# **Text-to-SPARQL**

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# **Agenda**

- Intro
- RDF and SPARQL
- Transformers
- T5
- Our Model
- Samples
- Q&A



#### **Our Goal**

- In this study we present a model, which generates SPARQL queries based on the input question given to the model.
- The Text-to-SPARQL model is a transformer encoder-decoder based architecture, pretrained for translation task on the Google Brain T5 model.
- We applied two models' sizes based on the Seq2Seq Hugging Face T5 Transformer framework by utilizing NVIDIA GPUs.

#### RDF (Resource Description Framework)

- RDF is a general method of describing data by defining relationships between data objects.
- Built around the existing Web standards: XML and URL (URI).
- RDF enables effective data integration from multiple sources, detaching data from its schema.
- This allows multiple schemas to be applied, interlinked, queried as one and modified without changing the data instances.

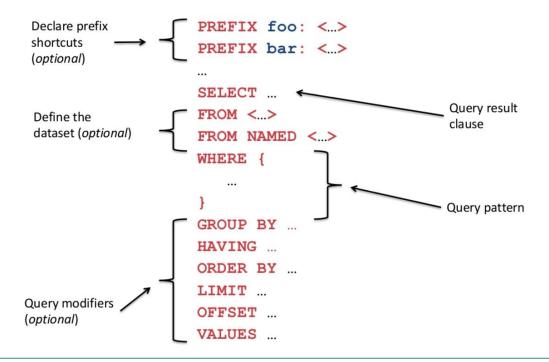


#### **SPARQL**

- SPARQL is the standard query language.
- Used for manipulating and retrieving information contained in RDF graphs
- Using it needs
  - an understanding of the entities in the field to be queried
  - knowledge about the syntax and semantics of the language
- That is why its application is commonly narrowed to a group of Semantic Web experts skilled in the query language.
- To make it more accessible, researchers are working on ways to translate questions from natural language to SPARQL over the last years.



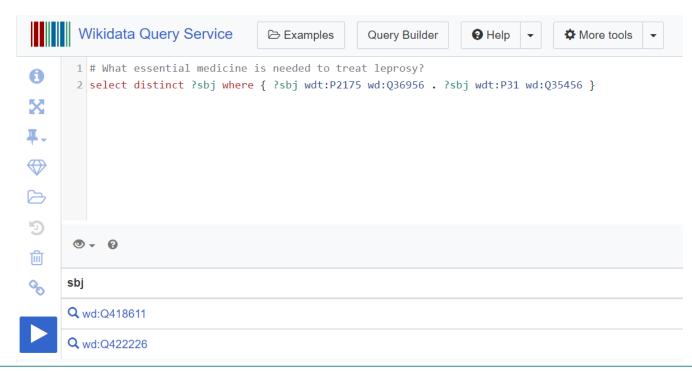
# Intro SPARQL



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# Returns names and emails of every person in the dataset:

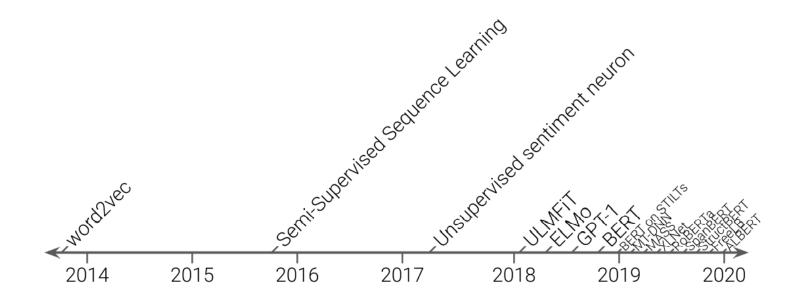
#### Wikidata SPARQL



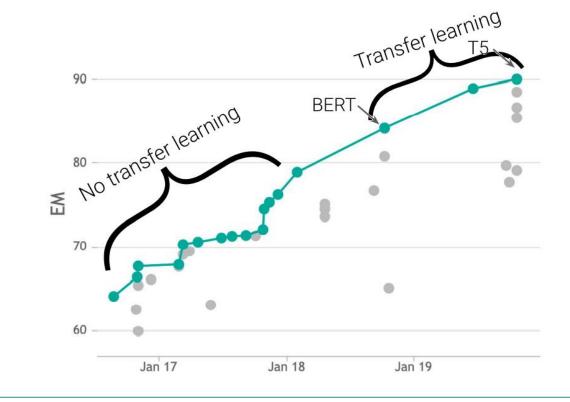
- Many essential and excellent works start around 2015 about Word2Vec to map words and encode some meaning about them in continuous space.
- An important paper in 2017 by OpenAI (Learning to generate reviews and discovering sentiment), showed that by just training a language model on a purely unsupervised objective, the model could learn concepts that were potentially useful for downstream tasks.
- In 2018, ULMFiT, which took the recipe from semi-supervised sequence learning, added some tweaks, figured out how to get it working better, and got some noble results with a similar pipeline, pre-training a language model, fine-tuning on a downstream task.

- ELMo showed that we could get significantly better performance by using a bidirectional language model.
- GPT1 showed we can get good performance by using a transformer with a language model.
- Finally, in 2018, BERT convinced many researchers that a bi-directional transformer could get outstanding performance.





# **SQuAD Exact Match score**







#### Unsupervised pre-training

The cabs \_\_\_\_ the same rates as those \_\_\_ by horse-drawn cabs and were \_\_\_ quite popular, \_\_\_ the Prince of Wales (the \_\_\_ King Edward VII) travelled in \_\_\_\_. The cabs quickly \_\_\_\_ known as "hummingbirds" for \_\_\_\_ noise made by their motors and their distinctive black and \_\_\_ livery. Passengers \_\_\_ the interior fittings were \_\_\_ when compared to \_\_\_ cabs but there \_\_\_ some complaints \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ lighting made them too \_\_\_\_ to those outside \_\_\_\_. charged, used, initially, even, future, became, the, vellow, reported, that, luxurious,

horse-drawn, were that. internal, conspicuous, cab

#### Supervised fine-tuning

This movie is terrible! The acting is bad and I was bored the entire time. There was no plot and nothing interesting happened. I was really surprised since I had very high expectations. I want 103 minutes of my life back!

negative

### **T5**

# **Exploring Transfer Learning with T5: the Text-To-Text Transfer Transformer from Google Brain**



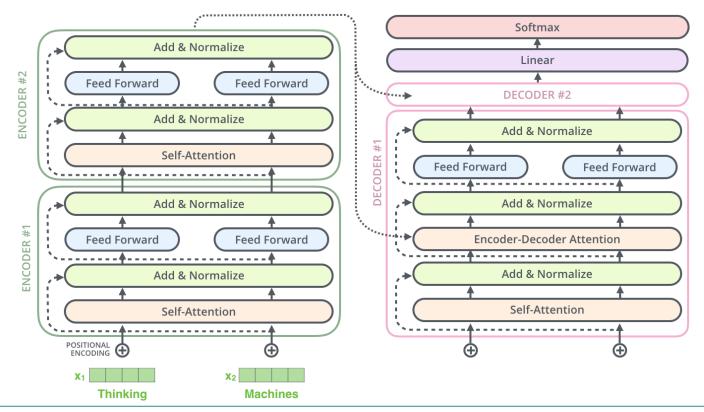


# **T5**

- T5 Model implemented by Raffel et al. (2020) at Google Brain
- Sequence-to-Sequence framework
- Uses the BERT encoder-decoder architecture
- Using C4 Dataset for pretraining
- Originally T5 was introduced with five pre-trained models
  - Small (60 million parameters)
  - Base(220 million parameters)
  - Large(770 million parameters)
  - 3B(3 billion parameters)
  - 11B(11 billion parameters)



# **Model - BERT**





The SPIRIT

#### **Common Crawl Web Extracted Text**

Menu

Lemon

Introduction

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a sour taste.

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Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur
adipiscing elit.
Curabitur in tempus quam. In mollis et ante
at consectetur.
Aliquam erat volutpat.
Donec at lacinia est.
Duis semper, magna tempor interdum
suscipit, ante elit molestie urna, eget
efficitur risus nunc ac elit.
Fusce quis blandit lectus.
Mauris at mauris a turpis tristique lacinia at
nec ante.
Aenean in scelerisque tellus, a efficitur
ipsum.
Integer justo enim, ornare vitae sem non,
mollis fermentum lectus.
Mauris ultrices nisl at libero porta sodales in
ac orci.
function Ball(r) {
  this.radius = r:
  this.area = pi * r ** 2;
  this.show = function(){
    drawCircle(r);
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# Colossal Clean Crawled Corpus (C4)

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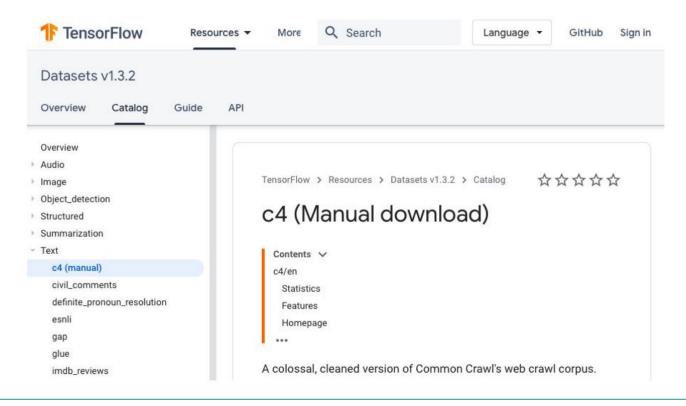
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Curabitur in tempus quam. In mollis et ante
at consectetur.
Aliquam erat volutpat.
suscipit, ante elit molestie urna, eget
efficitur risus nunc ac elit.
Fusce quis blandit lectus.
Mauris at mauris a turpis tristique lacinia at
Aenean in scelerisque tellus, a efficitur
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# Colossal Clean Crawled Corpus (C4)





Knowledge Bases Workshop, 2020.

# **Pre-Training**

Thank you for inviting me to your party last week.

Inputs
Thank you <X> me to your party <Y> week.

Targets

<X> for inviting <Y> last <Z>



# **Different Approaches**

Encoder-decoder architecture

Architecture	Params	Cost	GLUE	$\operatorname{CNNDM}$	SQuAD	SGLUE	EnDe	EnFr	${\operatorname{EnRo}}$
★ Encoder-decoder	2P	M	83.28	19.24	80.88	71.36	26.98	39.82	27.65
Enc-dec, shared	P	M	82.81	18.78	80.63	70.73	26.72	39.03	27.46
Enc-dec, 6 layers	P	M/2	80.88	18.97	77.59	68.42	26.38	38.40	26.95
Language model	P	M	74.70	17.93	61.14	55.02	25.09	35.28	25.86
Prefix LM	P	M	81.82	18.61	78.94	68.11	26.43	37.98	27.39

Span prediction objective

Span length	GLUE	CNNDM	SQuAD	SGLUE	EnDe	EnFr	EnRo
★ Baseline (i.i.d.)	83.28	19.24	80.88	71.36	26.98	39.82	27.65
2	83.54	19.39	82.09	72.20	26.76	39.99	27.63
3	83.49	19.62	81.84	72.53	26.86	39.65	27.62
5	83.40	19.24	82.05	72.23	26.88	39.40	27.53
10	82.85	19.33	81.84	70.44	26.79	39.49	27.69

C4 dataset

Dataset	Size	GLUE	$\operatorname{CNNDM}$	SQuAD	SGLUE	EnDe	EnFr	EnRo
★ C4	745GB	83.28	19.24	80.88	71.36	26.98	39.82	27.65
C4, unfiltered	6.1TB	81.46	19.14	78.78	68.04	26.55	39.34	27.21
RealNews-like	35GB	83.83	19.23	80.39	72.38	26.75	39.90	27.48
WebText-like	17GB	84.03	19.31	81.42	71.40	26.80	39.74	27.59
Wikipedia	16GB	81.85	19.31	81.29	68.01	26.94	39.69	27.67
Wikipedia + TBC	20GB	83.65	19.28	82.08	73.24	26.77	39.63	27.57

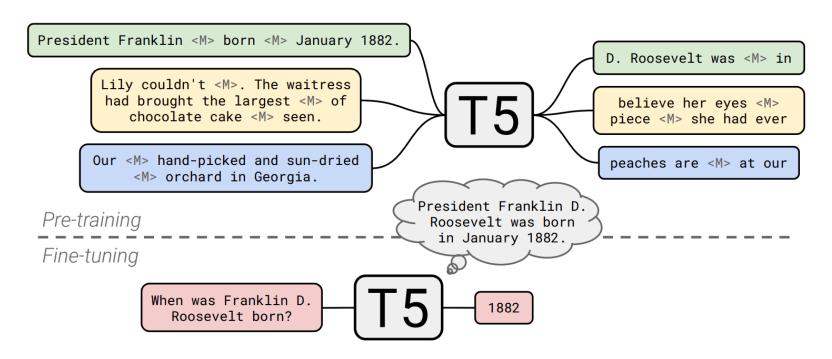
# **T5 Models**

Model	GLUE Average	CNN/DM ROUGE-2-F	$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{SQuAD} \\ \mathrm{EM} \end{array}$	Super GLUE Average
Previous best	89.4	20.30	90.1	84.6
T5-Small	77.4	19.56	87.24	63.3
T5-Base	82.7	20.34	92.08	76.2
T5-Large	86.4	20.68	93.79	82.3
T5-3B	88.5	21.02	94.95	86.4
T5-11B	90.3	21.55	91.26	> 89.3

Human score = 89.8



# **Training**



# **Our Model**

### Fine-Tuning T5 for SPAQL

- LC-QuAD v2 Dataset
- T5Tokenizer Sentence Piece Tokenizer
- "translate English to Sparql: " prefix
- AdamW Optimizer
- After pre-training
  - 250MB model based on T5-Small
  - 850MB model based on T5-Base





# **Tools**

# Huggingface is all you need



### **Dataset**

#### LC-QuAD v2.0

- English Question Text and its equivalent Wikidata SPARQL query
- Include Paraphrased question
- Contains "template" and other properties that we did not use
- Replace Brace with Brackets
- Convert WikiData P-IDs and Q-IDs to english vocabularies
- 48148 records after preprocessing (24074 records original)
  - 38586 training data
  - 9562 test data



# Wikidata - LC-QuAD

### **Data Sample**

	question	sparql_wikidata	paraphrased_question	template
0	What periodical literature does Delta Air Lines use as a moutpiece?	select distinct ?obj where { wd:Q188920 wdt:P2813 ?obj . ?obj wdt:P31 wd:Q1002697 }	What is Delta Air Line's periodical literature mouthpiece?	<s ;="" ?0="" instanceof="" p="" type=""></s>
1	Who is the child of Ranavalona I's husband?	SELECT ?answer WHERE { wd:Q169794 wdt:P26 ?X . ?X wdt:P22 ?answer}	What is the name of Ranavalona I's husband's child?	C RCD xD . xD RDE ?E
2	Is it true Jeff_Bridges occupation Lane Chandler and photographer ?	ASK WHERE { wd:Q174843 wdt:P106 wd:Q1804811 . wd:Q174843 wdt:P106 wd:Q33231 }	Are Jeff Bridges and Lane Chandler both photographers?	Ask (ent-pred-obj1` . ent-pred-obj2)
3	What is the pre-requisite of phase matter of Galinstan?	SELECT ?answer WHERE { wd:Q675176 wdt:P515 ?X . ?X wdt:P156 ?answer}	What range are the papers at the Monique Genonceaux about?	E REF xF . xF RFG ?G
4	which cola starts with the letter p	SELECT DISTINCT ?sbj ?sbj_label WHERE { ?sbj wdt:P31 wd:Q134041 . ?sbj rdfs:label ?sbj_label . FILTER(STRSTARTS(lcase(?sbj_label), 'p')) . FILTER (lang(?sbj_label) = 'en') } LIMIT 25	which cola begins with the letter p	S P 0 ; ?S instanceOf Type ; starts wit<br character >
5	Is the right ascension of malin 1 less than 15.1398?	ASK WHERE { wd:Q4180017 wdt:P6257 ?obj filter(?obj < 15.1398) }	Does malin 1 have a right ascension lower than 15.1398?	ASK ?sbj ?pred ?obj filter ?obj = num
6	What is the complete list of records released by Jerry Lee Lewis?	select distinct ?obj where { wd:Q202729 wdt:P358 ?obj . ?obj wdt:P31 wd:Q273057 }	What is the total list of records discharged by Jerry Lee Lewis?	<s ;="" ?0="" instanceof="" p="" type=""></s>
7	Who won the prize at the sequel of the 1885 Wimbledon Championships- Gentlemen's Singles?	SELECT ?answer WHERE { wd:Q1356316 wdt:P156 ?X . ?X wdt:P1346 ?answer}	Who won the prize at the spin-off of the 1885 Wimbledon Championships- Gentlemen's Singles?	C RCD xD . xD RDE ?E
8	Is it true that the carbon footprint of the iPhone X Max is 106?	ASK WHERE { wd:Q56599233 wdt:P5991 ?obj filter(?obj = 106) }	Does the iPhone X Max have a carbon footprint of 106?	ASK ?sbj ?pred ?obj filter ?obj = num

# **Dataset**

#### **KDWD**

- Dataset from Kensho R&D
- 4 Gigabytes
- Contains WikiData properties and items labels and their Q-ID and P-IDs
- https://www.kaggle.com/kenshoresearch/kdwd-wikidata-small-ontology

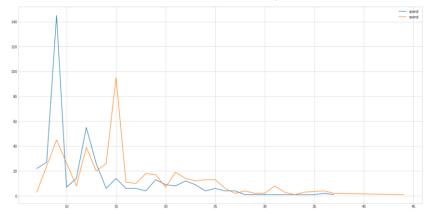
	property_id	en_label	en_description	count
2451	2936	language used	language widely used (spoken or written) in th	8427
333	530	diplomatic relation	diplomatic relations of the country	6057
275	463	member of	organization or club to which the subject belo	4186
81	150	contains administrative territorial entity	(list of) direct subdivisions of an administra	3909
15	31	instance of	that class of which this subject is a particul	1315
23	47	shares border with	countries or administrative subdivisions, of e	871



### **Dataset**

#### **QALD9**

- DBPedia only dataset
- (+) Supports multiple languages
- (+) Properties are not encoded by P-ID/Q-IDs (queries more readable for humans also for LM)
- (-) Quantity of the data, less than a thousand records (not suitable for a deep learning study)
- Essential preprocessing step to reduce queries length
  - Created a small dictionary of all common referenced URIs and used them as prefixes
  - kurtosis: 11.8 to 18.0 skew: 3.1 to 4.0
  - Max char length: 461 to 388 std: 61.7 to 49.9



# **DBPedia – QALD**

### **Prefix**

rdf:	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns
onto:	http://dbpedia.org/ontology/
dbp:	http://dbpedia.org/property/
res:	http://dbpedia.org/resource/
skos:	http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#
dct:	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
foaf:	http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/
dbc:	http://dbpedia.org/resource/Category:
rdfs:	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#
yago:	http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/
prop:	http://dbpedia.org/property/
owl:	http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#
dbpedia2:	http://dbpedia.org/property/
xsd:	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#
db:	http://dbpedia.org/

# DBPedia – QALD

#### **Data Sample**

```
"dataset" : {
    "id" : "gald-9-test-multilingual"
  "questions" : [ {
    "id" : "99",
    "answertype" : "resource",
    "aggregation" : false,
    "onlydbo" : true,
    "hybrid" : false,
    "question" : [ {
      "language" : "de",
      "string": "In welcher Zeitzone liegt Salt Lake City?",
      "keywords" : "Salt Lake City, Zeitzone"
    }, {
      "language" : "en",
      "string": "What is the time zone of Salt Lake City?",
      "keywords" : "Salt Lake City, time zone"
    }, {
      "language" : "nl",
      "string": "In welke tijdzone ligt Salt Lake City?",
      "keywords" : "Salt Lake City, tijdzone"
    } ],
    "query" : {
      "spargl": "PREFIX res: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/">http://dbpedia.org/property/></a>
SELECT DISTINCT ?uri WHERE { res:Salt_Lake_City <a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/timeZone">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/timeZone</a> ?uri }"
   },
```

# **Hardware**

- Tesla K80 GPU
- 11441MiB Memory
- FP16 mixed-precision = Off
- Train T5-small in more than 2 hours
- Train T5-base model in about 6 hours
- FP16 mixed-precision = On
- Train T5-small in 50 minutes
- Train T5-base model in 2 hours



In 4807 training steps and 8 batch size

- 31% Training Loss
- 23% Validation Loss
- no over-fitting
- Our aim was to make the validation loss as low as possible



- Using BERTScore, we leveraged the pre-trained contextual embeddings from BERT and match words in candidate and reference sentences by cosine similarity.
- BERTScore measures precision, recall, and F1 measure, which can help evaluate different tasks.
- This approach provides better evaluation for sentences that use synonyms or similar words.



#### Wikidata - LC-QuAD

System	Precision	Recall	F1 score
Our Model Small	0.56	0.21	0.31
Our Model Base	0.58	0.22	0.32



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QAmp	0.25	0.50	0.33
WQAqua	0.22	0.38	0.28
Our Model Small	0.39	0.15	0.22
Our Model Base	0.36	0.13	0.20

### Results

### **QAmp**

- 2020
- LC-QuAD DBPedia
   QALD9 Only for Benchmarking
- Unsupervised message-passing algorithm

### **WQAqua**

- 2021
- 3 Datasets
- Monument dataset + LC-QuAD + DBNQA
- 894,499 records
- 2-layer LSTMs, ConvS2S 15-layer, FairSEQ model
- 3 GPUs



	QUESTION	Who is the country for head of state of Mahmoud Abbas?
	Target	select distinct ?sbj where { ?sbj wdt:P35 wd:Q127998 . ?sbj wdt:P31 wd:Q6256 }
į	RawRESULT	select distinct ?obj where [ wd:mahmoud_abbas wdt:head_of_state ?obj . ?obj wdt:instance_of wd:country ]
1	RESULT	select distinct ?obj where { wd:Q127998 wdt:P35 ?obj . ?obj wdt:P31 wd:Q6256 }

4		++
	QUESTION	.   Which female actress on South Park is the voice over and is used as a singer?
j	Target	SELECT ?answer WHERE { wd:Q16538 wdt:P725 ?answer . ?answer wdt:P106 wd:Q177220}
Ī		select ?answer where [ wd:south_park wdt:voice_over ?answer . ?answer wdt:influenced_by wd:singer]
į	RESULT	select ?answer where { wd:Q16538 wdt:Q12280274 ?answer . ?answer wdt:P737 wd:Q177220}

4		
QUESTION	What was the population of Somalia in 2009-0-0?	į
Target	SELECT ?obj WHERE { wd:Q1045 p:P1082 ?s . ?s ps:P1082 ?obj . ?s pq:P585 ?x filter(contains(YEAR(?x),'2009')) }	Ţ
RawRESULT	select ?obj where [ wd:samala p:population ?s . ?s ps:population ?obj . ?s pq:point_in_time ?x filter(contains(YEAR(?x),'200 9')) ]	
RESULT	select ?obj where { wd:Q2216714 p:P1082 ?s . ?s ps:P1082 ?obj . ?s pq:P585 ?x filter(contains(YEAR(?x),'2009')) }	ļ

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-	QUESTION	Are Taiko some kind of Japanese musical instrument?	Ī
	Target	ASK WHERE { <a href="http://dbpedia.org/resource/Taiko">http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/WikicatJapaneseMusicalInstruments</a> }	Ī
	RawRESULT	ask where [ wd:taiko wdt:instrument wd:japanese ]	Ī
	RESULT	ask where { wd:Q221769 wdt:P1303 wd:Q5287 }	İ
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	QUESTION	What is the highest mountain in Germany?
	Target	PREFIX rdfs: <a "="" href="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema">http://dbpedia.org/ontology/&gt;</a>
]	RawRESULT	select ?ent where [ ?ent wdt:instance_of wd:mountain . ?ent wdt:highest_mountain ?obj . ?ent wdt:country wd:germany] order B Y DESC(?obj)limit 5
	RESULT	select ?ent where { ?ent wdt:P31 wd:Q8502 . ?ent wdt:Q35691748 ?obj . ?ent wdt:P17 wd:Q183} order BY DESC(?obj)limit 5

## Samples DBPedia - QALD

QUESTION	Who is the mayor of Berlin?
Target	SELECT DISTINCT ?uri WHERE { res:Berlin dbp:leader ?uri }
RESULT	select distinct ?uri where [ ?uri dbr:Berlin dbo:head\_of\_government ?uri ]

## Samples

### **DBPedia - QALD**

```
| QUESTION | What are the nicknames of San Francisco? |
| Target | SELECT DISTINCT ?string WHERE { res:San_Francisco foaf:nick ?string } |
| RESULT | select distinct ?uri where [ ?uri dbr:San_Francio dbo:name ?uri ] |
```

# Samples DBPedia - QALD

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	QUESTION	How many seats does the home stadium of FC Porto have?
	Target	PREFIX dbo: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/">PREFIX dbp: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/property/">PREFIX dbr: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/">PREFIX dbp: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/ontology/">PREFIX dbp: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/">PREFIX dbp: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">PREFIX dbp: <a href="http://dbpedia.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#">http://dbpedia.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#</a> PREFIX dbp: </a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a>

### Access



Our fine-tuned models and customized datasets are publicly available at this huggingface page

- https://huggingface.co/yazdipour/text-to-sparql-t5-small
- https://huggingface.co/yazdipour/text-to-sparql-t5-small-qald9



The codes needed to replicate all fine-tuning processes and use of the model are accessible from this public repository

- https://github.com/yazdipour/text-to-sparql
- https://github.com/yazdipour/text-to-sparql-development

### **Future work**

- Study on DBPedia only Datasets
- Work on cleaner and bigger Dataset
- Create a clean DBPedia dataset from LC-QUAD
- Changing hyperparameters like different learning rate
- Adding a layer of lemmatization to the end
- or improve the finding strategy of properties in the WikiData dataset

### Thank you for your attention

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