Universal Dependencies: Principles and Tools

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Abstract

Universal Dependencies is an international community project and a collection of morphosyntactically annotated data sets (“treebanks”) for more than 100 languages. The collection is an invaluable resource for various linguistic studies, ranging from grammatical constructions within one language to language typology, documentation of endangered languages, and historical evolution of language. In the tutorial, I will first quickly show the main principles of UD, then I will present the actual data and various tools that are available to work with it: parsers, batch processors, search engines and viewers.

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