

Anchor Working Group

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Principles

We disregard derivational morphology

We want a connected graph for each orthographically defined sentence

Except maybe for parentheticals

We try to annotate as much as possible

Basically, no null nodes...

Option 1: except when they are used (gapping)

Option 2: no null nodes ever

Parameters 1

One layer, or several?

If several, which should be standardized? Surface is more variable cross-theory and cross-language

Is lexical head the anchor, or functional word?

John has sneezed

What are fundamental syntactic effects that dependency should represent?

Agreement

Case assignment

Syntactic predicate-argument structure

Parameters 2

More difficult cases

One apple a day

There will always be things we do not want to annotate

Named entities - annotate the inside syntactically?

- American Airlines
- Mao Tse Tung
- Die Mittermeier Rosi

But we try to annotate as much as possible

Do We Like the Word “Anchor”?

Yeah, kind of, why not

What versus How?
