NTCIR

**The 16th NTCIR (NTCIR–16)
Testbeds and Community for Information access Research**

Call for Participation to the Kickoff Event

**March 29th (Mon), 2021
15:00~
Online (Zoom)**

http://research.nii.ac.jp/ntcir/ntcir-16/

The 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 20 years, NTCIR has been formulating the infrastructure for the evaluation, and contributing to development of the information access technologies. NTCIR has been the major forum for researchers to intensively discuss the evaluation methodology of emerging information access technologies.

As the details have been finalized for NTCIR-16, we would like to hold an event to introduce the NTCIR-16 and exciting new evaluation tasks. Are you a researcher in information access area, a faculty member, a researcher in industry, or simply interested in informatics? Anyone is welcome for the event! Join us to share the advance of the state of the art information access research and development!

Program

(only English session will be held in this round)
15:00～ (JST)
- ・Overview of NTCIR
- ・What's new in NTCIR-16
- ・Task Introduction
- ・Why participate?
- ・How to participate
- ・Important Dates
- ・Q & A

NTCIR-16 Tasks

CORE Tasks
- ・Data Search 2: Data Search 2
- ・DialEval-2: Dialogue Evaluation 2
- ・FinNum-3: Investor's and Manager's Fine-grained Claim Detection
- ・Lifelog-4: Lifelog Access and Retrieval
- ・QA Lab-PoliInfo-3: Question Answering Lab for Political Information
- ・WWW-4: We Want Web 4 with CENTRE

PILOT Tasks
- ・RCIR: Reading Comprehension for Information Retrieval
- ・Real-MedNLP: Real document-based Medical Natural Language Processing
- ・SS: Session Search
- ・ULTRE: Unbiased Learning to Ranking Evaluation TaskData Search: Data Search

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