Kristen Sheets

WORK EXPERIENCE

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Natural Language Processing Intern

February 2020 - present

Charles River Analytics; Cambridge, MA

• Creating a custom entity and relationship extraction pipeline for use on scientific and technical papers, includes OCR pipeline, design and implementation of functional grammar systems for entity parsing and extraction.

Graduate Research Assistant

September 2018 - present

PI: Prof. James Pustejovsky, Brandeis University; Waltham, MA

• Researching inherent polysemy using corpora and data-driven methodologies within a Generative Lexicon framework in the Lab for Linguistics and Computation.

Linguistic Data Intern

June 2019 - August 2019

Basis Technology; Cambridge, MA

- Created process and methodologies for in-house natural language processing tool evaluation, using open source tools including SpaCy and Kuromoji, and executed on a large comparison project in collaboration with the R&D team.
- Sourced novel multilingual data sets leveraging Wikipedia, census data and other publicly available resources, through the augmentation and generation of custom data processing scripts using Python and Bash.

Solutions Engineer

December 2017 - July 2018

January 2016 - December 2017

Technical Analyst

Ericsson Emodo (formerly Placecast); San Francisco, CA

- Served as a technical expert to internal and external stakeholders for custom technical projects, producing a wide range of deliverables including data extraction and analysis for Product, Engineering and Business Development teams.
- Designed and automated data integration processes by writing and maintaining process controllers for data ingestion, primarily in Bash.
- Executed data analysis, requirement engineering, functionality testing and technical documentation tasks for internal and external stake-holders, including Fortune 100 enterprise partners.

Localization Project Coordinator

July 2014 - January 2016

Google; Mountain View, CA

- Managed end to end global localization production, including triaging functional and linguistic issues for multiple product lines including Gmail, Google Apps for Work, and Google Play across 68 languages.
- Trained new Localization Project Coordinators, managing ramp and development for 5 new team members.

EDUCATION

M.S. in Computational Linguistics

2018 - expected 2020

Brandeis University; Waltham, MA

Coursework: Statistical & Neural Methods for NLP, Computational Semantics, Linguistic Annotation for Machine Learning, Data Structures & Algorithms, Information Extraction, Information Retrieval, NLP Systems for Named Entity Recognition Teaching assistantships: Linguistic Typology, Syntactic Theory (for Prof. Lotus Goldberg)

B.A. in Linguistics

2010 - 2014

University of California, Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, CA

Coursework: Advanced Topics in Syntax, Semantics II, Language Typology, Morphology, Phonology II, Phonetic Analysis Honors: Dean's Undergraduate Research Award, Dean's Honors

Teaching assistantships: Syntactic Structures (for Prof. Maziar Toosarvandani)

SKILLS

Programming: Python (NLTK, pandas, sklearn, spaCy, Tensorflow), Java, Haskell, Bash, SQL

Natural languages: English (native), German (fluent), French (proficient)

SELECTED PROJECTS

Named Entity Recognition for Podcasts

Developing a custom ontology, extending from the OntoNotes NER annotation guidelines, for named entity recognition and extraction from podcast transcripts. Future work to include topic modeling using extracted named entities.

Semantic Type Classifier

Using the WordNet annotated SemCor corpus, designing and training a classification model to identify a word's CoreLex basic semantic type, as a proof of concept for the task identifying trends in polysemy. Future work to include developing a neural model architecture using contextual word embeddings (BERT).