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The speaker (who happens to be my advisor) reviewed state of the art techniques in natural language processing and presented his (and his students) efforts in the area of semantic role analysis, event detection and classification, named-entity disambiguation, and entailment. Additionally he also went over applicable NLP techniques in the areas of digital libraries and cognitive disabilities. Jim is a very good speaker who knows how to engage his audience through humor, reinforcing questions and sharing possible 'next steps' with audience feedback. He timed the length of his presentation to not include any Q/A's at the end. Nonetheless he afforded questions as he went along.