First Workshop on Trolling, Aggression and Cyberbullying (TRAC– 1) @ COLING 2018
20 / 21 August, 2018, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA &
Shared Task on Aggression Identification (SAI)

Website: http://trac.kmi.aha
Submit papers on: https://www.softconf.com/coling2018/ws-TRAC1/
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Call for Papers

As the number of people and this interaction over the web has increased, incidents of aggression and related activities like trolling, cyberbullying, flaming, hate speech, etc. have also increased manifold across the globe. The reach and extent of Internet has given such incidents unprecedented power and influence to affect the lives of billions of people. We are happy to announce that we are organising the First Workshop on Trolling, Aggression and Cyberbullying at 27th International Conference of Computational Linguistics (COLING – 2018) in New Mexico, USA on 20 / 21 August, 2018, focussing on these and other related phenomena, in both text (especially social media) and speech.

We invite original and unpublished full papers for powerpoint and poster presentations and demo of working systems around the following themes:

• Theories and models of aggression and conflict in language.
• Typology of verbal aggression and related phenomenon.
• Discursive studies of verbal aggression, impoliteness and related phenomena in language.
• Trolling, hate speech, cyberbullying and aggression on the web.
• Abusive language and aggression on the web.
• Multilingualism and aggression.
• Resource Development - Speech and Text Corpora, Annotation Guidelines and Best Practices for aggression detection
• Computational Models and Methods for aggression detection in text and speech.
• Automatic detection of aggression on the web (both text and speech).
• Automatic detection of trolling and cyberbullying on the web (both text and speech).
• Automatic detection of physical threat on the web (both text and speech).
• Automatic detection of hate speech on the web (both text and speech).
• Automatic censorship and moderation: ethical, legal and technological issues and challenges (both text and speech).

Submission

The papers might be submitted for one of the following categories -

• Long Paper (completed work - 9 pages)
• Short Paper (work in progress - 5 pages)
• Demo of a working system / library / API (described in maximum 2 pages, with a link to the actual system, if available) - we strongly prefer open-source and free systems for demo at the workshop

Both long and short papers may be presented using PowerPoint or Poster, depending on the medium that is considered most appropriate for the paper by the Program Committee. Please note the workshop does not make any hierarchical distinction between papers and posters and the decision does NOT reflect the quality
of the paper - the choice between the two mediums of presentation will only be made based on its suitability and appropriateness for presenting the content of the paper. Submissions should be formatted according to the COLING 2018 template (http://coling2018.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/coling2018.zip) - these will be provided in LaTeX and also Microsoft Word format on the COLING Website. As with the main conference, submissions will only be accepted in PDF format and deviations from the provided templates will result in rejections without review. Papers are to be submitted by the end of the deadline day via the workshop's SoftConf site (https://www.softconf.com/coling2018/ws-TRAC1/).

**Shared Task on Aggression Identification**

We also solicit system submissions for the **Shared Task on Aggression Identification**, being organised as part of the workshop. As part of the shared task, the participants will be provided an aggression-annotated dataset of around 15,000 Facebook posts and comments in code-mixed Hindi – English.

**Workshop Paper Dates**

Submission of Paper: **15 May, 2018**
Notification of acceptance: **20 June, 2018**
Camera-ready version: **30 June, 2018**
Workshop Date: **20 / 21 August, 2018**

**Shared Task Dates**

Training Set Release: **13 March, 2018**
Test Set Release: **21 April, 2018**
Submissions Due: **24 April, 2018**
Results Announcement: **28 April, 2018**
System Papers Deadline: **15 May, 2018**
Review for Papers: **20 June, 2018**
Camera-ready Version: **30 June, 2018**

**Contact**

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