

NIST Open Keyword Search 2016 Evaluation (OpenKWS16) Registration

To participate in the NIST Open Keyword Search 2016 Evaluation (OpenKWS16), this registration form must be filled out in its entirety and returned by the registration deadline of February 28, 2016 by e-mail to: openkws-poc@nist.gov or faxed to 301-670-0939 Attn: Babel POC.

Terms of participation in OpenKWS16:

- The site agrees to comply fully with all requirements for participation stated in the OpenKWS16 evaluation plan (<<http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/mig/OpenKWS16>>). Failure to comply will require immediate return and removal of any LDC and Babel data obtained under the OpenKWS16 license agreement(s).
- On receiving the surprise language build language pack on July 20, 2016, the registered site will use the build pack to prepare for the evaluation pack delivered July 27, 2016 and process the entire test set in accordance with the OpenKWS16 Evaluation Plan returning the system output files to NIST by the end of the evaluation period, August 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM EDT.
- The site agrees to be represented at the OpenKWS16 workshop in the Washington DC Metro area in September of 2016 and to openly discuss the system(s) evaluated.
- The site understands that, although the evaluation is open to all wishing to participate, results are only discussed within the group of registered participants and representatives of supporting government agencies and data providers.
- The site agrees to abide by the “2016 Open Keyword Search Evaluation Babel Data Agreement” and the “2016 Open Keyword Search Evaluation LDC Data Agreement” licensing agreements not redistributing the data, protecting the evaluation data, and properly citing the IARPA Babel data resources.
- NIST does not approve, recommend, or endorse any proprietary product or proprietary material. No reference shall be made to NIST, or to reports or results furnished by NIST in any advertising or sales promotion which would indicate or imply that NIST approves, recommends, or endorses any proprietary product or proprietary material, or which has as its purpose an intent to cause directly or indirectly the advertised product to be used or purchased because of NIST test reports or results.
- Participants must refrain from publishing results and/or releasing statements of performance until the official evaluation results are posted by NIST for public release. Statements of performance may not claim winning, or be perceived as a ranking amongst other participants.
- Participants must agree to never publicly compare their results with the results of other participants without an opportunity to review the comparison and documented consent from the other participant(s). This technology evaluation supports the IARPA Babel Program. All publications that reference the Program and/or participants under contract by the Program additionally require explicit written consent from the corresponding Program Manager.

NIST serves to coordinate the OpenKWS evaluations. These tests are designed for local implementation by each participant. Only their results are returned to NIST for scoring. The reported results are not to be construed, or represented, as endorsement of any participant’s system, or as official findings on the part of NIST or the U.S. Government.

By signing and returning this form to NIST, you are registering your site as a participant in the NIST OpenKWS16 evaluation, and acknowledge that you have read and will abide by the terms described in this form and the official OpenKWS16 Evaluation Plan.

Site: _____

Site principal investigator (name and e-mail): _____

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Main contact (name and e-mail): _____

PI or main contact signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

My site requires an invitation for visa purposes in order to attend the OpenKWS16 workshop:

No

Yes; name, e-mail, and postal address of invitee(s):

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