

TimeML Annotation Assignment

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This assignment should be E-MAILED to jlittman@cs.brandeis.edu per the directions below.

1 Introduction

In this assignment, you have to annotate a given news article using TimeML. You will be graded on the *quality of your annotation*, so it is best to take your time and check your work.

There are two articles posted on the website to be annotated. If your last name begins with the letter 'm' or above, annotate the article APW. If your last name begins with 'n' or below, annotate the article XIE. Also on the website, you can find the annotation tools that you should use for this task. The tools should run on any platform (Windows, Mac, or Linux); please let us know if you have trouble running them.

2 Resources

There are a number of resources at your disposal to aid your annotation, in addition to the tutorials we are offering. The *TimeML Specification* includes the basic structure of each tag with some notes on their usage. The *TimeML Annotation Guidelines* are your most important source of information. It is recommended that you read through this document before you begin. Note that the guidelines are frequently updated as TimeML is improved. Chapters 2 and 3 contain thorough guidelines for each TimeML tag. Chapter 4 contains several complex examples, but it is possible that some of these are slightly outdated. If you come across an inconsistency or are unsure of something, please ask one of the teaching assistants for help.

3 Submission Procedures

When you are finished your work, please send your annotated file to jlittman@cs.brandeis.edu with your last name appended to the file name. For example, if you were assigned the file "XIE", you would e-mail an annotated file named "XIE.lastname".