

Biomedical Named Entity Recognition at Scale

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Spark NLP Modules

Clinical Entity Recognition	Clinical Entity Linking	Assertion Status	Relation Extraction
<div>40 units DOSAGE of</div> <div>insulin glargine DRUG</div> <div>at night FREQUENCY</div>	Suspect diabetes SNOMED-CT: 473127008 Lisinopril 10 MG RxNorm: 316151 Hyponatremia ICD-10: E87.1	<div>Fever and sore throat → PRESENT</div> <div>No stomach pain → ABSENT</div> <div>Father with Alzheimer → FAMILY</div>	<div> AFTER Occurrence Admitted for nausea due to chemo Treatment Symptom </div> <div>CAUSED BY</div>

Algorithms		Content	
Extract Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity Linker Entity Disambiguator Document Classifier Contextual Parser 	De-identify text <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured Data Unstructured Text Obfuscator Generalizer 	Medical Transformers <div> JSL-BERT-Clinical BioBERT ClinicalBERT GloVe-Med GloVe-ICD-O </div>	Linked Medical Terminologies <div> SNOMED-CT CPT ICD-10-CM ICD-O ICD-10-PCS RxNorm LOINC </div>

Split Text <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentence Detector Deep Sentence Detector Tokenizer nGram Generator 	Clean Medical Text <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spell Checking Spell Correction Normalizer Stopword Cleaner 	50+ Pretrained Models <div> Clinical: Signs, Symptoms, Treatments, Procedures, Tests, Labs, Sections Anatomy: Organ, Subdivision, Cell, Structure Organism, Tissue, Gene, Chemical Drugs: Name, Dosage, Strength, Route, Duration, Frequency Demographics: Age, Gender, Height, Weight, Race, Ethnicity, Marital Status, Vital Signs Risk Factors: Smoking, Obesity, Diabetes, Hypertension, Substance Abuse Sensitive Data: Patient Name, Address, Phone, Email, Dates, Providers, Identifiers </div>	
Clinical Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stemmer Lemmatizer Part of Speech Tagger Dependency Parser 	Find in Text <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text Matcher Regex Matcher Date Matcher Chunker 		

Trainable & Tunable	Scalable to a Cluster	Fast Inference	Hardware Optimized	Community
				

Entity Recognition		Information Extraction		Sentiment Analysis		Document Classification			
I love LUCY PERSON		They met Last week DATE → 29-04-2020							
Algorithms				Content					
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Understand Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none">StemmerLemmatizerPart of Speech TaggerDependency Parser		Find in Text <ul style="list-style-type: none">Text MatcherRegex MatcherDate MatcherChunker		Models 90+ Pretrained		Pipelines 70+ Pretrained			
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spark-nlp

Summary

PyPI link	https://pypi.org/project/spark-nlp
Total downloads	2,674,517
Total downloads - 30 days	376,927
Total downloads - 7 days	81,617

Daily ~ 10K
Monthly ~ 350K

The most widely used
NLP library in industry
(3 yrs in a row)

Biomedical Named Entity Recognition at Scale

- Reimplementing a Bi-LSTM-CNN-Char deep learning architecture on top of [Apache Spark](#), we present a single trainable NER model that obtains new state-of-the-art results on seven public biomedical benchmarks.
- Delivering the first production-grade scalable NER model implementation.
- This includes improving BC4CHEMD to 93.72% (4.1% gain), Species800 to 80.91% (4.6% gain), and JNLPBA to 81.29% (5.2% gain).
- This model is freely available within a production-grade code base as part of the open-source **Spark NLP library**; can scale up for training and inference in any Spark cluster; has GPU support and libraries for popular programming languages such as [Python](#), [R](#), [Scala](#) and [Java](#); and can be extended to support other human languages with no code changes.

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A 28-year-old female with a history of gestational diabetes mellitus diagnosed eight years prior to presentation and subsequent type two diabetes mellitus (T2DM), one prior episode of HTG-induced pancreatitis three years prior to presentation, associated with an acute hepatitis, and obesity with a body mass index (BMI) of 33.5 kg/m2, presented with a one-week history of polyuria, polydipsia, poor appetite, and vomiting. Two weeks prior to presentation, she was treated with a five-day course of amoxicillin for a respiratory tract infection. She was on metformin, glipizide, and dapagliflozin for T2DM and atorvastatin and gemfibrozil for HTG. She had been on dapagliflozin for six months at the time of presentation. Physical examination on presentation was significant for dry oral mucosa; significantly, her abdominal examination was benign with no tenderness, guarding, or rigidity. Pertinent laboratory findings on admission were: serum glucose 111 mg/dL, bicarbonate 18 mmol/L, anion gap 20, creatinine 0.4 mg/dL, triglycerides 508 mg/dL, total cholesterol 122 mg/dL, glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) 10%, and venous pH 7.27. Serum lipase was normal at 43 U/L. Serum acetone levels could not be assessed as blood samples kept hemolyzing due to significant lipemia. The patient was initially admitted for starvation ketosis, as she reported poor oral intake for three days prior to admission. However, serum chemistry obtained six hours after presentation revealed her glucose was 186 mg/dL, the anion gap was still elevated at 21, serum bicarbonate was 16 mmol/L, triglyceride level peaked at 2050 mg/dL, and lipase was 52 U/L. The β -hydroxybutyrate level was obtained and found to be elevated at 5.29 mmol/L - the original sample was centrifuged and the chylomicron layer removed prior to analysis due to interference from turbidity caused by lipemia again.

Clinical NER

Color codes: PROBLEM, TREATMENT, TEST,

The patient was prescribed 1 capsule of Advil for 5 days. He was seen by the endocrinology service and she was discharged on 40 units of insulin glargine at night, 12 units of insulin lispro with meals, and metformin 1000 mg two times a day. It was determined that all SGLT2 inhibitors should be discontinued indefinitely fro 3 months.

Color codes: FREQUENCY, DOSAGE, DURATION, DRUG, FORM, STRENGTH,

Posology NER

No findings in urinary system, skin color is normal, brain CT and cranial checks are clear. Swollen fingers and eyes. Extensive stage small cell lung cancer. Chemotherapy with carboplatin and etoposide. Left scapular pain status post CT scan of the thorax.

Color codes: Organ, Organism_subdivision, Organism_substance, Pathological_formation, Anatomical_system,

Anatomy NER

A. Record date: 2093-01-13, David Hale, M.D., Name: Hendrickson, Ora MR. # 7194334
Date: 01/13/93 PCP: Oliveira, 25 years-old, Record date: 2079-11-09. Cocke County
Baptist Hospital. 0295 Keats Street

Color codes: STREET, DOCTOR, AGE, HOSPITAL, PATIENT, DATE, MEDICALRECORD,

Deid NER

Spark NLP



Spark is like a **locomotive** racing a **bicycle**. The **bike** will win if the load is light, it is quicker to accelerate and more agile, but with a heavy load the **locomotive** might take a while to get up to speed, but **it's going to be faster in the end**.

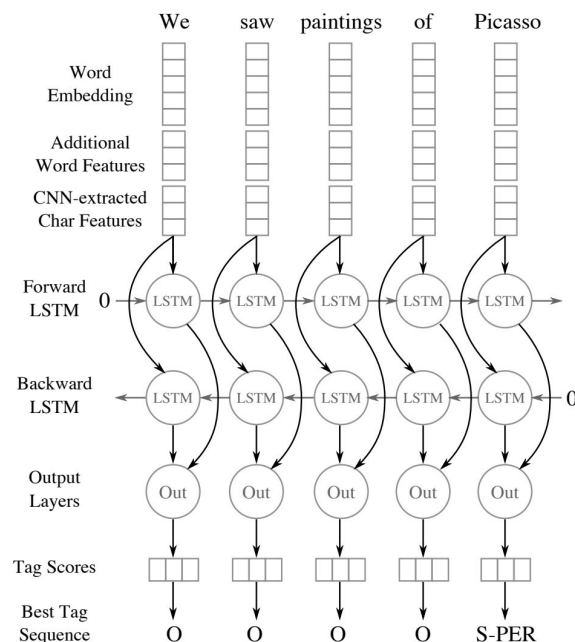
Faster inference

```
from sparknlp.base import LightPipeline
LightPipeline(someTrainedPipeline).annotate(someStringOrArray)
```

LightPipelines are Spark ML pipelines converted into a single machine but multithreaded task, becoming more than 10x times faster for smaller amounts of data (small is relative, but 50k sentences is roughly a good maximum).

NER Model Implementation in Spark NLP

Feature-engineered machine learning systems	Dict	SP	DU	EN	GE
Carreras et al. (2002) binary AdaBoost classifiers	Yes	81.39	77.05	-	-
Malouf (2002) - Maximum Entropy (ME) + features	Yes	73.66	68.08	-	-
Li et al. (2005) SVM with class weights	Yes	-	-	88.3	-
Passos et al. (2014) CRF	Yes	-	-	90.90	-
Ando and Zhang (2005a) Semi-supervised state of the art	No	-	-	89.31	75.27
Agerri and Rigau (2016)	Yes	84.16	85.04	91.36	76.42
Feature-inferring neural network word models					
Collobert et al. (2011) Vanilla NN +SLL / Conv-CRF	No	-	-	81.47	-
Huang et al. (2015) Bi-LSTM+CRF	No	-	-	84.26	-
Yan et al. (2016) Win-BiLSTM (English), FF (German) (Many fets)	Yes	-	-	88.91	76.12
Collobert et al. (2011) Conv-CRF (SENNA+Gazetteer)	Yes	-	-	89.59	-
Huang et al. (2015) Bi-LSTM+CRF+ (SENNA+Gazetteer)	Yes	-	-	90.10	-
Feature-inferring neural network character models					
Gillick et al. (2015) – BTS	No	82.95	82.84	86.50	76.22
Kuru et al. (2016) CharNER	No	82.18	79.36	84.52	70.12
Feature-inferring neural network word + character models					
Yang et al. (2017)	Yes	85.77	85.19	91.26	-
Luo (2015)	Yes	-	-	91.20	-
Chiu and Nichols (2015)	Yes	-	-	91.62	-
Ma and Hovy (2016)	No	-	-	91.21	-
Santos and Guimaraes (2015)	No	82.21	-	-	-
Lample et al. (2016)	No	85.75	81.74	90.94	78.76
Bharadwaj et al. (2016)	Yes	85.81	-	-	-
Dernoncourt et al. (2017)	No	-	-	90.5	-
Feature-inferring neural network word + character + affix models					
Re-implementation of Lample et al. (2016) (100 Epochs)	No	85.34	85.27	90.24	78.44
Yadav et al. (2018)(100 Epochs)	No	86.92	87.50	90.69	78.56
Yadav et al. (2018) (150 Epochs)	No	87.26	87.54	90.86	79.01



Chiu and Eric Nichols. Named entity recognition with bidirectional LSTM-CNNs. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, 4:357–370, 2016.

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Char-CNN-BiLSTM

	F1 : Tokens	F2 : Casing	F3 : POS	F4 : Char CNN	Labels
The					O
company					O
XYZ					Company
Private					Company
Limited					Company
works					O
in					O
the					O
health					Activity
sector					Activity
in					O
Europe					Location

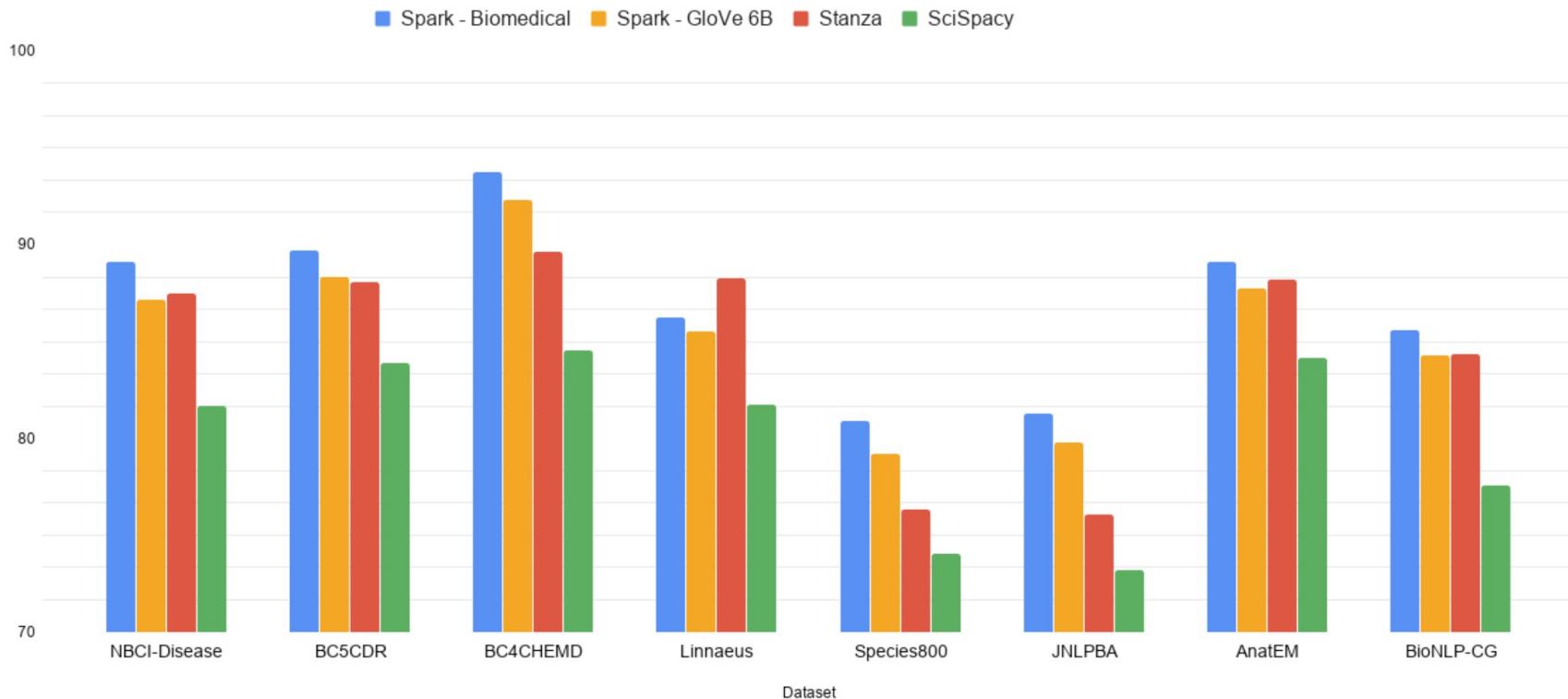
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TABLE II: NER performance across different datasets in the biomedical domain. All scores reported are micro-averaged test F1 excluding O's. Stanza results are from the paper reported in Zhang et al. [2020], SciSpaCy results are from the scispacy-medium models reported in Neumann et al. [2019]. The official training and validation sets are merged and used for training and then the models are evaluated on the original test sets. For reproducibility purposes, we use the preprocessed versions of these datasets provided by Wang et al. [2019] and also used by Stanza. Spark-x prefix in the table indicates our implementation. Bold scores represent the best scores in the respective row.

Dataset	Entities	Spark - Biomedical	Spark - GloVe 6B	Stanza	SciSpacy
NBCI-Disease	Disease	89.13	87.19	87.49	81.65
BC5CDR	Chemical, Disease	89.73	88.32	88.08	83.92
BC4CHEMD	Chemical	93.72	92.32	89.65	84.55
Linnaeus	Species	86.26	85.51	88.27	81.74
Species800	Species	80.91	79.22	76.35	74.06
JNLPBA	5 types in cellular	81.29	79.78	76.09	73.21
AnatEM	Anatomy	89.13	87.74	88.18	84.14
BioNLP13-CG	16 types in Cancer Genetics	85.58	84.3	84.34	77.6

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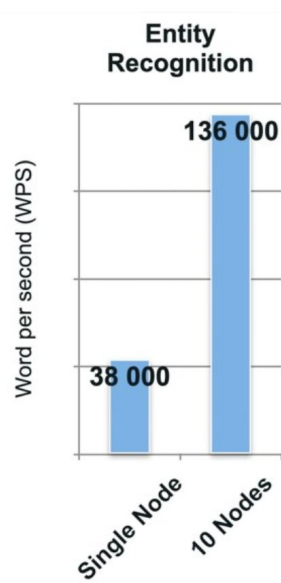
Benchmarks on BioMedical NER Datasets



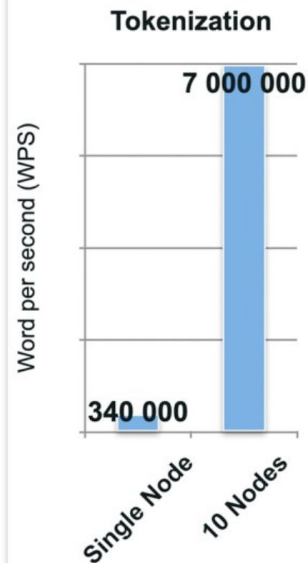
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TF in Keras vs TF in Apache Spark

Table 3: Performance evaluation on biomedical NER datasets using the same BiLSTM-CNN-Char architecture in TensorFlow and Spark NLP under the same settings for each dataset. The Spark NLP implementation beats the same architecture 7 out of 8 times in terms of macro F1 score and is faster to train in half of the datasets (*macro average F1 score, embeddings glove6B_300d, lr 0.001, dropout 0.5, LSTM state size 200, epoch 10, batch size 128, optimizer Adam*). Bold letters represent best results.



Dataset	Tensorflow 1.15 (Keras)		Spark NLP	
	time (sec)	macro-F1	time (sec)	macro-F1
BC5CDR-disease	409	0.840	336	0.858
BC5CDR-chem	438	0.848	367	0.894
BC4CHEMD	2954	0.890	2719	0.936
NCBI-Disease	312	0.882	269	0.883
JNLPBA	495	0.705	743	0.758
Species800	215	0.813	232	0.820
Linnaeus	709	0.787	730	0.759



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Word Embeddings Coverage Ratio

TABLE I: Word embeddings coverage ratios on biomedical datasets. Our domain specific embeddings have near-perfect word coverages. The average word coverage of our implementation of domain specific word embeddings (we call it Spark-Biomedical Embeddings in this study) is 99.5% and the average word coverage of Glove6B embeddings is 96.1% on the biomedical datasets used in this study)

Dataset	Spark-Biomedical Embeddings		Spark-Glove6B Embeddings	
	Training set	Test set	Training set	Test set
NBCI-Disease	99.700	99.695	96.703	96.710
BC5CDR	99.171	99.106	96.059	95.795
BC4CHEMD	99.571	99.551	96.409	96.434
Linnaeus	99.162	99.181	96.801	96.867
Species800	99.350	99.345	95.909	96.258
JNLPBA	99.530	99.496	92.566	92.690
AnatEM	99.580	99.623	96.992	96.945
BioNLP-CG	99.859	99.814	97.750	96.663

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APPENDIX

```
from pyspark.ml import Pipeline
import sparknlp
from sparknlp.training import CoNLL
from sparknlp.annotator import *

spark = sparknlp.start()

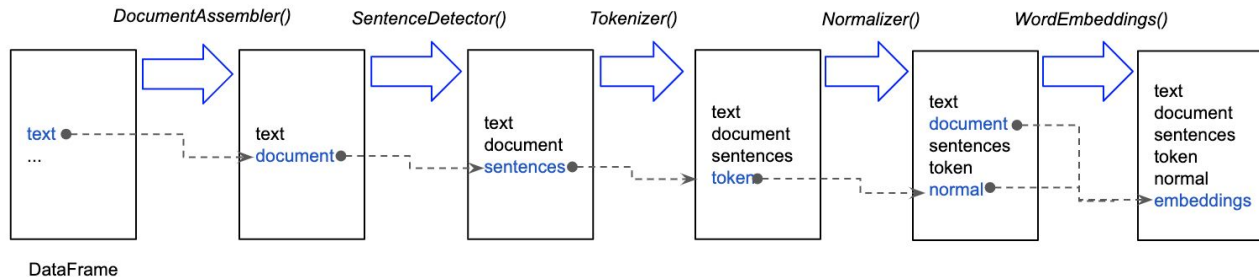
training_data = CoNLL().readDataset(spark, '
    BC5CDR_train.conll1')

word_embedder = WordEmbeddings.pretrained('
    wikiner_6B_300', 'xx') \
    .setInputCols(["sentence", "token"]) \
    .setOutputCol("embeddings")

nerTagger = NerDLApproach() \
    .setInputCols(["sentence", "token", "embeddings"]) \
    .setLabelColumn("label") \
    .setOutputCol("ner") \
    .setMaxEpochs(10) \
    .setDropout(0.5) \
    .setLr(0.001) \
    .setPo(0.005) \
    .setBatchSize(8) \
    .setValidationSplit(0.2) \

pipeline = Pipeline(
    stages = [
        word_embedder,
        nerTagger
    ])

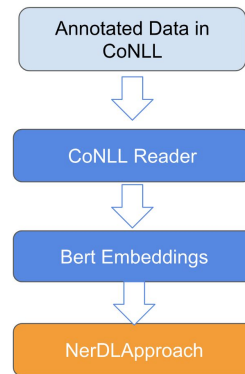
ner_model = pipeline.fit(training_data)
```



BIO schema

John	B-PER
Smith	I-PER
lives	0
in	0
New	B-LOC
York	I-LOC

John Smith ⇒ PERSON
New York ⇒ LOCATION



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