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Introduction

The WNUT 2015 workshop focuses on a core set of natural language processing tasks on top of noisy user-generated text, such as that found on social media, web forums and online reviews. Recent years have seen a significant increase of interest in these areas. The internet has democratized content creation leading to an explosion of informal user-generated text, publicly available in electronic format, motivating the need for NLP on noisy text to enable new data analytics applications. The workshop is an opportunity to bring together researchers interested in noisy text with different backgrounds and encourage crossover.

The workshop this year features two shared tasks, (a) Text Normalization and (b) Twitter Named Entity Recognition, to facilitate comparison of different approaches and help advance the state of the art. Because this is a fast-moving area, there is a lack of standardized datasets, and papers published in the same year may not compare against each other. By organizing these shared tasks we hope to help develop standardized evaluations and promote research on NLP in noisy text.

The program this year includes 8 papers in the main track, 8 system description papers in the Twitter Named Entity Recognition track, and 9 system description papers in the Text Normalization track. All the papers are presented as short talks and as well as posters. There are also 4 invited speakers, Tim Baldwin, Brendan O'Connor, Anders Søgaard and Joel Tetreault, with each of their talks covering a different aspect of NLP for user-generated text.

We would like to thank the Program Committee members who reviewed the papers this year. We would also like to thank the workshop participants. Last, a word of thanks also goes to our two sponsors: Microsoft Research and IBM Research.

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