

# The ABC of Computational Text Analysis

#10 NLP WITH PYTHON

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# Recap last Lecture

introduce Python 

- working with VS Code Editor
- learning programming concepts & syntax
  - data types, loops, indexing...

# Outline

- get the organizational stuff done
  - evaluation, mini-project, assignment #3
- let's do serious NLP! 
- code interactively
  - interrupt, ask, and complement

# Organizational



# Course Evaluation

Tell me... 

Please follow the link in the email

- received on 9 May 2023 (or similar)
- by the University of Lucerne, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Thanks for any constructive feedback,  
be it sweet or sour! 

# Assignment #3



- get/submit via OLAT
  - starting tomorrow
  - deadline 20 May 2023, 23:59
- use the OLAT forum
  - subscribe to get notifications
- ask friends for support, not solutions

# Requirements of Mini-Project

**present project on 2 June 2023**

- analyze any collection of documents
    - compare historically
    - compare between actors
  - apply quantitative measures + interpretation
    - executable script
    - multiple documents
  - form groups of 2-4 people
- !** share your project idea [here](#) by 19 May 2023

# Optional Seminar Paper

- writing a seminar paper (6 ECTS)
- get in touch to discuss your idea



# A Primer on Old School NLP

# What is a Word?

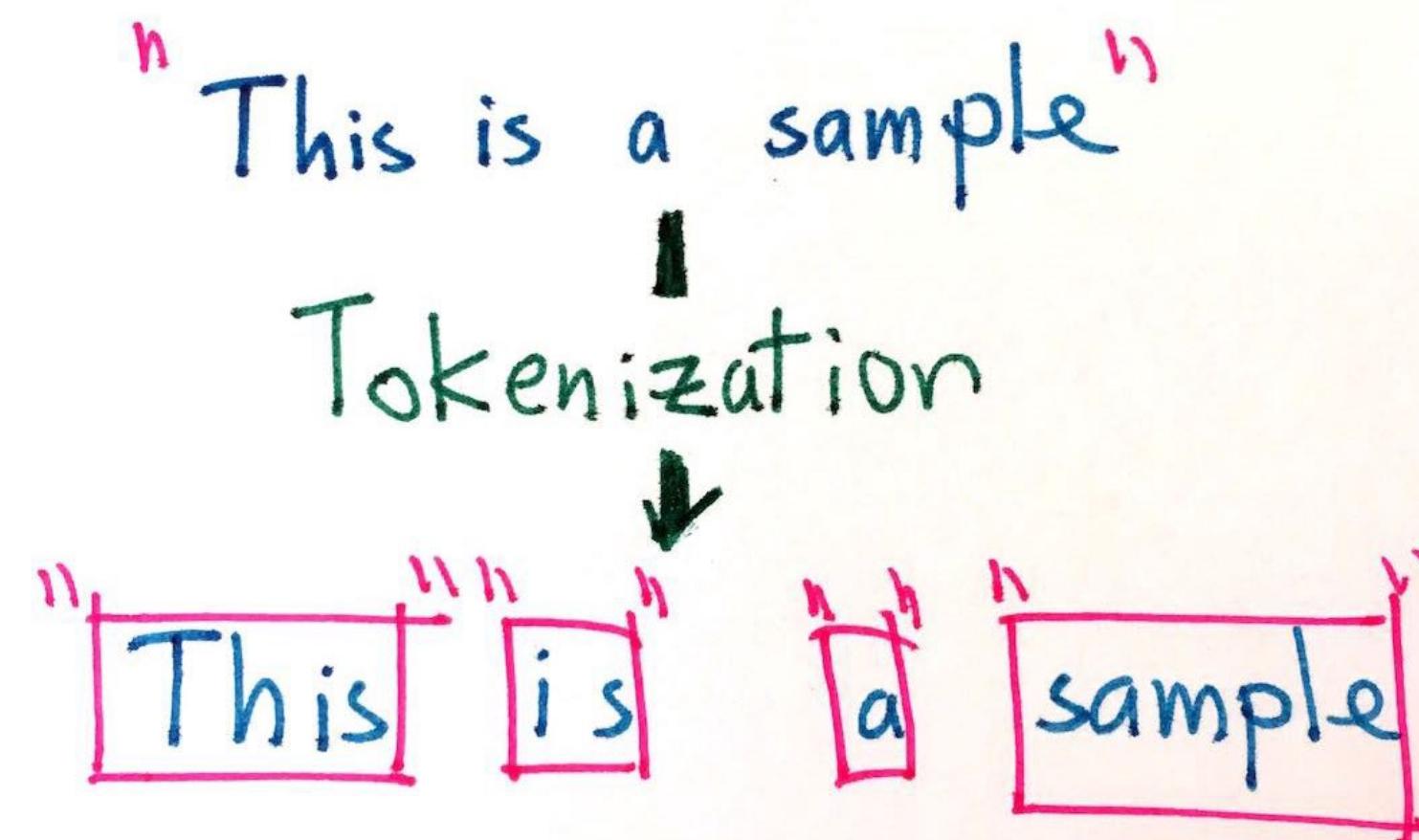
- words ~ segments between whitespace
- yet, there are ...

contractions: U.S., don't

collocations: New York

# Token

- token ~ computational unit
  - representation of words
- lemma ~ base form of a word
  - texts → text
  - goes → go
- stop words ~ functional words
  - lacking deeper meaning
  - the, a, on, and ...



Tokenizing a sentence (Medium)

Let's tokenize this sentence! Isn't it easy? 😎

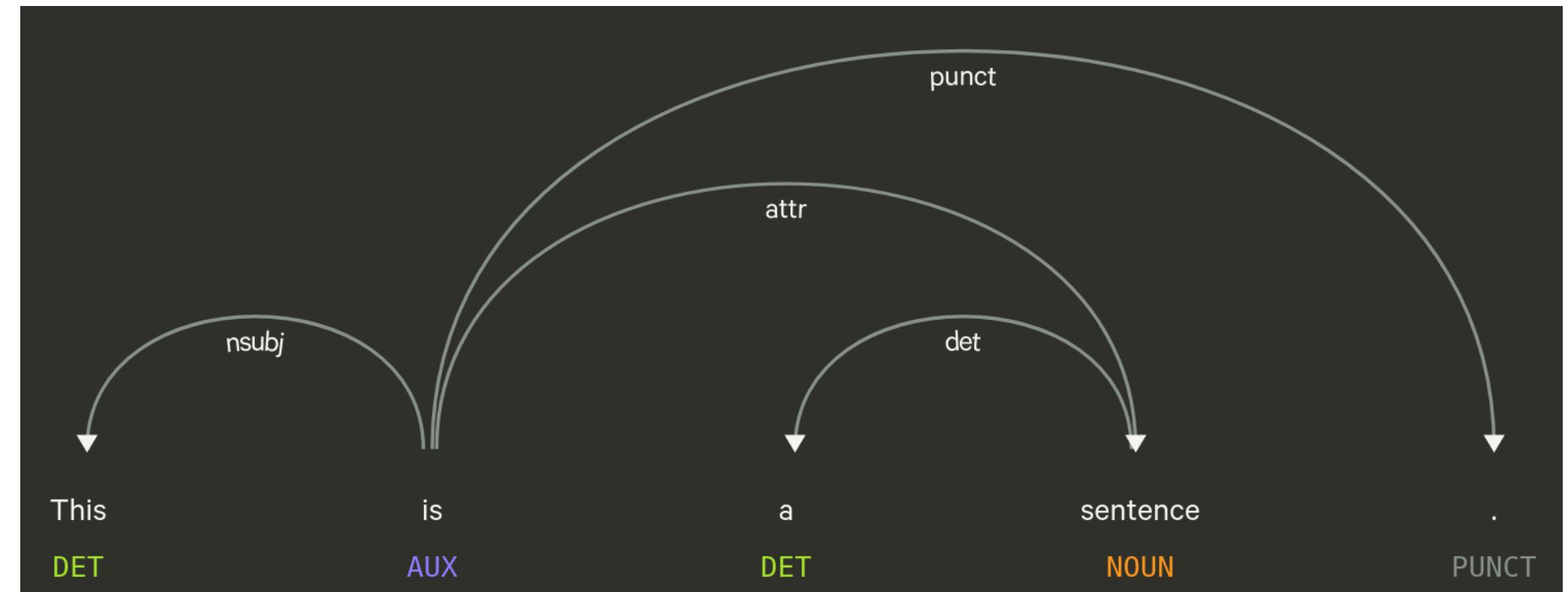
# Common Processing Steps in NLP

## 1. Tokenizing

segmenting text into words,  
punctuations etc.

## 2. Tagging part-of-speech (POS)

assigning word types (e.g. verb,  
noun)



## 3. Parsing

describing syntactic relations

## 4. Named Entity Recognition (NER)

organizations, persons, locations,  
time etc.

Catch up on NLP with Jurafsky

and Martin (forthcoming)

# Modules/Packages

No programming from scratch



- packages provide specific functionalities
- packages need to be installed first

# NLP Packages

- **spaCy**

industrial-strength Natural Language Processing (NLP)

- **textaCy**

NLP, before and after spaCy

- **scattertext**

beautiful visualizations of how language differs across corpora

# Deep Dive into NLP for Social Science

- check [code](#) on GitHub
- run code on Binder [!\[\]\(73b059f51b6349c47bd4937a81c667dc\_img.jpg\) launch binder](#)

# Resources

tutorials on spaCy

- official spaCy 101
- official online course spaCy
- Hitchhiker's Guide to NLP in spaCy



Questions?

# References

Jurafsky, Dan, and James H. Martin. forthcoming. *Speech and Language Processing*. 3rd (Draft of December 29, 2021). London: Prentice Hall. <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/>.