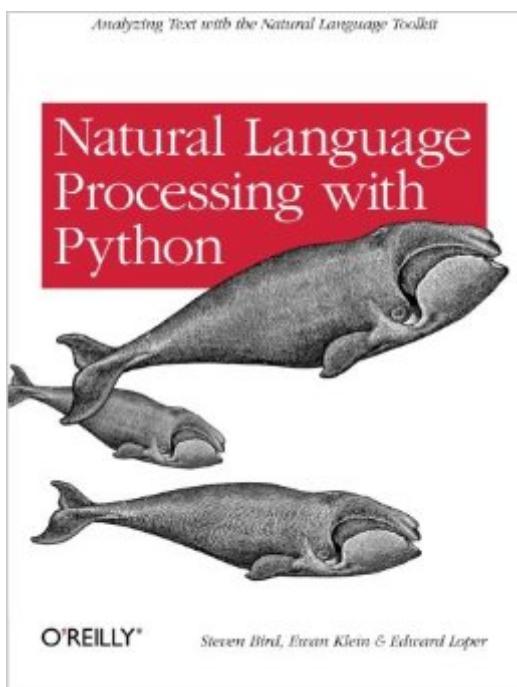


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Natural Language Processing With Python



Synopsis

This book offers a highly accessible introduction to natural language processing, the field that supports a variety of language technologies, from predictive text and email filtering to automatic summarization and translation. With it, you'll learn how to write Python programs that work with large collections of unstructured text. You'll access richly annotated datasets using a comprehensive range of linguistic data structures, and you'll understand the main algorithms for analyzing the content and structure of written communication. Packed with examples and exercises, Natural Language Processing with Python will help you:

- Extract information from unstructured text, either to guess the topic or identify "named entities"
- Analyze linguistic structure in text, including parsing and semantic analysis
- Access popular linguistic databases, including WordNet and treebanks
- Integrate techniques drawn from fields as diverse as linguistics and artificial intelligence

This book will help you gain practical skills in natural language processing using the Python programming language and the Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK) open source library. If you're interested in developing web applications, analyzing multilingual news sources, or documenting endangered languages -- or if you're simply curious to have a programmer's perspective on how human language works -- you'll find Natural Language Processing with Python both fascinating and immensely useful.

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This book really delivers when it comes to code. It starts with simple tasks using the Python NLTK

(Natural Language Toolkit) and builds up from there, teaching you a little bit of Python, a little bit of NLP theory, and delivering much in the way of useful applications. The author takes the time to explain the code and what is going on behind the scenes. He starts with extracting explicit words from documents and builds on that until at the end of the book you are analyzing sentence structure and building feature-based grammars. This is not, however, an introduction to either the mathematics or information theory of natural language processing. It is not even a tutorial on Python. The book's sole purpose is to help you solve real problems using a common language without necessarily understanding the theory or the language you are using. If you really want to understand Python I suggest Learning Python. It's not as interesting as this book, but it gets the job done. To understand the theory behind natural language processing and also see how algorithms are coded up I suggest An Introduction to Language Processing with Perl and Prolog: An Outline of Theories, Implementation, and Application with Special Consideration of English, French, and German (Cognitive Technologies). As for this book, I think it makes a great supplement to the other books I mention and also as a recipe book of solutions to real-world problems.

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