COMP348

Document Processing and the Semantic Web

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Prerequisites
39cp and COMP249(P)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit explores the issues involved in building natural language processing (NLP) applications that operate on large bodies of real text such as are found on the world wide web. With the web full of unstructured and largely text-based data, the applications needed to handle this have their own particular characteristics. In this unit we discuss some core applications for dealing with data on the web, such as spam filtering and search engines. The unit also explores some developments of web, such as emerging semantic web technologies which support the exchange of XML metadata on the web, and Web 2.0 technologies (such as social networking, folksonomies, wikis and blogs). Application areas covered include information retrieval, web search, document summarisation, machine translation and information extraction.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Describe the range of applications that require intelligent document processing.
Explain the main techniques that are used to develop and implement intelligent document processing applications.
Explain the main components of the Semantic Web and how they relate to Document Processing.
Implement text processing applications using a programming language such as Python.
Integrate Semantic Web technology into Document Processing

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Biweekly Tasks	10%	Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13
Assignment 1	8%	Week 5
Assignment 2	12%	Week 7
Assignment 3	10%	Week 12
Final exam	60%	Examination period

Biweekly Tasks

Due: **Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13**
Weighting: **10%**

Biweekly tasks will be assigned on weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12. Each task is worth 2% of the total unit assessment. The final mark of the complete set of biweekly tasks will be the sum of all marks, with a cap of 10 marks. This means that one may miss one task and still get full marks.

The biweekly tasks will typically cover topics directly related to the current lectures and practical exercises. Submission date will be one week after the task is assigned, and there will be chance of a second submission one week later, after receiving feedback from the assessor.

The tasks will be submitted using iLearn.

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Assignment 1

Due: **Week 5**
Weighting: **8%**

In this assignment you will implement a simple document processing application that uses ad-hoc techniques. You will evaluate the quality of the application and describe the implementation and evaluation.

The assignment will be submitted using iLearn.

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Assignment 2

Due: **Week 7**
Weighting: **12%**

This assignment is a follow-up on the first assignment. Now you will implement more powerful techniques such as those used in commercial and research applications. You will experience the processing of real text data, which can be messy and unpredictable at times. At the end of the assignment you will submit a report describing the system, its implementation, and its evaluation.

The assignment will be submitted using iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Assignment 3

Due: **Week 12**
Weighting: **10%**

In this assignment you will experiment with the integration of Semantic Web technology into document processing. You will be asked to extract information from XML documents and transform this information into HTML documents augmented with RDFa in order to answer a set of specific SPARQL queries.

The assignment will be submitted using iLearn.

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Final exam

Due: **Examination period**
Weighting: **60%**

The final exam will focus on the theoretical aspects of the unit. There will be few questions about implementation issues.

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Delivery and Resources

Required and Recommended Texts

The textbook of the unit is:

- Steven Bird, Ewan Klein, Edward Loper. *Natural Language Processing -- Analyzing Text with Python and the Natural Language Toolkit*. Online at http://www.nltk.org/book.

The book will cover most of the material of the first half of this unit. Additional material will be made available during the semester, in conjunction with the lecture notes. See the unit schedule for a listing of the most relevant reading for each week.

Technology Used and Required

The following software is used in COMP348:

1. Python 2.7.3 (first half of the semester): www.python.org
2. Python 3.3.4 (second half of the semester): www.python.org
3. NLTK 2.0.4: nltk.org
4. scikit-learn 0.13: scikit-learn.org

This software is installed in the labs; you should also ensure that you have working copies of all the above on your own machine. Note that many packages come in various versions; to avoid potential incompatibilities, you should install versions as close as possible to those used in the

labs.

Unit Web Page

The webpage for this unit can be found at http://www.comp.mq.edu.au/units/comp348. Note that the majority of the unit materials are publicly available while some material requires you to log in to iLearn to access it.

The unit will make extensive use of discussion boards hosted within iLearn. Please post questions there, they will be monitored by the staff on the unit.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic	Reading
1	NLP Systems + Text Processing in Python	NLTK Ch 1
2	Preprocessing and Evaluation	NLTK Ch 3
3	Searching for Information	Manning et al. (2008)
4	Tagging Words	NLTK Ch 5
5	Text Classification	NLTK Ch 6
6	Information Extraction and Summarisation	NLTK Ch 7 Hovy (2003)
	RECESS	
7	XML	XSLT Tutorial at W3School
8	RDF	SPARQL 1.1 at W3C
9	Linked Data	RDFa Core SE at W3C
10	Ontologies and Logic	Kroestzsch et al (2012)
11	Rule Languages	Eiter et al (2008)
12	Applications	Vinay et al (2013) Arnold (2008)
13	Revision	

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.ht

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Assessment Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html

Grading Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html

Grade Appeal Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy

applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

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- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3
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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate

and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment Standards

The following table shows an indication of achievements required for each learning outcome. The standards of a level also include the standards of a lower level. For example, the standards of Proficient includes the standards of Functional and Developing.

Learning Outcome	Developing	Functional	Proficient
1. Describe the range of applications that require intelligent text processing.	Limited ability to describe the main applications.	Ability to describe the main characteristics of the main applications.	Ability to describe and compare a wide range of applications, providing insight about their key issues and current state of the art.
2. Explain the main techniques that are used to develop and implement intelligent document processing applications.	Ability to describe only some of the main techniques.	Ability to describe the main techniques.	Ability to apply the techniques to specific problem instances.
3. Explain the main components of the Semantic Web and how they relate to Document Processing.	Limited ability to explain the main components of the Semantic Web.	Ability to describe the main components of the Semantic Web.	Ability to explain the main components of the Semantic Web, with insightful references about the interplay between Semantic Web and document processing.
4. Implement text processing applications using a programming language such as Python.	Ability to implement trivial applications that are not much more complex than the examples given in standard textbooks and tutorials.	Ability to implement, document and evaluate simple end-to-end intelligent text-processing applications.	Ability to implement and evaluate complex intelligent text-processing applications. Ability to document and evaluate the implementation in a manner that shows insight.
5. Integrate Semantic Web technology into Document Processing.	Limited ability to implement core elements of Semantic Web applications.	Ability to implement and document simple Semantic Web applications.	Anility to implement and document Semantic Web applications that require the use of Document Processing technology, in a manner that shows insight.

All the unit assessed tasks will be marked on a numerical scale that reflects how well the student

meets the relevant learning outcomes. This mapping of learning outcomes to marks will be specified in the assignment descriptions.

Your final grade depends on your performance in each part of the assessments. **Note that on occasion your raw mark (i.e. the total of your marks for each assessment item) may not be the same as the SNG which you receive**. In particular, if your exam marks are too low you may be awarded a lower grade than the one of the range of your raw marks.

You will obtain a grade of Pass if you meet the learning outcomes of this unit at a basic level. In particular:

- If you perform satisfactorily in the examination (at least 40% of the total exam marks); and
- if the total mark is at least 50%; and
- if you satisfy all the core sections of at least two of the assignments.

Changes Made to Previous Offerings

We try to adapt this unit to new developments in the area of natural language processing, and in response to feedback from students from past years.

Compared with last year, this year we plan to significantly increase the importance of the Semantic Web, and how it relates to Document Processing. The contents on Machine Learning used to be very strong in this unit, now it will be significantly reduced.

The learning outcomes of the unit have changed since last year, giving a specific mention to the Semantic Web in order to align it with the new Major in Web Design and Development.