



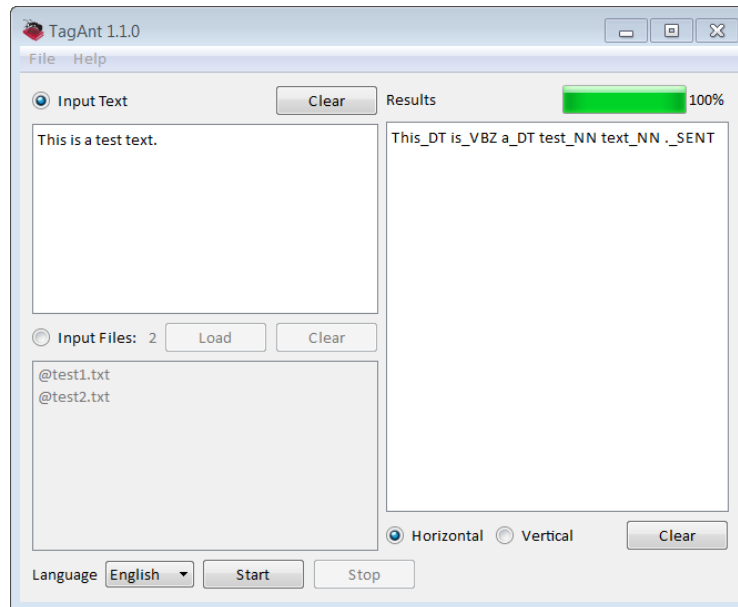
TagAnt (Windows)

Build 1.1.1

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Introduction

TagAnt is a simple freeware tagging tool based around the TreeTagger engine (developed by Helmut Schmid) that takes either a input text or an input list of text files (**UTF-8 encoded**) and assigns Parts-Of-Speech (POS) tags to them. *TagAnt* runs on any computer running Microsoft Windows (tested on Win 98/Me/2000/NT, XP, Vista, Win 7, Win 8) and Macintosh OS X computers (tested up to OS X 10.9 Mavericks). It is developed in Python and Qt using the *PyInstaller* compiler to generate executables for the different operating systems.

Getting Started (No installation necessary)

Windows

On Windows systems, simply double click the *TagAnt* icon to launch the program.

Macintosh OS X

On Macintosh systems, simply double click the *TagAnt* zip file. The zip file will unzip the *TagAnt* application. Then, you can drag the *TagAnt* application to your application folder, your desktop, or anywhere else you like. Throw away the zip file when you are finished.

Tagging Input Text

Step 1: Select the "Input Text" radiobox on the left of the main window.

Step 2: Select the language of the files using the combobox next to the "Language" label.

Step 3: Choose either the "Horizontal" or "Vertical" radiobox for the orientation of the output results.

Step 4: Click "Start" to begin the tagging process.

Note 1: The tagging process can be stopped at any time by clicking the "Stop" button.

Tagging Input Files

Step 1: Select the "Input Files" radiobox on the left of the main window.

Step 2: Select the files you want to tag. You can do this in four ways:

- a) Click on the File->Open File(s) menu option and select the files you want to tag;
- b) Click on the File->Open Dir menu option and select a directory of files you want to tag;
- c) Click on the "Load" button next to the "Input Files" label and select the files you want to tag;
- d) Drag and drop files directly onto the *TagAnt* application.

Note 1: The number of selected files is shown next to the "Input Files" label.

Note 2: If you click on the File->Close Files menu option or click the "Close" button next to the "Input Files" label, the input files will be removed from the list.

Step 3: Select the language of the files using the combobox next to the "Language" label.

Step 4: Choose either the "Horizontal" or "Vertical" radiobox for the orientation of the output results.

Step 5: Click "Start" to begin the tagging process.

Note 1: A tagged version of the original file will be saved in the same folder as the original file with "_tagged" appended to the end of the filename.

Note 2: The tagging process can be stopped at any time by clicking the "Stop" button.

Additional Features

The output display can be selected, copied, and pasted as is standard on the operating system:

Windows:	CTRL-A ⇔ Select All	CTRL-C ⇔ Copy	CTRL-V ⇔ Paste
Macintosh:	CMD-A ⇔ Select All	CMD -C ⇔ Copy	CMD -V ⇔ Paste

NOTES

Comments/Suggestions/Bug Fixes

All new editions and bug fixes are listed in the revision history below. However, if you find a bug in the program, or have any suggestions for improving the program, please let me know and I will try to address the issues in a future version.

This software is available as 'freeware' (see Legal Matter below), but it is important for my funding to hear about any successes that people have with the software. Therefore, if you find the software useful, please send me an e-mail briefly describing how it is being used.

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Use the following method to cite/reference *TagAnt* according to the APA style guide:

Anthony, L. (YEAR OF RELEASE). *TagAnt* (Version VERSION NUMBER) [Computer Software]. Tokyo, Japan: Waseda University. Available from <http://www.antlab.sci.waseda.ac.jp/>

For example if you download *TagAnt 1.1.0*, which was released in 2014, you would cite/reference it as follows:
Anthony, L. (2014). *TagAnt* (Version 1.1.0) [Computer Software]. Tokyo, Japan: Waseda University. Available from <http://www.antlab.sci.waseda.ac.jp/>

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<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

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KNOWN ISSUES

- 1) If a very large file is copied to the "Input Text" box and tagged, once the results are generated, copying the results might use up all the available system memory and cause the program to crash. To avoid this problem, large files should always be tagged using the "Input File" option.
- 2) When tagging non-English texts, the program sometimes appears to hang for no obvious reason. I am now investigating the issue. If the program hangs, exit the program, and perhaps try again.

REVISION HISTORY

1.1.1 A minor update

Bug fixes:

- 1) File names ending with ".TXT" will now be processed correctly.
- 2) Non-English filenames (and paths) that are dragged and dropped into the interface will now be processed correctly.
- 3) In an attempt to address a problem causing the non-English file tagging to freeze the program, the program now tags an entire file instead of individual lines. This reduces the hanging effect, but also means that very long files cannot be processed if you expect them to require all the system memory to load.
- 4) The progress bar now correctly updates after each file has been tagged.

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New features:

- 1) Attempting to tag files that are not encoded in UTF-8 will now generate a warning message. The status of the files ("tagged" or "not tagged") will be shown in the results window
- 2) The interface has been tweaked to be more intuitive when input text or files are cleared, or the results are cleared.
- 3) Some widgets have been renamed to be more easy to understand.
- 4) The best font for a particular system is now decided by the *TagAnt*. This addresses a slight font misplacement issue on Mac OSX 10.9.x (Mavericks) systems.
- 5) Files are now processed line by line instead of all at once. This will allow very large files to be tagged without problem
- 6) Fixed a bug on OS X that caused the program not to run if the name "TagAnt" was changed to something else with a space in it.

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This is the first version of the program

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