# CMU System Combination in WMT 2011 

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## Search



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## German Compounder

Recognize that "klar gemacht" aligns to "klargemacht". Answer: segment $\rightarrow$ align $\rightarrow$ combine $\rightarrow$ compound Compounding:<br>1. Run every word through cdec's segmenter<br>2. Count each form in normal text<br>3. Rejoin if the compound is more frequent<br>4. Score using sum of squares

## Big LMs in 5 Languages

Data: Gigaword, News Crawl, News Commentary, UN, Europarl, Giga-FrEn, CzEng, and SMS (for ht-en)
Building: BigFatLM without pruning
Filtering: Union of sentence-filtered models
Inference: KenLM
github.com/jhclark and kheafield.com/code

Human Evaluation Results


## Discussion

## Win on $8 / 10$ tasks.

In Czech-English and German-English, online systems lead by $>1$ BLEU. This work wins.
In French-English and Spanish-English, many systems scored near the top. RWTH and BBN perform better.
In Haitian-English, bm-i2r won by a large margin. Combination did little.
Out of English, there are fewer participants. Language-specific processing matters more.

Compared with other participants, this work does better when one system has a clear lead.

