CSCI 572 Information Retrieval and Web Search Engines Homework 5: Enhancing Your Search Engine

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Steps followed to complete the Assignment:

1. Spelling Correction:

- a. Downloaded Apache Tika Jar and included it in the build path of my Java project.
- b. Wrote Java code to extract the Text from the HTML files(bigtxt.java) and write to big.txt
- c. Downloaded Peter Norvig's PHP code for Spelling Correction after signing up (SpellCorrector.php)
- d. I provided the path of my big.txt file to Peter's code.
- e. To execute the SpellCorrector.php, I included the file in my index.php file and made a call to the correct () function.
- f. After the execution, a file serialized_dictionary.txt is generated which is used for spelling correction.

2. Autocomplete:

- a. Changes were made to Solrconfig.xml as specified in the document provided as a part of the assignment.
- b. I reused the code from Assignment 4 (index.php) and made modifications to it to include Autocomplete function.
- c. The tutorial and code mention on http://api.jqueryui.com/autocomplete/ was used for reference.
- d. The suggested terms, for any Query term were parsed (json) and stored in a variable.
- e. All the suggestions are iterated through and shown to the user as a drop-down list.

3. Snippet:

- a. In order to parse the HTML pages in PHP, I used simple_html_dom.php and included it in my index.php file.
- b. The retrieved text was divided into sentences and words.
- c. The rule followed to obtain the snippet was:
 - i. For a multi-term query, obtain a sentence in which all terms occur together if possible.
 - ii. Else the sentence containing the words is obtained if possible.
 - iii. Else the first sentence containing one of the terms is obtained if possible
 - iv. Else look into the description associated for the query words.
 - v. Else N/A is returned to the user.
- d. The query terms were put in bold within the snipped for easy identification.

Analysis of the Results:

1. Examples of Misspelled words:

a. Acceptible



b. Fcbook



c. Donld Trmp



d. Bannna



e. Amazn

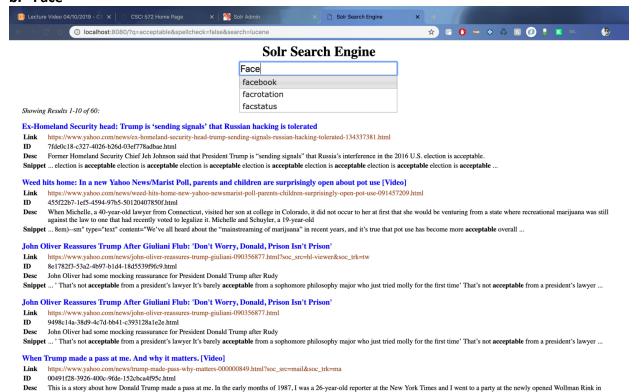


2. Examples of Autocomplete:

a. Accep



b. Face



c. Amaz



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Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during the annual Facebook F8 developer conference in San Jose, Calif.; President Trump speaks during a visit to the headquarters of tool manufacturer Snap-On in Kenosha, Wis.; Pennsylvania state police investigate the scene where Steve Stephens, the suspect in the random killing of a Cleveland retiree posted on Facebook, died in Erie, Pa. These are some of the photos of the day. (AP/EPA/Getty/Reuters)

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Zuckerberg hedges on how Facebook tracks you

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Facebook vs. ISIS: Inside the tech giant's antiterror strategy [Video]

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Don't Break Up Big Tech

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The worst ideas in Washington are often bipartisan. Big Tech is about to learn this lesson, if it hasn't already. Elizabeth Warren is out with a headline-grabbing proposal to break up Big Tech companies, the sort of overly ambitious government plan that once would have engendered knee-jerk Republican

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U.S. prosecutors probing Facebook's data deals: New York Times

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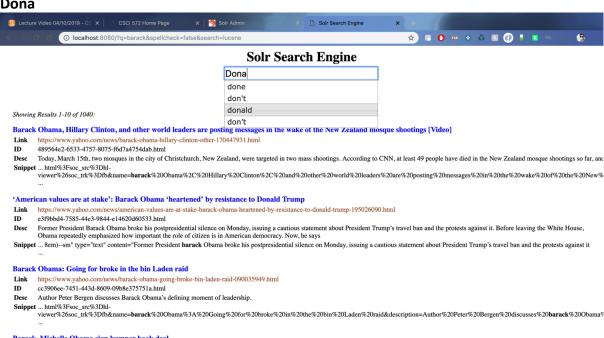
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Barack, Michelle Obama sign bumper book deal

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