

NLP System Demonstration

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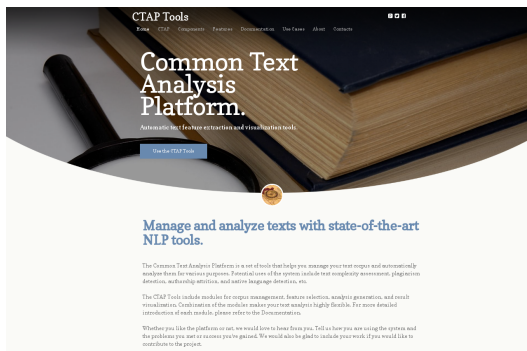
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Common Text Analysis Platform

A Web-based tool supporting automatic analysis of text.

- Four components:
 - corpus manager
 - feature selector
 - analysis generator
 - result visualizer
- Features:
 - Consistent, easy-to-use, friendly user interface
 - Modularized, reusable, and collaborative development of analysis components
 - Flexible corpus and feature management
- Use cases:
 - Complexity analysis / readability assessment
 - Authorship attribution
 - Plagiarism detection
 - ...

System Demo—CTAP



- <http://ctapweb.com/>

- Related publication:

Chen, X.B., Meurers, D. (2016). CTAP: A Web-Based Tool Supporting Automatic Complexity Analysis. In *Proceedings of The Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Linguistic Complexity*. pages 113–119, Osaka, Japan, December 11–17 2016. The International Committee on Computational Linguistics.

Syntactic Benchmarks

Challenges learners in their individual Zone of Proximal Development using pedagogic developmental benchmarks of syntactic complexity.

- Modeling syntactic complexity development with a target language or pedagogic corpus (Newsela, 14,581 news articles in 9 developmental levels)
- Placement of user proficiency on the developmental benchmark
- Provision of comprehensible reading input, which is configurable in terms of the degree of challenge and the target grade level
- Supporting 14 syntactic complexity measures

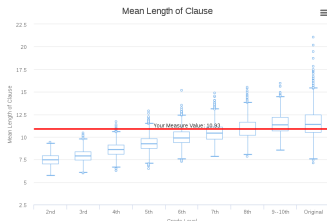
System Demo—SyB

Your Position in Scale

Syntactic Measure:

Mean Length of Clause

Challenge



● Related Publication:

Chen, X.B., Meurers, D. (2017). Challenging Learners in Their Individual Zone of Proximal Development Using Pedagogic Developmental Benchmarks of Syntactic Complexity. In Proceedings of the Natural Language Processing for Computer-Assisted Language Learning Workshop. Gothenburg, Sweden, 22 May.

Form-Focused Linguistically Aware Information Retrieval

- Primary operations:
 - Web Search
 - Text Crawling
 - Parsing
 - Ranking
- Identifies the 87 grammatical constructions spelled out in the official English language curriculum of schools in Baden-Württemberg, Germany

System Demo—FLAIR



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Version 2.0

FLAIR is an online tool for language teachers and learners that:
searches the web for a topic of interest
analyzes the results for grammatical constructions and readability levels
re-ranks the results according to your (pedagogical or learning) needs specified in the settings

<http://samossfs.uni-tuebingen.de:8080/flair-2.0/>

- Related publication:

Chinkina, M., Kannan, Madeeswaran, and Meurers, D. (2016). Online Information Retrieval for Language Learning. In *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics—System Demonstrations*, pages 7–12, Berlin, Germany, August 7–12, 2016.

- Which components/functions of these systems require NLP processing?
- What NLP processes are required to realize these functions?
- Think about your own teaching and research. How can the NLP technologies used in these systems be used to solve your problems?

NLP at Work—An Example with the SyB

- Mean length of clause in tokens
- Formula: $\#tokens / \#clauses$
 - Sentence segmenter \rightarrow tokenizer \rightarrow count $\#tokens$
 - Sentence segmenter \rightarrow tokenizer \rightarrow parser \rightarrow tree structure pattern matcher (Tregex) \rightarrow count $\#$ of matches of the clause pattern \rightarrow $\#clauses$