

Lecture 8

Text Mining

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- Includes slides from Hoifung Poon, Chris Quirk & Scott Wen-Tau Yih, *Machine Reading for Precision Medicine*, https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/uploads/prod/2018/01/1802_aaai-tutorial_precision-med.pdf
- Includes slides from Matthew Honnibal & Ines Montani, *An introduction to spaCy*, https://github.com/explosion/talks/blob/master/2017-08-28_spacy-101.pdf

Too much (textual) information

- We now have electronic books, documents, web pages, emails, blogs, news, chats, memos, research papers, ...
- ... all of it immediately accessible, thanks to databases and Information Retrieval (IR)
- An estimated 80–85% of all data stored in databases are natural language texts
- But humans did not scale so well...

Results in the common perception of **Information Overload** (or even **Information Rage** when discussing the emotional impact)

The screenshot shows a Google search results page. The search bar at the top contains the query "Text Mining". Below the search bar are several navigation links: "All" (selected), "Images", "News", "Videos", "Books", "More", "Settings", and "Tools". The main search results area displays a summary: "About 774,000,000 results (0.44 seconds)". Below this summary are four cards illustrating the text mining process:

- Text Mining**: A diagram showing three main steps: Preprocess, Index, and Mine.
- THE TEXT MINING PROCESS**: A diagram showing a series of 12 numbered steps from data collection to knowledge extraction.
- THE TEXT MINING PROCESS**: Another diagram showing a series of 12 numbered steps, similar to the one above but with different visual elements.
- Text Analytics**: A diagram showing a cycle between "structured Data" and "unstructured Data" through "Extractors" and "Ingestors", leading to "Text Analytics" which includes "Sentiment", "Organization", and "Entity Recognition".



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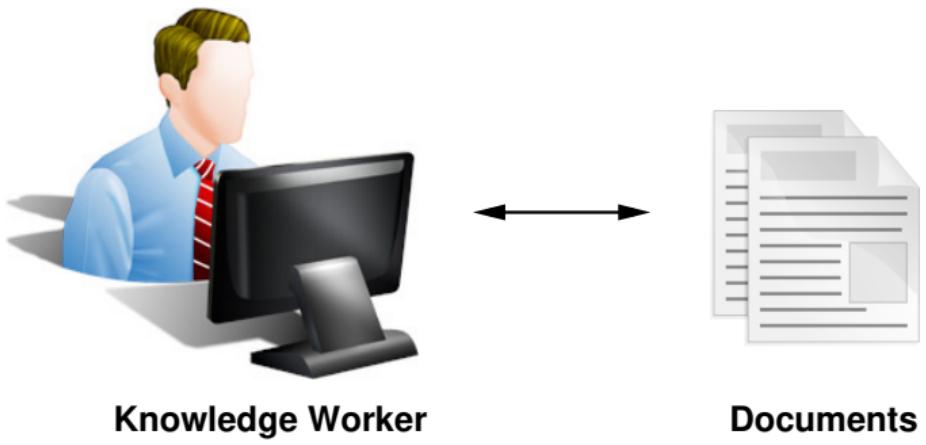
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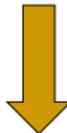
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Example: Tumor Board KB Curation

The deletion mutation on exon-19 of **EGFR** gene was present in 16 patients, while the **L858E** point mutation on exon-21 was noted in 10.

All patients were treated with **gefitinib** and showed a partial response.



Gefitinib can treat tumors w. EGFR-L858E mutation

PubMed

27 million abstracts

Two new abstracts every minute

Adds over one million every year



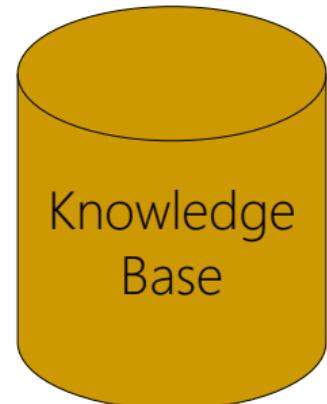
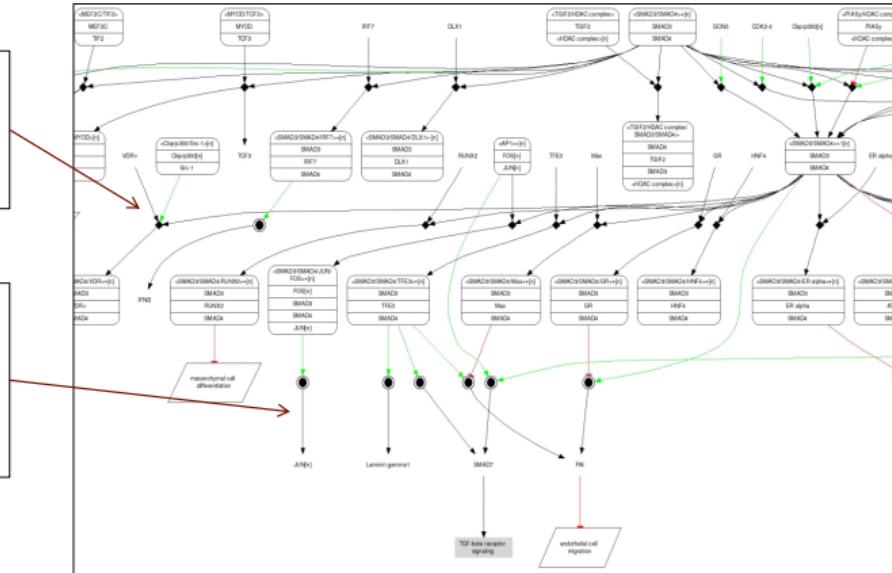
Machine Reading

PMID: 123

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VDR+ binds to
SMAD3 to form
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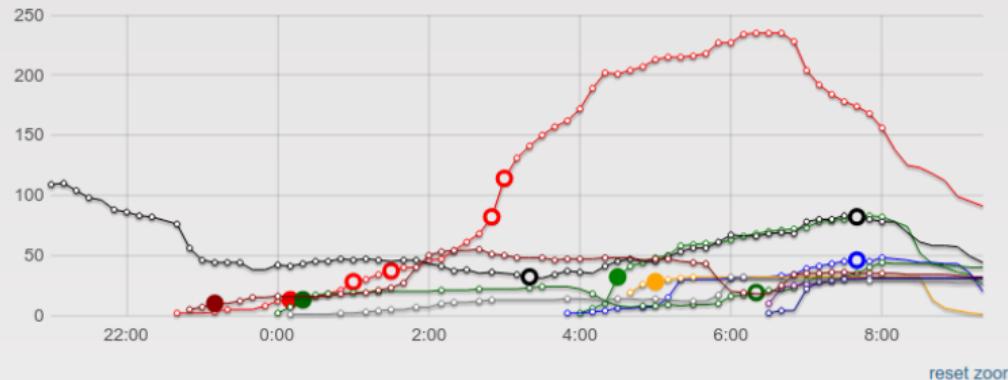
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Current top 10 stories
Language: en Period: Mar 13, 2024, 2:20 AM - Mar 13, 2024, 2:20 PM**Putin Warns West: Russia Ready For Nuclear War, But No Rush**

Articles : 340 | Last update : Mar 13, 2024, 1:07:00 PM | Start : Mar 13, 2024, 3:46:00 AM | Sources : 207 | Peak : 4 |

Current rank : 1

President Putin says Russia Is ready for a nuclear war ↗RU nbcnews Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 1:07:00 PM Central European Standard Time | [info \[other\]](#)**Top terms**
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[More articles...](#)**Palestinians killed in West Bank amid violence surge**

Articles : 84 | Last update : Mar 13, 2024, 1:02:00 PM | Start : Mar 13, 2024, 9:00:00 AM | Sources : 73 | Peak : 1 |

Current rank : 2

The Latest | Israeli forces kill 2 Palestinians during raid in occupied West Bank ↗

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

2:33:00 PM Central European

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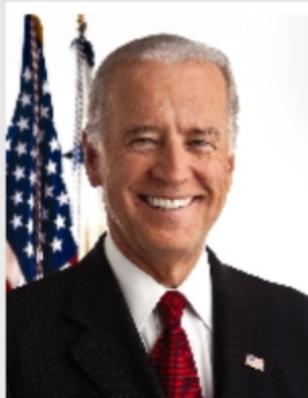
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Joseph Biden

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Extracted quotes from

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Joe Biden said : "I believe that the American people will choose to keep us moving into the future," [\[link\]](#)

myjoyonline Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 2:09:00 PM Central European Standard Time

Joe Biden asegurado (about Donald Trump) : "Me siento honrado de que la amplia coalición de votantes que representan la rica diversidad del Partido Demócrata en todo el país hayan depositado su fe en mí una vez más para liderar nuestro partido, y nuestro país, en un momento en el que la amenaza que supone el expresidente Donald Trump es mayor que nunca" [\[link\]](#)

radioagricultura Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 1:58:00 PM Central European Standard Time

Joe Biden déclaré (about Donald Trump) : «Je suis honoré que la large coalition de votants représentant la riche diversité du Parti démocrate à travers le pays aient placé leur foi en moi une fois encore pour conduire le

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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Key Titles and Phrases (Last 30)

Names (Top 30)

KEY TITLES AND PHRASES COUNT LANG LAST SEEN

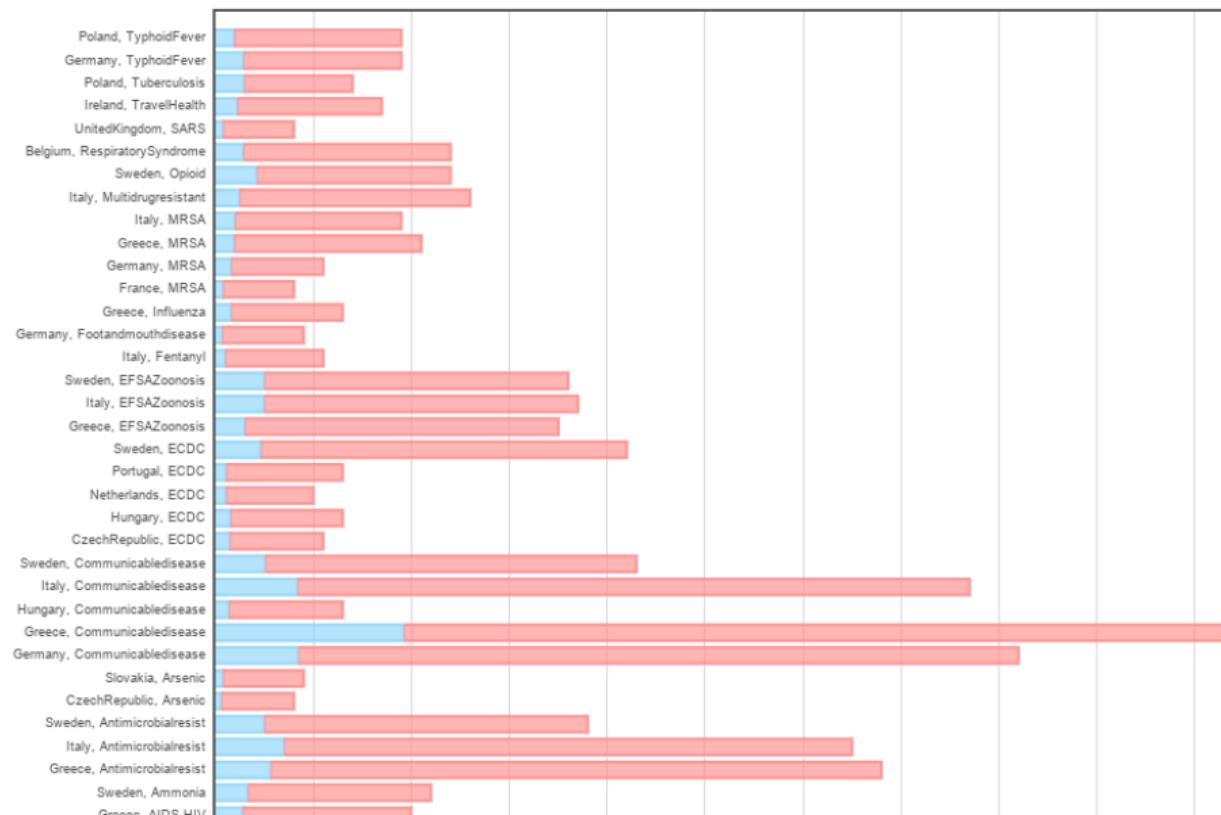
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KEY TITLES AND PHRASES	COUNT	LANG	LAST SEEN
homólogo	0.00%	ES	11/03/2024
president	38.60%	EN	07/03/2024
presidente americano	0.00%	PT	03/03/2024
presidente	0.02%	ES	07/03/2024

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Today's Alert Statistics for European Union

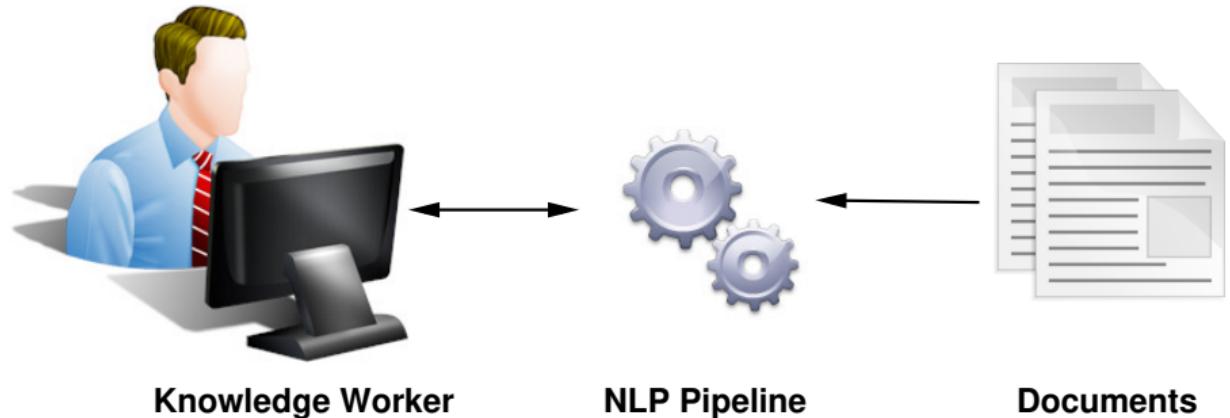


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Recent Disease Incidents

Automatically extracted from MediSys news items by PULS (University of Helsinki, Finland)

Disease	Time	Location	Status	Cases	Description
Dengue	--	Southeast Asia		five cases	Metro Doctors highlight dengue fever risk after five city cases Ruijin Hospital warns of risks and the need for timely and proper treatment after seeing five patients at its infectious disease department who had travelled to Southeast Asia. 4m
end-stage chronic kidney disease	--	Cyprus		more than 1,200 patients	Cyprus records more than 1,200 patients with end-stage chronic kidney disease
Rabies	2024.02	India	+	woman	Woman Dies Of Rabies 3 Days After Completing Vaccination Course; All About The Fatal Infection
Measles	2024.03.09	Ireland		passenger	UAE: Passenger tests positive for measles on Abu Dhabi-Dublin flight; alert issued
virus	2023.04.08	Bangladesh	+	one deaths	Bangladesh: One man takes charge of last rites for 87 virus victims
Coronavirus	2024.03.11	Iraq	+	eight people	Iraq extends entry ban on Iranians over coronavirus
mutated virus	2023.09.15-2024.03.13	Denmark		cases	Denmark: Cluster-5 coronavirus most likely eradicated



→ Worksheet #8: Task 1

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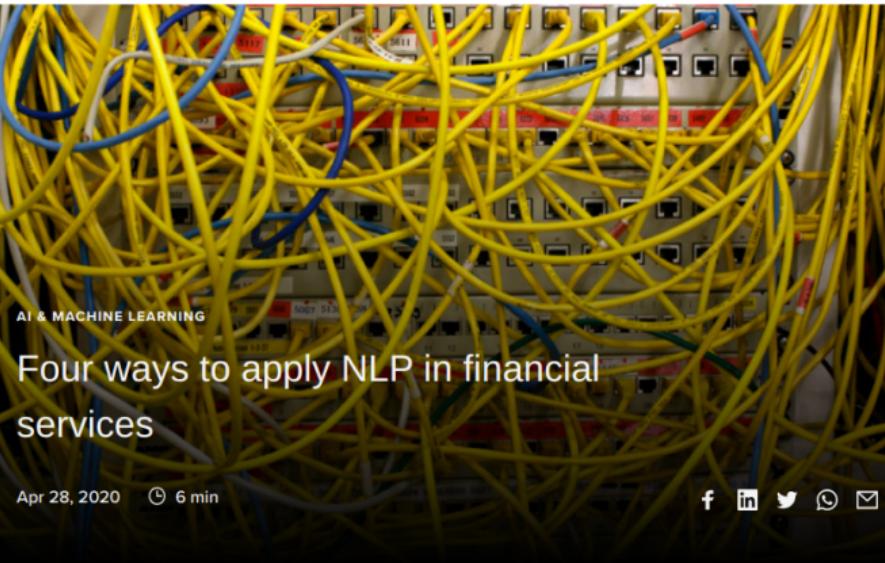
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AI & MACHINE LEARNING

Four ways to apply NLP in financial services

Apr 28, 2020  6 min

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Natural language processing (NLP) is increasingly used to review unstructured content or spot trends in markets. How is Refinitiv Labs applying NLP in financial services to meet challenges around investment decision-making and risk management?

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So you want to build a Text Mining system...

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Requirements

A Natural Language Processing (NLP) system requires a large amount of infrastructure work:

- Document handling, in various formats (plain text, HTML, XML, PDF, ...), from various sources (files, DBs, email, ...)
- Annotation handling (stand-off markup)
- Component implementations for standard tasks, like Tokenizers, Sentence Splitters, Part-of-Speech (POS) Taggers, Finite-State Transducers, Full Parsers, Classifiers, Noun Phrase Chunkers, Lemmatizers, Entity Taggers, Coreference Resolution Engines, Summarizers, Deep Learning Models...

As well as *tools* and *resources* for concrete tasks and languages:

- Lexicons, WordNets
- Grammar files and Language models
- Machine Learning Algorithms
- Evaluation Metrics
- etc.

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Fortunately, you don't have to start from scratch

Many (open source) tools and resources are available:

NLP Tools: programs performing a single text processing task, like classifiers, parsers, or NP chunkers

NLP Libraries: collection of algorithms and resources for various tasks and languages

Frameworks: large-scale integration architectures for combining and controlling all components and resources of an NLP system

Resources: for various languages, like lexicons, wordnets, grammars, or pre-trained ML models

Cloud Computing Platforms: scalable, on-demand computing environments for data storage, processing, and analysis; capable of handling large datasets and computationally intensive NLP tasks

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Major Frameworks

Two important frameworks are:

- GATE (*General Architecture for Text Engineering*), under development since 1995 at University of Sheffield, UK
- UIMA (*Unstructured Information Management Architecture*), developed by IBM; open-sourced in 2007 (Apache project)

Both frameworks are open source (GATE: LGPL, UIMA: Apache)

Libraries

- Numerous NLP libraries: NLTK (Python), Stanford CoreNLP, OpenNLP...
- Various integrations (e.g., CoreNLP has GATE wrapper, Python bindings)

Current Trends

- Increasing use of Deep Learning for NLP (e.g., TensorFlow, PyTorch)
- Use of pre-trained language models (e.g., BERT), exchanged on HuggingFace
- Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Cloud Computing Solutions and Online APIs

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Unstructured Information Management Architecture (UIMA)

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UIIMA Ruta CDE - CDE/data/features/kdml12.pdfbox.txt.xmi (CDEdescriptor/uima/ruta/example/CDETypeSystem.xml) - Eclipse Platform

File Edit Navigate Search Project Run Window Help

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Script Explorer

CDE

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CDE Cons

Selection TextRuler Annotation Ruta Query

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Author (Date Title);	1
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Author(CONTAINS(W,2,200));	1
Author,-CONTAINS(EditorMarker);	1
Author(STARTSWITH(Reference));	1

CDE Document

Documents: t-textmarker\CDE\data\features

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General Architecture for Text Engineering (GATE)

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The screenshot shows the GATE Developer 6.1-snapshot build 3809 interface. The left sidebar contains a tree view of applications, language resources, processing resources, and datastores. The main window displays a document titled "26eval.xml_0002..." with annotations. A central panel shows an annotation set for a "Person" entity, listing attributes like gender (male), matches (9653, 9656), rule (PersonFinal), and rule1 (PersonTitle). Below this is an "Open Search & Annotate tool". The right side features a sidebar with various development frameworks and NLP components, many of which are checked (e.g., Date, FirstPerson, JobTitle, Location, Lookup, Money, Organization, Person, Sentence, SpaceToken, Split, Temp, TempDate, Title, Token, Unknown). At the bottom, there are tabs for "Document Editor" and "Initialisation Parameters". A status bar at the bottom left indicates "ANNIE run in 2.892 seconds".

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Messages ANNIE

Loaded Processing resources

Name	Type
LODeXporter 00018	LODeXporter

Selected Processing resources

!	Name	Type
Document Reset PR	Document Reset PR	
ANNIE English Tokeniser	ANNIE English Tokeniser	
ANNIE Gazetteer	ANNIE Gazetteer	
ANNIE Sentence Splitter	ANNIE Sentence Splitter	
ANNIE POS Tagger	ANNIE POS Tagger	
NE ANNIE NE Transducer	ANNIE NE Transducer	
ANNIE OrthoMatcher	ANNIE OrthoMatcher	

Run "ANNIE POS Tagger"?

Yes No If value of feature [] is []

Corpus: Corpus for GATE Document_00013

Runtime Parameters for the "ANNIE POS Tagger" ANNIE POS Tagger:

Name	Type	Required	Value
baseSentenceAnnotationType	String	✓	Sentence
baseTokenAnnotationType	String	✓	Token
failOnMissingInputAnnotations	Boolean		true
inputASName	String		
outputASName	String		
outputAnnotationType	String	✓	Token
posTagAllTokens	Boolean		true

Run this Application

Serial Application Editor Initialisation Parameters About...

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Example Tokenisation Rules

```
#numbers#
// a number is any combination of digits
"DECIMAL_DIGIT_NUMBER"+ >Token;kind=number;

#whitespace#
(SPACE_SEPARATOR) >SpaceToken;kind=space;
(CONTROL) >SpaceToken;kind=control;
```

Example Output

Type	Set	Start	End	Features
Token		158	163	{kind=word, length=5, orth=lowercase, string=years}
SpaceToken		163	164	{kind=space, length=1, string= }
Token		164	167	{kind=word, length=3, orth=lowercase, string=ago}
Token		167	168	{kind=punctuation, length=1, string=,}
SpaceToken		168	169	{kind=space, length=1, string= }
Token		169	180	{kind=word, length=11, orth=lowercase, string=researchers}
SpaceToken		180	181	{kind=space, length=1, string= }

1417 Annotations (0 selected)

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Producing POS Annotations

POS-Tagging assigns a part-of-speech-tag (POS tag) to each Token.

- GATE comes with the Hepple tagger for English, which is a modified version of the Brill tagger

Example output

ILL., THE OWNER OF NEW YORK-based Loews Corp. that makes Kent cigarettes, stopped using crocidolite in its Micronite cigarette filters in 1956.

Although preliminary findings were reported more than a year ago, the latest results appear in today's New England Journal of

Type	Set	Start	End	Features
Token		485	494	{category=NN, kind=word, length=9, orth=upperInit}
Token		495	504	{category=NN, kind=word, length=9, orth=lowercase}
Token		505	512	{category=NNS, kind=word, length=7, orth=lowercase}
Token		513	515	{category=IN, kind=word, length=2, orth=lowercase}
Token		516	520	{category=CD, kind=number, length=4, string=1956}
Token		520	521	{category=., kind=punctuation, length=1, string=.}
Token		522	521	{category=IN, kind=word, length=8, orth=upperInit}

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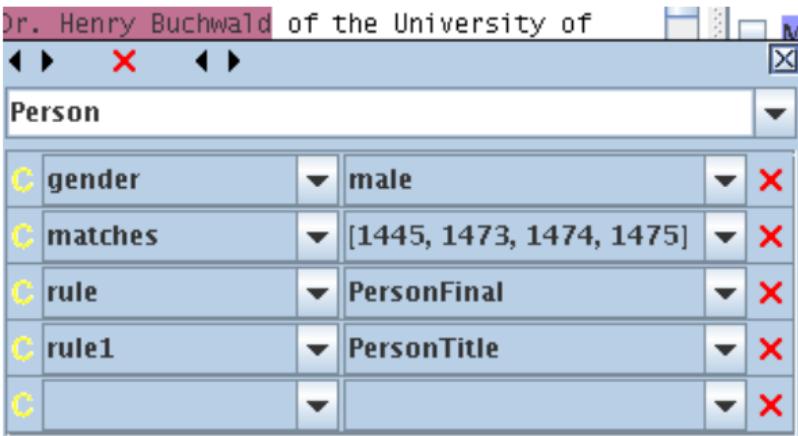
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Transducer-based NE Detection

Using all the information obtained in the previous steps (Tokens, Gazetteer lookups, POS tags), ANNIE now runs a sequence of JAPE-Transducers to detect Named Entities (NE)s.

Example for a detected Person



The screenshot shows the ANNIE interface with a sentence "Dr. Henry Buchwald of the University of" at the top. Below it is a detailed view of the detected entity "Person". The entity has five attributes listed in a table:

C	gender	▼	male	▼	X
C	matches	▼	[1445, 1473, 1474, 1475]	▼	X
C	rule	▼	PersonFinal	▼	X
C	rule1	▼	PersonTitle	▼	X
C		▼		▼	X

We can now look at the grammar rules that found this person.

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Strategy

A JAPE grammar rule combines information obtained from POS-tags with Gazetteer lookup information

- although the last name in the example is not in any list, it can be found based on its POS tag and an additional first name/last name rule (not shown)
- many additional rules for other Person patterns, as well as Organizations, Dates, Addresses, ...

Persons with Titles

```
Rule: PersonTitle
Priority: 35
(
  {Token.category == DT} |
  {Token.category == PRP} |
  {Token.category == RB}
) ?
(
  (TITLE) +
  ((FIRSTNAME | FIRSTNAMEAMBIG
    | INITIALS2)
) ?
  (PREFIX) *
  (UPPER)
  (PERSONENDING) ?
)
:person --> ...
```

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Industrial-Strength Natural Language Processing

IN PYTHON

Get things done

spaCy is designed to help you do real work – to build real products, or gather real insights. The library respects your time, and tries to avoid wasting it. It's easy to install, and its API is simple and productive.

[GET STARTED](#)

Blazing fast

spaCy excels at large-scale information extraction tasks. It's written from the ground up in carefully memory-managed Cython. If your application needs to process entire web dumps, spaCy is the library you want to be using.

[FACTS & FIGURES](#)

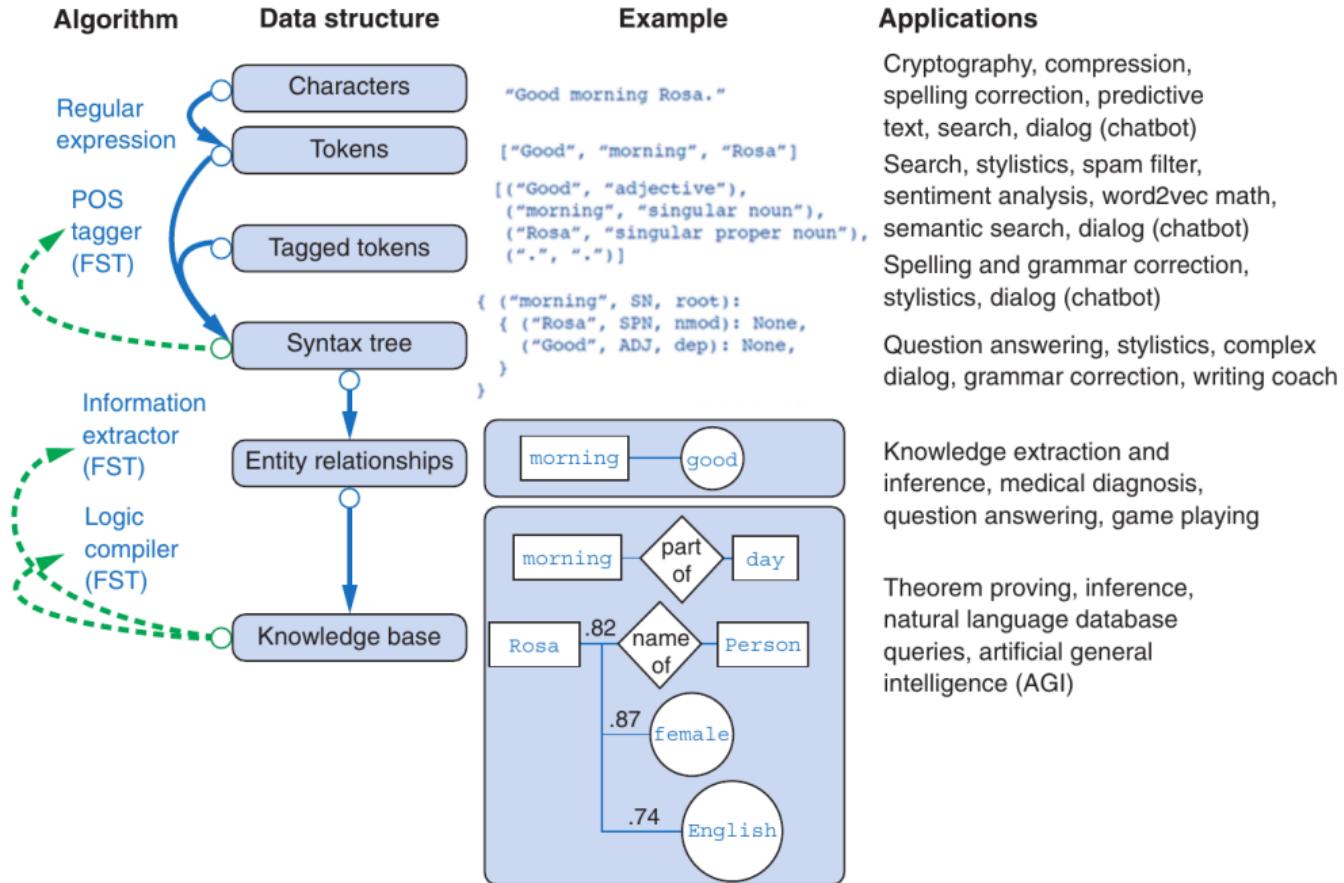
Awesome ecosystem

Since its release in 2015, spaCy has become an industry standard with a huge ecosystem. Choose from a variety of plugins, integrate with your machine learning stack and build custom components and workflows.

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Language dependent code

- Some parts of spaCy work language-independent
- But many steps require **language-specific data**, such as rules or pre-trained ML models

Need to load a **language model** to start, e.g., for English (small model):

```
import spacy
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
```

LANGUAGE	CODE	LANGUAGE DATA	PIPELINES
Chinese	zh	lang/zh < >	4 packages ⓘ
Danish	da	lang/da < >	3 packages ⓘ
Dutch	nl	lang/nl < >	3 packages ⓘ
English	en	lang/en < >	4 packages ⓘ
French	fr	lang/fr < >	4 packages ⓘ
German	de	lang/de < >	4 packages ⓘ
Greek	el	lang/el < >	3 packages ⓘ
Italian	it	lang/it < >	3 packages ⓘ
Japanese	ja	lang/ja < >	3 packages ⓘ

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Tokenization

Text is split into basic units called *Tokens*:

- word tokens
- number tokens
- space tokens
- ...

Consistent tokenization is important for all later processing steps

What is a word?

Unfortunately, even tokenization can be difficult:

- Is “John’s” in *John’s sick* one token or two?
If one → problems in parsing (where’s the verb?)
If two → what do we do with *John’s house*?
- What to do with hyphens?
E.g., *database* vs. *data-base* vs. *data base*
- what to do with “C++”, “A/C”, “:-)”, “...”?

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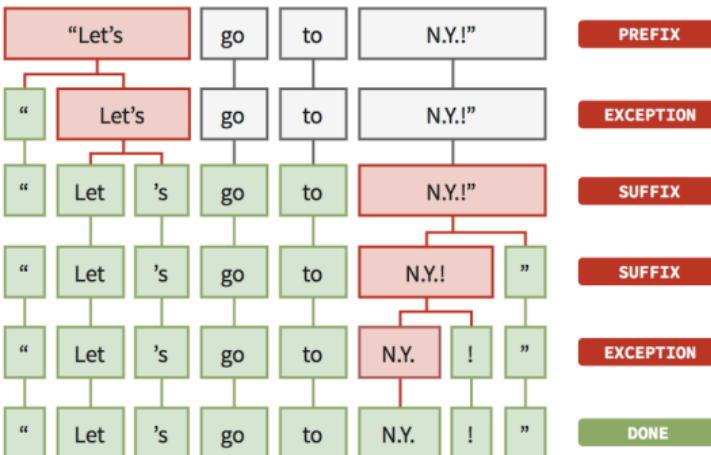
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```
doc = nlp(u"Let's go to N.Y.!")
print([token.text for token in doc])
```



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Mark Sentence Boundaries

Detects sentence units. Easy case:

- often, sentences end with “.”, “!”, or “?”

Hard (or annoying) cases:

- difficult when a “.” do not indicate an EOS:
“MR. X”, “3.14”, “Y Corp.”, ...
- we can detect common abbreviations (“U.S.”), but what if a sentence ends with one?
“...announced today by the U.S. The...”
- Sentences can be *nested* (e.g., within quotes)

Correct sentence boundary is important

for many downstream analysis tasks:

- POS-Taggers maximize probabilities of tags within a sentence
- Most Parsers work on individual sentences

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentence_boundary_disambiguation

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Some difficult examples for sentence splitting

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I live in the U.S. but I commute to work in Mexico on S.V. Australis for a woman from St. Bernard St. on the Gulf of Mexico.

I went to G.T. You?

She yelled “It’s right here!” but I kept looking for a sentence boundary anyway.

I stared dumbfounded on as things like “How did I get here?,” “Where am I?,” “Am I alive?” fluttered across the screen.

The author wrote “I don’t think it’s conscious.’ Turing said.”

https://www.tm-town.com/natural-language-processing#golden_rules

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Morphological Variants

Words are changed through a morphological process called *inflection*:

- typically indicates changes in case, gender, number, tense, etc.
- example *car* → *cars*, *give* → *gives*, *gave*, *given*

Goal: “normalize” words

Stemming and Lemmatization

Two main approaches to normalization:

Stemming reduce words to a *base form*

Lemmatization reduce words to their *lemma*

Main difference: stemming just finds **any** base form, which doesn't even need to be a word in the language! Lemmatization find the actual *root* of a word, but requires morphological analysis.

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Stemming

Commonly used in Information Retrieval:

- Can be achieved with rule-based algorithms, usually based on suffix-stripping
- Standard algorithm for English: the *Porter* stemmer
- Advantages: simple & fast
- Disadvantages:
 - Rules are language-dependent
 - Can create words that do not exist in the language, e.g., *computers* → *comput*
 - Often reduces different words to the same stem, e.g.,
army, arm → *arm*
stocks, stockings → *stock*
- Stemming for other languages: *Lucene* and *Snowball* stemmer have rule files for many languages

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Lemmatization

Lemmatization is the process of deriving the base form, or *lemma*, of a word from one of its inflected forms. This requires a morphological analysis, which in turn typically requires a *lexicon*.

- Advantages:
 - identifies the *lemma* (root form), which is an actual word
 - less errors than in stemming
- Disadvantages:
 - more complex than stemming, slower
 - requires additional language-dependent resources
- While stemming is good enough for Information Retrieval, Text Mining often requires lemmatization
 - Semantics is more important (we need to distinguish an *army* and an *arm!*)
 - Errors in low-level components can multiply when running downstream

Morphology in spaCy

Morphological features are stored in the MorphAnalysis under Token.morph

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Where are we now?

So far, we splitted texts into *tokens* and *sentences* and performed some *normalization*.

- Still a long way to go to an *understanding* of natural language...

Typical approach in text mining: deal with the complexity of language by applying intermediate processing steps to acquire more and more structure.

Next stop: *POS-Tagging*.

POS-Tagging

A statistical POS Tagger scans tokens and assigns **POS Tags**.

A black cat plays... → *A/DT black/JJ cat/NN plays/VB...*

- relies on different word order probabilities
- needs a manually tagged corpus for machine learning

Note: *this is not grammatical analysis (parsing)!*

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Tagsets

A **tagset** defines the tags to assign to words. Main POS classes are:

Noun refers to entities like people, places, things or ideas

Adjective describes the properties of nouns or pronouns

Verb describes actions, activities and states

Adverb describes a verb, an adjective or another adverb

Pronoun word that can take the place of a noun

Determiner describes the particular reference of a noun

Preposition expresses spatial or time relationships

Note: real tagsets have from 45 (Penn Treebank) to 146 tags (C7).

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Fundamentals

POS-Tagging generally requires:

Training phase where a **manually annotated** corpus is processed by a machine learning algorithm; and a

Tagging algorithm that processes texts using learned parameters.

Performance is generally good (around 96%) when staying in the same domain.

Algorithms used in POS-Tagging

There is a multitude of approaches, commonly used are:

- Decision Trees
- Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- Transformation-based Taggers (e.g., the **Brill** tagger)

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POS Tagging in spaCy

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```
import spacy

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
doc = nlp("Apple_is_looking_at_buying_U.K._startup_for_$1_billion")

for token in doc:
    print(token.text, token.lemma_, token.pos_, token.tag_, token.dep_,
          token.shape_, token.is_alpha, token.is_stop)
```

TEXT	LEMMA	POS	TAG	DEP	SHAPE	ALPHA	STOP
Apple	apple	PROPN	NNP	nsubj	Xxxxx	True	False
is	be	VERB	VBD	aux	xx	True	True
looking	look	VERB	VBG	ROOT	xxxx	True	False
at	at	ADP	IN	prep	xx	True	True
buying	buy	VERB	VBG	pcomp	xxxx	True	False
U.K.	u.k.	PROPN	NNP	compound	X.X.	False	False
startup	startup	NOUN	NN	dobj	xxxx	True	False
for	for	ADP	IN	prep	xxx	True	True
\$	\$	SYM	\$	quantmod	\$	False	False

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Understanding POS Tags

- There are different tagsets used by different tools
- spaCy has a built-in explanation method:

```
spacy.explain("NNP")
> noun, proper singular
```

- spaCy uses the Universal Dependency Scheme (<https://universaldependencies.org/u/pos/>)

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POS	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
ADJ	adjective	big, old, green, incomprehensible, first
ADP	adposition	in, to, during
ADV	adverb	very, tomorrow, down, where, there
AUX	auxiliary	is, has (done), will (do), should (do)
CONJ	conjunction	and, or, but

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Finding Syntactic Structures

We can now start a **syntactic analysis** of a sentence using:

Parsing producing a *parse tree* for a sentence using a parser, a grammar, and a lexicon

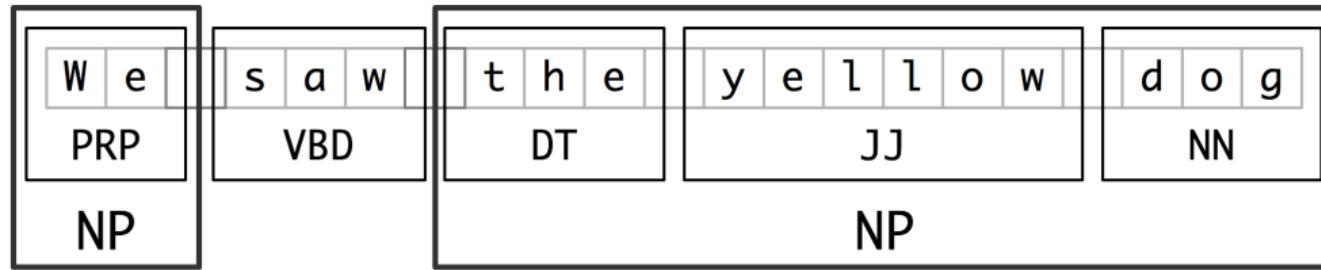
Chunking finding syntactic constituents like *Noun Phrases (NPs)* or *Verb Groups (VGs)* within a sentence

Chunking vs. Parsing

Chunking: Quick extraction of phrases, bypassing full parse trees

Full Parsing: Complete syntactic analysis, can fail due to inaccuracies or prior errors (grammatical inaccuracies, novel words, bad tokenization, wrong sentence splits, errors in POS tagging, ...)

Partial Parsing: Balances depth and efficiency, less susceptible to errors



NP Chunker

Rule-based approach for finding NPs

Grammar Excerpt

```
(NP      (DET MOD HEAD))  
(MOD    (MOD-ingredients)  
        (MOD-ingredients MOD)  
        ())  
(HEAD   (NN)  ...)
```

Example

"I couldn't believe what I saw," said McNeill, who also discovered bomb-making instructions and detailed maps of U.S. landmarks in the cave. "On top of all the destruction these people had already unleashed, plans were underway to harass the American people with a merciless assault of offers for everything from discounts on home DSL lines to pre-approved, low-interest credit cards."

For all the evidence collected by the CIA, the "smoking gun" in the investigation may turn out to be an alleged Osama bin Laden motivational videotape, currently in the possession of CNN. The controversial tape, which has never aired on the cable network, is rumored to feature bin Laden urging his followers to think positive and believe in the quality of the product they are pitching, closing on the grim slogan "Smile And Dial."

Type	Set	Start	End	Features
P	Default	3582	3596	{DET="", MOD="", HEAD="Guantanamo Bay "}
P	Default	776	791	{DET="the ", MOD="dinner ", HEAD="hour "}
P	Default	2259	2262	{DET="", MOD="", HEAD="out "}
P	Default	1806	1807	{DET="", MOD="", HEAD="I "}
P	Default	3849	3852	{DET="", MOD="", HEAD="one "}
P	Default	987	996	{DET="The ", MOD="", HEAD="video "}
P	Default	1487	1494	{DET="", MOD="", HEAD="McNeill "}
P	Default	2280	2318	{DET="", MOD="Osama bin Laden motivational ", HEAD="videotape "}
P	Default	894	910	{DET="", MOD="money ", HEAD="laundering "}

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NP Chunking in spaCy

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```
import spacy

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
doc = nlp("Autonomous_cars_shift_insurance_liability_toward_manufacturers")
for chunk in doc.noun_chunks:
    print(chunk.text, chunk.root.text, chunk.root.dep_,
          chunk.root.head.text)
```

TEXT	ROOT.TEXT	ROOT.DEP_	ROOT.HEAD.TEXT
Autonomous cars	cars	nsubj	shift
insurance liability	liability	dobj	shift
manufacturers	manufacturers	pobj	toward

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What can we do with chunks?

(NP) chunks are very useful in finding **named entities** (NEs), e.g., *Persons*, *Companies*, *Locations*, *Patents*, *Organisms*, . . .

But additional methods are needed for finding **relations**:

- *Who* invented *X*?
- *What* company created product *Y* that is doomed to fail?
- *Which* organism is this protein coming from?

Parse trees can help in determining these relationships

Parsing Challenges

Parsing is hard due to many kinds of ambiguities:

PP-Attachment which NP takes the PP? Compare:

He ate spaghetti with a fork.

He ate spaghetti with tomato sauce.

NP Bracketing *plastic cat food can cover*

Garden Paths *The old man the boat.*

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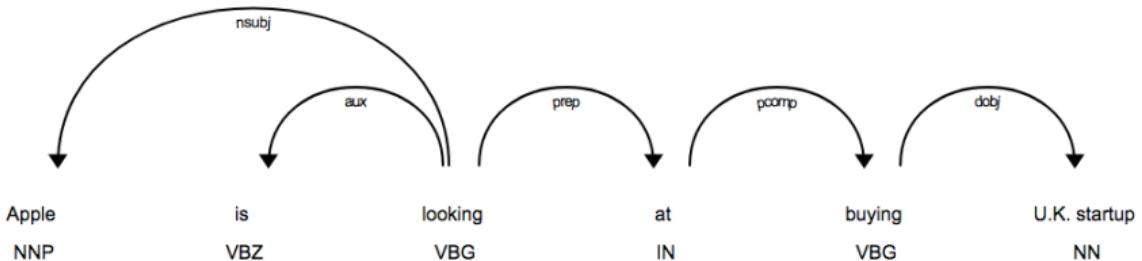
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POS tags & dependencies



```
doc = nlp(u"Apple is looking at buying U.K. startup")

for token in doc:
    print(token.text, token.pos_, token.tag_)
```



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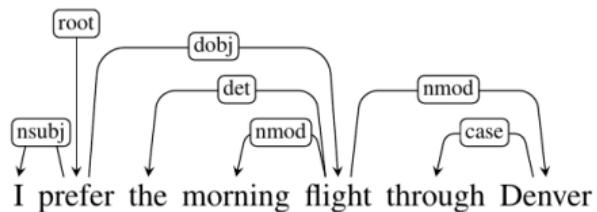
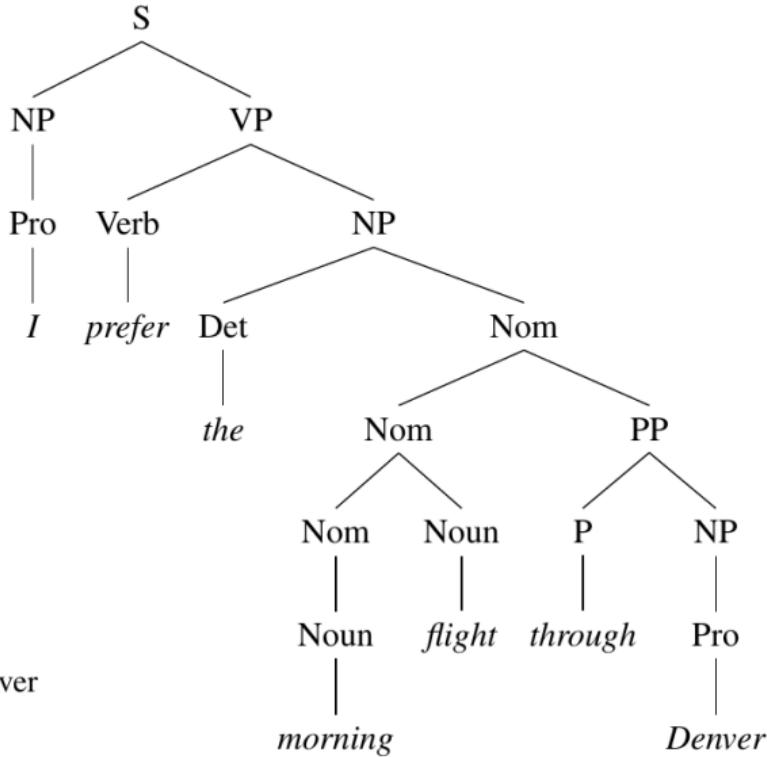
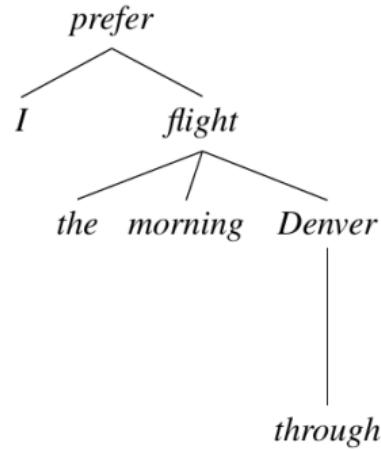
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Dependency Parsing vs. Constituent-based Parse Tree

Parsing “I prefer the morning flight through Denver.”

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Dependency Parsing

- Captures relationships between words
- Direct links denote syntactic structure
- Useful for understanding sentence dynamics

Constituent-based Parsing

- Organizes words into nested constituents
- Reflects phrase structure grammar
- Ideal for analyzing sentence composition

Why spaCy Uses Dependency Parsing

Efficiency: Faster, more scalable for processing large texts

Universality: Adapts well across languages with different syntactic structures

Practicality: Directly useful for applications like information extraction and relation detection

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```
import spacy

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
doc = nlp("Apple is looking at buying U.K. startup for $1 billion")

for ent in doc.ents:
    print(ent.text, ent.start_char, ent.end_char, ent.label_)
```

TEXT	START	END	LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Apple	0	5	ORG	Companies, agencies, institutions.
U.K.	27	31	GPE	Geopolitical entity, i.e. countries, cities, states.
\$1 billion	44	54	MONEY	Monetary values, including unit.

Apple **ORG** is looking at buying **U.K. GPE** startup for **\$1 billion MONEY**

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Applications: Enhancing search, content analysis, data extraction, ...

Which entities are detected?

- Depends on [model](#) and [training data](#)
- spaCy's NER model is trained on [OntoNotes-5.0](#), a diverse corpus with varied text genres (<https://catalog.ldc.upenn.edu/LDC2013T19>)

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TYPE	DESCRIPTION
PERSON	People, including fictional.
NORP	Nationalities or religious or political groups.
FAC	Buildings, airports, highways, bridges, etc.
ORG	Companies, agencies, institutions, etc.
GPE	Countries, cities, states.
LOC	Non-GPE locations, mountain ranges, bodies of water.
PRODUCT	Objects, vehicles, foods, etc. (Not services.)

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How to find a new kind of Named Entity (NE)?

Two general solutions:

Rule-based: write rules (regular expressions, transducers) that capture as many variations as possible, with as few false positives as possible

Machine learning: train a machine learning model, using manually annotated examples (supervised learning)

Pros&Cons

- Rules can be developed quickly: good for proof-of-concept/demo, bootstrapping a ML corpus, easy (unambiguous) patterns
- Rules are “brittle”, they do not generalize well
- ML solutions generally perform better (more robust with respect to variations)
- But a ML approach requires significant effort for creating training data, as well as some effort for feature engineering
- **Hybrid approaches** blend rule-based systems and machine learning to enhance accuracy, flexibility, and efficiency in NLP tasks

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Finite-state Transducers

In NLP, we generally use **Finite-state Transducers** (FSTs) for processing rules.

- Theory: Special kind of finite-state machine with input **and output** tape
- Practice: Unlike using regular expressions matching only the text, we match a **graph**, formed by the tokens, POS tags, dependency information, etc.

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Rule-based Matcher Explorer

Test spaCy's rule-based **Matcher** by creating token patterns interactively and running them over your text. Each token can set multiple attributes like text value, part-of-speech tag or boolean flags. The token-based view lets you explore how spaCy processes your text – and why your pattern matches, or why it doesn't. For more details on rule-based matching, see the [documentation](#).

POS

OP

add attribute

LEMMA

POS

NOUN

add attribute

Text to check against pattern

A match is a tool for starting a fire. Typically, modern matches are made of small wooden sticks or stiff paper. One end is coated with a material that can be ignited by frictional heat generated by striking the match against a suitable surface.

Model ?

English - en_core_web_sm (v2.0.0)

Show tokens displaCy ? displaCy ENT ?

A **match is** a tool for starting a fire. Typically, **modern matches are** made of small wooden sticks or stiff paper. One end is coated with a material that can be ignited by frictional heat generated by striking the match against a suitable surface. **Wooden matches are** packaged in matchboxes, and paper **matches are** partially cut into rows and stapled into matchbooks.

Grounding to a Knowledge Base

spaCy also provides an API for linking entities to a knowledge base, the EntityLinker

Example Pipeline

One implementation is <https://pypi.org/project/spacy-entity-linker/>

```
import spacy
from SpacyEntityLinker import EntityLinker
entityLinker = EntityLinker()
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
nlp.add_pipe(entityLinker, last=True, name="entityLinker")
doc = nlp("I watched the Pirates of the Caribbean last silvester")

#returns all entities in the whole document
all_linked_entities=doc._.linkedEntities
for sent in doc.sents:
    sent._.linkedEntities.pretty_print()

#OUTPUT:
#https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q194318          194318
    Pirates of the Caribbean      Series of fantasy adventure films
#https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q12525597  12525597
    Silvester   the day celebrated on 31 December (Roman Catholic Church)
    or 2 January (Eastern Orthodox Churches)
```

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spaCy fishing

Named entity disambiguation and linking on Wikidata in spaCy with Entity-Fishing.

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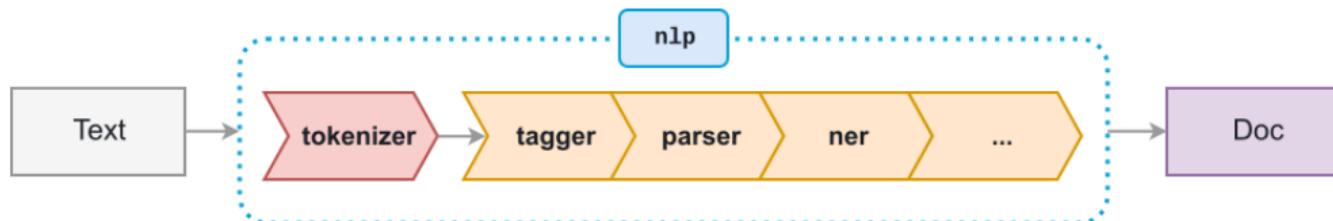
A spaCy wrapper of Entity-Fishing for named entity disambiguation and linking against a Wikidata knowledge base.

EXAMPLE

```
import spacy
text = 'Victor Hugo and Honoré de Balzac are French writers who lived in Paris.'
nlp = spacy.load('en_core_web_sm')
nlp.add_pipe('entityfishing')
doc = nlp(text)
for span in doc.ents:
    print((ent.text, ent.label_, ent._.kb_qid, ent._.url_wikidata, ent._.nerd_score))
# ('Victor Hugo', 'PERSON', 'Q535', 'https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q535', 0.972)
# ('Honoré de Balzac', 'PERSON', 'Q9711', 'https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q9711', 0.9724)
# ('French', 'NORP', 'Q121842', 'https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q121842', 0.3739)
# ('Paris', 'GPE', 'Q90', 'https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q90', 0.5652)
## Set parameter 'extra_info' to 'True' and check also span._.description, span._.src_description, span._.normal_term, span
```

Pipelines in spaCy

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NAME	COMPONENT	CREATES	DESCRIPTION
tokenizer	Tokenizer	Doc	Segment text into tokens.
tagger	Tagger	Doc[i].tag	Assign part-of-speech tags.
parser	DependencyParser	Doc[i].head, Doc[i].dep, Doc.sents, Doc.noun_chunks	Assign dependency labels.
ner	EntityRecognizer	Doc.ents, Doc[i].ent_iob, Doc[i].ent_type	Detect and label named entities.
textcat	TextCategorizer	Doc.cats	Assign document labels.
...	custom components	Doc._.xxx, Token._.xxx, Span._.xxx	Assign custom attributes, methods or properties.

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Working with pipelines

Loading a `model` defines the pipeline to be used in its metadata:

```
"pipeline": ["tagger", "parser", "ner"]
```

Processing a text will then apply each component in the pipeline in turn:

```
doc = nlp.make_doc("This_is_a_sentence")
for name, proc in nlp.pipeline:
    doc = proc(doc)
```

You can disable components you don't need:

```
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm", disable=["parser"])
```

And of course add your own components (here at the end):

```
nlp.add_pipe(my_component, name="My_new_component", last=True)
```

More on pipelines: <https://spacy.io/usage/processing-pipelines>

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Writing a spaCy component

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A simple “info” component

```
import spacy
from spacy.language import Language

@Language.component("info_component")
def my_component(doc):
    print(f"After tokenization, this doc has {len(doc)} tokens.")
    print("The part-of-speech tags are:", [token.pos_ for token in doc])
    if len(doc) < 10:
        print("This is a pretty short document.")
    return doc

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
nlp.add_pipe("info_component", name="print_info", last=True)
print(nlp.pipe_names) # ['tagger', 'parser', 'ner', 'print_info']
doc = nlp("This is a sentence.")
```

Output

```
['tok2vec', 'tagger', 'parser', 'attribute_ruler', 'lemmatizer',
 'ner', 'print_info']
After tokenization, this doc has 5 tokens.
The part-of-speech tags are: ['PRON', 'AUX', 'DET', 'NOUN', 'PUNCT']
This is a pretty short document.
```

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Excerpts from PubMed journal PMID:14592457

... glutathione S-transferase (GST) fusion proteins in *Escherichia coli* and purified by GSH–agarose affinity chromatography. Mutant Q15K-W37R and mutant Q15R-W37R showed comparable activity for NAD and NADP with an increase in activity nearly 3fold over that of the wild type.

(Orange: Mutation, Red: Enzyme, Blue: Organism, Violet: Impact expression, Purple: Protein property, Green: Physical quantity)

What we are looking for?

Impact	Mutant Q15K-W37R and mutant Q15R-W37R showed... an increase in activity 3fold over that of the wild type.
Organism	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
Mutation	Q15K/W37R,Q15R/W37R
Enzyme	glutathione S-transferase (GST)
Protein property	activity
Physical Quantity	3fold
Impact Expression	increase



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Enzymatic mechanism of low-activity mouse alcohol dehydrogenase 2

Stroemberg, P.; Svensson, S.; Berst, K.B.; Plapp, B.V.; Höög, J.O.; *Biochemistry* 43, 1323-1328 (2004)

Data extracted from this reference:

Engineering

Amino acid exchange	Commentary	Organism
P47A	site-directed mutagenesis, about 100fold increased activity compared to the wild-type enzyme	Mus musculus
P47H	site-directed mutagenesis, about 100fold increased activity compared to the wild-type enzyme	Mus musculus
P47Q	site-directed mutagenesis, about 100fold increased activity compared to the wild-type enzyme	Mus musculus

Inhibitors

Inhibitors	Commentary	Organism	Structure
cyclohexylformamide	dead-end inhibition pattern	Mus musculus	
Octanoic acid	dead-end inhibition pattern	Mus musculus	

Metals/Ions

Metals/Ions	Commentary	Organism	Structure
Zn ²⁺	catalytic zinc ion	Mus musculus	

Organism

Organism	Primary Accession No. (UniProt)	Commentary	Textmining
Mus musculus	-	low-activity isozyme ADH2	-

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Organism Examples

genus old genus name species
Emericella (Aspergillus) nidulans
organism mention

genus species strain
Escherichia coli XLI-Blue
organism mention

Finding Organisms: Rule matching

Priority	Pattern
5	(GENUS) (SPECIES) (SUBSPECIES) (STRAIN)?
4	(GENUS) ("") (GENUS)("") (SPECIES) (STRAINKEYWORD)? (STRAIN) (STRAINKEYWORD)?
3	(SPECIES) (STRAINKEYWORD) (STRAIN)
2	(GENUS) (STRAINKEYWORD)? (STRAIN)
1	(FULLNAME) (STRAINKEYWORD)? (STRAIN) (STRAINKEYWORD)?

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Query Interface (<https://www.semanticsoftware.info/omm-query>)

"Show me all protein mutations that impacted the protein property *affinity*"

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Searching index: PMC-2012-06-18

{Impact} OVER affinity

Search

Results 1 - 10 of 6,993

[2796128 \(cached\)](#)

PIKKs (27). The caffeine resistance mutations in TOR1 decrease affinity for caffeine or confer increased TORC1 kinase activity. The W2176R mutation

[2796128 \(cached\)](#)

TORC1 kinase activity. The W2176R mutation in TOR1 decreased affinity for caffeine. Trp2176 is conserved in

[2855616 \(cached\)](#)

reported (7). The ParM variant, labeled with two tetramethylrhodamines, binds ADP with relatively weak affinity (dissociation constant 30 μ M) but responds to ADP binding with ~15-fold signal increase. This means that the tetramethylrhodamine

[2855616 \(cached\)](#)

variant for tetramethylrhodamine labeling. The same mutations had been successful in decreasing ATP affinity in the MDCC-ParM biosensor (7). The new ParM mutant

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Azure Cognitive Services: Text Analytics for health

Named Entity Recognition

10 categories with 31 entity types

Entity Linking

100+ ontologies covered in the UMLS

Metathesaurus

Relation Extraction

35 relation types

Assertion Detection

3 categories: CERTAINTY, CONDITIONALITY
AND ASSOCIATION

*Only English supported for GA

** PHI extraction is supported by the Named Entity
Recognition (NER) feature of Text Analytics

Downloadable Container



Synchronous Operation

Runs on premise/Azure
Stack

Runs on any cloud

Connected for minimal
telemetry

High volume and low
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Hosted Web API



Asynchronous Operation

Available in all regions
HIPPA, HITRUST, ISO9001,
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99.99% SLA

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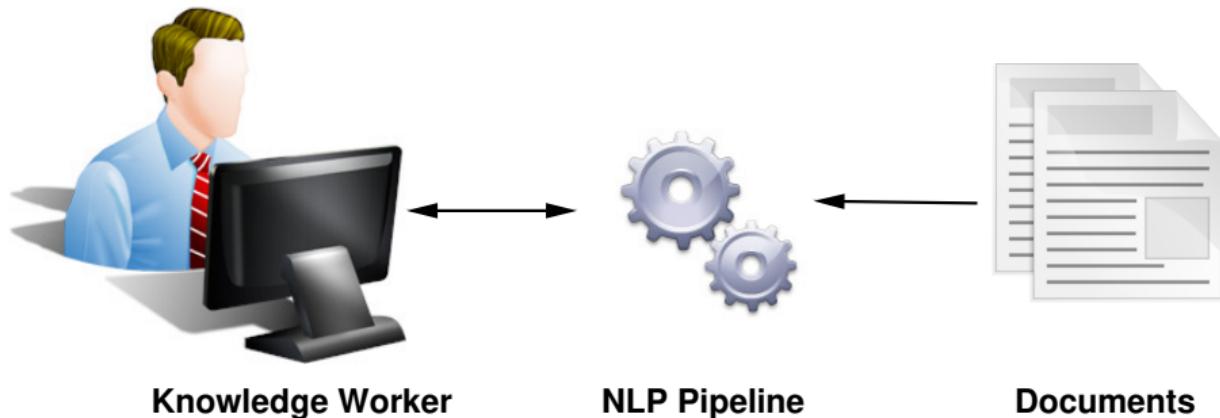
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Building a text mining system

- We have mature tools&resources to build robust, scalable systems now
- Prototyping a basic system demo can be done “in hours”
- Of course, some tasks are still complex R&D problems
- Cloud APIs are another option (convenient, but added cost and confidentiality concerns)
- Many businesses are still not aware of the potentials in analyzing their documents (automation, knowledge discovery)



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- [LHH19, Chapter 11] (Information extraction)

Supplemental

- [PS12, Chapter 6] (Annotation and Adjudication)
- [JM, Chapter 14] (Dependency Parsing)

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