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Tip

You can now use ONNX and OpenVINO backends for Sentence Transformer models. Read [SentenceTransformer > Usage > Speeding up Inference](docs/sentence_transformer/usage/efficiency.html) to learn more about the new backends and what they can mean for your inference speed.

Tip

Sentence Transformers v3.4 just released, introducing documentation for training with PEFT. Read [SentenceTransformer > Training Examples > Training with PEFT Adapters](examples/training/peft/README.html) to learn more about how you can use train embedding models without finetuning all model parameters.

SentenceTransformers Documentationïƒ•

Sentence Transformers (a.k.a. SBERT) is the go-to Python module for accessing, using, and training state-of-the-art text and image embedding models. It can be used to compute embeddings using Sentence Transformer models ([quickstart](docs/quickstart.html#sentence-transformer)) or to calculate similarity scores using Cross-Encoder models ([quickstart](docs/quickstart.html#cross-encoder)). This unlocks a wide range of applications, including [semantic search](examples/applications/semantic-search/README.html), [semantic textual similarity](docs/usage/semantic_textual_similarity.html), and [paraphrase mining](examples/applications/paraphrase-mining/README.html).

A wide selection of over [5,000 pre-trained Sentence Transformers models](https://huggingface.co/models?library=sentence-transformers) are available for immediate use on ðŸ¤— Hugging Face, including many of the state-of-the-art models from the [Massive Text Embeddings Benchmark (MTEB) leaderboard](https://huggingface.co/spaces/mteb/leaderboard). Additionally, it is easy to [train or finetune your own models](docs/sentence_transformer/training_overview.html) using Sentence Transformers, enabling you to create custom models for your specific use cases.

Sentence Transformers was created by [UKPLab](http://www.ukp.tu-darmstadt.de/) and is being maintained by [ðŸ¤— Hugging Face](https://huggingface.co). Donâ€™t hesitate to open an issue on the [Sentence Transformers repository](https://github.com/UKPLab/sentence-transformers) if something is broken or if you have further questions.

Usageïƒ•

See also

See the [Quickstart](docs/quickstart.html) for more quick information on how to use Sentence Transformers.

Using Sentence Transformer models is elementary:

Installation

You can install _sentence-transformers_ using pip:

```
pip install -U sentence-transformers
```

We recommend **Python 3.9+** and **PyTorch 1.11.0+**. See
[installation](docs/installation.html) for further installation options.

```
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer

# 1. Load a pretrained Sentence Transformer model
model = SentenceTransformer("all-MiniLM-L6-v2")

# The sentences to encode
sentences = [
    "The weather is lovely today.",
    "It's so sunny outside!",
    "He drove to the stadium.",
]

# 2. Calculate embeddings by calling model.encode()
embeddings = model.encode(sentences)
print(embeddings.shape)
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    # [3, 384]

    # 3. Calculate the embedding similarities
    similarities = model.similarity(embeddings, embeddings)
    print(similarities)
    # tensor([[1.0000, 0.6660, 0.1046],
    #         [0.6660, 1.0000, 0.1411],
    #         [0.1046, 0.1411, 1.0000]])
```

What Next?ïƒ•

Consider reading one of the following sections to answer the related questions:

* How to **use** Sentence Transformer models? [Sentence Transformers > Usage](docs/sentence_transformer/usage/usage.html)

* What Sentence Transformer **models** can I use? [Sentence Transformers > Pretrained Models](docs/sentence_transformer/pretrained_models.html)

* How do I make Sentence Transformer models **faster**? [Sentence Transformers > Usage > Speeding up Inference](docs/sentence_transformer/usage/efficiency.html)

* How do I **train/finetune** a Sentence Transformer model? [Sentence Transformers > Training Overview](docs/sentence_transformer/training_overview.html)

* How to **use** Cross Encoder models? [Cross Encoder > Usage](docs/cross_encoder/usage/usage.html)

* What Cross Encoder **models** can I use? [Cross Encoder > Pretrained Models](docs/cross_encoder/pretrained_models.html)

Citingï•

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If you use one of the multilingual models, feel free to cite our publication

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If you use the code for [data augmentation](https://github.com/UKPLab/sentence-transformers/tree/master/examples/training/data_augmentation), feel free to cite our publication [Augmented SBERT: Data Augmentation Method for Improving Bi-Encoders for Pairwise Sentence Scoring Tasks](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.08240):

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