

Universal Dependencies: Common Morphology and Syntax for Multiple Languages



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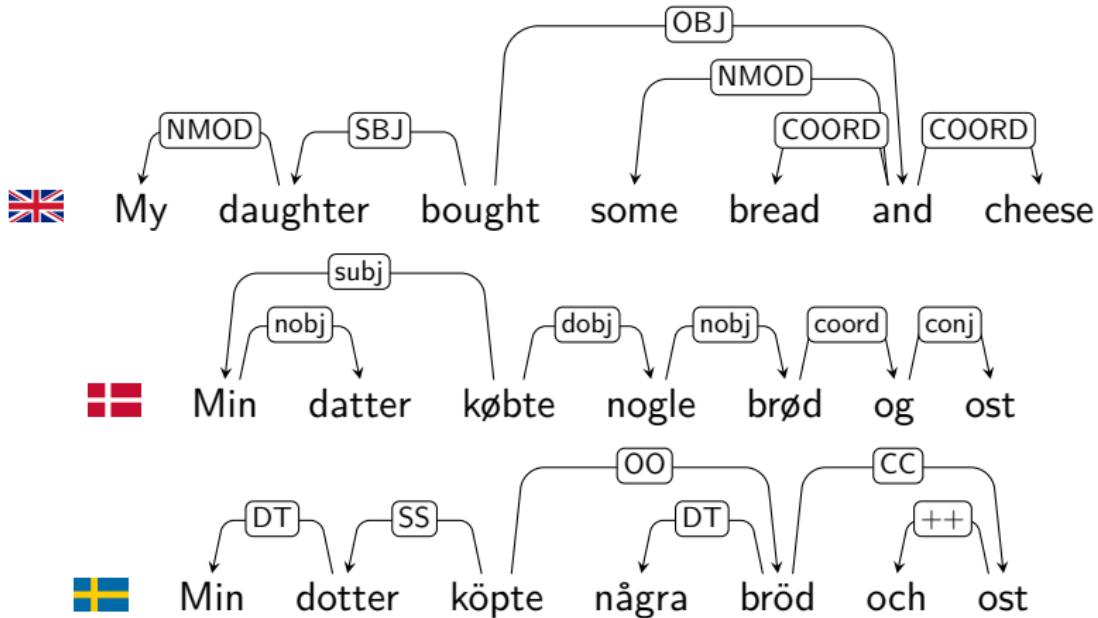


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Outline

- A Bit of History
- Goals and Requirements
- Design Principles (and the Manning's Law)
- Morphology
- Syntax
- Word segmentation
- Some interesting phenomena - copulas, ellipsis, ...
- Current Status of Universal Dependencies
- The CoNLL 2017 Shared Task on Universal Dependencies

Universal Dependencies

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Nivre Joakim et al.: Universal Dependencies v1: A Multilingual Treebank Collection. In: *Proceedings of the 10th LREC*, pp. 1659-1666, 2016

Milestones:

- 2008-05 Interset (morphological features)
- 2012-05 Google Universal POS tags
- 2012-05 HamleDT (harmonized Prague-style dependency treebanks)
- 2013-08 Google Universal Dependency Treebank
- 2014-02 Dagstuhl Seminar 14061: informal session about UD
- 2014-04 EACL Göteborg, kick-off meeting of UD, organized by J. Nivre
- 2014-05 Universal Stanford Dependencies
- 2014-10 UD guidelines version 1
- 2015-01 Released first 10 treebanks
- Every ~6 months new release
- 2016-12 UD guidelines version 2
- 2017-03 First v2 release, 70 treebanks, CoNLL Shared Task

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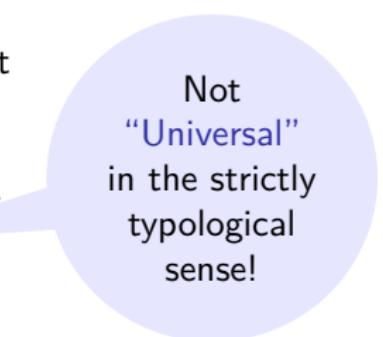
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- Recoverability
 - ▶ Transparent mapping from input text to word segmentation

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- But don't overdo it
 - ▶ Balance: is it still the same thing?
 - ▶ Don't annotate things that are not there
 - ▶ Allow **language-specific** extensions

Manning's Law

The secret to understanding the design and current success of UD is to realize that the design is a very subtle compromise between approximately 6 things - UD needs to/must be:

- satisfactory on linguistic analysis grounds for individual languages.
- good for linguistic typology, i.e., providing a suitable basis for bringing out cross-linguistic parallelism across languages and language families.
- suitable for rapid, consistent annotation by a human annotator.
- suitable for computer parsing with high accuracy.
- easily comprehended and used by a non-linguist, whether a language learner or an engineer with prosaic needs for language processing. ... it leads us to favor traditional grammar notions and terminology.
- support well downstream language understanding tasks (relation extraction, reading comprehension, machine translation, ...).

It's easy to come up with a proposal that improves UD on one of these dimensions. The interesting and difficult part is to improve UD while remaining sensitive to all these dimensions.

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- Features representing lexical and grammatical properties associated with the lemma or the particular word form

Part-of-Speech Tags

<i>Open</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>ADJ</i>	<i>ADP</i>	<i>PUNCT</i>
<i>ADV</i>	<i>AUX</i>	<i>SYM</i>
<i>INTJ</i>	<i>CCONJ</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>NOUN</i>	<i>DET</i>	
<i>PROPN</i>	<i>NUM</i>	
<i>VERB</i>	<i>PART</i>	
	<i>PRON</i>	
	<i>SCONJ</i>	

- Taxonomy of 17 universal part-of-speech tags, based on the Google Universal Tagset (Petrov et al., 2012)
- All languages use the same inventory, but not all tags have to be used by all languages

Features (morphology++)

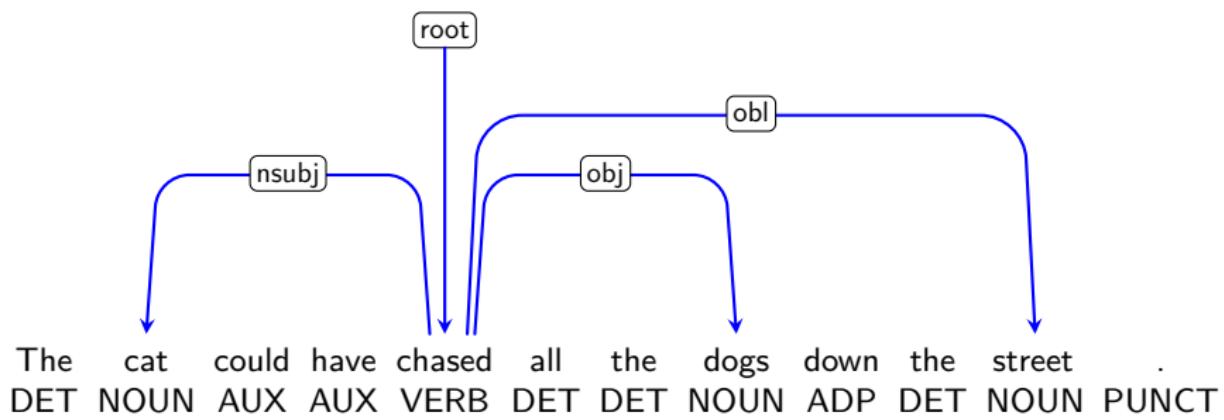
<i>Lexical</i>	<i>Inflectional (Nominal)</i>	<i>Inflectional (Verbal)</i>
<i>PronType</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>VerbForm</i>
<i>NumType</i>	<i>Animacy</i>	<i>Mood</i>
<i>Poss</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Tense</i>
<i>Reflect</i>	<i>Case</i>	<i>Aspect</i>
<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Definite</i>	<i>Voice</i>
	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Evident</i>
<i>Abbr</i>		<i>Person</i>
		<i>Polite</i>
		<i>Polarity</i>

- Standardized inventory of morphological features, based on Interset (Zeman, 2008)
- Languages select relevant features and can add language-specific features or values (with proper documentation!)

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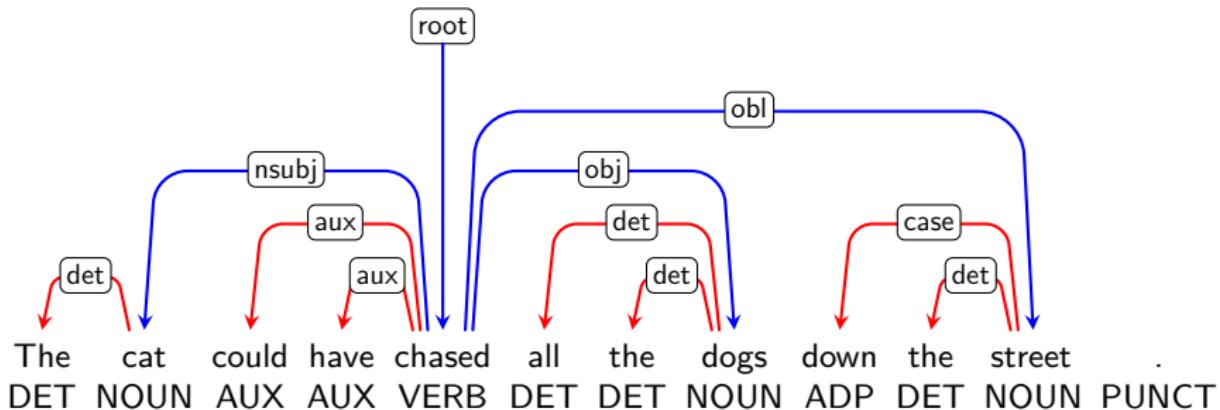
The cat could have chased all the dogs down the street .
DET NOUN AUX AUX VERB DET DET NOUN ADP DET NOUN PUNCT

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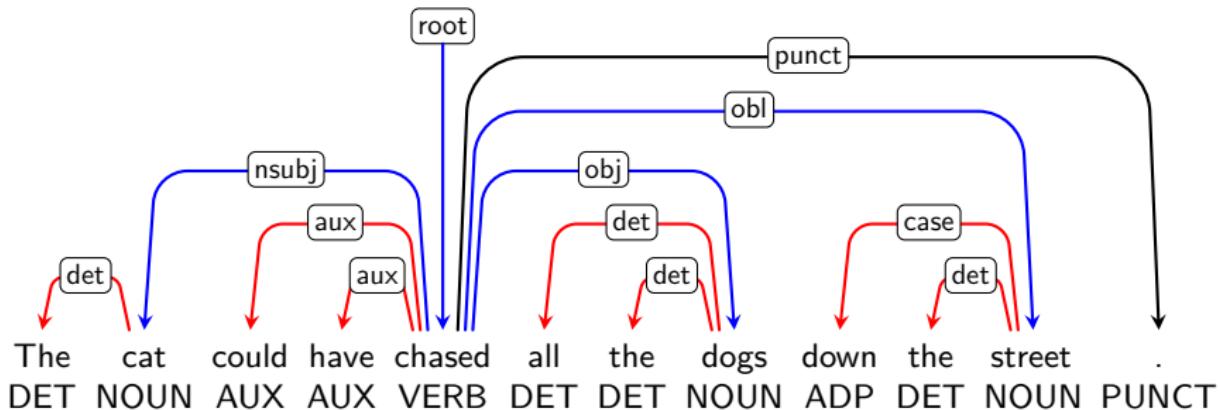
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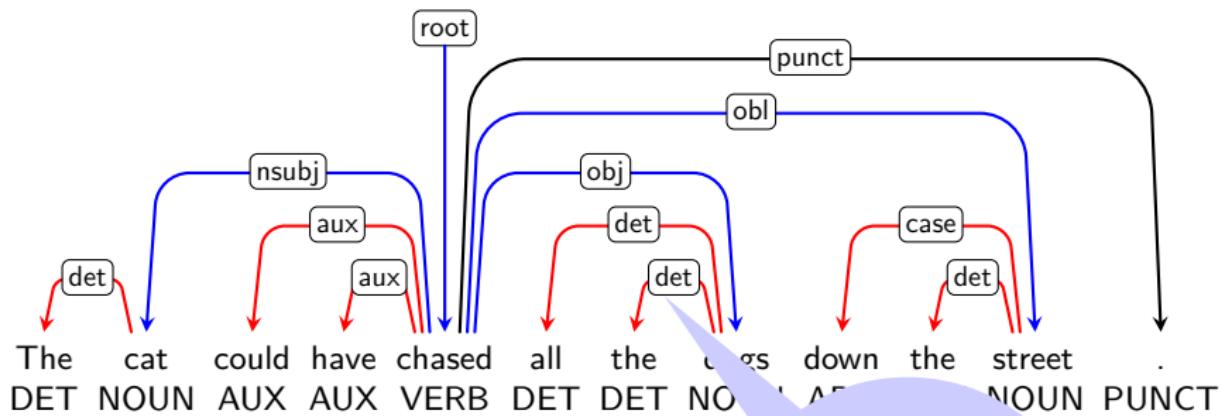
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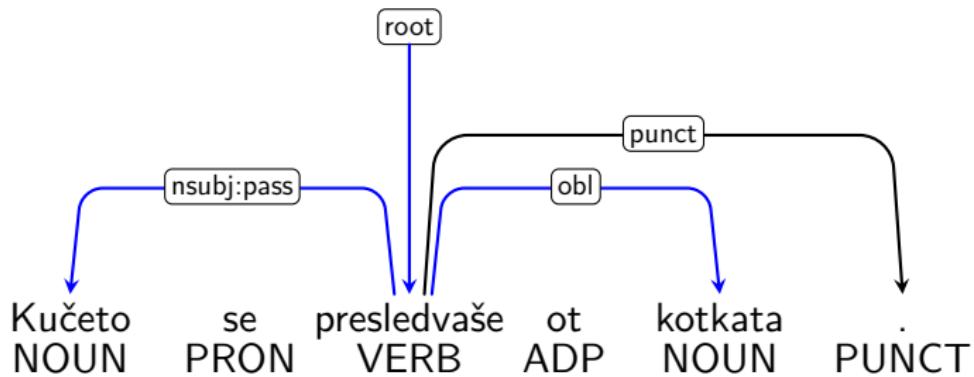
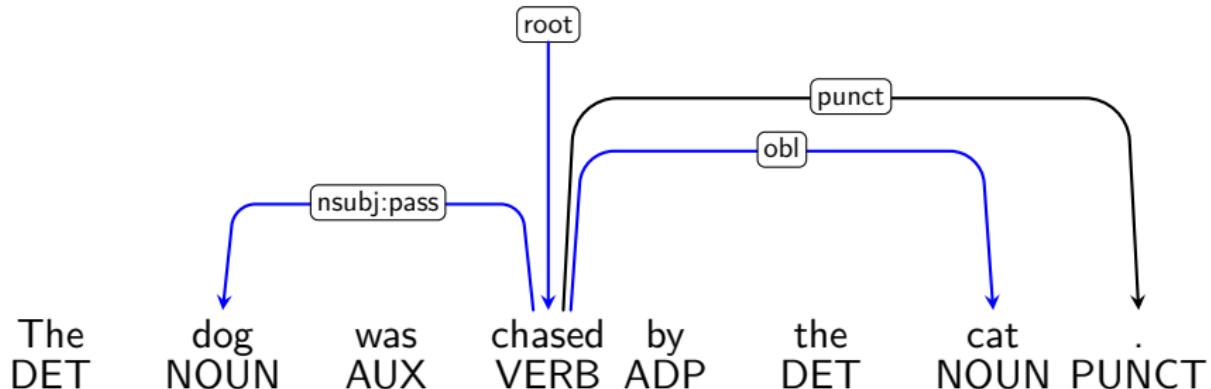


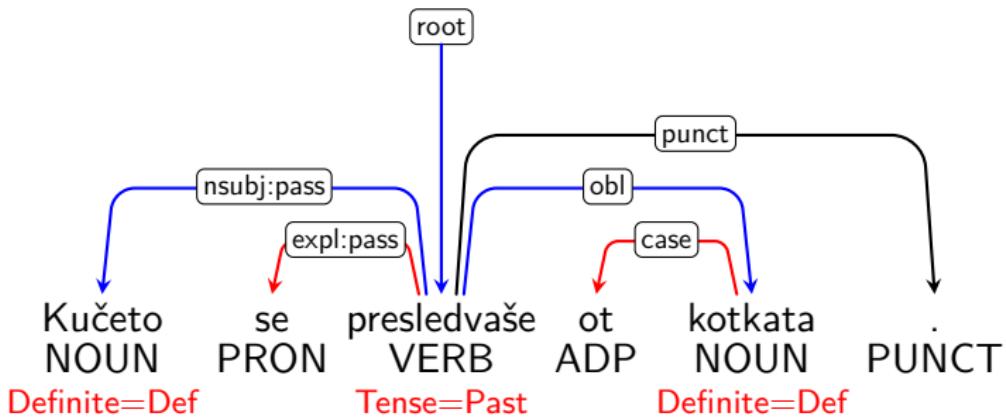
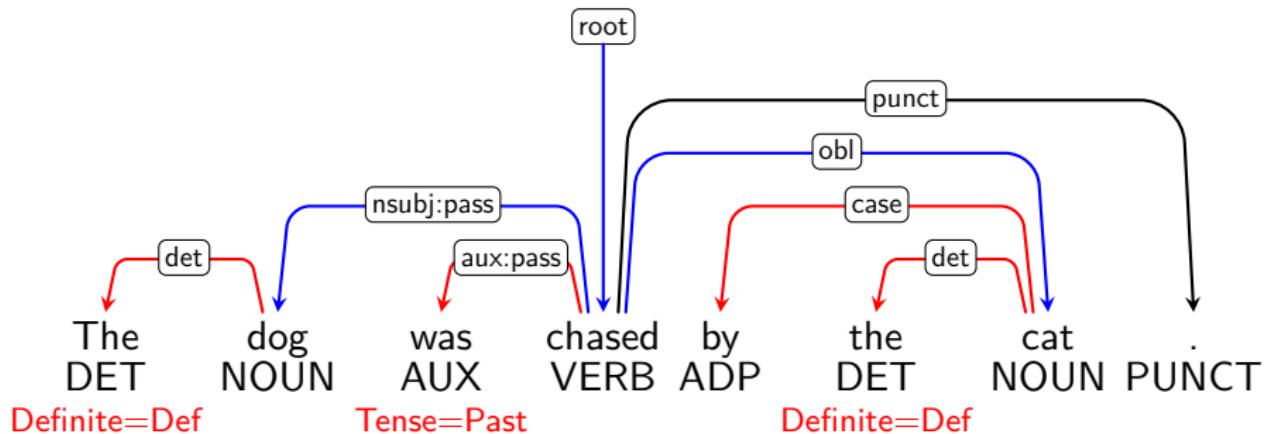
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- Punctuation attach to head of phrase or clause

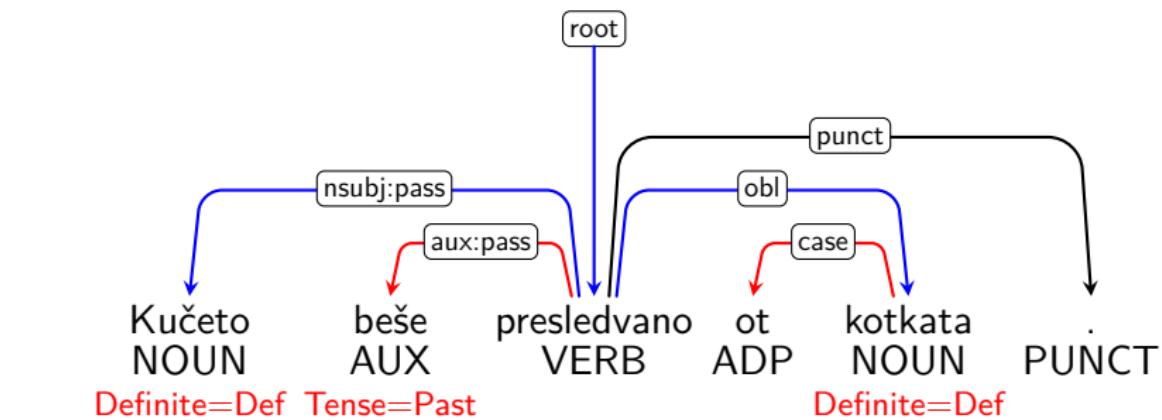
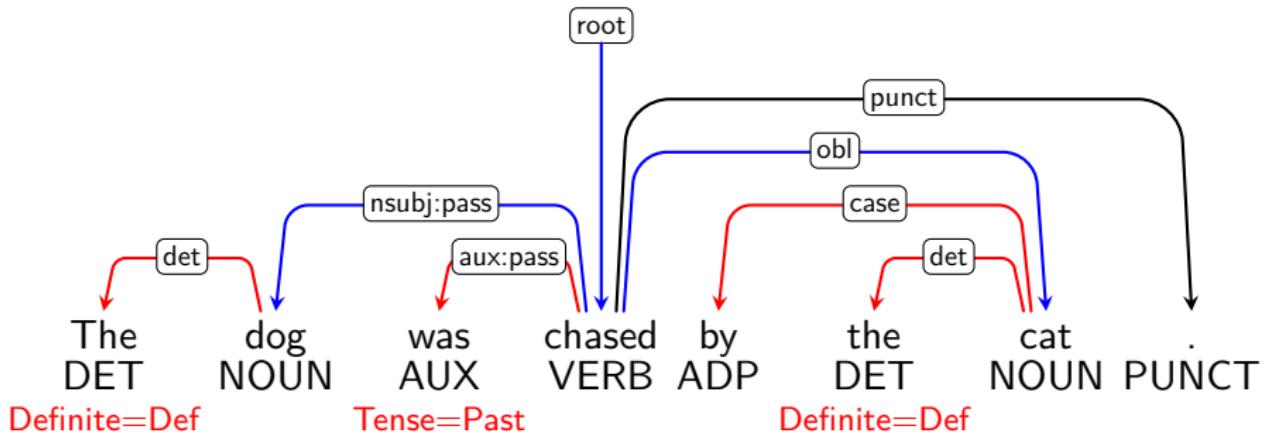
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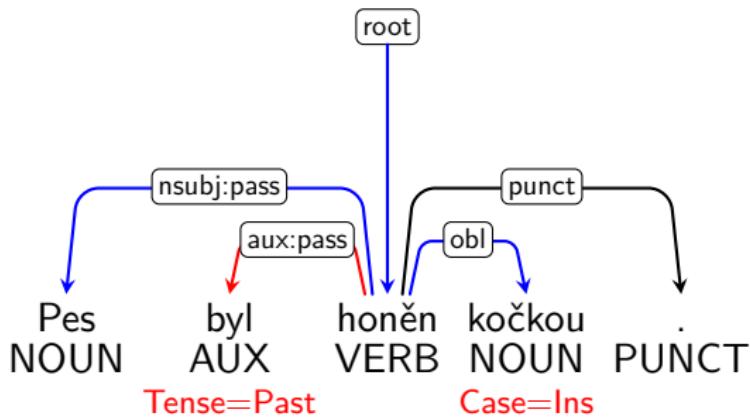
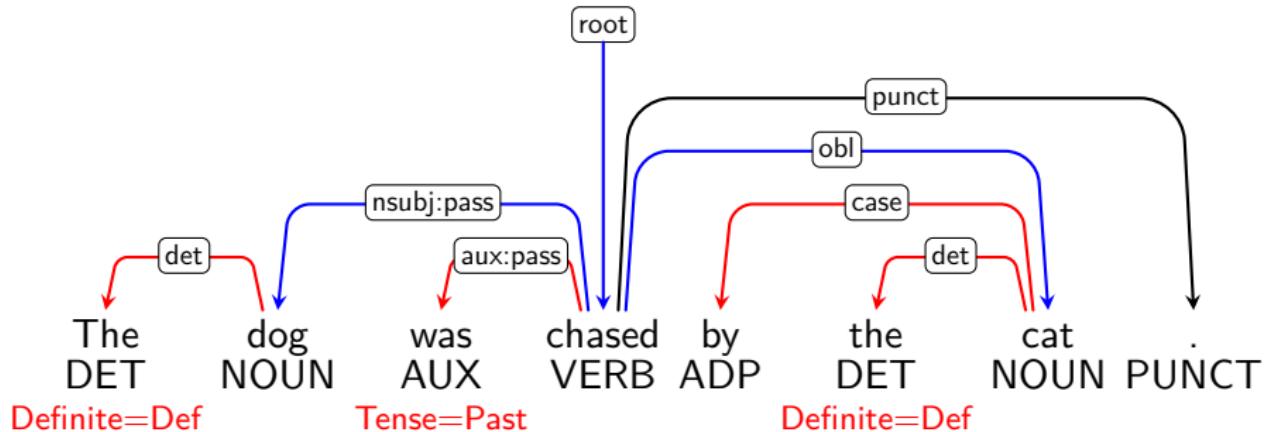


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- Organizing principles
 - ▶ Three types of structures: nominals, clauses, modifiers
 - ▶ **Core** arguments vs. other dependents (**not** arguments vs. adjuncts)

Core Arguments

- Easier cross-linguistically than argument-adjunct?
- **S**ubject of intransitive verb
- **A**gent of transitive verb
- **P**atient (direct object) of transitive verb
- Indirect object? Dative only?

Core vs. Oblique Dependents

- **Core arguments:** what exactly is it?
- English:
 - ▶ *He gave John the book.* (iobj)
 - ▶ *He gave the book to John.* (obl)
- Spanish:
 - ▶ *Dio el libro a John.* (iobj)
- Czech:
 - ▶ PDT's Obs are translated mostly to obj, but there are rules to translate them to other relations if necessary (Czech Obs in PDT are more like Arguments)

Direct and Indirect Object

- Not as easy as accusative vs. dative.
- Default: obj
- Heuristics for iobj
 - ▶ *Cením si vaší pomoci.* (Gen)
I appreciate your help.
 - ▶ *Čelíme velkým problémům.* (Dat)
We are facing big problems.
 - ▶ *Nedisponuje takovým rozpočtem.* (Ins)
He does not have such budget.
 - ▶ *Učí mou dceru fyziku.* (2 × Acc)
He teaches my daughter physics.

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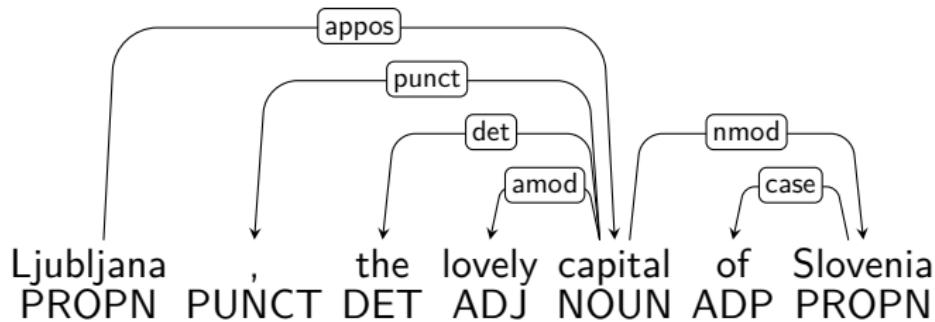
Dependents of Clausal Predicates

	<i>Nominal</i>	<i>Clausal</i>	<i>Other</i>
Core	<i>nsubj</i>	<i>csubj</i>	
	<i>obj</i>	<i>ccomp</i>	
	<i>iobj</i>	<i>xcomp</i>	
	<i>obl</i>	<i>advcl</i>	<i>advmod</i>
Non-Core	<i>vocative</i>		<i>aux</i>
	<i>discourse</i>		<i>cop</i>
	<i>expl</i>		<i>mark</i>
			<i>punct</i>

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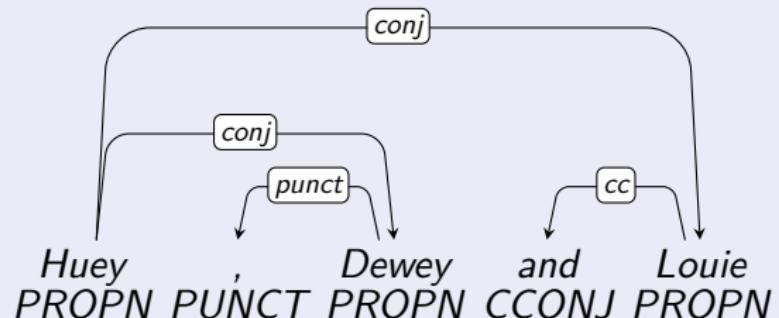
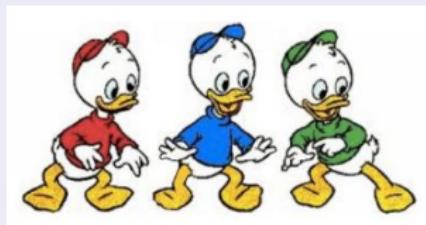
Dependents of Nominals

<i>Nominal</i>	<i>Clausal</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>nmod</i>		
<i>appos</i>	<i>acl</i>	
<i>nummod</i>		
<i>clf</i>		



Dependency Relations

Coordination, modified “Stanford style”



- Coordinate structures are headed by the first conjunct
 - Subsequent conjuncts depend on it via the **conj** relation
 - Conjunctions depend on the next conjunct via the **cc** relation
 - Punctuation marks depend on the next conjunct via the **punct** relation

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Multiword Expressions

Relation Examples

<i>fixed</i>	<i>in spite of, as well as, ad hoc</i>
<i>flat</i>	<i>president Havel, New York, four thousand</i>
<i>compound</i>	<i>phone book, dress up</i>
<i>goeswith</i>	<i>notwith standing, with out</i>

- UD annotation **almost** does not permit “words with spaces”
 - ▶ Multiword expressions are analyzed using special relations
 - ▶ The **fixed**, **flat** and **goeswith** relations are always head-initial
 - ▶ The **compound** relation reflects the internal structure
- Words with spaces
 - ▶ Vietnamese (spaces delimit syllables, not words)
 - ▶ Numbers (“1 000 000”)
 - ▶ Possibly other approved cases, e.g. multi-word abbreviations

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Other Relations

Relation	Explanation
<i>parataxis</i>	<i>Loosely linked clauses of same rank</i>
<i>list</i>	<i>Lists without syntactic structure</i>
<i>orphan</i>	<i>Orphans in ellipsis linked together</i>
<i>reparandum</i>	<i>Disfluency linked to (speech) repair</i>
<i>foreign</i>	<i>Elements within opaque stretches of code switching</i>
<i>dep</i>	<i>Unspecified dependency</i>
<i>root</i>	<i>Syntactically independent element of clause/phrase</i>

Language-Specific Relations

- Language-specific relations are **subtypes** of universal relations added to capture important phenomena
- Subtyping permits us to “back off” to universal relations

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<i>Relation</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
<i>acl:relcl</i>	<i>Relative clause</i>
<i>compound:prt</i>	<i>Verb particle (dress up)</i>
<i>nmod:poss</i>	<i>Possessive nominal (Mary 's book)</i>
<i>obl:agent</i>	<i>Agent in passive (saved by the bell)</i>
<i>cc:preconj</i>	<i>Preconjunction (both ... and)</i>
<i>det:predet</i>	<i>Predeterminer (all those ...)</i>

Word Segmentation

- Must be **reproducible** on new data
- Surface tokens vs. syntactic words
- Chinese, Vietnamese etc.: no clues, non-trivial algorithm
- Arabic, Tamil etc.: part of morphological analysis
- Spanish, German etc.: rather limited cases of contractions
- Others: only punctuation (low-level tokenization)

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Vamos nos a el mar .
VERB PRON ADP DET NOUN PUNCT

Vámonos al mar .
VERB+PRON ADP+DET NOUN PUNCT

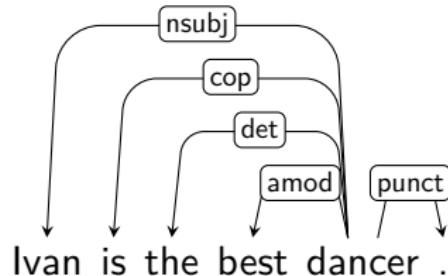
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 - ▶ al = a + el
 - ▶ naň = na + něj

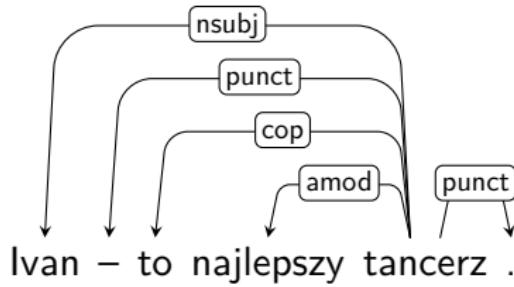
- Clitics
 - ▶ vámonos = vamos + nos
 - ▶ izmenjat'sja = izmenjat' + sja
 - ▶ potrafilibyšmy = potrafili + by + jestešmy

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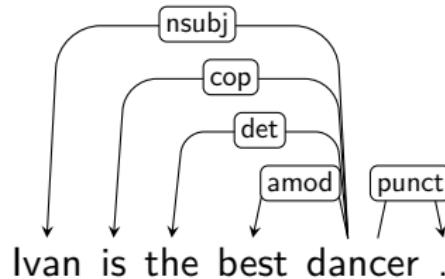


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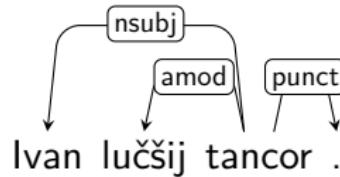


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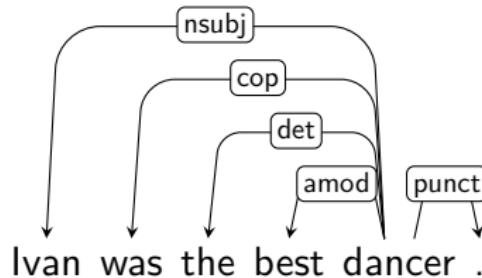


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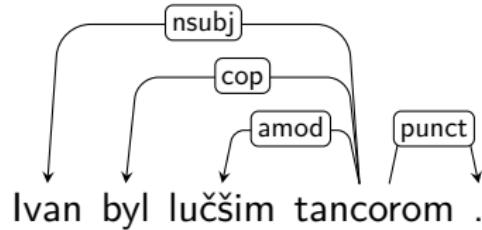


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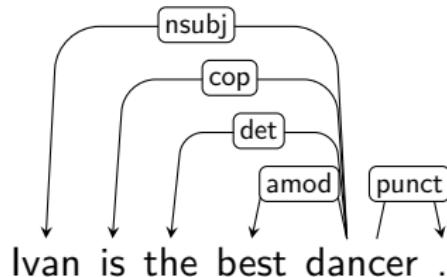


- Some languages use it **only** in some tenses:

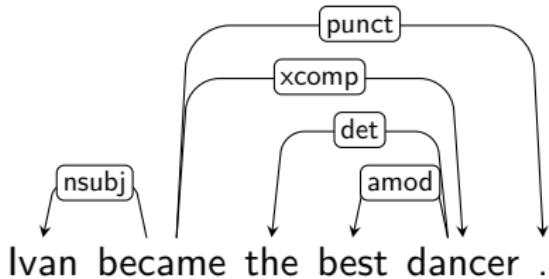


Copula Verbs: We Are Restrictive!

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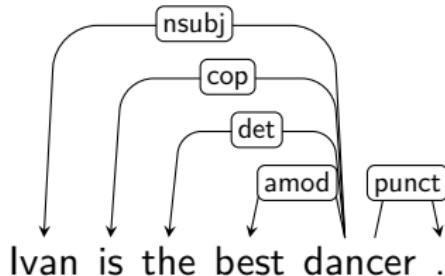


- *To become* is not copula:

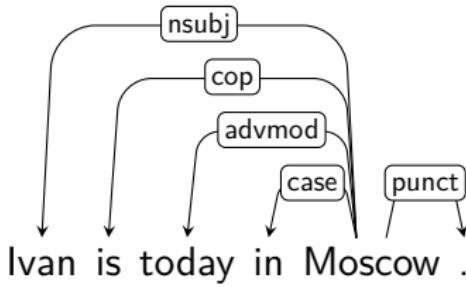


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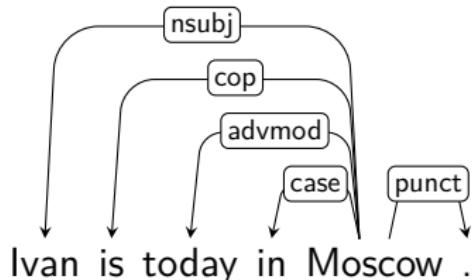


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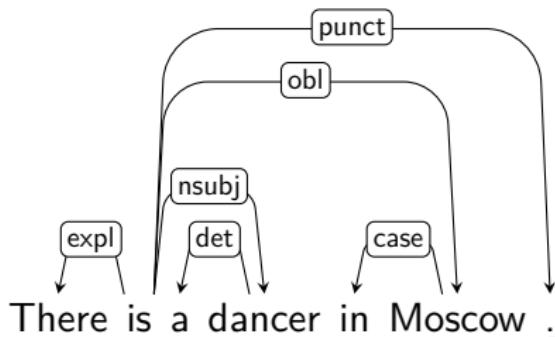


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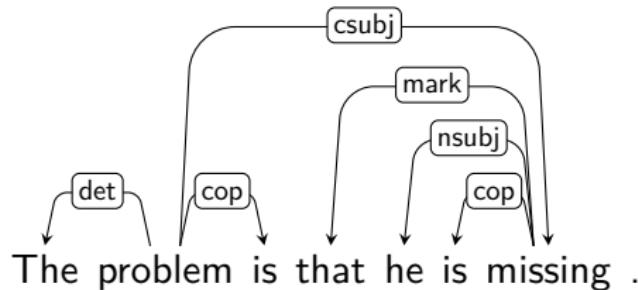


- But not with this in English:

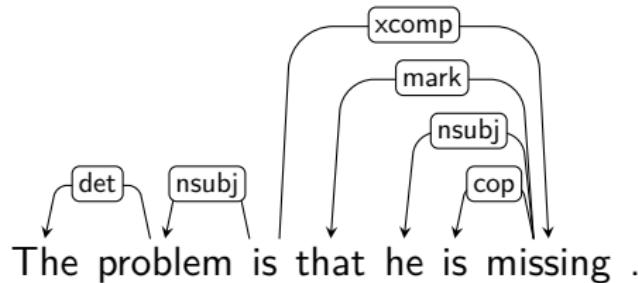


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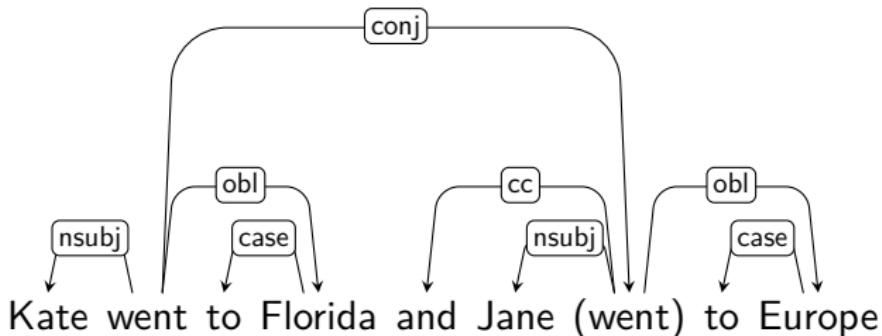
- A clause can be the subject:



- But it cannot be annotated as the nonverbal predicate:

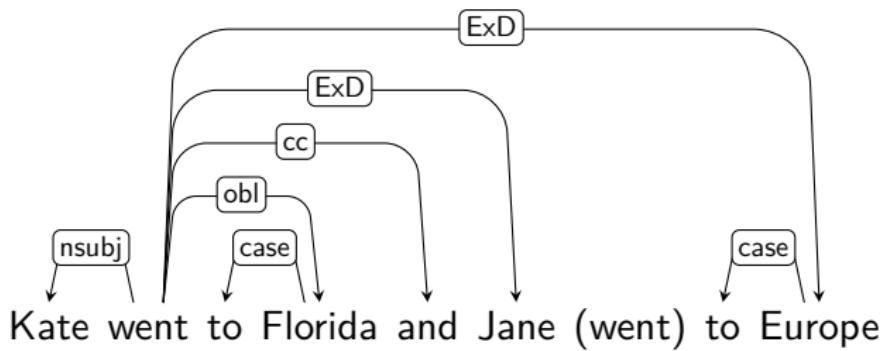


Ellipsis: Deleted Predicates in Coordination

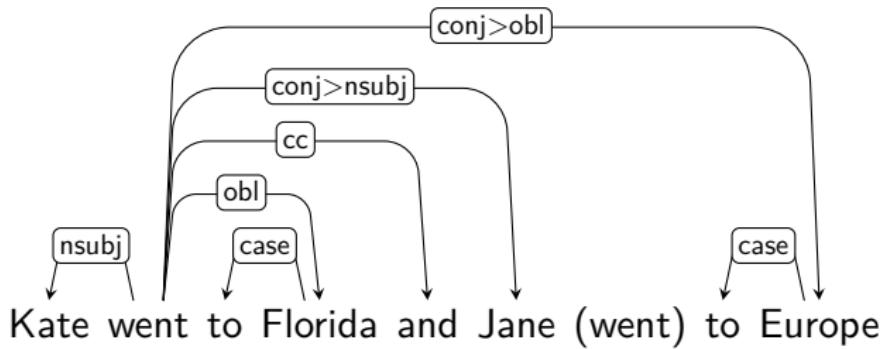


- Some treebanks would use an **empty node** to represent the second *went*.
- UD **enhanced representation** now allows empty nodes
- ... but the basic representation sticks with the overt words.

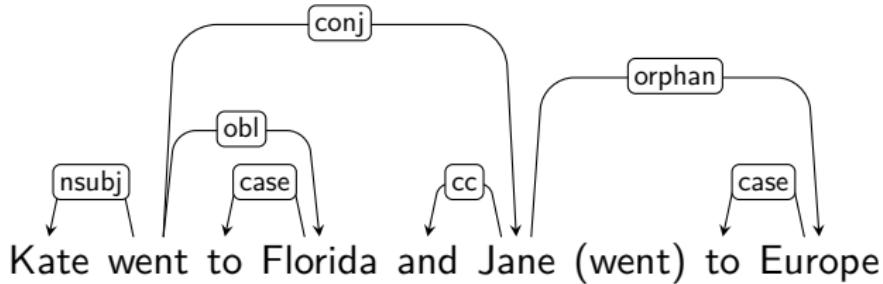
PDT: The ExD Relation



Perseus Treebanks: Chained Relations



UD V2: The orphan Relation



Where Are We Now?

- Three years of UD
- 6 treebank releases (every 6 months)
- 95 treebanks, 57 languages (over 50% world's population)
- 11000+ unique IP downloads (all versions)
- Over 13M tokens; treebanks range from <1K to 1.5M
- Over 200 contributors
 - ▶ language group consistency SIGs
- Version 2 guidelines in place
- CoNLL Shared Task 2017 completed (ACL/CONLL) - coming soon

57 Languages and Growing

▶		Ancient Greek-PROIEL	206K	ⓘ ⓘ	-	ⓘ	▶		Irish	23K	ⓘ ⓘ	ⓘ	ⓘ ✓
▶		Arabic	242K	ⓘ ⓘ	-	ⓘ	▶		Italian	252K	ⓘ ⓘ	ⓘ	ⓘ ✓
▶		Basque	121K	ⓘ ⓘ	ⓘ	ⓘ	▶		Japanese-KTC	267K	ⓘ	ⓘ	ⓘ
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Additional Data

- Just one “closed” track
- Registered participants were asked for suggestions
- CommonCrawl + word embeddings
- Word Atlas of Language Structures (WALS)
- Wikipedia Dumps
 - ▶ Wikipedia word vectors (90 languages) by Facebook
- Opus Parallel Corpora
- WMT 2016 Parallel + Monolingual Data
- Apertium + Giellatekno Morphological Analyzers
- French Treebank UD v2 conversion

- **81 test files in total**
- Evaluation test sets for “regular” UD languages with training data provided (63)
- Surprise languages (4)
 - ▶ Buryat, Kurdish, Northern Sámi, Upper Sorbian
- New parallel test sets (14, by DFKI, Google and others):
 - ▶ Task languages: sv tr pt ru it ja hi fr es fi en de cs ar
 - ▶ 4 others available now
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 - ▶ macro-average LAS across all test sets (not languages)
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Baseline Models

- UDPipe (ÚFAL): trained segmenter, tagger+lemmatizer, parser
- Pre-processed test data (except syntax) directly available
- Just use that if you don't have anything better
- SyntaxNet / ParseySaurus (Google)
- No interest in surprise languages?
 - ▶ Use simple delexicalized parser

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Main Evaluation Metrics: Labeled Attachment Score

- Point for “correct” relation:
 - ▶ alignment of parent equals to parent of alignment
 - ▶ universal prefix of dependency relation types matches on both sides
- Precision: $P = \frac{\#correctRelations}{\#systemNodes}$
- Recall: $R = \frac{\#correctRelations}{\#goldNodes}$
- LAS (labeled attachment F_1 -score): $LAS = \frac{2PR}{P+R}$
- Average over 81 test files \Rightarrow main system score

Evaluation Style: Blind, on TIRA

- Strong recommendation of SIGNLL (new 2015):
- Teams submit software, not data
- TIRA evaluation platform
 - ▶ <http://www.tira.io/>
- Virtual machine for each team
 - ▶ Configurable number of CPUs, RAM, disk space
 - ▶ Currently no GPUs available
 - ▶ OS: Ubuntu, Fedora or Windows
 - ▶ Participants get admin access, can install anything
 - ▶ ⇒ **improved reproducibility**

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- 27 reached non-zero on each of the 81 files
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Results: Word Segmentation

Team	F ₁
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4. HIT-SCIR (Harbin)	98.62
5. ParisNLP (Paris)	98.58
6. Wanghao-ftd-SJTU (Shanghai) darc (Tübingen)	98.55 98.55
8. BASELINE UDPipe 1.1 (Praha) C2L2 (Ithaca)	98.50 98.50
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CLAS: a UD-specific Weighted Metric (Experimental)

- Relations between content words are more important cross-linguistically
- Attachment of function word = morphology in other languages
- Weighted scoring of correct relations:
 - ▶ **Weight = 1** for *root, nsubj, obj, iobj, csubj, ccomp, xcomp, obl, vocative, expl, dislocated, advcl, advmod, discourse, nmod, appos, nummod, acl, amod, conj, fixed, flat, compound, list, parataxis, orphan, goeswith, reparandum, dep*
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Results: Surprise Languages

Team	LAS F₁
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2. IMS (Stuttgart)	45.32
3. HIT-SCIR (Harbin)	42.64
4. Stanford (Stanford)	40.57
5. ParisNLP (Paris)	39.23
6. UParse (Edinburgh)	39.17
7. Koç University (İstanbul)	38.81
8. Orange – Deskiñ (Lannion)	38.72
9. LIMSI (Paris)	37.57
10. IIT Kharagpur (Kharagpur)	37.17
11. BASELINE UDPipe 1.1 (Praha)	37.07

Results: Treebank Ranking by LAS

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1.	ru_syntagrus	92.60	Stanford	71.64	±15.20
2.	hi	91.59	Stanford	73.41	±25.06
3.	sl	91.51	Stanford	69.70	±23.96
4.	pt_br	91.36	Stanford	72.58	±21.58
5.	ja	91.13	TRL	64.99	±23.45
6.	ca	90.70	Stanford	73.55	±21.10
7.	it	90.68	Stanford	74.06	±21.09
8.	cs_cac	90.43	Stanford	71.20	±12.07
9.	pl	90.32	Stanford	69.11	±21.59
10.	cs	90.17	Stanford	69.62	±12.34
11.	es_ancora	89.99	Stanford	72.53	±11.16
12.	no_bokmaal	89.88	Stanford	70.73	±20.97
13.	bg	89.81	Stanford	74.40	±20.46
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4. cs_cac	88.31	Stanford	67.92	±11.89
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7. no_bokmaal	87.67	Stanford	67.18	±20.55
8. pt_br	87.48	Stanford	66.36	±21.42
9. fi_pud	86.82	Stanford	60.88	±18.25
10. ca	86.70	Stanford	67.55	±20.36
11. bg	86.53	Stanford	69.61	±20.13
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13. it	86.18	Stanford	68.18	±19.79
14. es_ancora	86.15	Stanford	66.90	±11.73
15. nl_lassysmall	85.22	Stanford	63.61	±22.73

Thank You! Questions?

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