

Utilizing Large Language Models for Semantic Search and Summarization of International Television News Archives

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The logo for the GDELT Project, consisting of the letters "GDELT" in a bold, white, sans-serif font centered within a black square.

Internet Archive: TV News Archive


Internet Archive **TV News** **GO** [Advanced Search](#)

SEARCH closed captions from US TV News shows **VIEW** clips from 2,858,000 shows since 2009


SHARE custom show clips and track their popularity **BORROW** a USB flash drive of any full show

[Latest news from the last hour:](#)
Jurors are being selected for Trump's criminal trial, with six initially seated, increasing to seven. The Supreme Court hears crucial arguments in a January 6 case while discussing the use of obstruction law to charge rioters. Meanwhile, Biden campaigns as Trump is in the courtroom. Katie Couric comments on MAGA supporters, and Molly Ringwald reflects on diversity in her films.


Special Collections




US Congress Archive
2,634 ITEMS




Executive Branch Archive
12,402 ITEMS



Face-o-matic results
0 ITEMS



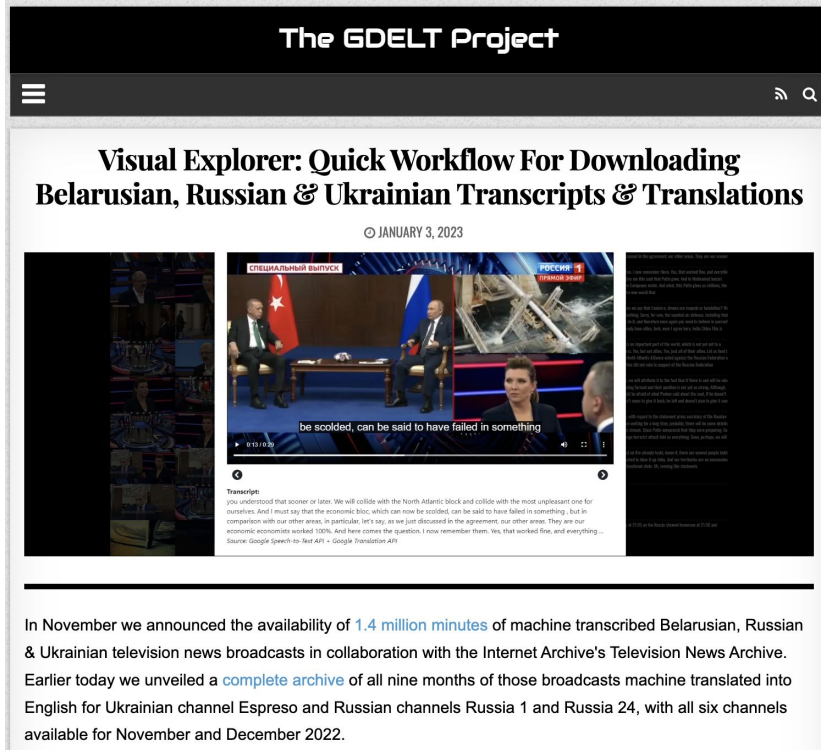
Political Ads
3,475 ITEMS



TV NSA Clip Library
395 ITEMS

<https://archive.org/details/tv>

GDELT Project: Transcripts and Translations



The screenshot shows the GDELT Project website interface. At the top, it says "The GDELT Project" with a search icon. Below that is a navigation menu. The main heading is "Visual Explorer: Quick Workflow For Downloading Belarusian, Russian & Ukrainian Transcripts & Translations". The date "JANUARY 3, 2023" is displayed. The central part of the page features a video player with a transcript overlay. The transcript text reads: "be scolded, can be said to have failed in something". Below the video player, there is a section titled "Transcript" with the following text: "you understood that sooner or later. We will collide with the North Atlantic; block and collide with the most unpleasant one for... And I must say that the economic bloc, which can now be scolded, can be said to have failed in something... but in comparison with our other areas, in particular, let's say, as we just discussed in the agreement, our other areas. They are our economic economists worked 100%. And here comes the question. I now remember them. Yes, that worked fine, and everything...".

In November we announced the availability of **1.4 million minutes** of machine transcribed Belarusian, Russian & Ukrainian television news broadcasts in collaboration with the Internet Archive's Television News Archive. Earlier today we unveiled a **complete archive** of all nine months of those broadcasts machine translated into English for Ukrainian channel Espresso and Russian channels Russia 1 and Russia 24, with all six channels available for November and December 2022.

Program Inventory

<https://storage.googleapis.com/data.gdeltproject.org/gdeltv3/iatv/visualexplorer/{CHANNEL}.{YYYYMMDD}.inventory.json>

Transcript

<https://storage.googleapis.com/data.gdeltproject.org/gdeltv3/iatv/visualexplorer/{ID}.transcript.srt>

Translation

<https://storage.googleapis.com/data.gdeltproject.org/gdeltv3/iatv/visualexplorer/{ID}.transcript.en.srt>

<https://blog.gdeltproject.org/visual-explorer-quick-workflow-for-downloading-belarusian-russian-ukrainian-transcripts-translations/>

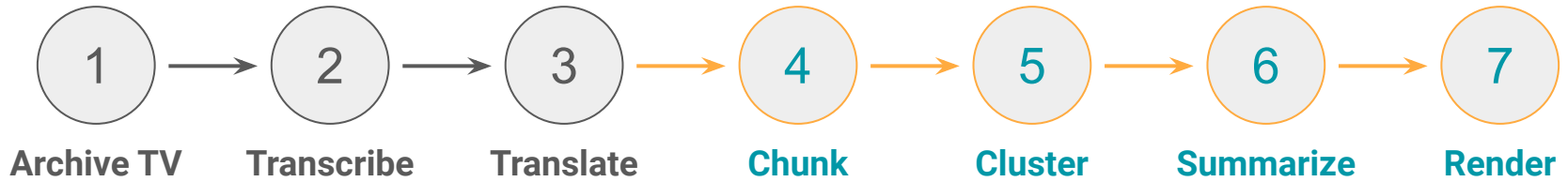
Program Inventory of a Channel

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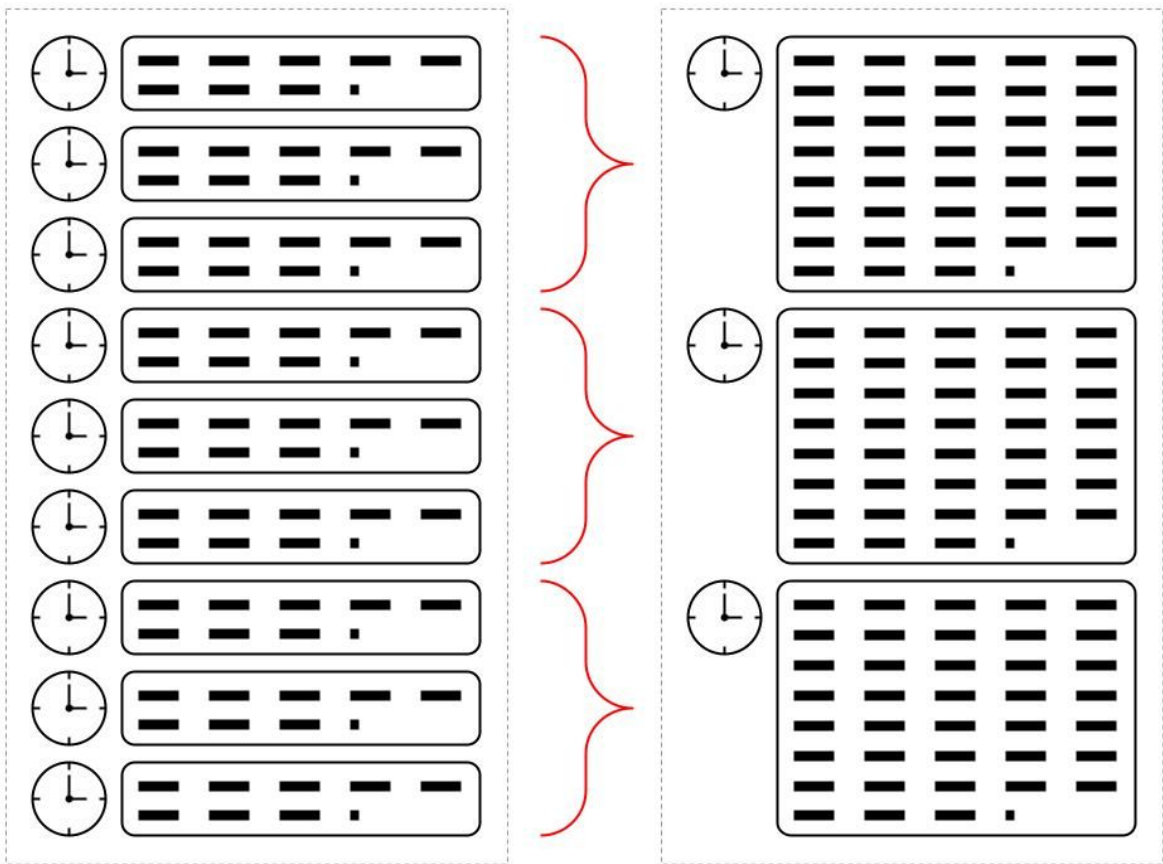


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2		2024-04-11 01:31:00	2024-04-11 01:00:00		no	ESPRESO : April 11,	300	2024-04-11 04:00:00	ESPRESO_20240411_010000	00:30:59
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Methodology



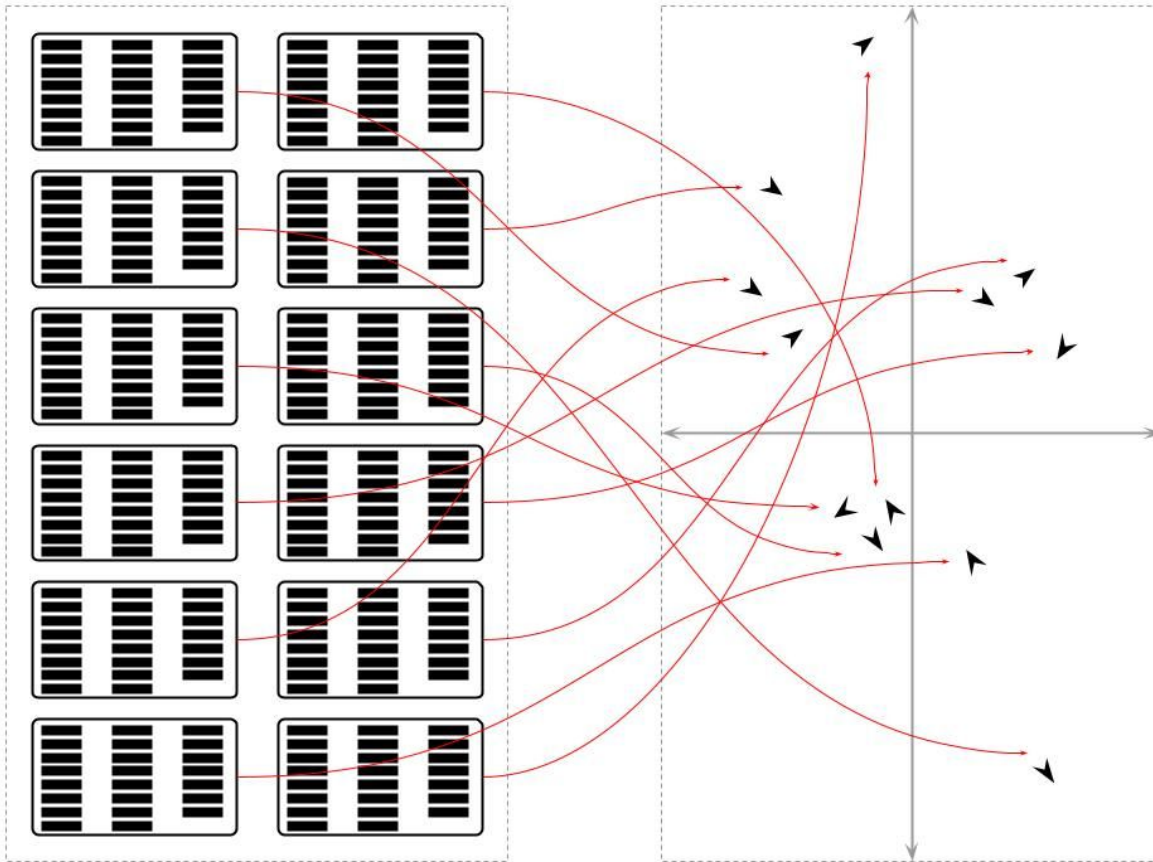
Transcript Re-Chunking (Composing Smaller Chunks)



Considerations

- Length
- Temporal alignment
- Sentence boundaries
- Overlaps
- Empty chunks

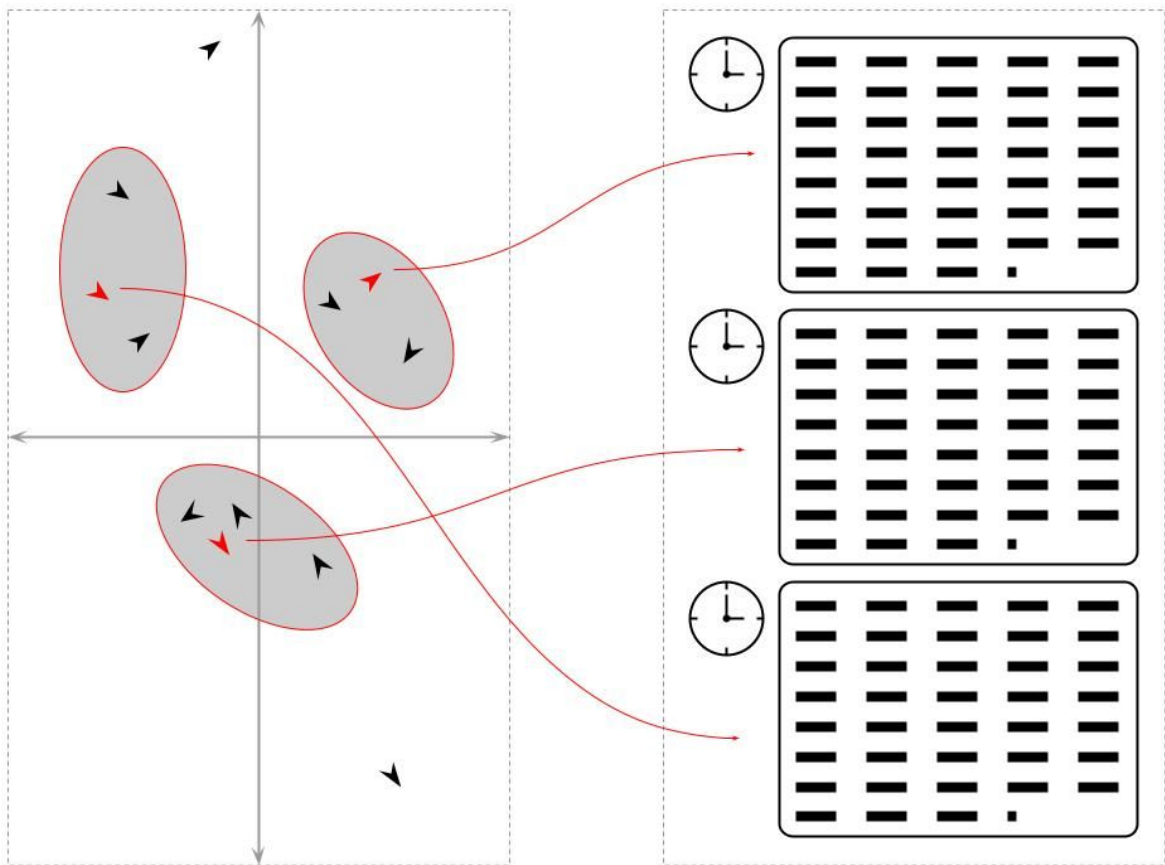
Transcript Chunk Vectorization (Doc2Vec)



Considerations

- Bag-of-Words vs. Transformer
- Language(s)
- New vocabulary
- Stop-words

Transcript Chunk Clustering and Sampling



Considerations

- Clustering algorithm (KNN, DBSCAN, etc.)
- Sampling strategy (counts and positions)
- t-SNE projections

LLM Prompt for Transcript Chunk Summarization

```
```{doc}```
```

Create the most prominent headline from the text enclosed in three backticks (```) above, describe it in a paragraph, assign a category to it, determine whether it is of international interest, determine whether it is an advertisement, and assign the top three keywords in the following JSON format:

```
{
 "title": "<TITLE>",
 "description": "<DESCRIPTION>",
 "category": "<CATEGORY>",
 "international_interest": true|false,
 "advertisement": true|false,
 "keywords": ["<KEYWORD1>", "<KEYWORD2>", "<KEYWORD3>"]
}
```

# News Summary Object

```
{
 "title": "Mass Drone Attack on Russian Airfields in Ukraine"
 "description":
 "A significant development in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine as armed forces launch a mass drone attack on Russian airfields in Viysk, Morozovsk, and Engels. This new strategy aims to disrupt the enemy's capabilities and marks a shift in the warfare tactics employed by the defenders of the city."
 "category": "Military Conflict"
 "international_interest": true
 "advertisement": false
 "keywords": [
 0: "Ukraine"
 1: "drone attack"
 2: "Russian airfields"
]
 "id": "ESPRESO_20240411_030000"
 "start": 899
 "end": 930
 "size": 94
 "transcript":
 "brigade helped to drive them out of there. Now we see a second attempt to enter the city from the southern side, while constant pressure is exerted on the defenders of the city from the east, where the front line has been built since the anti-terrorist operation. The Armed Forces are changing the strategy of the war for the sky. The best for A mass attack by drones on the Russian airfields in Viysk, Morozovsk and Engels became the news of Ukraine. Currently, there is no detailed information about the losses of the occupiers,"
}
```

Combine source metadata with the LLM response.

# An Overview of a Daily News Summary of a Channel

Overview ^

Headlines **20**      Advertisements **3**      International **18**

	Title	Category	Intl	Advt	Keywords
0	Ukrainization of Coronation Films	Culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ukrainization Coronation F
1	Vasyl Zima's Big Broadcast: The New Two-Hour Format	Media and Entertainmen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vasyl Zima Verdict with Ser
2	Mass Drone Attack on Russian Airfields in Ukraine	Military Conflict	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ukraine drone attack Ru
3	Join the 100th Separate Mechanized Brigade: Everyone Can Be a Warrior	Military Recruitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100th Separate Mechanized B
4	United by Football: National Team's Premium Sponsor	Sports Sponsorship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Espresso National Team
5	Controversy Surrounding Military Mobilization Summons	Legal Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	military mobilization summ
6	Russian Federation's Use of Ballistic Missiles on Energy Infrastructure Raises C	Military Conflict	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Russian Federation ballisti
7	Forget the Inconvenience of Sleeping on Sofa Beds with Topper Matryk	Home Furnishings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Topper Matryk Sofa Beds
8	Ukraine's Fight Against Russian Aggression	Politics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ukraine Russian aggression
9	Mass Mobilization Survey in Ukraine	Political Affairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass mobilization Ukraine

# An Interactive Rendition of a Daily Summary

### Configurations

LLM

OpenAI  
 Vicuna

Language

English  
 Original

Chunk size (sec)

30

3 120

Cluster count

20

1 50

Exclude ads

Exclude local news


Date: 2024/04/11

Channel: Espresso TV

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Overview

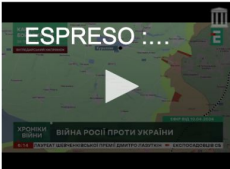
## Ukrainization of Coronation Films



The restoration of Ukrainian intertitles for the film Zemlya sheds light on the policy of Ukrainization of coronation films in Ukraine. The Dovzhenko Center's efforts in preserving and restoring these intertitles provide insight into a historical cultural shift.

[2024-04-11 01:31:22] CULTURE

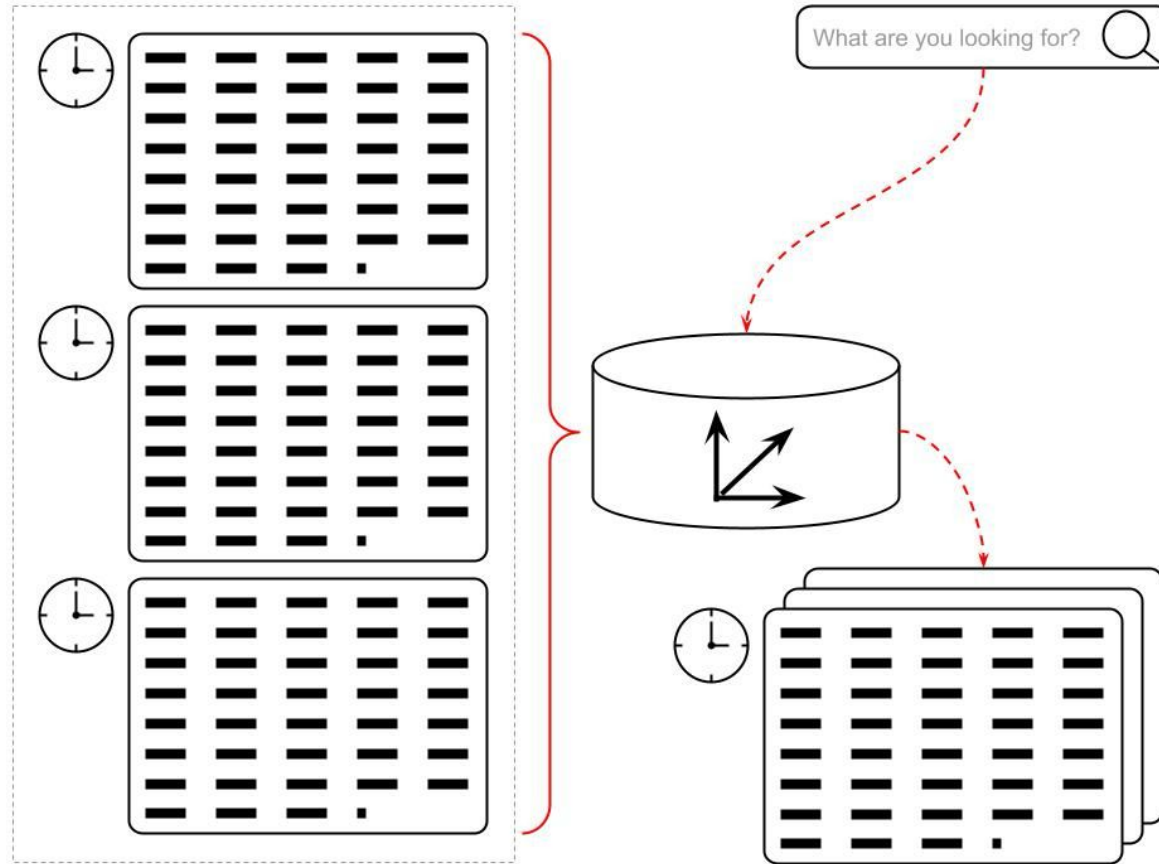
## Mass Drone Attack on Russian Airfields in Ukraine



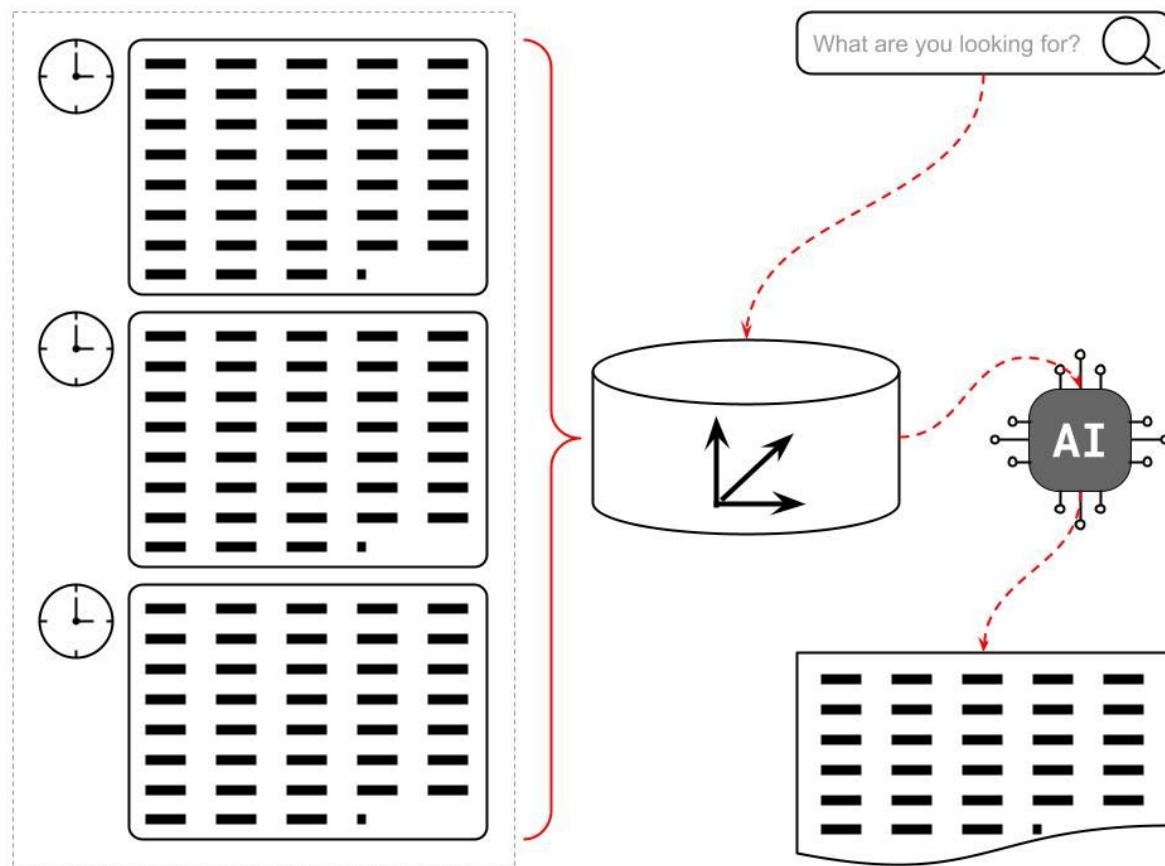
A significant development in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine as armed forces launch a mass drone attack on Russian airfields in Viysk, Morozovsk, and Engels. This new strategy aims to disrupt the enemy's capabilities and marks a shift in the warfare tactics employed by the defenders of the city.

[2024-04-11 03:14:59] MILITARY CONFLICT

# Semantic Search



# Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)



# Conclusions



Code: <https://github.com/internetarchive/newsum>  
Demo: <https://newsum.sawood-dev.us.archive.org/>

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