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# **elit Documentation**

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The ELIT project brings the latest natural language processing (NLP) technology to the community. The primary focus of this project is to present an end-to-end NLP framework that is scalable for big data analysis using rich resources in the cloud. ELIT facilitates the process of developing, accessing, and deploying cutting-edge NLP tools by allowing researchers to quickly prototype innovative ideas using plug-and-play modules, supporting web-APIs to access built-in models, and providing a cloud platform to deploy comprehensive systems. ELIT is developed by the [NLP Research Group](#) at Emory University with an active collaboration with the AWS [MXNet](#) team.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Installation

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## Environmental Setup

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### Python

ELIT requires a Python version  $\geq 3.5$ . You can check which version of Python 3.x installed on your machine

```
` sudo add-apt-repository ppa:jonathonf/python-3.6 sudo apt-get update sudo  
apt-get install python3.6 python3.6-dev python3-setuptools `
```

## Virtual Environment

The elit project only supports Python with version  $\geq 3.5$ . Please make sure you have installed correct version of the Python on the machine.

It is as simple as one line to install elit by:

```
` pip install elit `
```





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## Decode with Web API

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ELIT provides web API that allows anyone to decode raw text into NLP structures using its [built-in models](#). The web API does not require the [ELIT installation](#) and can be used by any programming language that supports HTTP request/response.

### 2.1 Single Document

The following codes take an input document and run the NLP pipeline for tokenization, named entity recognition, part-of-speech tagging, morphological analysis, dependency parsing, and coreference resolution using the default parameters:

Python

```
import requests

url = 'https://elit.cloud/api/public/decode/doc'

doc = 'Jinho Choi is a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. ' \
      'Dr. Choi started the Emory NLP Research Group in 2014. ' \
      'He is the founder of the ELIT project.'

models = [
    {'model': 'elit_tok_lexrule_en'},
    {'model': 'elit_ner_bilstm_en_ontonotes'},
    {'model': 'elit_pos_bilstm_en_mixed'},
    {'model': 'elit_morph_lexrule_en'},
    {'model': 'uw_coref_e2e_en_ontonotes'}]

request = {'input': doc, 'models': models}
r = requests.post(url, json=request)
print(r.text)
```

Java

```

import org.apache.http.HttpResponse;
import org.apache.http.client.HttpClient;
import org.apache.http.client.methods.HttpPost;
import org.apache.http.entity.ContentType;
import org.apache.http.entity.StringEntity;
import org.apache.http.impl.client.HttpClientBuilder;
import org.apache.http.util.EntityUtils;

public class ELITWebAPI
{
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
    {
        HttpPost post = new HttpPost("https://elit.cloud/api/public/decode/doc");
        HttpClient client = HttpClientBuilder.create().build();

        String doc = "Jinho Choi is a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. "
↳+
                "Dr. Choi started the Emory NLP Research Group in 2014. " +
                "He is the founder of the ELIT project.";

        String models = "[" +
                "{\"model\": \"elit-tok-lexrule-en\"}," +
                "{\"model\": \"elit-ner-flair-en-ontonotes\"}," +
                "{\"model\": \"elit-pos-flair-en-mixed\"}," +
                "{\"model\": \"elit-morph-lexrule-en\"}," +
                "{\"model\": \"elit-dep-biaffine-en-mixed\"}," +
                "{\"model\": \"uw-coref-e2e-en-ontonotes\"}"];

        String request = "{\"input\": " + doc + ", \"models\": " + models + "}";

        post.setEntity(new StringEntity(request, ContentType.create("application/json
↳"))));
        HttpResponse response = client.execute(post);
        System.out.println(EntityUtils.toString(response.getEntity()));
    }
}

```

Add the following dependency to pom.xml.

```

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.apache.httpcomponents</groupId>
  <artifactId>httpclient</artifactId>
  <version>4.5.6</version>
</dependency>

```

Ruby

```

text = 'Jinho Choi is a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. ' \
      'Dr. Choi started the Emory NLP Research Group in 2014. ' \
      'He is the founder of the ELIT project.'

```

Node.js

```

text = 'Jinho Choi is a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. ' +
      'Dr. Choi started the Emory NLP Research Group in 2014. ' +
      'He is the founder of the ELIT project.'

```

The following shows the output in the JSON format (see the [output format](#) for more details):

```

{"sens":
  [{"sen_id": 0,
    "tok": ["Jinho", "Choi", "is", "a", "professor", "at", "Emory", "University", ".
↪"],
    "ner": [[0, 2, "PERSON"], [6, 8, "ORG"]],
    "pos": ["NNP", "NNP", "VBZ", "DT", "NN", "IN", "NNP", "NNP", "."],
    "mor": [{"("jinho", "NN")}, [{"("choi", "NN")}, [{"("be", "VB"), ("", "I_3PS")},
      [{"("a", "DT")}, [{"("pro+", "P"), ("fess", "VB"), ("+or", "N_ER")},
        [{"("at", "IN")}, [{"("emory", 'NN')}, [{"("university", "NN")}, [{"(".", "PU
↪")}]},
    "dep": [[1, "compound"], [2, "nsbj"], [4, "cop"], [4, "det"], [-1, "root"],
      [7, "case"], [7, "compound"], [4, "ppmod"], [4, "punct"]]},
    {"sen_id": 1,
      "tok": ["He", "is", "the", "director", "of", "EmoryNLP", "in", "Atlanta", ",", "GA", "."], ↵
↪...},
    {"sen_id": 2,
      "tok": ["Dr.", "Choi", "is", "happy", "to", "be", "at", "AWS", "re:Invent", "2018", "."], .
↪...}],
    "coref": [{"[0, 0, 2], [1, 0, 1], [2, 0, 2]}]}

```

See the [available models](#) for the list of all built-in models and their parameter settings.

## 2.2 Multiple Documents

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## CHAPTER 3

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### Decode with Python API

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## CHAPTER 4

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### Deploy to ELIT

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All models take the following naming convention:

```
[team]-[task]-[method]-[language]-[training_data]*
```

- `team`: the team who developed this model.
- `task`: the task that this model is developed for.
- `method`: the method used to develop this model.
- `language`: the input language (ISO 639-1; use `un` for universal models).
- `training_data`: the training data used to build this model (if applicable).

## 5.1 English Models

- `PRE`: tools that need to be run prior to the model.
- `DATA`: the dataset used to build the model.
- `EVAL`: evaluation on the dataset that the model is trained on.
- `BM`: the standard benchmark evaluation for the task.
- `tokseg`: any *tokenizer* with sentence segmentation.
- `inmixed`: any dataset in the `mixed` corpus.

### 5.1.1 Tokenization

### 5.1.2 Morphological Analysis

### 5.1.3 Part-of-Speech Tagging

- EVAL: accuracy.
- BM: accuracy on the Wall Street Journal portion of the [Penn Treebank](#) using the standard split (trn: 0-18; dev: 19-21; tst: 22-24).

### 5.1.4 Named Entity Recognition

- EVAL: F1-score.
- BM: F1-score on the English dataset distributed by the [CoNLL'03 shared task](#).

### 5.1.5 Dependency Parsing

- EVAL: UAS (unlabeled attachment score) / LAS (labeled attachment score).
- BM: UAS/LAS on the Wall Street Journal portion of the [Penn Treebank](#) using the standard split (trn: 2-21; dev: 22, 24; tst: 23) and the [Stanford typed dependencies](#).

### 5.1.6 Coreference Resolution

- EVAL: F1-scores of MUC/B3/CEAF.
- CoNLL12: the English dataset distributed by the [CoNLL'12 shared task](#).

## 5.2 English Datasets

- sc = sentence count.
- tc = token count.

### 5.2.1 CRAFT

- [Colorado Richly Annotated Full Text Corpus](#)
  - Biomedical journal articles (sc = 19,792, tc = 554,539)

### 5.2.2 BOLT

- [Broad Operational Language Translation](#)
  - Conversational telephone speech (sc = 11,552, tc = 160,319)
  - Discussion forum (sc = 17,382, tc = 396,584)
  - SMS message (sc = 22,883, tc = 260,431)

### 5.2.3 EWT

- English Web Treebank
  - Question-answer (sc = 3,089, tc = 50,404)
  - Email (sc = 3,436, tc = 51,504)
  - Newsgroup (sc = 2,122, tc = 41,891)
  - Review (sc = 2,951, tc = 45,864)
  - Weblog (sc = 1,886, tc = 42,988)

### 5.2.4 OntoNotes

- OntoNotes 5.0
  - Broadcasting conversation (sc = 14,648, tc = 239,940)
  - Broadcasting news (sc = 11,867, tc = 240,241)
  - News magazine (sc = 7,960, tc = 194,926)
  - Newswire (sc = 40,491, tc = 1,038,190)
  - Pivot text (sc = 24,386, tc = 339,013)
  - Telephone conversation (sc = 10,955, tc = 112,847)
  - Weblog (sc = 11,800, tc = 262,049)

### 5.2.5 QuestionBank

- QuestionBank Revised
  - Question (sc = 3,989, tc = 38,100)

### 5.2.6 MiPACQ

- Multi-source Integrated Platform for Answering Clinical Questions
  - Clinical note (sc = 9,706, tc = 132,235)
  - Clinical question (sc = 1,980, tc = 37,178)
  - Medpedia (sc = 2,921, tc = 49,252)
  - Pathological note (sc = 1,182, tc = 22,088)

### 5.2.7 SHARP

- Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects
  - Clinical note (sc = 7,841, tc = 111,789)
  - Seattle group health note (sc = 8,268, tc = 110,208)
  - Stratified (sc = 5,022, tc = 51,629)
  - Stratified Seattle group health note (sc = 15,948, tc = 165,960)

## 5.2.8 THYME

- Temporal History of Your Medical Events
- Brain cancer note (sc = 21,284, tc = 263,011)
- Clinical/Pathological note (sc = 30,090, tc = 448,603)

## 5.2.9 Mixed

A combined dataset consisting of CRAFT, BOLT, EWT, OntoNotes, QuestionBank, MiPACQ, SHARP, and THYME.

### Part-of-Speech Tags

Words:

Punctuation:

### Named Entity Tags

Named entities:

Other entities:

### Dependency Labels

See the [Deep Dependency Guidelines](#) for more details:

## CHAPTER 6

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Output Format

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## CHAPTER 7

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Decode with CLI

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## CHAPTER 8

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Train with CLI

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`elit.structure.to_gold(key: str) → str`

`elit.structure.to_out(key: str) → str`

**class** `elit.structure.Sentence` (*d=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `dict`

`__init__` (*d=None, \*\*kwargs*)

#### Parameters

- **d** (*dict*) – a dictionary, if not None, all of whose fields are added to this sentence.
- **kwargs** – additional fields to be added; if keys already exist; the values are overwritten with these.

#### tokens

**Returns** the list of tokens in the sentence.

**Return type** list of str

#### part\_of\_speech\_tags

**Returns** the list of part-of-speech tags corresponding to the tokens in this sentence.

**Return type** list of str

**class** `elit.structure.Document` (*d=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `dict`

`__init__` (*d=None, \*\*kwargs*)

#### Parameters

- **d** (*dict*) – a dictionary, if not None, all of whose fields are added to this document.
- **kwargs** – additional fields to be added; if keys already exist; the values are overwritten with these.

#### sentences

**Returns** the list of sentences in the document.

**Return type** list of Sentence

**tokens**

**Returns** list of tokens across all sentences.

**Return type** list of str

**add\_sentence** (*sentence: elit.structure.Sentence*)

**add\_sentences** (*sentences: Sequence[elit.structure.Sentence]*)

**class** `elit.structure.BILOU`

Bases: `object`

**B** = 'B'

**I** = 'I'

**L** = 'L'

**O** = 'O'

**U** = 'U'

**classmethod** `to_chunks` (*tags: List[str], fix: bool = False*) → List[Tuple[int, int, str]]

**Parameters**

- **tags** – a list of tags encoded by BILOU.
- **fix** – if True, fixes potential mismatches in BILOU (see `heuristic_fix()`).

**Returns** a list of tuples where each tuple contains (begin index (inclusive), end index (exclusive), label) of the chunk.

**classmethod** `heuristic_fix` (*tags*)

Use heuristics to fix potential mismatches in BILOU. :param tags: a list of tags encoded by BLIOU.

**class** `elit.structure.Node`

Bases: `object`

Node is used for constructing the NLP structure.

`__init__` ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**parent**

**Returns** parent of current node

**Return type** *Node*

**left\_sibling**

**Returns** left libling of current node

**Return type** *Node*

**right\_sibling**

**Returns** right libling of current node

**Return type** *Node*

**children**

the list of children

**Returns** the list of children

**Return type** `list`

**index\_of** (*child*)

the index of the child

**Parameters** **child** (`Node`) – a child node

**Returns** the index of the child node. return `None` if the given node is not a child

**Return type** `int` or `None`

**child** (*index*)

**Parameters** **index** (`int`) – index of a child node

**Returns** the index'th child of this node if exists; otherwise, `None`

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**first\_child** ()

**Returns** the first child of this node if exists; otherwise, `None`

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**last\_child** ()

**Returns** the last child of this node if exists; otherwise, `None`

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**find\_child\_by** (*matcher=<function Node.<lambda>>, index=0*)

**Parameters**

- **matcher** (`lambda`) – the condition
- **index** (`int`) – displacement (0: 1st, 1: 2nd, etc.)

**Returns** the order'th child matching the specific condition of this node if exists; otherwise, `None`

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**add\_child** (*node, index=None*)

Adds a node as the index'th child of this node if it is not already a child of this node.

**Parameters**

- **node** (`Node`) – node is added to children
- **index** (`int`) – add child to this position

**Returns** if the node is added successfully, return `True`; otherwise, `False`

**Return type** `bool`

**set\_child** (*node, index*)

Sets a node as the index'th child of this node if it is not already a child of this node.

**Parameters**

- **node** (`Node`) – node is set at the index position
- **index** (`int`) – set a child to this position

**Returns** the previously index'th node if added; otherwise, `None`

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**remove\_child** (*node*)

Removes a child from this node.

**Parameters** **node** (*Node*) – remove node

**Returns** True if the node exist; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**replace\_child\_from** (*old\_node*, *new\_node*)

Replaces the child from *old\_node* to *new\_node*

**Parameters**

- **old\_node** (*Node*) – old child
- **new\_node** (*Node*) – new child

**Returns** True if the child is replaced successfully; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**remove** ()

Removes this node from its parent. If this is the only child, removeToken its parent from its grandparent, and applies this logic recursively to the ancestors.

**has\_child** ()

Whether current node has any child or not

**Returns** True if this node has any child; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**is\_child\_of** (*node*)

Whether current node is a child of the node or not

**Parameters**

- **node** – *Node*
- **node** – *Node*

**Returns** True if this node is a child of the specific node; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**contains\_child** (*matcher*=<function *Node*.<lambda>>)

Whether current node contains a child with the matcher or not

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – The matcher of condition

**Returns** True if this node contains a child of the matcher; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**num\_of\_children** ()

**Returns** numbers of children

**Return type** *int*

**find\_children\_in** (*first\_child\_index*=0, *last\_child\_index*=None)

The sublist begins at the specific position and extends to the end.

**Parameters**

- **first\_child\_index** (*int*) – the ID of the first child (inclusive)
- **last\_child\_index** (*int*) – the ID of the last child (exclusive)

**Returns** an immutable list of sub-children

**Return type** `list`

**find\_children\_by** (*matcher*=<function Node.<lambda>>)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the list of children matching the specific condition.

**Return type** `list`

**grand\_children** ()

**Returns** the list of grand-children

**Return type** `list`

**find\_first\_descendant\_by** (*matcher*=<function Node.<lambda>>)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the first descendant matching the specific condition

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**find\_first\_lowest\_chained\_descendant\_by** (*matcher*)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the first lowest descendant whose intermediate ancestors to this node all match the specific condition

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**descendants** ()

**Returns** the list of all descendents (excluding this node).

**Return type** `list`

**find\_descendants\_in** (*depth*)

**Parameters** **depth** (*int*) – the level of the descendents to be retrieved (1: children, 2: childreNLPNode + grand-children, etc.).

**Returns** the list of descendents (excluding this node).

**Return type** `list`

**find\_single\_chained\_by** (*matcher*=<function Node.<lambda>>)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** a node in this node's subtree (including self) matching the specific condition if it is single-chained.

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**adapt\_descendants\_from** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (`Node`) –

**is\_descendants\_of** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (`Node`) – the node

**Returns** True if the node is a descendant of the specific node

**Return type** `bool`

**grand\_parent** ()

**Returns** the grandparent of this node if exists; otherwise, None

**Return type** *Node* or None

**ancestor** (*height*)

**Parameters** **height** (*int*) – height of the ancestor from this node (1: parent, 2: grandparent, etc.).

**Returns** the lowest ancestor matching the specific condition

**Return type** *Node*

**find\_lowest\_ancestor\_by** (*matcher*=<function *Node*.<lambda>>)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the lowest ancestor matching the specific condition

**Return type** *Node*

**find\_highest\_ancestor\_by** (*matcher*=<function *Node*.<lambda>>)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the highest ancestor where all the intermediate ancestors match the specific condition

**Return type** *Node*

**lowest\_common\_ancestor** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (*Node*) – the node

**Returns** the lowest common ancestor of this node and the specified node

**Return type** *Node* or None

**ancestor\_set** ()

**Returns** the setToken of all ancestors of this node

**Return type** *set*

**is\_parent\_of** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (*Node*) – the node

**Returns** True if this node is the parent of the specific node; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**is\_ancestor\_of** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (*Node*) – the node

**Returns** True if the node is a descendant of the specific node; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**has\_parent** (*matcher*=<function *Node*.<lambda>>)

**Parameters** **matcher** – the condition

**Returns** True if this node has a parent; otherwise, False

**Return type** *bool*

**has\_grand\_parent** ()



**Returns** True if this node has a grand parent; otherwise, False

**Return type** `bool`

**siblings** ()

**Returns** the list of all siblings

**Return type** `list`

**left\_nearest\_sibling** (*order=0*)

**Parameters** **order** (*int*) – displacement (0: left-nearest, 1: 2nd left-nearest, etc.)

**Returns** the order'th left-nearest sibling of this node if exists; otherwise, None

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**find\_left\_nearest\_sibling\_by** (*matcher=<function Node.<lambda>>*)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the left nearest sibling that matches the specific condition

**Return type** `Node`

**right\_nearest\_sibling** (*order=0*)

**Parameters** **order** (*int*) – displacement (0: left-nearest, 1: 2nd left-nearest, etc.)

**Returns** the order'th right-nearest sibling of this node if exists; otherwise, None

**Return type** `Node` or `None`

**find\_right\_nearest\_sibling\_by** (*matcher=<function Node.<lambda>>*)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** the right nearest sibling that matches the specific condition

**Return type** `Node`

**has\_left\_sibling** (*matcher=<function Node.<lambda>>*)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** True if this node has a left sibling; otherwise, False.

**has\_right\_sibling** (*matcher=<function Node.<lambda>>*)

**Parameters** **matcher** (*lambda*) – the condition

**Returns** True if this node has a right sibling; otherwise, False.

**is\_sibling\_of** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (`Node`) – the node

**Returns** True if this node is a sibling of the specific node.

**Return type** `bool`

**is\_left\_sibling\_of** (*node*)

**Parameters** **node** (`Node`) –

**Returns** True if this node is a left sibling of the specific node

**Return type** `bool`

**is\_right\_sibling\_of** (*node*)

**Parameters** `node` (*Node*) –

**Returns** True if this node is a right sibling of the specific node

**Return type** *bool*

`find_node_in` (*order*, *getter*)

**Parameters**

- **order** (*int*) – 0: self, 1: nearest, 2: second nearest, etc.
- **getter** (*str*) – takes a node and returns a node.

**Returns** the order'th node with respect to the getter.

**Return type** *Node*

`find_nearest_node_by` (*getter*, *matcher*=<function *Node*.<lambda>>)

**Parameters**

- **getter** (*str*) – takes a node and returns a node.
- **matcher** (*lambda*) – takes a node and the supplement, and returns true if its field matches to the specific predicate.

**Returns** the first node matching the specific condition

**Return type** *Node* or *None*

`isolate` ()

Isolates this node from its parent, children, and siblings

`second_order` (*getter*)

**Parameters** **getter** (*str*) – takes a node and returns a list of nodes.

**Returns** the list of second order elements according to the getter.

**Return type** *list*

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