

# Deep learning-based Entity Matching (Quick Start)



Smart Matcher

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### 1. Preparation

\* please prepare <train.csv>, <test.csv> and <validation.csv> files in folder <sample\_data>

Load & Preprocess

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### 2. Train

Epoch

Batch size

pos-neg ratio

Start Training

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\* please make sure you have trained and saved a model for subsequent analysis

### 3. Evaluation on test data

Evaluate

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### 4. Predict

# Outline

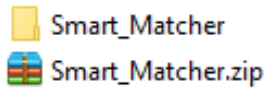
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# Introduction

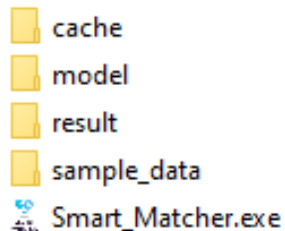
- In this software, *Smart Matcher*, we have made the flow extremely simple that everyone can build a deep learning model to match entities.
- This software is equipped with the state-of-the-art machine learning algorithm for deep learning-based entity matching.
- This file is a quick introduction to the entity matching software, *Smart Matcher*. This trial software has been simplified so that users can run it smoothly on standard Windows computers.  
*Noted that, if better facilities (larger RAM, GPUs) are available, this software can be made more complicated and robust (e.g., by incorporating pre-trained character-level embeddings and training using GPUs to process long text and match entities with many attributes).*
- This software has been tested on a collection of datasets which include most publicly available datasets for entity matching.

# Quick start - preparation

Download the software and unzip it into any directory



Go to folder <Smart\_Matcher>, we can see the following files/folders



# Quick start - preparation

## **What are these folders/files about?**

### **cache:**

A pre-trained word-level embedding model of relatively small size has been saved in this folder.

### **model:**

A model trained by the user will be saved in this folder.

### **result:**

All results will be saved in this folder. More details later.

### **sample\_data:**

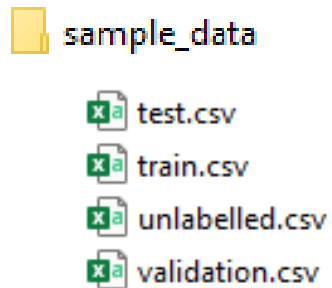
Sample datasets have been prepared in this folder. More details later.

### **Smart\_Matcher.exe:**

The software.

# Quick start - sample data

Folder <sample data> contains sample datasets for training, evaluation and prediction. (*csv, utf-8 encoding*)



The sample data is about matching research articles.

Each article (entity) has attributes: id, title, authors, venue and year.

# Quick start - sample data

*test.csv*, *train.csv* and *validation.csv* have the same formats as below

Column	Example column	Example Entry
id	id	5428
label	label	<b>0</b>
left_A	left_title	transaction timestamping in ( temporal ) databases
left_B	left_authors	christian s. jensen , david b. lomet
left_C	left_venue	vldb
...	...	...
right_A	right_title	time-parameterized queries in spatio-temporal databases
right_B	right_authors	yufei tao , dimitris papadias
right_C	right_venue	international conference on management of data
...	...	...

# Quick start - sample data

*test.csv*, *train.csv* and *validation.csv* have the same formats as below

Column	Example column	Example Entry
id	id	5428
label	label	<b>1</b>
left_A	left_title	dynamic maintenance of data distribution for selectivity estimation
left_B	left_authors	kyu-young whang , gio wiederhold , sang-wook kim
left_C	left_venue	vldb j.
...	...	...
right_A	right_title	dynamic maintenance of data distribution for selectivity estimation
right_B	right_authors	kyu young whang , sang wook kim , gio wiederhold
right_C	right_venue	the vldb journal -- the international journal on very large data bases
...	...	...



## Quick start - sample data

*unlabelled.csv* has the same columns as *test.csv*, *train.csv* and *validation.csv* except for '*label*', because this is what the trained model will predict later.

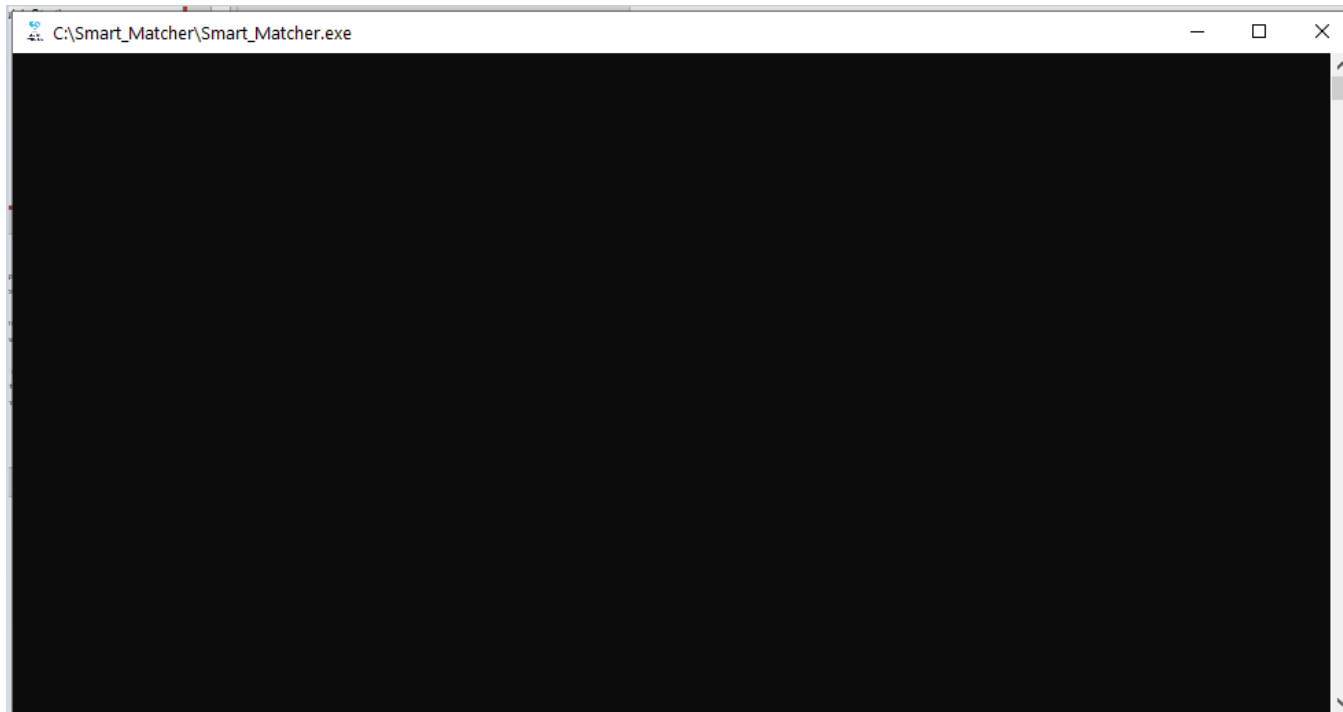
Next let's start using *Smart Matcher*.

# Quick start - data preprocessing

Double click *Smart\_Matcher.exe* to launch the software



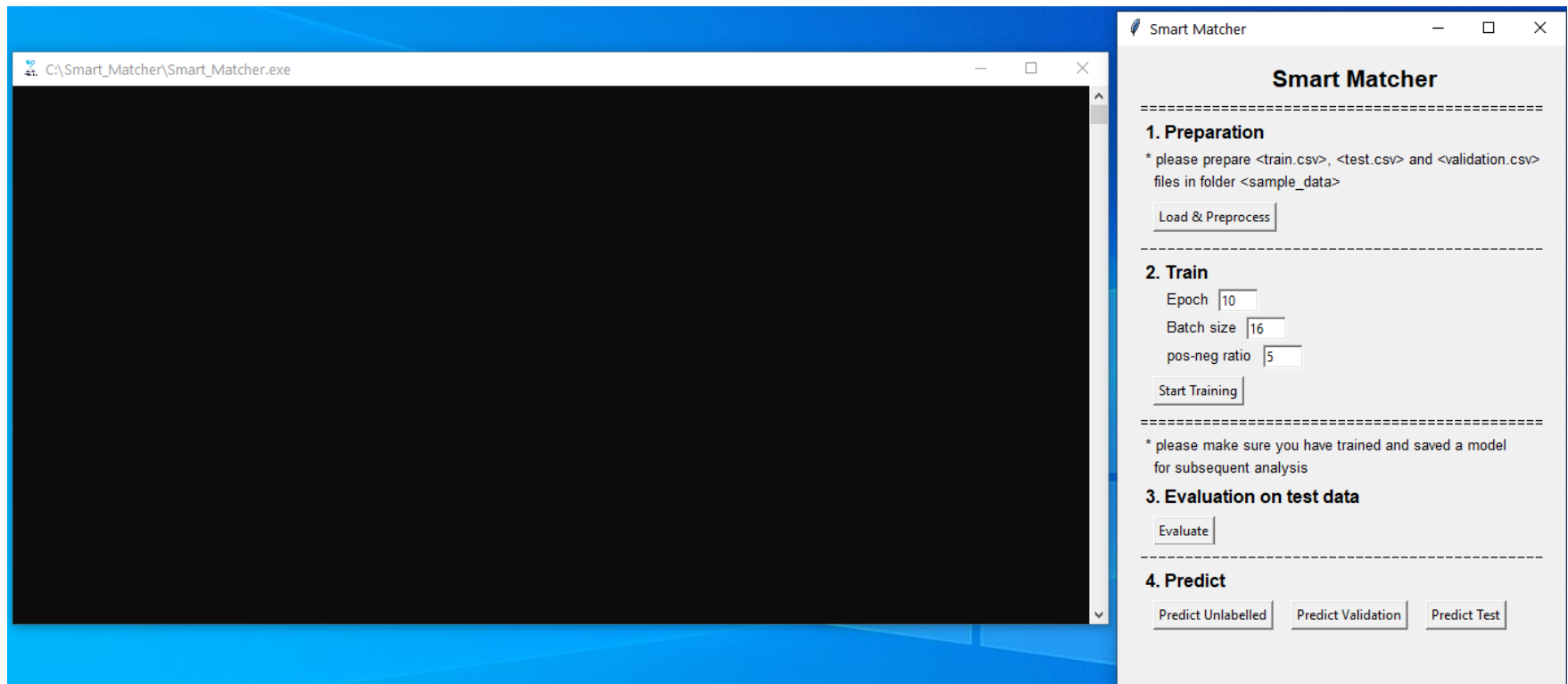
Then we will see a command window which initializes the environment and launches *Smart Matcher*. This may take a minute.



# Quick start - data preprocessing

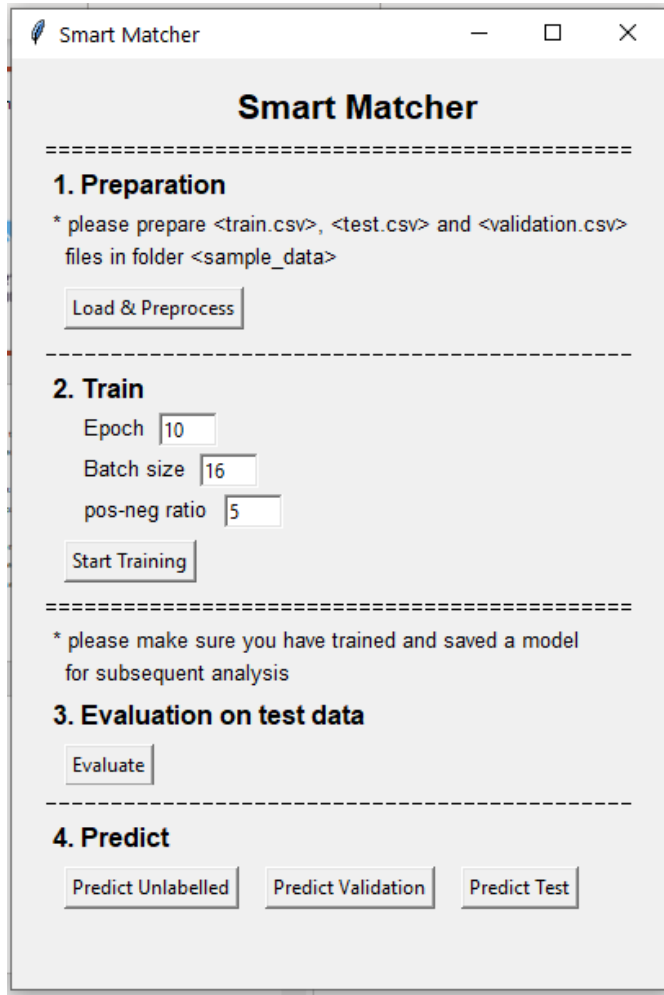
The command window is for us to monitor preprocessing, training, evaluation and prediction (also for developers to debug).

Hence, maybe a good layout is like this



# Quick start - data preprocessing

The GUI of *Smart Matcher* will appear

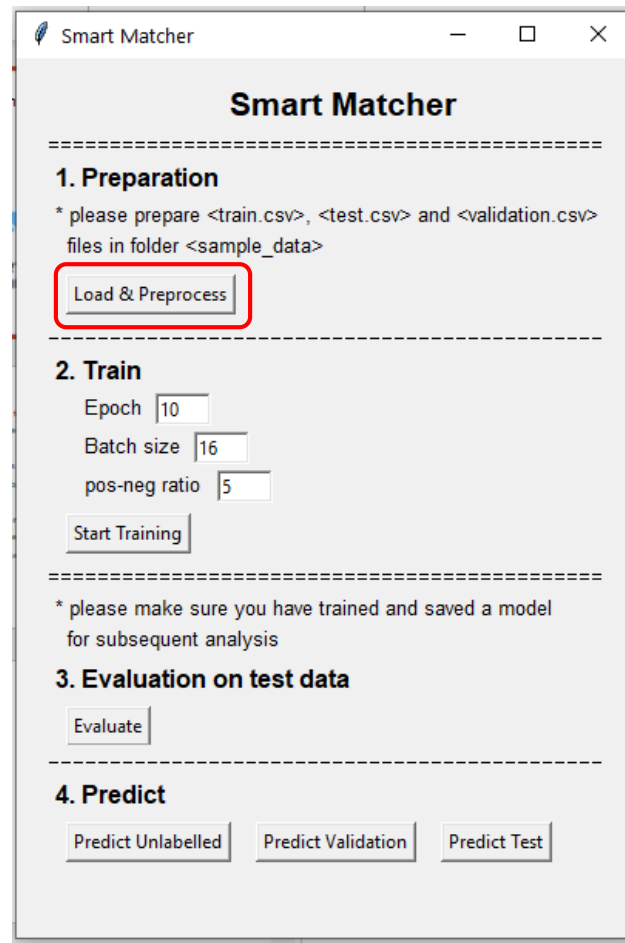


The screenshot shows the 'Smart Matcher' application window. It has a title bar with a feather icon and standard window controls. The main content area is titled 'Smart Matcher' and is divided into four sections by dashed lines:

- 1. Preparation**: Includes instructions to prepare <train.csv>, <test.csv>, and <validation.csv> files in a folder <sample\_data>. A 'Load & Preprocess' button is located below the instructions.
- 2. Train**: Contains three input fields: 'Epoch' (set to 10), 'Batch size' (set to 16), and 'pos-neg ratio' (set to 5). A 'Start Training' button is positioned below these fields.
- 3. Evaluation on test data**: Includes instructions to ensure a trained model is saved for subsequent analysis. An 'Evaluate' button is located below the instructions.
- 4. Predict**: Contains three buttons: 'Predict Unlabelled', 'Predict Validation', and 'Predict Test'.

# Quick start - data preprocessing

Since we have prepared sample datasets and pre-trained embeddings in relevant folders, we just click button <Load & Preprocess> to preprocess all datasets

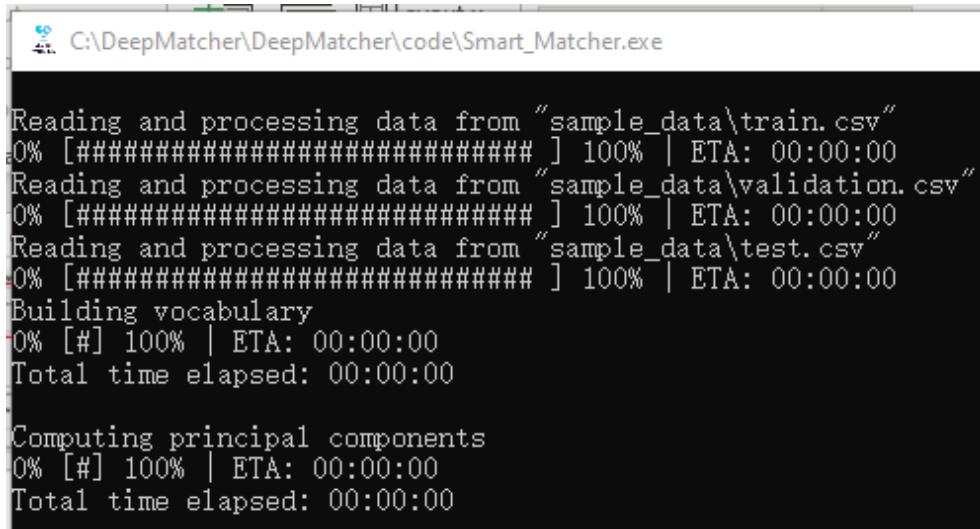


The image shows a screenshot of a software application window titled "Smart Matcher". The window has a standard Windows-style title bar with minimize, maximize, and close buttons. The main content area is divided into four sections by dashed lines:

- 1. Preparation**: Contains a text instruction: "\* please prepare <train.csv>, <test.csv> and <validation.csv> files in folder <sample\_data>". Below this instruction is a button labeled "Load & Preprocess", which is highlighted with a red rectangular box.
- 2. Train**: Contains three input fields: "Epoch" with the value "10", "Batch size" with the value "16", and "pos-neg ratio" with the value "5". Below these fields is a button labeled "Start Training".
- 3. Evaluation on test data**: Contains a single button labeled "Evaluate".
- 4. Predict**: Contains three buttons: "Predict Unlabelled", "Predict Validation", and "Predict Test".

# Quick start - data preprocessing

The progress can be viewed in the command window below



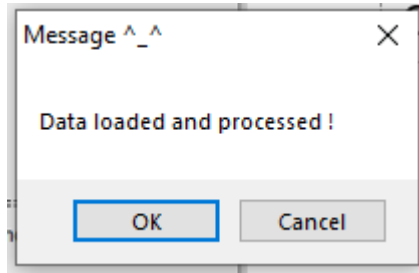
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C:\DeepMatcher\DeepMatcher\code\Smart_Matcher.exe

Reading and processing data from "sample_data\train.csv"
0% [#####] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Reading and processing data from "sample_data\validation.csv"
0% [#####] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Reading and processing data from "sample_data\test.csv"
0% [#####] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Building vocabulary
0% [#] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:00

Computing principal components
0% [#] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:00
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# Quick start - data preprocessing

After the preprocessing is done, a pop-up message window will appear



Click OK to continue

# Quick start - training

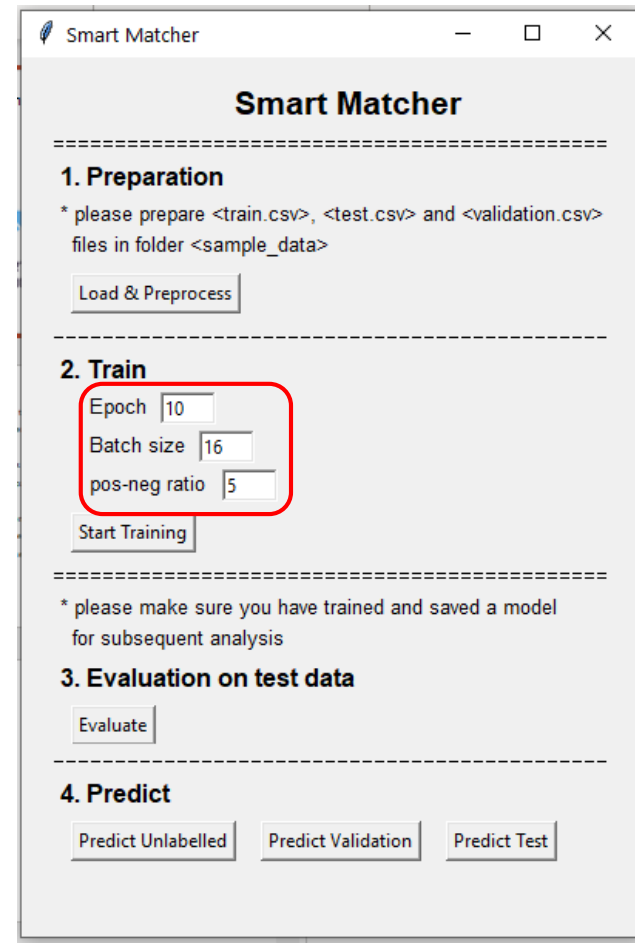
Set training parameters

**Epoch:** 10 or 15 (recommended)

**Batch size:** 16 or 32 (recommended)

**Pos-neg ratio:**

- Sampling ratio between positive and negative examples
- Dataset-dependent
- For example, this value should be increased if we have fewer matches than non-matches in your data
- For the provided datasets, we should put '5'



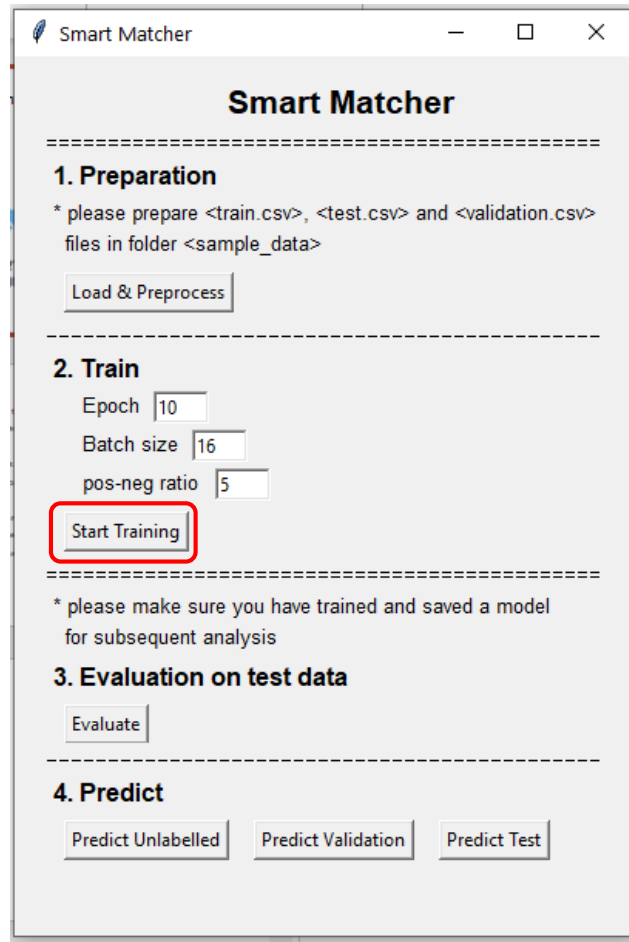
The screenshot shows the 'Smart Matcher' application window. It has a title bar with the text 'Smart Matcher' and standard window controls. The main content area is titled 'Smart Matcher' and is divided into four sections by dashed lines:

- 1. Preparation**: Contains a note: '\* please prepare <train.csv>, <test.csv> and <validation.csv> files in folder <sample\_data>'. Below this is a button labeled 'Load & Preprocess'.
- 2. Train**: Contains three input fields: 'Epoch' with the value '10', 'Batch size' with the value '16', and 'pos-neg ratio' with the value '5'. These three fields are grouped together and enclosed in a red rectangular box. Below the inputs is a button labeled 'Start Training'.
- 3. Evaluation on test data**: Contains a note: '\* please make sure you have trained and saved a model for subsequent analysis'. Below this is a button labeled 'Evaluate'.
- 4. Predict**: Contains three buttons: 'Predict Unlabelled', 'Predict Validation', and 'Predict Test'.



# Quick start - training

Click <Start Training>



The image shows a software window titled "Smart Matcher". The interface is divided into four main sections, separated by dashed lines:

- 1. Preparation**  
\* please prepare <train.csv>, <test.csv> and <validation.csv> files in folder <sample\_data>  
A button labeled "Load & Preprocess" is located below the instructions.
- 2. Train**  
This section contains three input fields:
  - Epoch: 10
  - Batch size: 16
  - pos-neg ratio: 5A button labeled "Start Training" is located below these fields and is highlighted with a red rectangular border.
- 3. Evaluation on test data**  
\* please make sure you have trained and saved a model for subsequent analysis  
A button labeled "Evaluate" is located below the instructions.
- 4. Predict**  
This section contains three buttons:
  - Predict Unlabelled
  - Predict Validation
  - Predict Test

# Quick start - training

The training progress can be monitored in the command window

```
==> TRAIN Epoch 1
0% [ ] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:17
Finished Epoch 1 | Run Time: 19.2 | Load Time: 0.2 |
| F1: 51.71 | Prec: 41.41 | Rec: 68.83 | Ex/s: 16.69

==> EVAL Epoch 1
0% [ ] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:01
Finished Epoch 1 | Run Time: 2.5 | Load Time: 0.1 |
| F1: 53.66 | Prec: 64.71 | Rec: 45.83 | Ex/s: 41.53

* Best F1: tensor(53.6585)
Saving best model...
Done.
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==> TRAIN Epoch 2
0% [ ] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:17
Finished Epoch 2 | Run Time: 18.6 | Load Time: 0.2 |
| F1: 76.02 | Prec: 69.15 | Rec: 84.42 | Ex/s: 17.23

==> EVAL Epoch 2
0% [ ] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:01
Finished Epoch 2 | Run Time: 2.5 | Load Time: 0.1 |
| F1: 57.14 | Prec: 66.67 | Rec: 50.00 | Ex/s: 41.68

* Best F1: tensor(57.1429)
Saving best model...
Done.
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==> TRAIN Epoch 3
0% [ ] 100% | ETA: 00:00:00
Total time elapsed: 00:00:19
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## *Parameters to monitor*

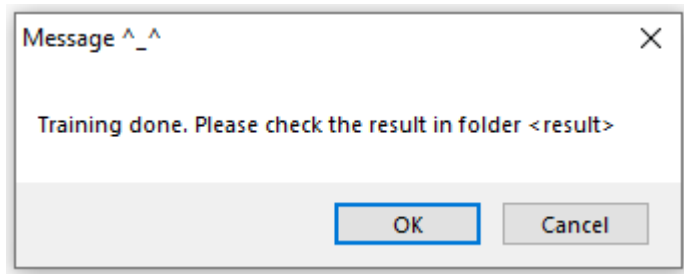
**Precision (P):** the fraction of match predictions that are correct

**Recall (R):** the fraction of correct matches being predicted as matches

**F1 score (F1):**  $2PR/(P + R)$

# Quick start - training


After the training is done, a pop-up message window will appear




Click OK to continue

All training records about training and evaluation datasets can be found in folder <result>

 **result**

 training\_records\_evaluation\_data.txt

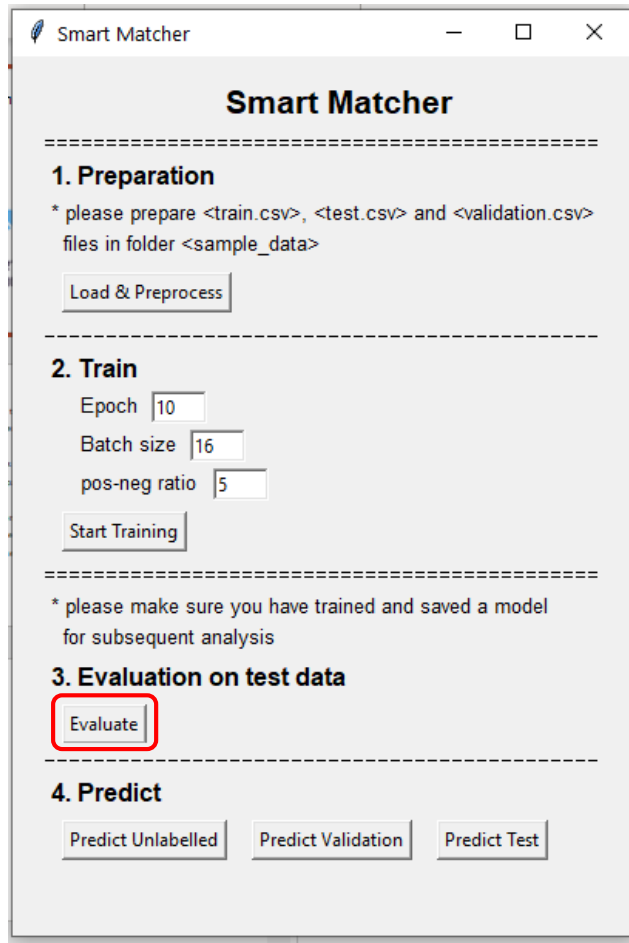
 training\_records\_train\_data.txt



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training_records_train_data.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
|
Epoch 0
Time used: 13.99s
F1 score: tensor(29.7619)
Precision: tensor(18.0505)
Recall: tensor(84.7458)
=====
Epoch 1
Time used: 13.01s
F1 score: tensor(51.4019)
Precision: tensor(35.4839)
Recall: tensor(93.2203)
=====
Epoch 2
Time used: 14.49s
F1 score: tensor(74.2138)
Precision: tensor(59.)
Recall: tensor(100.)
=====
```

# Quick start - evaluation

Click <Evaluation> to check the performance on the test dataset

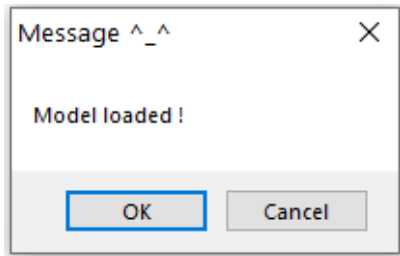


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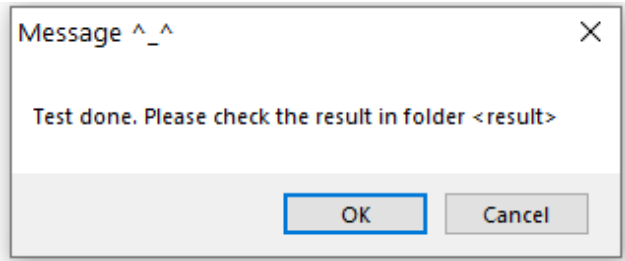
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# Quick start - evaluation

The evaluation will load the trained model first  
Click OK to continue



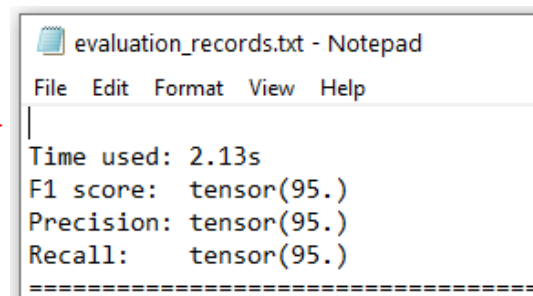
After the evaluation is done, click OK to continue



The performance can be found in folder <result>



evaluation\_records.txt

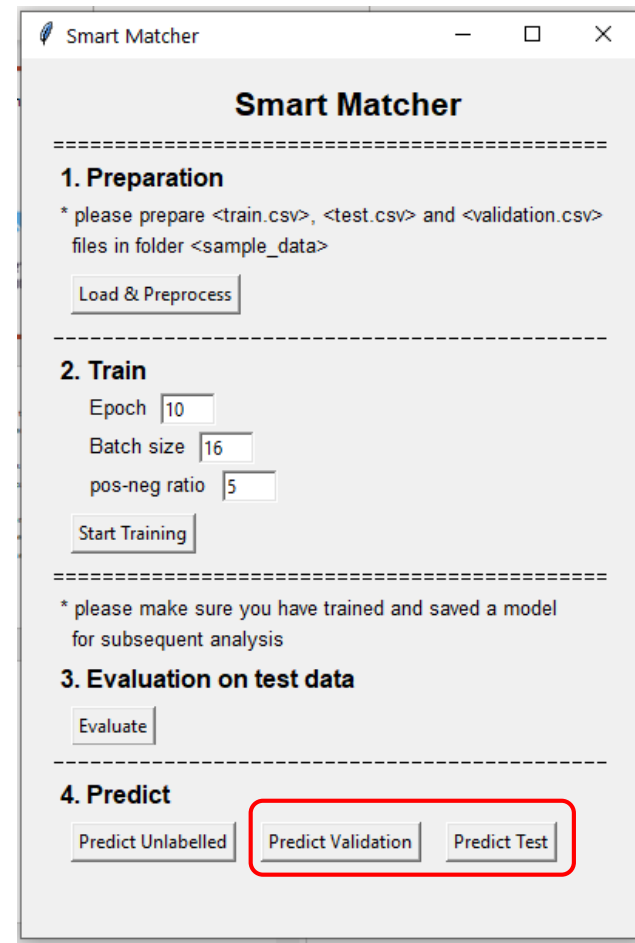
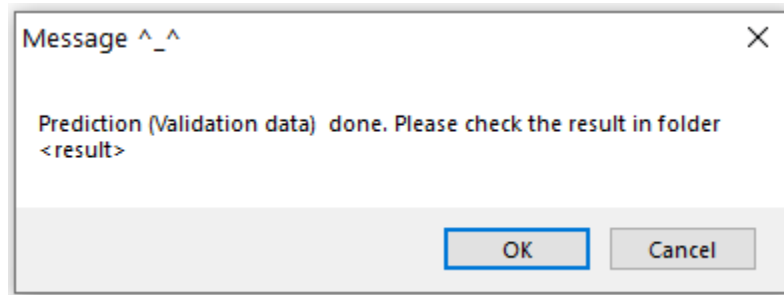
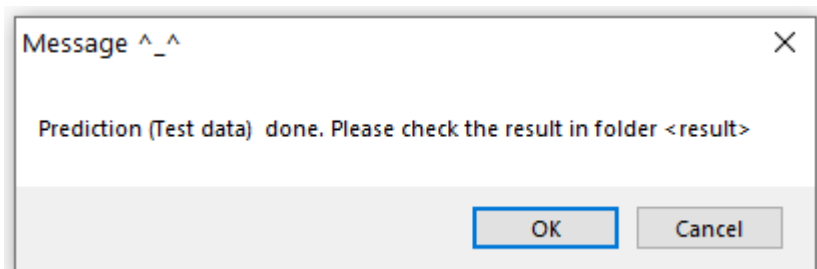


# Quick start - prediction

Click the highlighted two buttons to check predictions for validation and test datasets.

This is how we can 'feel' the performance of the model


Click OK to continue




# Quick start - prediction

Check the performance in folder <result>

 result

 predictions\_test.csv

 predictions\_validation.csv

A new column <match\_score> will be added to indicate the 'confidence'

	A	B	C	D	E
1	id	match_score	label	left_id	left_title
2	752	0.258253872	0	1103	workshop report
3	1265	0.206134483	0	1159	searching and mi
4	1477	0.221789345	0	1642	large databases f
5	1366	0.310285151	0	1369	call for book revi
6	1003	0.244622141	0	364	optimizing datab
7	1064	0.206950009	0	2144	database princip
8	2367	0.247651711	0	2583	book review colu
9	1284	0.211074471	0	1164	querying atsql da
10	1094	0.20711647	0	162	temporal databa
11	2163	0.195224449	0	1664	query optimizati
12	2077	0.215218782	0	378	cost-driven verti
13	2202	0.277239041	0	294	efficient materi

*\* In general, 'confidence' above 0.5 is considered a match*

# Quick start - prediction

The unlabelled means a dataset without column <label>

For example,

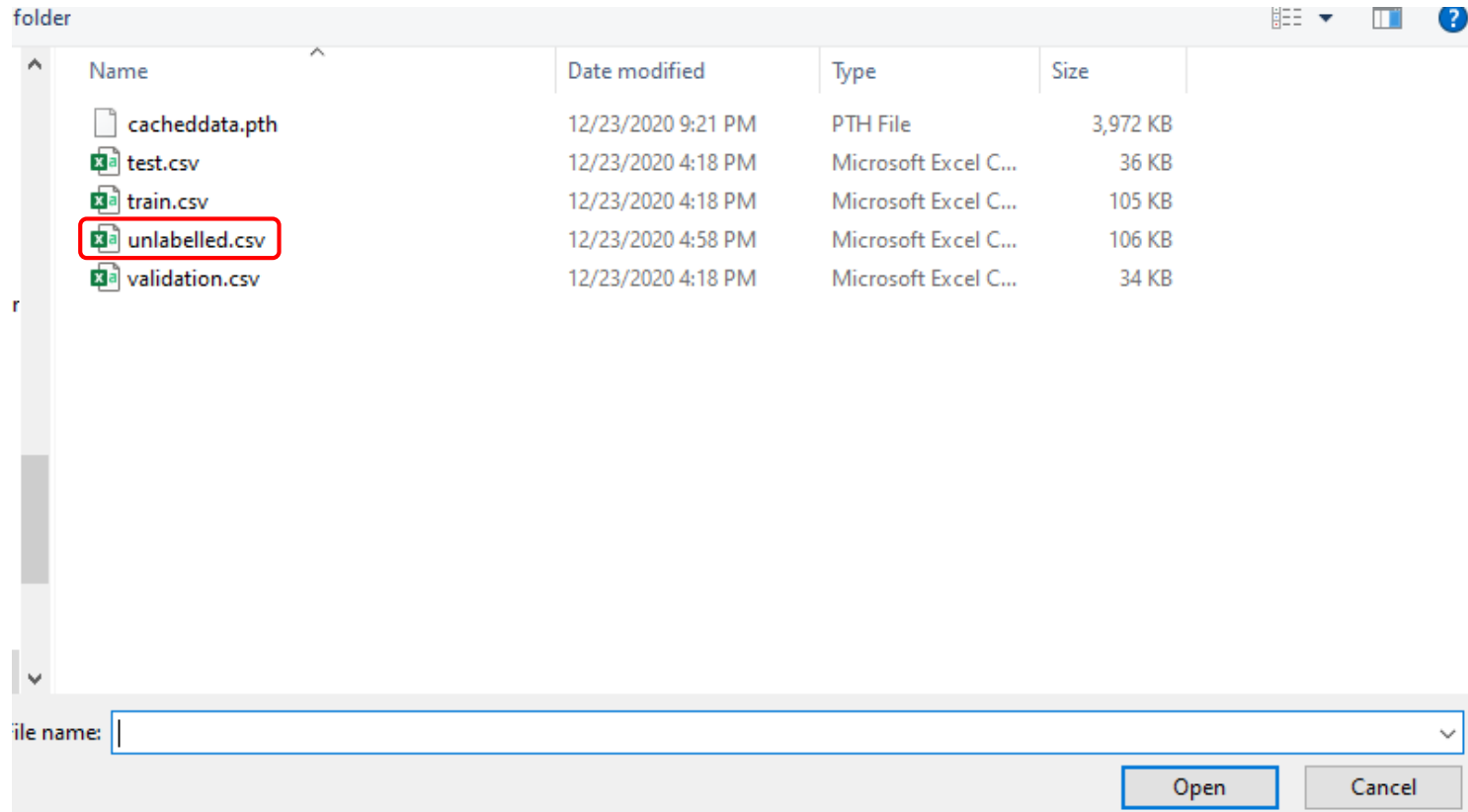
- id
- left\_A
- left\_B
- ...
- right\_A
- right\_B
- ...

	A	B	C	D	E
1	id	left_id	left_title	left_authors	left_
2	398	630	fast high-dimer	kian-lee tan , cheng	vldb
3	3743	2452	temporal condi	ouri wolfson , a. pr	sigm
4	2775	1177	supervised wra	sergio flesca , rober	vldb
5	3777	2443	efficiently mini	roberto j. bayardo j	sigm
6	4980	1466	document man	rudolf bayer	vldb
7	1424	1914	reminiscences	jan van den bussche	sigm
8	223	2546	infomaster : an	arthur m. keller , m	sigm
9	6230	1557	power efficient	ibrahim korpeoglu	sigm
10	1843	1062	closing the key	nenad jukic , svetlo	sigm
11	3593	548	model-based ir	bertram lud??scher	vldb



# Quick start - prediction

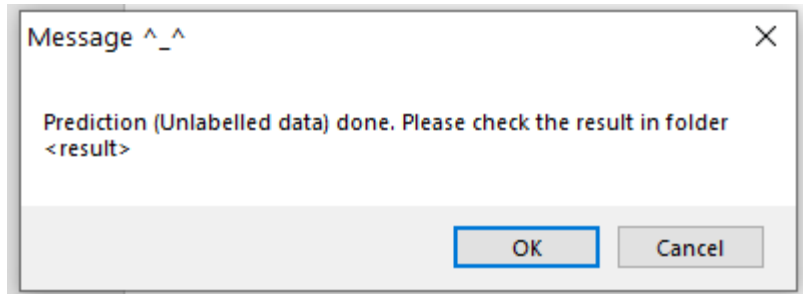
Click <Predict Unlabelled> to select an unlabelled dataset



Double-click the file to continue

# Quick start - prediction

After the prediction is done, click OK to continue



Check the performance in folder <result>

 result

 predictions\_unlabelled.csv

# Quick start - prediction

A new column <match\_score> will be added to indicate the 'confidence'

	A	B	C	D	E
1	id	match_score	left_id	left_title	left_autho
2	398	0.208184108	630	fast high-dimensi	kian-lee t; vl
3	3743	0.218726471	2452	temporal conditi	couri wolfs si
4	2775	0.846783459	1177	supervised wrap	sergio fle; vl
5	3777	0.253999412	2443	efficiently mining	roberto j. si
6	4980	0.25328365	1466	document manag	rudolf bay vl
7	1424	0.253384411	1914	reminiscences on	jan van de si
8	223	0.221327826	2546	infomaster : an in	arthur m. si
9	6230	0.261736184	1557	power efficient d	ibrahim k; si
10	1843	0.19022952	1062	closing the key lo	nenad juk si
11	3593	0.983090937	548	model-based info	bertram l; vl
12	3434	0.246651679	1118	index nesting - ar	jiawei har vl
13	5984	0.234713286	2494	exact : an extensi	arturo jair vl

*\* In general, 'confidence' above 0.5 is considered a match*

Done. Enjoy using !



**SMART  
MATCHER**

# Appendix

This software can be used to match different types of entities.

Here we show some example datasets that can be analyzed.

## Appendix - Example datasets - DBLP-GoogleScholar

title	author	venue	year
a performance study of workfile disk management for concurrent mergesorts in a multiprocessor database system	k wu , p yu , j chung , j teng	vldb	1995
fastmap : a fast algorithm for indexing , data-mining and visualization of traditional and multimedia datasets	c faloutsos , k lin	sigmod conference	1995
semantic integration of environmental models for application to global information systems and decision-making	d mackay	sigmod record	1999
deadlock detection in distributed database systems : a new algorithm and a comparative performance analysis	n krivokapic , a kemper , e gudes	vldb j.	1999

### Accuracy (F1 core)

Structured	94.7 - 95.1
Dirty (with missing information)	92.7 - 93.8

## Appendix - Example datasets - iTunes-Amazon

Song	Artist Name	Album Name	Genre	Price	CopyRight	Time	Released
Ca n't Stop Now ( feat . Jovi Rockwell and Mr. Vegas )	Major Lazer	Guns Do n't Kill People ... Lazars Do	Electronic,Musi c,Hip-Hop / Rap , Rap , Alternative , Reggae , Dance , Modern Dancehall , Rock	S\$ 1.29	?€? ???? 2009 Downtown Music , LLC .	4.03	2009
I 'm a Machine ( feat . Crystal Nicole and Tyrese Gibson )	David Guetta	Nothin g But the Beat	Dance , Music , House , Electronic , Rock	S\$ 1.29	2011 What A Music Ltd , Licence exclusive Parlophone Music France	3.34	8/26/2011

### Accuracy (F1 core)

Structured	88.0 - 90.9
Dirty (with missing information)	69.2 - 74.5