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Classifying the Country of Birth

Task: What is the Country of Birth?



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Items available

country of origin

nationality

date of birth

religion

place of birth



Two Approaches



Lead File Based



Supervised Learning



Lead File Based Approach



Results easy to explain



Lead file maintenance



Supervised Learning Approach



Lead file maintenance obsolete



Quality of Training Data matters



Supervised Learning Approach



N-Grams vectorise birth places:

DRESDEN → **[DR,RE,ES,SD,DE,EN]**

... tested methods:

Naïve Bayes & Random Forest



Results 2018



Country of Birth	
Original	Imputation
missing	X
X	X
X	Y
X	unknown

Lead File	
Frequency	Percent
3 513 541	52,3%
2 816 551	41,9%
80 074	1,2%
306 253	4,6%
6 716 419	100,0%

Supervised Learning	
Frequency	Percent
3 537 299	52,7%
2 769 265	41,2%
384 103	5,7%
25 752	0,4%
6 716 419	100,0%



Results



Country of Birth		Lead File	Supervised Learning
Original	Imputation	Percent	Percent
missing	X	94,2%	93,9%
X	X		
X	Y	1,2%	5,7%
X	unknown	4,6%	0,4%
		100,0%	100,0%



Results

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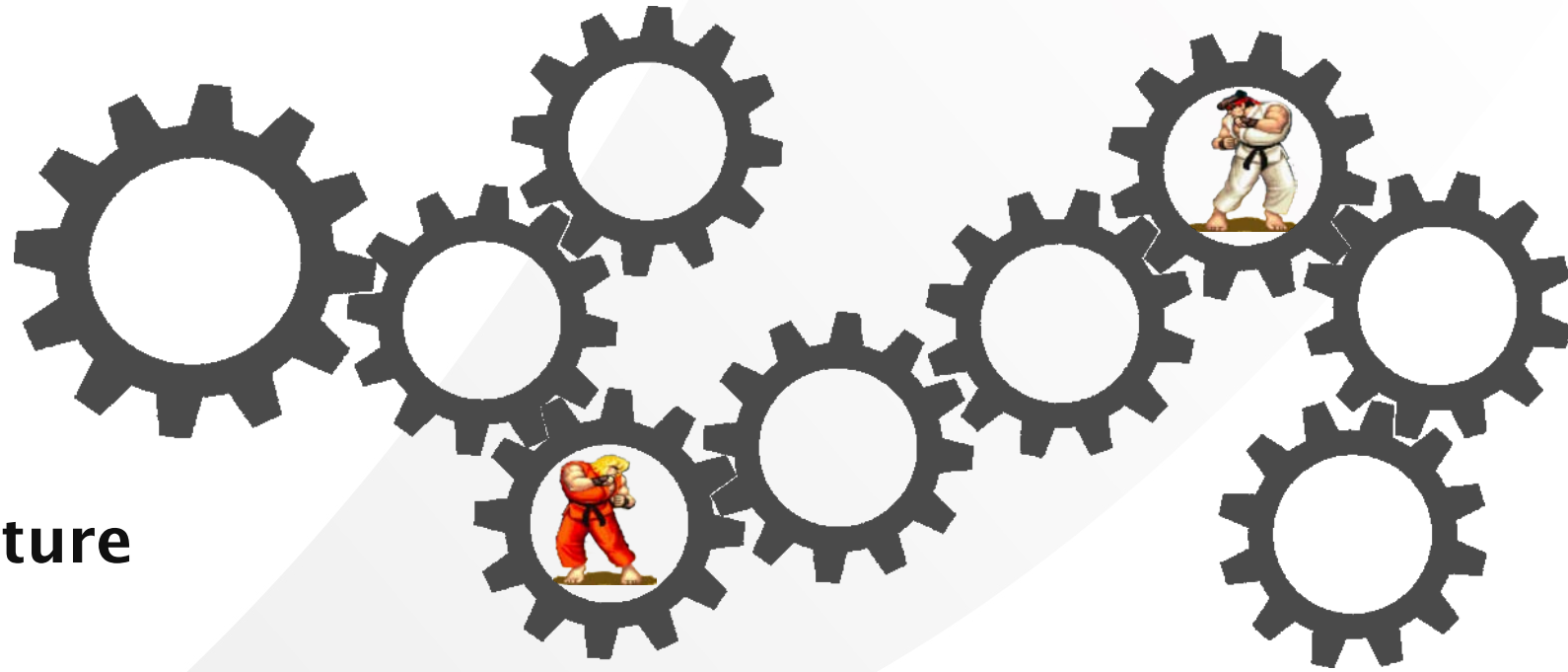


System Integration

Rich client infrastructure

4-digit number of daily cases

Cases should classified automatically



Lessons Learned – Lead File Based



It works!



System integration



Lead File maintenance



Lessons Learned – Supervised Learning



It works!



Lead File maintenance



System integration



Results



Results & Ease of Integration



Role in Lead File Maintenance

