iCompileCorpora: A Web-based Application to Semi-automatically Compile Multilingual Comparable Corpora

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Introduction

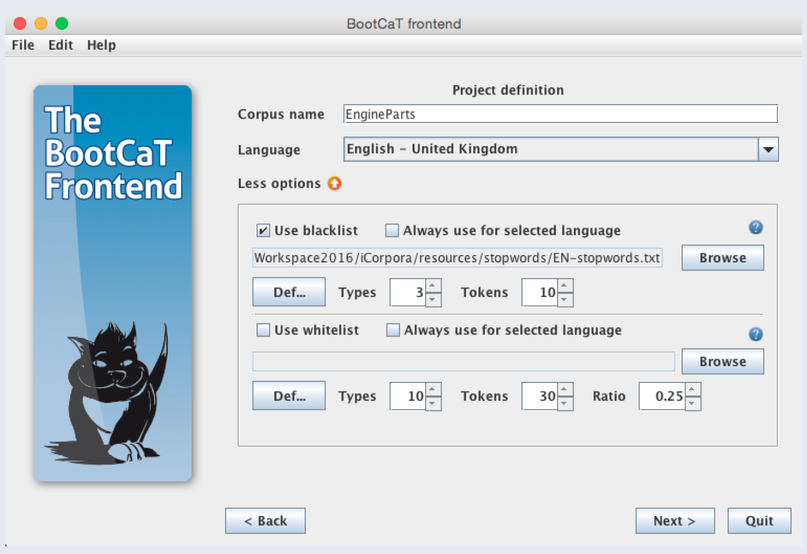
- The interest in mono-, bi- and multilingual corpora is vital in many research areas, such as:
  - terminology and specialised language
  - automatic and assisted translation
  - language teaching
  - natural language processing
  - amongst other research areas
- Particularly in translation, their benefits have been demonstrated by various authors [1, 2, 3, 4]

Comparable Corpora

- It is already a fact that using comparable corpora [5] is the solution for the lack of sufficient/up-to-date parallel corpora and linguistic resources, specially for narrow domains and poorly-resourced languages
- Some of the advantages of using comparable corpora are the following:
  - objectivity
  - reusability
  - multiplicity and applicability of uses
  - easy handling and quick access to large volume of data

Existing Corpora Compilation Solutions and their limitations

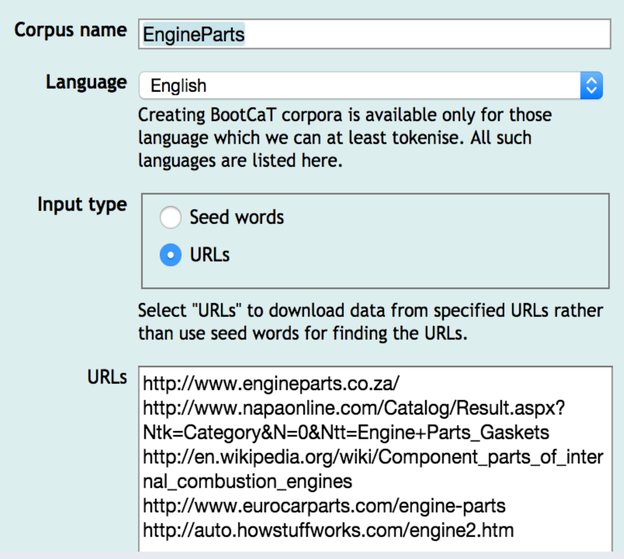
BootCaT [6]



Current limitations

- compilation tools are scarce or proprietary
- simplistic with limited features
- built to compile one monolingual corpus at a time
- or do not cover the entire compilation process (i.e. they do not allow managing and exploring both parallel and multilingual comparable corpora)

WebBootCaT [7]



iCompileCorpora

Manual

- Represents the option of compiling monolingual and multilingual corpora
- Allows for the manual upload of documents from a local or remote directory

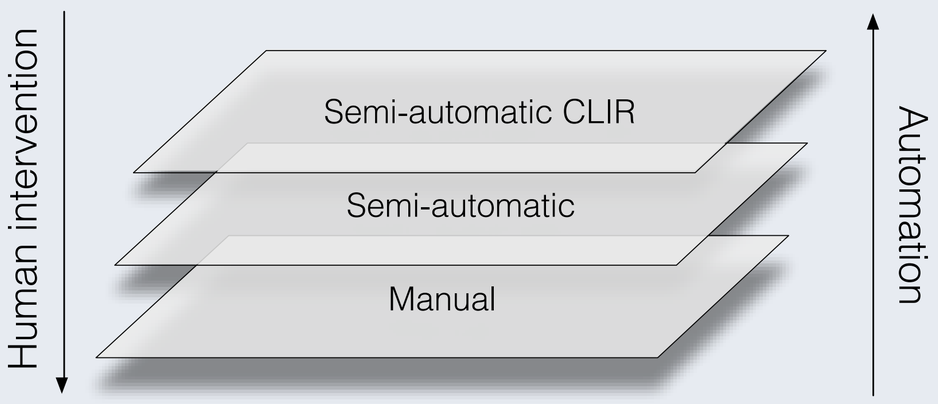
Semi-automatic

- Permits the exploitation of both mono- and multilingual corpora mined from the Internet
- Addresses some limitations in current solutions, such as: the use of more than one boolean operator when creating search query strings

Semi-automatic CLIR

- Address the demand for multilingual corpora by taking advantage of CLIR techniques
- Allows for the retrieval of relevant information written in a language different to the one semi-automatically retrieved by the *semi-automatic* layer

iCompileCorpora Layered Model



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