

# INFO SYNC: Information Synchronization across Multilingual Semi-structured Tables

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## Abstract

Information Synchronization of semi-structured data across languages is challenging. For instance, Wikipedia tables in one language should be synchronized across languages. To address this problem, we introduce a new dataset INFO SYNC and a two-step method for tabular synchronization. INFO SYNC contains 100K entity-centric tables (Wikipedia Infoboxes) across 14 languages, of which a subset ( $\sim 3.5K$  pairs) are manually annotated. The proposed method includes 1) *Information Alignment* to map rows and 2) *Information Update* for updating missing/outdated information for aligned tables across multilingual tables. When evaluated on INFO SYNC, information alignment achieves an F1 score of 87.91 (en  $\leftrightarrow$  non-en). To evaluate information updation, we perform human-assisted Wikipedia edits on Infoboxes for 603 table pairs. Our approach obtains an acceptance rate of 77.28% on Wikipedia, showing the effectiveness of the proposed method.

## 1 Introduction

English articles across the web are more timely updated than other languages on particular subjects. Meanwhile, culture differences, topic preferences, and editing inconsistency lead to information mismatch across multilingual data, e.g., outdated information or missing information (Jang et al., 2016; Nguyen et al., 2018). Online encyclopedia, e.g., Wikipedia, contains millions of articles that need to be updated constantly, involving expanding existing articles, modifying content such as correcting facts in sentences (Shah et al., 2019) and altering Wikipedia categories (Zhang et al., 2020b). However, more than 40% of Wikipedia’s active editors are in English. At the same time, only 15% of the world population speak English as their first language. Therefore, information in languages other

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Thesis	Chromosome Studies in Nicandra physaloides

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आवास	भारत
राज्यियता	भारतीय
सेवा	वनस्पति विज्ञान, कोशिका विज्ञान
संस्थान	गुरुवर्गिटी बॉटनी लैबोरेटरी, मद्रास

Figure 1: Janaki Ammal Infoboxes in English (right) and Hindi (left). Hindi Table lacks the "British Rule of India" as a cultural context. Two value mismatches (a) The Hindi table doesn’t list *Died* key’s state (b) Institution values differ. The Hindi table mentions "residence" while the English table doesn’t. Hindi Table is missing Thesis, Awards, and Alma Mater keys. Both don’t mention parents, early education, or honors.

than English may not be as updated (Bao et al., 2012). See Figure 1 for an example of an information mismatch for the same entity across different languages. In this work, we look at synchronizing information across multilingual content.

To overcome the above-mentioned problem, we formally introduce the task of Information Synchronization for multilingual articles, which includes paragraphs, tables, lists, categories, and images. But due to its magnitude and complexity, synchronizing all of the information across different modalities on a webpage is daunting. Therefore, this work focuses on semi-structured data, a.k.a. table synchronization in a few languages, as the first step toward our mission.

We consider Infobox, a particular type of semi-structured Wikipedia tables (Zhang and Balog, 2020a), which contain entity-centric information, where we observe various information mismatches, e.g., missing rows (cf. Figure 1). One intuitive idea to address them is translation-based. However, the Infoboxes contain rows with implicit context; translating these short phrases is prone to errors and leads to ineffective synchronization (Minhas

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et al., 2022). To systematically assess the challenge, we curate a dataset, namely INFO SYNC, consisting of 100K multilingual Infobox tables across 14 languages and covering 21 Wikipedia categories. ~3.5K table pairs of English to non-English or non-English to non-English are sampled and manually synchronized.

We propose a table synchronization approach that comprises two steps: (1.) **Information Alignment**: align table rows, and (2.) **Information Update**: update missing or outdated rows across language pairs to circumvent the inconsistency. The *information alignment* component aims to align the rows in multilingual tables. The proposed method uses corpus statistics across Wikipedia, such as key and value-based similarities. The *information update* step relies on an effective rule-based approach. We manually curate nine rules: row transfer, time-based, value trends, multi-key matching, append value, high to low resource, number of row differences, and rare keys. Both tasks are evaluated on INFO SYNC to demonstrate their effectiveness. Apart from the automatic evaluation, we deploy an online experiment that submits the detected mismatches by our method to Wikipedia after strictly following Wikipedia editing guidelines. We monitor the number of accepted and rejected edits by Wikipedia editors to demonstrate its efficacy. All proposed edits are performed manually, in accordance with Wikipedia’s editing policies and guidelines<sup>1</sup>, rule set<sup>2</sup>, and policies<sup>3</sup>. These changes were subsequently accepted by Wikipedia editors, demonstrating the efficacy of our methodology.

The contributions in this work are as follows: 1) We investigate the problem of Information Synchronization across multilingual semi-structured data, i.e., tables, and construct a large-scale dataset INFO SYNC; 2) We propose a two-step approach (alignment and updation) and demonstrate superiority over exiting baselines; 3) The rule-based updation system achieves excellent acceptance when utilized for human-assisted Wikipedia editing. Our INFO SYNC dataset and method source code are available at <https://info-sync.github.io/info-sync/>.

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## 2 Motivation

### 2.1 Challenges in Table Synchronization

We observe the following challenges when taking Wikipedia Infoboxes as a running example. Note this is not an exhaustive list.

**MI: Missing Information** represents the problem where information appears in one language and is missing in others. This may be due to the fact that the table is out-of-date or to cultural, social, or demographic preferences for modification (cf. Figure 1).

**OI: Outdated Information** denotes that information is updated in one language but not others.

**IR: Information Representation** varies across languages. For example, one attribute about "parents" can be put in a single row or separate rows ("Father" and "Mother").

**UI: Unnormalized Information** presents cases where table attributes can be expressed differently. For example, "known for" and "major achievements" of a person represent the same attribute (i.e., paraphrase).

**LV: Language Variation** means that information is expressed in different variants across languages. This problem is further exaggerated by the implicit context in tables when translating. E.g., "Died" in English might be translated to "Overleden" (Pass Away) or "overlijdensplaats" (Place of Death) in Dutch due to missing context.

**SV: Schema Variation** denotes that the schema (template structure) varies. For example, extraction of "awards" in Musician tables can be harrowing due to dynamic on-click lists (*Full Award Lists*).

**EEL: Erroneous Entity Linking** is caused by mismatched linkages between table entities among multiple languages, e.g., "ABV" and "Alcohol by Volume".

### 2.2 Wikipedian "Biases"

Wikipedia is a global resource across over 300 languages. However, the information is skewed toward English-speaking countries (Roy et al., 2020) as English has the most significant Wikipedia covering 23% (11%) of total pages (articles). Most users’ edits (76%) are also done in English Wikipedia. English Wikipedia also has the highest number of page reads (49%) and page edits (34%), followed by German (20% and 12%) and Spanish (12% and 6%), respectively. Except for the top 25 languages, the total number of active editors, pages, and edits is less than 1% (Warncke-Wang et al., 2012;

Alonso and Robinson, 2016).

Multilingual Wikipedia articles evolve separately due to cultural and geographical bias (Callahan and Herring, 2011; REAGLE and RHUE, 2011; Tinati et al., 2014), which prevents information synchronization. For example, information on "Narendra Modi" (India's Prime Minister) is more likely to be better reflected in Hindi Wikipedia than in other Wikipedias. This means that in addition to the obvious fact that smaller Wikipedias can be expanded by incorporating content from larger Wikipedias, larger Wikipedias can also be augmented by incorporating information from smaller Wikipedias. Thus, information synchronization could assist Wikipedia communities by ensuring that information is consistent and of good quality across all language versions.

### 3 The INFO SYNC Dataset

To systematically assess the challenge of information synchronization and evaluate the methodologies, we aim to build a large-scale table synchronization dataset INFO SYNC based on entity-centric Wikipedia Infoboxes.

#### 3.1 Table Extraction

We extract Wikipedia Infoboxes from pages appearing in multiple languages on the same date to simultaneously preserve Wikipedia's original information and potential discrepancies. These extracted tables are across 14 languages and cover 21 Wikipedia categories.

**Languages Selection.** We consider the following languages English(en), French(fr), German(de), Korean(ko), Russian(ru), Arabic(ar), Chinese(zh), Hindi(hi), Cebuano(ceb), Spanish(es), Swedish(sv), Dutch(nl), Turkish(tr), and Afrikaans(ak). We extracted tables across 14 languages and covered 21 diverse Wikipedia categories. In these 14 languages, four are low resource (af, ceb, hi, tr) < 6000, seven of them medium resource (ar, ko, nl, sv, zh, ru, de, es) (6000–10000), and the remaining one are high resource (en, en, fr), w.r.t. to the number of infobox total tables (see Table 1 in paper). Our choices were motivated by the following factors:- a) Cover all the continents, thus covering the majority and diverse population. Out of chosen languages, 7 (English, French, German, Spanish, Swedish, Dutch, and Turkish) are European. b). They have sufficient pages with info boxes; each entity info box is present in at least five languages,

and c) an adequate number of rows (5 and above) facilitates better data extraction.

**Categories.** Extracted tables cover twenty-one simple, diverse, and popular topics: *Airport, Album, Animal, Athlete, Book, City, College, Company, Country, Food, Monument, Movie, Musician, Nobel, Painting, Person, Planet, Shows, and Stadiums*. We observe that *Airport* has the most number of entity tables followed by *Movie* and *Shows*, as shown in Table 10. Other extraction details are provided in Appendix A.1.

#### 3.2 Tabular Information Mismatched

Ln	Average Table Transfer %		Language Statistics		
	C1	$C1 \rightarrow \sum_L ln$	$\sum_L ln \rightarrow C1$	# Tables	AR
af	17.46	400.5		1575	9.91
ar	34.02	27.38		7648	13.01
ceb	42.87	134.88		3870	7.82
de	40.73	27.12		8215	7.88
en	45.85	0.32		12431	12.60
es	38.78	9.00		9920	12.59
fr	41.25	4.73		10858	10.30
hi	18.39	358.97		1724	10.91
ko	31.13	40.51		6601	9.35
nl	33.69	24.6		7837	10.46
ru	36.98	14.54		9066	11.41
sv	35.53	24.62		7985	9.89
tr	28.99	59.33		5599	10.14
zh	32.16	32.71		7140	12.43

**Table 1: Average Table Transfer:-** Column 2 shows the average number of tables missing in other languages which can be transferred from C1. Column 3 shows the average number of tables missing in C1, which we can transfer from all languages to C1. Here  $L$  is the set of all languages ( $ln$ ) except source or transfer language. **Language Statistics:-** The number of tables and average rows (AR) per table across different categories for each language.

We analyze the extracted tables in the context of the synchronization problem and identify the information gap. The number of tables is biased across languages, as shown in Table 1. We observe Afrikaans, Hindi, and Cebuano have a significantly less number of tables. Similarly, the table size is biased across several languages. Dutch and Cebuano have the last rows. In addition, the number of tables across categories is uneven; refer to Table 2. Airport and Movie have the highest number of tables. Table 2 also reports the average number of rows for a category. Planet, Company, and Movie have the highest average number of rows.

When synchronizing a table from one language to another, we observe that the maximum number of tables can be transferred from English, French, and Spanish from Column 1 in Table 1. Afrikaans,

Topic	# Tables	AR	Topic	# Tables	AR
Airport	18512	9.66	Diseases	3973	6.03
Food	6184	7.93	Monument	1550	9.71
Album	5833	7.58	Medicine	2516	15.20
Animal	3304	8.27	Movie	12082	13.29
Athlete	3209	9.09	Musician	2729	9.53
Book	1550	9.99	Nobel	9522	9.84
Painting	3542	7.05	Country	3338	22.85
City	3088	14.45	Person	2252	11.87
College	1857	11.01	Planet	1233	16.80
Company	2225	13.85	Shows	5644	13.86
Stadium	6326	10.94			

Table 2: **Category Statistics** :- Number of tables in each category and average number of rows (AR) across different languages.

Hindi, and Cebuano have the least overlapping information (Column 3) with all other languages. The number of rows (Column 5) varies substantially between languages, with Spanish and Arabic having the highest number.

### 3.3 INFO SYNC Evaluation Benchmark

We construct the evaluation benchmark by manually mapping the table’s pairs in two languages. The table pairs we consider can be broadly split into English  $\leftrightarrow$  Non-English and Non-English  $\leftrightarrow$  Non-English. The annotations are conducted as follows.

**English  $\leftrightarrow$  Non-English:** We sample 1964 table pairs, where a minimum of 50 pairs for each category and language are guaranteed. We divide the annotated dataset, ratio of 1 : 2, into validation and test sets. The non-English tables are translated into English first and then compared against the English version. Furthermore, native speakers annotated 200 table pairs for English  $\xleftrightarrow{*}$  Hindi and English  $\xleftrightarrow{*}$  Chinese to avoid minor machine translation errors.

**Non-English  $\leftrightarrow$  Non-English:** We consider six non-English languages: two from each High resource (French, Russian), Medium Resource (German, Korean), and Low Resource (Hindi, Arabic), w.r.t. the number of tables in INFO SYNC. We sample and annotate 1589 table pairs distributed equally among these languages, where we choose an average of  $\sim 50$  tables for all pairs of languages. Both are translated into English before manually mapping them.

In addition, for more detailed analysis, we also annotate metadata around table synchronization challenges such as MI, IR, LV, OI, UI, SV, and EEL, as discussed in §2.1.

## 4 Table Synchronization Method

This section will explain our proposed table synchronization method for addressing missing or outdated information. This method includes two steps: information alignment and update. The former approach aims to align rows across a pair of tables, and the latter helps to update missing or outdated information. We further deploy our update process in a human-assisted Wikipedia edit framework to test the efficacy in the real world.

### 4.1 Information Alignment

An Infobox consists of multiple rows where each row has a key and value pair. Given a pair of tables  $T_x = [..., (k_x^i, v_x^i), ...]$  and  $T_y = [..., (k_y^j, v_y^j), ...]$  in two languages, table alignment aims to align all the possible pairs of rows, e.g.,  $(k_x^i, v_x^i)$  and  $(k_y^j, v_y^j)$  refer to the same information and should be aligned. We propose a method that consists of five modules, each of which relaxes matching requirements in order to create additional alignments.

**M1. Corpus-based.** The pair of rows  $(k_x, v_y)$  in  $T_x$  and  $(k_y, v_y)$  in  $T_y$  are supposed to be aligned if  $\text{cosine}(\text{em}(tr_x^{en}(k_x)), \text{em}(tr_y^{en}(k_y))) > \theta_1$ , where  $\text{em}$  is the embedding,  $\theta_1$  is the threshold, and  $tr_y^{en}()$  denotes the English translation of  $k$  if  $k$  is not in English. In order to achieve accurate key translations, we adopt a majority voting approach, considering multiple translations of the same key from different category tables. We consider the key’s values and categories as additional context for better translation during the voting process. To simplify the voting procedure, we pre-compute mappings by selecting only the most frequent keys for each category across all languages.

**M2. Key-only.** This module attempts to align the unaligned pairs in module 1. Using their English translation, it first computes cosine similarity for all possible key pairs.  $k^x$  will be aligned to  $k^y$  only if they are mutually most similar key and the similarity is above a certain threshold  $\theta_2$ . This is similar to maximum bipartite matching, treating similarity scores as edge weights followed by threshold-based pruning. And it ensures we are capturing the highest similarity mapping from both language directions. Note that here we use only keys as the text for similarity computation.

**M3. Key value bidirectional.** This module is similar to step 2, except it uses the entire table row for computing similarities, i.e., key + value, using threshold  $\theta_3$ .

**M4. Key value unidirectional.** This module further relaxes the bidirectional mapping constraint in step 3, i.e., thus removing the requirement of the highest similarity score matching from both sides. We shift to unidirectional matching between row pairs, i.e., consider the highest similarity in either direction. However, this may result in adding spurious alignments. To avoid this, we have a higher threshold ( $\theta_4$ ) than the prior step.

**M5. Multi-key.** Previous modules only take the most similar key for alignment if exceeding the threshold. In this module, we further relax the constraint to select multiple keys (maximum two), given exceeding a threshold ( $\theta_5$ ). Multi-key mapping is sparse, but the above procedure will lead to dense mapping. To avoid this, we introduce a *soft constraint* for value-combination alignment, where multi-key values are merged. We consider valid multi-key alignment when the merge value-combination similarity score exceeds that of the most similar key.

The thresholds of five modules are tuned in the sequence as stated above.

## 4.2 Information Updation

Information modification includes *Row Append* (adding missing rows), *Row Update* (replacing or adding values), and *Merge Rows*. We propose a rule-based heuristic approach for information updates. The rules are in form of logical expression ( $\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} L \mapsto R$ ) applied on infobox tables, where,  $R_{T_x}$  and  $R_{T_y}$  represent table rows for language  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. These rules are applied sequentially according to their priority rank (P.R.). Rules explanations are described below.

**R1. Row Transfer.** Following the logistic rule of

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} \text{Al}_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) &= 0 \\ \mapsto T_y \cup tr_x^y(R_{T_x}) \wedge \text{Al}_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; tr_x^y(R_{T_x})) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

, where  $\text{Al}_{T_x}^{T_y}(\cdot, \cdot)$  represents the alignment mapping between two tables  $T_y$  and  $T_x$ . Unaligned rows are transferred from one table to another.

**R2. Multi-Match.** We update the table by removing multi-alignments and replacing them with merged information to handle multikey alignments.

**R3. Time-based.** We update aligned values using the latest timestamp.

**R4. Trends (positive/negative).** This update applies to cases where the value is highly likely to follow a monotonic pattern (increasing or decreas-

ing) w.r.t. time, e.g., athlete career statistics. The authors curated the positive/negative trend lists.

**R5. Append Values.** Additional value information from an up-to-date row is appended to the outdated row.

**R6. HR to LR.** This rule transfers information from high to low resource language to update outdated information.

**R7. #Rows.** This rule transfers information from bigger (more rows) to smaller (fewer rows) tables.

**R8. Rare Keys (Non Popular).** We update information from the table where non-popular keys are likely to be added recently to the outdated table. The authors also curate non-popular keys.

Detailed formulation of logical rules and their priority ranking are listed in Table 3. Figure 3 in Appendix shows an example of table update.

**Human-assisted Wikipedia Infobox Edits:** We apply the above rules to assist humans in updating Wikipedia infoboxes. Following Wikipedia edit guidelines<sup>4</sup>, rule set<sup>5</sup>, and policies<sup>6</sup>, we append our update request with a description to provide evidence, which contains (a) up-to-date entity page URL in the source language, (b) exact table rows information, the source language, and the details of the changes, (c) and one additional citation discovered by the editor for extra validation.<sup>7</sup> We further update beyond our heuristic-based rules but are aligned through our information alignment method.

## 5 Experiments

Our experiments assess the efficacy of our proposed two-stage approach by investigating the following questions.

- What is the efficacy of the unsupervised multilingual method for table alignment? (§5.2)
- How significant are the different modules of the alignment algorithm? (§5.2 and §A.6)
- Does the rule-based updating approach effective for information synchronization? (§5.3)
- Can the two-step approach assist humans in updating Wikipedia Infoboxes? (§5.3)

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<sup>7</sup>We use a search engine such as Google, Bing, you.com, perplexity.ai, find, etc. for additional citation.

Gold Alignments		Predicted Alignments	
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<b>Born</b>	4 November 1897 TelliCherry, Madras Presidency, British India	$R_{en}^1 \xrightarrow{ga_1} R_{hi}^1$ $R_{en}^2 \xrightarrow{ga_2} R_{hi}^2$ $R_{en}^3 \xrightarrow{ga_3} R_{hi}^4$ $R_{en}^4 \xrightarrow{ga_4} R_{hi}^5$ $R_{en}^5 \xrightarrow{ga_5} R_{hi}^6$	जन्म ४ नवम्बर १८९७ तेलिचेरी, केरल
<b>Died</b>	7 February 1984 (aged 86) Madras, Tamil Nadu	$R_{en}^1 \xrightarrow{pa_1} R_{hi}^1$ $R_{en}^2 \xrightarrow{pa_2} R_{hi}^2$ $R_{en}^3 \xrightarrow{pa_3} R_{hi}^3$ $R_{en}^4 \xrightarrow{pa_4} R_{hi}^4$ $R_{en}^5 \xrightarrow{pa_5} R_{hi}^5$	१९८४ (८६ वर्ष की आयु में) मृत्यु फरवरी १९८४ (८६ वर्ष की आयु में)
<b>Nationality</b>	Indian	$T_{en} = \{R_{en}^1, R_{en}^2, \dots, R_{en}^8\}$ $G = \{ga_1, ga_2, \dots, ga_5\}$ $R_{en}(G) = \{R_{en}^1, R_{en}^2, R_{en}^3, R_{en}^6, R_{en}^7\}$ $R_{hi}(G) = \{R_{hi}^1, R_{hi}^2, R_{hi}^4, R_{hi}^5, R_{hi}^6\}$	भारत भारतीय
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<b>Fields</b>	Botany, Cytology		
<b>Institutions</b>	Madras University, John Innes Centre		
<b>Thesis</b>	Chromosome Studies in Nicandra physalodes		

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ga_1, ga_2, \dots, ga_5\} \\ &= \{(R_{en}^1, R_{hi}^1), (R_{en}^2, R_{hi}^2), \dots, (R_{en}^7, R_{hi}^5)\} \\ & \{pa_1, pa_2, \dots, pa_6\} \\ &= \{(R_{en}^1, R_{hi}^1), (R_{en}^2, R_{hi}^2), \dots, (R_{en}^6, R_{hi}^5)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Precision}_{\text{matched}} &= \frac{|G \cap P|}{|G|} \\ \text{Recall}_{\text{matched}} &= \frac{|G \cap P|}{|P|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G} &= \{[T_{en} \setminus R_{en}(G)] \cup [T_{hi} \setminus R_{hi}(G)]\} \\ \tilde{P} &= \{[T_{en} \setminus R_{en}(P)] \cup [T_{hi} \setminus R_{hi}(P)]\} \\ T_{hi} &= \{R_{hi}^1, R_{hi}^2, \dots, R_{hi}^6\} \\ P &= \{pa_1, pa_2, \dots, pa_6\} \\ R_{en}(P) &= \{R_{en}^1, R_{en}^2, R_{en}^3, R_{en}^4, R_{en}^6\} \\ R_{hi}(P) &= \{R_{hi}^1, R_{hi}^2, R_{hi}^3, R_{hi}^4, R_{hi}^5, R_{hi}^6\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Precision}_{\text{unmatched}} &= \frac{|\tilde{G} \cap \tilde{P}|}{|\tilde{G}|} \\ \text{Recall}_{\text{unmatched}} &= \frac{|\tilde{G} \cap \tilde{P}|}{|\tilde{P}|} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 2: sub

## 5.1 Experimental Setup

**Baselines Models.** We compare our approach with LaBSE (Feng et al., 2022), and SimCSE (Gao et al., 2021), multilingual sentence transformers embeddings (Reimers and Gurevych, 2020a) in which we include mBERT (case2) with mean pooling (mp) (Reimers and Gurevych, 2020b), and its distill versions (distill mBERT) (Sanh et al., 2019) all in base form. We also compared with XLM-RoBERTa (XLM-R) (Conneau et al., 2019) with mean pooling, and its distill version (Reimers and Gurevych, 2019a) trained via MPNet-based teacher model (MPNet) (Song et al., 2020). For all baseline implementation, we use the Hugging Face transformers (Wolf et al., 2020) and sentence transformers (Reimers and Gurevych, 2019a) library for the multilingual models’ implementation.

**Hyper-parameter Tuning.** For our method, we embed translated English keys and values using MPNet model (Reimers and Gurevych, 2019b). We tune the threshold hyper-parameters using the validation set,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total annotated set. We sequentially tune the hyper-parameters thresholds ( $\theta_1$  to  $\theta_5$ ) in modules training order. Optimal threshold after tuning are  $\theta_1 = (0.8, 0.8)$ ;  $\theta_2 = (0.64, 0.6)$ ;  $\theta_3 = \theta_4 = (0.54, 0.54)$ ;  $\theta_5 = (0.88, 0.96)$  for  $T_{en} \leftarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftarrow T_y$  respectively. We retain the default setting for other models’ specific hyperparameters.

**Information Alignment.** We consider English as our reference language for alignment. Specifically, we translate all multilingual tables to English using an effective table translation approach of XInfoTabS (Minhas et al., 2022). Then, we apply incremental modules as discussed in §4.1. We tune independently on the validation set for Non-English

↔ Non-English and English ↔ Non-English.

The method is assessed on two sets of metric (a.) matched score: measure the F1-score between ground truth matched row and predicted alignment, and (b.) unmatched score: measure the F1-score between independent (unmatched) rows in ground truth with predicted unaligned rows. See Figure 2 for the explanations of these metrics.

**Information Updation.** We apply the heuristic-based approach and deploy the predicted updates for human-assisted edits on Wikipedia Infoboxes. 532 table pairs are edited distributed among  $T_{en} \rightarrow T_x$ ,  $T_x \rightarrow T_y$ , and  $T_x \rightarrow T_{en}$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are non-English languages.

## 5.2 Information Alignment

**Algorithm Efficacy.** Table 4 reports the matched and unmatched scores. For match scores, we observe that the corpus-based module achieves an F1 score exceeding 50 for all language pairs. Using a key-only module boosts the performance by about 5-15 points. Taking the whole row context (key-value pair) with strict constraints on bidirectional mapping, i.e., two-way similarity, improves performance substantially (more than 16 points). Further relaxing the bi-direction constraint to unidirectional matching (one-way similarity), we improve our results marginally with less than 0.5 performance points. Thus relaxation of the bi-direction mapping constraint doesn’t lead to significantly better alignments. The multi-key module, which considers one-to-many alignments, further improves the accuracy marginally. The reason for the marginal improvements is very few instances of one-to-many mappings.

For unmatch scores, we see similar results to match scores. The only significant difference is

P.R. Rule Name	Logical Rule $\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} L \mapsto R$	Update Type
1 Row Transfer	$\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 0$ $\mapsto T_y \cup tr_x^y(R_{T_x}) \wedge Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; tr_x^y(R_{T_x})) = 1$	Row Addition
2 Multi-Match	$\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} (\sum_{R_{T_y}} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y})) > 1$ $\mapsto \{T_y \setminus \cup_{(\forall_{R_{T_y}} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1)} R_{T_y}\} \cup tr_x^y(R_{T_x}) \wedge Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; tr_x^y(R_{T_x})) = 1$	Row Delete
3 Time-based	$\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1 \wedge (\text{isTime}(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y}) = 1)$ $\wedge (\text{exTime}(R_{T_x}) > \text{exTime}(R_{T_y})) \mapsto R_{T_y} \leftarrow tr_x^y(R_{T_x})$	Value Substitute
4 Positive Trend or Negative Trend	$\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y}, \text{PosTrend})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1 \wedge \text{exKey}(R_{T_x}) \in \text{PosTrend}$ $\wedge R_{T_x} > R_{T_y} \mapsto R_{T_y} \leftarrow R_{T_x}$ $\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y}, \text{NegTrend})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1 \wedge \text{exKey}(R_{T_x}) \in \text{NegTrend}$ $\wedge R_{T_x} < R_{T_y} \mapsto R_{T_y} \leftarrow R_{T_x}$	Value Substitute
5 Append Value	$R_{T_x} = V \wedge \forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1 \wedge  R_{T_x}[k]  >  R_{T_y}[k] $ $\mapsto \forall_{(v \in R_{T_x}[k] \wedge \notin tr_x^y(R_{T_x}[k]))} R_{T_y} \leftarrow R_{T_y} \cup tr_x^y(v)$	Value Addition
6 HR to LR	$(T_x, T_y) \in (HR, LR) \wedge \forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1$ $\wedge tr_x^{en}(R_{T_x}) \neq tr_y^{en}(R_{T_y}) \mapsto R_{T_y} \leftarrow tr_x^y(R_{T_x})$	Value Substitute
7 # Rows	$ T_x  >>  T_y  \wedge \forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1 \wedge tr_x^{en}(R_{T_x}) \neq tr_y^{en}(R_{T_y})$ $\mapsto R_{T_y} \leftarrow tr_x^y(R_{T_x})$	Value Substitute
8 Rare Keys	$\forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y}, \text{RarKeys})} Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(R_{T_x}; R_{T_y}) = 1 \wedge tr_x^{en}(R_{T_x}) \neq tr_y^{en}(R_{T_y})$ $\wedge \forall_{(R_{T_x}, R_{T_y})}  \text{exKey}(R_{T_x}) \in \text{RarKey}  >  \text{exKey}(R_{T_y}) \in \text{RarKey}  \mapsto R_{T_y} \leftarrow R_{T_x}$	Value Substitute

**Table 3: Logical Rules for Information Updation.** Notation:-  $T_z$  represents a table in language  $z$ ,  $R_{T_z}$  represents a row of the table. In  $R_{T_z}[k] = v$ ,  $k, v$  represent key and value pair. For  $R_{T_z}[k] = V$ ,  $V$  denotes value list mapped to a key  $k$ .  $Al_{T_x}^{T_y}(\cdot, \cdot)$  represents the alignment mapping between two tables  $T_y$  and  $T_x$ . Translation between two languages( $p$  and  $q$ ) is represented by  $tr_q^p(\cdot)$ .  $\text{exKey}$  extract key from a table row.  $\text{isTime}$  is true if the row has time entry.  $\text{exTime}$  extract time from table row.  $\text{PosTrend}/\text{NegTrend}$  represent list of keys whose value always increase or decrease with time.  $\text{RarKey}$  represent set of keys are least frequent in the corpora.

Method	Match				UnMatch			
	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$	$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$	$T_{en} \xleftrightarrow{*} T_{hi}$	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_{zh}$	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$	$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$	$T_{en} \xleftrightarrow{*} T_{hi}$	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_{zh}$
SimCSE	75.78	68.46	77.93	80.47	79.11	76.3	73.31	74.91
LaBSE	85.25	78.44	88.98	89.1	87.03	81.7	88.98	85.06
mBERT-mp	80.98	73.74	82.9	86.73	82.68	80.22	76.73	81.85
XLM-R	83.38	75.02	86.85	88.08	85.42	80.65	83.14	83.1
MPNet	82.85	78.63	86.08	87.58	84.2	83.45	83.14	83.76
distill mBERT	84.55	77.45	87.64	88.7	86.3	82.28	83.14	84.3
<b>Our Approach</b>	<b>61.86</b>	<b>56.74</b>	<b>57.34</b>	<b>69.33</b>	<b>70.51</b>	<b>71.73</b>	<b>54.01</b>	<b>63.11</b>
+ Key Only	70.41	62.14	73.4	74.67	73.85	73.52	62.49	66.23
+ Key-Val-Bi	87.71	84.2	90.07	93.04	89.51	85.52	85.06	89.2
+ Key-Val-Uni	87.89	84.33	90.34	93.12	89.52	85.42	85.16	88.62
+ Multi-Key	<b>87.91</b>	<b>84.36</b>	<b>90.14</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>85.46</b>	<b>84.98</b>	<b>88.15</b>

**Table 4: Matched and UnMatch Score :** F1-Score for all test sets of INFO SYNC.

in key-only performance, where we observe a 0.5x performance improvement compared to match scores. We also analyze the precision-recall in Tables 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Appendix §A.3. We observe that the precision reduces and recall increases for match scores with module addition, whereas the reverse is true for unmatch scores. The number of alignments increases as we add more modules with relaxed constraints. This increases the number of incorrect alignments reducing the precision but increasing the recall.<sup>8</sup> Similarly, we can note the accuracy of unaligned rows increases because more

incorrect alignments are added with relaxed constraints. We also report each module coverage in Appendix A.4. The performance of our proposed approach grouped by languages, category, and rows keys are detailed in Appendix A.5.

**Error Analysis.** Error analysis (cf §2.1) for matched and unmatched are reported in Table 5 and 6, respectively. Our proposed method works sequentially, relaxing constraints, and the number of falsely aligned rows increases with module addition (cf. Table 6). Different modules contribute unequally to unaligned mistakes, (25%, 56%) of the mistakes come from corpus-based module, (39%, 22%) from Key Only Module, (17%, 35%) from

<sup>8</sup>There are more incorrect alignments  ${}^N C_2$  compared to correct alignments which is  $O(n)$ .

Method	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$						$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$					
	OI	IR	SV	LV	UI	EL	OI	IR	SV	LV	UI	EL
w/o Align	298	286	22	158	388	118	245	226	33	146	486	148
Corpus-based	81	284	15	141	337	74	108	218	26	102	366	109
+Key Only	110	281	7	120	262	48	77	212	19	94	284	97
+Key-Val-Bi	75	232.33	6	35	108	8	44	197	15	28	60	18
+Key-Val-Uni	74	206.67	6	30	99	8	43	188	15	28	59	17
+Multi-Key	<b>74</b>	<b>179.67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>180.33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>17</b>

Table 5: Error Analysis for Matched Score :  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ .

Method	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$	$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$
Corpus-based	<b>157</b>	<b>245</b>
+Key Only	422	343
+Key-Value-Bi	526	399
+Key-Value-Uni	572	415
+Multi-Key	619	437

Table 6: Error Analysis for UnMatch Score : Total Unaligned mistakes for  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ .

Key-Value-Bidirectional module, (7%, 4%) from Key-Value-uni-directional module, and (7.6%, 5%) from multi-key alignment module, for  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$  respectively. The corpus-based module is worst performing in  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$  because of difficulty in multilingual mapping. The key-only module is the worst performing in  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  because it's the first relaxation in the algorithm. Further analysis of the error cases is in Appendix (§A.7).

### 5.3 Information Updation

Rules	Gold			Predicted		
	$T_{en} \rightarrow T_x$	$T_x \rightarrow T_y$	Live Set	$T_{en} \rightarrow T_x$	$T_x \rightarrow T_y$	
R1	20320	18055	4213	21246	17675	
R2	648	502	207	1395	1852	
R3	546	399	75	443	347	
R4	142	151	4	120	147	
R5	3507	2116	784	3193	1960	
R6	5237	3047	332	5062	2891	
R7	2748	1899	990	2732	1855	
R8	25	77	5	29	82	
Al	14967	9715	2851	14864	10657	

Table 7: Updates on Test Corpora: Count of the number of updates done by different rules listed in §4.2. Al is the number of Alignments. R1-R8 are the rules listed in the same sequential manner as listed in §4.2.

Type	Total	Accept	Reject
Row Transfer	461	368(79.82%)	93(20.17%)
Value Substitution	70	52(74.28%)	18(25.72%)
Append Value	72	46(63.88%)	26(36.12%)
Total	603	466 (77.28%)	136(22.72%)

Table 8: Analysis of Human-Assisted Updates: Accept/Reject rate of different types of edits for human-assisted Wikipedia infobox updates.

Ln Pairs	Total	Accept	Reject
$T_{en} \rightarrow T_x$	204	161(78.92%)	43(21.07%)
$T_x \rightarrow T_y$	216	169(78.25%)	47(21.75%)
$T_x \rightarrow T_{en}$	183	136(74.31%)	47(25.68%)
Total	603	466(77.28%)	137(22.71%)

Table 9: Human-Assisted Wikipedia infobox updates: Accept/Reject rate for different flows of information.

Table 7 reports the results of different updation types of rules explained in §4.2. We observe that the row addition rule accounts for the most updated, ~64% of total updates for gold and predicted aligned table pairs. The flow of information from high resource to low resource accounts for ~13% of the remaining updates, whereas a high number of rows too low adds another 8% of the updates. ~9% of the updates are done by the value updates rule. All the other rules combined give 8% of the remaining suggested updates. From the above results, most information gaps can be resolved by row transfer. The magnitude of rules like value updates and multi-key shows that table information needs to be synchronized regularly. Examples of edited infoboxes using the proposed algorithm are shown in Appendix Figures 4 and 5.

Table 8 reports a similar analysis for human-assisted Wikipedia infobox edits. We also report Wikipedia editors' accept/reject rate for the above-deployed system in Table 9. We obtained an acceptance rate of 77.28% (as of May 2023), with the highest performance obtained when information flows across non-English languages. The lowest performance is obtained when the information flows from non-English to an English info box. This highlights that our two-step procedure is effective in a real-world scenario. Examples of live updates are shown in Appendix Figures 6 and 7.

## 6 Related Works

**Information Alignment.** Multilingual Table attribute alignment has been previously addressed via supervised (Adar et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2017; Ta and Anutariya, 2015) and unsupervised methods (Bouma et al., 2009; Nguyen et al., 2011). Super-

vised methods trained classifiers on features extracted from multilingual tables. These features include cross-language links, text similarity, and schema features. Unsupervised methods made use of corpus statistics and template/schema matching for alignments. Other techniques by Jang et al. (2016); Nguyen et al. (2018) focus on using external knowledge graphs such as DBpedia for the updation of Infoboxes or vice versa. In their experiments, most of these methods use less than three languages, and machine translation is rarely used. Additionally, we don't require manual feature curation for strong supervision. We study the problem more thoroughly with grouped analysis along languages, categories, and keys direction. The works closest to our approach are Nguyen et al. (2011); Rinser et al. (2013), both of which use cross-language hyperlinks for feature or entity matching. Nguyen et al. (2011) uses translations before calculating text similarity. Utilizing cross-language links can provide a robust alignment supervision signal. In contrast to our approach, we do not use external knowledge or cross-language links for alignments. This additional information is rarely available for languages other than English.

**Information Updation.** Prior work for information updates (Iv et al., 2022; Spangher et al., 2022; Panthaplackel et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2020b,d) covers Wikipedia or news articles than semi-structured data like tables. Spangher et al. (2022) studies the problem of updating multilingual news articles across different languages over 15 years. They classify the edits as addition, deletion, updates, and retraction. These were the primary intuitions behind our challenge classified in §2.1. Iv et al. (2022) focused on automating article updates with new facts using large language models. Panthaplackel et al. (2022) focused on generating updated headlines when presented with new information. Some prior works also focus on the automatic classification of edits on Wikipedia for content moderation and review (Sarkar et al., 2019; Daxenberger and Gurevych, 2013). Evening modeling editor's behavior for gauging collaborative editing and development of Wikipedia pages has been studied (Jaidka et al., 2021; Yang et al., 2017). Other related works include automated sentence updation based on information arrival (Shah et al., 2020; Dwivedi-Yu et al., 2022). None of these works focus on tables, especially Wikipedia Infoboxes. Also, they fail to address multilingual

aspects of information updation.

## 7 Conclusion and Future Work

Information synchronization is a common issue for semi-structured data across languages. Taking Wikipedia Infoboxes as our case study, we created INFO SYNC and proposed a two-step procedure that consists of alignment and updation. The alignment method outperforms baseline approaches with an F1-score greater than 85; the rule-based method received a 77.28 percent approval rate when suggesting updates to Wikipedia.

We identify the following future directions. (a) *Beyond Infobox Synchronization*. While our technique is relatively broad, it is optimized for Wikipedia Infoboxes. We want to test whether the strategy applies to technical, scientific, legal, and medical domain tables (Wang et al., 2013; Gottschalk and Demidova, 2017). It will also be intriguing to widen the updating rules to include social, economic, and cultural aspects. (b) *Beyond Pairwise Alignment*. Currently, independent language pairs are considered for (bi) alignment. However, multiple languages can be utilized jointly for (multi) alignment. (c) *Beyond Pairwise Updates*. Similar to (multi) alignment, one can jointly update all language variants simultaneously. This can be done in two ways: (1.) *With English as pivot language* : To update across all languages. Here, English act as a central server with message passing. (2.) *Round-Robin Fashion*: where pairwise language updates between language pairs are transferred in a round-robin ring across all language pairs. In every update, we selected a leader similar to a leader election in distributed systems. (d) *Joint Alignment and Updation*. Even while our current approach is accurate, it employs a two-step process for synchronization, namely alignment followed by updating. We want to create rapid approaches aligning and updating in a single step. (e) *Text for Updation*: Our method doesn't consider Wikipedia articles for updating tables (Lange et al., 2010; Sáez and Hogan, 2018; Sultana et al., 2012).

## Limitations

We only consider 14 languages and 21 categories, whereas Wikipedia has pages in more than 300 languages and 200 broad categories. Increasing the scale and diversity will further improve method generalization. Our proposed method relies on the good multilingual translation of key and value from

table pairs. Although we use key, value, and category together for better context, enhancement in table translation (Minhas et al., 2022) will benefit our approach. Because our rule-based system requires manual intervention, it has automation limits. Upgrading to completely automated methods based on a large language model may be advantageous. We are only considering updates for semi-structured tables. However, updating other page elements, such as images and article text, could also be considered. Although a direct expansion of our method to a multi-modal setting is complex (Suzuki et al., 2012).

## Ethics Statement

We aimed to create a balanced, bias-free dataset regarding demographic and socioeconomic factors. We picked a wide range of languages, even those with limited resources, and we also ensured that the categories were diversified. Humans curate the majority of information on Wikipedia. Using unrestricted automated tools for edits might result in biased information. For this reason, we adhere to the "human in the loop" methodology (Smith et al., 2020) for editing Wikipedia. Additionally, we follow Wikipedia editing guidelines<sup>9</sup>, rule set<sup>10</sup>, and policies<sup>11</sup> for all manual edits. Therefore, we ask the community to use our method only as a recommendation tool for revising Wikipedia. As a result, we ask that the community utilize INFO SYNC strictly for scientific and non-commercial purposes from this point forward.

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## A Appendix

### A.1 Table Extraction Details

Table formats and HTML code styles differ from one language to another and even across categories in the same language. Extraction is modified to handle these variations, which requires the following steps: (a) *Detecting Infoboxes*: We locate Wikipedia infoboxes that appear in at least five languages. (b) *Extracting HTML*: After detection, we extract HTML and preprocess to remove images,

Category	Entities	std_dev	Category	Entities	std_dev
Airport	2563	5.03	Country	259	10.28
Album	840	3.81	Diseases	462	4.20
Animal	368	3.37	Food	692	4.34
Athlete	369	5.80	Medicine	334	9.58
Book	218	5.24	Monument	203	5.23
City	262	7.95	Movie	1524	6.75
College	202	5.83	Musician	284	5.09
Company	267	6.87	Nobel	967	5.29
Painting	743	3.51	Stadium	742	5.86
Person	198	6.32	Shows	1044	6.83
Planet	188	8.46			

Table 10: **Missing information Analysis in Categories**:- For each category unique number of entities and their average standard deviation across languages.

C1	Row Diff	C1	Row Diff
af	5.28	hi	5.06
ar	5.84	ko	4.30
ceb	3.33	nl	3.86
de	5.96	ru	4.1
en	4.80	sv	3.92
es	5.17	tr	4.23
fr	4.42	zh	4.76

Table 11: **Row Difference Across Paired Languages**:- Column 2 shows average row count difference between languages for all entities.

links, and signatures. (c) *Table Representation*: we convert the extracted table and store them in JSON.

*Row Difference Across Paired Languages*: There is substantial variation in the number of rows for infobox across different languages, i.e., rows difference =  $\frac{1}{|L|} \sum_{ln \in L \setminus C1} ||R_{c1}| - |R_{ln}|$ , where  $L$  is set of all 14 languages under consideration. Table 11 shows that German followed by Arabic and Afrikaans, has the highest row difference. This indicates that tables in these languages are incomplete (with missing rows).

## A.2 Table Updation Examples

An example of table updation is shown in the Figure 3.

## A.3 Precision and Recall

We also evaluated precision-recall values in information alignment for matched and unmatched scores (§5.2). Precision recall values for  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$ ,  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ ,  $T_{en} \xrightarrow{*} T_{hi}$  and  $T_{en} \xrightarrow{*} T_{zh}$  are reported in Tables 17, 18, 19, and 20, respectively.

## A.4 Algorithm Coverage

We measure the coverage on the entire corpus, the rate of rows aligned w.r.t. the smaller table in a

table pair. Table 12 reports ablations results of coverage for various modules. Our proposed method aligns 72.54% and 67.96% of rows for  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ , respectively. Corpus-based is the most constrained module, focusing more on precision; hence removing corpus-based gives better coverage for both cases. Key-Only-Unidirectional is the most important module for coverage, followed by the Key-Only module for both cases.

## A.5 Domain and Language Wise Analysis

Table 13, 14, and 15 show the performance of our proposed method grouped by languages, domains, and keys, respectively.

*Group-wise Analysis*. From Table 13, for  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$ , Cebuano, Arabic, German, and Dutch are the worst performing languages with F1-score close to 85 for alignment. Whereas Turkish, Chinese, and Hindi have F1-score greater than 90. Korean, German, and Swedish are the lowest-performing language groups, with an F1-Score close to 86 for unaligned settings. Cebuano, Turkish, and Dutch get the highest score for unaligned metrics (greater than 90). For non-English language pairs, the lowest F1-score for match table pairs is observed for German-Arabic and Hindi-Korean pairs with an F1-score close to 78, as shown in Table 13. The highest F1-score is observed for Russian-German and Hindi-German, with F1-scores exceeding 88.8. For unmatched data, Korean-Hindi, French-Hindi, French-Korean, and Russian-Korean pairs have the lowest F1 scores, less than 85. In contrast, German-Hindi and Russian-German have exceeded the unaligned F1-Score of 90.

*Category-wise Analysis*. As reported in Table 14, our method performs worst in Airport and College categories for match settings when one of the languages is English. For non-English match settings, Movie and City are the worst-performing categories. For unmatch setting with English as one of the languages, Airport and Painting have the lowest F1-score, whereas Movie and Stadium have the most inferior performance for non-English languages.

*Key-wise Analysis*. Table 15 shows the average F1-scores across tables for frequent and non-frequent keys. We observed an F1-score degradation of 10 points for rare keys with a low occurrence compared to frequent keys.

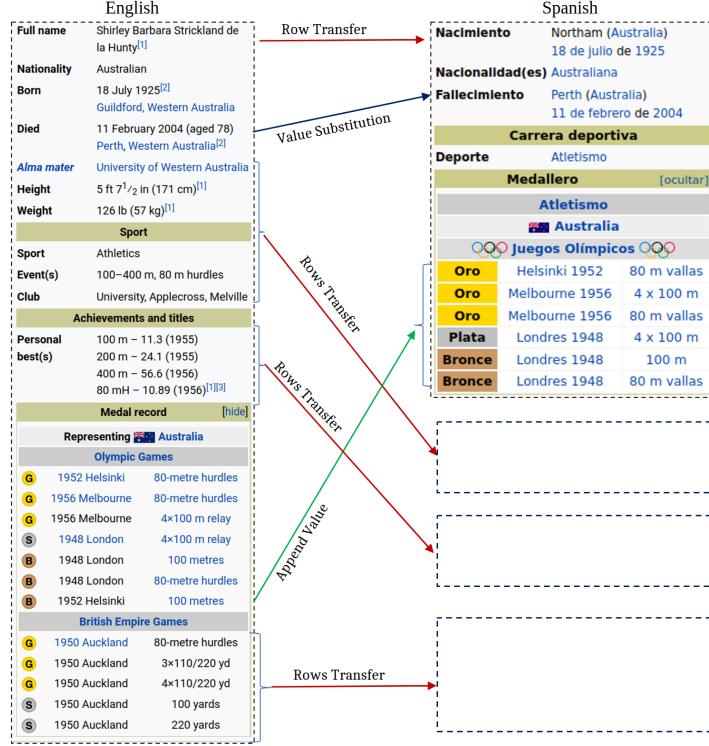


Figure 3: Update Example:- "Shirley Strickland de la Hunty" Infoboxes for two languages, i.e., English and Spanish. Shows rows transfer for missing information. Value substitution because "Aged 78" is absent in Died. One medal information (Bronze, 1952, 100m) is added to the medal tally.

<b>Ablation</b>	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$					$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$				
	Corpus	Key	K-V-Bi	K-V-Uni	Multi	Corpus	Key	K-V-Bi	K-V-Uni	Multi
w/o	16.28	40.83	58.17	71.95	<b>72.54</b>	17.15	39.78	57.53	67.58	<b>67.96</b>
Corpus	-	33.15	50.17	74.69	<b>75.3</b>	-	25.04	49.82	64.98	<b>65.41</b>
Key	16.28	-	57.88	71.14	<b>71.6</b>	17.15	-	55.05	64.8	<b>65.1</b>
K-V-Bi	16.28	38.88	-	71.9	<b>72.3</b>	17.15	37.83	-	70.32	<b>70.58</b>
K-V-Uni	16.28	46.19	21.34	-	<b>67.53</b>	17.15	40.19	62.91	-	<b>63.59</b>
Multi	16.28	40.96	58.4	<b>72.23</b>	-	17.15	36.36	55.03	<b>67.13</b>	-

Table 12: **Coverage Ablation:**  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ .

## A.6 Ablation Study

We report ablation performance to highlight the significance of each module in Table 16. Key-Value-Bidirectional mapping (two-way) is the most critical module, followed by Key Only corpus-based modules. We also observe Uni-directional mapping being the second most important for non-English alignments. The multi-key module was consistently least significant for the same reason as the discussion above (very few instances). Similar observations were valid for unmatching scores.

## A.7 Further Details: Error Analysis

We discussed challenges to table information synchronization across languages in §2.1. Table 5 (main paper) shows the number of instances of

these challenges in evaluation for matched cases after applying various modules of the alignment algorithm.

- Corpus-based module solves approximately (40%, 56%) of outdated information,(31%, 21%) of schema variation, (10%, 30%) of language variation, (13%, 25%) of unnormalized information and (37%, 26%) of erroneous entity linking challenges in  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ , respectively.
- Further adding of key only similarity module resolves extra (24%, 13%) of outdated information, (36%, 21%) of schema variation, (13%, 5%) of language variation, (19%, 17%) of unnormalized information and (22%, 8%)

$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$	<b>Match</b>	<b>UnMatch</b>	$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$	<b>Match</b>	<b>UnMatch</b>
af	88.08	89.48	de $\leftrightarrow$ hi	88.85	90.4
ar	85.24	88.77	de $\leftrightarrow$ ko	85.27	88.7
ceb	85.17	91.07	fr $\leftrightarrow$ ar	85.35	87.21
de	85.41	86.65	fr $\leftrightarrow$ de	84.97	88.94
es	89.83	89.7	fr $\leftrightarrow$ hi	83.95	84.58
fr	89.41	89.8	fr $\leftrightarrow$ ko	83.59	84.36
hi	90.56	87.07	fr $\leftrightarrow$ ru	87.63	88.83
ko	85.69	86.22	hi $\leftrightarrow$ ar	84.33	89.38
nl	86.4	90.28	ko $\leftrightarrow$ ar	82.18	89.08
ru	87.46	88.54	ko $\leftrightarrow$ hi	78.8	83.03
sv	84.89	86.76	ru $\leftrightarrow$ ar	82.18	86.96
tr	92.07	91.3	ru $\leftrightarrow$ de	89.93	91.92
zh	91.61	89.31	ru $\leftrightarrow$ hi	82.38	87.78
			ru $\leftrightarrow$ ko	81.62	84.47
			de $\leftrightarrow$ ar	78.05	87.23

Table 13: **Language Wise Analysis** :-Alignment F1-score reported for same language for  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$  averaged over all entities.

- of erroneous entity linking challenges in  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ , respectively.
- Applying key-value-bidirectional module resolves another (12%, 13.5%) of outdated information, (18%, 6.6%) of information representation, 54%, 45% of language variation, (40%, 46%) of unnormalized information and (34%, 53%) of erroneous entity linking challenges in  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ , respectively.
- Key-Val-Unidirectional and Multi-key together solves another (18.5%, 7.5%) of the information representation in  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  and  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$ , respectively, but are not effective against other challenges.

## A.8 Other Related Work

**Tabular Reasoning.** Addressing NLP tasks on semi-structured tabular data has received substantial attention. There is work on tabular NLI (Gupta et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020a; Gupta et al., 2022b), question-answering task (Zhang and Balog, 2020b; Zhu et al., 2021; Pasupat and Liang, 2015a; Abbas et al., 2016; Sun et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2021a, 2020b; Lin et al., 2020; Zayats et al., 2021; Oguz et al., 2022, and others) and table-to-text generation (Zhang et al., 2020c; Parikh et al., 2020; Nan et al., 2021; Yoran et al., 2022; Chen et al., 2021b).

**Tabular Representation and Learning.** There are also several works representing Wikipedia tables, such papers are TAPAS (Herzig et al., 2020), StrucBERT (Trabelsi et al., 2022), Table2vec (Zhang et al., 2019), TaBERT (Yin et al., 2020), TABBIE (Iida et al., 2021), TabStruc (Zhang et al.,

<b>Category</b>	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$		$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$	
	<b>Match</b>	<b>UnMatch</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>UnMatch</b>
Airport	79.77	82.64	85.79	90.9
Album	93.9	91.33	88.6	85.01
Animal	93.79	94.2	90	96.24
Athlete	86.6	90.21	83.75	88.81
Book	86.48	90.96	81.29	83.13
City	86.14	93.67	77.4	86.6
College	82.47	87.53	81.05	86.24
Company	87.49	85.15	85.5	86.7
Country	86.38	92.47	86.53	92.32
Food	88.58	90.04	85.65	91.67
Monument	84.86	86.14	87.66	89.6
Movie	91.2	85.7	74.33	76.19
Musician	89.47	85.62	89.04	93.27
Nobel	88.2	91.08	88.84	87.1
Painting	90.27	82.35	86.52	89.72
Person	87.37	87.79	79.85	87.74
Planet	90.93	85.77	85.01	87.18
Shows	91.23	88.89	83.65	78.84
Stadium	88.59	87.72	83.2	77.38

Table 14: **Category Wise Analysis** :- Alignment F1-score reported for same group entities average over all languages.

<b>Key Freq</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b># of Keys (all)</b>	<b>Avg Score</b>
High	$100 \leq x$	33	90.71
Mid	$50 \leq x \leq 100$	49	89.33
Low	$x \leq 50$	700	81.82

Table 15: **Key Wise Analysis**:- F1-Score report for grouped keys.

2020a), TabGCN (Pramanick and Bhattacharya, 2021), RCI (Glass et al., 2021), TURL (Deng et al., 2022), and TableFormer (Yang et al., 2022). Some papers such as (Yu et al., 2018, 2021; Eisenschlos et al., 2020; Neeraja et al., 2021; Müller et al., 2021; Somepalli et al., 2021; Shankarampet et al., 2022; Dong et al., 2022, and others) study pre-training for tabular tasks. Paper related to tabular probing includes (Koleva et al.; Gupta et al., 2022a).

**Tabular Datasets.** There are several tabular task datasets on (a.) tabular NLI: (Gupta et al., 2020; Rozen et al., 2019; Müller et al., 2021; Kaushik et al., 2020; Xiong et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020a; Eisenschlos et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020c, and others); (b.) Tabular QA: WikiTableQA (Pasupat and Liang, 2015b), HybridQA (Chen et al., 2020b; Zayats et al., 2021; Oguz et al., 2022), WikiSQL (Iyyer et al., 2017), SQuALL (Ferré, 2012; Shi et al., 2020), OpenTableQA (Chen et al., 2021b), FinQA (Chen et al., 2021c), FeTaQA (Nan et al., 2022), TAT-QA (Zhu et al., 2021), SQA (Iyyer et al., 2017), NQ-Tables (Herzig et al., 2021); (c.) and Table Generation: ToTTo (Parikh et al.,

<b>Ablation</b>	<b>Match</b>				<b>UnMatch</b>			
	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$	$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$	$T_{en} \xleftrightarrow{*} T_{hi}$	$T_{en} \xleftrightarrow{*} T_{zh}$	$T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$	$T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$	$T_{en} \xleftrightarrow{*} T_{hi}$	$T_{en} \xleftrightarrow{*} T_{zh}$
Corpus-based	86.67	82.3	89.13	92.33	87.95	87.03	83.11	87.38
Key Only	89	80.09	87.35	91.49	89.42	85.88	79.83	87.13
Key-Val-Bi	84.98	75.39	86.95	90.41	86.39	82.06	80.48	84.4
Key-Val-Uni	87.73	79.35	90	92.67	89.03	85.35	84.83	88.74
Multi-Key	87.89	84.33	-	-	89.52	85.42	-	-
w/o	87.91	84.36	90.14	92.8	89.03	85.46	84.98	88.17

Table 16: **Ablation Study of Matched and UnMatch Score** : i.e. F1-Score for all test sets of INFO SYNC.

<b>Alignment</b>	<b>Match</b>			<b>UnMatch</b>		
	<b>Precision</b>	<b>Recall</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>Precision</b>	<b>Recall</b>	<b>F1</b>
Corpus-based	93.51	46.22	61.86	55.66	96.17	70.51
+ Key Only	88.09	58.62	70.4	60.75	94.16	73.85
+ Key-Value-Bi	89.6	85.89	87.71	85.87	93.47	89.51
+ Key-Value-Uni	89.3	86.52	87.89	86.24	93.07	89.52
+ Multi-Key	88.85	86.99	87.91	86.51	92.27	89.3

Table 17:  $T_{en} \leftrightarrow T_x$  alignment performance on Human-Annotated Test Data

2020), Turing Tables (Yoran et al., 2022), Logic-NLG (Chen et al., 2020c).

Furthermore, there are also several works discussed on web table extraction, retrieval, and augmentation (Zhang and Balog, 2020a), and utilizing the transformers model for table representation (Badaro and Papotti, 2022).

English Infobox	
Artist	John Singer Sargent
Year	1884
Medium	Oil on canvas
Dimensions	234.95 cm × 109.86 cm (92.5 in × 43.25 in)
Location	Metropolitan Museum of Art, Manhattan
Website	Madame X (Madame Pierre Gautreau)

Spanish Infobox	
Año	1883–1885
Autor	John Singer Sargent
Técnica	Óleo sobre tela
Tamaño	234,95 cm × 109,86 cm
Localización	Museo Metropolitano de Arte, Manhattan, Nueva York,   Estados Unidos
País de origen	Estados Unidos

Updated English Infobox	
Artist	John Singer Sargent
Year	1884
Medium	Oil on canvas
Dimensions	234.95 cm × 109.86 cm (92.5 in × 43.25 in)
Location	Metropolitan Museum of Art, Manhattan
Website	Madame X (Madame Pierre Gautreau)
Country of origin	United States

Update Spanish Infobox	
Año	1884
Autor	John Singer Sargent
Técnica	Óleo sobre tela
Tamaño	234.95 cm × 109.86 cm (92.5 in × 43.25 in)
Localización	Museo Metropolitano de Arte, Manhattan
País de origen	Estados Unidos
Sitio web	Madame X (Madame Pierre Gautreau)

Figure 4: **Example From Update Algorithm Proposed:** Update English Infobox is obtained by using Spanish Infobox as a reference and vice versa."Country of origin" is updated in English infobox and "website" is updated in Spanish infobox.

English Infobox	
Location	Disneyland Resort, 1313 Disneyland Dr, Anaheim, California, United States
Coordinates	33°49'N   117°55'W   /   33.81°N 117.92°W   Coordinates   33°49'N   117°55'W   /   33.81°N 117.92°W
Theme	Fairy tales and Disney characters
Slogan	The happiest place on earth
Owner	Disney Parks, Experiences and Products   (The Walt Disney Company)
Operated by	Disneyland Resort
Opened	July 17, 1955   ; 66 years ago
Previous names	Disneyland (1955–1998)
Operating season	Year-round
Website	Official website
Status	Operating

Updated English Infobox	
Location	Disneyland Resort, 1313 Disneyland Dr, Anaheim, California, United States
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Owner	Disney Parks, Experiences and Products   (The Walt Disney Company)
Operated by	Disneyland Resort
Opened	July 17, 1955   ; 66 years ago
Previous names	Disneyland (1955–1998)
Operating season	Year-round
Website	disneyland.disney.go.com
Status	Operating
Surface	34 ha (340,000 m   2  )
Type of park	Themes park
Number of attractions	Total : 39   Number of roller coasters : 4   Number of water attractions : 9
Number of visitors	18,666 million   (2018)

French Infobox	
Ouverture	17 juillet 1955
Domaine	Disneyland Resort
Superficie	34 ha (340 000 m   2  )
Pays	États-Unis
État	Californie
Ville	Anaheim
Propriétaire	Disneyland Inc.   The Walt Disney Company
Type de parc	Parc à thèmes
Nombre d'attractions	Total : 39   Nb de montagnes russes : 4   Nb d'attractions aquatiques : 9
Nombre de visiteurs	18 666 millions   (2018)
Site web	disneyland.disney.go.com
Coordonnées	33° 48' 44" nord, 117° 55' 08" ouest

Updated French Infobox	
Ouverture	July 17, 1955   ; 66 years ago
Domaine	Disneyland Resort
Superficie	34 ha (340,000 m   2  )
Ville	Disneyland Resort, 1313 Disneyland Dr, Anaheim, Californie, États-Unis
Propriétaire	Parcs, Expériences et Produits Disney   (The Walt Disney Company)
Type de parc	Parc à thèmes
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Coordinnées	33°49'N   117°55'W   /   33.81°N 117.92°W   Coordinates   33°49'N   117°55'W   /   33.81°N 117.92°W
Thème	Contes de fées et personnages de Disney
Noms précédents	Disneyland (1955–1998)
Saison d'exploitation	Toute l'année
Statut	en fonctionnement
Slogan	L'endroit le plus heureux sur terre

Figure 5: **Example From Update Algorithm Proposed:** Update English Infobox is obtained by using French Infobox as a reference and vice versa. Multiple keys are updated in both infoboxes "Opened," "Location," "Owner," "Coordinates," "Operating Season," and "Slogan" in French, and "number of visitors," "surface," "Type of park," "number of attractions" are updated in English infobox.

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Alignment	Precision	Match		Precision	UnMatch	
		Recall	F1		Recall	F1
Corpus-based	75.68	45.38	56.74	58.9	91.71	71.73
+ Key Only	74.45	58.62	62.14	62.44	89.37	73.52
+ Key-Value-Bi	82.78	85.66	84.2	82.53	88.73	85.52
+ Key-Value-Uni	82.2	86.58	84.33	82.94	88.05	85.42
+ Multi-Key	82.16	86.68	84.36	83.05	88.01	85.46

Table 18:  $T_x \leftrightarrow T_y$  alignment performance on Human-Annotated Test Data.

Alignment	Precision	Match		Precision	UnMatch	
		Recall	F1		Recall	F1
Corpus-based	94.81	41.1	57.34	37.55	96.19	71.73
+ Key Only	92.04	61.04	73.4	46.6	94.81	73.52
+ Key-Value-Bi	87.65	85.89	90.07	77.37	88.73	85.52
+ Key-Value-Uni	88.59	86.52	90.34	78.53	88.05	85.42
+ Multi-Key	91.15	88.59	90.14	78.52	88.01	85.46

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Alignment	Precision	Match		Precision	UnMatch	
		Recall	F1		Recall	F1
Corpus-based	89.94	56.41	69.33	47.19	95.26	63.11
+ Key Only	88.78	64.43	74.67	51.74	91.99	66.23
+ Key-Value-Bi	92.38	93.7	93.04	86.73	91.81	89.2
+ Key-Value-Uni	92.13	94.13	93.12	86.75	90.58	88.62
+ Multi-Key	91.51	94.13	92.8	86.73	89.66	88.17

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