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# Disaster tweet Generation and Detection

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# PROBLEM

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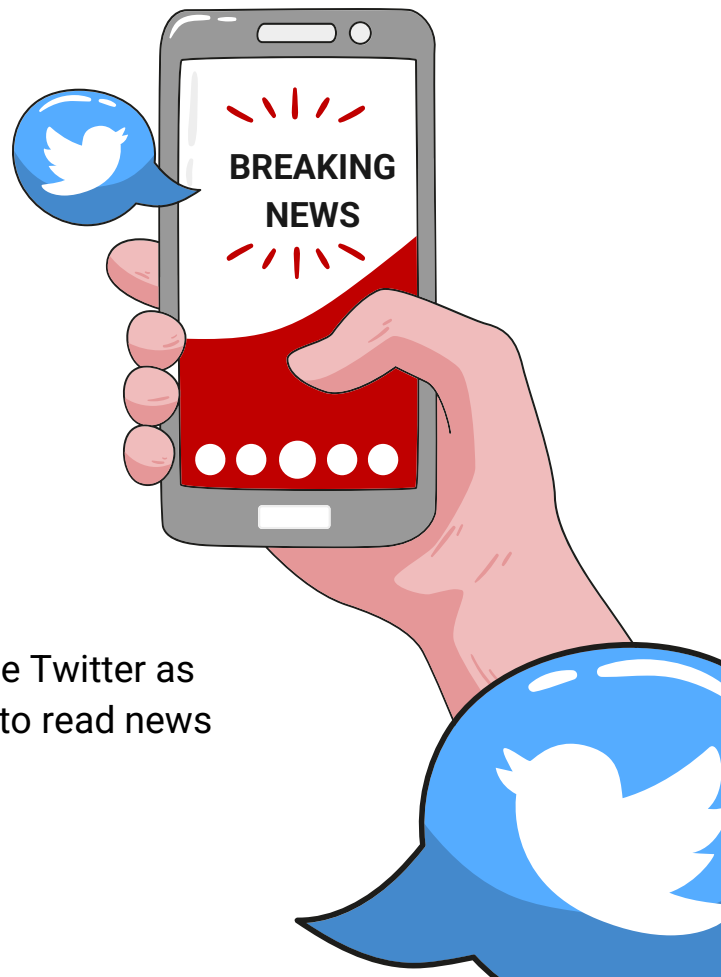
Of active Twitter accounts are fake or spam

38.2%

Americans have accidentally shared fake news

69%

Of Americans use Twitter as a main platform to read news



# Fake tweets detection on Kaggle

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- Competition on Kaggle “Natural Language Processing with Disaster Tweets”
- 10K of real and fake tweets dataset
- Best solution has 96% accuracy
- **However, the dataset is quite limited and it contains low quality fake tweets.**
- **Correct labels were leaked and utilized to mess up leaderboard**



# Our solution

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## Generator

GPT2 pre-trained on a few real tweets and fine-tuned along with Discriminator model



## Discriminator

Small Bert fine-tuned on GPT-generated data and 300 real tweets.

# Examples of generated Tweets



**Tweet1**

"0Zionist infiltrator may be preparing for Armageddon0Linux-based 'back doors' to Iran's major"



**Tweet2**

"A helicopter carrying miners from Myanmar to Bangladesh has collided with a boat off the Irian state's west coast."



**Tweet3**

"I was in California and I saw a spaceship land on my front porch. How??  
WHAT???"





# Examples of tweets which tricked the detector



**Tweet1**

Iranian nuclear weapon found:  
Iranian government officials  
said Thursday that they  
recovered two nuclear-capable  
ICBMs from a remote area of  
southwest Iran.  
<http://t.co/rH6J3Wy1MtLpic>



**Tweet2**

Emergency responders  
evacuate hostages from a  
Saudi Arabia-led coalition  
warring...  
<https://t.co/IXoR1VXyKm8>  
#bbc0My heart goes out to all  
the families affected by this



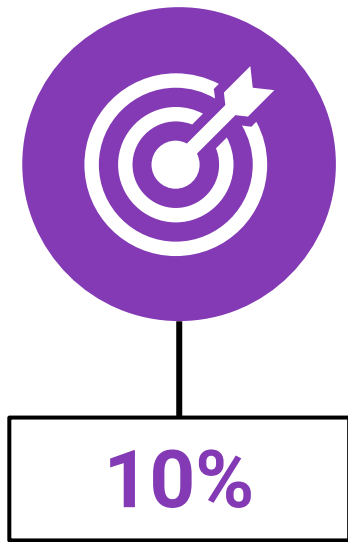
**Tweet3**

I understand everyone is upset  
about the MH17 disaster but  
why not take a trip down  
memory lane and send the  
message that computers can  
be trusted? #TrustFund



# How good is our solution?

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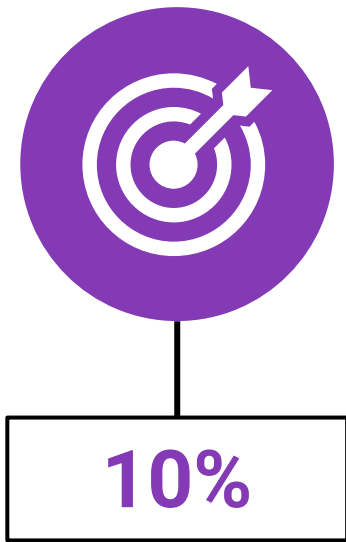


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## Accuracy Increase

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DistilBERT trained on 10000  
samples: 0.84 accuracy

Discriminator trained on 300 real  
and 100 generated samples:  
0.68 accuracy

*With only 3% of data!*

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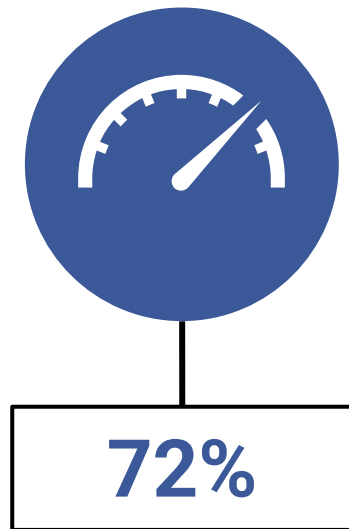
## Submissions



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[13]: X_val = [x.strip() for x in open('generated.txt', 'r').readlines()]
      y_val = [LABEL_FAKE for i in range(len(X_val))]

      classifier.evaluate(X_val, y_val)
```

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2/2 ----- 7s 4s/step - accuracy: 0.2775 - loss: 2.1003
[13... [2.1539533138275146, 0.25999999046325684]
```



## Generations

Were able to fool one of the top  
Kaggle competition model

# Limitations

## Link generation

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All generated links are not working; hence, the fakeness could be check by the links

## Merged Tweets

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Some generated Tweets comprise information of several disasters at the same time. This tricks the discriminator



## Unstable convergence

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## Time and memory

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The solution consume quite a large number of memory and time

# Thank you for your attention

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*“Times change! Before, no one believed the weather forecast.  
Today in the news only the weather forecast  
can be trusted.”*

— Ljupka Cvetanova, Yet Another New Land

