Web Technologies
(Technologien für das Internet I)
Foundations of Information Retrieval
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Introduction

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Plan for today

- Organizational issues
- Course overview
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Information for the ITIS students

Transmission will be available to the Internet Technologies and Information Systems (ITIS) students located outside Hannover upon request at https://webconf.vc.dfn.de/foundations_of_ir/. If this applies to you, please ask for a password via email from Elena Demidova, demidova (at) L3S.de
Lecture and exam dates

- We meet every Thursday 11:30 - (ca.) 14:00. The exercise sessions follow the lectures (do not be late!).
- The lectures start next week (October 20).
- The exercise sessions start the week after (October 27).
- StudIP: please register for the exercise sessions (mailing list).
- Exam: 90 minutes written exam on the March 5, 2012.
- Prerequisites for the ITIS-students will be clarified later.
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Phrase queries: Stanford University
Proximity: find Gates near Microsoft
We need an index that captures position information for phrase queries and proximity queries.
IIR 06: Scoring, term weighting and the vector space model

- Ranking search results
- Boolean queries only give inclusion or exclusion of documents.
- For ranked retrieval, we measure the proximity from query to each document.
- One formalism for doing this: the vector space model
IIR 08: Evaluation and dynamic summaries

- Benchmarks (e.g. TREC = Text Retrieval Conference)
- Measures (Precision, Recall, etc.)
IIR 09: Relevance feedback and query expansion
Semi-structured / structured documents vs. unstructured documents

Can we utilize the structure of the data in IR systems?

Databases support search for numerical range and exact match, e.g., salary < 60,000 and manager=Smith.

If your data is structured and you only need precise queries like this (numerical, exact match etc), do not use an IR system.
Text classification = assigning documents automatically to predefined classes

Examples:

a. Language (English vs. French)
b. Location
IIR 16: Flat clustering

1. Jag-lovers - THE source for all Jaguar information [new window] [frame] [cache] [preview] [clusters]
   ... Internet! Serving Enthusiasts since 1993 The Jag-lovers Web Currently with 40661 members The
   Premier Jaguar Cars web resource for all enthusiasts Lists and Forums Jag-lovers originally evolved
   around its ...
   www.jag-lovers.org - Open Directory 2, Wisenut 8, Ask Jeeves 8, MSN 9, Looksmart 12, MSN Search 18

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   [...] redirected to www.jaguar.com
   www.jaguarcars.com - Looksmart 1, MSN 2, Lycos 3, Wisenut 6, MSN Search 9, MSN 29

3. http://www.jaguar.com/ [new window] [frame] [preview] [clusters]
   www.jaguar.com - MSN 1, Ask Jeeves 1, MSN Search 3, Lycos 9

4. Apple - Mac OS X [new window] [frame] [preview] [clusters]
   Learn about the new OS X Server, designed for the Internet, digital media and workgroup management.
   Download a technical factsheet.
   www.apple.com/macosx - Wisenut 1, MSN 3, Looksmart 26
IIR 19: Web search

- Unusual and diverse documents
- Unusual and diverse users and information needs
- Beyond terms and text: exploit link analysis, user data
- How do web search engines work?
- How can we make them better?
IIR 20: Crawling

**Course overview**

- **www**
- **fetch**
- **DNS**
- **parse**
- **content seen?**
- **URL filter**
- **robots templates**
- **URL set**
- **doc FPs**
- **URL frontier**
- **dup URL elim**
IIR 21: Link analysis / PageRank
Questions?

Thank you for your attention!