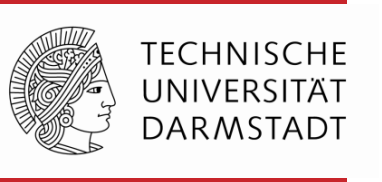
UIMA Tutorial – uimaFIT & DKPro Core



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Agenda

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- What is a pipeline?
- Working with annotations
  - What is a type system?
  - What is the Common Analysis Structure (CAS)?
- Working with components
  - What is a reader?
  - What is an analysis engine?
  - What is a writer? (aka consumer)
- DKPro Core component collection

Learning to read is difficult …

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What is UIMA?

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- Component-based architecture for analysis of unstructured data
- „Analysis“ means deriving a structure from the unstructured data

- How does it work?

Like an assembly line...

Take the raw material
Refine it step by step
Drive off with a nice car

Output Example (UIMA Annotation Editor)

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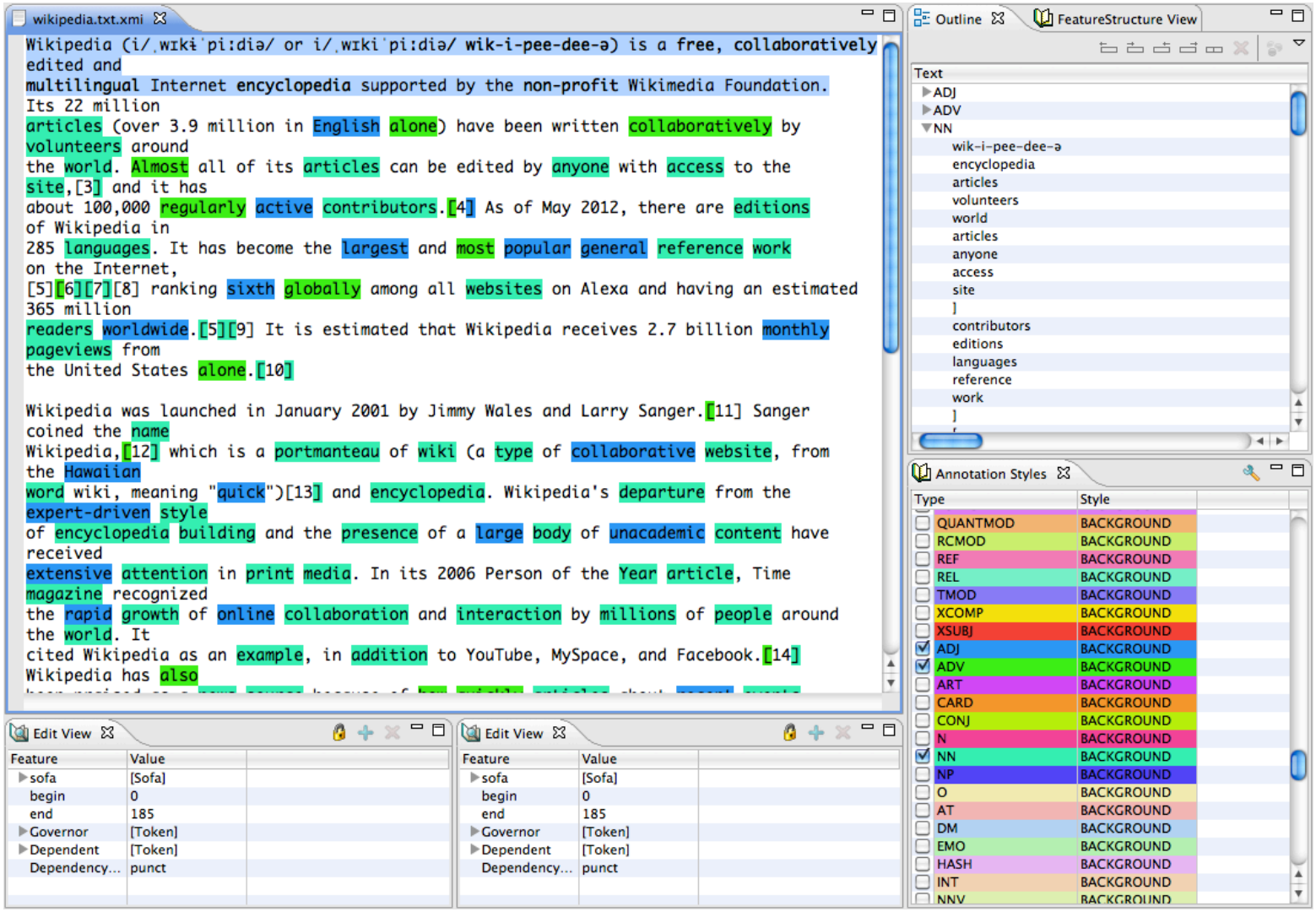

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Apache UIMA™ - Some history

Unstructured Information Management Architecture

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- 2003 – David Ferrucci and Adam Lally paper
  Accelerating corporate research in the development, application and deployment of human language technologies
- 2004 – IBM alphaWorks project
  - still used e.g. in IBM LanguageWare
- 2006 – Apache Incubator project
- 2009 – OASIS Standard
- 2010 – Full Apache project
- 2010 – Used in IBM's *Watson* Jeopardy Challenge

http://uima.apache.org

Important features of UIMA

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- Common representation format for annotations
- Customizable annotation type system
- Common API for analysis components
- Focus on the ability to scale
  - Past: UIMA-CPE – Collection Processing Engine
  - Present: UIMA-AS – Asynchronous Scale-out
  - Future: UIMA-DUCC – Distributed UIMA Cluster Computing
- Active community

Apache uimaFIT™

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- Create and configure pipelines easily in Java
- Test UIMA components

- Started out as a collaborative effort between
  - Center for Computational Pharmacology, University of Colorado, Denver
  - Center for Computational Language and Education Research, University of Colorado, Boulder,
  - Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing (UKP) Lab, Technische Universität Darmstadt

- Since version 2.0.0 part of the Apache UIMA project

- Philip V. Ogren, Steven J. Bethard (2009) **Building Test Suites for UIMA Components.** Proceedings of the Workshop on Software Engineering, Testing, and Quality Assurance for Natural Language Processing (SETQA-NLP 2009). June 2009.
- Christophe Roeder, Philip V. Ogren, William A. Baumgartner Jr., Lawrence Hunter (2009). **Simplifying UIMA Component Developmnet and Testing with Java Annotations and Dependency Injection**, in Chiarcos, C., Eckhart de Castilho, Stede, M. (eds), Von der Form zur Bedeutung: Text automatisch verarbeiten / From Form to Meaning: Processing Texts Automatically. Tübingen: Narr, 2009

http://uima.apache.org/uimafit.html

Important features of uimaFIT

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uimaFIT is key to make UIMA usable within Java code

- **Factories – dynamic assembly of analysis pipelines**
  - Automatic type-system detection
  - Most metadata maintained in Java
  - Refactorable code
- **Injection – convenient implementation of analysis components**
  - Default parameter values
  - Parameter types not supported by UIMA (e.g. File, URL, …)
- **Testing – easy running of analysis pipelines**
  - Unit tests easy to set up
  - … or research experiments

… and more …

Pipelines

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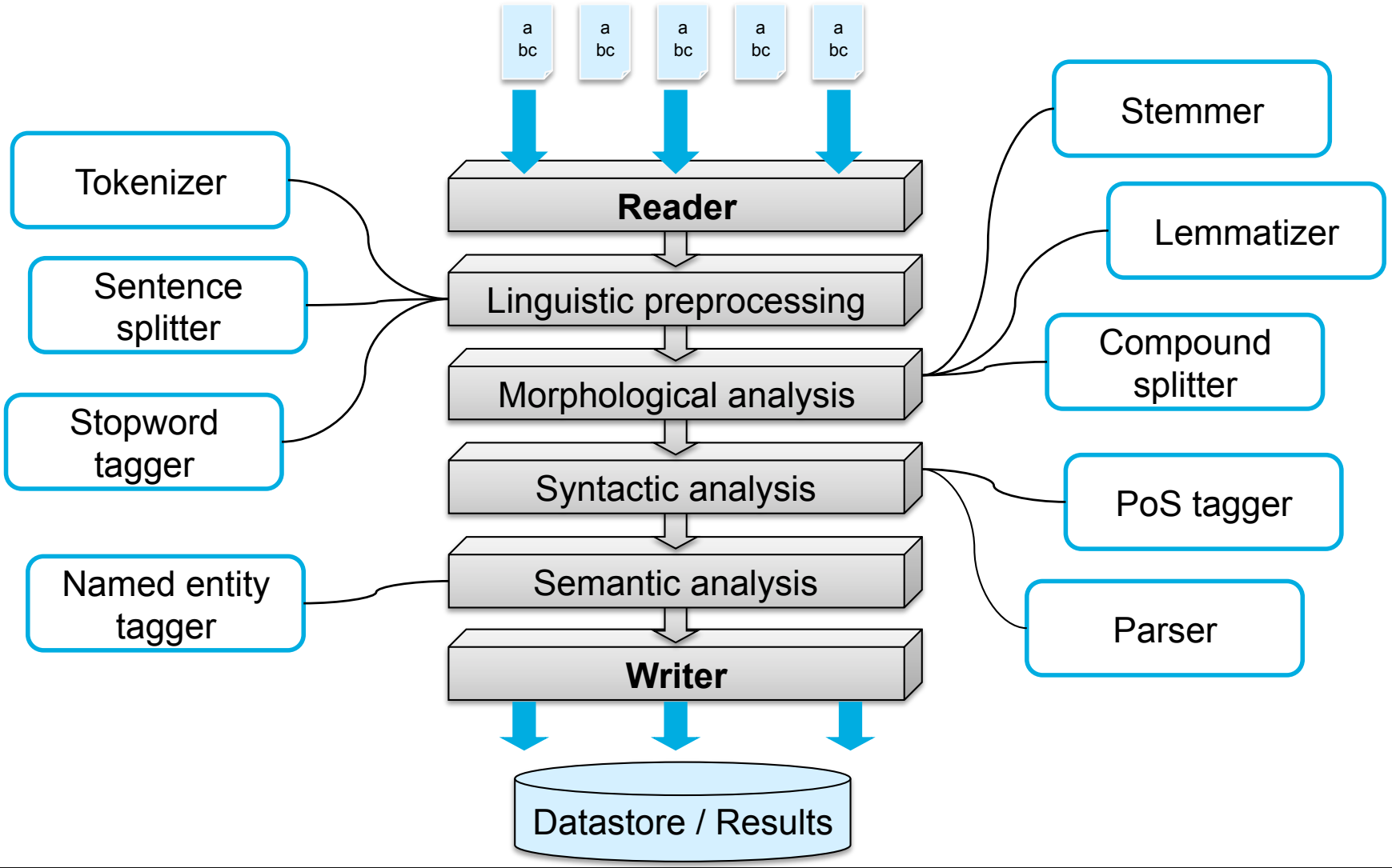
Pipeline Architecture



Component – Collection Reader

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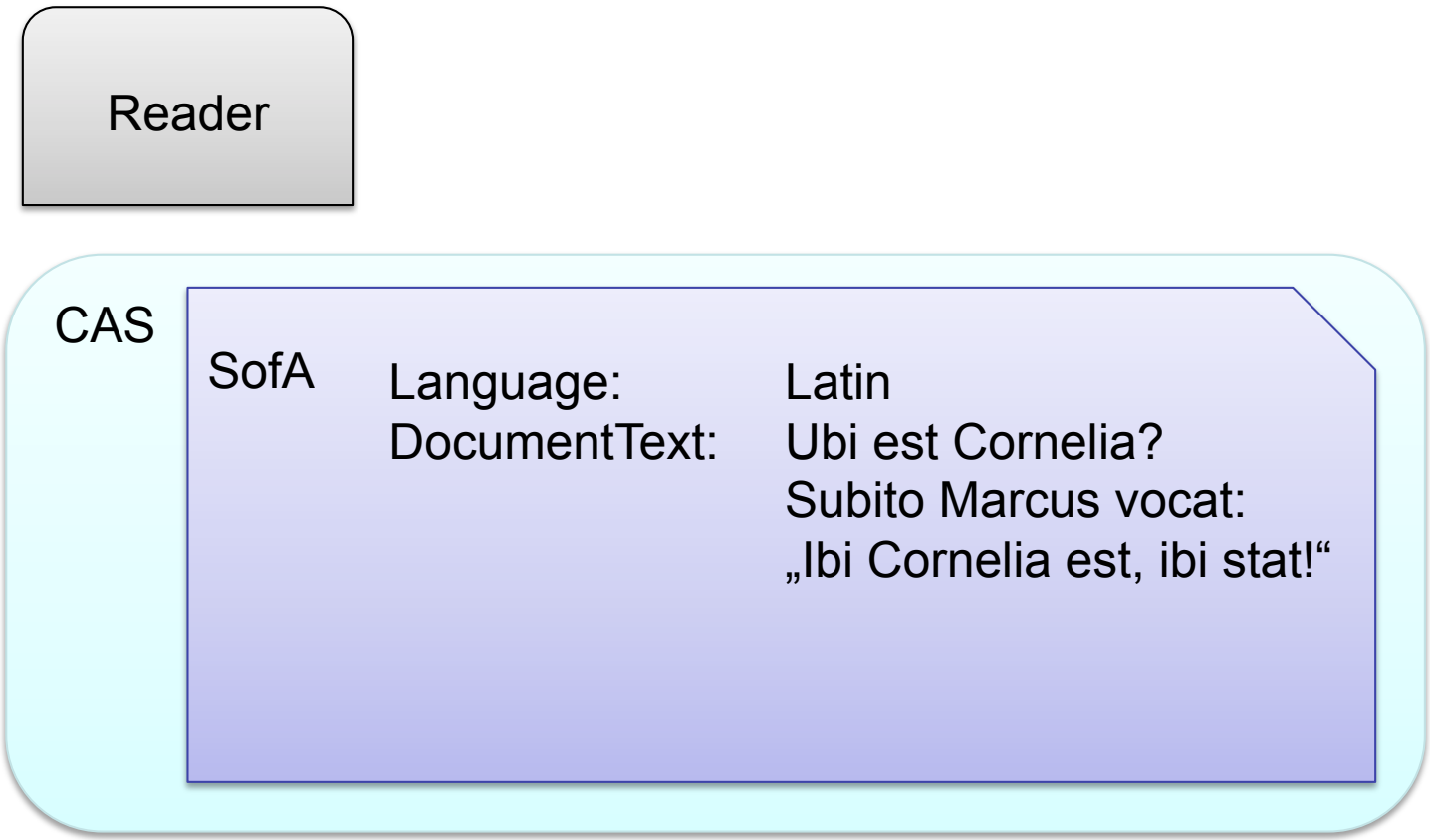
- Empty data structure (CAS) is passed to the reader
- Reader sets text (SofA) and meta-data (e.g. language)



Component – Analysis Engine

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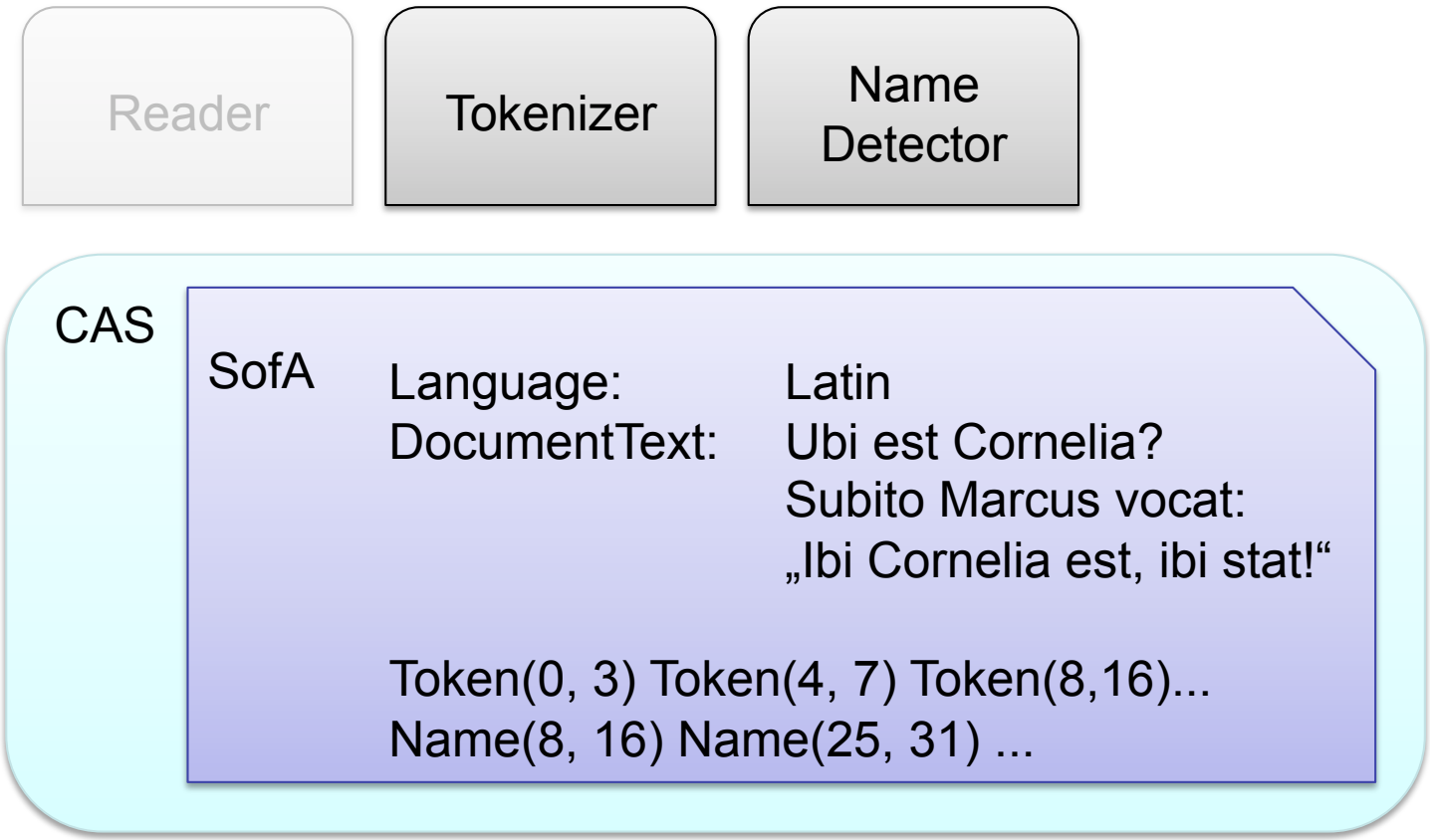
- The structure is passed to one analysis engine (AE) after the other
- Each analysis engine derives a bit of structure and records it (Annotation)



Component – CAS Consumer

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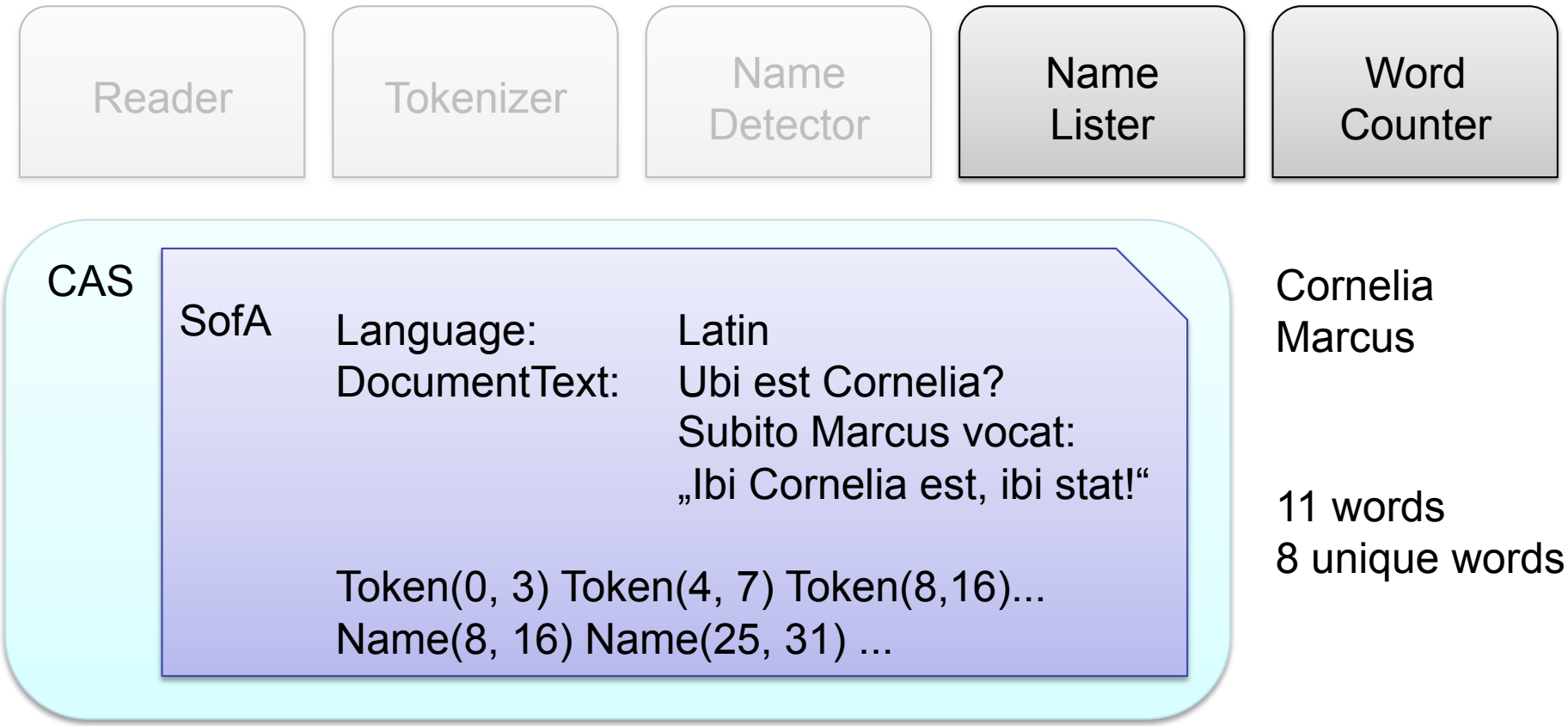
- Do something interesting with the analyzed data



Pipeline Example

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```
SimplePipeline.runPipeline(
  createReaderDescription(TextReader.class,
    TextReader.PARAM_SOURCE_LOCATION, "texts/**/*.txt"
    TextReader.PARAM_LANGUAGE, "en"),

  createEngineDescription(OpenNlpSegmenter.class),
  createEngineDescription(MatePosTagger.class),
  createEngineDescription(ClearNlpLemmatizer.class),
  createEngineDescription(BerkeleyParser.class,
    BerkeleyParser.PARAM_WRITE_PENN_TREE, true),
  createEngineDescription(StanfordNamedEntityRecognizer.class),

  createEngineDescription(XmiWriter.class,
    XmiWriter.PARAM_TARGET_LOCATION, "output",
    XmiWriter.PARAM_TYPE_SYSTEM_FILE, "TypeSystem.xml");
```

UIMA Data Structures

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Common Analysis System (CAS)

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- Provides access to primary data
- Stores secondary data aka annotations
- Functions like an in-memory database
  - Annotation types are like “tables”
  - There are “indexes”

Type System

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- UIMA specification is platform-independent
- Cannot rely on type system of implementation language (Java, C++)
- UIMA provides an “Object-oriented” type-system with
  - Type -> class
  - Feature -> class member
  - Feature Structure -> instance
  - Single inheritance
  - Sub-type polymorphism
  - no methods or encapsulation
- Primitive types: integer, float, boolean, string
- Built-in complex types: arrays, lists, Annotation
- Type-system forms communication contract between components

Java + CAS = JCas

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- JCas maps CAS types into the Java type system
- JCasGen generates Java classes from the XML type system descriptor
  - Token.java – feature structure wrapper with getters and setters
  - Token_type.java – type wrapper (cf. Java 'Class' class)
- JCas wrappers cannot be used stand-alone
- Type system descriptors still needed to initialize the underlying CAS

Code: CAS (UIMA)

File: CasAndJCasExample

```
TypeSystemDescription tsd = new TypeSystemDescription_impl();
TypeDescription tokenTypeDesc = tsd.addType("Token", "", CAS.TYPE_NAME_ANNOTATION);
tokenTypeDesc.addFeature("length", "", CAS.TYPE_NAME_INTEGER);

CAS cas = CasCreationUtils.createCas(tsd, null, null);
cas.setDocumentText("This is a test.");

Type tokenType = cas.getTypeSystem().getType("Token");
cas.addFsToIndexes(cas.createAnnotation(tokenType, 0, 4));
cas.addFsToIndexes(cas.createAnnotation(tokenType, 5, 7));
cas.addFsToIndexes(cas.createAnnotation(tokenType, 8, 9));
cas.addFsToIndexes(cas.createAnnotation(tokenType, 10, 14));
cas.addFsToIndexes(cas.createAnnotation(tokenType, 14, 15));

Feature lengthFeat = tokenType.getFeatureByBaseName("length");
AnnotationIndex<AnnotationFS> tokenIdx = cas.getAnnotationIndex(tokenType);
for (AnnotationFS token : tokenIdx) {
  token.setIntValue(lengthFeat, token.getCoveredText().length());
}

for (AnnotationFS token : tokenIdx) {
  System.out.println(token.getCoveredText() + " - " +
    token.getFeatureValueAsString(lengthFeat));
}
```

Code: JCas (uimaFIT)

File: CasAndJCasExample

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```
JCas jcas = JCasFactory.createJCas();
jcas.setDocumentText("This is a test.");


new Token(jcas, 0, 4).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 5, 7).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 8, 9).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 10, 14).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 14, 15).addToIndexes();



for (Token token : select(jcas, Token.class)) {
  token.setLength(token.getCoveredText().length());
}

for (Token token : select(jcas, Token.class)) {
  System.out.println(token.getCoveredText()+" - "+token.getLength());
}
```

Navigating the CAS with JCasUtil/CasUtil

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- select(cas, type)
- selectAll(cas)
- selectSingle(cas, type)
- selectSingleRelative(cas, type, n)
- selectBetween(type, annotation1, annotation2)

```
// CAS version
Type tokenType = CasUtil.getType(cas, "my.Token");
for (AnnotationFS token : CasUtil.select(cas, tokenType)) {
  ...
}

// JCas version
for (Token token : JCasUtil.select(jcas, Token.class)) {
  ...
}
```

uimaFIT type system detection

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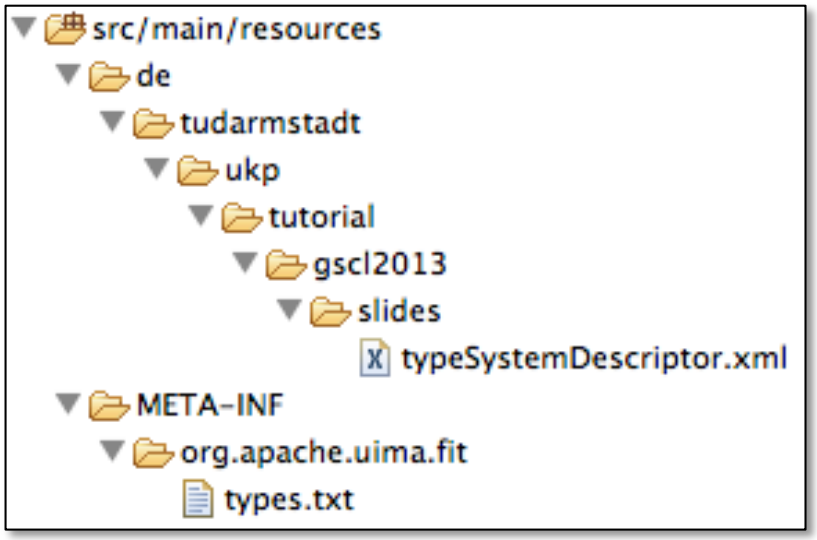
- uimaFIT example doesn't explicitly load/create type system
- Type system detection mechanism
- Types defined in XML descriptor files
- uimaFIT scans classpath for type system descriptor files



Type System Editor (Eclipse)

File: typeSystemDescriptor.xml (gscl2013-slides)

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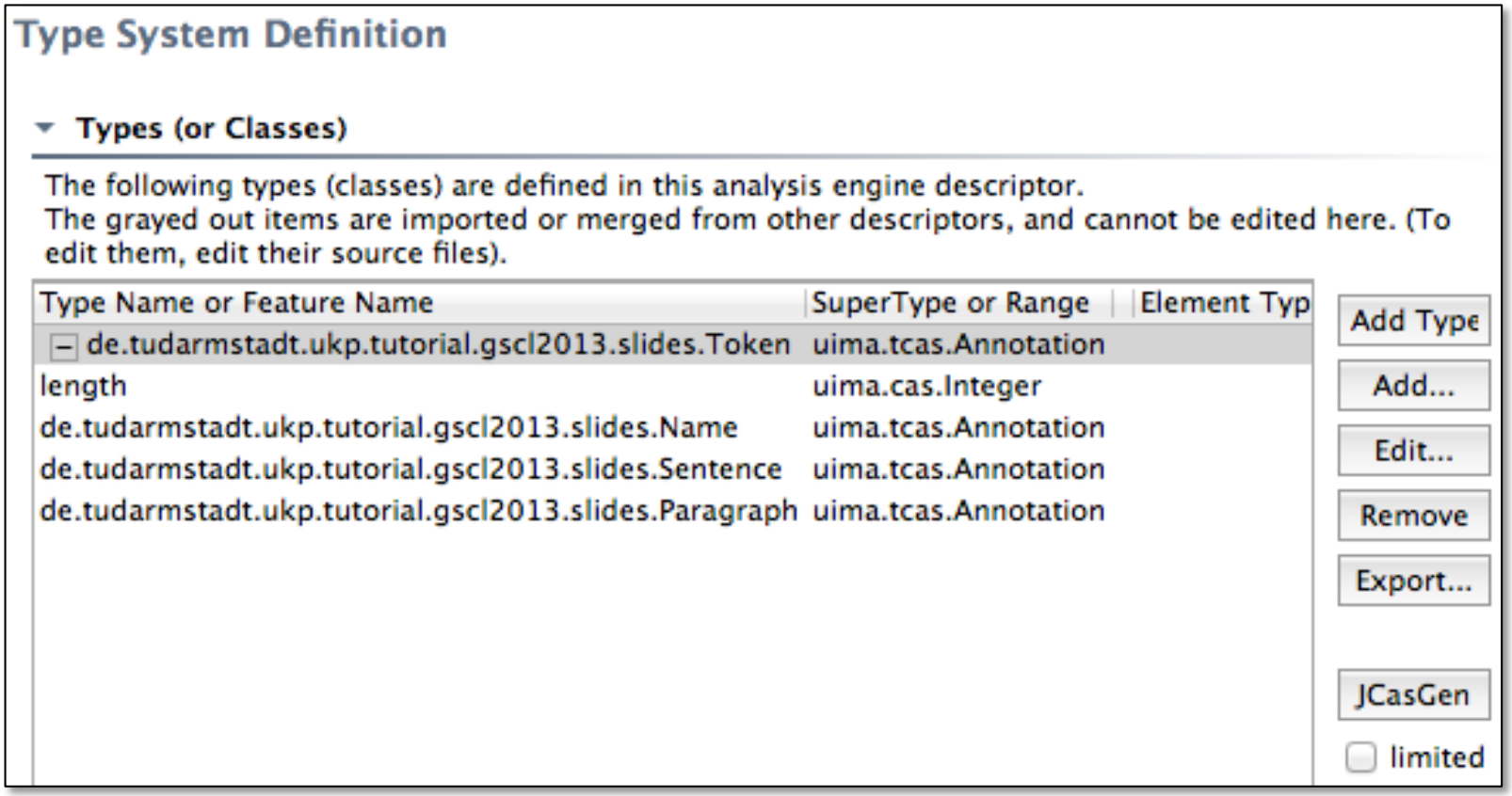

- JCasGen makes UIMA types available as Java Classes

Type Priorities

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In which order does select() return annotations?

- Type priorities define iteration order over features structures
- Example
  - A Sentence and a Paragraph start and end at the same position
- Which should be returned first?
  - Paragraph conceptually „larger“, but UIMA cannot know that by itself
- User specifies type priority: Paragraph, Sentence

Code: Type Priorities (JCas + uimaFIT)

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File: TypePrioritiesExample

```
TypePriorities prio = createTypePriorities(
  Paragraph.class, Sentence.class, Token.class);

JCas jcas = createCas(createTypeSystemDescription(), prio,
  null).getJCas();
jcas.setDocumentText("This is a test.");

new Token(jcas, 0, 4).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 5, 7).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 8, 9).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 10, 14).addToIndexes();
new Token(jcas, 14, 15).addToIndexes();
new Sentence(jcas, 0, 15).addToIndexes();
new Paragraph(jcas, 0, 15).addToIndexes();

for (Annotation a : select(jcas, Annotation.class)) {
  System.out.println("[" + a.getType().getShortName() + "|" +
    a.getBegin() + "-“ + a.getEnd() + "] " + a.getCoveredText());
}
```

Components

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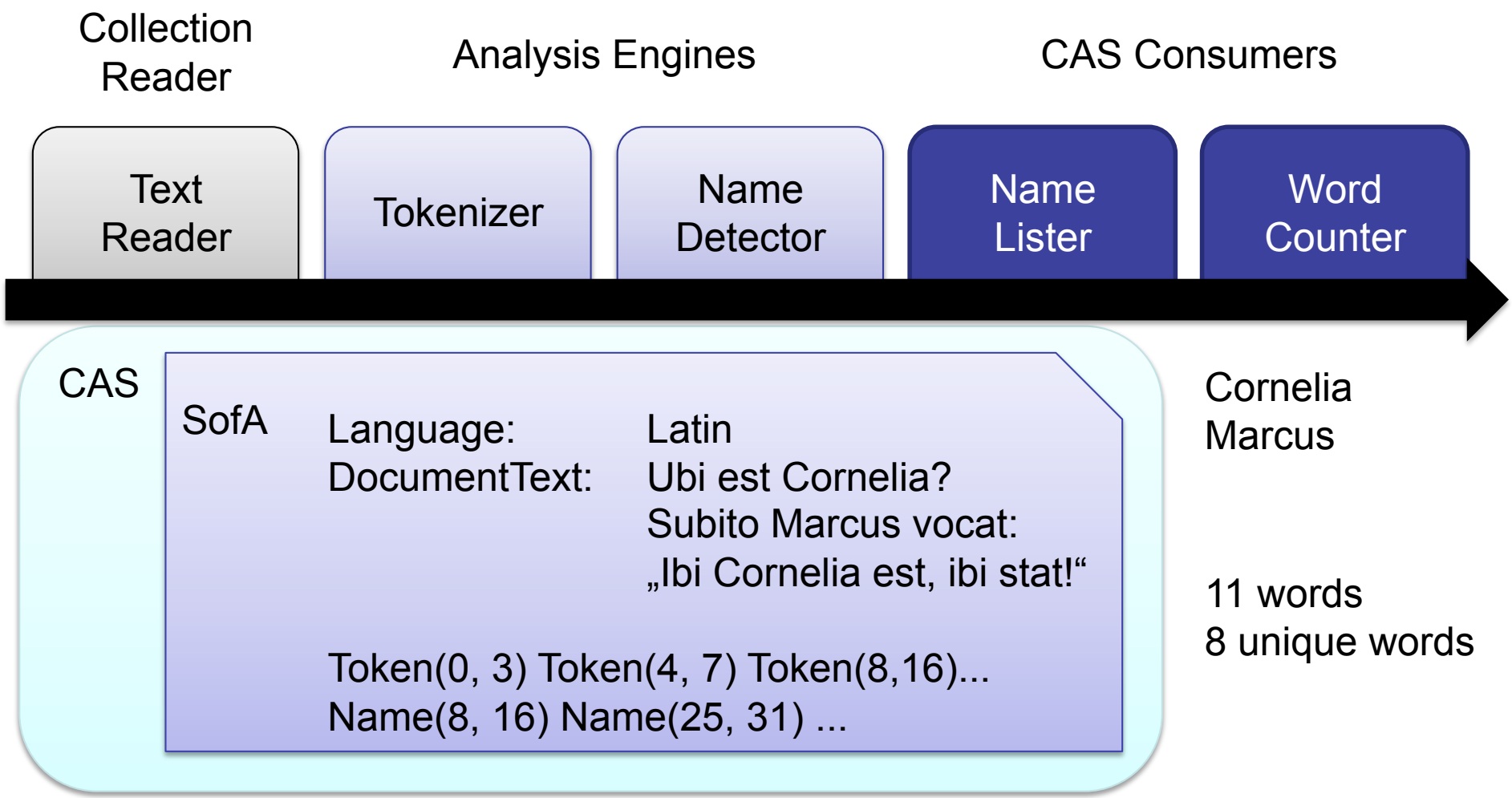
Components


Collection Reader
Analysis Engines
CAS Consumers
Text Reader
Tokenizer
Name Detector
Name Lister
Word Counter
CAS
SofA
Language: Latin
DocumentText: Ubi est Cornelia?
Subito Marcus vocat:
„Ibi Cornelia est, ibi stat!“
Token(0, 3) Token(4, 7) Token(8,16)...
Name(8, 16) Name(25, 31) ...
Cornelia
Marcus
11 words
8 unique words

API – Life-Cycle Events

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- Component life-cycle events
  - initialize() - configure component from context
    - apply parameters, initialize resources
  - reconfigure() - context has changed
    - re-initialize component
  - destroy() - release resources
- Processing life-cycle events
  - collectionProcessComplete() - last CAS in collection has been processed
    - aggregated analysis complete
  - batchProcessComplete() - last CAS in batch has been processed
    - recoverable components set checkpoint
- Other
  - typeSystemInit() - type-system has changed
    (*CASAnnotator_ImplBase only)*

API – Processing Methods

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- CollectionReader
  - hasNext() - another CAS can be filled
  - getNext() - fill the next CAS
  - getProgress() - report current progress to execution engine
- AnalysisEngine
  - process() - process/modify CAS
- CasConsumer
  - process() - process CAS; do not modify

Code: initialize() (uimaFIT)

File: TextFileReader

```
public static final String PARAM_PATH = "path";
@ConfigurationParameter(name = PARAM_PATH, mandatory = true)
protected File path;

public static final String PARAM_FILENAME_PATTERN = "filenamePattern";
@ConfigurationParameter(name = PARAM_FILENAME_PATTERN, mandatory = true,
  defaultValue = ".*\\.txt")
protected String filenamePattern;

public static final String PARAM_LANGUAGE = "language";
@ConfigurationParameter(name = PARAM_LANGUAGE, mandatory = true)
protected String language;

protected Queue<File> files;
protected int totalFiles;

public void initialize(UimaContext aContext) throws
ResourceInitializationException {
  super.initialize(aContext);
  files = new LinkedList<File>();
  collectFiles(path, filenamePattern, files);
  totalFiles = files.size();
}
```

Code: process() (uimaFIT)

File: NameAnnotator

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```
public static final String PARAM_DICTIONARY_FILE = "dictionaryFile";
@ConfigurationParameter(name = PARAM_DICTIONARY_FILE, mandatory = true)
private File dictionaryFile;

private Set<String> names;

public void initialize(UimaContext aContext)
{
  super.initialize(aContext);
  names = new HashSet<String>(readLines(dictionaryFile));
}

public void process(JCas jcas)
{
  // Annotate tokens contained in the dictionary as name
  for (Token token : select(jcas, Token.class)) {
    if (names.contains(token.getCoveredText())) {
      new Name(jcas, token.getBegin(), token.getEnd()).addToIndexes();
    }
  }
}
```

Figure: Analysis Engine Descriptor

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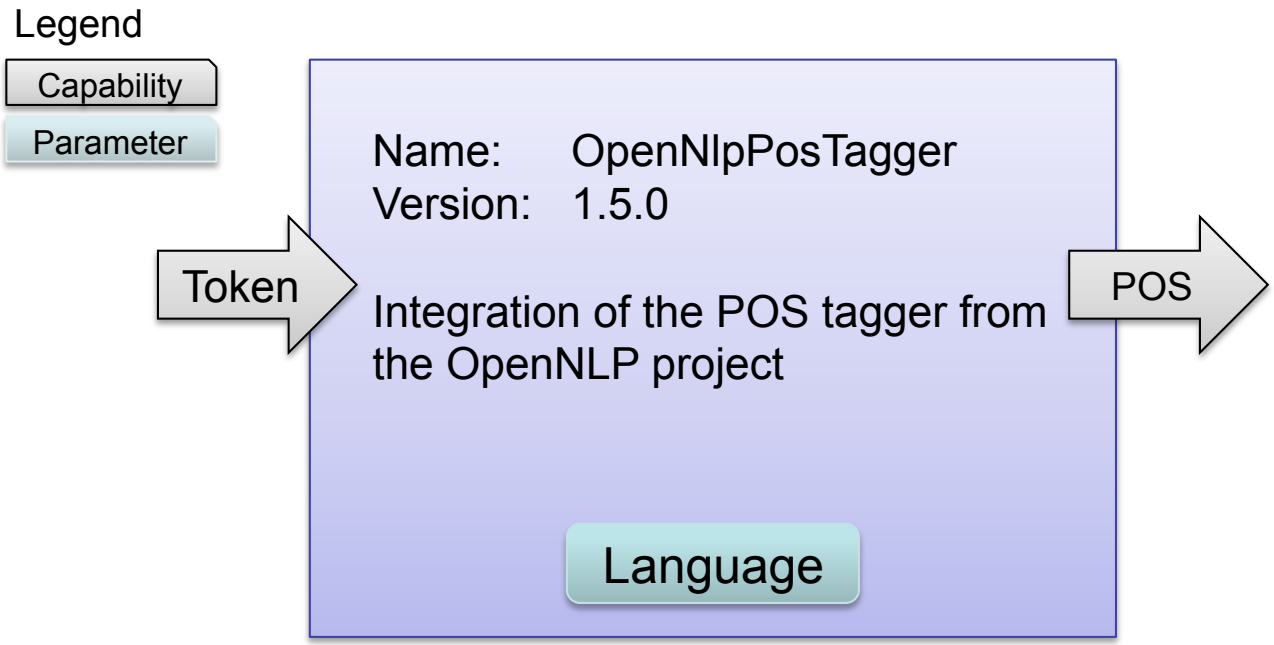
- Name
- Version
- Vendor
- Type system
- Parameters
- Capabilities
- Indexes
- Resources
- Single- / multiple deployment
- Delegate Analysis Engines (aggregate AEs only)
- Flow control (aggregate AEs only)
- … a few more



XML Descriptors – Pro & Contra

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- Pro
  - “Officially preferred” form of configuring UIMA components/resources
  - Widely supported by UIMA tooling
  - XML elements usually correspond 1:1 to Java classes
- Contra
  - Mix declaration/documentation and configuration
  - Not included when refactoring code
  - No convenient API for use in Java (remedy: uimaFIT factories)

Persisting and loading a CAS

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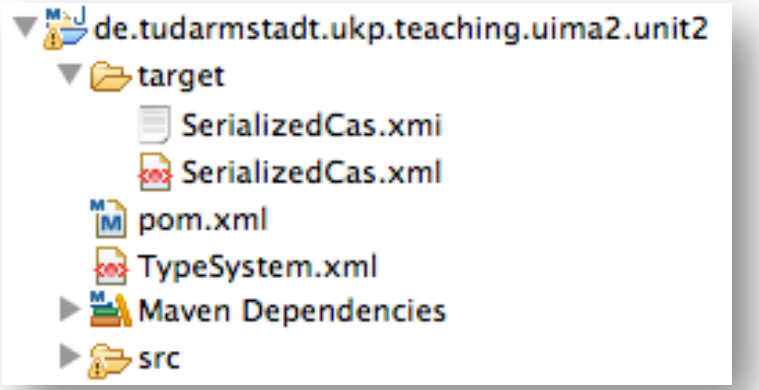
- Available serialization formats
  - XCAS – proprietary UIMA XML format (rarely used today)
  - XMI – standard XML representation of object graphs
- Type-system definition not included!



- Tip
  - Persist type system as “TypeSystem.xml” at project root
  - Open and XMI file in that project with the CAS Editor

Code: CAS to XMI (de)-serialization

File: CasPersistenceExample

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```
CAS cas = createCas(createTypeSystemDescription(), null, null);
populateCas(cas);

FileOutputStream out = new FileOutputStream("target/SerializedCas.xmi");
XmiCasSerializer.serialize(cas, out);
closeQuietly(out);

CAS loadedCas = createCas(createTypeSystemDescription(), null, null);
FileInputStream in = new FileInputStream("target/SerializedCas.xmi");
XmiCasDeserializer.deserialize(in, loadedCas);
closeQuietly(in);

createPrimitive(PrintConsumer.class).process(loadedCas);

FileOutputStream typeOut = new FileOutputStream("TypeSystem.xml");
createTypeSystemDescription().toXML(typeOut);
closeQuietly(typeOut);
```

CAS Editor

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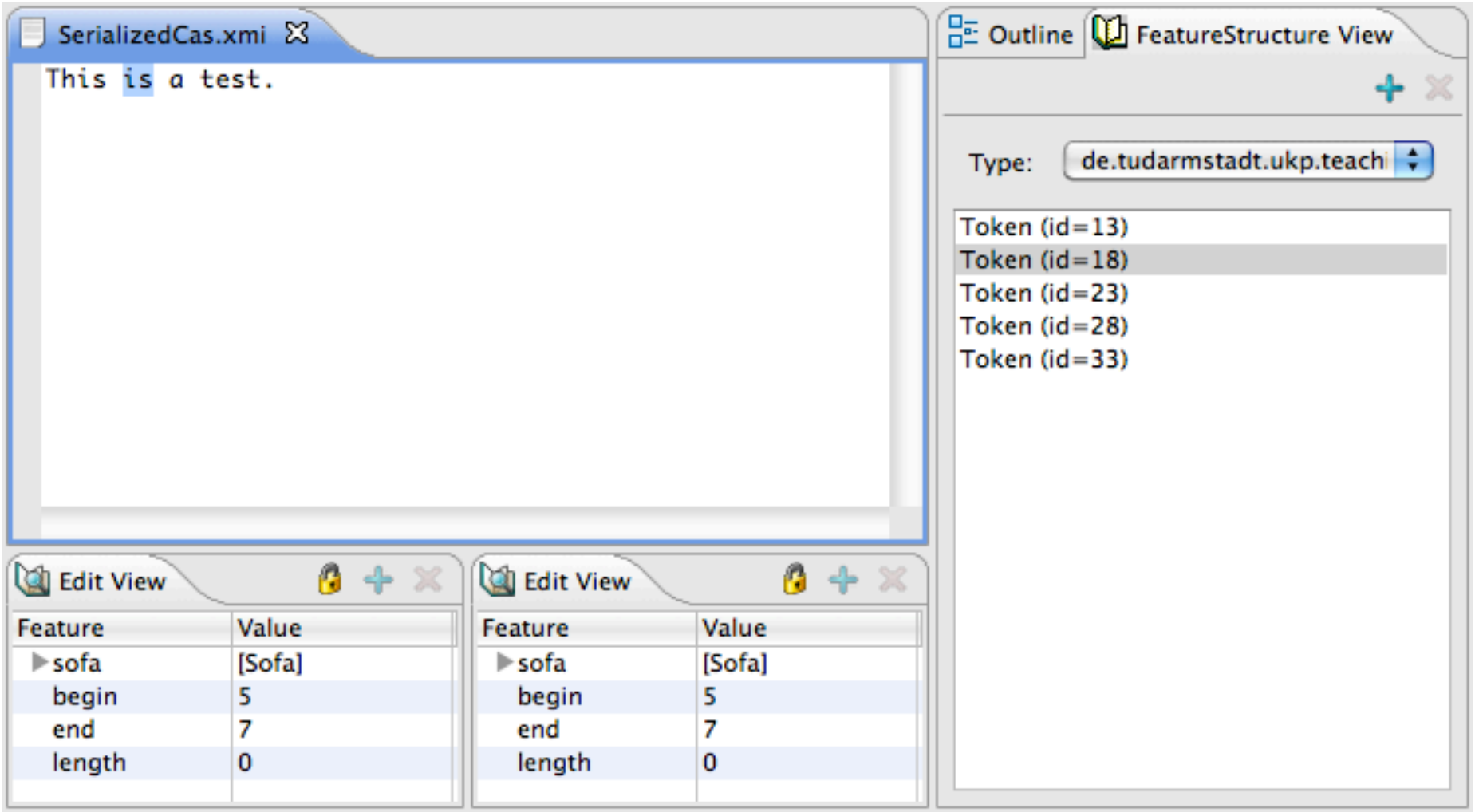

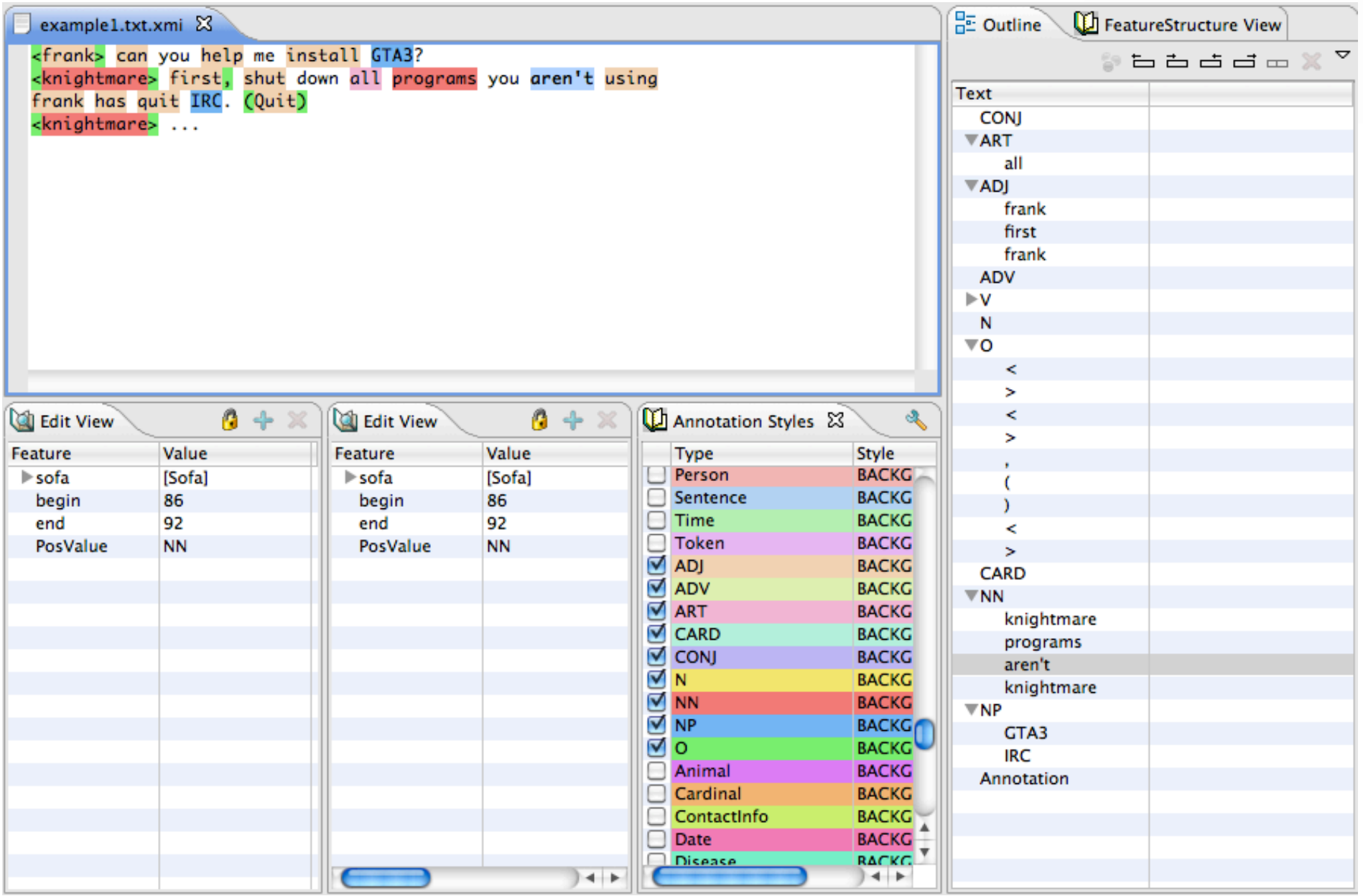
example1.txt.xmi
<frank> can you help me install GTA3?
<knightmare> first, shut down all programs you aren't using
frank has quit IRC. (Quit)
<knightmare> ...
Outline
FeatureStructure View
Text
CONJ
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all
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DKPro Core Component Collection

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What's a component collection?

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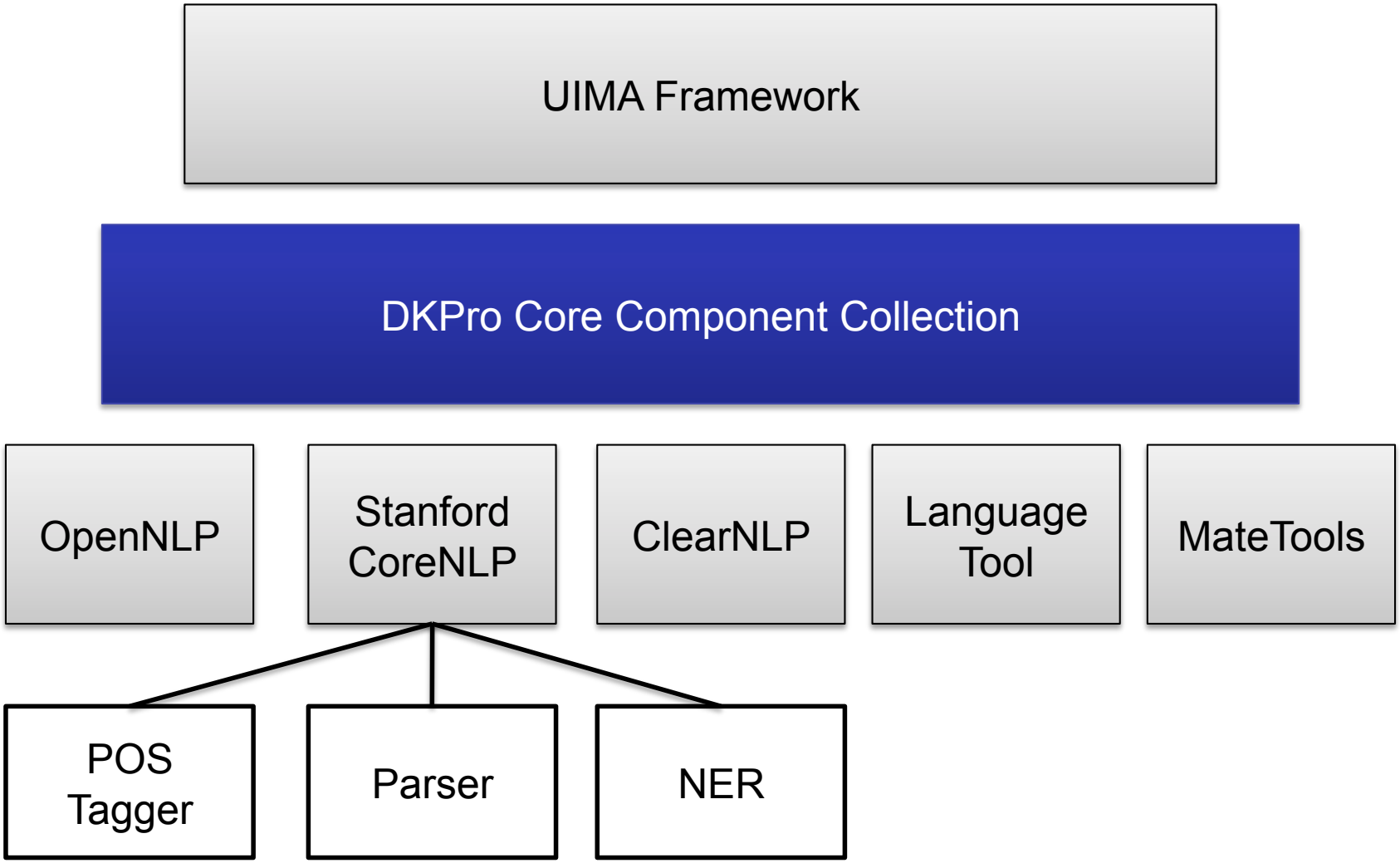

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DKPro Core

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- DKPro Core is an integration framework
  - Processing: tools and models
  - Primary data: corpora
  - Auxiliary data: other language resources (e.g. lexical resources)
- Primarily integration of existing work, not original work
- Contribution of DKPro Core is the integration itself
- Open Source under Apache Software License & GNU Public License

http://dkpro-core-asl.googlecode.com

http://dkpro-core-gpl.googlecode.com

DKPro Core Philosophy

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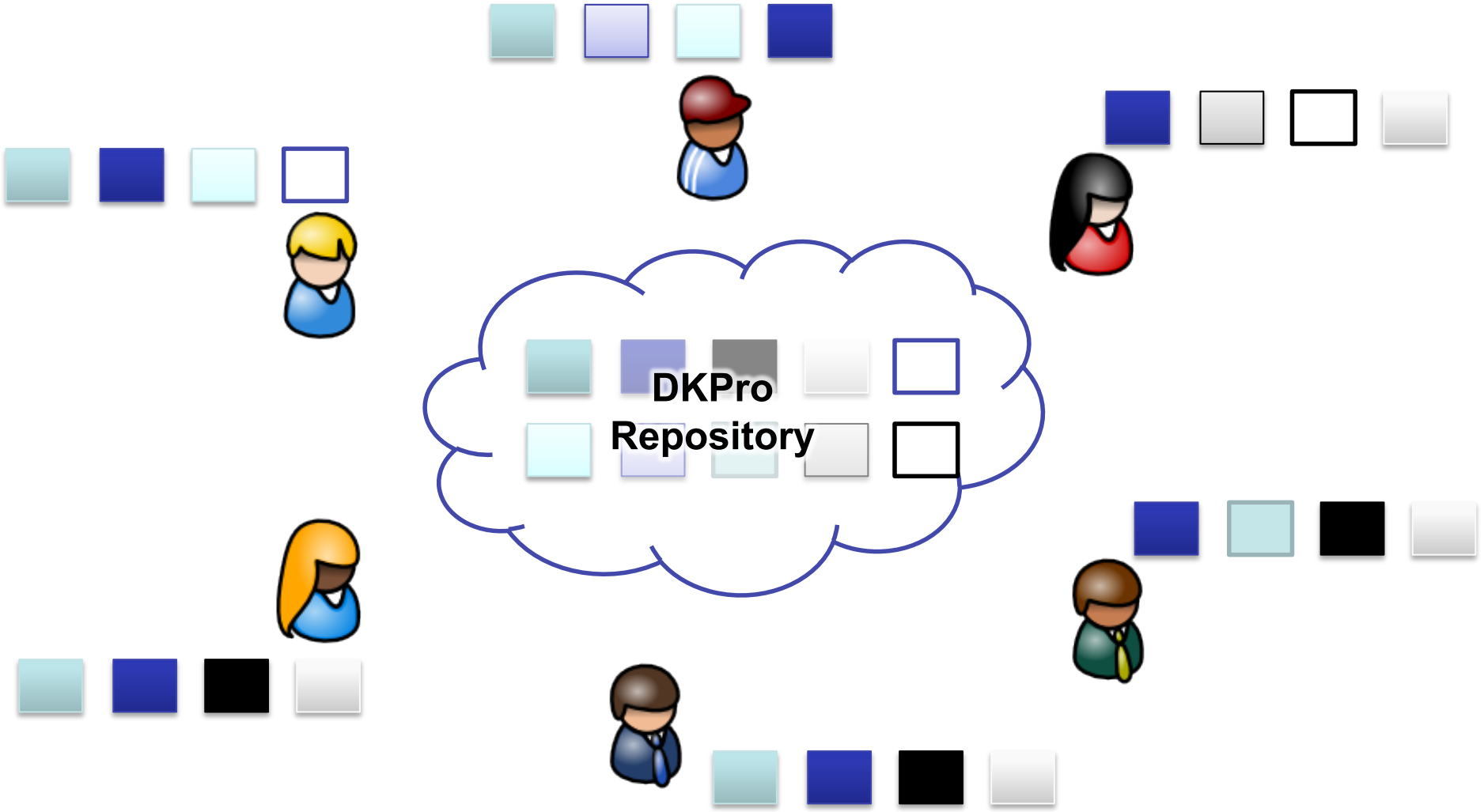
Stuff has to "just work", everywhere.

- **Simplicity**
  - Common data types used by all components
  - Common set of parameters across components
  - Sensible parameters defaults for minimal need for configuration
  - Convenient deployment of components and resources
  - Compose powerful pipelines with a few lines of code
- **Modularity**
  - Use only what you need
- **Flexibility**
  - Override parameters for fine-grained control
  - Extend data types with custom fields
  - Customize type mappings

Managing Deployment



UKP OSS Component Repository
Publish component

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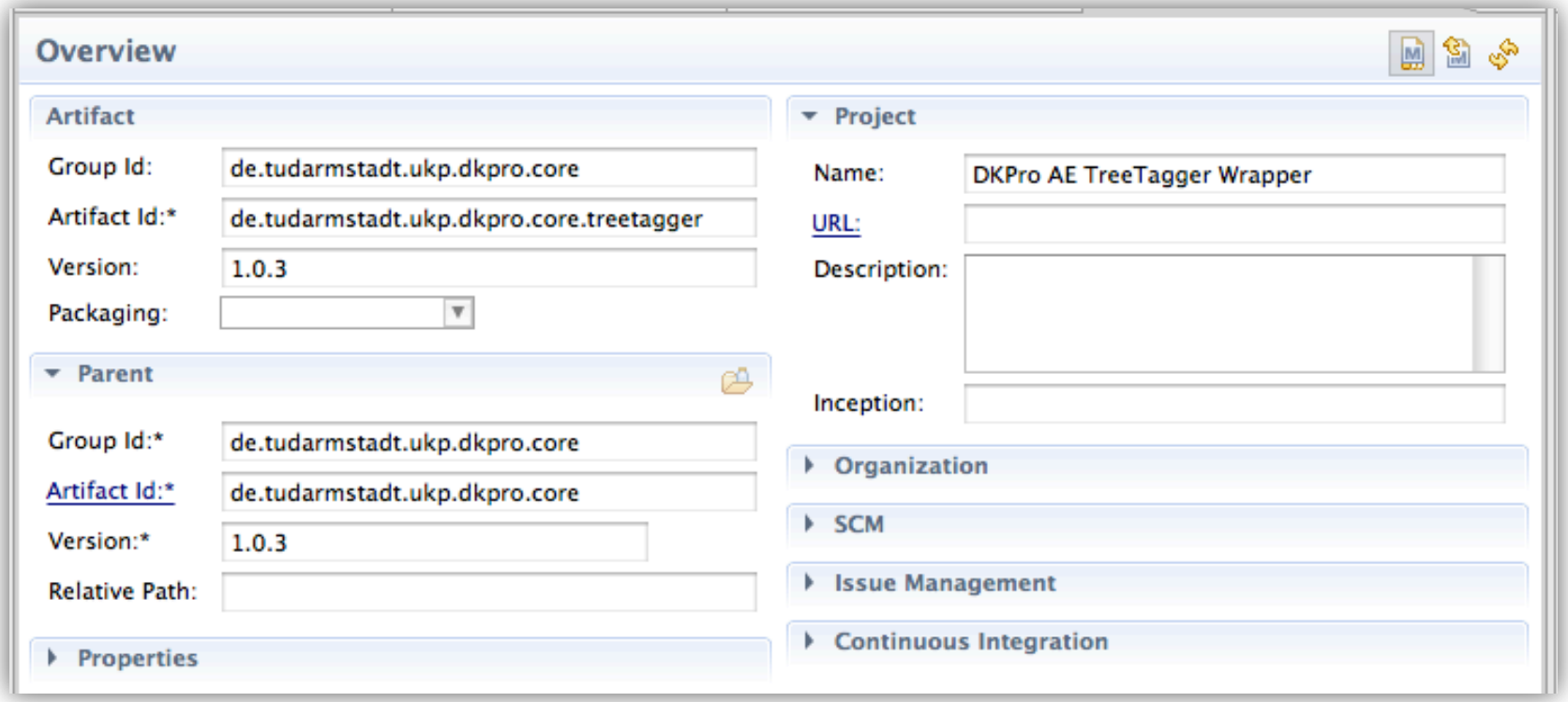
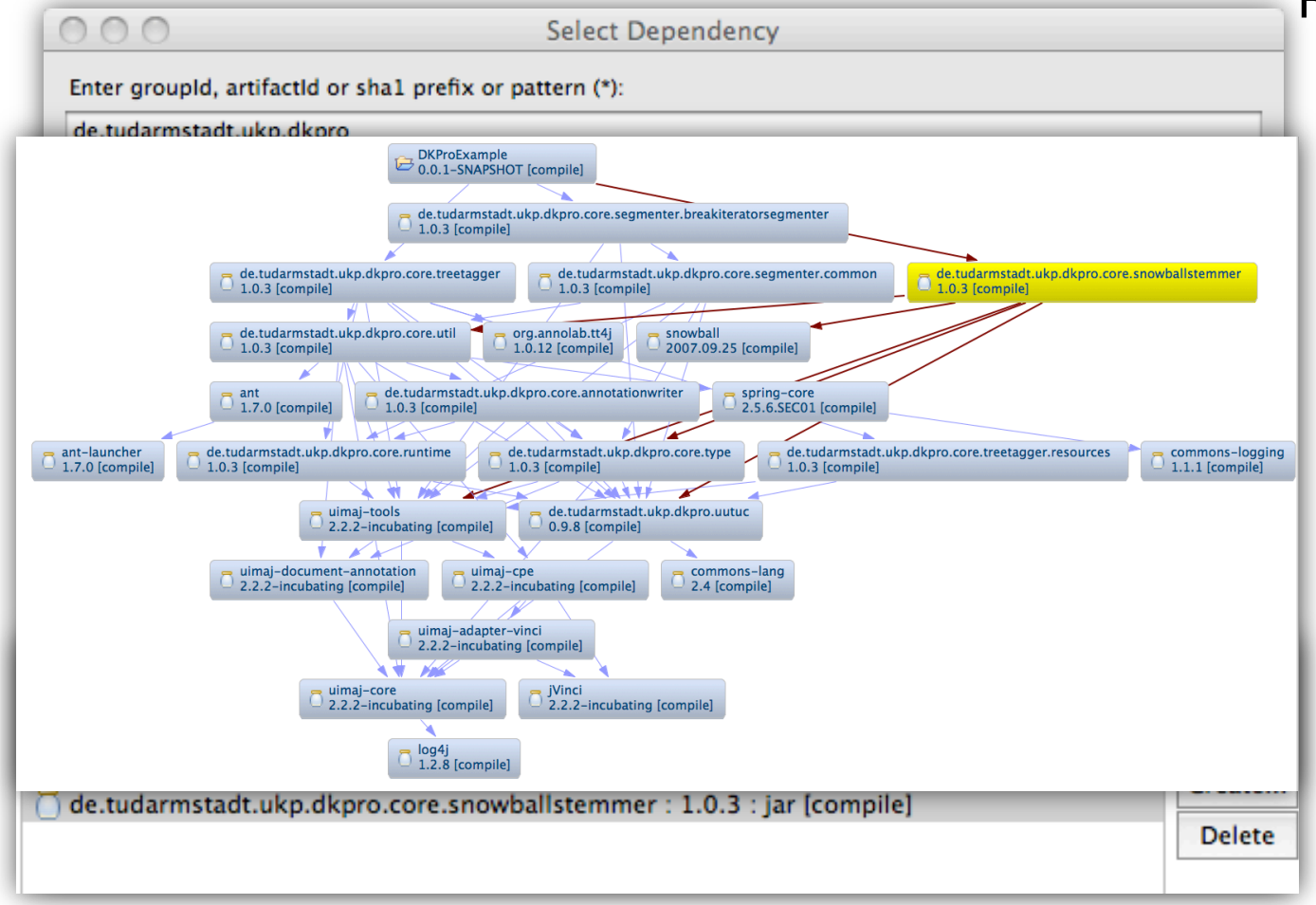
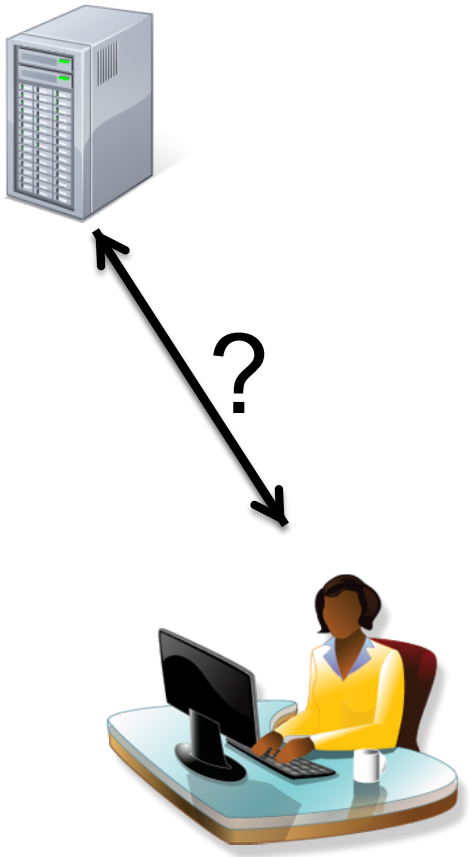


UKP OSS Component Repository
Retrieving components





Tools and Formats

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Integrated Tools

- Stanford NLP
- OpenNLP
- Mate-Tools
- ClearNLP
- LanguageTool
- TreeTagger
- JWordSplitter
- Snowball Stemmer
- TextCat
- MaltParser
- MstParser
- BerkeleyParser
- MeCab
- Jazzy
- …

Supported Formats

- Text
- PDF
- TIGER XML
- TEI XML
- BNC XML
- Negra Export
- SQL Databases
- Google web1t n-grams
- …

Readers and Writers

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- **Common parameters**
  - Source / target location
  - Source / target encoding
  - ANT-like patterns (for readers)
  - Language (for readers)

- **Common features**
  - Read data from file system, ZIP/JAR archives or classpath
  - Preserve directory structure on write for recursive reads

Some currently supported corpora / resources

- British National Corpus (BNC-XML)
- Wacky Corpora (OpenCWB format)
- TüBa D/Z (NEGRA export format)
- Tiger Corpus (Tiger XML)
- Digitale Bibliothek (TEI XML)
- Brown Corpus (TEI XML)
- ACL Anthology Reference Corpus (Text)
- …

- Google Web1T n-grams
  - Can also easily build your own n-gram database with DKPro/jweb1t

We are working on supporting more corpora and corpus formats

Good range of pre-trained models

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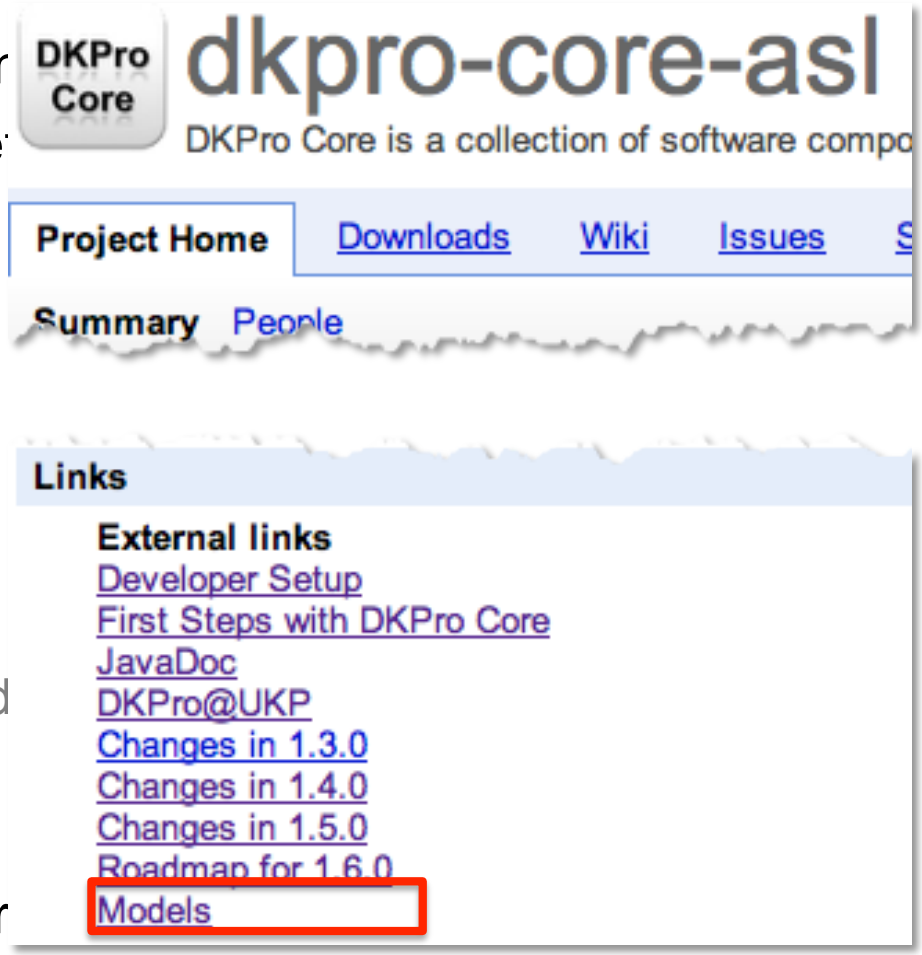
- Upstream models packaged for conver
- Package includes additional model me

- 90+ models
- 20+ tools
- 15+ languages

- Best supported
  - English (Penn Treebank Tagset, Stanford
  - German (STTS Tagset, Negra/Tiger)

- Unfortunately not all models are redistr
- … we are interested in creating/collecting more models



DKPro Type System Overview

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Meta Data

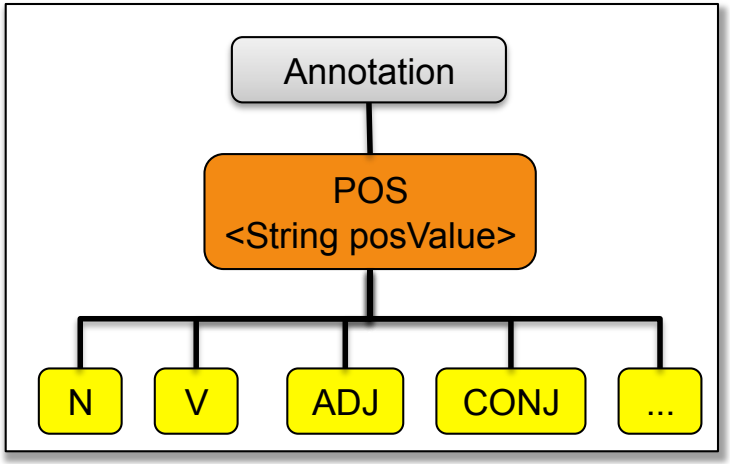
DocumentMetaData
<String documentTitle>
<String collectionId>
<String documentId>
<String documentUri>
<String documentBaseUri>

Segmentation

- Document
- Token
- LinkingMorpheme
- Heading
- Compound
- Ngram
- Paragraph
- Split
- StopWord
- Sentence
- CompoundPart

LexMorph

- POS
- Stem
- Lemma
- Morpheme



Syntax

- Constitutent
- Dependency
- Chunk

Coreference

- CoreferenceChain
- CoreferenceLink

Semantic Role Labeling

- SemanticPredicate
- SemanticArgument

Named Entities

- NamedEntity
- Location
- Person
- ...etc...

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UIMA type mappings

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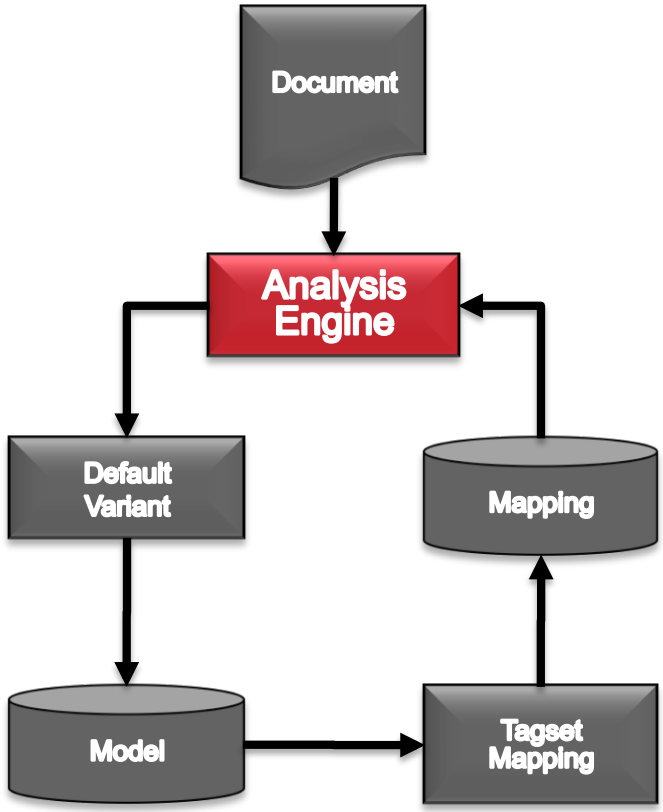
- Tags mapped to UIMA types (configurable)
- **Generic:** Original tags stored in a *value* feature, e.g. `POS.value`
- **Coarse Grained:** Currently supported for Part-of-Speech tags
  - 13 coarse grained part-of-speech tags
  - ADJ, ADV, ART, CARD, CONJ, N (NP, NN), O, PP, PR, V, PUNC
- Convenient coarse-grained processing across languages
- Similar “Universal Part-of-Speech” tag-set published @ LREC 2012
  - *Slav Petrov, Dipanjan Das and Ryan McDonald*
  - Defines mappings for 25 tagsets in 22 languages
  - Will be adopted in a future DKPro Core release
- Similar coarse-grained mappings may come for syntax, dependencies, …

Analysis Engines

- **Common parameters**
  - Model location
  - Model encoding
  - Model variant
  - Mapping location
  - Language

- **Common features**
  - Load model depending on document language
  - Print model tag set to log
  - Default variants



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DKPro Core and Groovy

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```
#!/usr/bin/env groovy
@Grab(group='de.tudarmstadt.ukp.dkpro.core',
      module='de.tudarmstadt.ukp.dkpro.core.opennlp-asl',
      version='1.5.0')

import de.tudarmstadt.ukp.dkpro.core.opennlp.*;
import org.apache.uima.fit.factory.JCasFactory;
import org.apache.uima.fit.pipeline.SimplePipeline;
import de.tudarmstadt.ukp.dkpro.core.api.segmentation.type.*;
import de.tudarmstadt.ukp.dkpro.core.api.syntax.type.*;
import static org.apache.uima.fit.util.JCasUtil.*;
import static org.apache.uima.fit.factory.AnalysisEngineFactory.*;

def jcas = JCasFactory.createJCas();
jcas.documentText = "This is a test";
jcas.documentLanguage = "en";

SimplePipeline.runPipeline(jcas,
  createEngineDescription(OpenNlpSegmenter),
  createEngineDescription(OpenNlpPosTagger),
  createEngineDescription(OpenNlpParser,
    OpenNlpParser.PARAM_WRITE_PENN_TREE, true));

select(jcas, Token).each { println "${it.coveredText} ${it.pos.posValue}" }
select(jcas, PennTree).each { println it.pennTree }
```

Hands-on

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https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/11205710/iuahsdfhksad/ws-tutorial.zip

Example projects

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- **gscl2013-types**
  - Defining and using your own annotation types
- **gscl2013-pipeline**
  - Four ways of building a UIMA pipeline
    1. No reader, no writer
    2. No reader, with writer
    3. With reader, no writer
    4. With reader, with writer
  - Simple interactive analysis pipeline
  - Extended interactive analysis pipeline with language detection
- **gscl2013-dkpro**
  - DKPro Core monster pipeline wildly mixing components from different vendors
- **gscl2013-pos-ensemble**
  - Building an improved part-of-speech tagger using an ensemble of taggers
- **gscl-2013-ruta**
  - Running Ruta within an uimaFIT pipeline