

DSTC6: Call for track proposals

Dialog System Technology Challenge 6

Website: <http://workshop.colips.org/dstc6/>

Background

The DSTC shared task has now been running since 2013. This year's challenge has been renamed to Dialog System Technology Challenge, which reflects the wider scope we aim for. The DSTC6 workshop will be co-located to one of conferences such as NIPS or IWSDS.

The challenge will include 3-4 tracks, which should reflect the interests of the community. We will ask the community to cast expressions of interest via an online voting system in order to ensure sufficient numbers of participants per track.

Submissions

We would like to encourage you to submit a 2-page proposal (+ unlimited references, + an appendix of unlimited size containing examples of the data, annotations, and expected output to be generated), including but not limited to:

- end-to-end systems
- dialogue state tracking
- spoken language understanding
- natural language generation for SDS
- dialogue breakdown detection
- automatic evaluation metrics
- question-answering
- text to API call

Your proposal should contain:

- 1) The names and affiliations of the organisers;
- 2) A description of the task, with particular reference to its relevance for the dialog community;
- 3) A description of the data that will be provided for participants;
- 4) A description of the evaluation methods that will be used to compare peer systems;
- 5) An appendix of unlimited size containing examples of the data, annotations, and expected output to be generated

Send your proposal document as an attached PDF file (no specific format required) to the DSTC distribution list dstc@lists.research.microsoft.com. See instructions on how to join the mailing list at <http://workshop.colips.org/dstc6/contact.html>

Important Dates:

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- 13 Feb 2017: Track Proposal Submission
 - 15 Feb - 1 March: Voting Period
 - 3 Mar 2017: Notification
 - mid-Mar to mid-Jun 2017: Challenge Preparation
 - mid-Jun to mid-Sep 2017: Challenge Period
 - mid-Sep to mid-Oct 2017: Paper Preparation
 - Dec 8-9 2017: NIPS Workshop

DSTC6 Organising Committee:

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