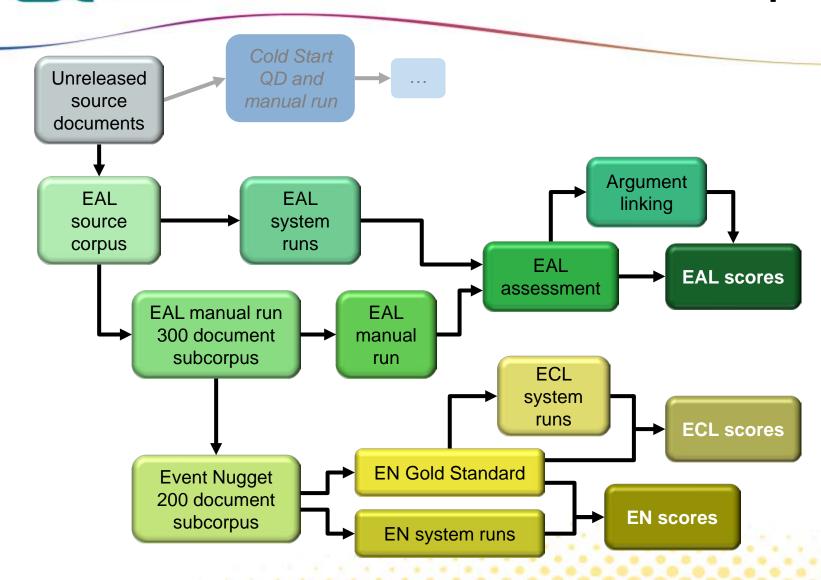


Linguistic Resources for the 2015 TAC KBP Event Argument Linking and Event Nugget Evaluations

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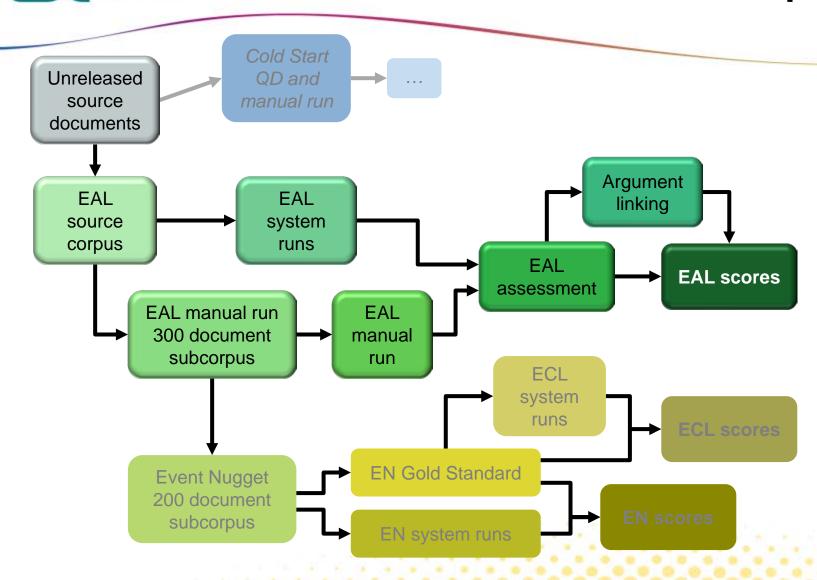


EAL & EN Data Pipelines





EAL Data Pipeline



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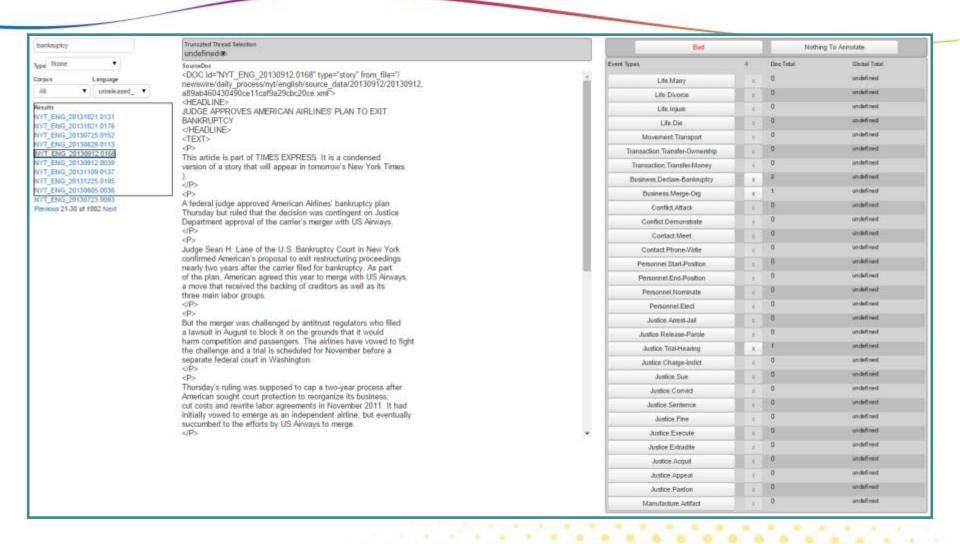


EAL Document Selection

- Same pools as 2014 EAE
 - Unreleased NYT & DF from 2013 early 2014
 - 2014 documents removed from pools
- Annotators produced doc-level tallies of event types
 - Searched for potential documents by keywords
 - Reviewed contents of documents
 - Counted based on Actual events
 - Real events in the past or ongoing in the present
- 500 previously unreleased documents
 - 50% NW, 50% DF
 - At least 10 unique instances of each event type per genre



LDC's EAL Doc Selection GUI





EAL Manual Run

- 300 document subset
- Targeted all unique event arguments that played a role in one of the targeted event types
- Grouped event arguments into event hoppers
 - Those that played a role in the same event
- Max 60 minutes spent on each document

Lance Barrett, 23, of London, KY, was charged with first-degree attempted burglary, theft of a firearm, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Justice.Charge-Indict

Person - Lance Barrett

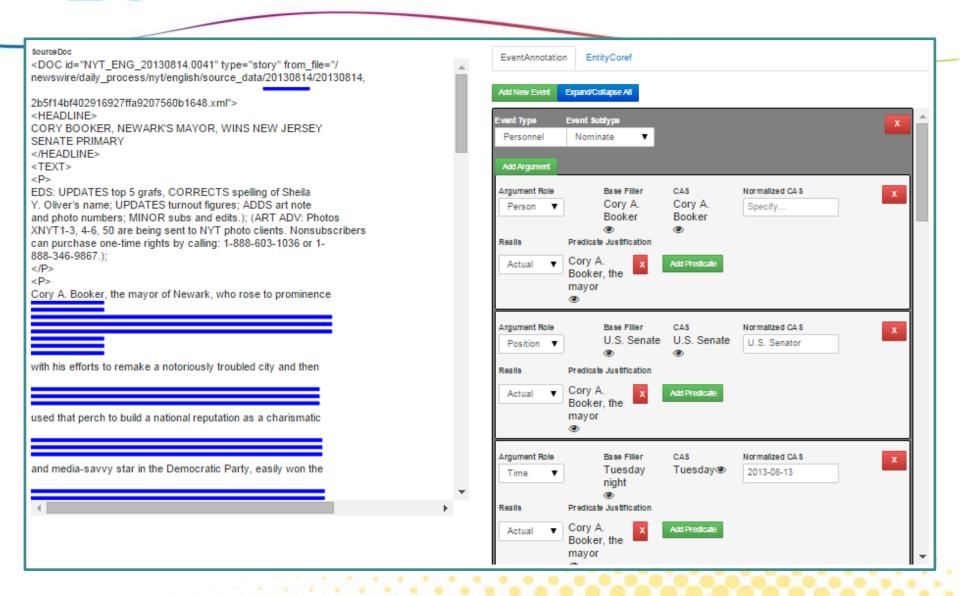
Crime - first-degree attempted burglary

Crime - theft of a firearm

Crime - carrying a concealed weapon



LDC's EAL Manual Run GUI





EAL Manual Run Analysis

Event Types		Arguments per Event Type	# of Event Types in range	% of Manual Run
 Conflict.Attack 385 Life.Die 335 Movement.Transport-Person 323 		>300	3	20%
 Justice.Sentence 298 Personnel.End-Position 289 Transaction.Transfer-Ownership 287 Justice.Arrest-Jail 282 	 Contact.Meet 224 Contact.Correspondance 212 Justice.Trial-Hearing 210 Transaction.Transfer-Money 207 	200-299	8	39%
 Personnel.Start-Position 197 Justice.Convict 195 Justice.Charge-Indict 190 Justice.Sue 151 	 Conflict.Demonstrate 140 Justice.Release-Parole 120 Life.Injure 116 Justice.Fine 110 	100-199	8	23%
 Justice.Extradite 99 Justice.Appeal 87 Justice.Acquit 85 Life.Marry 85 Personnel.Elect 83 Personnel.Nominate 76 Justice.Pardon 73 	 Manufacture.Artifact 73 Justice.Execute 71 Life.Divorce 66 Business.Merge-Org 60 Movement.Transport-Artifact 41 Business.Declare-Bankruptcy 37 	<99	13	18%

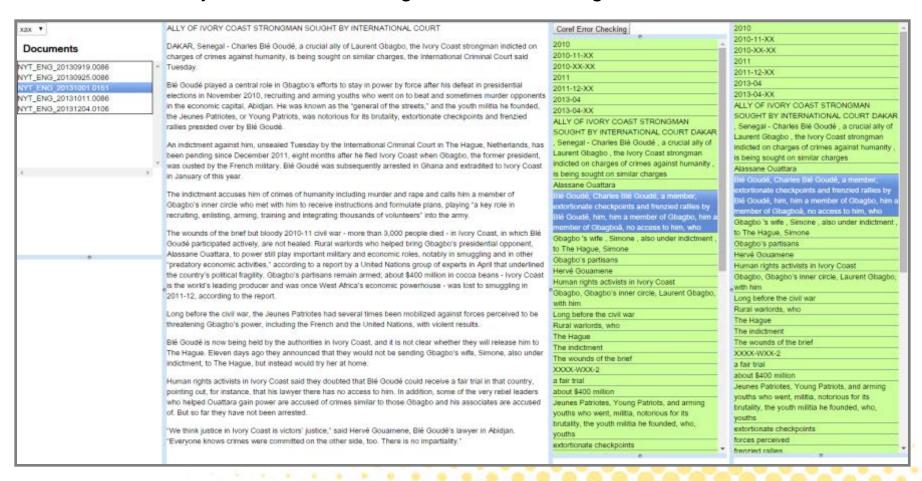




- Tool developed and hosted by BBN
- Three stages
 - 1. Entity coreference
 - 2. Argument assessment
 - 3. Argument linking



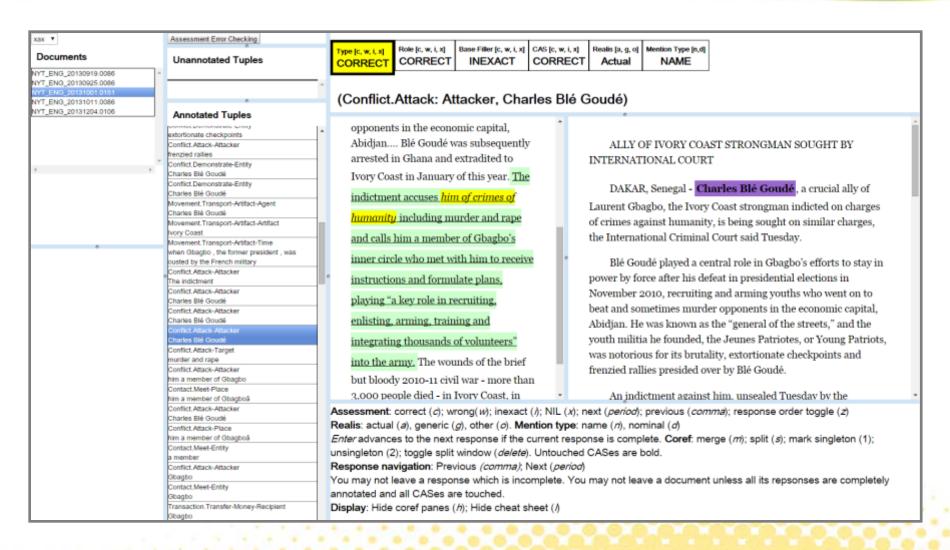
- 1. Entity coreference
 - Cluster entity mentions, including inexact and wrong





- 2. Argument assessment
 - Event Type (ET): Does justification support presence of event type?
 - Argument Role (AR): Does justification support some filler for the role?
 - Base Filler (BF): Is the base filler correct for the specified ET and AR?
 - Canonical Argument String (CAS): Is the CAS correct for the specified ET and AR? Is the CAS coreferential with or proved by the base filler?
 - Realis: Actual, Generic, Other
 - Mention Type: Is the CAS a name or nominal?

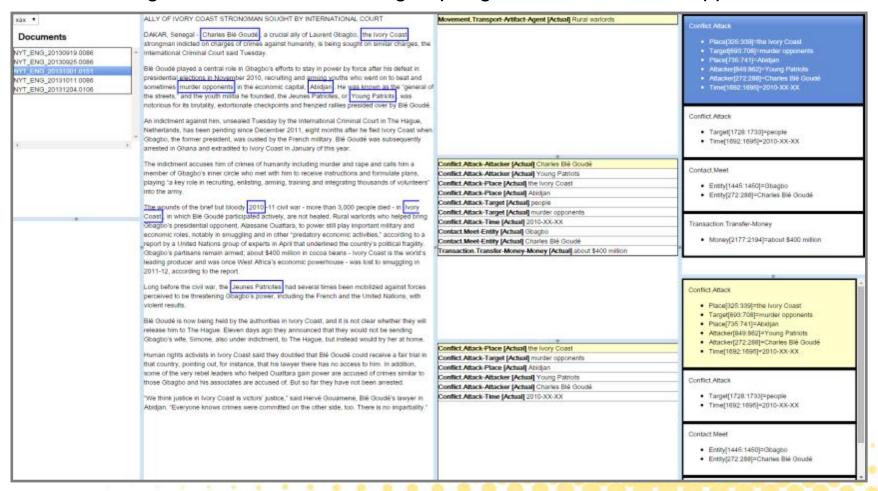






3. Argument linking

Following QC, senior annotators group arguments into event hoppers





EAL Assessment: Nominal Coreference

- We found that starting with coreference makes non-identity clustering difficult
 - Referents interpreted more strictly in isolation than as arguments to events
 - e.g. "in a ceremony in front of a fountain in Central Park" vs. "in front of a fountain in Central Park"
 - In isolation, clearly different things
 - When both returned as locations for a wedding, a forgiving clustering makes sense
 - Assessment informs annotator of usage (i.e. Argument Role)



EAL Assessment Results

Track	Precision	Recall	F1
2014 EA Extraction	76%	28%	41%
2015 EA Linking (preliminary)	76%	40%	52%

- 60 minute limit per document
 - Time limit negatively impacts recall
 - 3.5 hours for comparable ERE document
- Improvement in recall from 2014
 - 30 minute limit in 2014



Event Nugget 2015

- Goal: measure system performance in detecting and coreferencing references to events in text
- Adapted from a 2014, DEFT-internal pilot evaluation
 - Incorporated many key components of LDC's Rich Entities, Relations, and Events annotation task (ERE).



Triggers

- Textual extent indicating a reference to a valid event
- Redefined as the smallest, contiguous extent of text (usually a word or phrase) that most saliently expresses the occurrence of an event
- Double tagging of triggers allowed
 - Indicates a text extent referring to more than one event
 - Often indicates presence of inferred events



Additional event type - Manufacture

- "Robert Mericle, who had [built] two for-profit detention centers, and a businessman named Robert Powell paid the judges almost \$3 million over a three-year period to help smooth the way for the [construction] of the facilities."
- "built" Manufacture.Artifact ACTUAL
- "construction" Manufacture.Artifact ACTUAL

Additional event subtypes:

- Movement.TransportArtifact
- Contact.Broadcast
- Contact.Contact
- Transaction. Transaction



- New approach for applying Contact event subtype categorizations
 - Event mentions labeled with attributes
 - Subtypes automatically generated based on the applied attributes

Category	Attribute 1	Attribute 2
Formality	Formal	Informal
Scheduling	Planned	Spontaneous
Medium	In person	Not in person
Audience	Two way	One way

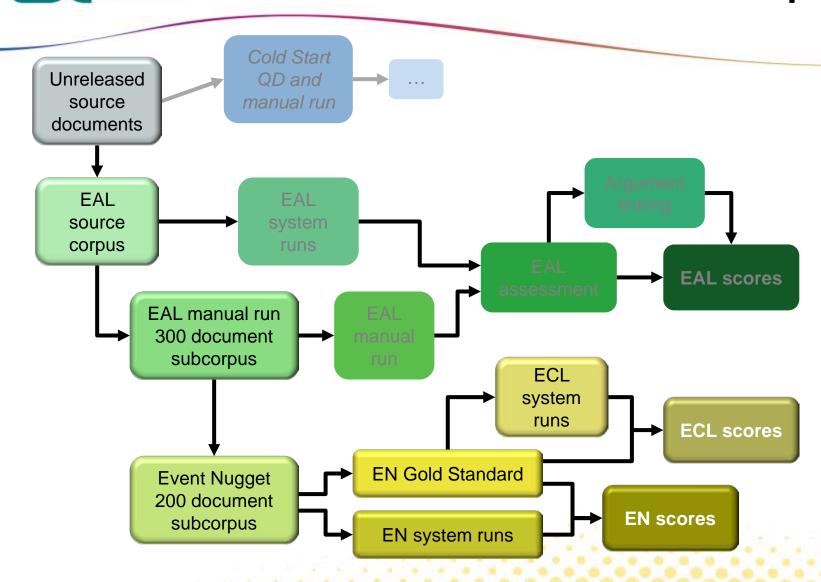
Contact.Meet	Contact.Correspondence	Contact.Broadcast	Contact.Contact
In Person	Not in Person	One way	[none]
Two way	Two way		



- Event Coreference
 - Adopted 'Event Hoppers' notion from ERE
 - A more inclusive, lenient notion of event coreference
 - Event mentions are placed in the same hopper -- that is, coreferred -- when they are:
 - Intuitively the same event
 - Same event type
- Given level of changes to task, CMU and LDC jointly developed training data
 - Re-annotated data developed for pilot



EN Eval Data Pipeline



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Event Nugget: Evaluation Source Documents

- 200 document subset of those used in EAL evaluation
- Down selection from 300 to 200 based on token count
 - Smaller documents preferred
 - Balancing of genres and event types also considered



Event Nugget Annotation

- EN Gold Standard
 - Target all unique event nuggets referring to an event, following the ERE rules
 - Place nuggets into event hoppers

Lance Barrett, 23, of London, KY, was <u>charged</u> with first-degree attempted <u>burglary</u>, <u>theft</u> of a firearm, and <u>carrying</u> a concealed weapon.

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"charged" – Justice.Charge-Indict - ACTUAL
"burglary" – Transfer.Ownership - OTHER
"theft" – Transfer.Ownership - OTHER
"carrying" – Transport.Artifact - OTHER
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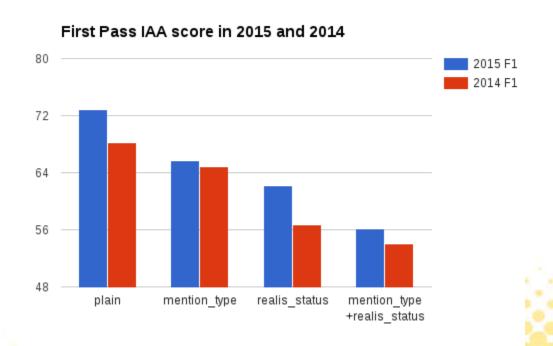
Event Nugget: Evaluation Annotation

- Double blind first passes with adjudication
 - In order to closely monitor annotation consistency
 - IAA had proven problematic in the pilot evaluation and similar previous annotation tasks
- Quality control also conducted after adjudication
 - Manual scan of:
 - Triggers
 - Event types and subtypes
 - Realis



Event Nugget: Results

- Annotation consistency improved compared to pilot
 - Aligning with ERE
 - New approach to Contact event subtype tagging
- Still room for improvement though





Event Nugget: Data Volume

	Genre	Files	Words	Nuggets	Hoppers
Totals	NW/DF	360	213,673	12,976	7,460
Training	NW	81	27,897	2,219	1,461
Training	DF	77	97,124	4,319	1,874
Evaluation	NW	98	49,319	3,788	2,440
Evaluation	DF	104	39,333	2,650	1,685



New 2015 Resources

Catalog ID	Corpus Title	Size
LDC2015E41	TAC KBP 2015 English Event Argument Linking Training Data	9927 assessments
LDC2015E79	TAC KBP 2015 English Event Argument Linking Evaluation Source Corpus	500 documents
LDC2015E92	TAC KBP 2015 English Event Argument Linking Evaluation Manual Run	5207 arguments
LDC2015E101	TAC KBP 2015 English Event Argument Linking Evaluation Assessment Results V2.0	>7,869 assessments
LDC2015E73	TAC KBP 2015 Event Nugget Training Annotation	6538 nuggets
LDC2015E94	TAC KBP 2015 Event Nugget and Event Coreference Linking Evaluation Source Corpus	202 documents
LDC2015R26	TAC KBP 2015 Event Nugget and Event Coreference Linking Evaluation Gold Standard Annotation Corpus	6438 nuggets