

Best practices that could help avoiding the mess

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One characteristic of research in automatic speech recognition (some call it speech to text these days) is that acoustic data play an important role in several aspects. This acoustic data needs to be collected, transcribed and validated, and is often exchanged with research partners. Typically, very large amounts of such data need to be handled. It is interesting to recognize that some people seem to handle this with ease while others drown in a sea of problems. From our limited and subjective point of perspective, we present a few observations and best practices that have been helpful to keep the stress of working with large amounts of data on an acceptable level.