

ISMLA Session 6 - UIMA

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⇒ components are only exchangeable when also the type system is shared

- problem of compatibility of types/annotations intensifies for
 - other tools
 - different input capabilities
 - different output format and granularity of features
 - other languages
 - different features needed for different languages

Motivation

DKPro provides a solution to this problem:

*"Many NLP tools are already freely available in the NLP research community. DKPro Core provides Apache UIMA components wrapping these tools (and some original tools) so they can be used interchangeably in UIMA processing pipelines. DKPro Core builds heavily on uimaFIT which allows for rapid and easy development of NLP processing pipelines, for wrapping existing tools and for creating original UI components."*¹

¹<https://dkpro.github.io/dkpro-core/>, last access 2017-11-27

- tool
- component
- processing framework
- resource
- component collection

cf. [Eckart de Castilho and Gurevych, 2014]

Components

- DKPro Core² wraps a wide range of NLP tools as uimaFIT annotators
- all components use the same shared type system for interoperability
- components can be easily swapped because other components of the same category (e.g. tokenizer) produce the same types as output functions
- explicit and comprehensive type system provides most types for most tasks

²other DKPro projects exist, e.g. DKPro statistics

Components and Resources

- all components and resources grouped in central Maven repository³
- custom components can be added building on the specification
- open-source implementation of components allows for easy lookup and extension of functions

³<https://mvnrepository.com/artifact/de.tudarmstadt.ukp.dkpro.core>

- resources (e.g. language-specific models) are described by coordinates:
 - tool
 - language
 - resource variant
 - version
- component coordinates are expressed as Maven coordinates

Analysis Tasks

Task	Components	Languages
Language identification	2	de, en, es, fr, +65
Tokenization and sentence boundary detection	5	de, en, es, fr, +25
Lemmatization	7	de, en
Stemming	1	de, en, es, fr, +11
Part-of-speech tagging	9	de, en, es, fr, +14
Morphological analysis	2	de, en, fr, it, +1
Named entity recognition	2	de, en, es, nl
Chunking	1	en
Constituency parsing	3	de, en, fr, zh, +1
Dependency parsing	5	de, en, es, fr, +7
Coreference analysis	1	en
Semantic role labelling	1	en
Spell checking and grammar checking	3	de, en, es, fr, +25

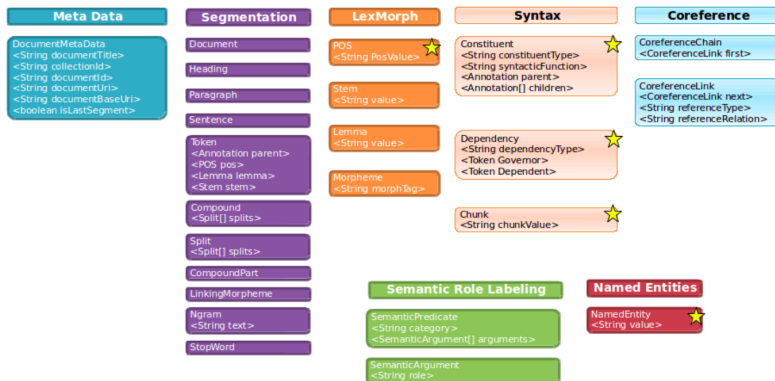
Figure: DKPro components; table taken from [Eckart de Castilho and Gurevych, 2014, page 7]

Typesystem

<https://dkpro.github.io/dkpro-core/releases/1.7.0/typesystem/>

This graphics gives an overview of the most important types in the DKPro Core type system. All types shown here inherit from the UIMA `Annotation` type which provides `start` and `end` offsets.

DKPro Core Type System (Top Level)



★ For these types, DKPro Core provides several specialized subtypes, e.g. *NP* for noun phrase constituents or *Location* for places.

Exercise

see handout

DKPro Core [Eckart de Castilho and Gurevych, 2014]

web page: <https://dkpro.github.io/dkpro-core/>

information on the slides is partly based on these resources

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