Thai Word Segmentation Web Service

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Agenda

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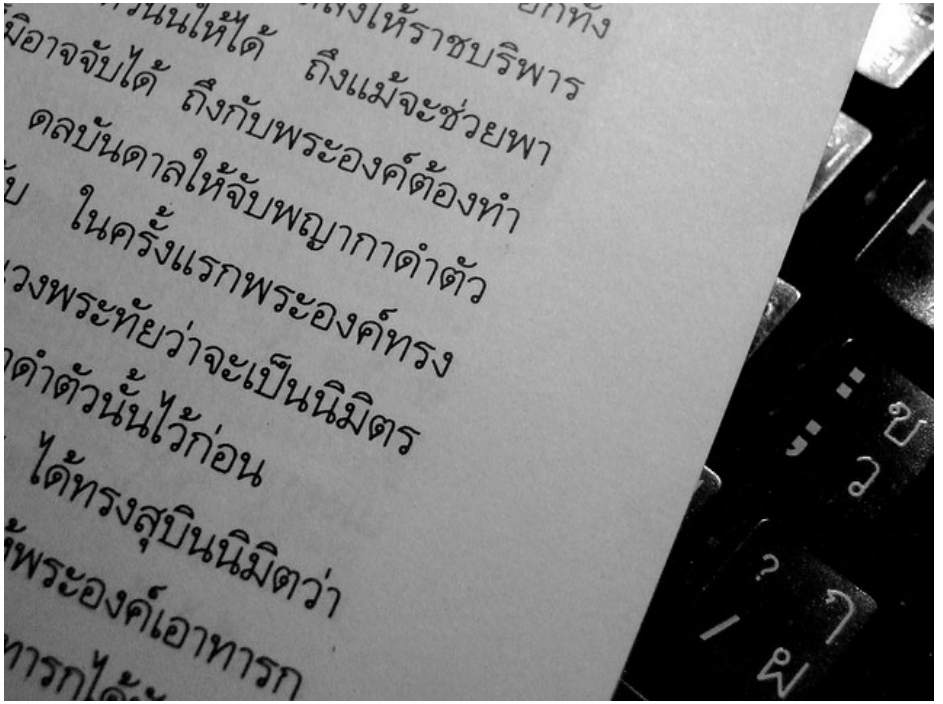
Current Thai Software and Service

Resource	description	Licensing
libthai	Segmentation software + word list corpus Maximal Matching	GNU LGPL
SWATH	Segmentation software + word list corpus Maximal matching/ longest matching	GNU GPL
ORCHID	Thai Part-Of-Speech tagged corpus	NECTEC (BSD-like)
BEST	Thai segmentation solution corpus	NECTEC (BSD-like)
TLeX Service	SOAP Web service Conditional Random Field technique	Free to use

Thai vs English in Text Processing

- Extract Thai Words?
  - no boundaries
  - no delimiters
- Word Segmentation is a classical issue
- Need word and sentences segmentation



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Why Segmentation Web Service

- Increasing of web application and services
- Reducing user learning time of segmentation algorithms
- Make use of existing Thai language resources

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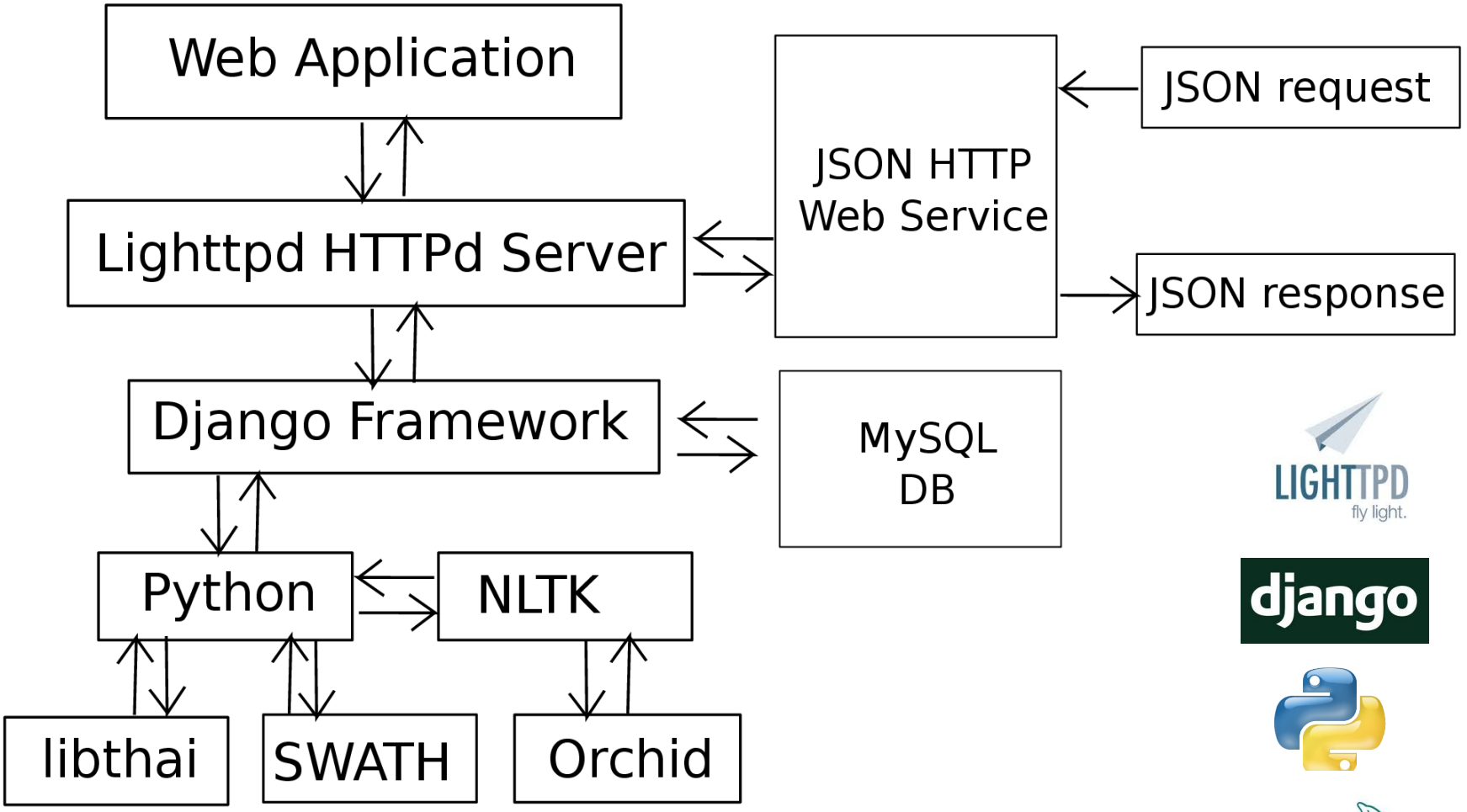
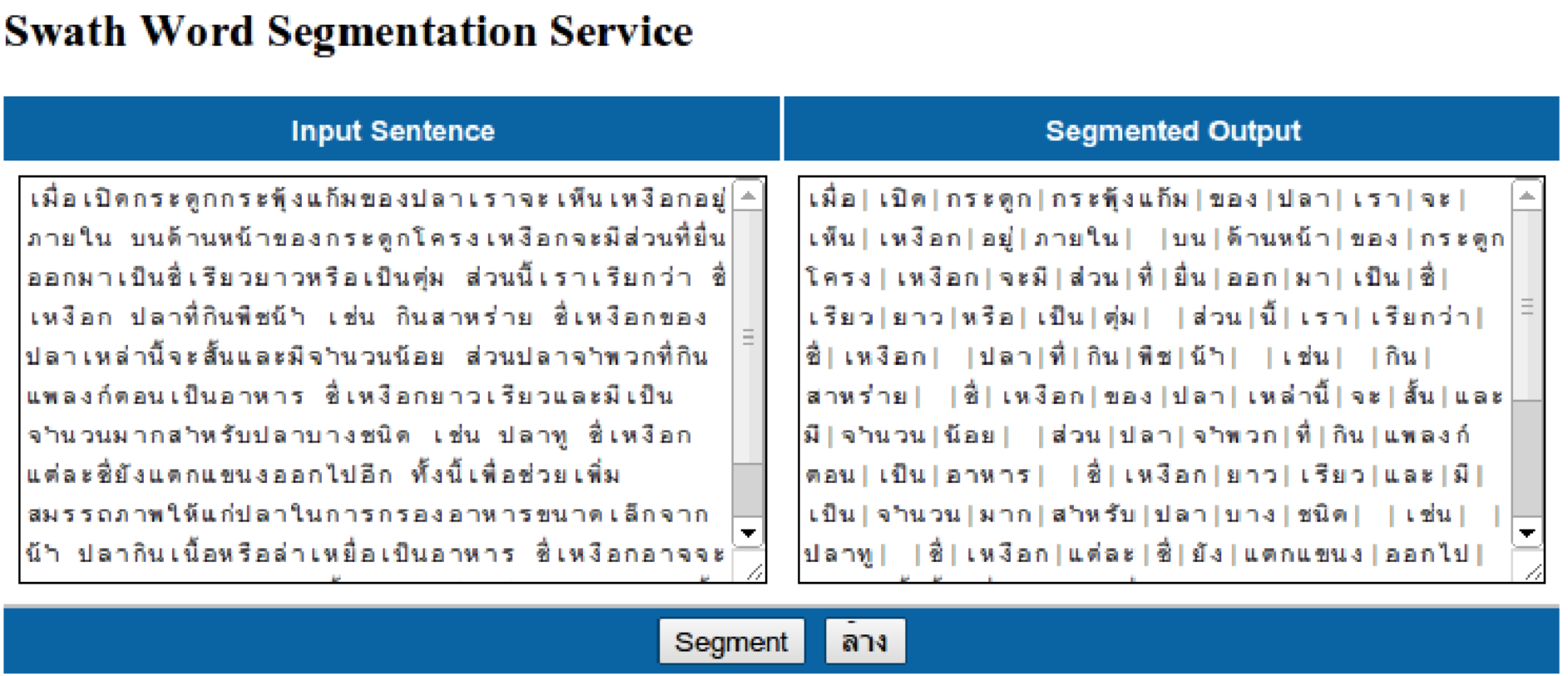
System Overview



Web Application : SWATH



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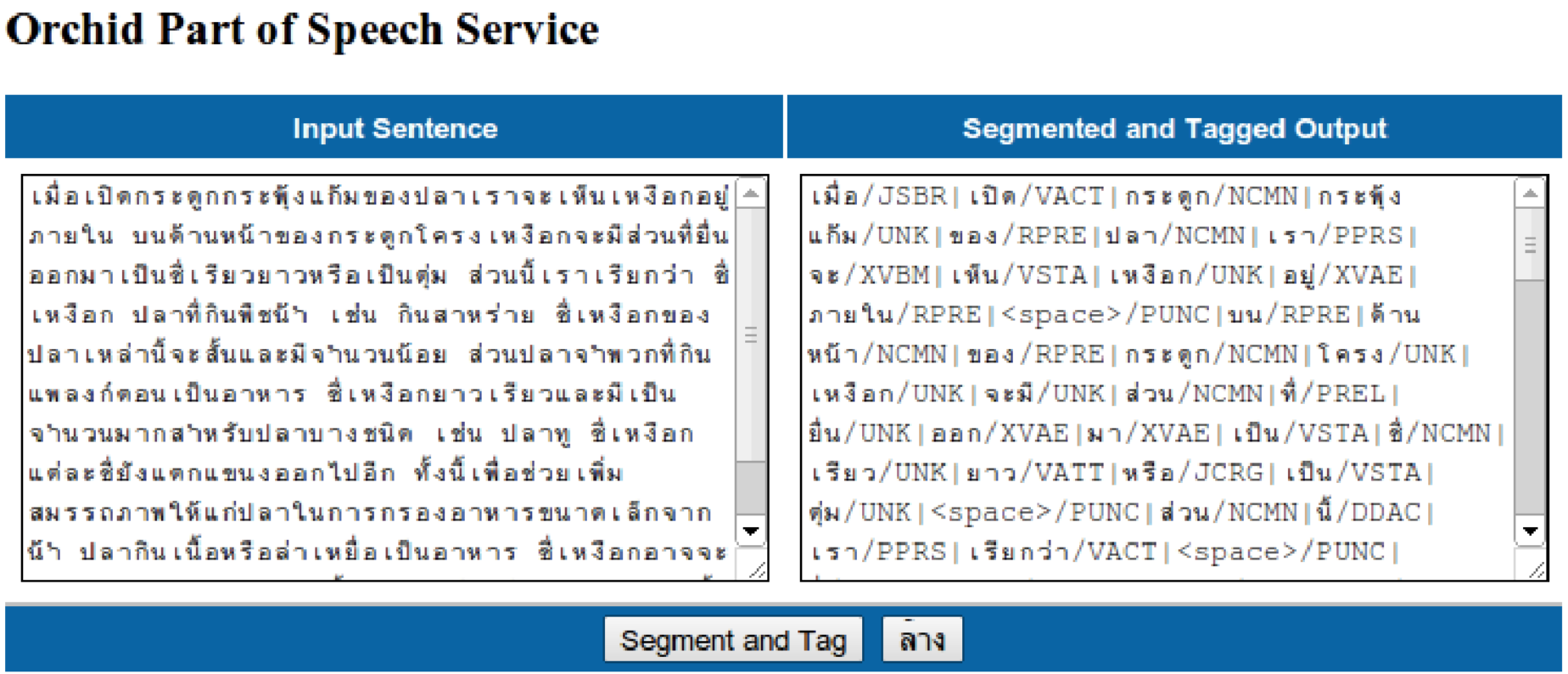
Web Application : ORCHID



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Current Provided Service Methods

	Request Format	Response Format
SWATH	api_key': 'YOUR API KEY', 'method': 'ORCHID', 'params': [['list','PoS'],['OF','PoS'],['list','PoS'], ['list','PoS']], }	{"status": 0, "result": ['list','of', 'segmented', 'words'], }
ORCHID	{'api_key': 'YOUR API KEY', 'method': 'ORCHID', 'params': [['list','PoS'],['OF','PoS'],['list','PoS'], ['list','PoS']], }	{"status": 0, "result": [list of tagged', 'words'], }
Wrong KEY	{ 'api_key': '', 'method': 'ORCHID', 'params': ['unicode strings'], }	{"status": 1, "result": ["Wrong API key."]}
Wrong JSON	{unknown or malform json format}	{"status": -1, "result": ["Unkown request"]}

Register to get Free API Key

- Using Facebook account instead of legacy registration

- Re-generated your API Key on demand

Why REST, not SOAP Service?

- **REST** : REpresentational State Transfer
  - Simple, Lightweight
  - But Lack of Standard
- **SOAP** : Simple Object Access Protocol
  - XML based, Schema, Standard
  - Need more bandwidth, Higher round trip time Latency
- No complex schema description need for segmentation
- REST is more suitable!

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Why JSON not XML

- **XML** : eXtensible Markup Language
  - Self Descriptive language
  - Mark up overhead
- **JSON** : JavaScript Object Notation
  - Use simple brackets and notations
  - Suitable for simple transfer data
- No complex schema description need for segmentation , JSON is more suitable!

Comparing Service with TLeX

Original BEST data
เนื่อง|จาก|ทั้ง|ประเด็น|เรื่อง|"|ความ|ไม่|เป็นธรรม|"|และ|เรื่อง|"
คู่|ต่าง|เป็น|ประเด็น|ที่|ใหญ่|และ|ซับซ้อน|จึง|ส่ง|ผล|ให้การ|สะ
แต่|เพียง|บางส่วน|เท่า|นั้น| |อีก|ทั้ง|ประเด็น|ดัง|กล่าว|มี|ลักษณ
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ที่|ต้องการ|ให้|ท่าน|ผู้|อ่าน|ได้|นำ|ไป|ขบคิด|ถกเถียง|กัน|ต่อ|ไป

SWATH Output
เนื่องจาก|ทั้ง|ประเด็น|เรื่อง|"|ความ|ไม่|เป็นธรรม|"|และ|เรื่อง|"
คู่|ต่าง|เป็น|ประเด็น|ที่|ใหญ่|และ|ซับซ้อน|จึง|ส่งผล|ให้การ|สะ
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ดังนั้น| |ข้อเสนอ|ต่าง ๆ|ที่|เสนอ|ใน|บทนำ|ดังกล่าวนี้| |จึง|เป็น
ที่|ต้องการ|ให้ท่า|น|ผู้อ่าน|ได้|นำ|ไป|ขบคิด|ถกเถียง|กัน|ต่อไป

TLexs Output
เนื่อง|จาก|ทั้ง|ประเด็น|เรื่อง|"|ความ|ไม่|เป็นธรรม|"|และ|เรื่อง
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- Using BEST corpora as test data
- Create simple script and call each service
- TLEX and SWATH use difference method and implementation
- Just prove of concept

Evaluation Result

AVERAGE SERVICE CALLING USAGE TIME

Calling Service	real	user	sys
SWATH	1m39.293s	0m5.172s	0m1.176s
ORCHID	4m50.377s	0m11.077s	0m1.212s
TLexs	3m17.045s	0m6.632s	0m1.048s

EVALUATION RESULTS

Calling Service	Precision	Recall	F-Score
SWATH	85.93	77.62	81.57
TLexs	95.65	97.45	96.54

Conclusion and Future work

- Create Segmentation and POS-Tagger application and services
- Create Free JSON REST Web Service
- **http://www.thaisemantics.org**
- Comparing with existing TLeX SOAP web service to prove of concept
- Include more method and corpus in the future
- Using facebook account instead of registration

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