



IJCNLP Workshop on NLP for Less Privileged Languages

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Submission Deadline: Sept 21, 2007

Motivation

While computing has become almost ubiquitous in the US and Europe, its spread in Asia is more recent. However, despite the fact that Asia is a dense area in terms of linguistic diversity (or perhaps because of it), many Asian languages are very inadequately supported on computers. Even basic Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools are not available for these languages. This is a major bottleneck in the development of advanced NLP applications and language resources and it also has a social cost.

Focus and Goals

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together researchers interested in archiving language data, developing language resources, providing basic computing support and creating natural language tools for less privileged languages. Some of these languages are (arguably) Malayalam, Gujarati, Maithili, Assamese, Burmese, Nepali and even tribal languages. They may or may not be low density languages, but the common feature among them is that they are not adequately supported on the computers and not many NLP tools or resources exist for them. The workshop is open to any less privileged (in the above sense) language of the world.

We also invite novel approaches which can exploit the similarities among many languages. One of these similar languages could be a relatively more privileged language and can be treated as a pivot language around which resources and tools are developed for related but less privileged languages such that minimum effort is required.

Important Dates

- Paper Submission Deadline: Sept 21, 2007
- Notification of Paper Acceptance: Oct 26, 2007
- Camera Ready Submission Deadline: Nov 16, 2007

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