

Notes from the April 19, 2013 MED Telecon

Attendees: Jon (NIST), Greg (NIST), Bob Bolles (SRI), Amanda (LDC), Pradeep (BBN), Guangnan Ye (Columbia), Dan (LEAR), Sangmin (Kitware)

Notes:

- JF: Comments on the current status
 - All participants (both new and repeat) must complete the MED '13 data license agreement on the MED '13 web site (<http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/mig/med13.cfm>). Please do so if you have not and make sure you include your short team name.
 - NIST obtain permission from the LDC to post MED training resources on a NIST web server. You'll receive a password after submitting your license agreement.
 - The prototype MER triage tool will be released on schedule May 1st
- Questions from Bob:
 - We need a clear definition of what is considered training and the bounds of its use. Something along the lines of the testing diagram in Figure 1 of the eval plan would be useful.
 - JF: Currently, the 'Research' corpus is considered training and annotatable. The reason we want to restrict this so that the event training material is restricted to the event kit text and event exemplars (and nothing else).
 - JF: if you've annotated other data, let NIST know.
 - ACTION: TBD
 - Can the Kindred Test and MEDTest be use for parameter tuning in preparation of processing the Progress test?
 - ACTION: NIST will provide an answer
 - The judgment files no longer contain synopsis fields. They are useful, can we still use them?
 - JF: They were removed because teams were using them as an additional training material when they should not have been.
 - ACTION: NIST will provide an answer.
 - When will the new event kits be forthcoming?
 - Expect the by the end of April
 - We want to give a set of 10 events so we have a broad selection of event types
 - What is a "miss" annotation?
 - Answer: It is a collapse of the previous near_miss and related annotations. The annotations were collapsed because there is poor distinguishability between the two.
- Pradeep
 - Why are there 2076 videos shared between the KindredTest and MEDTest?
 - Answer: KindredTest and MEDTest share the positive examples of the

videos. This is the overlap (but you should not make use of that info). Further, for the a given event, the non-positive event clips are constant (e.i., not including other event positives) so that the test collections are static for an event.

- We are allowed to down load video. Can it be from anywhere?
 - Answer: Anywhere given you follow the web site's terms of use.
- Will there be a mechanism to submit contrastive system runs? For example, we what to change the underlying models not just the input modalities.
 - JF: As the eval plan is written, no but we will discuss this internally
- When will the MER eval plan be updated?
 - Greg: The tweaks are minor. We expected it early this week.
 - ACTION: NIST releases the MER eval plan
- Guangnan
 - No further questions
- Dan
 - What inputs can be used for the zero exemplar test?
 - Answer: only the event kit texts.
- Amanda
 - No further questions
- Sangmin
 - Is human interaction allowed with the system to map event concepts to system concepts?
 - Answer: The only human interaction allowed is during "Event Query Generation" (See figure 1 in the eval plan). Beyond that step, all processing must be automatic by a computer. We are no longer asking for the Auto/SemiAuto EAG information in the experiment ID used for results submission. You should document this in your system description.
 - For the 10Ex condition, can we use the 100Ex models to bootstrap the model?
 - Answer: No. The inputs defining a particular event are the event kit text and the exemplars identified for the condition. Nothing else.

Next Call:

- Not defined. We may have one for MER.