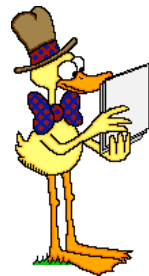
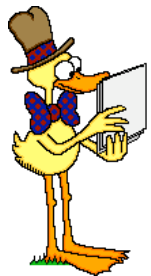


Major DUC Migration in 2008



DUC settles down at NIST

- Gaithersburg, Maryland (NIST campus)
- Starting in November 2008
- Every November: Monday and Tuesday before TREC
 - STABILITY, regular cycle
 - development time (submissions due summer)
 - timely paper submissions to major conferences
 - collaboration with IR researchers

DUC creates tracks

- Multiple tracks in Document Understanding:
 - summarization
 - question answering
 - entailment / inference ?

DUC 2008 Update Summarization Task

- 100-word summaries
- ~3 chronologically-ordered clusters per topic
- ~10 relevant docs/cluster, plus some irrelevant
- submit official run using only relevant documents
- optional additional run using both relevant and irrelevant (for ablation studies, not guaranteed to be judged)
- pyramid-like evaluation of content
- evaluation of fluency: 5 linguistic qualities again?

DUC 2008 Opinion Summarization Pilot

- Summarize opinions from blogs
- question-focused
- fluent summary
- \geq 100 words (length TBD)
- training data from TREC 2006-2007 Blog track
(documents tagged: positive/negative/mixed opinion)
- evaluation?
- NIST to conduct internal pilot, provide samples

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