

The 14th NTCIR (NTCIR-14)

Testbeds and Community for Information access Research

Call for Task Participation

Visit NTCIR-14 website for registration: <http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-14/>

Let's participate in a collaborative activity for enhancing Information Access technologies!

Development of Information Access technologies based on techniques of Information Retrieval, Natural Language Processing, and Database Management becomes increasingly more important for many applications, (e.g., providing effective access to Web resources and text archives, and analyzing big data obtained from various kinds of sensors). It is indispensable for developing such technologies to experimentally evaluate them by using test collections constructed under collaborations of many researchers. Over the past 20 years, NTCIR has been formulating the infrastructure for the evaluation, and contributing to development of the Information Access technologies. A total of about 75 "evaluation tasks" have been organized, attracting over 950 participant research groups worldwide so far. Furthermore, over 4,000 research groups have signed up to use the NTCIR test collections in their research. Consequently, NTCIR has been a major forum for researchers to intensively discuss the evaluation methodology of emerging information access technologies.

NTCIR-14 now calls for task participation of anyone interested in research on information access technologies and their evaluation, such as retrieval from a large amount of document collections, question answering and natural language processing. We welcome students, young researchers, professors who supervise students, researchers working for a company, and anyone who is interested in informatics.

NTCIR-14 Tasks

Lifelog-3	Advance the state-of-the-art research in lifelogging as an application of information retrieval. http://ntcir-lifelog.computing.dcu.ie/
OpenLiveQ-2	Question retrieval task in which participants can evaluate their systems in a production environment of Yahoo Japan Corporation's cQA service. http://www.openliveq.net/
QALab-PoliInfo	Question answering task for fact checking using Japanese regional assembly minutes. https://poliinfo.github.io/
STC-3	Emotional Conversation Generation, Dialogue Quality, and Nugget Detection subtasks using Chinese and English dialogue data. http://sakailab.com/ntcir14stc3/
WWW-2	Ad hoc web search. http://www.thuir.cn/ntcirwww2
CENTRE	Can we replicate/reproduce best practices from CLEF and/or TREC? http://www.centre-eval.org/ntcir14/
FinNum	Fine-grained numeral understanding in financial social media data

Registration due of each task

Lifelog-3 : Dec 31, 2018; OpenLiveQ-2 : Aug 1, 2018; QALab-PoliInfo : Nov 19, 2018; STC-3 : Aug 31, 2018; WWW-2 : Aug 31, 2018; CENTRE : Sep 30, 2018

NTCIR-14 Important Dates

Jun 2018:	Dataset release*	Feb 1, 2019:	Evaluation results return
Jun-Jul 2018:	Dry run*	Mar 15, 2019:	Participant paper due
Aug-Dec, 2018:	Formal run*	May 1, 2019:	Camera-ready paper due
Events with * vary across tasks. For the latest and detailed schedule, please visit each task website.		Jun 10-13, 2019:	NTCIR-14 Conf. & EVIA 2019

Post-conference Proceedings from LNCS

Selected participant papers will be published in the post-conference proceedings from Lecture Notes on Computer Science (LNCS).



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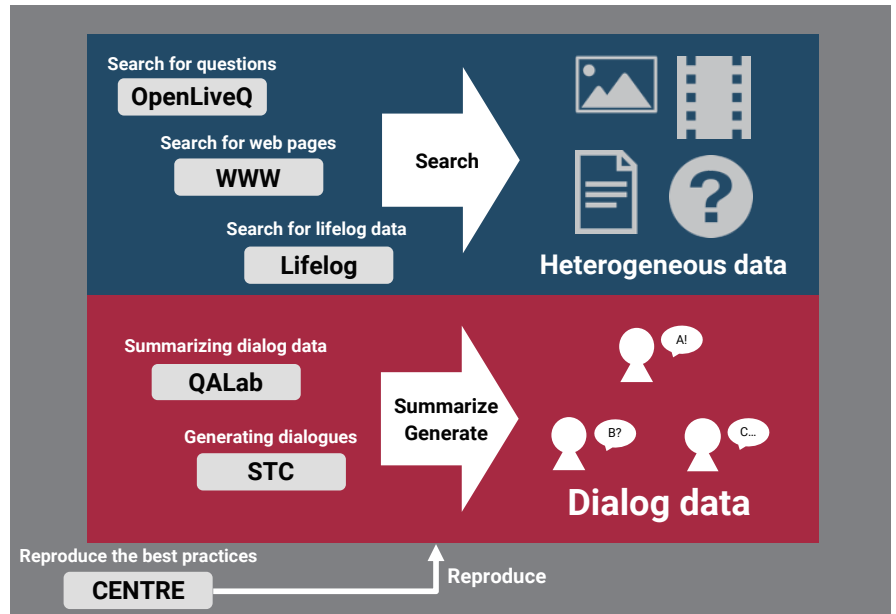
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Aims of NTCIR-14

NTCIR-14 mainly focuses on three topics on IA technology:

1. Heterogeneous information access
2. Dialogue generation and analysis
3. Meta research on information access communities



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- **9** Tasks
- **44** Task organizers
- **65** Research groups
- **8** Countries/Regions
- **207** Participants

