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Introduction

Welcome to the First Knowledgeable NLP Workshop — a workshop on the use of structured resources in NLP and on development of such resources.

Deep learning methods achieve state-of-the-art results in most NLP tasks, where a contributing factor to their remarkable performance is the ability to encode knowledge in terms of language models. For example, they can capture country-capital city association using word embeddings pre-trained on unlabelled textual data. However, in some cases, the required knowledge is rather specific and thus infrequent in text. This prevents neural models to learn it with an unsupervised approach. Still, if such specific knowledge were available, e.g., in terms of structured resources, deep learning models could boost their performance.

There exist many domain-specific structured resources (e.g., databases, ontologies) of good quality being manually composed by experts, they are often reliable, have high coverage of their domain and in-depth information on individual objects. The goal of this workshop is to deepen researchers expertise on the use of structured knowledge for NLP and to facilitate the development of this line of research, e.g., standardizing datasets, tasks, and techniques.

The keynote talk of our workshop is given by William Cohen who is a Principal Research Scientist at Google AI. In addition to that, Ivan Titov, an Associate Professor in the University of Edinburgh and the University of Amsterdam, will give an invited talk. We thank the speakers for contributing to our workshop. We are also grateful to the authors of the papers for their input and the interest in structured resources for NLP. Last but not the least, we would like to thank the reviewers for their work.

We hope you enjoy our workshop!

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