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I had the opportunity to collaborate with Iago Alonso while he was working as an Assistant Research Technician in the project FASTPARSE: Fast Natural Language Parsing for Large-Scale Natural Language Processing, founded by an Oportunius program grant (Xunta de Galicia). During his time at our research group, Iago was responsible of determining the influence of dependency parsing accuracy on syntax-based sentiment classification algorithms. He became familiar with the basics of two of the most relevant fields in Natural Language Processing and learned the standard methodology to train, tune and evaluate a variety of supervised models, that can be then used to parse new and unknown sentences.

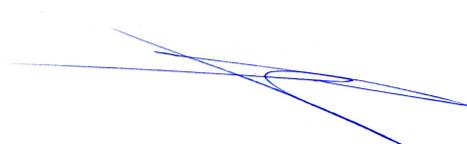
During this time, Iago has always showed his responsibility and interest on doing a high quality job. He is also talented software engineer passionate about his work, with a number of skills in relevant areas such as programming methodology, programming languages or scripting.

As result of our work together, the following article is currently submitted to a JCR indexed journal.

Carlos Gómez-Rodríguez, Iago Alonso-Alonso, David Vilares, *How Important is Syntactic Parsing Accuracy? An Empirical Evaluation on Sentiment Analysis*.

In the personal, Iago has many of the qualities of a good office mate. He is an easy going and communicative person, making the office environment much more enjoyable. In addition, he is a curious person, a quality that applies in his day-to-day work, and also a mate that cares about the tasks developed by the rest of the members of the team.

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