# What should Entity Linking link?<sup>†</sup>

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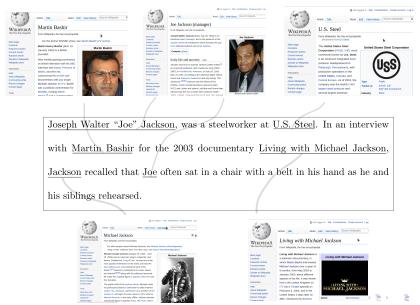
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## Example - Entity Recognition

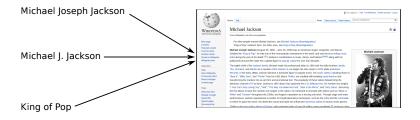
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# Example - Entity Disambiguation

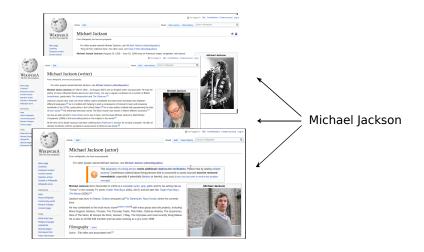


## Name Variations in Entity Linking



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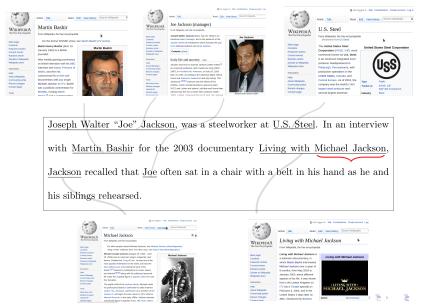
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#### • What should Entity Linking link?

• What is an 'entity'?

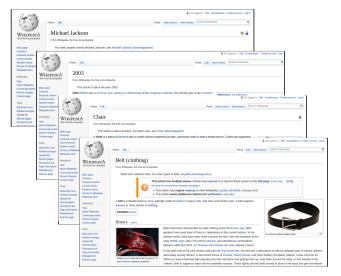
#### Class-based definition



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## Knowledge Base definition



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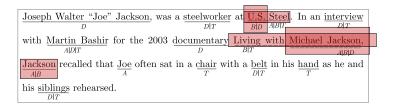
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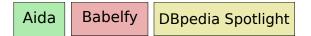
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## Application in Semantic Search

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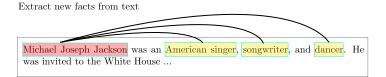
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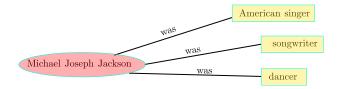
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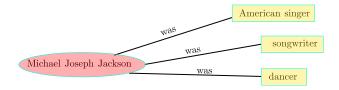
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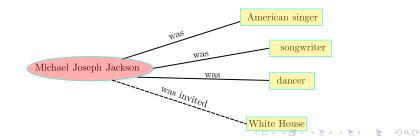
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- It is not clear what an 'entity' is.
- We need to consider the domain of the application in an Entity Linking environment.

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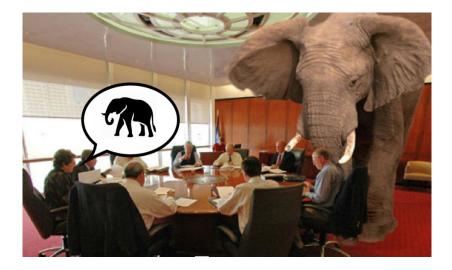
#### A way forward?

- Create a benchmark dataset with a strict and relaxed version.
- Propose a quality measure that considers both versions of the dataset.

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