

The dataset provided here is used in the paper: Web Service Discovery based on Goal-Oriented Query Expansion, which has been submitted to Journal of Systems and Software.

Dataset description

i) We crawled the descriptive data of 13,520 Web APIs crawled from ProgrammableWeb (<http://www.programmableweb.com/>, PW for short) on July 25 2016. For each Web API, we collected ten kinds of attributes, which are described below:

- * name: the “API Name” of the Web API on PW
- * description: the textual “Description” of the Web API on PW
- * pw_link: the relative link of the Web API on PW
- * primary_category: the “Primary Category” of the Web API on PW
- * secondary_categories: the “Secondary Categories” of the Web API on PW
- * provider: the “API Provider” of the Web API on PW
- * submitted: the “Submitted” date of the Web API on PW
- * architectural_style: the “Architectural Style” of the Web API on PW
- * supported_request_formats: the “Supported Request Formats” of the Web API on PW
- * supported_response_formats: the “Supported Response Formats” of the Web API on PW

Original Web APIs: [13,520 Web APIs.zip](#)

Categorized Web APIs: [Categorized Web APIs \(466 categories in total\).zip](#)

NOTE: Each Web API is categorized into each of its primary category and secondary categories. For example, the subfolder “Mapping (747)” contains 747 Web APIs that belong to category “Mapping”.

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ii) Service goals extracted from the textual descriptions of Web APIs in seven experimental categories/domains:

[Extracted Service Goals of Web APIs in 7 Categories.zip](#)

The subfolders and files in each category (e.g., Mapping (747)) are described as follows:

- 1) **ig-res**: contains the initial goals and their extension results of each Web API in the category
- 2) **csg-res**: contains the candidate service goals of each Web API in the category
- 3) **sg-res**: contains the refined service goals of each Web API in the category
- 4) **sgsta.txt**: contains the statistics of service goals extracted for all Web APIs in the category. For example, “create map -> 15” indicates that service goal (create, map, null, null) occurs 15 times in the category.

NOTE: The structure of service goal is defined as (*sgv*, *sgn*, *vsgp*, *nsGP*), where *vsgp* and *nsGP* contain the sets of prepositional phrases associated with *sgv* and *sgn*, respectively. In other words, *sgp* defined in the paper consists of *vsgp* and *nsGP*.