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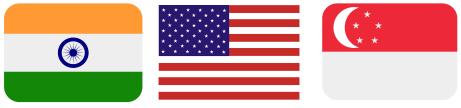
MCQ Generation in edtech using Natural Language Processing

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# Who am I?

 Lead Data Scientist with 8+ years of work experience across Silicon Valley, Singapore, and India.



- Most recently been a Co-founder and CTO
  of an Al-assisted assessments startup.
- Spent the last 2 years on question generation using Natural Language processing in edtech.



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# Open Source library for question generation

# Questgen

https://github.com/ramsrigouthamg/Questgen.ai

# The problem

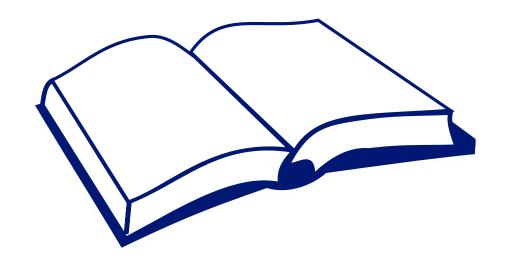
Assessment creation (Quizzes and Tests) is manual and not scalable for online transformation due to the pandemic.

A textbook publisher hired you as a data scientist to create a tool that automates the assessment creation process.









## The solution

#### **News Article**

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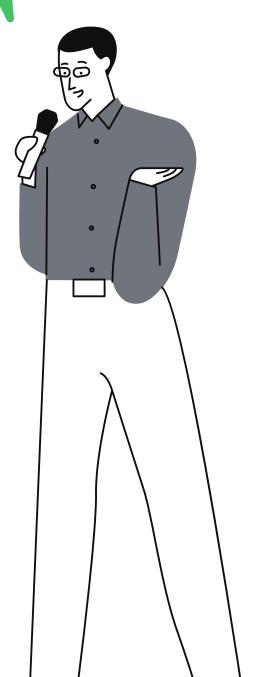
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- 1 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)
- 2 True or False Questions
- 3 Fill in the Blanks
- 4 Match the following

Are you ready?

# Let's get started!



## Talk Outline

We will use Google Colab notebooks as the development environment for our demos

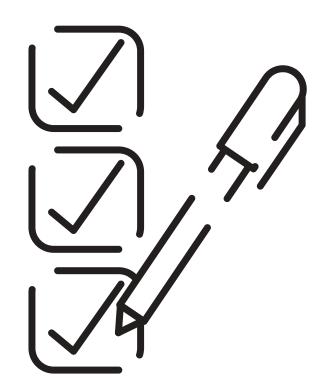
- Text2MCQ generation using T5 transformers and sense2vec vectors
- Use **ONNX** quantization to create a light-weight model of **T5**

# Step 1: Identify key Sentences/Concepts

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A day later he again tweeted saying, "To be clear, I strongly believe in crypto, but it can't drive a massive increase in fossil fuel use, especially coal". It triggered a downward spiral for Bitcoin value but the cryptocurrency has stabilized since.

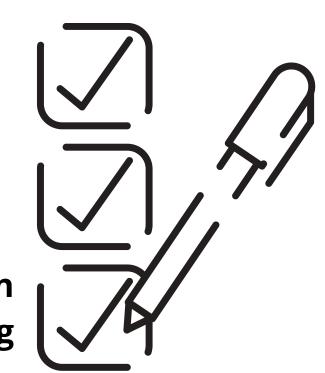


# Step 2: Identify keywords from sentences

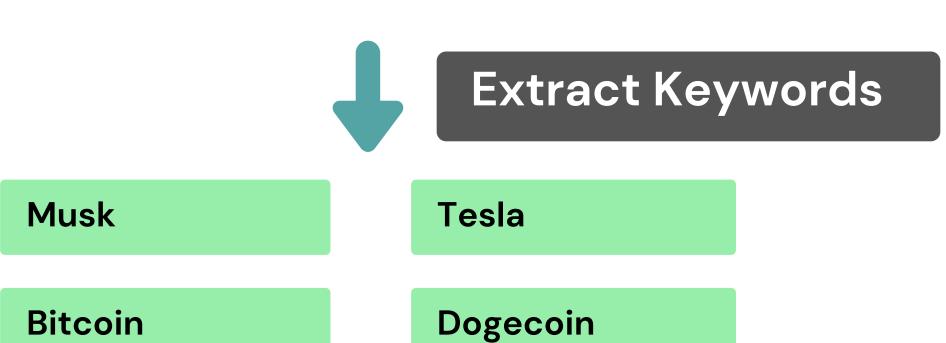
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# Step 3: Form multiple-choice questions (MCQs)

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What cryptocurrency did Musk rarely tweet about?

**Bitcoin** 

Dogecoin

ETH

Litecoin

What company did Musk say would not accept bitcoin payments?

Tesla

Nissan

Ford

Toyota

# Posing it as an NLP problem

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Abstractive/Extractive summarization (T5, BART, Pegasus Models)



Paraphrasing of sentences (T5, GPT-2 etc)



Keyword/Keyphrase Extraction (YAKE, TopicRank, KeyBERT etc)



Question generation (T5, GPT-2, GPT-3 etc)



Wrong choices/distractors generation (Wordnet, Word2vec, Sense2vec etc)

# Generate a question using T5 Transformer model

Context:

Musk tweeted that his electric vehicle-making company **Tesla** will not accept payments in bitcoin because of environmental concerns.

**Answer:** 

Tesla



Text to text transfer transformer

Question

What company did Musk say would not accept bitcoin payments?

# Squad dataset used for training

https://rajpurkar.github.io/SQuAD-explorer/

#### Nikola\_Tesla

#### The Stanford Question Answering Dataset

Nikola Tesla (Serbian Cyrillic: Никола Тесла; 10 July 1856 – 7 January 1943) was a Serbian American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, physicist, and futurist best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current (AC) electricity supply system.

#### In what year was Nikola Tesla born?

Ground Truth Answers: 1856 1856 1856

Prediction: 1856

#### What was Nikola Tesla's ethnicity?

Ground Truth Answers: Serbian Serbian Serbian

Prediction: Serbian

#### In what year did Tesla die?

Ground Truth Answers: 1943 | 1943 | 1943

Prediction: 1943

# **Extract Keywords**

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# **Extract Keyphrases using Python Keyword Extraction Library**

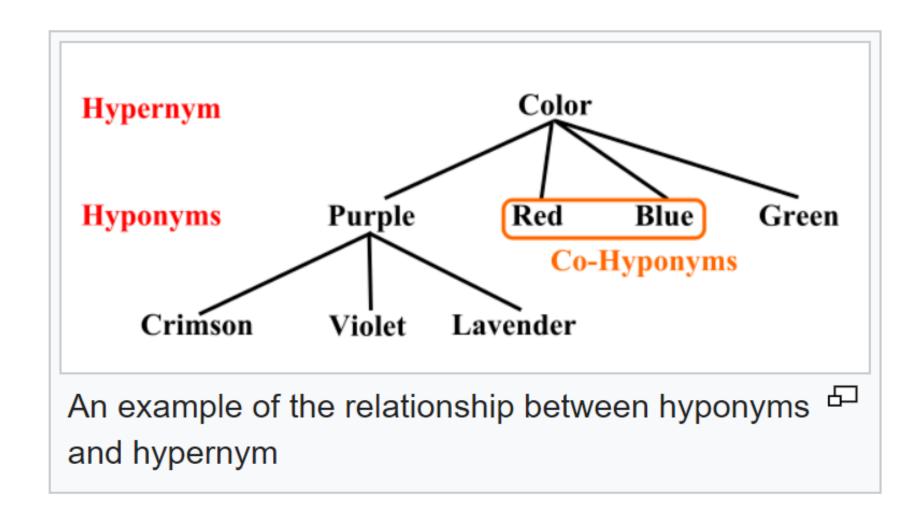
https://github.com/boudinfl/pke



Bitcoin, Dogecoin, Tesla, Cryptocurrency

MultipartiteRank

# Generate distractors using Wordnet

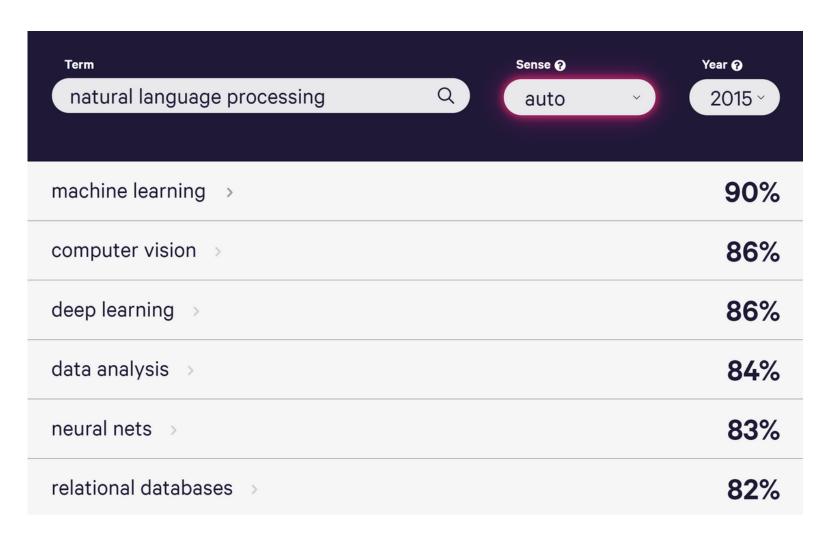


Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyponymy\_and\_hypernymy

#### https://wordnet.princeton.edu/

- WordNet® captures relations.
- A hyponym is in a type-of relationship with its hypernym.
- A hypernym is an umbrella term and blanket term. Eg: Color is the hypernym for Purple.
- Red, Blue, Green are the hyponyms of "Color". Since Red is a type of color.
- Our goal is to extract Co-Hyponyms as distractors.

# Generate distractors using Sense2vec



https://explosion.ai/blog/sense2vec-reloaded

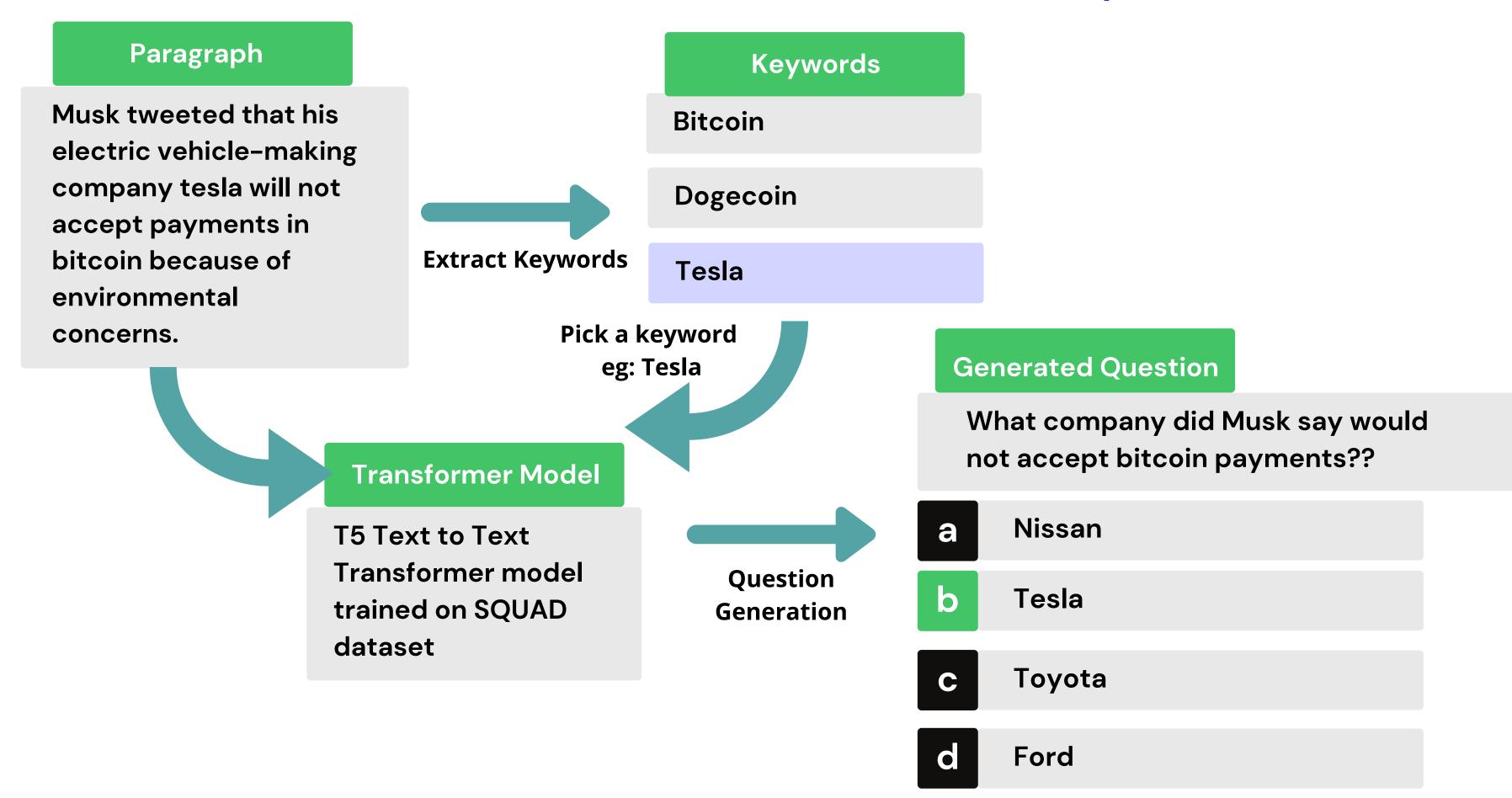
 Contextual information is captured. Trained on Reddit comments.

 The words with the same senses are differentiated with parts of speech eg: duck|VERB and duck|NOUN

Source: https://explosion.ai/demos/sense2vec

 Noun phrases and named entities are annotated during training so multiword phrases like "natural language processing" also have an entry.

# Overview: Generate MCQs from any content.



# Text2MCQ Google Colab Coding Session

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http://bit.ly/datasciencemilan

# Udemy Course: Question generation using Natural Language Processing (bit.ly/questiongeneration)

Coupon Code: DSMILAN



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