

STUnD

a Search Tool for (parallel) Universal Dependencies treebanks

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Tool description

User interface

Treebank 1 [Browse...] sv_pud-ud-test.conllu

Query

DEPREL="root"

Replacement

(additional replacement rule [optional])

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1 " Fast mycket av den digitala övergången är utan tidigare motsytcke i USA , är det fredliga överlämmandet av makten inte det " , skrev Obamas specialassistent Kori Schulman i ett blogginlägg i måndags .

2 För de som följer växlingar på sociala medier på Capitol Hill , kommer detta bli lite annorlunda .

3 Men som ett avbrott från sin tidigare retorik om att inskränka invandring , tillkännagav den republikanske kandidaten att han som president skulle tillåta " kolossala mängder " lagliga invandrare baserat på ett " förtjänstsystem " .

4 " Så jag harat att ge er en liten bördä , men republikens öde vilar på era axlar " , sade han till folksamlingen som kommit till en idrottsplan på University of North Carolina .

5 De nya utgifterna finansieras av Clintons stora bankkonto .

6 Det hon säger och det hon gör , det – faktiskt , det är otroligt .

7 5 000 dollar per person , det högsta beloppet som tillåts .

8 Tidigt i oktober använde övergångsteamet samma lokal för att träffa tekniklobbyister och bjöd in representanter från Uber , Motion Picture Association of America , Consumer Technology Association och andra grupper .

9 Sammankomsten var ursprungligen planerad till Washingtons privata Metropolitan Club på H Street några kvarter bort .

10 Kanske var klädkoden för stel .

1 " While much of the digital transition is unprecedented in the United States , the peaceful transition of power is not , " Obama special assistant Kori Schulman wrote in a blog post Monday .

2 For those who follow social media transitions on Capitol Hill , this will be a little different .

3 But in a break from his past rhetoric about curtailing immigration , the GOP nominee proclaimed that as president he would allow " tremendous numbers " of legal immigrants based on a " merit system . "

4 " So I hate to put a little pressure on you , but the fate of the republic rests on your shoulders , " he told the crowd gathered on a sports field at the University of North Carolina .

5 The new spending is fueled by Clinton 's large bank account .

6 What she 's saying and what she 's doing , it — actually , it 's unbelievable .

7 \$ 5,000 per person , the maximum allowed .

8 In early October , the transition team used the same venue to meet with technology lobbyists , inviting representatives from Uber , the Motion Picture Association of America , the Consumer Technology Association and other groups .

9 The gathering was originally slated for Washington 's private Metropolitan Club on H Street a few blocks away .

10 Maybe the dress code was too stuffy .



User interface

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AND [DEPREL_="root", LENGTH_UNDER 5]

Replacement

[additional replacement rule (optional)]

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Query

AND [DEPREL_ "root", LENGTH_UNDER 9]

Replacement

[additional replacement rule (optional)]

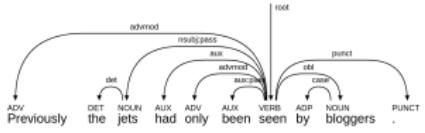
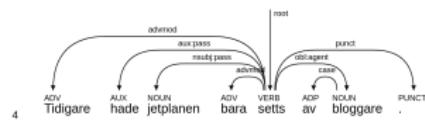
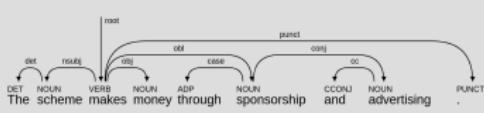
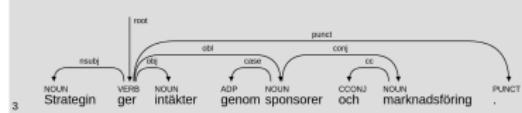
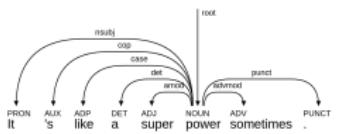
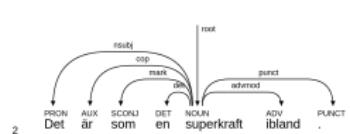
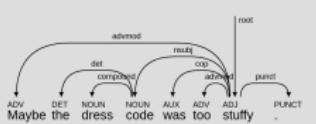
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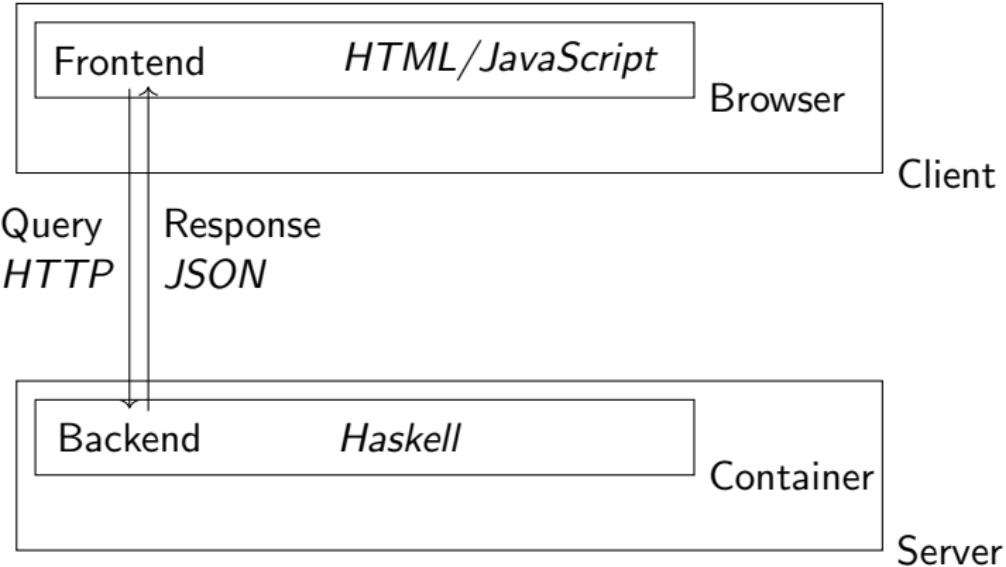
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Architecture



Basic patterns

Syntax similar to deptreepy:

pattern type	example
basic pattern	DEPREL "nsubj"
sequence pattern	SEQUENCE [UPOS "DET", POS "NOUN"]
tree pattern	TREE (UPOS "NOUN") [DEPREL "det"]
logical operators	AND [UPOS "NOUN", DEPREL "nsubj"]

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On parallel treebanks: **subtree alignment**

Divergence patterns

Patterns with a T1- and a T2-specific portion:

- ▶ DEPREL_ {"nsubj" -> "obj"}
- ▶ DEPREL_ {"obj" -> "obl"}
- ▶ TREE (UPOS "NOUN") {[DEPREL "det"] -> []}
- ▶ TREE_ (FEATS_ "VerbForm=Sup->Part") [AND [LEMMA "{ha->be}", FEATS_ "Tense=Pres"]]



Replacement patterns

Mostly used to refine search results by filtering and pruning:

- ✖ PRUNE (UPOS "VERB") 0
- ✖ CHANGES [FILTER_SUBTREES TRUE (OR [DEPREL_ "aux", DEPREL_ "cop"])), PRUNE TRUE 1]

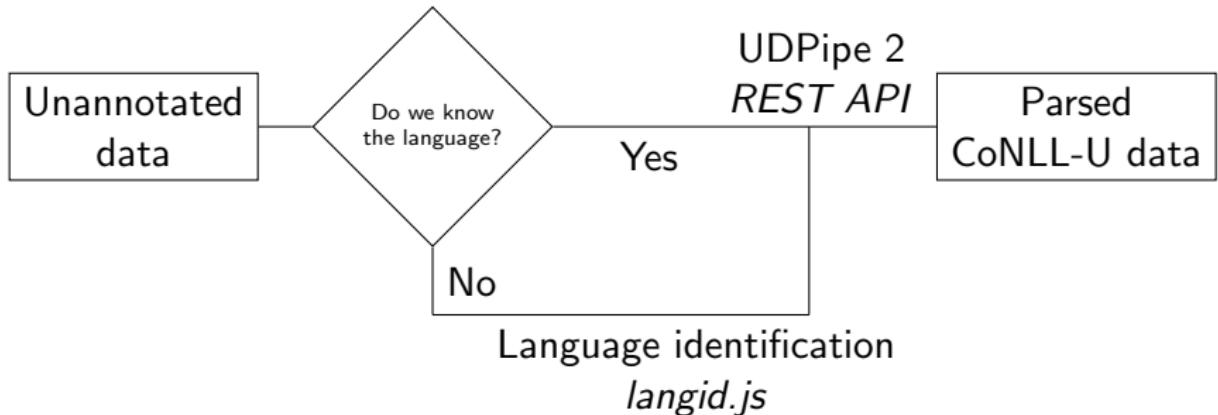
Replacement patterns



Can also be used to apply arbitrary changes to the treebank(s),
e.g. to fix systematic errors:

- ▶ REPLACE_DEPREL "dobj" "obj"
- ▶ IF (NOT (UPOS "ADV")) (REPLACE_DEPREL "advmod" "obl")

Unannotated data



Editing data

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 Replacement
 additional replacement rule (optional)

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1	We	we	PRON	PRP	Case=Nom Number=Plur Person=1 PronType=Prs	TokenRange=8:2	1	We	we	PRON	PRP	Case=Nom Number=Plur Person=1 PronType=Prs	TokenRange=8:2
2	introduce	introduce	VERB	VBP	Mood=Ind		2	introduce	introduce	VERB	VBP	Mood=Ind	

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- ▶ in-place editing of CoNLL-U data
- ▶ validation of the input
- ▶ allows for iterative processing

Use cases

Cross-linguistic comparisons



Treebank 1 [Browse...](#) sv_lines-ud-dev.conllu

Query

TREE_ (UPOS "VERB") [FORM "kommer", FORM "att"]

Replacement

FILTER_SUBTREES TRUE (OR [UPOS "AUX", DEPREL "mark"]])

Mode text CoNLL-U tree

Options context diff

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1	Om du tar bort ett fåt och sedan lägger till det igen kommer samma poster som tidigare att döljas .	Also , if you remove a field and later add the field back to the layout , the same items are again hidden .	1
2	Det är min andel i de förmåner mitt land kommer att inhösta genom besittningen av en så enastående koloni .	This is my share in the advantages my country shall reap from the possession of such a magnificent dependency .	2
3	Skulle vi någonstans fastställa att så inte är fallet , då kommer vi att agera på ett lämpligt sätt .	Should we find at any point that this is not the case , we will take the appropriate steps .	3
4	En stark euro kommer alltså att straffa exporten av europeiska jordbruksprodukter .	A strong euro will therefore penalise European agricultural exports .	4
5	Och under de omständigheterna , hur kommer framtidens för den europeiska landsbygden att se ut ?	Under these conditions , what will the future of the rural areas of Europe be like as a consequence ?	5
6	På föredragningslistan är det riktigt angivet , och omröstningen kommer att äga rum klockan 12.00 i dag .	This item has been correctly placed on the agenda and will be put to the vote at 12 noon today .	6
7	Skatterna kommer att hamna i den tyska statskassan i stället för den danska .	The taxes will end up in the German Treasury instead of the Danish Treasury .	7
8	Kommissionen kommer naturligtvis att göra sitt för att föra arbetet framåt .	Naturally the Commission will do its best to ensure that progress is made .	8
9	Kemikalierna kommer även framöver att finnas på EU:s dagordning .	Chemicals are still on our agenda in the EU .	9
10	Iåt mig börja med att säga att jag inte kommer att tala om mitt eget betänkande .	Let me begin by saying that I do not intend to talk about my own report .	10
11	Naturligtvis kan man – och vi kommer att fortsätta med det också i framtiden – göra det direkt genom att stödja forskningen .	of course we can do so directly through support for research , and we shall continue to do so in future .	11



Error retrieval

Treebank 1 [Browse...](#) it_valico-ud-test.conllu

Query

TREE_(FEATS_ "Gender=Fem") [AND [OR [DEPREL_ "det", DEPREL_ "amod"], FEATS_ "Gender=Masc"]]

Replacement

COMPOSE [FILTER_SUBTREES (FEATS_ "Gender=Fem") ((AND [OR [DEPREL_ "det", DEPREL_ "amod"], FEATS_ "Gender=Masc"])), PRUNE TRUE 1]

Mode text CoNLL-U tree

Options context diff

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1 Ieri a il parco , ero camminando in la **parte** lo più vuoto di il parco , perchè avevo bisogno di solitudine , quando ho visto una cosa strana .

2 Speravo che lei mi dicesse grazie o mi desse un baccio , invece ha cominciato a gridar mi dicendo che lui era il **suo ragazza** e che soltanto stavano discutendo perchè lui voleva andare a casa .

3 L' ho gridato **alquini parolece** .

4 Ha cadeto a il **terra** e sono stato salvatore superbo , ma la ragazza bella è stata avere ce la .

5 ERA VESTITO IN JEANS CON **UN T-SHIRT NERO E SCARPE NERE** .

6 Ma il suo ragazzo non l' ha ascoltato ; ha detto : ' io sono il tuo ragazzo e non continuerei leggere il giornale mentre un' **uoma strano** dimostra quel tipo di atteggiamento .

7 Subito guarda come un altro uomo con grande forza fisica e con malumore porta una ragazza su le **sui spalle** che grida .

8 Un' uomo molto forte , intelligente , sportivo e carino mi ha salvato di **questo** ignorante **persona** Marco .

9 Nascondeva la sua solitudine in le **sui abitudini** .

Error retrieval

Treebank 1 [Browse...](#) it_thvalico-ud-test.conllu

Query

FEAT_ _"Gender=(Fem->Masc)"

Replacement

additional replacement rule (optional)

Mode text CoNLL-U tree

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1	A la fine ha spiegato a l' uomo che l' aveva liberata che l' altra persona distesa su il terreno era il suo amore e che non gli aveva chiesto niente .	A la fine ha spiegato a l' uomo che l' aveva liberata , che l' altra personna distesa su il terreno era il suo amore e che non gli aveva chiesto niente .	1
2	Ieri a il parco , stavo camminando in la parte più vuota di il parco , perché avevo bisogno di solitudine , quando ho visto una cosa strana .	Ieri a il parco , ero camminando in la parte lo più vuoto di il parco , perché avevo bisogno di solitudine , quando ho visto una cosa strana .	2
3	Un altro uomo si trovava li , seduto su una panchina di il parco , leggendo un giornale con i suoi occhiali .	Un altro uomo , si trova li , seduto su il un panchino di il parco , leggendo un giornale con i suoi occhiali .	3
4	Un altro uomo si trovava li , seduto su una panchina di il parco , leggendo un giornale con i suoi occhiali .	Un altro uomo , si trova li , seduto su il un panchino di il parco , leggendo un giornale con i suoi occhiali .	4
5	Ieri a il parco si trovava Giulio , un uomo che tutti i giorni a il pomeriggio leggeva il giornale , si seduto tranquillamente su una panca bianca con decorazioni in stile di il '700 , stava in il mezzo di il parco dove si vedevano soltanto gli alberi e i fiori , nessun edificio si poteva vedere da li , forse Giulio sceglieva questo bel posto per dimenticarsi un po' di la invasione moderna e globalistica di la città in cui viveva , ma questo non lo sappiamo con sicurezza quindi lo lasciamo da parte e proseguiamo con la nostra storia di questo abitudinario Giulio , il nostro protagonista da l' aspetto comune ma molto simpatico .	Ieri a il parco si trovava Giulio , un uomo che tutti i giorni a il pomeriggio leggeva il giornale , il seduto tranquillamente su una banca bianca con arredamenti stilo di il 700 , stava in il mezzo di il parco dove soltanto si vedeva l' alberi e le fiori , nessun edificio si poteva vedere da li , forse Giulio sceglieva questo bel posto per dimenticarsi un po' Di la invasione moderna e globalistica di la città in cui viveva , ma questo non lo sappiamo con sicurezza quindi lo lasciamo da un' altra parte e proseguiamo con la Nostra storia di questo routinario Giulio , il nostro protagonista di un aspetto comune ma Molto simpatico .	5
	Li aveva cominciati a seguire fino a la fine di il parco , dove aveva visto una mazza da baseball che era portata da un bambino felice ; lui si è avvicinato a il bambino e gli ha rubato la sua mazza ; povero bambino piangeva molto , non si sapeva se piangeva una bambina o un bambino ; subito dopo dietro a l' uomo robusto , Giulio , con la mazza e aiutato da una forza terribile , lo ha colpito a tal punto che l' uomo	Già aveva cominciato a seguire fino a la fine di il parco dove aveva visto un bat di base ball il quale era portato da un bambino felice , lui si è avvicinato a il bambino e l' ha rubato il suo bat , povero bambino piangiva molto , non si sapeva se piangiva una bambina o un bambino , subito dopo indietro a il uomo robusto Giulio con il bat e aiutato da una forza terribile gli ha attaccato a tal punto che l'	

Comparing analyses

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<p>1 We introduce STUnD (Search Tool for Universal Dependencies) , a corpus search tool specifically designed for parallel texts .</p> <p>2 STUnD employs a pattern matching language that facilitates looking for syntactic structures .</p> <p>3 Search results consist of sentence fragments matching the given query pattern in one half of the corpus paired with their counterparts in its other half .</p> <p>4 Furthermore , queries can be used to specify divergence patterns to be matched in parallel .</p> <p>5 To achieve this , STUnD leverages Universal Dependencies (UD) , a cross-lingually consistent standard for morphosyntactic annotation .</p> <p>6 Input can consist of pre-annotated UD treebanks or raw text , which the tool automatically processes through a third - party parser .</p> <p>7 As demonstrated in the case study included in the present chapter , STUnD is especially well suited for comparing syntactic structures across languages , with applications in the context of typology and translation studies .</p> <p>8 Other use cases include retrieving grammatical errors from learner sentence - correction pairs and comparing different analyses of the same text ;</p>	

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3	STUnD	STUND	PROPN	NNP	Number=Sing
obj					2
TokenRange=13:18					
4	()	PUNCT	-LRB-	-
SpaceAfter=No TokenRange=19:20					6
5	Search	search	NOUN	NN	Number=Sing
compound					6
TokenRange=20:26					
6	Tool	tool	NOUN	NN	Number=Sing
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7	for	for	ADP	IN	case
TokenRange=32:35					
8	Universal	universal	ADJ	JJ	
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AND [UPOS "[NOUN->PROPN]", OR [LEMMA "Dependency", LEMMA "dependency"]]]

Replacement

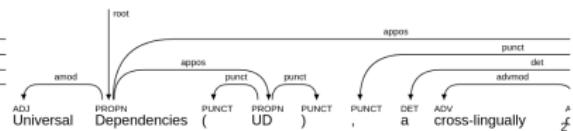
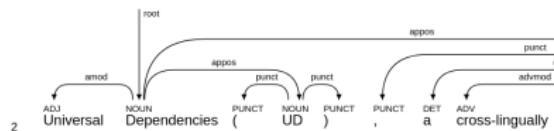
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To conclude...

Future work



- ▶ better support for use case 3
- ▶ automatic pruning
- ▶ pattern extraction
- ▶ faster queries (Niklas? Peter?)
- ▶ example-based querying

Try STUnD online



harisont.github.io/STUnD

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