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# 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)



I have a Beretta WEAPON MANUFACTURER 92G Elite II I am looking to sell. It a 9mm QUANTITY designed for IDPA ORG or USPSA GPE shooting. It has the heavier Brigadier slide to help reduce felt recoil and muzzle flip. It has night sights. The G model means it is the de-cocker only model. No manual safety like a regular Beretta PRODUCT 92 FS. It operates more like a Sig 226 in that the de-cocker will drop the hammer safely, but the gun is still ready to fire in double action. These are very hard to find, Beretta **PRODUCT** no longer makes them. It is very similar in set up to the new Wilson Combat Custom Berettas. Comes with original case and two CARDINAL magazines. I got it intending to use it to shoot IDPA org , but I have a Glock WEAPON MANUFACTURER 34 that I am able to shoot better with. So the Beretta PRODUCT just sits in the safe. It is time it finds a new owner that will use it as intended! I have some bills I need to pay so I am motivated to sell. Looking for \$750 or best offer. I will also consider trades. Please contact for more pictures or questions.

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### **Relationship Extraction (RELEXT)**



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### **Working directories**



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### **Storage/Search API**



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### **Process Flow**

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# Annotation interface (RecogitoJS integrated)

### **Annotation interface – Loading data**



Version 1.0 (28.02.2020)

### Load grams weapons/drugs dataset



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### Navigate through annotated postings





### **Choose vocabulary for annotation**



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



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### **Regular expression batch labelling**







### **Multi-user**

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### Multi-user/admin



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### **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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2:	"passport"
3:	"document"
4:	"drivers license"
5:	"driving license"
6:	"credit card statement"
7:	"electricity bill"

### **Definition-based batch labelling**



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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**



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### **Persist annotations**



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

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# 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.



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### Spacy Named Entity Recognition - Evaluation C

- 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

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#### **Relation extraction – R-BERT**





### **Relation extraction – OPENnre**





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

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# Thank you !

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# IBM's Moment Recognizer (MoRec)

Faisal Ghaffar (IBM), Brian Maguire (IBM)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

COPKIT Webinar, 16 September 2020 at 11:00 AM CEST

## **2. Component Overview**

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- 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)



hi i don't have a headphone switch in the volume control, it means that the headphones on my laptop and the speakers work at the same time. I didn't have this problem with ubuntu 8.10. I really hope there is a solution to the problem because the many threads i've seen on the subject didn't have a solution, thanks anyone????? i've posted it a while ago but still have not found an answer Have you tried adding the head phone volume control? There's some option to select other volume controls, I'm not on Linux ATM, so try to see for yourself. I don't have a problem with the headphone volume control, the headphone work fine, the problem is they work together with the speakers. when i mute the speakers so does the headphone mute with them. I need the switch that will control which device i am using at the moment. Seriously? I'm pretty sure my ubuntu has controls separated out. I am not at my ubuntu now, so I can't tell you the wording, but when I click on the volume applet, it brings up a little slider. On that screen, there is a button that if you click it you can control it individually. Not perfect, but I believe it works, and was there as of this morning! Hope that helps and I'm not just crazy. it didn't work, I didn't even this file, so i created one, rebooted and nothing changed. The volume of the front controls the front and the headphones, and the same with the headphones volume which controls both the headphones and the front speaker.

### **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





#### 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

> <mark>cause</mark>---gravity precipitation</mark>---gravity <mark>fall</mark>---gravity <mark>what</mark>---gravity

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



### 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)**



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#### COPKIT MoRec APIs <sup>012</sup> <sup>0AS3</sup>

/openapi.json

MoRec component APIs for NLP on DarkNet Forums.

#### default

GET	/ Root
POST	/api/token_tagger Token Tagger
POST	/api/label_posts Label Post
POST	/api/tag-all-labels Token Tagger And Sequence Classifier
POST	/api/text-summarization Text Summary
GET	/api/extract-metadata Extract Metadata
POST	/api/plot_events_timeline Plot Timeline

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# Thank you ! Time for Questions and Discussion

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