

# CS54701: Information Retrieval

*Course Overview*

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## Why this course?

- Managing Data is one of the primary uses of computers
- Most of this data is NOT contained in structured databases
  - Therefore, no carefully structured queries
- How do we find this?

*Information Retrieval*



## Information Retrieval: Challenges



- Data is unstructured
  - Need to guess what is ~~important~~ relevant

- Query is unstructured
  - Need to guess user intent
- But computers don't guess!

*Inferring relevance and intent from data,  
query is the science of Information Retrieval*

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## Course Information



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<http://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/clifton/cs54701>



# Course Methodology



- Lectures to present the concepts
  - Unless otherwise noted, all the material you are expected to know will be covered in class
  - Interaction (questions/discussion/thinking) encouraged
- Reading will fill in the details
  - Text: [Introduction to Information Retrieval](#), by Manning, C.; Raghavan, P.; Schütze, H. Cambridge University Press, 2008, ISBN 0521865719
  - Other readings (e.g., research literature) will be made available where appropriate
- Homework and Projects get you to *understand* what you've read and heard
  - 3-5 written homeworks
  - 3-4 programming projects, final project
  - Suggested exercises from the text (ungraded)



# Evaluation and Grading



- Points earned as follows:
  - Midterm (15%)
  - Final Exam during Finals week (25%)
  - Homeworks / projects (55%)
    - Larger projects may be given higher weight (final project 25%)
  - Instructor's evaluation (5%)
    - In-class discussions/participation
    - Out of class discussions, email
    - Overall perception of quality of your work in ways that may not be reflected in your scores
- Late work penalized 10% per day
- Qualifying Exam: One hour supplement to regular exam
  - Passing the qualifier requires both suitable performance in the course and on the supplemental exam

*For more details see the course web page*



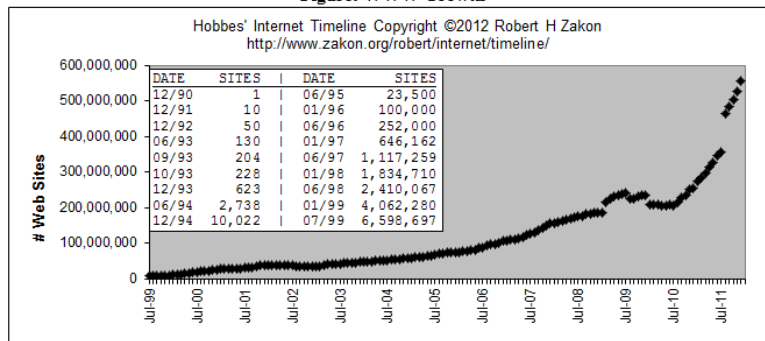
## Why Information Retrieval:



### Information Overload:

“... The world produces between **1 and 2 exabytes ( $10^{18}$  bytes)** of unique information per year, which is roughly **250 megabytes** for every man, woman, and child on earth. ...” (Lyman & Hal 03)

Figure: WWW Growth



## Why Information Retrieval:



### Information Retrieval (IR) mainly studies unstructured data:

Text in Web pages or emails; image; audio; video; protein sequences..

*Merrill Lynch estimates that more than 85 percent of all business information exists as unstructured data - commonly appearing in e-mails, memos, notes from call centers and support operations, news, user groups, chats, reports, ... and Web pages.*

### Unstructured data:

No structure: no primary key as in RDBMS

Semantic meaning unknown: natural language processing systems try to find the meaning in the unstructured text



# IR vs. RDBMS



- Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS):
  - Semantics of each object are well defined
  - Complex query languages (e.g., SQL)
  - Exact retrieval for what you ask
  - Emphasis on efficiency
- Information Retrieval (IR):
  - Semantics of object are subjective, not well defined
  - Usually simple query languages (e.g., natural language query)
  - You should get what you want, even the query is bad
  - Effectiveness is primary issue, although efficiency is important



# IR vs. RDBMS



RDBMS and IR get close to each other

RDBMS -> IR

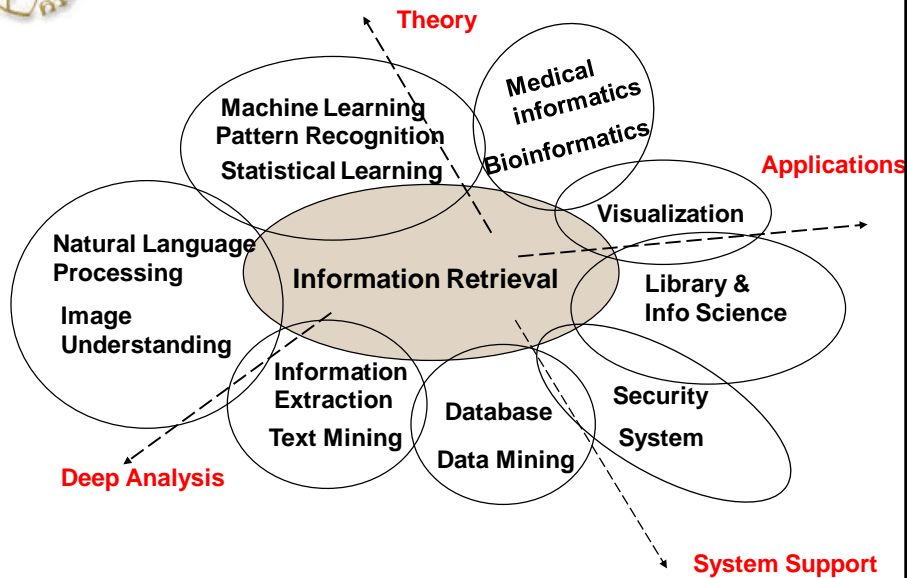
- Combine exact search and inexact text search  
Find an article published **between 1999 and 2004** that **talks about Oracle and Internet**.

IR -> RDBMS

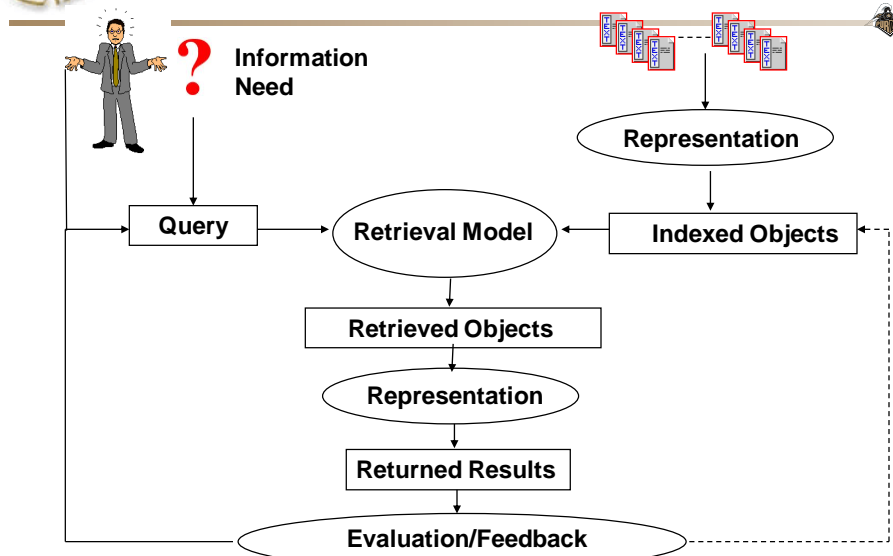
- Use information extraction to convert unstructured data to structured data: extract company names and their headquarter locations from news
- Semi-structured representation: XML data; queries with structured information



## IR and other disciplines



## Some core concepts of IR





# Some core concepts of IR

The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "information retrieval system". Below the search bar, the word "Web" is highlighted. The search results are listed below. Annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the interface:

- An arrow points from the search bar to the text "Multiple Representation".
- An arrow points from the word "Web" to the text "Multiple Representation".
- An arrow points from the word "Systems" in the first search result to the text "Text Summarizations for retrieved results".
- An arrow points from the word "information" in the second search result to the text "Text Summarizations for retrieved results".

Search results include:

- Information Retrieval Systems** ... Okapi Pack · University of Massachusetts Center for Intelligent Information Retrieval · Callan CMU IR Group ...  
[bit.csc.lsu.edu/~kraft/retrieval.html](http://bit.csc.lsu.edu/~kraft/retrieval.html) - 38k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)
- Past Performance Information Retrieval System**  
Welcome to the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PIRS). PIRS is a web-enabled, government-wide application that provides timely and pertinent ...  
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- Electronic Digital Information Source (EDIS)**  
EDIS is the Electronic Data Information Source of UF/IFAS Extension, a collection of information on topics relevant to you: profitable and sustainable ...  
[edis.ifas.ufl.edu/](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/) - 26k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)
- Information retrieval - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
Automated information retrieval (IR) systems were originally used to manage information explosion in scientific literature in the last few decades. ...  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information\\_retrieval](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_retrieval) - 44k - Jun 21, 2006 - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)



# Some core concepts of IR

## Query Representation:

- Bridge lexical gap: system and systems; create and creating (stemmer)
- Bridge semantic gap: car and automobile (feedback)

## Document Representation:

- Internal representation of document contents: a list of documents that contain specific word (inverted document list)
- Representation of document structure: different fields (e.g., title, body)

## Retrieval Model:

- Algorithms that best match meaning of user query and available documents. (e.g., vector space model and statistical language modeling)



# IR Applications

## Information Retrieval: a gold mine of applications



- Web Search
- Information Organization: text categorization; document clustering
- Information Recommendation by content or by collaborative information
- Information Extraction: deep analysis of the surface text data
- Question-Answering: find the answer directly
- Federated Search: explore hidden Web
- Multimedia Information Retrieval: image, video
- Information Visualization: Let user understand the results in the best way
- .....



## IR Applications: Text Categorization

### News Categories

- Top Stories
  - World
  - U.S.
  - Business
  - >Sci/Tech**
  - Sports
  - Entertainment
  - Health
  - Most Popular
- ☐ News Alerts
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Search and browse 4,500 news sources updated continuously.

#### Sci/Tech



#### Global warming has been a popular topic among scientists

DailyTech - 3 hours ago

The Earth's average temperature over the past quarter century has been the hottest in four centuries -- and part of the world has been warmer during the past 25 years than any period in the past 1,000 years, according to the National Academy of Sciences ...

[National panel supports 98 global warming evidence](#) Boston Globe

[No More Dodging Global Temp Threat](#) Detroit Free Press

[Guardian Unlimited](#) - [Seattle Times](#) - [Reuters](#) - [Forbes](#) - [all 441 related »](#)



#### World's oldest bling: two tiny 100,000-year-old shells

Guardian Unlimited - 5 hours ago

They may not compare with today's diamond-encrusted bling, but in their own way, they are of far greater value. Two tiny shells have been confirmed as the world's oldest known items of jewellery, probably used on a necklace about 100,000 years ago.


[Tiny shells may be world's oldest beads](#) MSNBC

[Researchers Identify What May Be Oldest Known Jewelry](#) Voice of America

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# IR Applications: Text Categorization



NCBI PubMed  
A service of the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health  
www.pubmed.gov

All Databases PubMed Nucleotide Protein Genome Structure

Search PubMed for Mutation of mutL in hereditary colon cancer Go Clear


1. [Papadopoulos N et al](#) Mutation of a mutL homolog in...[PMID: 8128251]

PMID- 8128251  
OWN - NLM  
STAT- MEDLINE  
DA - 19940413  
TI - Mutation of a mutL homolog in hereditary colon cancer.  
PG - 1625-9  
AB - Some cases of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC) are due to alterations in a mutS-related mismatch repair gene. A search of a large database of expressed sequence tags derived from random complementary DNA clones revealed three additional human mismatch repair genes, all related to the bacterial mutL gene. One of these genes (hMLH1) resides on chromosome 3p21, within 1 centimorgan of markers previously linked to cancer susceptibility in HNPCC kindreds. Mutations of hMLH1 that would

**Medical Subject Headings (Categories)**

MH - Amino Acid Sequence  
MH - \*Chromosomes, Human, Pair 3  
MH - Codon  
MH - Colorectal Neoplasms, Hereditary Nonpolyposis/\*genetics

1. ☒ Anatomy [A]  
2. ☒ Organisms [B]  
3. ☒ Diseases [C]  
4. ☒ Chemicals and Drugs [D]  
5. ☒ Analytical, Diagnostic and Therap  
6. ☒ Psychiatry and Psychology [F]  
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    o [Psychological Phenomena and](#)  
    o [Mental Disorders \[F031\] +](#)  
    o [Behavioral Disciplines and Ac](#)  
7. ☒ Biological Sciences [G]



# IR Applications: Text Categorization

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Search [advanced](#)

**Arts**  
[Movies, Television, Music...](#)

**Business**  
[Jobs, Real Estate, Investing...](#)

**Computers**  
[Internet, Software, Hardware...](#)

**Games**  
[Video Games, RPGs, Gambling...](#)

**Health**  
[Fitness, Medicine, Alternative...](#)

**Home**  
[Family, Consumers, Cooking...](#)

**Kids and Teens**  
[Arts, School Time, Teen Life...](#)

**News**  
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# IR Applications: Document Clustering

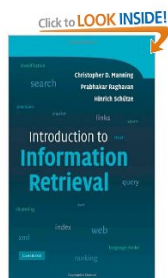
The screenshot shows the Clusty website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Web+, News, Images, Shopping, Wikipedia, Blogs, Jobs, and Customize!. Below this is a search bar containing the word "Java". To the left of the search results, there's a sidebar titled "Cluster by: Topics" with a dropdown menu set to "Topics". Below this, a list of clusters is shown, each with a plus icon and a count in parentheses: All Results (265), Software (40), Java Technology (25), Java.net (28), Download (22), Book (17), Java Applets (18), Enterprise (13), JavaScript (10), Indonesia, Island (8), and Object, Open Source (7). The "JavaScript (10)" cluster is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the sidebar, the main content area shows "Top 265 results of at least 94,536,601 retrieved for the query Java (Details)". Below this, there's a "News" section with a list of news items. The first item is "Sun offers Java beta release" from Yahoo! News, dated Jun 21, 2006. Below this, there's a section titled "java Errors Fixed Free" with a sub-header "java errors all Fixed instantly! Free download available Now" and a link to dlfix.net. Below that, there's a section titled "Free JSP Editor - Eclipse" with a sub-header "BEA Workshop Studio for JSP, Struts JSF IDE, EJB3 - Download now!" and a link to www.bea.com. Below this, there's a list of results. The first result is "1. Java Technology" with a sub-header "Sun's home for Java. Offers Windows, Solaris, and Linux Java Development Kits (JDKs) product information." and a link to java.sun.com. The second result is "2. Java programming language" with a sub-header "Java is an object-oriented programming language developed initial colleagues at Sun Microsystems. Initially called Oak (named after office), it was intended to replace C++, although the feature set bet Java should not be confused with JavaScript, which shares only the syntax. Sun Microsystems currently maintains and updates Java." and a link to java.sun.com.

# IR Applications: Content Based Filtering

The screenshot shows the Google News page. At the top, there's a Google search bar with the word "Google" in its logo. Below the search bar, there's a "Search the Web" button and a link to "Advanced news search". Below this, there's a "News" section with a dropdown menu set to "U.S. edition". To the left of the news stories, there's a sidebar titled "Keyword Matching" with a list of categories: Indiana, World, U.S., Business, Technology, Entertainment, Sports, Science, Health, China IT Technologies, and Spotlight. An arrow points from the "Keyword Matching" label to the sidebar. To the right of the sidebar, the main content area shows "Top Stories". The first story is "Syria Kills 25 as UN Officials Consider Crackdown's Legality" from the San Francisco Chronicle, dated 19 minutes ago. Below this, there's a section titled "RAW DATA: Background on Syria's Crackdown" with a link to Fox News. Below that, there's a section titled "EU says Assad must step down, plans more sanctions" with a link to Reuters. Below this, there's a section titled "From Syria: Diplomatic Pressure on Syria" with a link to Day Press News. Below that, there's a section titled "Opinion: Why the US should speak out for freedom in Syria" with a link to Washington Post. Below this, there's a section titled "See all 3,353 sources" with a link to see all sources. Below this, there's a section titled "Stocks sink worldwide, sending Dow down 470 points" from the Los Angeles Times, dated 1 hour ago. Below this, there's a section titled "Global stock markets plunged anew Thursday amid intensifying concerns about Europe's debt crisis and a batch of disheartening economic reports in the United States." with a link to USA Today.



# IR Applications: Collaborative Filtering



## Introduction to Information Retrieval [Hardcover]

Christopher D. Manning (Author), Prabhakar Raghavan (Author), Hinrich Schütze (Author)  
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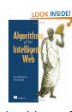
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# IR Applications: Information Extraction

Bring structure and semantic meaning to text:

- Entity detection

An 80-year-old woman with **diabetes** mellitus was treated with **gliclazide**. Prior to the **gliclazide** administration, her urinary excretion of albumin, serum urea nitrogen and serum creatinine were normal. After the medication, oliguria, edema and azotemia developed. On the twenty-fourth day when the edema was severe and generalized, **gliclazide** administration was terminated.

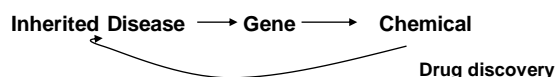
**Diabetes:** entity of disease

**gliclazide:** entity of drug

- Recognize Relationship between entities

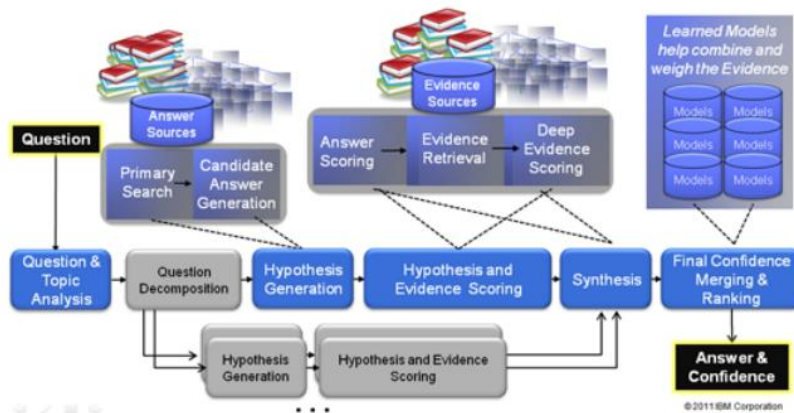
What type of effect of gliclazide on this patient with diabetes

- Inference based on the relationship between entities





## IR Applications: Question Answering



- IBM DeepQA!!



## IR Applications: Web Search

Web Images Groups News Froogle Maps Scholar more »  
Google Computer Science at Purdue Search Advanced Search Preferences

Web Results 1 - 10 of about 8,830,000

[Department of Computer Science, Purdue University](#)  
Dr. William Gorman, **Purdue Computer Science's** Assistant to the Department Head, was honored with a service award from the **Purdue** Co-Op office. ...  
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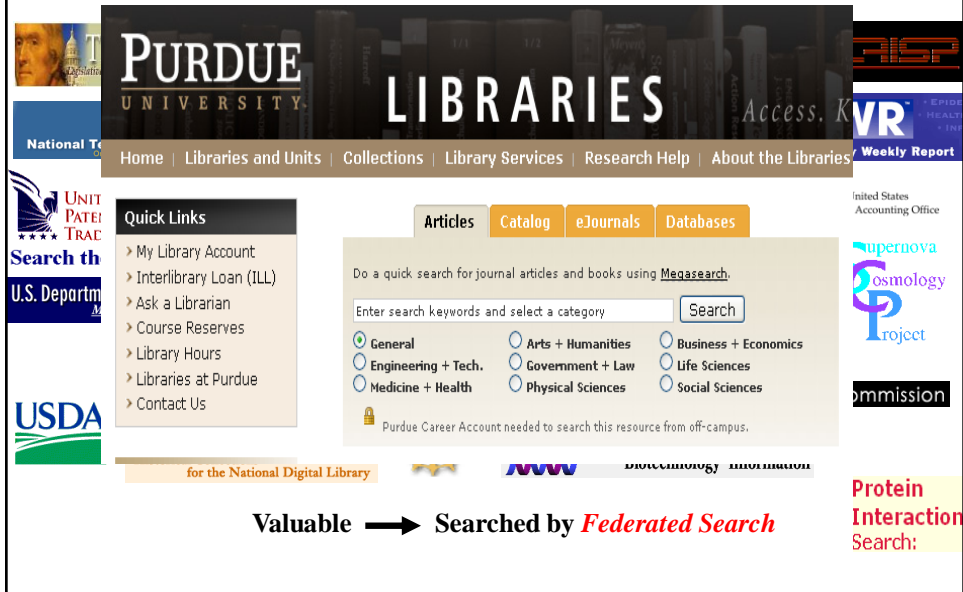
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**Computer Science** is facing a major roadblock to further research. The problem is most evident with students, but afflicts many researchers as well: people ...  
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**Crawled into a centralized database**

# IR Applications: Federated Search



The screenshot shows the Purdue University Libraries website. The header includes the Purdue University Libraries logo and navigation links: Home, Libraries and Units, Collections, Library Services, Research Help, and About the Libraries. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Quick Links' section with options like 'My Library Account', 'Interlibrary Loan (ILL)', 'Ask a Librarian', 'Course Reserves', 'Library Hours', 'Libraries at Purdue', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a search bar with the text 'Do a quick search for journal articles and books using Megasearch.' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are radio buttons for various categories: General, Engineering + Tech., Medicine + Health, Arts + Humanities, Government + Law, Physical Sciences, Business + Economics, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences. A message indicates that a 'Purdue Career Account' is needed to search from off-campus. On the right, there are logos for 'supernova cosmology project' and 'commission'. At the bottom, a red arrow points from the word 'Valuable' to the text 'Searched by *Federated Search*'. To the right of this, a yellow box contains the text 'Protein Interaction Search:'.

# IR Applications: Expertise Search

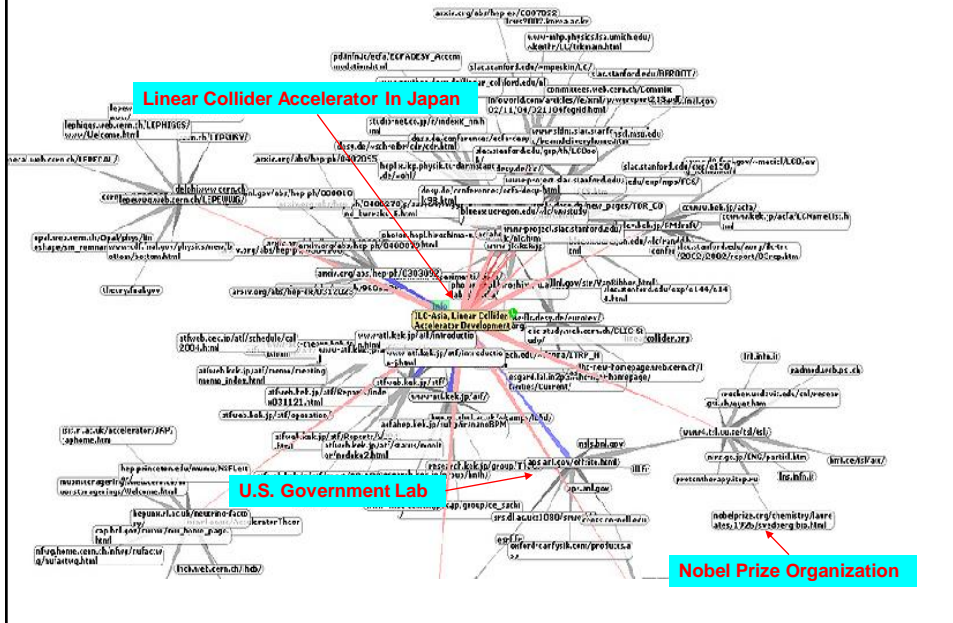
**INDURE:** Indiana database of university research expertise

[www.indure.org](http://www.indure.org)



The screenshot shows the INDURE website. The header includes the INDURE logo and navigation links: Home, Advanced Search, Research Areas, and Faculty. A search bar is located at the top right with a 'Filter By Institution' dropdown menu. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'Welcome to INDURE' and 'Indiana Database of University Research Expertise'. The version is listed as 'Version 1.0 August 15th, 2008'. A search bar with a 'Search' button is visible at the bottom.

# IR Applications: Citation/Link Analysis



## IR Applications: Citation/Link Analysis

2457 citations found. Only retrieving 1000 documents.

Dempster, A.P., Laird, N.M., & Rubin, D. *Maximum-likelihood from incomplete data via the EM algorithm*. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, 39, 1-38.  
 di Pellegrino, G., Fadiga, L., Fogassi, L., Gallese, V., & Rizzolatti, G. (1992). Understanding motor events: A neurophysiological study. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 4, 176-180.

**CiteSeer** Home/Search Document Not in Database Summary Related Articles Check

Citation/Link importance

This paper is cited in the following contexts:

First 50 documents [Next 50](#)

[A Probabilistic Model of Gaze Imitation and Shared Attention - Matthew Hoffman David](#) (Correct)

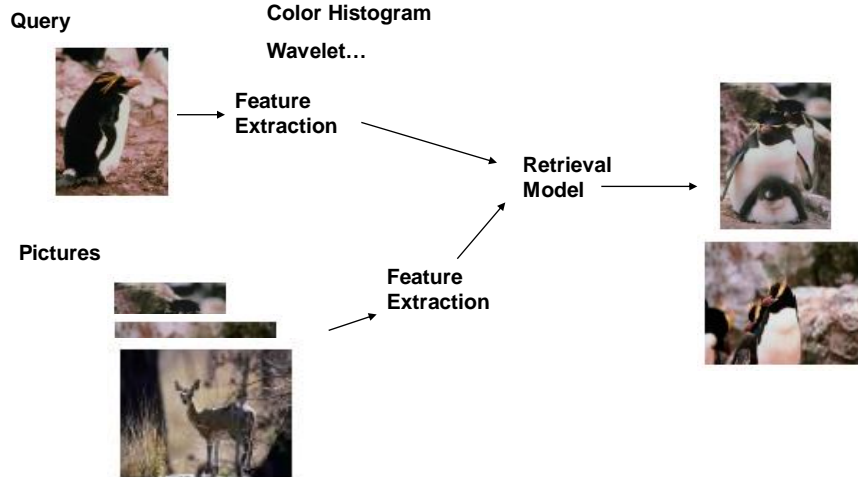
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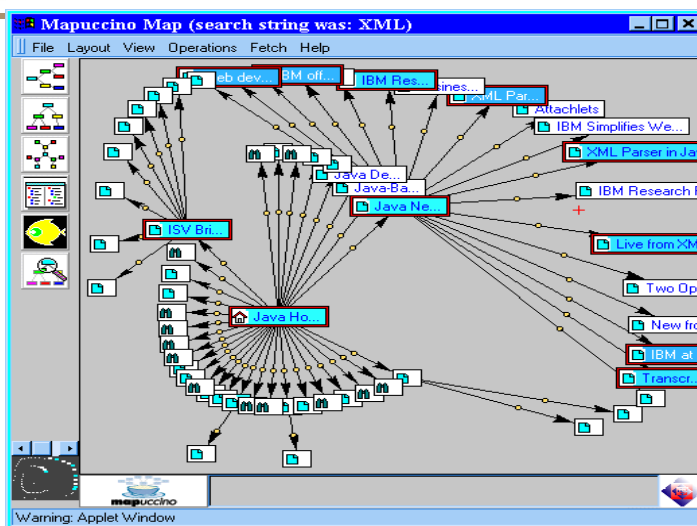
[Latent Variable Models for Semantic Orientations of Phrases - Hiroya Takamura Takamura](#) (2006) (Correct)



# IR Applications: Multimedia Retrieval



# IR Applications: Information Visualization



Partial Structure of pages from a Web subset visualized by Mapuccino



## Assignments (30%)



- Written assignments
- Algorithm design and implementation (about 3 assignments)
  - Implement and improve common retrieval algorithms
  - Create and compare algorithms for information retrieval applications (email spam detection and recommendation system)
- Late submission
  - 10% deduction per day (24 hours)
- Discussion encouraged
  - But work submitted should be your own
  - *If given a similar problem, would you be able to do it?*
  - If unsure, document discussion



## Project (25%)



- Goal
  - Show your knowledge and creative ideas on real applications
  - Leading to research report/publication (optional)
- Topics
  - Suggested by the lecturer or any related topic proposed by you
- Project progress
  - Project proposal
  - Project final report and presentation





## Course Description



- Introduce core concepts of information retrieval (what is behind search engines like Google)
- Wide coverage of many information retrieval applications (e.g., text categorization, filtering systems)
- Get hands on experience by developing practical systems/components (e.g., email spam detection)
- Prepare students for doing cutting-edge research in information retrieval and related fields
- Open the door to the amazing job opportunities in Search Technology and E-commerce companies