

Natural Language Processing
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Named-entity Recognition

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Motivation

- Factual information and knowledge are normally expressed by named entities
 - Who, Whom, Where, When, Which, ...
- It is the core of the information extraction systems

Applications

- Finding the important information of an event from an invitation
 - Date, Time, Location, Host, Contact person

The report said Andreas Lubitz repeatedly set the same plane for an unauthorised descent earlier that day.

Lubitz is suspected of deliberately crashing the Airbus 320, killing all 150 people on board.

He had locked the flight captain out of the cockpit.

Lubitz appears to have practised programming a rapid descent on the outbound leg of the flight - from Duesseldorf to Barcelona on 24 March - the preliminary report by accident investigation agency BEA said.

It added that on several occasions - again with the captain out of the cockpit - the altitude dial was set to 100ft (30m), the lowest possible reading, despite instructions by air traffic control in Bordeaux to set it to 35,000ft and then 21,000ft.

It was also reset on one occasion to 49,000ft, the maximum altitude.

The changes apparently happened over a five-minute period at about 07:30 starting 30 seconds after the captain left the cockpit.

Applications

- Finding the main information of a company from its reports
 - Founder, Board members, Headquarters, Profits

Siemens

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other uses of "Siemens", see [Siemens \(disambiguation\)](#).

Siemens AG (German pronunciation: [ˈziːmɛns]) is a German [multinational conglomerate](#) company headquartered in [Berlin and Munich](#). It is the largest engineering company in [Europe](#). The principal divisions of the company are *Industry*, *Energy*, *Healthcare*, and *Infrastructure & Cities*, which represent the main activities of the company. The company is a prominent maker of medical diagnostics equipment and its medical health-care division, which generates about 12 percent of the company's total sales, is its second-most profitable unit, after the industrial automation division.^[2]

Siemens and its subsidiaries employ approximately 343,000 people worldwide and reported global revenue of around €71.9 billion in 2014 according to their annual report.

1847 to 1901 [\[edit\]](#)

[Siemens & Halske](#) was founded by [Werner von Siemens and Johann Georg Halske](#) on 12 October 1847. Based on the [telegraph](#), his invention used a needle to point to the sequence of letters, instead of using [Morse code](#). The company, then called *Telegraphen-Bauanstalt von Siemens & Halske*, opened its first workshop October 12.

Applications

- Finding information from biomedical literature
 - Drugs, Genes, Interaction products

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Gene/protein
 DNA
 RNA
 Cell Type
 Cell Line

Applications

- Finding the target of sentiments
 - Products, Celebrities

★★★★☆ An Android User's Review of the iPhone 6: Read this if you are thinking of switching from Android!!!

By [Jay](#) on January 28, 2015

Color Name: Gray | Size Name: 16 GB

So I made the switch from using Android to the iPhone back in October, and I've been using the iPhone 6 for the past few months now and can give a detailed review on what it's like to switch over. Before this switch, I've used the Samsung Galaxy S2 (first smartphone ever!) and also the Nexus 4. Since I'm a tech enthusiast, I'm well versed and have played around with many other Android devices, including all the big names, Galaxy S5, HTC One M8 and M7, One Plus One, and so on. Here are my thoughts:

Things that the iPhone does really well (both hardware and software-wise):

1. Camera. The behind the scene software for digitally capturing an image is definitely the strongest sell for the iPhone. Other than the S5 and Note 4, no smartphone really comes close to having the same kind of image quality (no matter the megapixels) compared to the iPhone. This was one of the reasons for me to switch over since I've started to dabble with photography and wanted a really good camera in my smartphone. (Side note, if you read a lot of tech blogs, there is a notion that in the near future our smartphones won't accurately describe our devices anymore since making a phone call is probably one of the least commonly used features on a smartphone when you look at any average user. Cameras, social media, emails all take a higher usage rate than making a call... really interesting, but anyway, back to the review).

2. Reliability. There have been maybe 2 or 3 times when my phone crashed and would have to be restarted, mostly due to playing some game that was not written very well for the iOS devices. [Read more >](#)

(http://www.amazon.com/Apple-iPhone-Space-Gray-Unlocked/dp/B00NQG42Y/ref=sr_1_1?s=wireless&ie=UTF8&qid=1431337473&sr=1-1&keywords=iphone)

Named Entity Recognition (NER)

- Finding named entities in a text
- Classifying them to the corresponding classes
- Assigning a unique identifier from a database
- „Steven Paul Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc, was born in California.“
- „**Steven Paul Jobs**, co-founder of **Apple Inc**, was born in **California**.“
- „**Steven Paul Jobs** [PER], co-founder of **Apple Inc** [ORG], was born in **California** [LOC].“
- „**Steven Paul Jobs** [Steve_Jobs], co-founder of **Apple Inc** [Apple_Inc.], was born in **California** [California].“

Named Entity Classes

- Person
 - Person names
- Organization
 - Companies, Government, Organizations, Committees, ..
- Location
 - Cities, Countries, Rivers, ..
- Date and time expression
- Measure
 - Percent, Money, Weight, ...
- Book, journal title
- Movie title
- Gene, disease, drug name

Named Entity Classes (IO)

Steven	PER
Paul	PER
Jobs	PER
,	O
co-founder	O
of	O
Apple	ORG
Inc	ORG
,	O
was	O
born	O
in	O
California	LOC
.	O

Named Entity Classes (BIO/IOB)

Steven	B-PER
Paul	I-PER
Jobs	I-PER
,	O
co-founder	O
of	O
Apple	B-ORG
Inc	I-ORG
,	O
was	O
born	O
in	O
California	B-LOC
.	O

Named Entity Classes (BIEWO)

Steven	B-PER
Paul	I-PER
Jobs	E-PER
,	O
co-founder	O
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Apple	B-ORG
Inc	E-ORG
,	O
was	O
born	O
in	O
California	W-LOC
.	O

NER Ambiguity (IO vs. IOB encoding)

John	PER
shows	O
Mary	PER
Hermann	PER
Hesse	PER
's	O
book	O
.	O

John	B-PER
shows	O
Mary	B-PER
Hermann	B-PER
Hesse	I-PER
's	O
book	O
.	O

NER Ambiguity

- Ambiguity between named entities and common words
 - May: month, verb, surname
 - Genes: VIP, hedgehog, deafness, wasp, was, if
- Ambiguity between named entity types
 - Washington (Location or Person)

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Task

- Similar to a classification task
 - Feature selection
 - Algorithms

Feature Selection

- Features
 - Word:
 - Germany: Germany
 - POS tag:
 - Washington: NNP
 - Capitalization:
 - Stefan: [CAP]

Feature Selection

- Features
 - Punctuation:
 - St.: [PUNC]
 - Lowercased word:
 - Book: book
 - Suffixes:
 - Spanish: -ish
 - Word shapes:
 - 1920-2008: dddd-dddd
 - ABC-123: AAA-ddd

NER

- List lookup
 - Extensive list of names are available via various resources
 - Gazetteer: a large list of place names
 - Biomedical: database of genes, proteins, drugs names
 - Usually good precision, but low recall (variations)

Sequence Modeling

- Many of the NLP techniques should deal with data represented as sequence of items
 - Characters, Words, Phrases, Lines, ...
- I_[PRP] saw_[VBP] the_[DT] man_[NN] on_[IN] the_[DT] roof_[NN] .
- Steven_[PER] Paul_[PER] Jobs_[PER] ,_[O] co-founder_[O] of_[O] Apple_[ORG] Inc_[ORG] ,_[O] was_[O] born_[O] in_[O] California_[LOC] .

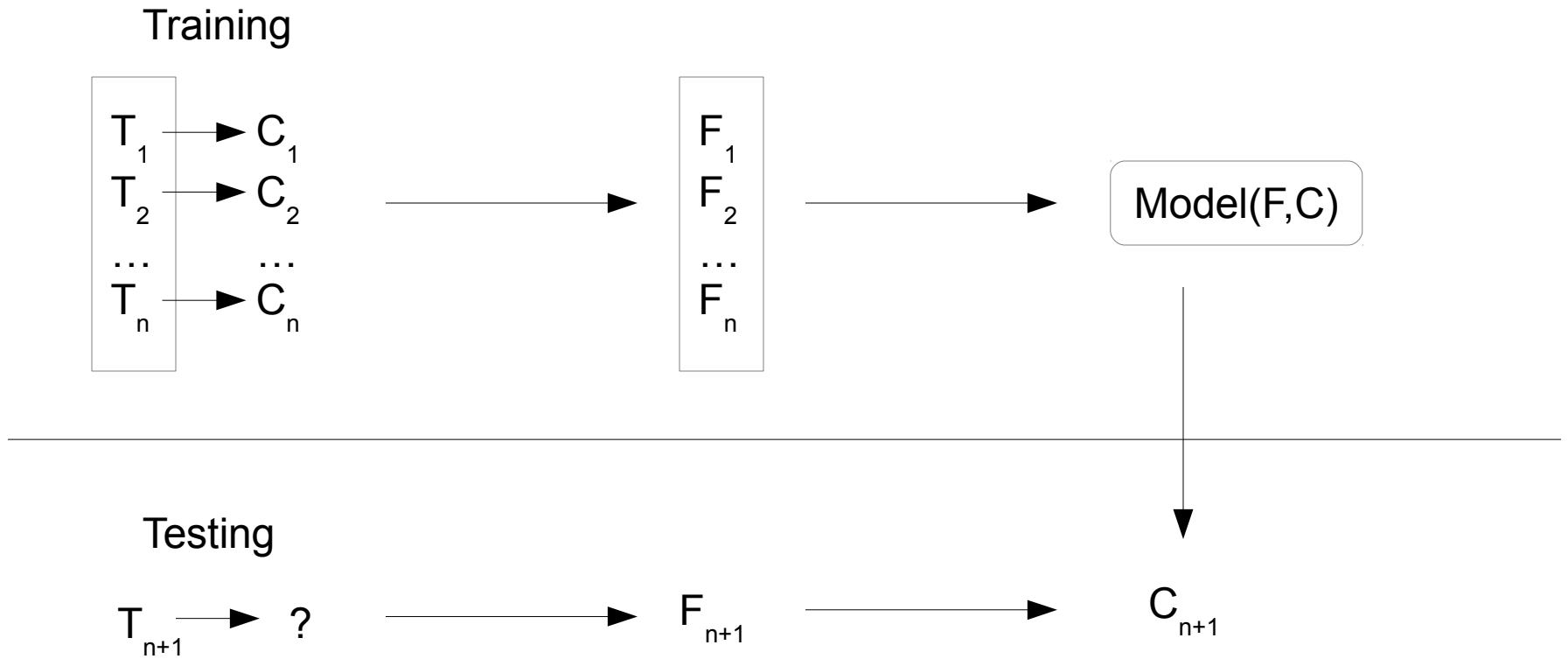
Sequence Modeling

- Making a decision based on the
 - Current Observation
 - Word (W0)
 - Prefix
 - Suffix
 - Lowercased word
 - Capitalization
 - Word shape

Sequence Modeling

- Making a decision based on the
 - Surrounding observations
 - $W+1$
 - $W-1$
 - Previous decisions
 - $T-1$
 - $T-2$

Learning Model

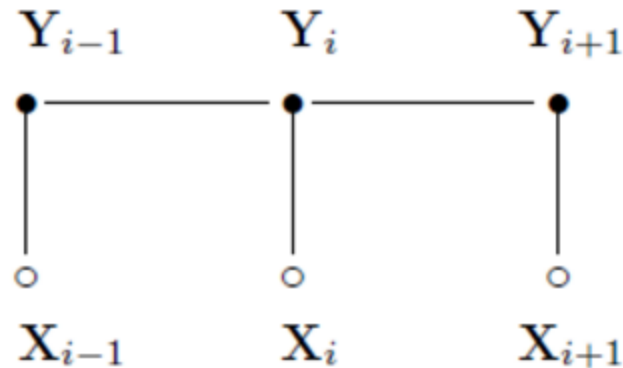


Algorithms

- Hidden-Markov Models (HMM)
 - Same used for POS tagging
- Conditional Random Fields (CRF)
- Machine learning algorithms

Conditional Random Fields (CRF)

- Discriminative undirected probabilistic graphical model
- Linear chain CRF
 - Sequential classification model
 - Predicts sequence of labels for sequences of input samples



Evaluation

- Precision, recall and F-measure metrics based on
 - True positive
 - Correctly identified mentions
 - False positive
 - Incorrectly identified mentions
 - False negative
 - Correct mentions which were missed

Further Reading

- Speech and Language Processing book
 - Chapter 22.1: NER
- CRF: Lafferty, McCallum and Pereira 2001:
 - http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1162&context=cis_papers