





Extracting information from darknet market advertisements and forums

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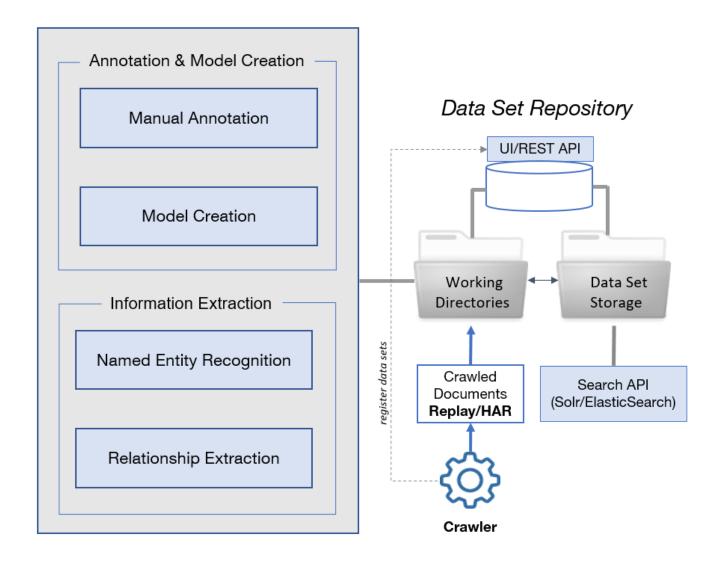


Overview Named entity recognition & Relationship extraction

Overview



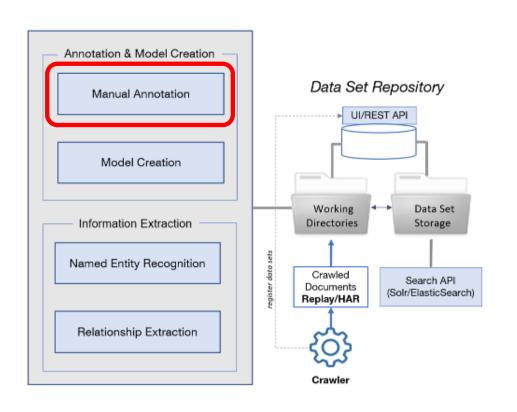


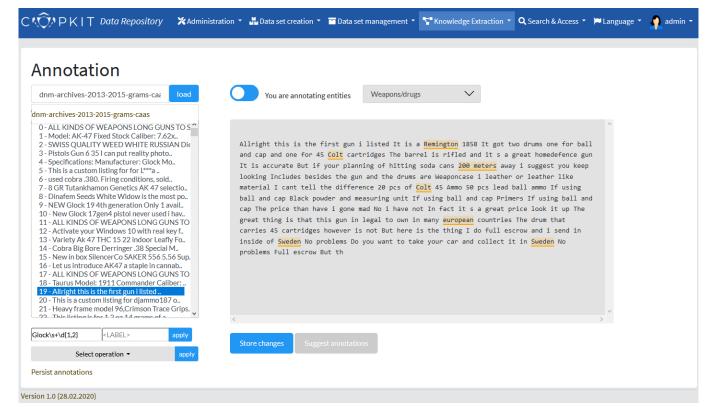


Manual annotation





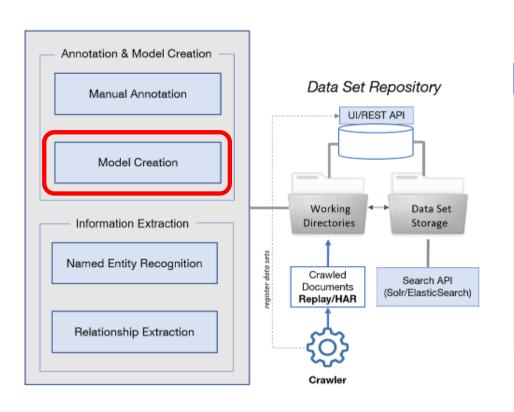


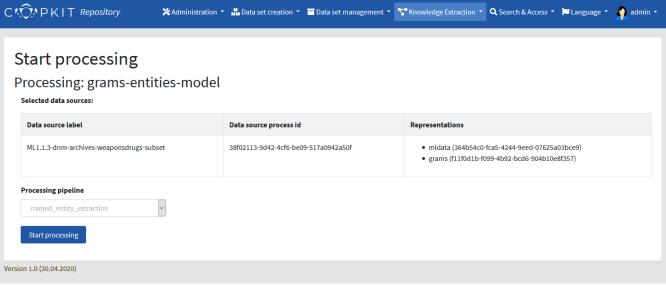


Model creation





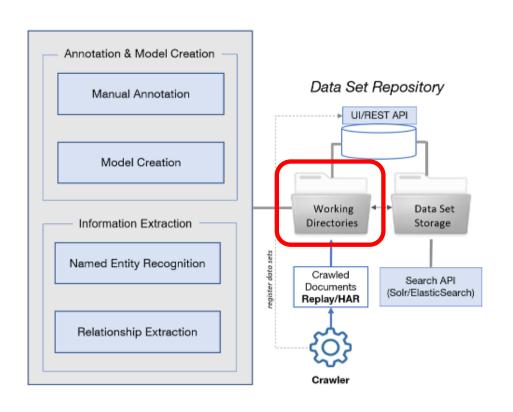


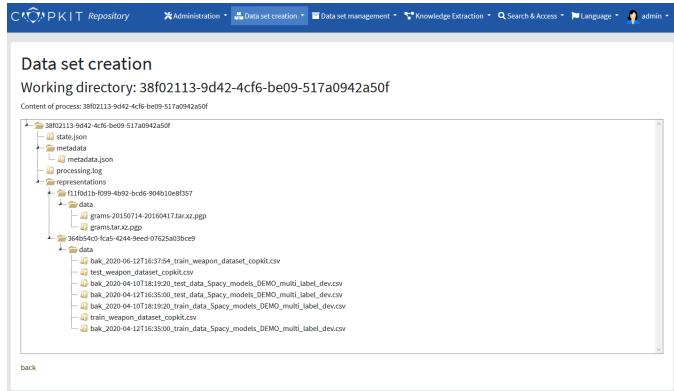


Working directories





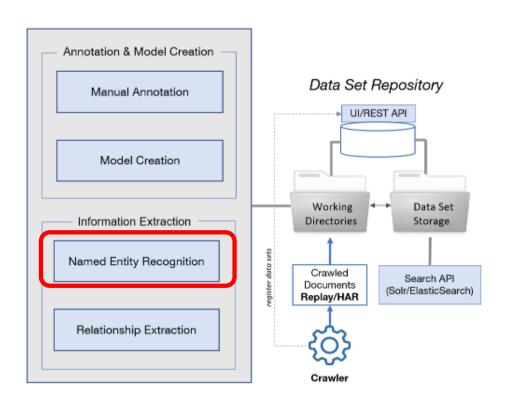




Named Entity Recognition (CKNER)





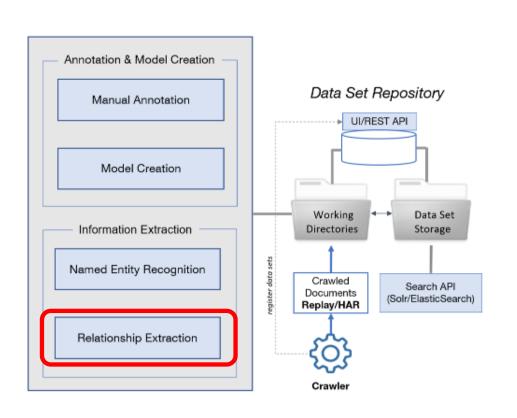


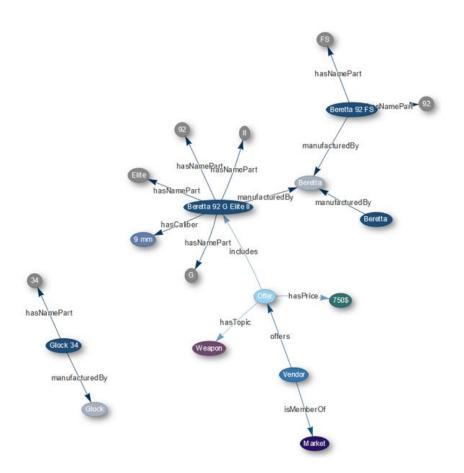


Relationship Extraction (RELEXT)





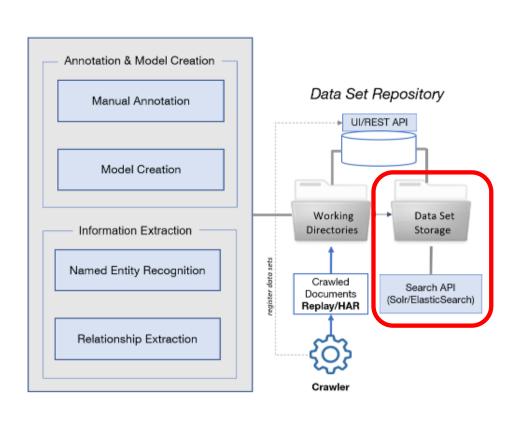


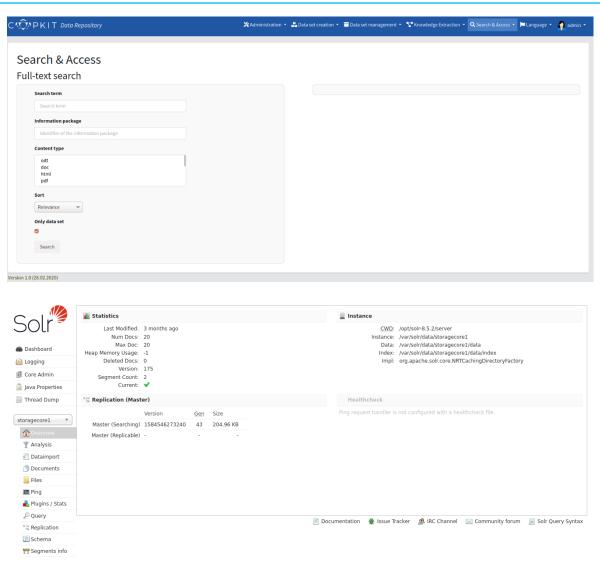


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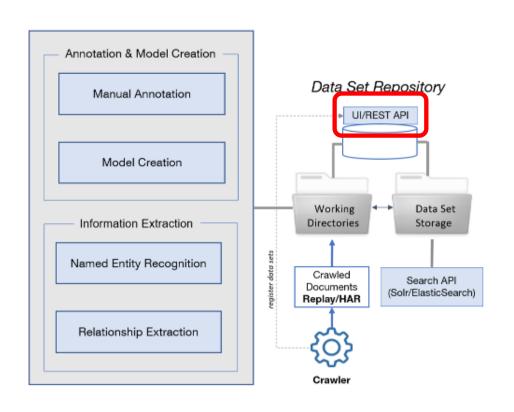




Storage/Search API







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GET /datasets/ List information packages (database)	datasets_list	â
POST /datasets/ Create an information package record (database)	datasets_create	â
GET /datasets/representations/ List representations of authenticated user (database)	datasets_representations_list	â
GET /datasets/status/ Status of all submissions (working area)	datasets_status_list	â
POST /datasets/{identifier}/checkout-working-copy/ Checkout a working copy (database, file system)	datasets_checkout-working-copy_create	â
GET /datasets/{identifier}/file-resource/{ip_sub_file_path}/ Retrieve file resource (file system)	datasets_file-resource_read	â
GET /datasets/{identifier}/{entry}/stream/ Read package entry	datasets_stream_list	â
GET /datasets/{process_id}/ Get selected information package (database)	datasets_read	â
PUT /datasets/{process_id}/ Update information package record (database)	datasets_update	â
PATCH /datasets/{process_id}/ Update information package record (database)	datasets_partial_update	â
DELETE /datasets/{process_id}/ Delete registered information package (database)	datasets_delete	â
GET /datasets/{process_id}/dir-json List directory content as JSON (working area)	datasets_dir-json_list	â
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GET /datasets/{process_id}/status/ Status of selected submission (database, working area)	datasets_status_list	â
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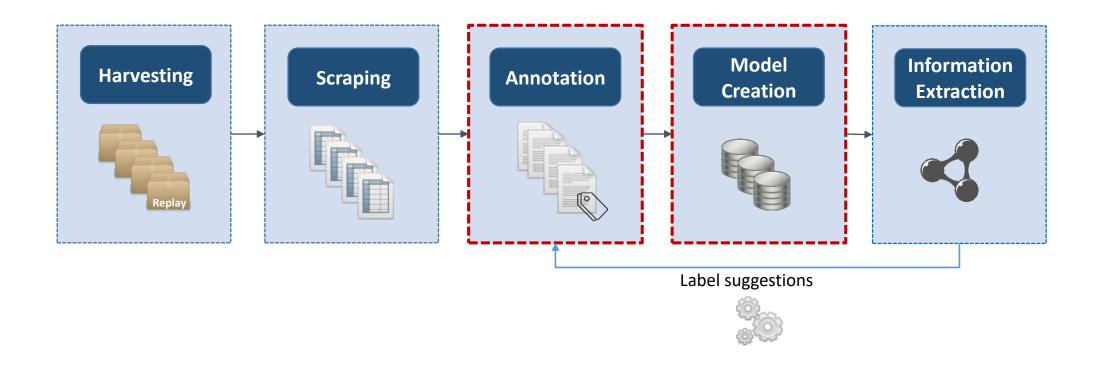


Process Flow

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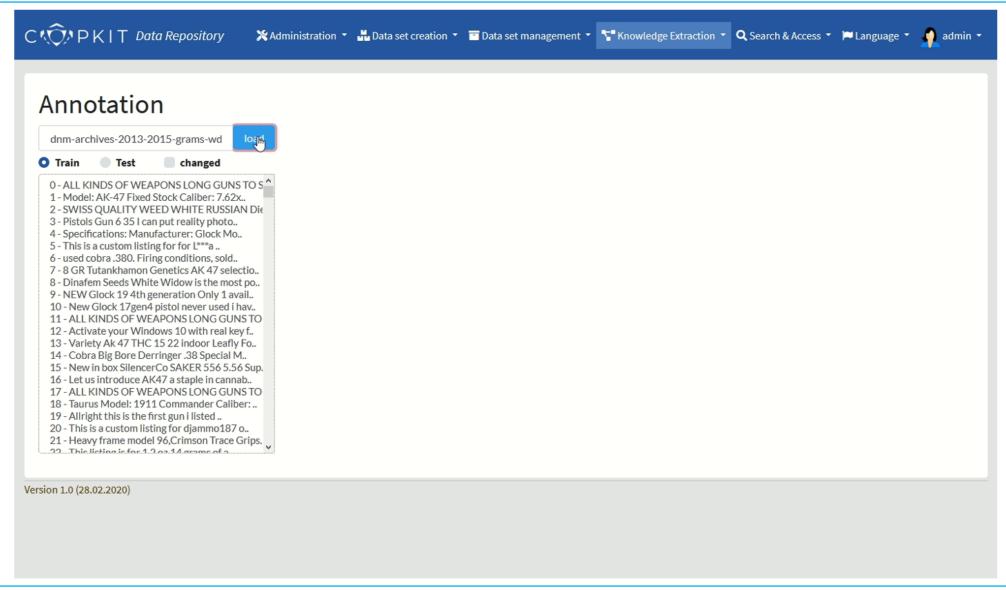


Annotation interface (RecogitoJS integrated)

Annotation interface – Loading data



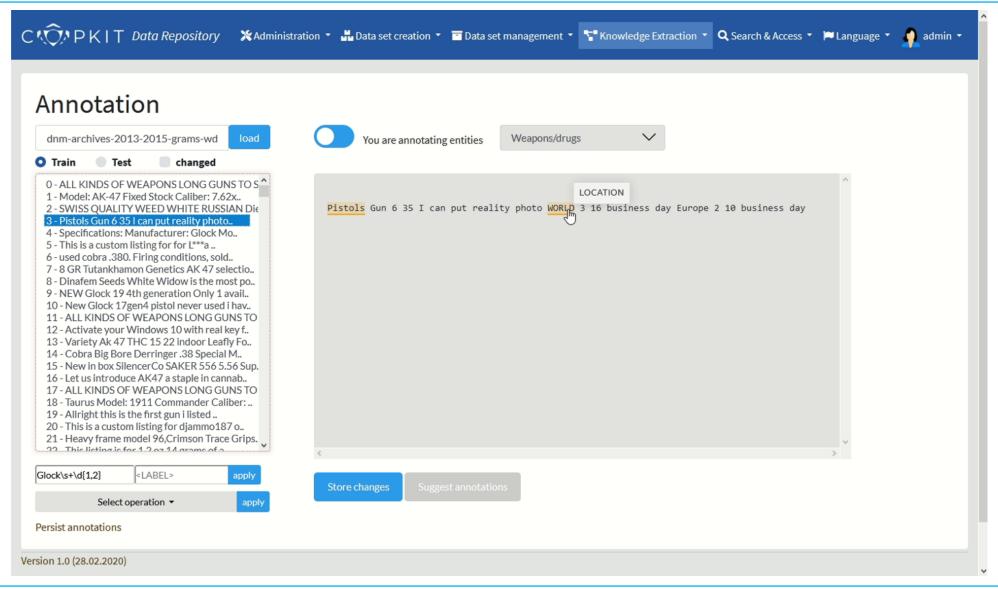




Load grams weapons/drugs dataset



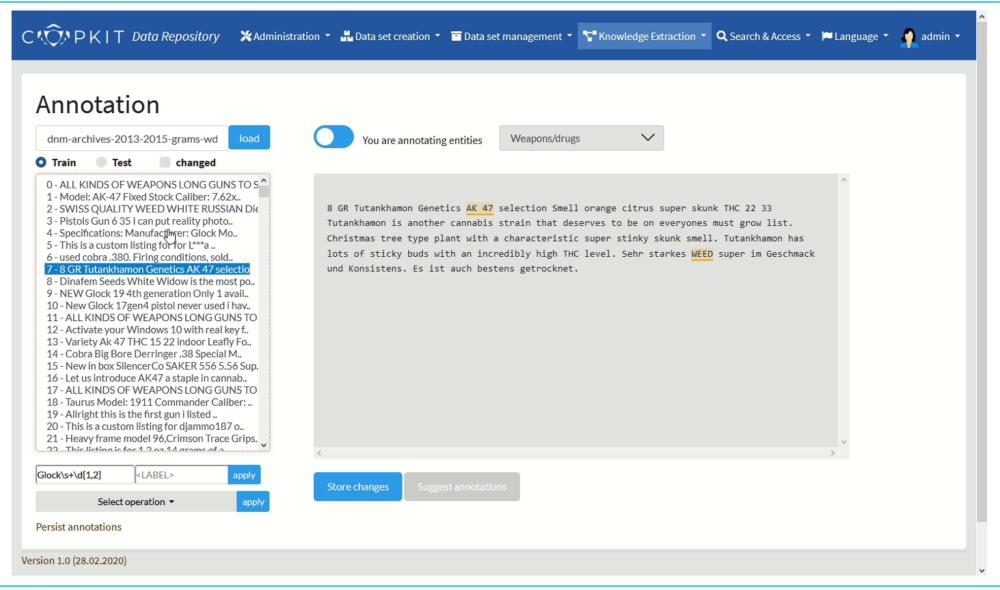




Navigate through annotated postings



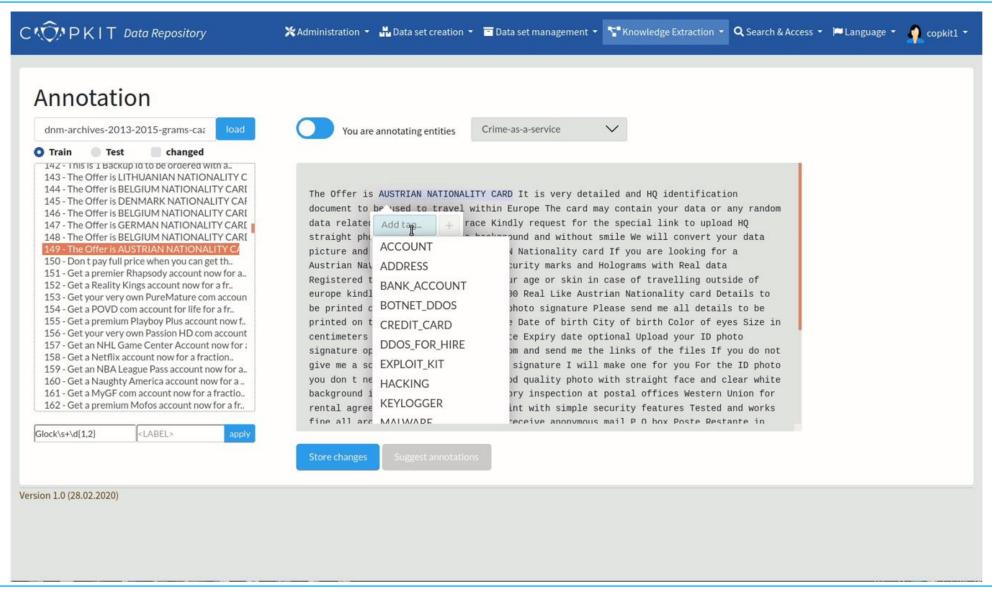




Choose vocabulary for annotation

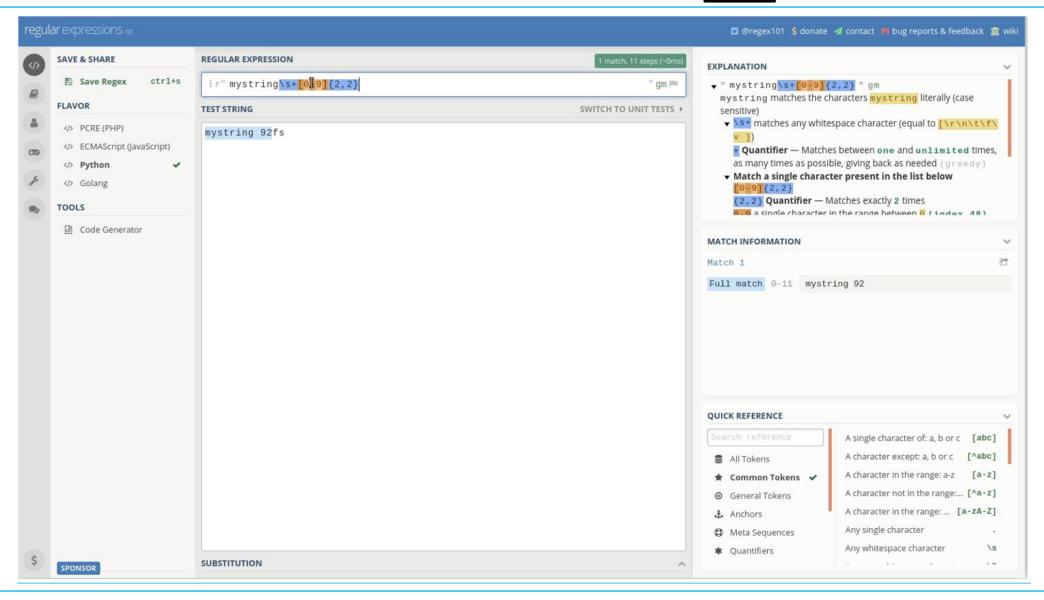






Create regex pattern (e.g. Regex101.com)

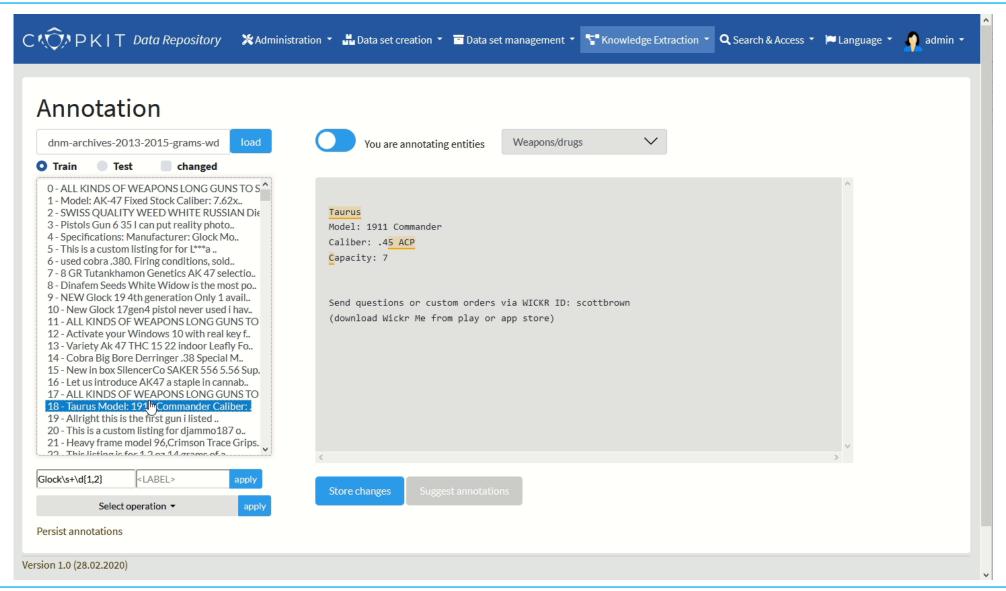




Get named entity suggestions



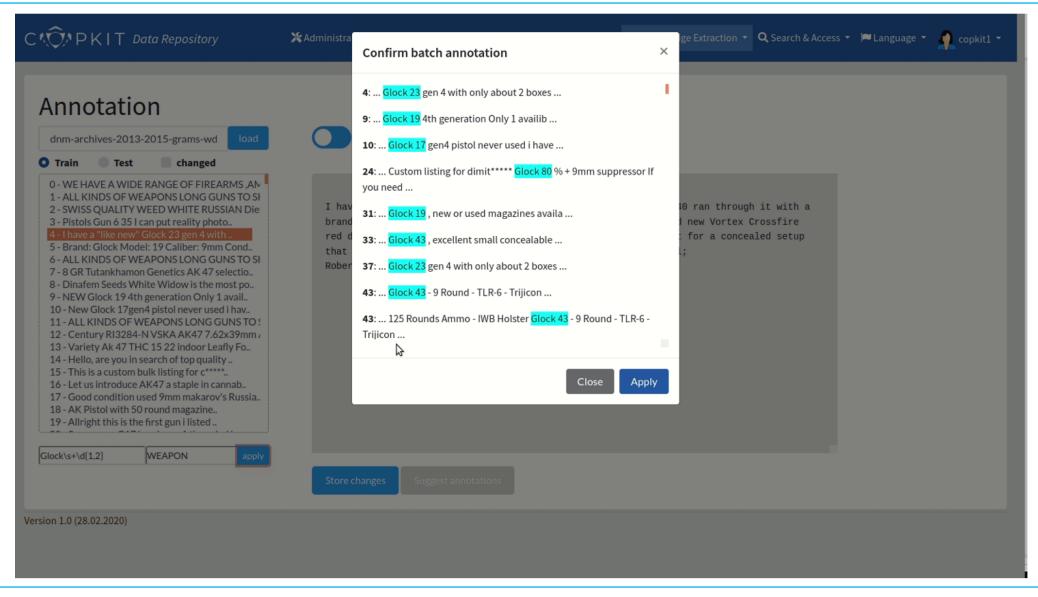




Regular expression batch labelling









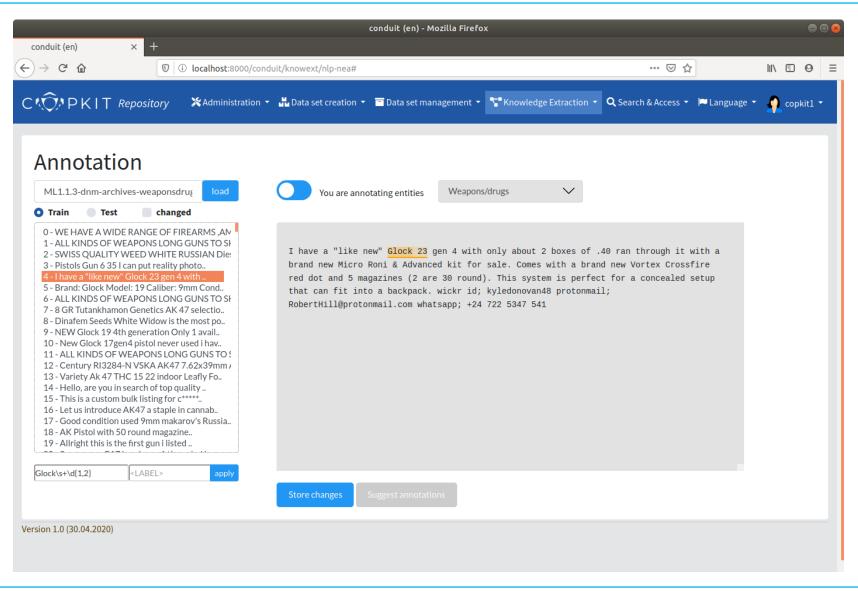


Multi-user

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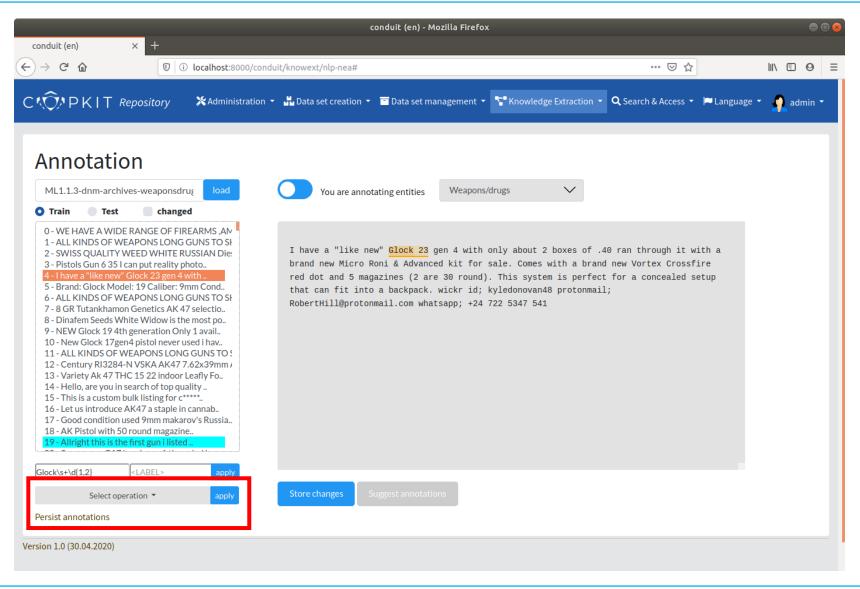




Multi-user/admin







Definition-based batch labelling





- Useful for initial labelling (before user annotation starts)
- Definition file in JSON format required
- Regex terms can be used instead of fixed strings to match tokens
- Filename convention: prelabel_definitions_*.json

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"ACCOUNT": ["account", "address", "bruteforce", "brute force", "username"],
   "BOTNET_DDOS": ["botnet", "booter", "ddos", "denial of service"],
   "CREDIT_CARD": ["creditcard", "carding", "ccv", "fullz", "skimmer", ...],
   ...
   "VULNERABILITY": ["vulnerability", "exploit", "code signing", "windows shell"]
}
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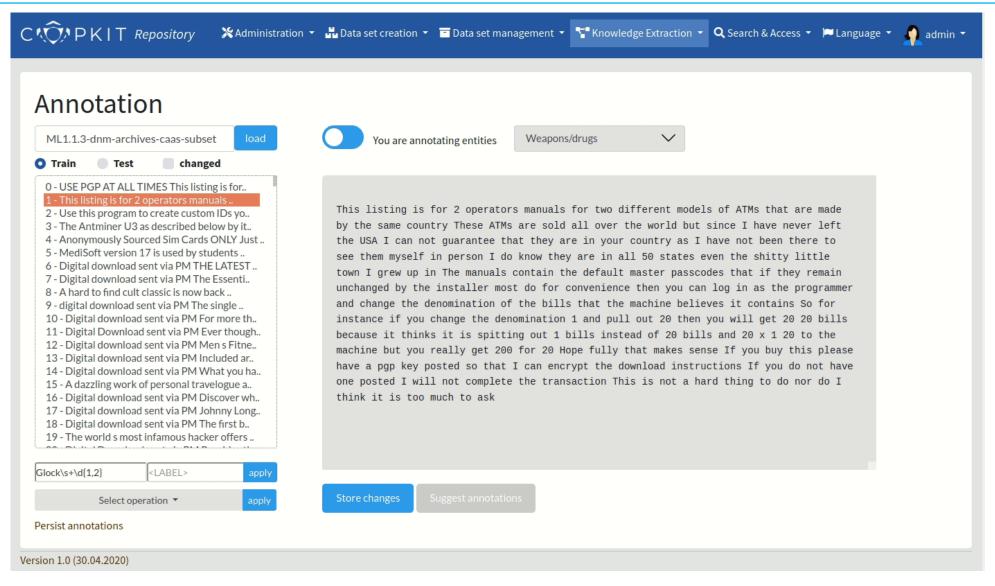
▼ CREDIT CARD:

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    1:
                         "carding"
    2:
                         "ccv"
    3:
                         "fullz"
                         "skimmer"
                         "credit"
                         "cvv"
                         "fulls"
                         "mastercard"
                         "how to card"
                         "credit card"
▼ PERSONAL DOCUMENT:
                         "Identity documents"
    1:
                         "documents'
                         "passport"
    3:
                         "document"
                         "drivers license"
    5:
                         "driving license"
                         "credit card statement"
    7:
                         "electricity bill"
```

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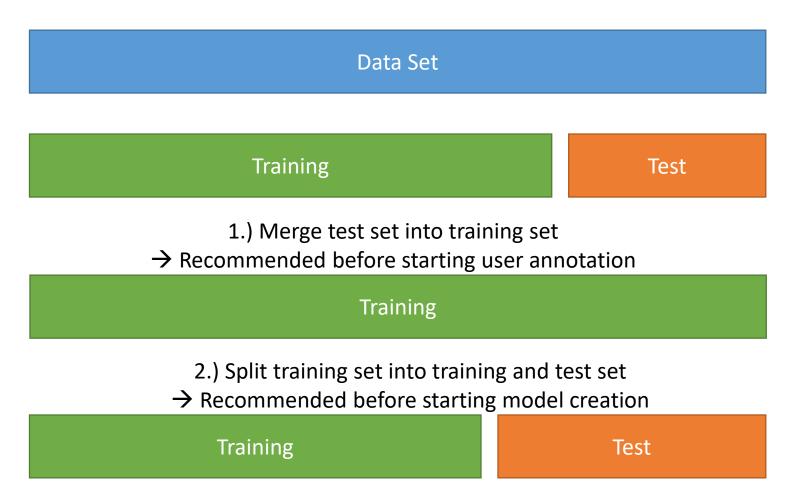


Training/test data





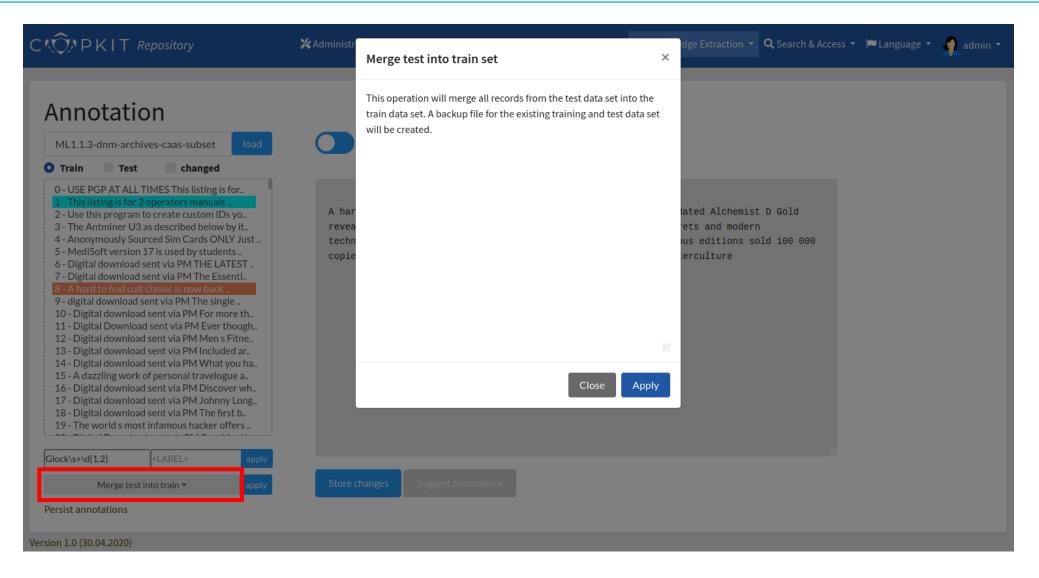
Two basic functions for handling train/test data are offered: 1) merge test into train, 2) split train into train and test



Merge test set into training set

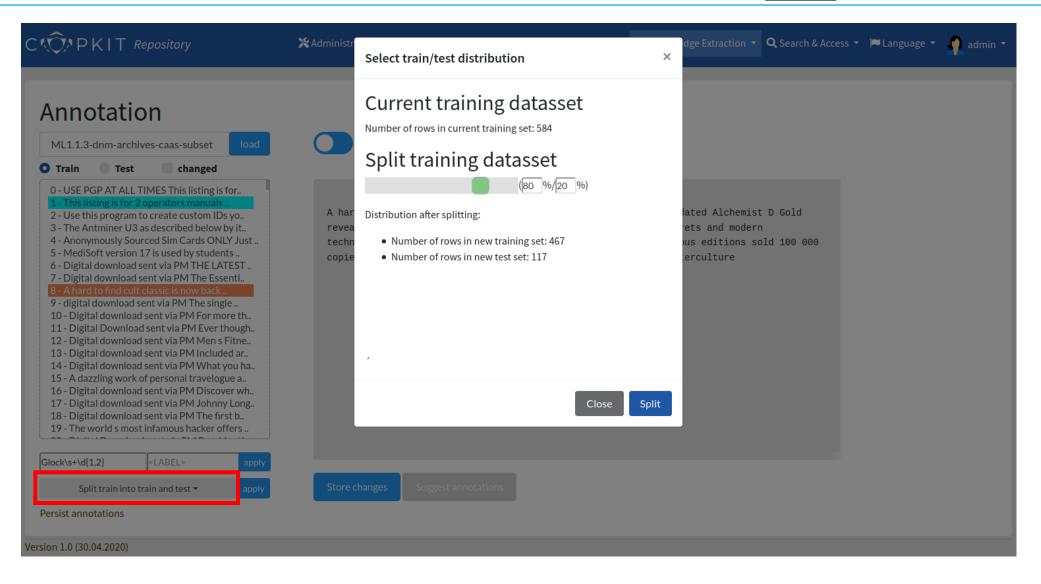






Split training set into training and test set

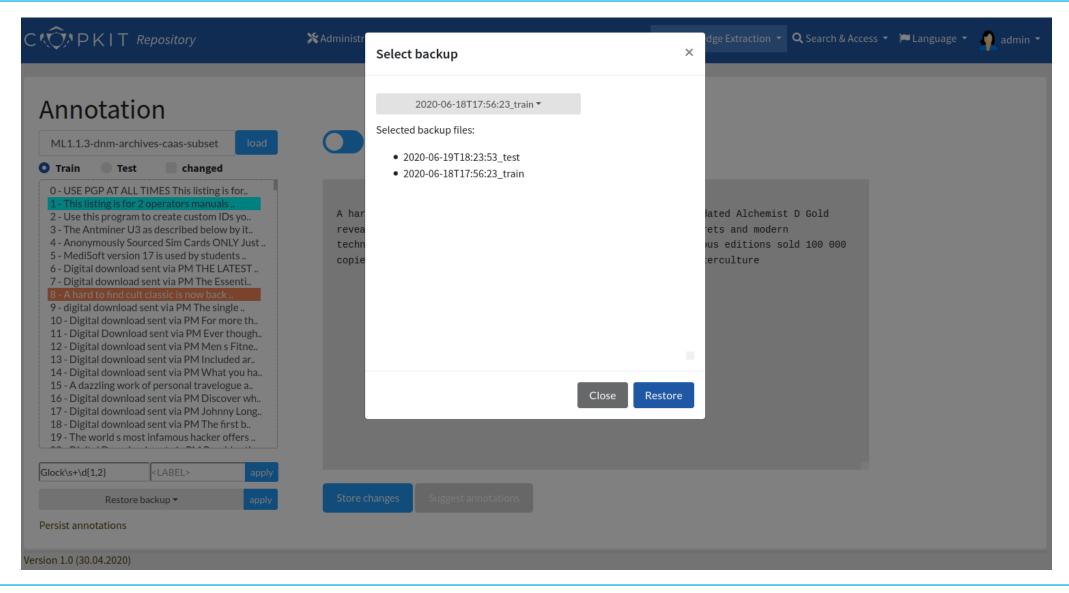




Restore backups





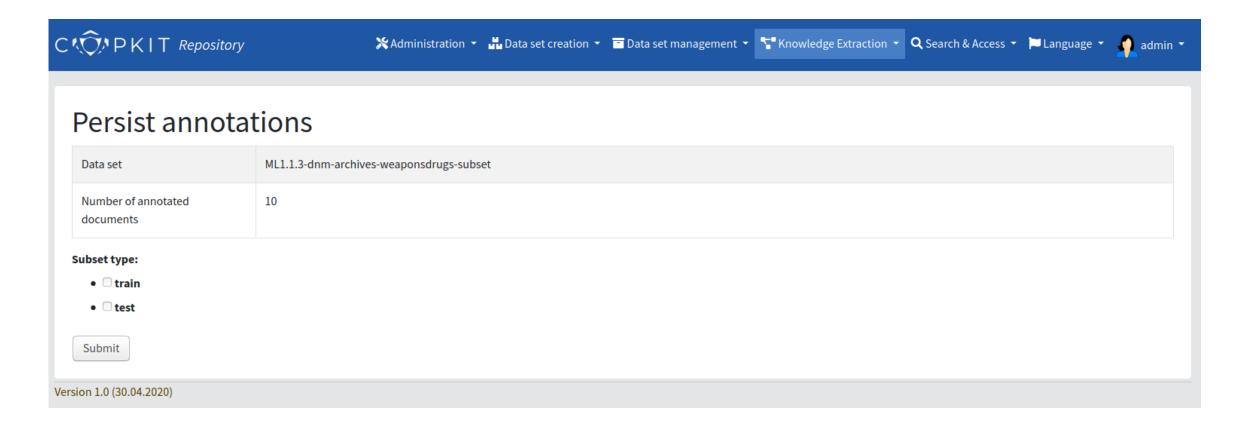


Persist annotations





 Update training/test data files with user annotations (user annotations are removed afterwards)







Technical background: Named entity recognition

Preparation: Text classification





- Evaluate whether pre-trained embeddings improve the classification performance over simple vector space models, such as TF-IDF, when being transferred to the darknet domain.
- Best performance was achieved with Tensorflow Universal Sentence Encoder and a linear SVM

Heistracher, C. & Schlarb, S.

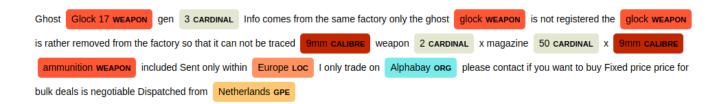
Machine Learning Techniques for the Classification of Product Descriptions from Darknet Marketplaces Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Applied Informatics, 2020

Named entity recognition with SpaCy





- SpaCy is an open-source library for NLP
- SpaCy's standard models can be used as a basis to build domainspecific models
- For example, SpaCy's "en_core_web_lg" is a convolutional neural network trained for multiple tasks on the OntoNotes 5 dataset.
- 18 entity types that are available in the pretrained model.
- Words are represented as *GloVe* vectors, that were trained on the common crawl dataset.



Spacy Named Entity Recognition - Evaluation CYDYPKIT

- Dataset usef for the evaluation was a subset of (Gwern 2015) that contained strings from a list of weapon related terms.
- This subset was manually categorized and the categories were used as labels related to weapons.
- The subset of the data contained 1580 product descriptions including: 1582 Drugs, 769 Weapons, 319 ebooks, 96 3D-printing.

Precision	76.97
Recall	70.88





Technical background: Relation extraction

Relation extraction





- Focus on Transformer models

- Can be pre-trained on smaller datasets
- Model can be used for NLP downstream tasks
- Several papers already published with BERT, ALBERT, RoBERTA, GPT...
- Mostly trained and evaluated on SemEval 2010 Task 8 & TACRED datasets
- Various approaches
 - Most commonly used: sentence-level
 - Semantic Role Labeling
 - Joint Approaches (NER + RE)
 - Multi-Relation-Extraction

Relation extraction – approach



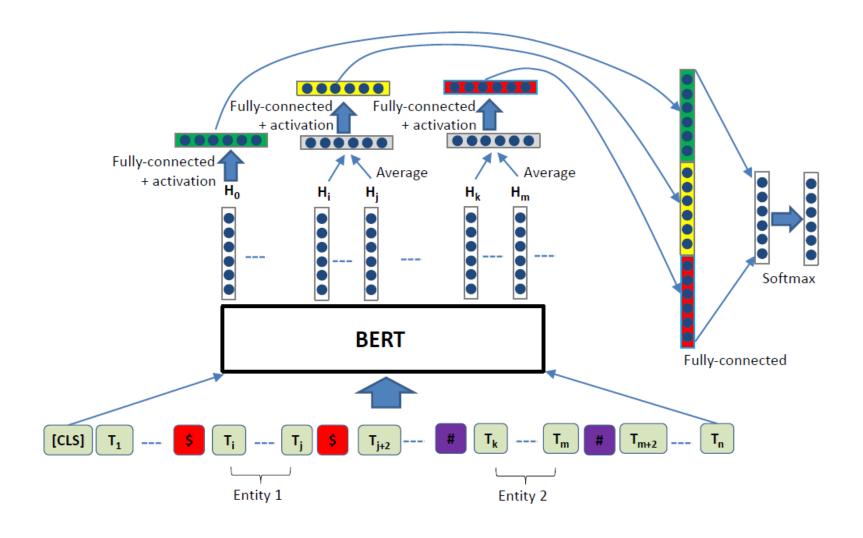


- Entities are already annotated
- No ground truth for relations for our dataset annotated
 - 1. Unsupervised relation extraction
 - 2. Using an already labeled dataset with pre-defined labels such as SemEval 2010 Task 8
- Two models are fitting for our approach:
 - R-BERT
 - BERT, RoBERTa and ALBERT are available
 - Sentence-level
 - OpenNRE
 - BERT
 - Sentence-, bag-, document-level and few-shot

Relation extraction – R-BERT







Relation extraction – OPENnre





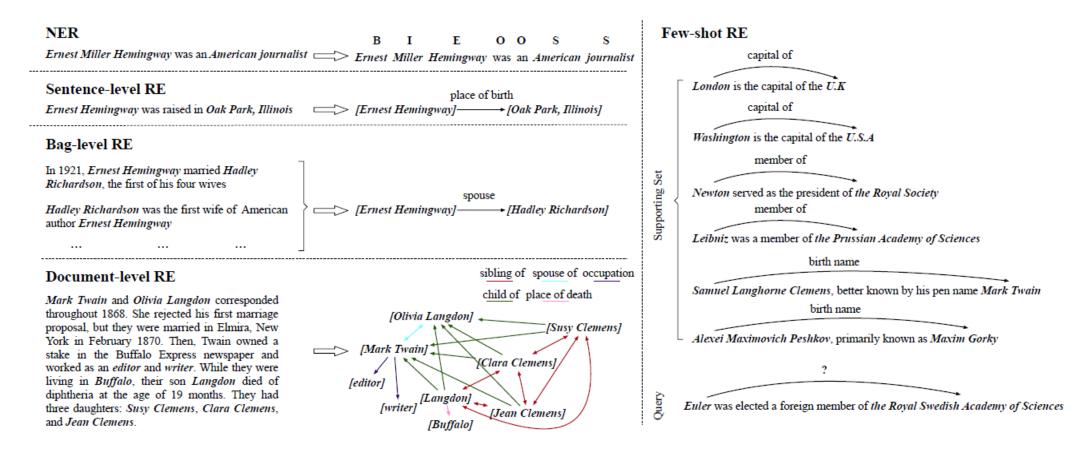


Figure 1: The examples of all application scenarios in OpenNRE.

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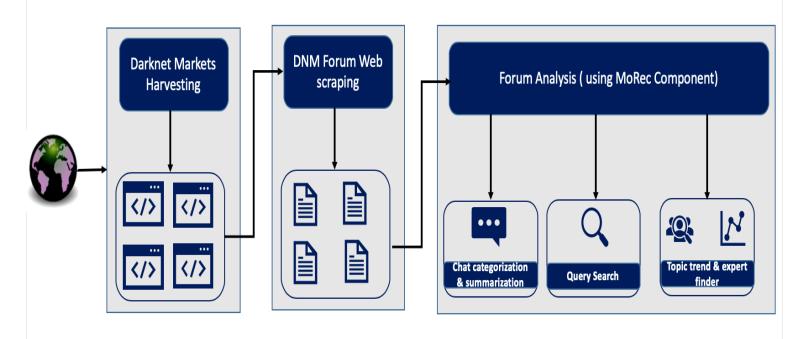
IBM's Moment Recognizer (MoRec)

Faisal Ghaffar (IBM), Brian Maguire (IBM)
Wednesday 19th August 2020

2. Component Overview



- AS an (LEA) end-user, I would like to extract knowledge from DNM forums to
 - understand thread discussions
 - determine topics of discussion
 - determine trends in topics over time
 - identify experts on specific topic(s)





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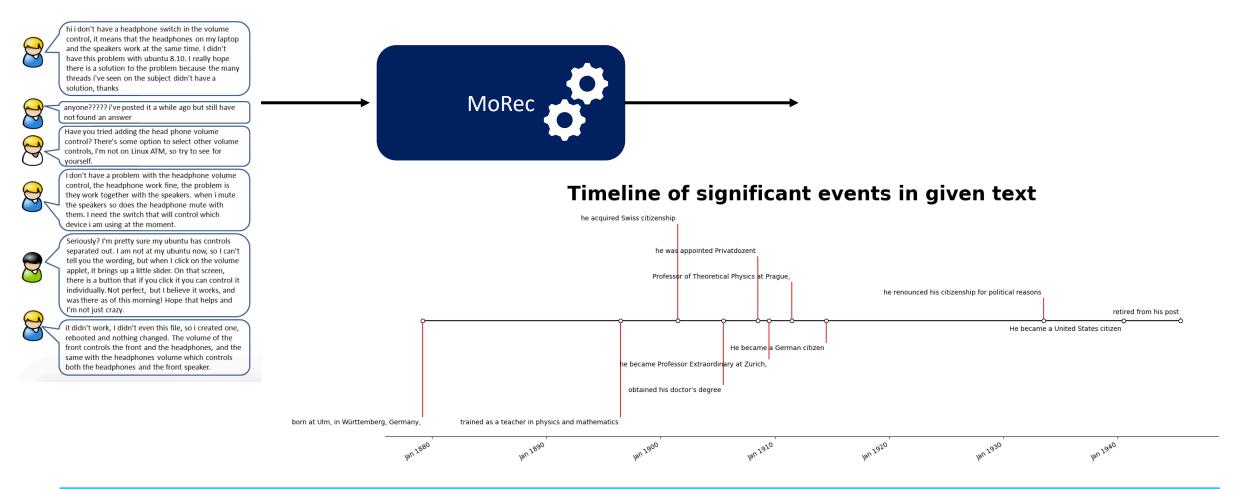


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Events timeline

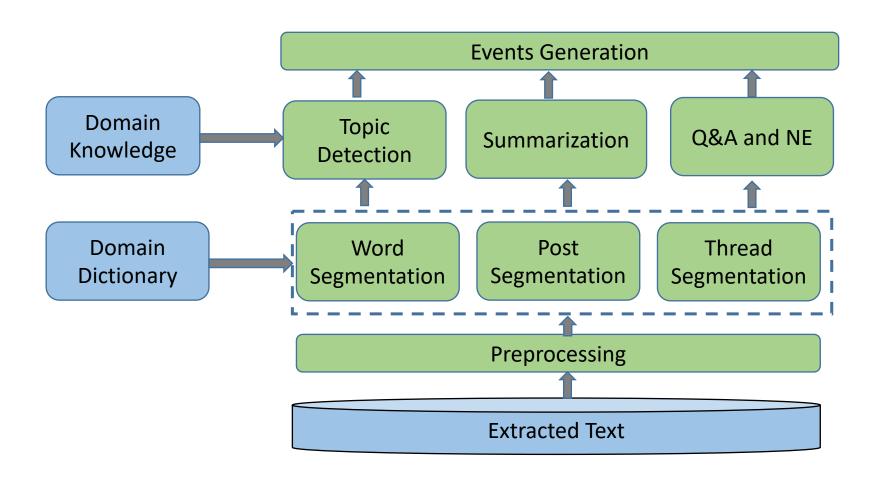


Given a thread, extract who said what over a daily timeline



Complete Process

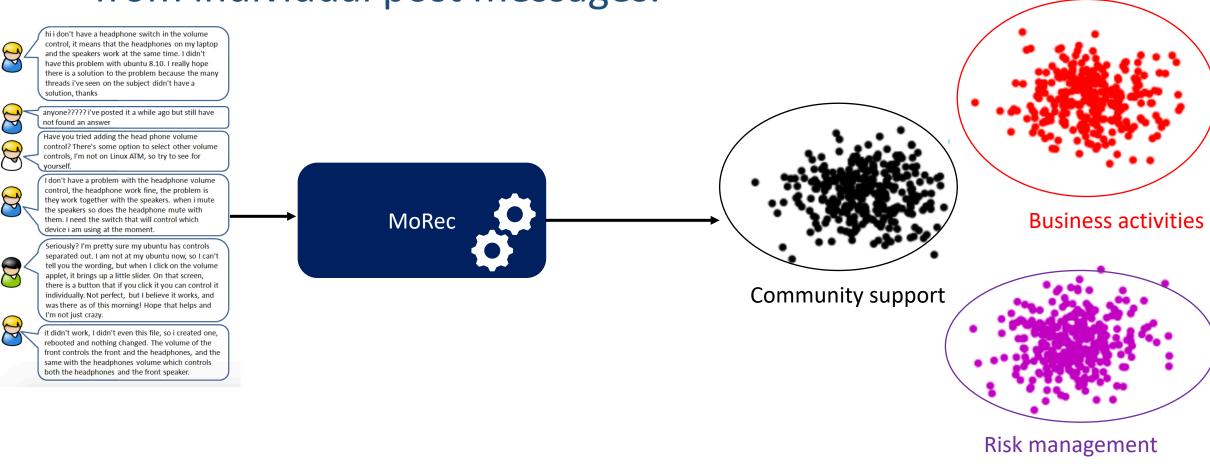




Topic Detection



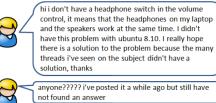
1. Given a darknet forum, determine topics of discussion from individual post messages.



Text Summarization



Provide 'extractive' and 'abstractive' summary



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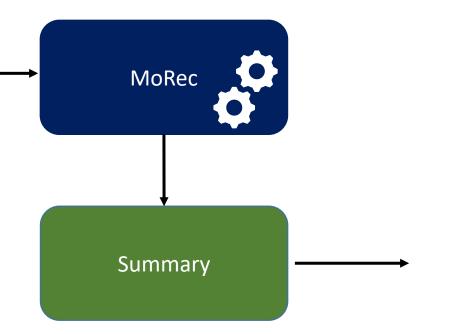
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Question answering



Given a forum, retrieve answers to questions related to text

Passage Sentence

In meteorology, precipitation is any product of the condensation of atmospheric water vapor that falls under gravity.

Question

What causes precipitation to fall?

Answer Candidate

gravity

 Between question and answer

cause---gravity
precipitation---gravity
fall---gravity
what---gravity

Example: question-answer from a context text. Image Source: https://rajpurkar.github.io/mlx/qa-and-squad/

Model and its Performance



RoBERTa

- Based on BERT with following differeneces
- Dynamic word-masking instead of static
- Removed NSP training requirement
- Trained on 8k sequences compared to 256 of BERT

Evaluation Metric

- Label Ranking Average Precision
- Final Model: {'LRAP': 0.967, 'eval loss': 0.185}

Component functions



- Multi-Label Categorization based on trained LM
 - Is forum post belong to CaaS and carding, hacking, trafficking, drugs
- Trained Language models (LM) (RoBERTa) on dark net data
- Summarization updated based on LM
- Topic detection based on embeddings
- similarity search function
- Timeline creation from forum threads
- Question-answering (TBD)
- Trade Network extraction and analysis (TBD)

Component Interface (Swagger)



COPKIT MoRec APIs OASS

/openapi.json

MoRec component APIs for NLP on DarkNet Forums.





Thank you! Time for Questions and Discussion