Structured & Unstructured Document Summarization

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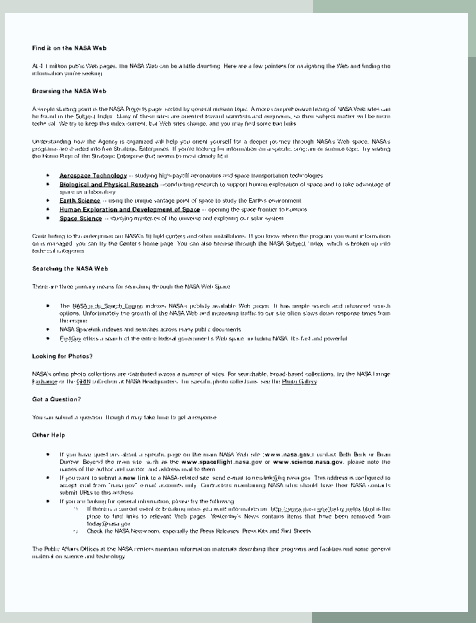
Structured Document



Find it on the NASA Web
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Flat Summary

This is presented by combining the textual summary with only the title (if any) of the document. This is a quick way of converting a structured document to a non-structured summary form. This works best when the source document has a flat structure. As expected, the document structure is lost, but the generated summary is coherent and meaningful.

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NASA's online photo collections are distributed across a number of sites. You can submit a question, though it may take time to get a response. If you have questions about a specific page on the main NASA Web site (www.nasa.gov) contact Beth Beck or Brian Dunbar.

Distributed Flat Summary

In distributed flat summary, each section is given its fair share of representation, calculated by associating the summary length of each section to the corresponding content weight. This is a quick way of converting a structured document to a flat summary form and works best when the source document is structured with uneven content distribution.

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Other Help
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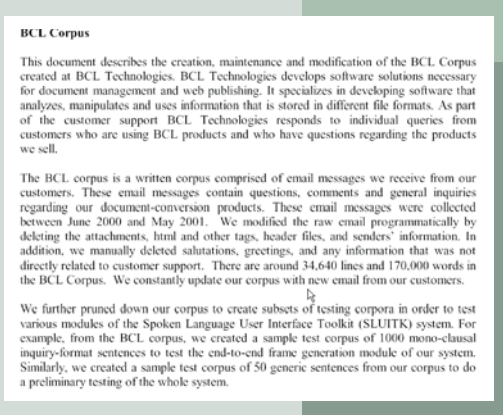
Unstructured Document

Lexical Chains

Lexical chains have been used to create summaries of a document. Cohesion is a way of connecting different parts of text into a single theme. In other words, this is a list of semantically related words, constructed by the use of co-reference, ellipses and conjunctions. This aims to identify the relationship between words that tend to co-occur in the same lexical context.



BCL Corpus

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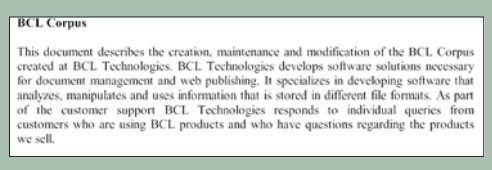
The BCL corpus is a written corpus comprised of email messages we receive from our customers. These email messages contain questions, comments and general inquiries regarding our document-conversion products. These email messages were collected between June 2000 and May 2001. We modified the raw email programmatically by deleting the attachments, html and other tags, header files, and senders' information. In addition, we manually deleted salutations, greetings, and any information that was not directly related to customer support. There are around 34,640 lines and 170,000 words in the BCL Corpus. We constantly update our corpus with new email from our customers.

We further pruned down our corpus to create subsets of testing corpora in order to test various modules of the Spoken Language User Interface Toolkit (SLUITK) system. For example, from the BCL corpus, we created a sample test corpus of 1000 mono-clausal inquiry-format sentences to test the end-to-end frame generation module of our system. Similarly, we created a sample test corpus of 50 generic sentences from our corpus to do a preliminary testing of the whole system.



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