

PrivaLingo: Privacy-Preserving Machine Translation

Motivation

The **PrivaLingo** project aims to design a privacy-preserving neural machine translation (NMT) system by incorporating various state-of-the-art privatization methods into the training regime of neural network models. We particularly work in the paradigm of [differential privacy \(DP\)](#), which provides formal privacy guarantees for data analysis algorithms. We are currently designing a modular and open-source framework for private NMT, using the [JAX](#) and [Flax](#) libraries. The framework will include various NMT architectures (LSTMs, transformer-based models) and datasets, trained with the [DP-SGD](#) algorithm.

Task Description

- Prepare a modular framework for private NMT models using the JAX/Flax libraries
- Train a variety of NMT models with and without DP on different datasets (e.g. WMT 2016 English-German), comparing performance using various evaluations (e.g. BLEU, ROUGE)
- Compile a literature review of work on private NMT (paper summaries, including descriptions of methodology and results)

Requirements

- Proficiency in Python programming, particularly with ML/DL libraries
- Basic knowledge of machine learning and deep learning for NLP
- Proficiency in English

Application

- Curriculum Vitae
- Transcript
- Starting date: As early as possible
- Preferably 40-80 hrs / month

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