

Presentation Summarizer: A Full-Fledged NLP Service

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Abstract - With the latest advancements in Computational Linguistics, complex Natural Language Processing tasks such as Text Summarization, Language Translation, Text Classification, Question Answering, Grammar Error Correction, etc. have become very feasible. Automatic text summarization on various types of transcripts has proved to be a useful way that best describes the content. However, the traditional methods rely on simpler extractive summarization-based technique. In recent years, Transformers have proved to achieve groundbreaking results, especially for Abstractive summarization task typically known to be involuted.

Another application where Computational Linguistics has enhanced significantly is Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), Allowing computers to understand human speech.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Our Web Service comprises three main components i.e the ASR Module, followed by a Grammar Correction Module and Abstractive Summarizer Module. Users can start transcription (ASR) where speech will continuously be transcribed, and output is displayed in real-time. The Audio Input Stream can be any monologue speech such as a lecture, speech, or conversation.

Once the speech is finished, this transcription is processed by a Grammar Error Correction model since the Kaldi model can only detect words and not the semantic meaning containing punctuations. Hence, reading interpretability is an issue tackled by the GEC model.

In addition, a Named Entity Recognition model will identify entity keywords and highlight the specific part in the text field for visual reading which can be exported by the user to view results later.

Lastly, this corrected transcript is fed to the summarization model to provide a summary.

1.1 Speech Recognition

We have used the VOSK model based on Kaldi ASR. Kaldi ASR is an offline open-source speech recognition toolkit that is utilized for speech-to-text task. It supports 18 language

models and dialects, including English, Indian English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese, Italian, Dutch, Catalan, Arabic, Greek, Farsi, Filipino, and Ukrainian. Kaldi models can have base models (smaller in size) and large models (large size), yet they offer continuous huge vocabulary transcription, low-latency response with streaming API, and changeable vocabulary with speaker identification support.

VOSK model achieves a Word-Error-Rate of ~13 for Indian English.

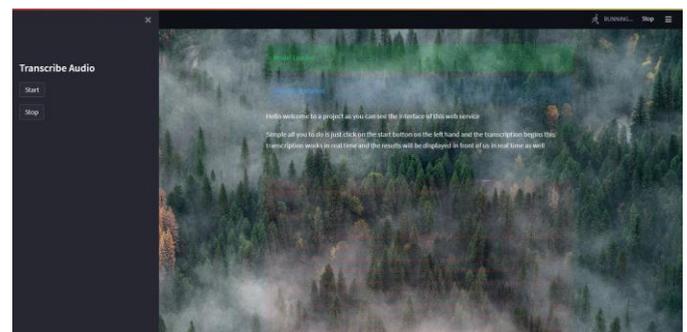


Fig1: Transcription in Real-Time

1.2 Grammar Error Correction (GEC)

Present Speech Recognition models are only trained to identify spoken terms; hence punctuation marks and prose of the sentence will not be proper. This results in only long words that make reading interpretability difficult.

To tackle this, we incorporate a Grammar Error Correction (GEC) model. This GEC model is a t5-small model trained originally on Wav2Vec2 results mapping incorrect sequence with encoder to a grammatically correct sequence by a decoder.

The Grammar Error Correction approach takes the entire transcript at once and processes the refined text. Since the transcript can be incomplete, it wouldn't contain the proper meaning hence model is applied after the speech utterance has finished, where corrections are made wherever necessary.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

We have researched & tested many State-of-the-Art Transformer & transducer models like Wav2vec2 (Meta), NeMo (NVIDIA), Kaldi based VOSK. One of the main limitations of Transformer Architecture is its capability for real-time transcription, also referred as "Streaming". Since Transformer architecture is based on a self-attention mechanism, these self-attention blocks have a quadratic computational complexity meaning these attention blocks need to look at the complete speech utterance at once making the operation very expensive and hence doesn't achieve streaming.

3. CONCLUSION

Hence, we have successfully completed the development and deployment of the NLP web service on streamlit using various Deep Learning models in pipeline for downstream tasks such as Speech Recognition, Grammar Correction, Text Summarization & Named Entity Recognition.

4. FUTURE WORK

Presently all the models combined add up to a large size which makes storage expensive & deployment complex also requiring GPUs. Hence, we can apply model distillation which converts complex model behavior to a smaller size with respect to parameters. A smaller model will retain only some portion but can be effective for running inferences such as an edge device. Knowledge distillation works best with Natural Language Processing models.

For speech recognition, for use cases that deal with specific vocabulary, speech samples can be trained to learn the vocabulary. Kaldi also supports Speaker Diarization, meaning identifying the speech spoken by the speaker expanding the scope to even wider use cases.

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