

M2 Software Project

Oaks Fake News Detector



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Introduction

News plays an important role in shaping people's beliefs and opinions. The spread of fake news is being increasingly problematic. [Zhou_2019]

Example

The past election cycle for the 45th President of the United States. [Zhou_2019]

NLP can help through **fake news detection**:

- **reminding** newsreaders to be alert
- providing information on the **accuracy level** of each case

Knowledge base approach

- DEAP-FAKED [**mayank2021deap**]
 - Dataset: Kaggle Fake News¹
 - biLSTM for article representation
 - ComplEx algorithm for knowledge base entity representation (WikiData)
 - Classification with Multilayer perceptron
 - F1: 88.66%

¹<https://www.kaggle.com/c/fake-news/overview>

Neural network approach

- Exploring Text-transformers in AAAI 2021 Shared Task: COVID-19 Fake News Detection in English [**li2021exploring**]
 - Dataset: COVID19 Fake News Detection in English²
 - Bert, Ernie, Roberta, XL-net, and Electra ensemble with pseudo-labeling
 - F1: 98.59%

²<https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/26655>

Linguistic features approach

- Linguistic feature based learning model for fake news detection and classification [**choudhary2021linguistic**]
 - Dataset: Buzzfeed Political News Data, Random Political News Data
 - Features:
 - Syntax-based
 - Sentiment-based
 - Grammatical-based
 - Readability-based
 - Ensemble of Gaussian Naïve bayes, Kernel Naïve Bayes, Linear SVM, Gaussian SVM
 - Accuracy: 72%

Our Solution

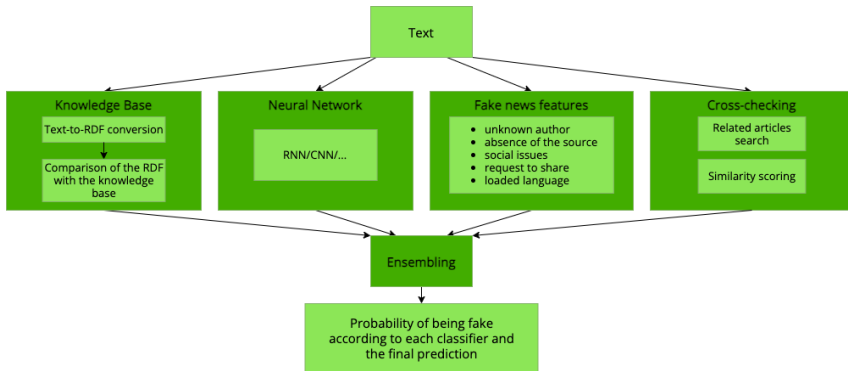


Figure: Ideal structure of the system's algorithm

Knowledge Base approach

- Text-to-RDF graph conversion
- Comparison with the WikiData knowledge base

Neural Network approach

Modern neural network architectures that show SoTA results in the various NLP tasks

- GRU
- LSTM
- CNN
- Transfer learning

Feature-based approach

As stated in [**fakenews_features**], fake news may be distinguished by the following features:

- unknown author
- absence of the source
- social issues
- requests to share the news
- loaded language usage

Cross-checking approach

- search of the similar articles on GoogleNews
- verification if the information is not contradictory

The Product

Various options are possible:

- **Web** App
- Browser **Extension**
- **Smartphone** App

The Product

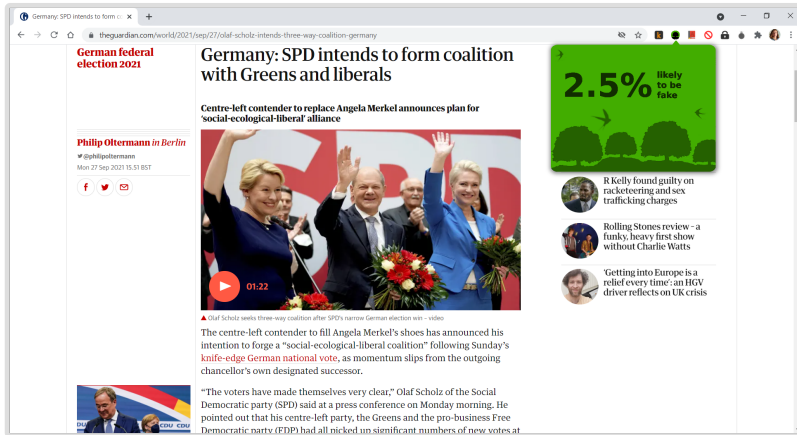


Figure: Draft mockup of the browser extension

The Product

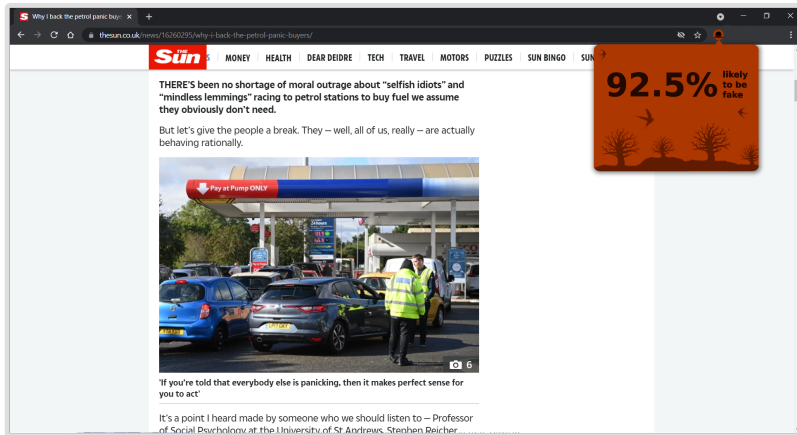


Figure: Draft mockup of the browser extension when detecting fake news

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