

From Train Control System Log Files to Train Traffic Summaries

Using anomaly detection and NLG to translate Train Control System log files

About me

- MSc student in Data Science and Technology
- Finalizing my master thesis at a CGI

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The project

- ProRail
- Train control system in The Netherlands
- ASTRIS - Log files

Goal

Generating human readable reports about anomalies (unusual behavior) detected in the log files

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2018-07-02T13:26:34.4012Z|IDCR_ZL01|niemand|Astris08|EMSCorrelationID='geen-  
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bf="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wsrf/bf-2">  
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<RIT:Seconden>1530537993</RIT:Seconden>  
<RIT:Microseconden>50473</RIT:Microseconden>  
</RIT:Tijdstempel>  
</RIT:SafetyCode>  
<RIT:RijwegIdentificatie>
```



The following unusual behaviors were detected after analyzing the given log file.

1. Unusual behavior was detected when setting the route : **108-202X-LLR**

One or more elements did not reach the requested position for the route. Consequently, state *Wordt_voorbereid* transitioned back to *Gereserveerd*, instead of transitioning to the expected state *Voorbereid*. The table below shows all the states visited and the attributes that were active in a particular state. Additionally, the time when a state was visited is indicated in the second column.

Message number	Timestamp (Seconds, Microseconds)	Checksum	State	Active attributes
1	1551963071,980126	566029257	Rust	[]
2	1551963079,199275	3455454404	Rust	[RR, VBR, IR]
3	1551963079, 213520	2612494063	Gereserveerd	[]
4	1551963079, 218601	3528715720	Wordt_voorbereid	[IR]
5	1551963246, 76928	3318898854	Gereserveerd	[IR]
6	1551963250, 37129	3853741571	Gereserveerd	[IR, H]
7	1551963250, 436923	3313027229	Rust	[]

2. Unusual behavior was detected when setting the route : **40-40X-L**

BEVNL denied an 'InstellenRijweg' request sent by ASTRIS. Therefore, ASTRIS transitioned from state *Instelopdracht_verstuurd* to *Instelopdracht_afgekurd*, instead of transitioning to state *Wordt_ingesteld*. The table below shows all the states visited and the attributes that were active in a particular state. Additionally, the time when a state was visited is indicated in the second column.

DataSet

- Log files provided by the company

Methodology

Natural Language Generation

- Content Determination task - **graph based anomaly detection** (State Machine and Adjacency Matrix) - Python
- SimpleNLG - JAVA

My experience

- Enjoyed getting domain knowledge
- The freedom given by the company
- I got to decide the techniques I use
- Got familiarized with being in a big company
- I like my topic - NLG

Questions



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Thank you for your attention!