# StruBERT: Structure-aware BERT for Table Search and Matching

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- Motivation
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# About the Paper

StruBERT: Structure-aware BERT for Table Search and Matching [4]:

- Trabelsi, Chen, Zhang, Davison, Heflin
- presented at the 2022 WWW (now ACM Web Conference)

Contribution: New state-of-the-art model for...

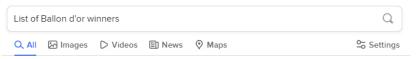
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#### Table Search

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#### Ballon d'Or - Wikipedia

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https://www.topendsports.com > sport > soccer > list-player-of-the-year-ballondor.htm

#### List of the Ballon d'Or Winners - Topend Sports

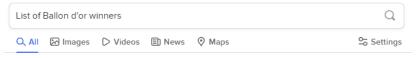
The Ballon d'Or award is an annual football award for the best player over the previous year. It was first awarded in 1956. The most recent winner was Real Madrid's Karim Benzemais in 2022. Messi has won the men's Ballon d'Or award a record seven times, Cristiano Ronaldo has won the award five times.

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#### Wins by player

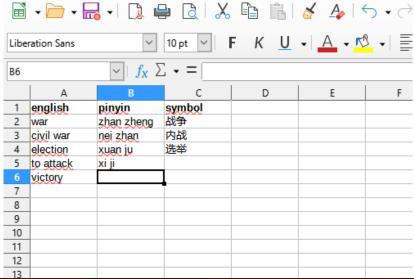
Player +	Winner ◆	Second place +	Third place
Lionel Messi <sup>[note 32]</sup>	7 (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2021)	5 (2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)	1 (2007)
Cristiano Ronaldo <sup>[note 33]</sup>	5 (2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)	6 (2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2018)	1 (2019)
Michel Platini	3 (1983, 1984, 1985)	_	2 (1977,

Figure: Ballon d'Or in Wikipedia, Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballon\_d%27Or

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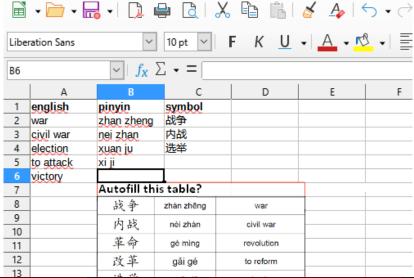
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# A simple Table

c <sub>1</sub>	c <sub>2</sub>		Cl
<i>v</i> <sub>11</sub>	V <sub>12</sub>	• • •	<i>v</i> <sub>1/</sub>
<i>v</i> <sub>21</sub>	<i>V</i> <sub>22</sub>	• • •	<i>V</i> 21
:	:		
$V_{(s-1)1}$	$V_{(s-1)2}$		$V_{(s-1)}$



Figure: World Chess Champions on Chess.com, *Source:* https://www.chess.com/article/view/world-chess-champions

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# Processing Tables



#### What to use?

#### Ad Hoc Table Retrieval [6]:

- One core column
- Textual information

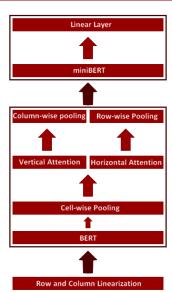
#### TabSim [3] / TaBERT [5]:

- All data cells
- BERT [1] to process text

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# **StruBERT**



# Converting Tables

Motivation

#### Famous soccer players

Player	Team	Number
Ronaldo	Manchester United	7
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StruBFRT

Table: This table shows infomation about soccer players.

- I = 3 Column headers:  $c_1 = Player$ ,  $c_2 = Team$ ,  $c_3 = Number$
- l = 3 Data types:  $t_1 = text, t_2 = text, t_3 = real$
- (s-1)\*I=9 Data values:  $v_{ii}$
- p = 2 Related text fields:  $f_1$  = "Famous soccer players",  $f_2$  = "This Table shows ..."

#### Column and Row Linearization

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**Evaluation** 

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Textual information missing!

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# Adding the Textual Information

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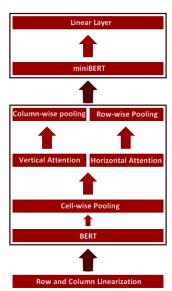
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This is new!

$$\bar{\mathcal{C}} = \{\bar{c_1}, \bar{c_2}, \dots, \bar{c_l}\}$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{R}} = \{\bar{r_1}, \bar{r_2}, \dots, \bar{r_{(s-1)}}\}$$

## **StruBERT**



#### **BERT**

Motivation

 $[CLS] \tilde{T}_{ej} [SEP] c_i t_i v_{1i} [SEP] c_i t_i v_{2i} [SEP] \dots [SEP] c_i t_i v_{(s-1)i} [SEP]$  $[CLS]\tilde{T}_{ei}[SEP]$ Player text Ronaldo [SEP] Player text Messi [SEP] . . .

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#### BERT

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**Transformer Count:** 



# Average pooling

$$[\text{CLS}] \, \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{ej} [\text{SEP}] \, \underbrace{\text{Player text Ronaldo}}_{c_1 t_1 v_{11}} \, [\text{SEP}] \, \underbrace{\text{Player text Messi}}_{c_1 t_1 v_{21}} [\text{SEP}] \, \dots$$

$$egin{align*} oldsymbol{v_{ki}} &= rac{\sum\limits_{w \in BertTok(c_it_iv_{ki})} BERT(w)}{|BertTok(c_it_iv_{ki})|} \ &= rac{\sum\limits_{w \in BertTok( ext{Player text Ronaldo})} BERT(w)}{|BertTok( ext{Player text Ronaldo})|} \end{aligned}$$

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$$[CLS] \tilde{T}_{ej} [SEP] \underbrace{Player \ text \ Ronaldo}_{c_1 t_1 v_{11}} \quad [SEP] \underbrace{Player \ text \ Messi}_{c_1 t_1 v_{21}} [SEP] \dots$$

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Vertical Self-Attention + Column-wise Pooling

Τ̈́<sub>ej</sub> Τ̈́<sub>ej</sub> [SEP] [SEP] [SEP]  $\bar{r_1}$ V<sub>11</sub> V<sub>12</sub> V<sub>13</sub> [SEP]  $\bar{r}_2$ [CLS] [SEP] [SEP] V<sub>21</sub> V22 V<sub>23</sub> [SEP] [SEP]  $\bar{r}_3$ [SEP] V<sub>31</sub> V<sub>32</sub> V33

[SEP]

[SEP]

[SEP]

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$$egin{array}{ll} ar{r}_1 & [{
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V32

[SEP]

[SEP]

V<sub>12</sub>

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 $\hat{v_{21}}$ 

*V*31

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$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} [C\hat{L}S] & v_{11} & v_{12} & v_{13} \\ [C\hat{L}S] & v_{21} & v_{22} & v_{23} \\ [C\hat{L}S] & v_{31} & v_{32} & v_{33} \\ \end{array}$$
 
$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} [CLS]_c & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Similar to TaBERT

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Horizontal Self-Attention + Row-wise Pooling

```
\bar{c_1}
                                     \bar{c}_3
[CLS]
                 [CLS]
                                  [CLS]
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                  \tilde{T}_{ej}
                                    Τ̈́<sub>ej</sub>
[SEP]
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[SEP]
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                                     V33
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Horizontal Self-Attention + Row-wise Pooling

$ar{c_1}$	$ar{c_2}$	$\bar{c_3}$
[CLS]	[CLS]	[CLS]
$ ilde{\mathcal{T}}_{ej}$	$ ilde{\mathcal{T}}_{ei}$	$ ilde{T_{ej}}$
[SEP]	[SEP]	[SEP]
<i>V</i> <sub>11</sub>	<i>V</i> <sub>12</sub>	<i>V</i> <sub>13</sub>
[SEP]	[SEP]	[SEP]
V <sub>21</sub>	V <sub>22</sub>	V <sub>23</sub>
[SEP]	[SEP]	[SEP]
<i>V</i> 31	<i>V</i> <sub>32</sub>	<i>V</i> 33

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[CLS]	[CLS]	[ <i>C</i> LS]
<b>v</b> î11	<b>v</b> î2	<b>v</b> î3
<b>v</b> 21	<b>v</b> <sub>22</sub>	<b>v</b> 23
<i>v</i> ŝ <sub>1</sub>	<i>V</i> 32	<i>V</i> 3̂3



*V*31

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Horizontal Self-Attention + Row-wise Pooling

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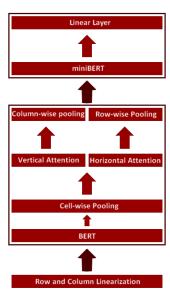
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## StruBERT



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### StruBERT in Action: Table Search

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Build final output:

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5 fold cross-validation  $\Rightarrow$  macro-averaged metrics



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StruBERT	0.9321	0.9284	0.9300	0.9310

(a) PMC

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# Table Similarity: Results

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StruBERT (CNN)	0.9782	0.9737	0.9753	0.9756
StruBERT	0.9945	0.9938	0.9941	0.9942

(b) WikiTables

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## Content-based Table Retrieval: Datasets and Metrics

## Query by Example Data [7]:

- Adaptation of WikiTables
- 50 guery-tables from different domains
- Tables as pairs with label:
  - 2 highly relevant
  - 1 relevant
  - 0 irrelevant
- 2850 pairs

#### Content-based Table Retrieval: Datasets and Metrics

### Query by Example Data [7]:

- Adaptation of WikiTables
- 50 query-tables from different domains
- Tables as pairs with label:
  - 2 highly relevant
  - 1 relevant
  - 0 irrelevant
- 2850 pairs

information retrieval system  $\Rightarrow$  NDCG, MRR, MAP

## Content-based Table Retrieval: Results

Method Name	NDCG@5	MRR	MAP
BM25	0.5369	0.5832	0.5417
TaBERT	0.5877	0.6120	0.5942
StruBERT (CNN)	0.6177	0.6378	0.6179
StruBERT	0.6345	0.6601	0.6297

Table: Query by Example Dataset

## Keyword-based Table Retrieval: Datasets and Metrics

#### WikiTables:

- Wikipedia tables
- 60 natural language queries
- Table-query pairs with label:
  - 2 highly relevant
  - 1 relevant
  - 0 irrelevant
- 3117 pairs

information retrieval system  $\Rightarrow$  NDCG, MRR, MAP

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# Evaluation: Keyword-based Table Retrieval

Method Name	NDCG@5	MRR	MAP
MultiField-BM25	0.4365	0.4882	0.4596
TaBERT	0.6055	0.6436	0.6146
StruBERT	0.6393	0.6688	0.6378

Table: WikiTables

 More

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### Conclusion

Motivation

#### Key Takeaways

• Early interactions between text and structure are important

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- Early interactions between text and structure are important
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Evaluation

#### Key Takeaways

- Early interactions between text and structure are important
- Attention = good
- More attention = More good

### Outline

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## My Thoughts on the paper

#### Lliked:

- Very understandably written
- Easy code access (and execution)

#### I did not like:

Missing performance information

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# Questions



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# Example of PMC data

Gene	Forward	Reverse
Gapdh	ACCAAATCCGTTGACTCCGAC	TTCGACAGTCAGCCGCATCT
Gpr40	AGTGTGGTGCTTAATCCGCT	AGTGGCGTTACTTCTGGGAC
E-cadherin	CTTGGAGCCGCAGCCTCT	ACACCATCTGTGCCCACTTT
Beta-catenin	ACGGAGGAAGGTCTGAGGAG	GCCGCTTTTCTGTCTGGTTC

Table: Primer sequences for in vitro experiments. [3]

#### Mentioned Metrics I

#### Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain [2]

$$NDCG@K = \frac{DCG@K}{IDCG@K} = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{k \; (actual \; order)} \frac{Gains}{log_2(i+1)}}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{k \; (ideal \; order)} \frac{Gains}{log_2(i+1)}}$$

#### Mean Average Precison

$$mAP = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{q=1}^{|Q|} AveP(q)$$

## Mentioned Metrics II

#### Mean reciprocal rank

$$MRR = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{i=1}^{|Q|} \frac{1}{rank_i}$$

# Table Similarity Evaluation

Method Name	Macro-P	Macro-R	Macro-F	Accur.	Method Name	Macro-P	Macro-R	Macro-F	Accur.
Tfidf+MLP	0.7834	0.6735	0.6529	0.6951	Tfidf+MLP	0.6256	0.5022	0.3559	0.5378
Embedding+MLP	0.8496	0.7710	0.7736	0.7931	Embedding+MLP	0.8429	0.8419	0.8423	0.8433
Tfidf+Embedding+MLP	0.8736	0.8381	0.8447	0.8506	Tfidf+Embedding+MLP	0.8632	0.8554	0.8574	0.8594
TabSim [19]	0.8865	0.8545	0.8613	0.8705	TabSim [19]	0.8480	0.8458	0.8466	0.8478
TaBERT [51]	0.9109	0.9024	0.9055	0.9067	TaBERT [51]	0.9696	0.9626	0.9649	0.9653
StruBERT (fine)	0.9208	0.9058	0.9104	0.9124	StruBERT (fine)	0.9850	0.9852	0.9851	0.9852
StruBERT (coarse)	0.9276	0.9154	0.9194	0.9210	StruBERT (coarse)	0.9838	0.9816	0.9825	0.9826
StruBERT (KP)	0.9148	0.9060	0.9091	0.9109	StruBERT (KP)	0.9733	0.9713	0.9722	0.9724
StruBERT (CNN)	0.9293	0.9164	0.9205	0.9224	StruBERT (CNN)	0.9782	0.9737	0.9753	0.9756
StruBERT	$0.9321^{\dagger}$	$0.9284^{\dagger}$	0.9300 <sup>†</sup>	$0.9310^{\dagger}$	StruBERT	0.9945 <sup>†</sup>	0.9938 <sup>†</sup>	$0.9941^{\dagger}$	$0.9942^{\dagger}$
	(a) PMO	С				(b) WikiTa	bles		

## Content-based Table Retrieval Evaluation

Model	NDCG@5	MRR	MAP
BM25	0.5369	0.5832	0.5417
DSRMM [40]	0.5768	0.6193	0.5914
TabSim [19]	0.5739	0.6056	0.5932
TaBERT [51]	0.5877	0.6120	0.5942
StruBERT (fine)	0.6015	0.6419	0.6091
StruBERT (coarse)	0.6140	0.6478	0.6142
StruBERT (KP)	0.5990	0.6200	0.5959
StruBERT (CNN)	0.6177	0.6378	0.6179
StruBERT	$0.6345^{\dagger}$	$0.6601^{\dagger}$	0.6297

## Keyword-based Table Retrieval Evaluation

Model	NDCG@5	MRR	MAP
MultiField-BM25	0.4365	0.4882	0.4596
MCON [43]	0.5152	0.5321	0.5193
STR [55]	0.5762	0.6062	0.5711
DSRMM [40]	0.5978	0.6390	0.5992
TaBERT [51]	0.6055	0.6462	0.6123
BERT-Row-Max [8]	0.6167	0.6436	0.6146
StruBERT (fine)	0.6000	0.6406	0.6020
StruBERT (coarse)	0.6217	0.6562	0.6225
StruBERT	$0.6393^{\dagger}$	$0.6688^{\dagger}$	0.6378