LongEval: Longitudinal Evaluation of **Model Performance**

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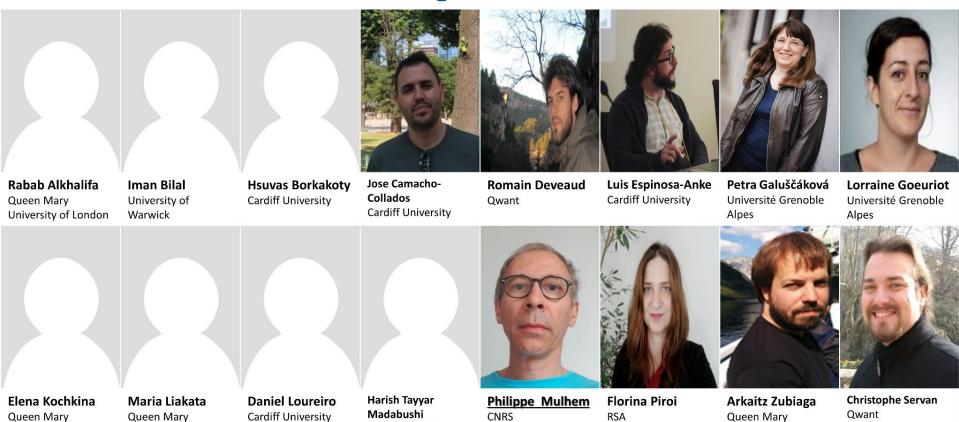








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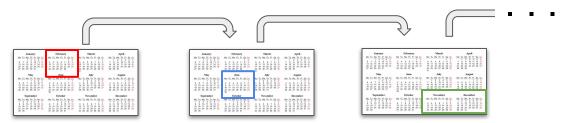
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Motivations for the CLEF 2023 LongEval Lab

<u>Temporal persistence evaluation:</u> How do systems face temporal evolution?



Creating benchmarks for a continuous evaluation for two major data collections: sentiment analysis on social network and Web search:



<u>Classification</u>: Sentiment (pos / neg) of tweets

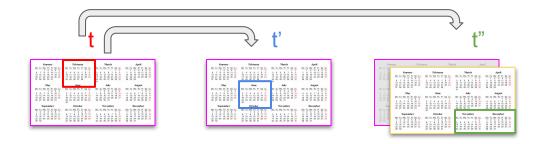


Information Retrieval: Quality of retrieval of Web documents and queries

Research question for the CLEF 2023 LongEval Lab

To quantify the drop of quality of Classification and IR systems

Global Framework



- Training set from data acquired at time t
- 2. Test set *within-time* from data acquired at time t (reference)
- 3. Test set with data acquired in (t,t'] (short term) (sub-task A)
- 4. Test set with data acquired in (t',t"] (sub-task B)
- 5. Evaluate the drop of quality between t t and t t

Impact for the CLEF 2023 LongEval Lab

No existing shared tasks dedicated specifically to this important question.

Build a first overview of the persistence of the state of the art Classification and Information Retrieval Systems evolution over the time.

Task.1 LongEval-Retrieval Temporal Information Retrieval

Dataset



- All Web documents and queries from Qwant search engine
 - overall: ~ 500k docs (fr); ~ 10k queries (fr); assessments from a click model
 - queries acquired using their popularity
 - documents from SERPs + background
- 4 subsets:
 - one training set at time t,
 - three test sets:
 - one within-time at t
 - one short-term in (t, t'] (sub-task A)
 - one long-term in (t', t"] (sub-task B).
 - t' = t + 3 months, t'' = t + 6 months.

Evaluation measures

- Absolute evaluation: nDCG
- Relative nDCG Drop with a respect to within-time

Task.2 LongEval-Classification Longitudinal Text Classification

Dataset

- TM-Senti: Temporal multilingual sentiment dataset
 - a general large-scale tweets sentiment dataset in the English language
 - spanning a 9-year period ranging from 2013 to 2021.
 - Tweets are binary labelled for sentiment as either "positive" or "negative"
- 4 subsets:
 - one training set at time t
 - three evaluation sets
 - within-time test set at t
 - short-term set in (t,t'] (sub-task A)
 - long-term set in (t',t"] (sub-task B).

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where t' = t + 1 year, t'' = t + n years where n > 1
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Evaluation measures

- Macro-averaged F1-score
- Relative Performance Drop

Timeline

Same for the two tasks:

- **December 2022:** Training data release
- End of April 2023: Participants' submissions
- May 2023: Participants' papers submissions
- June 2023: Evaluation results release
- July 2023: Camera ready paper submissions
- September 2023:



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