

# tfds.features.text.SubwordTextEncoder

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## Class SubwordTextEncoder

Invertible `TextEncoder` using word pieces with a byte-level fallback.

Inherits From: [TextEncoder](#)

([https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/api\\_docs/python/tfds/features/text/TextEncoder](https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/api_docs/python/tfds/features/text/TextEncoder))

Used in the tutorials:

- [Transformer model for language understanding](#)  
(<https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/text/transformer>)

Encoding is fully invertible because all out-of-vocab wordpieces are byte-encoded.

The vocabulary is "trained" on a corpus and all wordpieces are stored in a vocabulary file.

To generate a vocabulary from a corpus, use

**`tfds.features.text.SubwordTextEncoder.build_from_corpus`**

([https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/api\\_docs/python/tfds/features/text/SubwordTextEncoder#build\\_from\\_corpus](https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/api_docs/python/tfds/features/text/SubwordTextEncoder#build_from_corpus))

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**Typical usage:**

```
.ld
ler = tfds.features.text.SubwordTextEncoder.build_from_corpus(
:orpus_generator, target_vocab_size=2**15)
ler.save_to_file(vocab_filename)

ld
ler = tfds.features.text.SubwordTextEncoder.load_from_file(vocab_filename)
```

```
: encoder.encode("hello world")  
= encoder.decode([1, 2, 3, 4])
```

## `__init__`

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([https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow\\_datasets/core/features/text/subword\\_text\\_encoder.py#L65-L78](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L65-L78))

```
.t__(vocab_list=None)
```

Constructs a SubwordTextEncoder from a vocabulary list.

To generate a vocabulary from a corpus, use

### [features.text.SubwordTextEncoder.build\\_from\\_corpus](#)

[://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/api\\_docs/python/tfds/features/text/SubwordTextEncoder#build\\_from\\_c](https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/api_docs/python/tfds/features/text/SubwordTextEncoder#build_from_c)

### Args:

- **vocab\_list**: `list<str>`, list of subwords for the vocabulary. Note that an underscore at the end of a subword indicates the end of the word (i.e. a space will be inserted afterwards when decoding). Underscores in the interior of subwords are disallowed and should use the underscore escape sequence.

## Properties

### **subwords**

### **vocab\_size**

Size of the vocabulary. Decode produces ints `[1, vocab_size)`.

# Methods

## build\_from\_corpus

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([https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow\\_datasets/core/features/text/subword\\_text\\_encoder.py#L260-L336](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L260-L336))

```
:smethod
l_from_corpus(
    ls,
    corpus_generator,
    target_vocab_size,
    max_subword_length=20,
    max_corpus_chars=None,
    reserved_tokens=None
```

Builds a `SubwordTextEncoder` based on the `corpus_generator`.

### Args:

- **corpus\_generator**: generator yielding `str`, from which subwords will be constructed.
- **target\_vocab\_size**: `int`, approximate size of the vocabulary to create.
- **max\_subword\_length**: `int`, maximum length of a subword. Note that memory and compute scale quadratically in the length of the longest token.
- **max\_corpus\_chars**: `int`, the maximum number of characters to consume from `corpus_generator` for the purposes of building the subword vocabulary.
- **reserved\_tokens**: `list<str>`, list of tokens that will always be treated as whole tokens and not split up. Note that these must contain a mix of alphanumeric and non-alphanumeric characters (e.g. `""`) and not end in an underscore.

### Returns:

`SubwordTextEncoder`.

## decode

### [View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L90-L126)

([https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow\\_datasets/core/features/text/subword\\_text\\_encoder.py#L90-L126](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L90-L126))

`le(ids)`

Decodes a list of integers into text.

## **encode**

### [View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L80-L88)

([https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow\\_datasets/core/features/text/subword\\_text\\_encoder.py#L80-L88](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L80-L88))

`le(s)`

Encodes text into a list of integers.

## **load\_from\_file**

### [View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L251-L258)

([https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow\\_datasets/core/features/text/subword\\_text\\_encoder.py#L251-L258](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L251-L258))

```
ismethod
.from_file(
ls,
filename_prefix
```

Extracts list of subwords from file.

## **save\_to\_file**

### [View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L243-L249)

([https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow\\_datasets/core/features/text/subword\\_text\\_encoder.py#L243-L249](https://github.com/tensorflow/datasets/blob/v1.3.0/tensorflow_datasets/core/features/text/subword_text_encoder.py#L243-L249))

```
.to_file(filename_prefix)
```

Save the vocabulary to a file.

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