## **HG2052**

# Language, Technology and the Internet

### **Text and Meta-Text**

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### **Text and Meta-text**

- Explicit Meta-data
  - Keywords and Categories
  - Rankings
  - > Structural Markup
- ➤ Implicit Meta-data
  - > Links and Citations
  - > Tags
  - > Tables
  - > File Names
  - > Translations

## **Explicit Metadata**

- > You can get information from metadata within documents
  - When they are accurate they are very good
  - They are often inaccurate
    - \* Sometimes deliberately deceitful
    - \* More often incomplete or out-of-date

Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.

Hanlon's Razor

You have attributed conditions to villainy that simply result from stupidity

Robert A. Heinlein (1941) Logic of Empire

#### **HTML** Metadata

Most document types contain metadata of some description:

```
<head>
    <title>CSLI LinGO Lab</title>
    <META HTTP-EQUIV="Content-Type" CONTENT="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Style-Type" content="text/css">
    <meta name="keywords" content="linguistic grammars online,
        LinGO, computational linguistics,
        head-driven phrase structure grammar, hpsg, natural language processing,
        parsing, generation, augmentative and alternative communication, aac,
        LinGO Redwoods, multiword expressions, MWE, grammar matrix">
        <meta name="description" content="This page provides information about
        the CSLI Linguistic Grammars Online (LinGO) Lab at Stanford
        University.">
```

> Should we also extract out this data, or is metadata too unreliable to consider using?

### PDF Metadata

#### Checkout this file (now look at earlier weeks)

PdfID1: 39bb293fa576c18e1ae64480cb8974

```
InfoKey: Creator
InfoValue: xetex(k) 5.98 Copyright 2009 Radical Eye Software
InfoKey: Title
InfoValue: Lecture 11:Text and Meta-Text
InfoKey: Author
InfoValue: Francis Bond
InfoKey: Producer
InfoValue: GPL Ghostscript 8.71
InfoKey: Keywords
InfoValue: Language, Technology, Internet
InfoKey: Subject
InfoValue: HG2052/HG252: Language, Technology and the Internet
InfoKey: ModDate
InfoValue: D:20120315121040+08'00'
InfoKey: CreationDate
InfoValue: D:20120315121040+08'00'
PdfID0: 39bb293fa576c18e1ae64480cb8974
```

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#### **HTML** Metadata

- > HTML Metadata is generally considered unreliable
  - > Authors don't see it, so they don't update it
  - > As it in unseen, it is easy to lie in the MetaData

It wasn't long before webmasters with no scruples saw an opportunity to gain favour with the search engines by adding in keywords that did not pertain to the content of their pages. Various tactics were thought up to get ranked higher for certain keywords, and an entire industry sprang up to optimise search engine positioning. This was, in effect, cheating, and "keyword spamming" became a serious problem for search engines, who vainly attempted to add filters that would notice when a webmaster was loading up on the wrong keywords.

## **Keywords and Categories**

- > Sites with visible tags are more trustworthy/reliable
- ➤ Tags within blogs/photo cites
- > Keywords in journals and conferences

### **Example tags from Science Professor**

```
# academia (109)
# academic novels (9)
# accounting nightmares (10)
# administrative assistants (7)
# adviser-student (69)
# attempt at humor (18)
# awards (7)
# bizarre (56)
# blogging (22)
# books (23)
# broader impacts (8)
# career issues (27)
# cats (19)
# citations and citation index (19)
```

## **Rankings**

➤ Another good source of meta-data is rankings/forums

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- > Sentiment Analysis tries to judge whether text is favorable or unfavorable
  - > Link text to rankings for data
  - ➤ Link posts to tags for usefulness in QA

### hungry go where

Overall: 7 Recommend.

I spent about S\$10 Per Person

Food/Beverage: 6

Ambience: 5

Value: 9

Service: 5

Cheap but not very cheerful

10 June, 2010

Absolutely love this neighbourhood eatery, mainly because I have been eating here since I was a child, so it brings back many happy memories. Granted, service is kind of lacking but a cheap and yummy home-style meal can always be had. Must-haves for me are the Honey Pork (love the 3 or 4 little green peas they garnish it with), Ayam Buah Keluak, Bakwan Kepeting (meatball soup) and Sayur Lodeh. The Otak and Ngor Hiang are not bad too.

### **Links and Citations**

- > Citation frequency can be used to measure the impact of an article.
  - Simplest measure: Each article gets one vote not very accurate.
- > On the web: citation frequency = inlink count
  - > A high inlink count does not necessarily mean high quality ...
  - ...mainly because of link spam.
- > Better measure: weighted citation frequency or citation rank
  - > An article's vote is weighted according to its citation impact.
  - > This can be formalized in a well-defined way and calculated.

### **Structure**

- > Structural Markup gives useful cues
  - > Words in headers are often good keywords
  - ➤ TableOfContents!
    - 1 Review
    - 1.1 Language Identification
    - 1.2 Normalization
    - 2 Text and Meta-text
    - 2.1 Implicit Tags
    - 2.1 Explicit Tags

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## **Implicit Metadata**

- > You can get clues from metadata within documents
  - > as they are non-intended, they tend to be noisy
  - > but they are rarely deceitful

## **Tags**

> Hypertext Anchors and other formatting gives phrase boundaries

```
whereas McCain is secure on the topic, Obama <a>[VP worries about winning the pro-Israel vote]</a> [NP [NP Libyan ruler] <a>[NP Mu 'ammar al-Qaddafi]</a>] referred to Mainly NPs
```

> This can be very useful in restricting parser possibilities

Valentin I. Spitkovsky, Daniel Jurafsky, Hiyan Alshawi (2010) *Profiting from Mark-Up: Hyper-Text Annotations for Guided Parsing* ACL

## **Tables**

- > You can learn many things from Tables
  - > for example, categories

Vehicle	Price	Manufacturer	Туре	Rating
Raum	XXX	Toyota	Hatch-back	Solid
icw30	XXX	Hyundae	Station Wagon	Exciting
Corolla	XXX	Toyota	Station Wagon	Solid
Camry	XXX	Toyota	Sedan	Bland

 $\mathsf{Toyota} \subset \mathsf{manufacturer}$ 

#### **File Names**

- > How to find definitions?
  - ➤ Look for files called glossary, dictionary, ...
- ➤ Is there an English version of this?
  - http://nlpwww.nict.go.jp/wn-ja/index.ja.html
  - http://nlpwww.nict.go.jp/wn-ja/index.en.html

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## **Translations**

➤ A translation into another language can be seen as markup

#### **Bracketed Glosses**

GPS

通用 回解诀者

28 附录: (通用 回解诀者》(GPS)计算机程序解决··河内塔。

{2069:corpus0.txt}

SomeThoughtsConcerningEducation

教育漫话

笔者在认真阅读洛克的教育著作《教育漫话》(SomeThoughtsCon《关于理解的指导》以及《贫穷儿童劳动学校计划》(PlanofWorkin {25094:corpus0.txt}

## **Cross-lingual Disambiguation**

- (1)  $I_1$  saw $_2$  the kid $_3$  with a telescope $_4$
- (2)  $\phi_1$  望遠鏡  $_4$  で 子供  $_1$  を 見た  $_2$  bouenkyou de kodomo wo mita NULL telescope with child ACC see-past With the telescope, I saw the kid.
- > We can disambiguate the PP attachment: **de** only modifies verbs
- > We can disambiguate the verb **see/saw**: **mita** is only "see"
- > We can resolve the zero pronoun: It must be the speaker.

## **Query Data**

#### AOL user 2708:

- > revenge tactics
- > the woman's book of revenge
- dirty tricks for chicks
- **>** ...
- ➤ locatecell.com
- > what can i do to an old lover for revenge
- mean revenge tactics
- death records in hampstead

### Wikipedia Redirections

- ightharpoonup Alternative names (*Edison Arantes do Nascimento* ightharpoonup *Pelé*).
- $\triangleright$  Abbreviations (DSM-IV  $\rightarrow$  Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders).
- ightharpoonup Alternative spellings or punctuation. (*Colour* ightharpoonup *Color*; *Al-Jazeera* ightharpoonup *Al Jazeera*).
- $\triangleright$  Likely misspellings (*Condoleeza Rice*  $\rightarrow$  *Condoleezza Rice*).
- $\triangleright$  Plurals (*Greenhouse gases*  $\rightarrow$  *Greenhouse gas*).
- ightharpoonup Related words (*Symbiont*  $\rightarrow$  *Symbiosis*).
- ightharpoonup Representations using ASCII characters (*Kurt Goedel* and *Kurt Godel* ightharpoonup *Kurt Gödel*).

## **Cross Wikipedia Links**

- **en** Forensic linguistics
- ca Lingüística forense
- cs Forenzní lingvistika
- **de** Forensische Linguistik
- es Lingüística forense
- nl Forensische taalkunde
- **no** Forensisk lingvistikk
- tr Adlî dil bilimi
- zh 司法语言学

## **Deliberately Deceit: Phishing**

- > Phishing is a way of attempting to acquire information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.
- > Communications typically pretend to be from social web sites, auction sites, online payment processors or IT administrators.
- > Phishing is typically carried out by e-mail spoofing, linking users to a fake website whose look and feel are almost identical to the legitimate one.
- > Phishing is an example of social engineering.
- ➤ A phishing technique was described in detail in 1987, and (according to its creator) the first recorded use of the term *phishing* was made in 1995.

## From my own spam box

System Administrator s28407548@tuks.co.za via srs.ieee.org to undisclosed recipients

You have exceeded the storage limit on your mailbox.

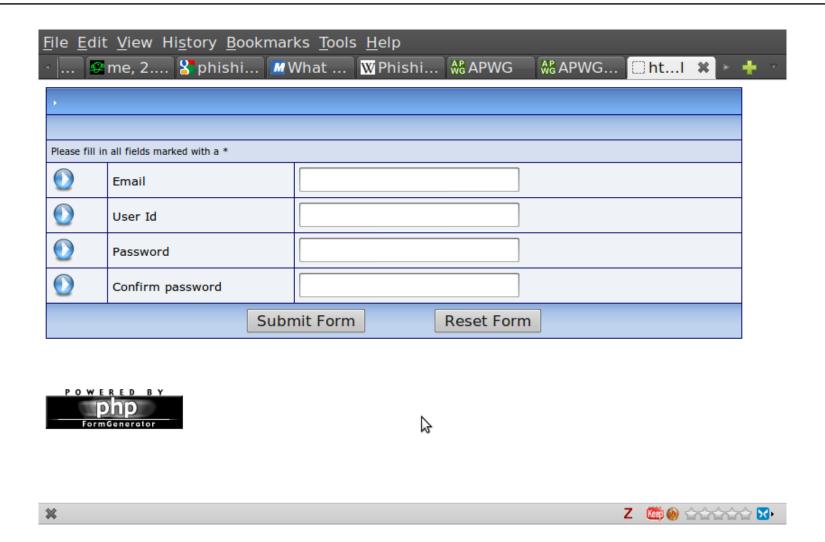
You will not be able to send or receive new mail until you upgrade your email quota.

Click the below link and fill the form to upgrade your account.

http://millerofficetrailers.com/forms/use/hepldesk/form1.html

System Administrator 192.168.0.1

### The fake form



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# **Some Distinguishing Features**

- > Surprisingly many grammatical mistakes
- > Spoofed URLs
- ➤ Ultimatums
- > Weird misspellings: NTU.edu.org

## Why is this important?

- > The 1990s started a revolution in empirical linguistics
  - ➤ New insights come from Data Mining large text collections
    - \* Corpus Linguistics
    - \* You can do with a computer what you can't do with paper
  - ➤ New tools come from supervised Machine Learning
- > Annotation is expensive and tedious to do
- > We want to get annotation for free
- ➤ People appreciate clever ideas
- ➤ In Singapore multiple-languages can serve as annotation, ...