MultiLing 2015: Welcome

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MultiLing aim — Before

- Identify multi-document, multilingual summarization (MMS) research
- Discuss MMS algorithms
- Create multilingual reusable resources
- Quantify performance
- Check existing automatic measures
- Motivate and study multi-lingual, single document summarization
MultiLing aim — Now

- Identify *multilingual summarization research practices*
- Create multilingual reusable resources
- Quantify performance
- Motivate and study various types of automatic summarization application domains
- *Check existing automatic measures*
The tasks

Multi-document summarization  Many source texts, one summary
Single-document summarization  One source text, one summary
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**Online Forum Summarization (OnForumS)** Summarizing a mass of comments

**Call Centre Conversation Summarization (CCCS)** Summarizing conversation transcripts
The foci

Multi-document summarization  Event sequences
Single-document summarization  Wikipedia article summary
Online Forum Summarization (OnForumS)  Linking and labeling
Call Centre Conversation Summarization (CCCS)  Event detection and abstractive description
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Main challenges faced

- Scale up to more tasks
- Create new corpora
- Clean up existing corpora
- Evaluation
Thank you for being here

Let the MultiLing games begin!