Assignment 1: Evaluate name entity linking

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This assignment compares the quality of named entity linking using <u>Open</u> <u>Calais</u> and <u>DBPedia Spotlight</u> for two fragments of English text (the Open Calais demonstrator does not support Dutch).

First text fragment

Unesco about the Silkroad

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Additional annotations

Second text fragment

the Guardian about a new series of the Cold Feet tv series

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