to be separated by a special
16     # POS tuple such as ('.', '.')
17
18     pos_tagged_tokens = [token for sent in pos_tagged_tokens for token in sent]
19
20     all_entity_chunks = []
21     previous_pos = None
22     current_entity_chunk = []
23     for (token, pos) in pos_tagged_tokens:
24
25         if pos == previous_pos and pos.startswith('NN'):
26             current_entity_chunk.append(token)
27         elif pos.startswith('NN'):
28
29             if current_entity_chunk != []:
30
31                 # Note that current_entity_chunk could be a duplicate wh
32                 # so frequency analysis again becomes a consideration
33
34                 all_entity_chunks.append(' '.join(current_entity_chunk))
35                 current_entity_chunk = [token]
36
37             previous_pos = pos
38
39     # Store the chunks as an index for the document
40     # and account for frequency while we're at it...
41
42     post['entities'] = {}
43     for c in all_entity_chunks:
44         post['entities'][c] = post['entities'].get(c, 0) + 1
45
46     # For example, we could display just the title-cased entities
47
48     print(post['title'])
49     print('-' * len(post['title']))
50     proper_nouns = []
51     for (entity, pos) in post['entities']:
52         if entity.istitle():
53             print('\t{0} ({1})'.format(entity, post['entities'][entity],
54             print()

```

Four short links: 30 April 2020

Microservices (1)
Back Again (1)
Segment Went Back (1)
Monolith (1)
Kernel Recipes (1)
Blender – Facebook (1)
Videos (1)

Four short links: 29 April 2020

Pod Paper Scissors (1)
Experts (1)
Ben Klemens (1)
Liz Landau (1)
Ben Klemens (1)
Verification Handbook (1)
Craig Silverman (1)

Discovering interactions between entities


```

In [28]: 1 import nltk
2 import json
3
4 BLOG_DATA = "feed.json"
5
6 def extract_interactions(txt):
7     sentences = nltk.tokenize.sent_tokenize(txt)
8     tokens = [nltk.tokenize.word_tokenize(s) for s in sentences]
9     pos_tagged_tokens = [nltk.pos_tag(t) for t in tokens]
10
11     entity_interactions = []
12     for sentence in pos_tagged_tokens:
13
14         all_entity_chunks = []
15         previous_pos = None
16         current_entity_chunk = []
17
18         for (token, pos) in sentence:
19
20             if pos == previous_pos and pos.startswith('NN'):
21                 current_entity_chunk.append(token)
22             elif pos.startswith('NN'):
23                 if current_entity_chunk != []:
24                     all_entity_chunks.append(' '.join(current_entity_ch
25                                                         pos))
26                     current_entity_chunk = [token]
27
28                 previous_pos = pos
29
30             if len(all_entity_chunks) > 1:
31                 entity_interactions.append(all_entity_chunks)
32             else:
33                 entity_interactions.append([])
34
35         assert len(entity_interactions) == len(sentences)
36
37         return dict(entity_interactions=entity_interactions,
38                     sentences=sentences)
39
40 blog_data = json.loads(open(BLOG_DATA).read())
41
42 # Display selected interactions on a per-sentence basis
43
44 for post in blog_data:
45
46     post.update(extract_interactions(post['content']))
47
48     print(post['title'])
49     print('-' * len(post['title']))
50     for interactions in post['entity_interactions']:
51         print('; '.join([i[0] for i in interactions]))
52     print()

```

football video; games; physics; football simulation; agents; football; pl
ayers; team; manage; opponent; s defense; order

Four short links: 27 April 2020

Process; Different Computer; proof; concept; t replicate; things; s; fun
tech demo; ' ; t use; anything; telefork; function call; process; machine;
instance

Consistency Maps – Jepsen; safety; properties; systems-most; violations;
consistency

kind; consistency

reference guide; definitions; explanations; underpinnings; consistency; m
odels; engineers

wasmachine; -; wasmachine; implementation; WebAssembly; specification

Expert Twitter Only Goes; Bring Back Blogs; Wired; re; opinion; machines;
opinion; inflammatory; fit; businesses; people

Syllabus; systems; substack; rant; response; death

Visualizing interactions between entities with HTML output

In [29]:

```

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8
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11         <title>{0}</title>
12         <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-
13     </head>
14     <body>{1}</body>
15 </html>"""
16
17 blog_data = json.loads(open(BLOG_DATA).read())
18
19 for post in blog_data:
20
21     post.update(extract_interactions(post['content']))
22
23     # Display output as markup with entities presented in bold text
24
25     post['markup'] = []
26
27     for sentence_idx in range(len(post['sentences'])):
28
29         s = post['sentences'][sentence_idx]
30         for (term, _) in post['entity_interactions'][sentence_idx]:
31             s = s.replace(term, '<strong>{0}</strong>'.format(term))
32
33         post['markup'] += [s]
34
35     filename = post['title'].replace("?", "") + '.entity_interactions.ht
36     f = open(os.path.join(filename), 'wb')
37     html = HTML_TEMPLATE.format(post['title'] + ' Interactions', ' '.joi
38     f.write(html.encode('utf-8'))
39     f.close()
40
41     print('Data written to', f.name)
42
43     # Display any of these files with an inline frame. This displays the
44     # last file processed by using the last value of f.name...
45
46     print('Displaying {0}:'.format(f.name))
47     display(IFrame('files/{0}'.format(f.name), '100%', '600px'))

```

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To **Microservices** and **Back Again**: Why **Segment Went Back** to a **Monolith** — **microservices** came with increased operational **overhead** and **problems** around code reuse. ... If **microservices** are implemented incorrectly or used as a **band-aid** without addressing some of the **root flaws** in your **system**, you'll be unable to do new **product development** because you're **drowning** in the complexity. **GNU poke** — interactive **editor** for binary data. Not limited to editing basic **entities** such as **bits** and **bytes**, it provides a full-fledged **procedural**, interactive **programming language** designed to describe data structures and to operate on them. (via **Kernel Recipes**) **Blender** — **Facebook** open sourced their **open-domain** (“can talk about **anything!**”) chatbot. Human **evaluations** show our best **models** are superior to

In []: ▶

1