

CALL FOR NTCIR-18 TASK PARTICIPATION

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NTCIR-18

NTCIR-18 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 you!

10 Interesting Tasks (registration due)

- **AEOLLM: Automatic Evaluation of LLMs (2025-01-15) EN**
Dialogue Generation (DialyDialog) / Text Expansion (WritingPrompts) /
Summary Generation (Xsum) / Non-Factoid QA (NF_CATS)
- **FairWeb-2: The Second Fair Web Task closed EN**
Web Search / Conversational Search “consider group fairness”
- **FinArg-2: Temporal Inference of Financial Arguments (2025-01-15) EN**
Premise's Influence Period Assessment / Argument Temporal References Detection /
Claim's Validity Period Assessment
- **Lifelog-6: Personal Lifelog Organisation & Retrieval Task (2025-01-15) EN Image, Sensory data**
LSAT - Lifelog Semantic Access / LIT - Lifelog Insight / LQAT: Lifelog Question Answer
- **MedNLP-CHAT: Medical Natural Language Processing for AI Chat (2025-01-17)**
JA (EN, FR, GE transl), GE (EN, FR, JA transl)
“determine whether a chatbot's answer to a medical question is appropriate, multiple aspects”
- **RadNLP: Natural Language Processing for Radiology (2025-01-15) EN, JA**
Automated lung cancer staging (from Radiology Report) / Document Segmentation
- **Transfer-2: Resource Transfer Based Dense Retrieval (2024-12-16)**
Dense Multimodal Retrieval (DMR) EN, Image, Sensor (ntcir18 Lifelog) / RAG JA /
Dense Cross-Language Retrieval (DCLR) JA (EN) (TBA)
- **HIDDEN-RAD: Hidden Causality Inclusion in Radiology Report Generation (2025-01-08)** **Generate a report** that provides diagnostic inferences by identifying **hidden causalities** in MIMIC-CXR reports. / **Simulate a radiologist's decision-making process to generate a report** from initial impression to final conclusion “goal is to produce a causality report that reflects the way a medical professional would diagnose.”
- **SUSHI: Searching Unseen Sources for Historical Information (2025-01-24) EN**
Container ranking / Detecting archival descriptions
- **U4 2.0: Unifying, Understanding, and Utilizing Unstructured Data in Financial Reports (2024-12-28) JA** Table Retrieval / Table QA

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