



Annotating your texts, manually and automatically



Programme

- ☐ Introduction to the COST action annotation campaign and datasets 12.30-
 - 13.05 (Francesca Frontini, Ranka Stanković)
 - Motivation and annotation guidelines
 - ☐ Presentation of tools used for manual and automated annotation and testing results
- ☐ Break 10 min (13:05-13:15)
- Practical exercise (13:15-13:50) (Ranka Stanković)
 - Brat + NerBeyond (20 min)
 - □ Practical exercise (15 min)
- ☐ Break 10 min (13:50-14:00)
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 - ☐ CLARIN tools (1h): 14h 15h
 - Practical exercise

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The ELTEc NER annotation campaign

- Requirements
 - Why ad hoc annotations
- Annotation guidelines
 - What to annotate (categories)
 - How to annotate it (nested annotations, include determiners, ...)
- The process
 - Alignment of annotation for the various languages
 - Choice and configuration of annotation tool

The ELTEc NER annotation campaign

WG3 - "Literary Theory and History" expressed a list of desiderata

https://www.distant-reading.net/wg-3/

WG2 - "Methods and tools" adapted the guidelines and carried out the annotation https://www.distant-reading.net/wg-2/

Objective: test existing NER tools in various languages and see how adapted they are.

- A first set of desiderata emanates from the idea that a novel is an epic set in the
 private space of a bourgeois home, something which demands researchers to be
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 names of professions, etc.
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The Tagset

The mandatory tag set used here combines the 8 categories

PERS, ROLE, DEMO, ORG, PLACE, FAC, WORK and EVENT, while MISC is optional.

Each category tag can be annotated with attributes, but this annotation is not mandatory.

Tag	Brief Description	Attributes (optional)	Comment	Examples (separated by ;)
PERS	Person names	real/fiction male/female/ collective	Proper names of people including first names, last names, individual or family names, fictional names and unique nicknames. This applies also to gods. Generational markers (Jr., VIII), and royal titles (Queen, Sir are included). Honorific titles (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms, Dr, Prof) are included when they occur followed by the proper name. Category to be used for named animals too.	Anna Eleanor Roosevelt Jr.; St. Nicolas; King George V; Princess Diana; Harry Potter; Psammead; Thanatos; God; Christ; Lord Eugen de Vere;

Tag	Brief Description	Attributes (optional)	Comment	Examples (separated by ;)
ROLE	Names of posts and job titles	profession nobility office military	profession (doktor, profesor, sailor, nurse) nobility (Lord, Viscount, Baron, Earl) office (President, Governor,) military (Military rank such as Colonel, marechal)	Archbishop of Canterbury; Sa Majesté Britannique: marquez de Cannaes; Emperor; procurador de Celorico;

Tag	Brief Description	Attributes (optional)	Comment	Examples (separated by ;)
ORG		committee government workplace administrative political religious education	Names of companies, political parties, educational institutions, sport teams, hospitals, museums, libraries etc. Especially, hotels, museums, hospitals, libraries, churches and temples, commercial facilities,	White House; Green Party; Opera;

Tag	Brief Description	Attributes (optional)	Comment	Examples (separated by ;)
PLACE	Location	continent country region city village mountain waterbody astronym	Names of locations including celestial bodies, stars, continents, mountains, oceans, coasts, rivers, lakes, borders,	West Balkan; Europe; South Region

Tag	Brief Description	Attributes (optional)	Comment	Examples (separated by ;)
WORK	titles of	book song play newspaper paintings sculptures	Titles of books, songs, plays and other creations	
EVENT		natural disaster political war sport culture business	Named events and phenomena including natural disasters, hurricanes, revolutions, battles, wars, demonstrations, concerts, sports events, etc. Both cyclic one-off events	Christmas; Napoleonic Wars

Tag	Brief Description	Attributes (optional)	Comment	Examples (separated by ;)
FAC	Facility (human-mad e)		buildings, airports, roads, stations, infrastructures (bridges and streets), monuments, hospitals, named ships, trains	Opera; Theater, Prison; café; Main street
MISC optional	Temporal Quantitative Other		Date, time, ordinals, measures,	
DEMO	Names of kinds of people	national regional political		Frenchwoman; German; Parisiens; Midi Whigs, Reds, Christian

Annotation in context

The same word or group of words can have different meanings, as we see with the Opera example:

I work for the Opera. Opera=ORG

I met you at the Opera. Opera=FAC

Nested annotations:

<PERS><ROLE>directeur</ROLE>de l'Opéra</PERS>

Choice of annotation tool

- Brat https://brat.nlplab.org/
 - Multiple users
 - Customizable categories and annotation feature
 - Export format compatible with other tools
 - Parallel annotation and comparison features (inter annotator agreement)

Other tools similar tools are available, such as **Inception** (https://inception-project.github.io/)

Annotation interface and examples

The full annotation

http://brat2.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/eltec-manual/eng/ENG18450_Disraeli_sample

A simplified version for testing purposes:

http://brat2.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/eltec-simplified/eng/ENG18450_Disraeli_sample http://brat2.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/eltec-simplified/fra/rd0019_sample

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Outline

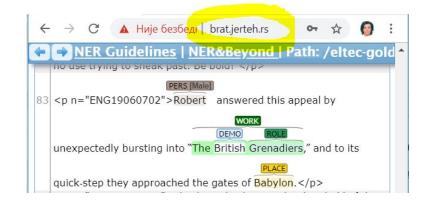
- Software infrastructure presentation on tools related to NER
 - o BRAT manual annotation
 - Formats and transformations NER & Beyond
- Annotation campaigns
 - dataset preparation (all languages)
 - dataset publishing (txt+ann)
 - o manual annotation or correction of automatic annotations
 - detailed and simplified annotation
- Inter-annotator agreement
 - o why?
 - o how?
- Manual annotation vs automatic annotations
 - problems, testing and comparing issues

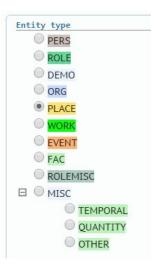
Tools used for manual annotation and transformation

- Brat https://brat.nlplab.org/ rapid annotation tool online, flexible environment for collaborative text annotation
- Source code: https://github.com/nlplab/brat
 - Stenetorp, P., Pyysalo, S., Topić, G., Ohta, T., Ananiadou, S., & Tsujii, J. I. (2012, April). BRAT: a web-based tool for NLP-assisted text annotation. In Proceedings of the Demonstrations at the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (pp. 102-107).
- Manual annotation for ELTEC
 - available on http://brat.jerteh.rs/ collection eltec-gold,
 - according to <u>quidelines</u>, where overview of manual annotation is given.
- Guidelines were inspired by WG3 <u>Research questions-NER</u> -Antwerpen.
- Set of tools is combined in the portal http://nerbeyond.jerteh.rs/ with tutorial

Annotation text samples

- 9 languages:
 - Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian,
 Norwegian, Portuguese, Serbian and Slovene
- "Lightweight semantic annotation" defined marking:
 - persons, demonyms, professions and other roles, works, places, facilities and organizations





Annotation of text samples

- 1st: detailed annotation with properties: http://brat.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/eltec-manual/
- 2nd: simplification (automatic), adapted to tools for automatic NER: <u>http://brat.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/eltec-simplified/</u>









The corpus

- https://github.com/COST-ELTeC/WG2-Sample
- 5 random passages of 400 white space-delimited tokens taken from 20 novels from each language, manually annotated using brat
- Thank Lou Burnard for preparing all samples
- Samples encoded as TEI documents level 1
 (https://distantreading.github.io/Schema/eltec-1.html)

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Title page <div type="titlepage"> within <front>

Heading or title <head> at start of <div>; <trailer> at end

Running title/page footer Omitted

Prose paragraph or list item

Verse line < !>



Towards level 2

https://distantreading.github.io/Schema/eltec-2.html

... all existing elements are retained and two new elements <s> and <w> are introduced to support segmentation of running text into sentence-like and word-like sequences respectively. Individual tokens are marked using the <w> element, and decorated with one or more of the TEI-defined linguistic attributes pos, lemma, and join. Both words and punctuation marks are considered to be 'tokens' in this sense, although the TEI suggests distinguishing the two cases using <w> and <pc> respectively.

The <s> (segment) element is used to provide an end-to-end tessellating segmentation of the whole sequence of <w> elements, based on orthographic form. This provides a convenient extension of the existing text-body-div hierarchy within which tokens are located.

Each <s> element can contain a sequence of <w> elements, ...

Element <rs> (referring string) for the encoding of any form of entity name, such as a Named Entity Recognition procedure might produce.

Preparation of text collection

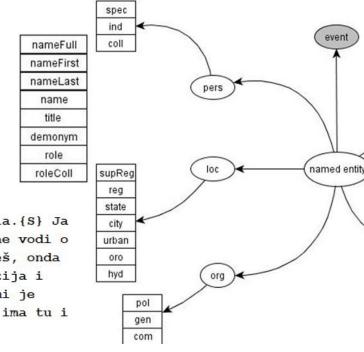
- Files *.txt + *.ann
- http://brat.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/eltec-simplified/eng/ENG18450_Disraeli_sample,

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T904
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        PERS 254 262
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T908
        PERS 266 275-
T909
        LOC 362 374 Marney Abbey LF
T9014
        WORK 861 883-
                         Christian architecture
T9015
        PERS 891 900 -
                        Lady Maud
T9018
        PERS 1255 1263 - Egremont LF
Т9022
        PERS 1566 1575 - Lady Maud LF
T9026
        PERS 1920 1928 - Egremont FF
T9028
        PERS 2254 2263 - Lady Maud LF
Т9033
        PERS 2468 2480 - Lady Mowbray
T9034
        PERS 2482 2490 - Egremont FF
        PERS 2576 2587 - Hippocrates IF
T9036
T9038
        DEMO 2659 2666 - English LF
T9040-
        DEMO 2719 2725 - Norman LF
        DEMO 2742 2747 Saxon
Т9041
T9042
        LOC 3027 3034 -
                        England
T9048
        PERS 3349 3354 - Dandy
        EVENT 3357 3377 the National Holiday
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5 "If this movement in the church had only revived a taste for Christian architecture," said Lady Maud, "it would not have been barren, and it has done so much more! But I am s

SerbianNER example of xml

nameLast embedded annotation name title demonym role roleColl Već sam dva meseca u <top.gr>Beogradu</top.gr>, a ništa nisam pisala.{S} Ja mnoqo volim <top.gr>Beograd</top.gr>.{S} Tu te niko ne poznaje, niko ne vodi o tebi računa i kad si ti pošten čovek, a nemaš ni na koga da se obazireš, onda imaš punu slobodu, da živiš kako voliš i da radiš šta hoćeš. {S} Gimnazija i <org>Velika Škola</org> - kakva razlika.{S} Volim moju školu.{S} Ona mi je najdraža kuća u <top.dr>Srbiji</top.dr>.{S} Svega znanja i sve lepote ima tu i



... jer je stiže sudbina materina - dotle nam <pers><role>qdica</role><persName.last> Janković</persName.last></pers> iznosi istoriju svih onih nemira, kidanja i buđenja neodređenih i potajnih sila kod <role>devojke</role> koja počinje da zre.{S} U to prvo doba kod <pers><role>gospodice</role><persName.last>Jele</persName.last></pers> sve je nekako drhtavo, nervozno, nejasno, jer "ona još ni sama ne zna šta hoće". (S) Kad se tome još doda njezina nesrećna ljubav prema<persName.first>Nikoli</persName.first>, onda je to dovoljno da u takoj osetljivoj, "bolesnoj" ženskoj duši započne vrlo zanimiva drama .

Stanford format

- Manual annotation from row, unlabeled text or pre-annotated
- Stanford and spaCy used for pre-annotation of some samples
- Manual correction followed
- <PERSON> or <PERS> or <Pers.Full> or
 <Pers.Name> or <Pers.FirstName> or
 <Pers.LastName>...
- <LOCATION> or <LOC> or GPE or <Top.City> or ...

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>IT
<samples n="ENG18450">IDE
<sample>"I shall be delighted; I hope he
will come to <PERSON>Marney</PERSON> in October. I keep the
blue ribbon cover for him. "
Egremont to <PERSON>Lady</PERSON> <PERSON>Maud</PERSON>. "If "
only in our own spheres made the exertion, the general effect
would be great. <PERSON>Marney</PERSON> <PERSON>Abbey</PERSON:
for instance, I believe one of the finest of our monastic
remains, -- that indeed is not disputed--diminished yearly to
repair barns; the cattle browsing in the nave; all this might
be prevented, If my brother would not consent to preserve or
restore, still any member of the family, even I, without
expense, only with a little zeal as you say, might prevent
mischief, might stop at least demolition. "
n="ENG18450659">"If this movement in the church had only
revived a taste for Christian architecture, " said <PERSON>Ladv
</pr
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old families can be so dead to our national art; so full of ou
ancestors, their exploits, their mind. Indeed you and I have I
excuse for such indifference Mr Egremont. "
n="ENG18450660">"And I do not think I shall ever again be
justly accused of it, " replied <LOCATION>Egremont</LOCATION>,
"you plead its cause so effectively. But to tell you the truth
I have been thinking of late about these things; monasteries
and so on; the influence of the old church system on the
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Results of annotation

- How many NE annotated
 - per sample,
 - per language, or per collection, or per annotator,...

Download Sample Archive

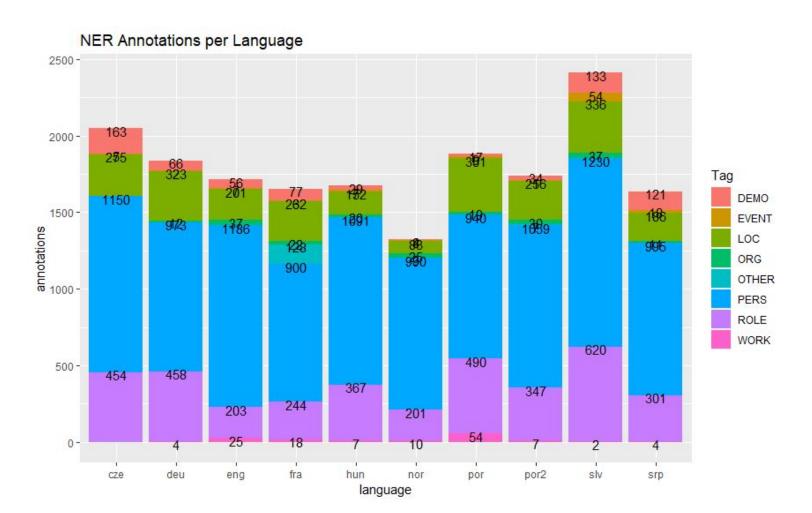
- per NER type?

Vegload a .zip file with following structure:

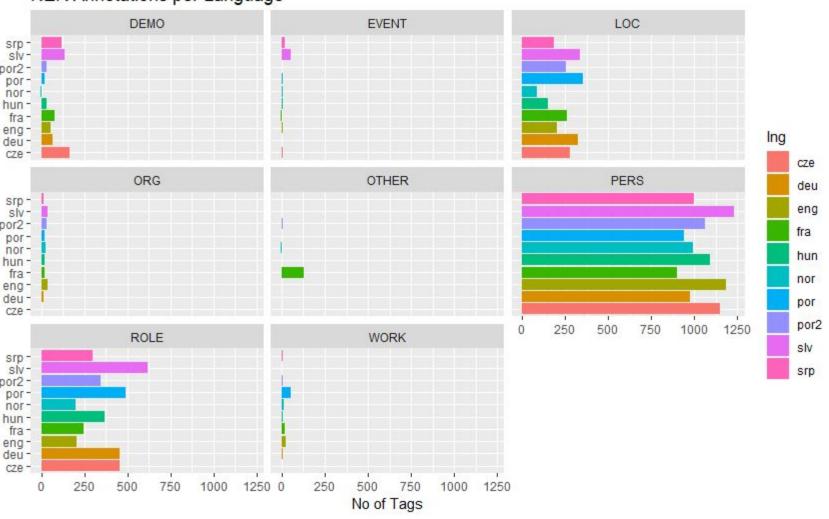
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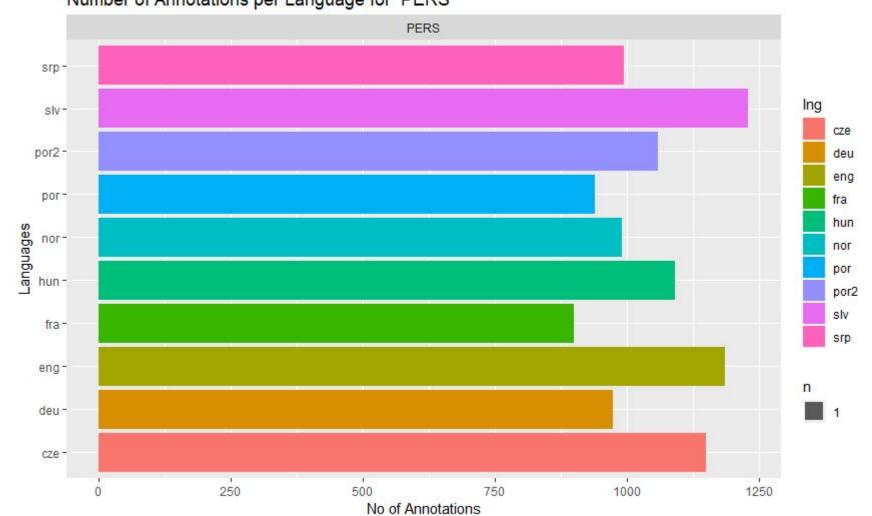
Francesca Frontini, Carmen Brando, Joanna Byszuk, Ioana Galleron, Diana Santos, et al.. Named Entity Recognition for Distant Reading in ELTeC. CLARIN Annual Conference 2020, Oct 2020, Virtual Event, France. https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03160438/document



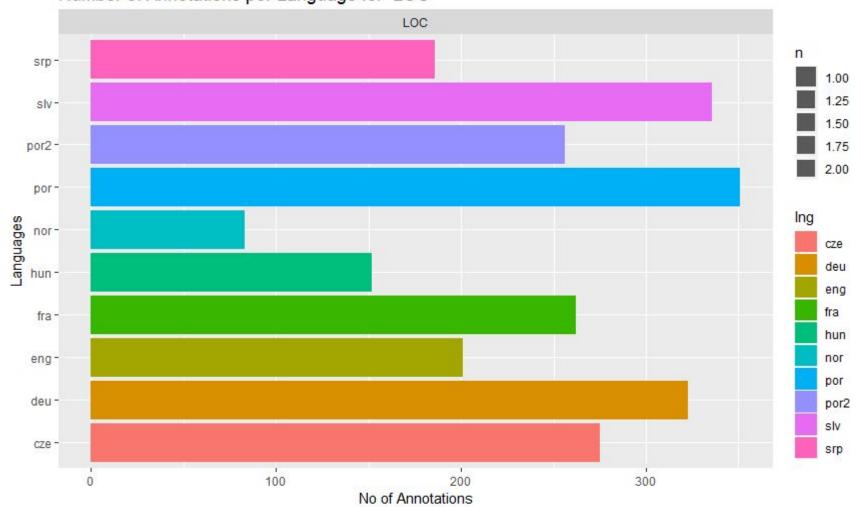
NER Annotations per Language



Number of Annotations per Language for PERS



Number of Annotations per Language for LOC



Inter-annotator agreement

- Measuring inter-annotator agreement (IAA) is common practice in NLP to estimate the reliability of annotations and possible when multiple independent annotators are available, several measures exist and are implemented such as F-measure, Cohen's Kappa, ...
 - unfortunately, most COST annotator teams (one per language) could not perform parallel annotation
 - a small experiment was possible with two French annotators and an excerpt of the French ELTEC data set: 15 paragraphs of texts considered by some of the team members as difficult to annotate

NER Tools that have been tested

English (<u>ranka@rgf.rs</u>, <u>branislava.sandrih@fil.bg.ac.rs</u>):

spaCy:

- /eltec-automatic/eng-spaCy-orig/ annotated with 4 class model: CARDINAL, DATE, EVENT, FAC, GPE, LANGUAGE,
 LAW, LOC, MONEY, NORP, ORDINAL, ORG, PERCENT, PERSON, PRODUCT, QUANTITY, TIME, WORK_OF_ART
- /eltec-automatic/eng-spaCy-mapped/ annotation mapped to ELTeC tagset: EVENT->EVENT; GPE,LOC->PLACE; NORP->DEMO; ORG->ORG; PERSON->PERS; QUANTITY->QUANTITY; WORK OF ART->WORK;
- <u>Visual comparison</u> and example for <u>PERS</u> (spaCy: problem with < and >)

Stanford:

- /eltec-automatic/eng-Stanf-orig/ annotated with 4 cass model: Location, Person, Organization, Misc
- /eltec-automatic/eng-Stanf-mapped/ annotation mapped to ELTeC tagset: Location->PLACE; Person->PERS;
 Organization->ORG; Misc->OTHER

NER Tools that have been tested

Portuguese (d.s.m.santos@ilos.uio.no):

NER-PALAVRAS on 5 full eltec-por novels amounting to 450,000 words together, with categories corresponding to PERSON; PLACE; ORG; WORK; DEMONYM; PROFESSION; DATE and OTHER, achieving a precision of 0.663 and 0.657 recall.

The process was as follows:

- run PALAVRAS-NER on the files
- use XML to BRAT program from http://nerbeyond.jerteh.rs/
- revise manually the output with BRAT, providing thus a golden set
- compare the two annotated files in BRAT format, using a simple Perl program

We are now studying the performance in order to improve the NER system, and also to check whether some of the results are due to different theoretical approaches about what a named entity is.

NER Tools that have been tested

French (carmen.brando@gmail.com; francescafrontini@gmail.com; ioana.galleron@gmail.com): Test planned with SEM:

•	Tests done with SEM: http://apps.lattice.cnrs.fr/sem/ on rd0019, still need to				
	be confronted with BRAT annotations.		Р	R	F
•	Evaluation of french NER Spacy model "fr_core_news_md', below the results in terms of P, R, F.	PER	28,84	53,57	37,49
•	Simplifications: remove nested annotations (no more than 10 annotations out	LOC	7,39	56,81	13,08
	of the total), categories to match Spacy categories (PER, LOC, ORG, MISC).	ORG	0,08	25,00	0,16
•	Next steps: work on the golden french corpus, perform specific training using	MISC	0.11	2.00	0.22
	tools such as Spacy or Google-Bert.		•,	_, • •	0,

Testing NER Tools

Hungarian (palko.gabor@btk.elte.hu):

NER of the Institute of Literary Studies les than 50%

Serbian (ranka@rgf.rs, cvetana@matf.bg.ac.rs):

- Rule- and Lexicon- Based NER for Serbian Srp-NER has very detailed annotation
- SrpNER, spaCy and Stanford (models only PERS evaluated) :

Branislava Šandrih, Cvetana Krstev, Ranka Stanković, "Development and Evaluation of Three Named Entity Recognition Systems for Serbian - the Case of Personal Names", in *Proceedings of the International Conference Recent Advances in Natural Language Processing - RANLP 2019*, 2-4 September 2019, Varna, Bulgaria, eds. G. Angelova et als., pp. 1061-1068, 2019. DOI: 10.26615/978-954-452-056-4_122 https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/R19-1122.pdf

PLACE, ORG,... - further model training in progress

Other languages to come ...

Example of comparison of gold (manual, blue) and automatic (SpaCy, pink) annotation

<sample>And at this moment entered the room the young nobleman whom we have before mentioned, accompanied by an individual who was approaching perhaps the termination of his fifth lustre but whose general air rather betokened even a less experienced time of life. Tall, with a well-proportioned figure and a graceful carriage, his countenance touched with a sensibility that at once engages the affections. Charles Egremont was not only admired by that sex, whose approval generally secures men enemies among their fellows, but was at the same time the favourite of his own. "Ah, Egremont! come and sit here," exclaimed more than one banqueter. "I saw you waltzing with the little Bertie , old fellow," said Lord Fitzheron , "and therefore did not stay to speak to you, as I thought we should meet here. I am to call for you, mind." "How shall we all feel this time to-morrow?" said Egremont, smiling. "The happiest fellow at this moment must be Cockie Graves ," said Lord Milford . "He can have no suspense. I have been looking over his book, and I defy him, whatever happens, not to lose." "Poor Cockie"." said Mr Berners; "he has asked me to dine with him at the Clarendon on Saturday." Annotation <PERS> "Cockie is a very good Cockie", said Lord Milford, and File1: Text ENG18450 Disraeli sample.xml any gentleman sportsman present wishes to give seven to two, I will take him to any ar Text File2: ANN FILE "My book is made up," said Egremont; "and I stand or fall by

Problems, solutions, points which should be discussed

Main problems:

- Compare (evaluate) results from different tools with our gold datasets, alignment of manual and automatic annotation non trivial (annotation - token alignment)
- Align with morphosyntactic tagging and lemmatization (most tools have plain text as input, output standoff or inline)
- Output from WG2 TEI, Conll, and/or ???

Smaller issues:

- Testing more tools for automatic annotation and models Automatic annotation for other languages
- Satisfy fine-grained wish-list tagset with additional attributes (use of additional lexicons, knowledge base and ontologies?)
- How to handle nested annotation
- Accuracy will be needed per NER class

Practical work

http://brat.jerteh.rs/

Brat guest account for all course participants during training:

user: brat_guest

pswd: guest_brat_2021

collections:

1.http://brat.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/DR NER TrainingSchool-simplified/

2.http://brat.jerteh.rs/index.xhtml#/DR
NER TrainingSchool-full/

See later:

https://zenodo.org/record/4274954

Lou, Burnard	Sample1	English, French, Italian, German
Natalija, Tomić	Sample2	Serbian, English, Russian, Ukrainian
Vojtěch, Malínek	Sample3, POL0092_Przedwiosnie_sample	Czech, English, German, Polish
Anders Skare, Malvik	Sample4	English, Scandinavian
Lovro, Škopljanac	Sample5	Croatian, English, German, Japanese
Katie, Mishler	Sample6	English, French, Spanish, Irish
Lauren, Cassidy	Sample7	English
Katrin, Horn	Sample8	English, German, Italian, Latin
Andrejka, Žejn	Sample9	Slovene, English, German, Croatian
Luiza, Marinescu	Sample10	Romanian, English, Bulgarian
Fotini, Koidaki	Sample11	Greek, English, Spanish
Jana-Katharina, Mende	Sample12, POL0016_Kariera_sample	German, English, French, Polish, Turkish, Russian, Hungarian
Susana, Sotelo Docío	Sample13	Spanish, Portuguese, English, German, French
Marek, Debnár	Sample14, POL0021_Paziowie_sample	Slovak, Czech, English, Polish, Russian, French
Ioana Alexandra, Lionte	Sample15	Romanian, French, English, German, Italian, Spanish
Alexandra, Olteanu	Sample16	Romanian, French, English
Lucreția - Elena, Pascariu	Sample17	Romanian, English, French
Cezary, Rosiński	Sample18, POL0070_Ogniem_sample	Polish, English
Lucija, Mandić	Sample19	Slovene, English, Croatian, Czech, Slovak, Polish, French

Practical work workflow

- Manually annotate sample
 - first simplified (15 min)
 - Download collection
 DR_NER_TrainingSchool-simplified/
 (brat Data Download tar.gz)
 - Statistical analysis from http://nerbeyond.jerteh.rs/

 Section NER stats on .ann files
 - optional full
 - Discussion (last 10 min)

