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APT Automatically Programmed Tools

AST abstract syntax tree

DDL Data Definition Language

DSL Domain-Specific Language

EBNF Extended Backus-Naur Form

GPL General-Purpose Language

HTML Hypertext Markup Language

MS Microsoft

PDF Portable Document Format

SQL Structured Query Language

XML Extensible Markup Language

Index of Symbols

| p | precision |
|----------------------|--|
| r | recall |
| n | number of relevant retrieved documents |
| d | total number of retrieved documents |
| v | total number of relevant documents |
| $F_{oldsymbol{eta}}$ | weighted harmonic mean |
| β | nonnegative weight |

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1 Abstract

Abstract

2 Theory

2.1 Full-Text Search

Commercial database management has long focused on structured data and the industry requirements have matched those of structured storage applications quite well. The problem is that only a small part of the data stored is completely structured, while most of it is completely unstructured or only semi-structured, in the form of documents, emails, web pages, etc. (cf. Hamilton, Nayak 2001, p. 7) Full-text search describes a search technique in which all words of a document or a full-text database are matched with search criteria, whereby not only exact matches but also word reflections and the like can be searched. A full-text database, as opposed to a regular bibliographic database, contains not only metadata but also the complete textual content of books and similar documents. (cf. Tenopir, Ro 1990, pp. 2-3)

With large amounts of data, matching every word of all entries is time-consuming and non-performant. To improve this process, a full-text search is divided into an indexing and query phase. In the indexing phase, all words found to be irrelevant, e.g. 'and' or 'the', are ignored by matching them against stoplists, words are normalized, e.g. the capitalization of words, and are merged into an index. (cf. Coles, Cotter 2009, p. 11) In the query phase, full-text query predicates are used to execute search queries. These allow not only a search for exact matches but also generational forms. Generational forms can be, for example, words that stem from the same word or alternative search terms using a language-specific thesaurus. A query processor then calculates the most efficient query plan which delivers the required results. The previously created index is searched for documents and text passages that match the search, and the results are returned in a ranked order. (cf. Coles, Cotter 2009, pp. 11-12)

To determine a rank for a search result the quality has to be measured. Two key metrics are used when measuring the quality of search results: precision p and recall r. Precision is defined as the relation of relevant search results to irrelevant search results. If, for example, many results are desired about the Jupiter moon Europa, the search term 'Europa' has low precision, since results for the continent 'Europe', as well as for the mythological figure and the moon are displayed. The search term 'Europa Moon' will again have higher precision. Algebraically, precision can be represented as in Formula 1, where n represents the number of relevant retrieved documents and d represents the total number of retrieved documents.

Formula 1: Precision

$$p = \frac{n}{d} \tag{1}$$

Source: COLES, COTTER 2009, p. 14

The recall is defined as the relation between relevant search results and relevant documents that were not displayed. For example, if five documents in a database deal with the moon Europa and only two are displayed in a search recall is low. Formula 2 shows the mathematical definition, where v represents the total number of relevant documents.

Formula 2: Recall

$$r = \frac{n}{v} \tag{2}$$

Source: COLES, COTTER 2009, p. 14

Although it is nearly impossible to maximize both recall and precision it is still relevant to keep both values as high as possible. Formula 3 offers the possibility to prefer one of the two metrics precision and recall when calculating the quality of a search result. The nonnegative weight β weights both metrics equally for a value of 1.0. A value less than 1.0 prefers recall, while a value above 1.0 prefers precision.

Formula 3: Weigthed harmonic mean

$$F_{\beta} = \frac{\left(1 + \beta^2\right) \cdot (p \cdot r)}{\beta^2 \cdot p + r} \tag{3}$$

Source: COLES, COTTER 2009, p. 15

This means F_{β} represents the desired search quality and should be as high as possible, deciding whether to focus on recall or precision or both. (cf. COLES, COTTER 2009, pp. 13-15)

2.1.1 MS SQL Server Search Architecture

Structured Query Language (SQL) Server uses the same access method and infrastructure for full-text search as other Microsoft (MS) products and the Index Service for file

systems. This decision enables standardized semantics for full-text search of data in relational databases, web-hosted data, and data stored in the file system and mail systems. On SQL servers, not only simple strings can be indexed, but also data structures, such as Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) and Extensible Markup Language (XML), and even complex documents, such as Portable Document Format (PDF), Word, PowerPoint, Excel and other custom document formats. (cf. HAMILTON, NAYAK 2001, p. 7)

The architecture can be divided into five modules, which interact with each other to perform a full-text search. (See Figure 1)

The **content reader** scans indexed data stored in SQL Server tables to assemble data and its associated metadata packets. These packets are then injected into the main search engine, which triggers the search engine filter daemon to consume the data.

Depending on the content, the **filter daemon** calls different filters, which parse the content and output so-called chunks of the processed text. A chunk is a related section with relevant information about this section like the language-id of the text. These chunks are output separately for any properties, which can be elements like the title, an author or other content-specific elements.



Figure 1: Architecture of MS SQL Server Full-Text Search

Source: Hamilton, Nayak 2001, p. 8

Word breakers split the chunks into keywords and additionally provide alternative keywords and the corresponding position in the text. Word breakers can recognize human languages and on SQL Server several word breakers for different languages are installed by default. The generated keywords and metadata are passed on to the MS Search process, which processes the data with an indexer.

The **indexer** generates an inverted keyword list with a batch containing all keywords of one or more items. These indexes are compressed to use memory efficiently, this may lead to high costs for updates of these indexes. Therefore a stack of indexes is maintained. New documents first create their small indexes, which are regularly merged into a larger index, which in turn is merged into the base index. This stack can be deeper than three, but the concept remains and allows a strongly compressed index without driving the update costs too high. If a keyword is searched, all indexes are accessed, so the depth should still be kept reasonable.

A query processor manages the insertion and merge operations and collects statistics on distribution and frequency for ranking purposes and query execution. (cf. HAMILTON, NAYAK 2001, pp. 8-9)

2.1.2 MS SQL Server Full-Text Query Features

Full-text indexes can be created on SQL Servers with the Data Definition Language (DDL) statement CREATE INDEX and can make use of other SQL Server utilities; these include backup and restore and attachment of databases. There are three options to create and manage indexes on SQL Servers. **Full Crawl** always rebuilds the whole full-text index by scanning the entire table. **Incremental Crawl** logs the timestamp of the last re-index and retains changes by storing them in a column. **Change Tracking** enables a near real-time validity between the full-text index and the table by tracking changes to the indexed data using the SQL Server Query Processor. (cf. HAMILTON, NAYAK 2001, p. 9)

Full-text search is represented in SQL with three possible constructs: (cf. HAMILTON, NAYAK 2001, p. 9)

- Contains Predicate: A contains predicate is true if one of the specified columns contains terms that satisfy the specified search condition. E.g. Contains (author , ('Ag* or "Marc Miller"')) will match entries where the column author contains words like 'Ag', 'Agatha', or 'Marc Miller'.
- 2. Freetext Predicate: Freetext predicates are true if one of the specified columns contains terms that stem from the terms in the specified search condition. E.g. Freetext (content, 'fishing') will match entries where content contains words like 'fishing', 'fish', or 'fisher'.

3. ContainsTable and FreetextTable: ContainsTable and FreetextTable are functions that match entries similar to their corresponding function, but additionally return multiple matches including a ranking for each entry and the entire corpus.

The search conditions of these constructs can be of various types to find the intended results: (cf. HAMILTON, NAYAK 2001, p. 9)

- 1. Keyword, phrase, prefix: E.g. 'fishing', 'Marc Miller', 'Ag*'
- 2. Inflections and Thesaurus: E.g. Contains(*, 'FORMSOF(INFLECTIONAL, fishing) AND FORMSOF(THESAURUS, boat)') will find all entries containing words that stem from 'fishing' and all words sharing the meaning with 'boat' (Thesaurus support).
- 3. Weighted terms: Keywords and phrases can be assigned a relative weight to impact the rank of entries. E.g. ContainsTable(*, 'ISABOUT(generator weight (.7), full-text weight (.3))') will rank entries higher in the result corpus which mention 'generator' over 'full-text'.
- 4. Proximity: E.g. Contains (*, 'corn NEAR salad') contains the proximity term 'NEAR' to match entries where 'corn' appears close to 'salad'.
- 5. Composition: E.g. Contains (*, 'full-text AND NOT database') uses two search query components that are composed using a term like 'AND', 'OR', or 'AND NOT'.

2.2 Domain-Specific Languages

Commonly known programming languages, such as C or Java, are also called a General-Purpose Language (GPL). GPLs are designed to handle any problem with relatively equal levels of efficiency and expressiveness. However, many applications do not require a multifunctional GPL and can describe a problem more naturally using a Domain-Specific Language (DSL). DSLs are languages that have been developed specifically for a particular application or domain, to be able to develop faster and more effectively. (cf. HUDAK 1997, p. 1) By tailoring notations and constructs to the domain in question, DSLs offer significant gains in expressiveness and usability compared to GPLs for the domain in question, with corresponding productivity gains and lower maintenance costs. (cf. MERNIK et al. 2005, p. 317) DSLs are by no means a product of modern software development but have existed since the beginning of programming. One of the first DSLs ever designed

was Automatically Programmed Tools (APT), which was used for the development of numerically controlled machine tools in 1957. (cf. Ross 1978, pp. 283-284)

DSLs can be found everywhere in the world of IT, for example, this thesis was written with the help of LATEX to design layout and formatting. Table 1 lists some well-known DSLs and their application/domain to give examples of what is classified as a DSL.

Table 1: Popular DSLs

| DSL | Application |
|--|---|
| Lex and Yacc | program lexing and parsing |
| PERL | text/file manipulation/scripting |
| VDL | hardware description |
| T _E X, L ^A T _E X, troff | document layout |
| HTML, SGML | document markup |
| SQL, LDL, QUEL | databases |
| pic, postscript | 2D graphics |
| Open GL | high-level 3D graphics |
| Tcl, Tk | GUI scripting |
| Mathematica, Maple | symbolic computation |
| AutoLisp/AutoCAD | computer aided design |
| Csh | OS scripting (Unix) |
| IDL | component technology (COM/CORBA) |
| Emacs Lisp | text editing |
| Prolog | logic |
| Visual Basic | scripting and more |
| Excel Macro Language | spreadsheets and many things never intended |

Source: HUDAK 1997, p. 3

Programs written in a DSL are considered to be more concise, quicker to write, easier to maintain and easier to reason about and most importantly they can be written by non-programmers. In particular, experts in the domain for which the DSL was developed can use DSLs to program applications without having to acquire programming skills. An expert of a domain already knows the semantics of the domain, all that is needed to start development is the corresponding notation that expresses these semantics. (cf. Hudak 1997, pp. 2-4)

2.3 Building a language

For a compiler or an interpreter to be able to interpret a DSL, the language must be accurately and precisely defined. Accurately means that the language must be defined consistently down to the smallest detail. Precisely means in this case that all aspects of the

language must be laid out. If parts of the language are inconsistent or too vague, authors of compilers are forced to interpret these aspects themselves. This inevitably leads to different authors having different approaches to the same problem. If a DSL is to be created that meets the criteria described above, two components are needed. The first component is a set of rules, also called syntax. The second component is a formal definition of the meaning, also called semantics. (cf. FARRELL 1995, p. 2)

2.3.1 Syntax

The first step when defining syntax is defining an alphabet. This alphabet consists of tokens, which do not necessarily have to be letters. Several tokens, formulated according to a set of rules, make up a sentence or string. The alphabet of the English language is, in the context of syntax, not a list of the permissible characters, which is predominantly called the alphabet or 'ABC', but the permissible tokens. E.g. in the sentence 'the donkey screams' the tokens 'the', 'donkey' and 'screams' are part of the alphabet of the English language. The token 'gHArFk' consists of permissible characters but is not part of the valid alphabet. However, the use of permissible tokens alone does not make a sentence correct. The sentence 'on sleep blue' consists of tokens that are part of the English alphabet, but it is still not a valid sentence. The correct application of the rule set is still missing, in this example a missing object. Only the correct use of the alphabet AND the set of rules make a sentence syntactically correct. (cf. FARRELL 1995, p. 2)

If the alphabet and the set of rules are notated in a normal form, they can be called grammar. Relevant to this thesis is the Extended Backus-Naur Form (EBNF), which will be described in section 2.3.2.

2.3.2 Extended Backus-Naur Form

EBNF, as the name suggests, is based on the Backus-Naur Form, which was proposed by a group of thirteen international representatives in 1960, to serve as a basic reference and guide for building compilers. Backus-Naur Form is a notation for describing computational processes and rules as arithmetic expressions, variables, and functions. (cf. BACKUS et al. 1960, p. 300)

The syntax can be described as a set of metalinguistic formulae best described with an example. The grammar describing a number can be written in Backus-Naur Form as:

```
\langle number \rangle ::= \langle positive \rangle | -\langle positive \rangle | 0
\langle positive \rangle ::= \langle digit\ not\ zero \rangle \langle optional \rangle
```

```
\langle optional \rangle ::= \langle digit \rangle \langle optional \rangle |
\langle digit \rangle ::= \langle digit not zero \rangle | 0
\langle digit not zero \rangle ::= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
```

Characters contained in angel brackets '<>' represent a metalinguistic variable. The character '::=' describes a definition of this variable. The character '|' represents the metalinguistic connective 'or'. Other characters in this example have no special meaning but only represent themselves. So the first line of the grammar means that the variable <number> can be defined or replaced as <positive> or -<positive> or as 0. Since the variable <positive> is mentioned in the definition, there must be a definition for this variable in the grammar, otherwise, the grammar would be incomplete. In the third line, we see a metalinguistic connective without content on its right side. This means that the variable <optional> can also be empty and thus without value. Furthermore, in this line, a variable calls itself recursively, which is allowed. (cf. BACKUS et al. 1960, pp. 301-303)

So following this grammar, numbers such as 42 or -3141592 are valid.

In 1977 Wirth proposed a new variant of the Backus-Naur Form to further improve language definition notation. The main goals of this new notation were to (cf. WIRTH 1977, p. 822)

- distinguish clearly between metaterminal and nonterminal symbols
- not exclude metaterminals as possible symbols of the language
- · enable iteration without using recursion

This proposal was the basis for the ISO/IEC 14977:1996(E) which now defines the standard for EBNF. The major changes that EBNF brought can be summarized as: (cf. ISO/IEC 14977:1996(E) 1996, p. VI)

- Terminal symbols must be quoted so any symbol can be a terminal symbol of the language
- Added square brackets to indicate optional symbols and avoid the use of a <empty> symbol
- · Added curly brackets to indicate repetition
- Every rule must have a final character
- Normal Brackets group items together, similar to their arithmetic use

The number example from above can be rewritten in EBNF as:

```
\langle number \rangle ::= (['-']\langle digit\ not\ zero \rangle \{\langle digit \rangle\})|'0';
\langle digit \rangle ::= \langle digit\ not\ zero \rangle|'0';
\langle digit\ not\ zero \rangle ::= '1'|'2'|'3'|'4'|'5'|'6'|'7'|'8'|'9';
```

This version of the grammar produces the same set of numbers but is more concise and arguably more readable for humans.

3 Implementation

When using the full-text search, large parts of the SQL statements needed to describe the search are the same, since the search criteria are defined as either WHERE conditions or JOIN criteria. If you want to define a full-text search, you usually use a combination of the given functions. In MSSQL this would be for example CONTAINS or FORMSOF. Therefore I want to develop a query language where you only have to specify this combination of functions and a few parameters to generate the corresponding SQL.

3.1 Language definition

The first step to defining a language is to define its purpose. In this case, there should be functions that represent full-text functions. Furthermore, one must be able to pass parameters to these functions and one should be able to combine both parameters and functions with logical operators and, or and not. To announce a function, this query language uses an '@', e.g. '@contains'. From programming languages of the C-family one recognizes the use of parentheses '()' to define parameters. To avoid later confusion with parentheses used for logical grouping, this language uses the colon ':' to enclose parameters. For now, a parameter is defined as a simple word or phrase, which is delimited with quotes ''''. These few rules already allow the definition of a query, such as @contains:apple: where 'contains' is the name of a function. This first set of rules can be written in EBNF as:

```
\langle search \rangle ::= '@'\langle function \rangle':'\langle parameter \rangle':';

\langle function \rangle ::= 'contains';

\langle parameter \rangle ::= \langle word \rangle |' "''\{['']\langle word \rangle\}' "'';

\langle word \rangle ::= \{'a'-'z'|'A'-'Z'\};
```

Note that the function variable only includes 'contains'. In future definitions, it should accept the different functions that are going to be defined.

A feature that is also needed is the logical combination and negation of multiple search terms. For example, it should be possible to search for 'apple' or 'tree' and not 'worm'. For and the language accepts the characters '&' and '+', for or it accepts '|' and for negation it accepts '!' and '-'. To cover all possible logical operations, groups are also needed to allow precedence between the different operators. For this parentheses are used. Using groups it is now possible to build a logic like 'apple' AND NOT ('tree' OR 'worm'), where the whole statement inside the parentheses is processed negated, and prioritized instead of being processed from left to right.

3.2 Lexer

The first part of a code generator is the lexer. A lexer gets a file or in this case a string as input and divides this input into a series of tokens. So the input <code>@contains:apple:</code> becomes the tokens: '@', 'contains', ':', 'apple' and ':'. These tokens are not interpreted yet but are only being recognized as separate characters. To achieve this in code the crate logos is used, to avoid writing redundant code. To understand the code written in lexer.rs what follows is a short explanation of how this crate is used in the context of this prototype. To define tokens, Logos can be added to the derive statement of an enumeration and a matching rule can be defined using a literal string or a regular expression. For example, in line 73 of code listing 1, a literal string is used to recognize the colon token, and line 33 uses a regular expression to recognize decimals between 0 and 1. It also calls an arbitrary function to_float (code 1, 17-19) to define that in this case the data should be cast into the datatype f64. Logos also requires an error type (code 1, 78-80), which is also used to skip whitespaces (cf. Hirsz 2022, n.p.).

Code Listing 1: Token defintions

```
16 // helper function to format floats
fn to_float(lex: &mut Lexer<Token>) -> Option<f64> {
      Some (lex.slice().parse().ok()?)
18
19 }
26 // List of all tokens that are accepted by the language
#[derive(Debug, Clone, Logos, PartialEq)]
28 pub enum Token {
      // Regex: any float between 0 and 1
32
      \#[regex(r"0+(\.[0-9]+)?|1", to_float)]
33
      ZeroToOne (f64),
34
      // Colon to surround functions parameters
      #[token(":")]
73
      Colon,
      // End of File
75
      EoF,
76
      // Error and skip whitespaces
77
      #[error]
78
```

Source: lexer.rs

These tokens are then compiled in a list and passed over to the parser as the work of the lexer is done.

3.3 Parser

In the parser, a large part of the heavy lifting is done, because here the list of tokens is interpreted and checked for their admissibility in the language. The parser of this custom query language stores a copy of the token list still to be parsed and additionally the current token and the next one in the list. The current token is often used to make comparisons between it and the token that would be expected, while the peek token is often used to see whether the end of the token list has already been reached. When initializing the parser both the current and the peek token are set to Token::EoF which represents the edge case end of file (code 2, 66-67).

Code Listing 2: Parser struct

```
// Parser saves current and next tokens as attribute
 struct Parser<'p> {
      tokens: Iter<'p, Token>,
      current: Token,
57
      peek: Token,
 }
59
 impl<'p> Parser<'p> {
61
      // Initial parser creation
62
      fn new(tokens: Iter<'p, Token>) -> Self {
63
          Self {
              tokens,
              current: Token::EoF,
              peek: Token::EoF,
67
          }
      }
```

Source: parser.rs

In the parsing process, two different levels are distinguished: expressions and statements. Statements are the various functions that can be used in the language, such as 'near', which is defined with several expressions as 'parameters' and another expression as a 'proximity' variable (code 3, 25-28). Expressions are the several values that can appear in a search query, for example, words, phrases, or numbers (code 3, 37-38). The special cases of operators are also represented by both statements and expressions. These will be discussed in more detail later.

Code Listing 3: Statements and expressions

```
#[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
pub enum Statement {

::

Near {
    parameter: Vec<Expression>,
    proximity: Expression,
},

::

#[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
pub enum Expression {
    WordOrPhrase(String),
    Number(u64),
    ZeroToOne(f64),
```

Source: ast.rs

The tokens are normally processed linearly, always watching out not to run past the end of the file (code 4, 74). With each call of read current and peek are updated and the next statement is parsed. Read is called manually twice at the beginning to overwrite the initial Token::EoF (code 4, 12-14). Otherwise, the next statements are parsed until the end of the token list is reached (code 4, 16-18).

Code Listing 4: Parser read

```
parser.read();
     parser.read();
      let mut ast: Vec<Statement> = Vec::new();
     while let Some(statement) = parser.next()? {
          ast.push(statement);
     Ok (ast)
19
20
      // Parse next statement if possible
      // Output: statement or error
      fn next(&mut self) -> Result<Option<Statement>, ParseError>
73
          if self.current == Token::EoF {
              return Ok (None);
75
          }
76
          Ok (Some (self.parse_statement (Precedence::Lowest)?))
77
      }
78
      // Set current and peek one step further in the vec of
         tokens
     fn read(&mut self) {
81
          self.current = self.peek.clone();
          self.peek = if let Some(token) = self.tokens.next() {
              token.clone()
          } else {
              Token::EoF
          };
      }
```

When parsing a statement there must be a function token at the beginning of a statement (code 5, 120+140). If this token is found, the procedure is different depending on the function. For example, the function weighted is parsed as follows: (code 5, 325-355) First, a colon is expected, because according to the language definition the parameters are introduced with one. As parameters, there are expected to be combinations of a search term (word or phrase) and a decimal between 0 and 1. These must be separated by commas. These tuples are expected until a colon appears as a token again. The decimals representing weights must add up to exactly 1. If none of the rules are violated, the list of

tuples is passed back to the function parse_statement and stored in the form of a statement enumeration (code 5, 140-142).

Code Listing 5: Parse weighted

```
// Parse statement, can only be a function or combination
116
         of functions
       // Input: precedence
117
      // Output: statement or error
118
      fn parse_statement(&mut self, precedence: Precedence) ->
119
         Result<Statement, ParseError> {
           let mut statement = match self.current.clone() {
120
               Token::Weighted => Statement::Weighted {
140
                   parameter: self.parse_weighted()?,
141
               },
142
      // Weighted function expects pairs of words or phrases and
325
          a weight between 0 and 1
      // All weights must add up to exactly 1
326
      fn parse_weighted(&mut self) -> Result<Vec<(Expression,</pre>
327
         Expression)>, ParseError> {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Weighted)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
           let mut parameter: Vec<(Expression, Expression)> = Vec
330
              ::new();
           let mut sum_weights: f64 = 0.0;
331
           while !self.current_is(Token::Colon) {
332
               if self.current_is(Token::Comma) {
333
                   self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Comma)?;
334
335
               let expression = match self.parse_expression(
336
                  Precedence::Lowest)? {
                   Expression::WordOrPhrase(s) => Expression::
337
                      WordOrPhrase(s),
                   _ => return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(
338
                      self.current.clone())),
               };
339
               self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Comma)?;
340
```

```
let weight = match self.parse_expression(Precedence
341
                   ::Lowest)? {
                   Expression::ZeroToOne(f) => {
342
                        sum_weights += f;
                        Expression::ZeroToOne(f)
                    _ => return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(
346
                       self.current.clone())),
               };
347
               parameter.push((expression, weight));
349
           if sum_weights != 1.0 {
               return Err(ParseError::WeightError(sum_weights));
351
352
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
353
           Ok (parameter)
354
355
```

In the parse_statement function, two different functions are called to process tokens. On the one hand, expect_token_and_read (code 6, 110-114) compares the current token with an input variable and reads past it without further logic. This function is mostly used for parsing syntactic tokens, such as the colon, which themselves have no impact on the content of the search.

Code Listing 6: expect_token_and_read

```
} else {
               Err (ParseError::UnexpectedToken(self.current.clone
103
                   ()))
           }
104
       }
105
106
       // Current token should match the one given and read to
107
          next token
       // Input: token
108
       // Output: token or error
109
      fn expect_token_and_read(&mut self, token: Token) -> Result
110
          <Token, ParseError> {
           let result = self.expect_token(token)?;
111
           self.read();
112
           Ok (result)
113
       }
114
```

The second function is parse_expression, which is similar in logic to parse_statement. Here the current token is compared to the possible expressions and returned as an expression enumeration. For example, with the WordOrPhrase token, the content is stored in the variable s and passed when the expression counterpart is generated (code 7, 159-161).

Code Listing 7: Parse WordOrPhrase

```
// Parse expression, could be a search term, number,
156
         operator or combination of epxressions
      fn parse_expression(&mut self, precedence: Precedence) ->
157
         Result<Expression, ParseError> {
          let mut expr = match self.current.clone() {
158
               Token::WordOrPhrase(s) => {
159
                   self.expect_token_and_read(Token::WordOrPhrase(
160
                      "".to_string()))?;
                   Expression::WordOrPhrase(s.to_string())
161
               }
162
```

Source: parser.rs

With these building blocks, it is already possible to parse a token list, like

```
Near, Colon, WordOrPhrase("apple"), Comma, WordOrPhrase("tree"),
Comma, Number(9), Colon
```

into the statement

```
Near{parameter: (WordOrPhrase("apple"), WordOrPhrase("tree")),
proximity: Number(9)}.
```

While parsing, attention has been paid to the syntax of the language and the information has been reduced to the minimum necessary in a structured way.

3.4 Parsing operators and groups

In addition to simple search terms and the call of a single function, the query language should also offer the possibility to logically link search terms and use several functions simultaneously. To make this possible, operators such as AND, OR, and NOT, and groups come into play. To interpret these types of operators and groups and store them as part of the abstract syntax tree (AST), there are separate types for them as both statement and expression. The statement enumeration (code 8, 8-12) is used to allow the use of multiple functions in the query language, while the expression enumerations (code 8, 40-41) are used to logically link search terms. The operators themselves are stored as a separate enumeration, with a function to translate tokens into operators (code 8, 52-59).

Code Listing 8: Operator statements and expressions

```
# [derive (Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
 pub enum Statement {
     Group {
          expression: Expression,
      },
      Infix {
          statement: Box<Statement>,
          operator: Operator,
10
          second_statement: Box<Statement>,
11
      },
12
33 }
# [derive (Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
36 pub enum Expression {
      Infix(Box<Expression>, Operator, Box<Expression>),
40
      Prefix(Operator, Box<Expression>),
```

```
42
43
  #[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
 pub enum Operator {
      And,
      Or,
47
      Not,
49
50
 impl Operator {
51
      pub fn token(token: Token) -> Self {
52
          match token {
               Token::And | Token::Plus => Self::And,
               Token::Or => Self::Or,
               Token::Minus | Token::Bang => Self::Not,
               _ => unreachable!("{:?}", token),
57
          }
58
      }
59
60 }
```

Source: ast.rs

The big challenge with operators and groups is that it is no longer sufficient to process the token list linearly because operators are partly written after the affected tokens and hierarchies exist between the operators. For example, the AND operator has a stronger binding power than the OR operator, and groups, or parentheses, have an even higher binding power. This binding power is in text and code further called precedence.

Precedence is implemented as an ordered enumeration, which allows them to be compared and assigned higher or lower precedence. As with operators, there is a function to translate tokens into precedence (code 9, 37-51). The concept of precedence already appears in the code listings 5 and 7 as an input variable for the functions parse_statement and parse_expression.

Code Listing 9: Precedence

```
// Precedence to enable priorities between operators
// Example: this OR that AND some (AND should have a higher priority)
#[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq, PartialOrd)]
enum Precedence {
    Lowest,
    Statement,
```

```
Or,
      And,
      Not,
      Prefix,
31
      Group,
33
  // Match tokens to precedences
 impl Precedence {
      fn token(token: Token) -> Self {
37
          match token {
               Token::Bang | Token::Minus => Self::Not,
               Token::Plus | Token::And | Token::WordOrPhrase(..)
                  => Self::And,
               Token::Or => Self::Or,
41
               Token::LeftParen => Self::Group,
42
               Token::Contains
43
               | Token::Starts
               | Token::Inflection
45
               | Token::Thesaurus
46
               | Token::Near
47
               | Token::Weighted => Self::Statement,
48
                _ => Self::Lowest,
49
          }
50
      }
51
52 }
```

Expression operators that are written before the token in question, such as the NOT operator, can be processed similarly to normal expressions. When the parser encounters one of the NOT tokens in parse_expression (code 10, 171-177), an Expression::Prefix is returned, where the actual search term is parsed with the parameter Precedence::Prefix, which is higher than the default Precedence::Lowest.

Code Listing 10: Parse NOT

```
t @ Token::Minus | t @ Token::Bang => {

self.expect_token_and_read(t.clone())?;

Expression::Prefix(

Operator::token(t),
```

```
Box::new(self.parse_expression(Precedence::
Prefix)?),

176
)
```

More complicated are operators which are written after an affected token. For this, in parse_expression after a token was parsed an attempt is made to parse a postfix or infix operator. At the same time, the precedence of the next token is compared to keep the corresponding hierarchies of the operators (code 11, 189-197). The expression parsed so far is passed to the parse_infix_expression function and it structures it into an Expression::

Infix, where the next search term is parsed again with the corresponding precedence.

Code Listing 11: Parse infix operator

```
// Afer an expression could be an infix operator or
188
              directly a new expression (here called postfix
              operator)
           while !self.current_is(Token::EoF) && precedence <</pre>
189
              Precedence::token(self.current.clone()) {
               if let Some (expression) = self.
190
                   parse_postfix_expression(expr.clone())? {
                    expr = expression;
191
               } else if let Some(expression) = self.
192
                   parse_infix_expression(expr.clone())? {
                    expr = expression
193
               } else {
194
                    break;
195
                }
196
           }
197
       // Infix operators AND and OR expect an expression on
220
          either side
       fn parse_infix_expression(
221
           &mut self,
222
           expr: Expression,
223
       ) -> Result<Option<Expression>, ParseError> {
224
           Ok (match self.current {
225
               Token::Plus | Token::And | Token::Or => {
226
                    let token = self.current.clone();
227
```

```
self.read();
                     let sec_expr = self.parse_expression(Precedence
229
                        ::token(token.clone()))?;
                     Some (Expression::Infix(
230
                         Box::new(expr),
231
                         Operator::token(token),
                         Box::new(sec_expr),
                     ))
234
                }
235
                  => None,
236
           })
237
       }
238
```

Postfix operators as such do not exist in the query language; instead, a search term written without an infix operator in between is parsed as a postfix AND (code 12, 203-218). So 'apple tree' is parsed as 'apple AND tree'. The second search term could potentially be negated, so the case 'apple -tree' is also covered and parsed as 'apple AND NOT tree'.

Code Listing 12: Parse postfix operator

```
// Postfix operator is called when two expressions are read
201
          , automatically inserting an AND inbetween
       // Second Expression could have an NOT operator before the
202
          actual expression
       fn parse_postfix_expression(
203
           &mut self,
204
           expr: Expression,
205
       ) -> Result<Option<Expression>, ParseError> {
206
           Ok (match self.current {
207
               Token::Minus | Token::Banq | Token::WordOrPhrase
208
                    let sec_expr = self.parse_expression(Precedence
209
                       :: And) ?;
                    Some (Expression::Infix(
210
                        Box::new(expr),
211
                        Operator::And,
212
                        Box::new(sec_expr),
213
                    ))
214
215
                 => None,
216
```

```
217 })
```

Groups are delimited by parentheses and contain the highest precedence of all operators. Inside a group, an expression is expected (code 13, 360), which is then returned as soon as a right parenthesis is read. It should be emphasized that groups are not expressions, but only handle the included expression with higher precedence, so the inner expression itself is returned instead of some kind of group expression (code 13, 184).

Code Listing 13: Parse groups

```
// Start a group which gets higher precedence
178
               Token::LeftParen => {
179
                   let group_expression = match self.parse_group()
180
                       ? {
                        Statement::Group { expression } =>
181
                           expression,
                         => return Err(ParseError::Unreachable),
182
                    };
183
                   group_expression
184
               }
185
      // Groups must encapsulate an expression with parentheses
357
          and have higher precedence then other operators
      fn parse_group(&mut self) -> Result<Statement, ParseError>
358
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::LeftParen)?;
359
           let expression = self.parse_expression(Precedence::
360
              Statement)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::RightParen)?;
361
           Ok(Statement::Group { expression })
362
      }
363
```

Source: parser.rs

Infix operators were also implemented at the statement level to allow multiple functions to be used in a single query. The logic is the same as that of code listing 11, except that statements are processed instead of expressions.

Code Listing 14: Parse infix operator in statements

```
// After a function could be an infix operator
145
           while !self.current_is(Token::EoF) && precedence <</pre>
              Precedence::token(self.current.clone()) {
                if let Some(in_statement) = self.
147
                   parse_infix_statement(statement.clone())? {
                    statement = in_statement
148
                } else {
                    break;
150
                }
151
152
       // Infix operators AND and OR expect a statement on either
240
          side
       fn parse_infix_statement(
241
           &mut self,
242
           statement: Statement,
243
       ) -> Result<Option<Statement>, ParseError> {
244
           Ok (match self.current {
245
                Token::Plus | Token::And | Token::Or => {
246
                    let token = self.current.clone();
247
                    self.read();
248
                    let second_statement = self.parse_statement(
249
                       Precedence::token(token.clone()))?;
                    Some(Statement::Infix {
250
                         statement: Box::new(statement),
251
                        operator: Operator::token(token),
252
                         second statement: Box::new(second statement
253
                            ),
                    })
254
                }
255
                  => None,
256
           })
257
       }
258
```

These are all the building blocks needed to parse the entirety of the query language. The result of the parser is a list of statements or AST. This is now passed to the generator to generate SQL code from the logical sequence of operators and search terms.

3.5 Generator

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Appendix

Appendix 1: main.rs

```
use actix_web::{web, App, HttpResponse, HttpServer, Responder};
use regex::Regex;
3 use serde::{Deserialize, Serialize};
use std::fs::{read_to_string, File};
s use std::io::{Error, ErrorKind, Write};
6 use std::process::Command;
vuse tera::{Context, Tera};
9 mod code_gen;
 // Path Variables
const PATH_SQL: &str = "files\\fulltext.sql";
const PATH_RESULTS: &str = "files\\results.txt";
 // Main function to start website on localhost:8080
16 // Run using 'cargo watch -x run'
 #[actix web::main]
 async fn main() -> std::io::Result<()> {
     HttpServer::new(|| {
          let tera = Tera::new("templates/**/*").unwrap();
         App::new()
21
              .data(tera)
              .route("/", web::get().to(search))
23
              .route("/", web::post().to(result))
24
     })
      .bind("127.0.0.1:8080")?
      .run()
      .await
31 // Code generator to translate an input to SQL
32 // Input: search string and path to write result to
33 // Output: SQL statement written to a file
sult fn run_code_gen(search: String, path: &str) -> std::io::Result
    <()> {
```

```
// Transform string to list of tokens
      let tokens = code_gen::lexer::lex(search.as_str());
      // Parse tokens to an abstract syntax tree (ast)
      let ast = code_gen::parser::parse(tokens);
38
     match ast {
          // If parser returns no error, start code generation
          Ok(ast) => {
              let generator = code_gen::generator::generate(ast);
              // If generator returns no error, write SQL
43
                 statement to file, otherwise throw an error
              match generator {
                  Ok (generator) => write! (File::create(path)?, "
                      {}", generator),
                  Err(gen_err) => Err(Error::new(ErrorKind::
46
                     InvalidData, format!("{:?}", gen_err))),
              }
47
          // If parser returns error, throw an error aswell
49
          Err(parse_err) => Err(Error::new(
              ErrorKind::InvalidInput,
51
              format!("{:?}", parse_err),
          )),
53
      }
54
55
57 // Runs a command to execute an sql statement to a local MSSQL
     Server
58 // Input: paths to the input file and where to write the result
 // Output: txt file interpretation of the MSSQL Server result
 fn execute_sql(sql_path: &str, results_path: &str) {
     Command::new("cmd")
61
          .args(&[
              "/C",
              "sqlcmd",
64
              "-S",
              "DESKTOP-JKNEH40\\SQLEXPRESS", //Local server name
66
              "-i",
67
              sql_path,
68
              "-O",
              results_path,
```

```
])
          .output()
          .expect("failed to execute operation");
74
  // Reads the txt file result and extracts the actual results
77 // Input: path to the txt file
 // Output: vec of titles and their search rank
  fn read_results(path: &str) -> Option<Vec<(String, u64)>> {
      let contents = read_to_string(path).unwrap();
      let mut contents_vec: Vec<&str> = contents.split("\n").
81
         collect();
      // In case of error message, break
      if contents_vec.len() < 6 {</pre>
          return None;
85
      // Remove metadata rows
      // First 3-4 rows and last three rows
87
      while !contents_vec[0].starts_with("---") {
          contents_vec.remove(0);
      contents_vec.remove(0);
91
      contents_vec.remove(contents_vec.len() - 1);
92
      contents_vec.remove(contents_vec.len() - 1);
93
      contents_vec.remove(contents_vec.len() - 1);
      // Go through each row and extract the titles and their
         ranks
      let mut results: Vec<(String, u64)> = Vec::new();
96
      for row in contents_vec {
97
          // Remove unnecessary whitespaces
98
          let row = row.replace("\r", "");
99
          let re = Regex::new(r"\s+").unwrap();
100
          let row = re.replace_all(&row, " ").to_string();
101
          // Extract last 'word' as rank and save the rest as the
102
              title
          let mut words: Vec<&str> = row.split(" ").collect();
103
          let rank = words[words.len() - 1].parse::<u64>().unwrap
104
              ();
          words.remove(words.len() - 1);
105
          let title = words.join(" ");
106
```

```
107
           results.push((title, rank));
109
      Some (results)
111
113 // Search and Result structs to (de) serialize rust and website
     datatypes
# [derive (Deserialize) ]
115 struct Search {
      search: String,
116
117
  #[derive(Serialize)]
  struct Result {
      title: String,
120
      rank: u64,
121
      link: String,
122
123
124
  // Define functional parts of the search page
async fn search(tera: web::Data<Tera>) -> impl Responder {
      let mut data = Context::new();
127
      data.insert("title", "Search field");
128
      let rendered = tera.render("search.html", &data).unwrap();
129
      HttpResponse::Ok().body(rendered)
130
131
132
  // Define functional parts of the result page
async fn result(tera: web::Data<Tera>, data: web::Form<Search>)
      -> impl Responder {
      let mut page_data = Context::new();
135
      let mut results: Vec<Result> = Vec::new();
136
      // Run code generator with the string from the search field
137
      match run_code_gen(data.search.clone(), PATH_SQL) {
138
           // If code generator returns no error execute SQL and
139
              read the results
          0k(_) => {
140
               execute_sql(PATH_SQL, PATH_RESULTS);
141
               let results_vec = read_results(PATH_RESULTS);
142
```

```
// Fit search results into Result struct to
143
                   properly display on the page, otherwise diplay
                   error
               match results_vec {
                    Some(results_vec) => {
                         for result in results_vec {
                             results.push(Result {
147
                                 title: result.0.clone(),
148
                                 rank: result.1,
149
                                 // link to the Wikipedia article is
150
                                      also provided, whitespaces need
                                      to be replaced
                                 link: result.0.replace(" ", "_"),
151
                             })
152
                         }
153
                        page_data.insert("title", "Results");
154
                        page_data.insert("search", &data.search);
155
                    }
156
                    None => {
157
                        page_data.insert("title", "Error");
158
                        page_data.insert(
159
                             "search",
160
                             &format!("{} results cannot be read", &
161
                                data.search),
                        );
162
                    }
163
               }
164
165
           // If code generator returns error, display error
166
              instead of search results
           Err(error) => {
167
               page_data.insert("title", "Error");
168
               page_data.insert(
169
                    "search",
170
                    &format!("{} threw an error: {}", &data.search,
171
                         &error.to_string()),
               );
172
           }
173
174
      page_data.insert("results", &results);
175
```

Appendix 2: lexer.rs

```
use logos::{Lexer, Logos};
3 // Main function to start lexing process
4 // Input: string
5 // Output: vec of tokens
pub fn lex(input: &str) -> Vec<Token> {
     Token::lexer(input).collect()
8 }
10 // helper function to format strings
fn to_string(lex: &mut Lexer<Token>) -> Option<String> {
     let string = lex.slice().to_string();
12
     Some (string)
13
16 // helper function to format floats
17 fn to_float(lex: &mut Lexer<Token>) -> Option<f64> {
     Some (lex.slice().parse().ok()?)
18
19 }
21 // helper function to format unsigned integer
fn to_u64(lex: &mut Lexer<Token>) -> Option<u64> {
     Some (lex.slice().parse().ok()?)
24 }
26 // List of all tokens that are accepted by the language
27 #[derive(Debug, Clone, Logos, PartialEq)]
28 pub enum Token {
     // Regex: phrase starting and ending with " and escaped
         character \" or just a word allowing a list of special
         characters
      #[regex(r##""(?:[^"\\]|\\.)*"|[a-zA-Zß?üÜöÖäÄ;\._<>´ \#$$
         %/\\=€]+"##, to_string)]
```

```
WordOrPhrase(String),
      // Regex: any float between 0 and 1
      \#[regex(r"0+(\.[0-9]+)?|1", to_float)]
      ZeroToOne(f64),
      // Regex: any postive integer
      #[regex(r"[0-9]+", to_u64)]
      Number (u64),
      // ! and - for NOT
38
      #[token("!")]
39
      Bang,
40
      #[token("-")]
      Minus,
42
      // & and + for AND
      #[token("&")]
44
      And,
45
      #[token("+")]
46
      Plus,
47
      // | for OR
48
      #[token("|")]
49
      Or,
50
      // Parentheses for grouping
51
      #[token("(")]
52
      LeftParen,
53
      #[token(")")]
54
      RightParen,
55
      // Comma for parameter separation
      #[token(",")]
57
      Comma,
58
      // Functions
59
      #[token("@contains")]
60
      Contains,
61
      #[token("@startswith")]
62
      Starts,
63
      #[token("@inflection")]
64
      Inflection,
      #[token("@thesaurus")]
66
      Thesaurus,
67
      #[token("@near")]
68
      Near,
69
      #[token("@weighted")]
```

```
Weighted,
      // Colon to surround functions parameters
      #[token(":")]
     Colon,
     // End of File
     EoF,
     // Error and skip whitespaces
      #[error]
      \#[regex(r"[\s\t\n\f]+", logos::skip)]
     Error,
81 }
83 // Enable tokens to be casted as strings
84 impl Into<String> for Token {
     fn into(self) -> String {
85
          match self {
              Token::WordOrPhrase(s) => s,
              _ => unreachable!(),
          }
      }
90
91 }
```

Appendix 3: parser.rs

```
use std::slice::Iter;
use thiserror::Error;
4 use crate::code_gen::ast::*;
s use crate::code_gen::lexer::Token;
7 // Main function to start parsing process
8 // Input: vec of tokens
9 // Ouput: abstract syntax tree (vec of statements)
10 pub fn parse(tokens: Vec<Token>) -> Result<Vec<Statement>,
    ParseError> {
     let mut parser = Parser::new(tokens.iter());
11
     // read twice to overwrite intial EoF tokens
12
     parser.read();
13
     parser.read();
```

```
let mut ast: Vec<Statement> = Vec::new();
      while let Some(statement) = parser.next()? {
          ast.push(statement);
      Ok(ast)
20
22 // Precedence to enable priorities between operators
23 // Example: this OR that AND some (AND should have a higher
    priority)
24 #[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq, PartialOrd)]
25 enum Precedence {
     Lowest,
     Statement,
27
     Or,
28
     And,
29
     Not,
     Prefix,
31
     Group,
32
33
 // Match tokens to precedences
36 impl Precedence {
      fn token(token: Token) -> Self {
          match token {
              Token::Bang | Token::Minus => Self::Not,
39
              Token::Plus | Token::And | Token::WordOrPhrase(..)
40
                  => Self::And,
              Token::Or => Self::Or,
41
              Token::LeftParen => Self::Group,
42
              Token::Contains
43
              | Token::Starts
44
              | Token::Inflection
45
              | Token::Thesaurus
46
              | Token::Near
47
              | Token::Weighted => Self::Statement,
48
              _ => Self::Lowest,
49
          }
50
      }
52 }
```

```
// Parser saves current and next tokens as attribute
55 struct Parser<'p> {
     tokens: Iter<'p, Token>,
      current: Token,
     peek: Token,
59
61 impl<'p> Parser<'p> {
      // Initial parser creation
      fn new(tokens: Iter<'p, Token>) -> Self {
          Self {
              tokens,
              current: Token::EoF,
              peek: Token::EoF,
67
      }
70
      // Parse next statement if possible
71
      // Output: statement or error
72
      fn next(&mut self) -> Result<Option<Statement>, ParseError>
          {
          if self.current == Token::EoF {
              return Ok (None);
75
          }
76
          Ok (Some (self.parse_statement (Precedence::Lowest)?))
77
      }
78
      // Set current and peek one step further in the vec of
         tokens
      fn read(&mut self) {
81
          self.current = self.peek.clone();
          self.peek = if let Some(token) = self.tokens.next() {
              token.clone()
84
          } else {
85
              Token::EoF
         } ;
87
      }
88
      // See what the current token is
```

```
// Output: boolean
      fn current_is(&self, token: Token) -> bool {
           std::mem::discriminant(&self.current) == std::mem::
              discriminant (&token)
      }
      // Current token should match the one given
      // Input: token
97
      // Output: token or error
98
      fn expect_token(&mut self, token: Token) -> Result<Token,</pre>
         ParseError> {
           if self.current_is(token) {
               Ok(self.current.clone())
101
           } else {
102
               Err (ParseError::UnexpectedToken(self.current.clone
103
                   ()))
104
      }
105
106
      // Current token should match the one given and read to
107
          next token
      // Input: token
108
      // Output: token or error
109
      fn expect_token_and_read(&mut self, token: Token) -> Result
110
          <Token, ParseError> {
           let result = self.expect_token(token)?;
111
           self.read();
112
          Ok (result)
113
114
115
      // Parse statement, can only be a function or combination
116
          of functions
      // Input: precedence
117
      // Output: statement or error
118
      fn parse_statement(&mut self, precedence: Precedence) ->
119
          Result<Statement, ParseError> {
           let mut statement = match self.current.clone() {
120
               Token::Contains => Statement::Contains {
121
                   expression: self.parse_contains()?,
122
               },
123
```

```
Token::Starts => Statement::Starts {
124
                    expression: self.parse_starts()?,
125
126
               },
               Token::Inflection => Statement::Inflection {
127
                    expression: self.parse_inflection()?,
128
               },
               Token::Thesaurus => Statement::Thesaurus {
                    expression: self.parse_thesaurus()?,
131
               },
132
               Token::Near => {
133
                    let (parameter, proximity) = self.parse_near()
134
                    Statement::Near {
135
                        parameter,
                        proximity,
137
138
               }
139
               Token::Weighted => Statement::Weighted {
140
                    parameter: self.parse_weighted()?,
141
142
               _ => return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(self.
143
                   current.clone())),
           };
144
           // After a function could be an infix operator
145
           while !self.current_is(Token::EoF) && precedence <</pre>
146
              Precedence::token(self.current.clone()) {
               if let Some(in_statement) = self.
147
                   parse_infix_statement(statement.clone())? {
                    statement = in_statement
148
               } else {
149
                    break;
150
151
152
           Ok (statement)
153
       }
154
155
      // Parse expression, could be a search term, number,
156
          operator or combination of epxressions
       fn parse_expression(&mut self, precedence: Precedence) ->
157
          Result<Expression, ParseError> {
```

```
let mut expr = match self.current.clone() {
158
               Token::WordOrPhrase(s) => {
159
                    self.expect_token_and_read(Token::WordOrPhrase(
160
                       "".to_string()))?;
                   Expression::WordOrPhrase(s.to_string())
161
162
               Token::Number(u) => {
                   self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Number(0))?;
164
                   Expression::Number(u)
165
               }
               Token::ZeroToOne(f) => {
167
                   self.expect_token_and_read(Token::ZeroToOne
                       (0.0))?;
                   Expression::ZeroToOne(f)
169
               }
170
               t @ Token::Minus | t @ Token::Bang => {
171
                   self.expect_token_and_read(t.clone())?;
172
                   Expression::Prefix(
173
                        Operator::token(t),
174
                        Box::new(self.parse_expression(Precedence::
175
                           Prefix)?),
                   )
176
               }
177
               // Start a group which gets higher precedence
178
               Token::LeftParen => {
179
                   let group_expression = match self.parse_group()
180
                       ? {
                        Statement::Group { expression } =>
181
                           expression,
                        _ => return Err(ParseError::Unreachable),
182
                    };
183
                   group_expression
184
               }
185
                _ => return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(self.
186
                  current.clone())),
           };
187
           // Afer an expression could be an infix operator or
188
              directly a new expression (here called postfix
              operator)
```

```
while !self.current_is(Token::EoF) && precedence <</pre>
189
               Precedence::token(self.current.clone()) {
                if let Some (expression) = self.
190
                   parse_postfix_expression(expr.clone())? {
                    expr = expression;
191
                } else if let Some(expression) = self.
                   parse_infix_expression(expr.clone())? {
                    expr = expression
193
                } else {
194
                    break;
195
                }
196
197
           Ok (expr)
198
       }
199
200
       // Postfix operator is called when two expressions are read
201
          , automatically inserting an AND inbetween
       // Second Expression could have an NOT operator before the
202
          actual expression
       fn parse_postfix_expression(
203
           &mut self,
204
           expr: Expression,
205
       ) -> Result<Option<Expression>, ParseError> {
206
           Ok (match self.current {
207
                Token::Minus | Token::Bang | Token::WordOrPhrase
208
                   (..) => {
                    let sec_expr = self.parse_expression(Precedence
209
                        :: And) ?;
                    Some (Expression::Infix(
210
                         Box::new(expr),
211
                         Operator::And,
212
                         Box::new(sec_expr),
213
                    ))
214
                }
215
                 => None,
216
           })
217
       }
218
219
       // Infix operators AND and OR expect an expression on
220
          either side
```

```
fn parse_infix_expression(
           &mut self,
222
           expr: Expression,
223
       ) -> Result<Option<Expression>, ParseError> {
224
           Ok (match self.current {
               Token::Plus | Token::And | Token::Or => {
                    let token = self.current.clone();
227
                    self.read();
                    let sec_expr = self.parse_expression(Precedence
229
                        ::token(token.clone()))?;
                    Some (Expression::Infix(
230
                        Box::new(expr),
231
                        Operator::token(token),
232
                        Box::new(sec_expr),
                    ) )
234
235
                 => None,
236
           })
237
       }
238
239
       // Infix operators AND and OR expect a statement on either
240
          side
       fn parse_infix_statement(
241
           &mut self,
242
           statement: Statement,
243
       ) -> Result<Option<Statement>, ParseError> {
244
           Ok (match self.current {
245
               Token::Plus | Token::And | Token::Or => {
246
                    let token = self.current.clone();
247
                    self.read();
248
                    let second_statement = self.parse_statement(
249
                       Precedence::token(token.clone()))?;
                    Some(Statement::Infix {
250
                        statement: Box::new(statement),
251
                        operator: Operator::token(token),
252
                        second_statement: Box::new(second_statement
253
                            ),
                    })
254
255
                => None,
256
```

```
})
       }
258
259
       // Functions all have a similar strucure needing colons to
260
          surround their parameters
26
       // Contains function only expects one word or phrase or
          combination of expressions
      fn parse_contains(&mut self) -> Result<Expression,</pre>
263
          ParseError> {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Contains)?;
264
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
           let expression: Expression = self.parse_expression(
266
              Precedence::Statement)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
267
           Ok (expression)
268
       }
269
270
       // Startswith function only expects one one word or phrase
271
          or combination of expressions
       fn parse_starts(&mut self) -> Result<Expression, ParseError</pre>
272
          > {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Starts)?;
273
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
274
           let expression: Expression = self.parse_expression(
275
              Precedence::Statement)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
276
           Ok (expression)
277
       }
278
270
       // Inflection function only expects one one word or phrase
280
          or combination of expressions
       fn parse_inflection(&mut self) -> Result<Expression,</pre>
281
          ParseError> {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Inflection)?;
282
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
283
           let expression: Expression = self.parse_expression(
284
              Precedence::Statement)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
285
           Ok (expression)
286
```

```
}
288
      // Thesaurus function only expects one one word or phrase
          or combination of expressions
      fn parse_thesaurus(&mut self) -> Result<Expression,</pre>
         ParseError> {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Thesaurus)?;
29
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
           let expression: Expression = self.parse_expression(
293
              Precedence::Statement)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
294
           Ok (expression)
      }
296
      // Near function expects multiple comma-seperated words or
298
          phrases with an optional number as the last parameter
      fn parse_near(&mut self) -> Result<(Vec<Expression>,
290
         Expression), ParseError> {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Near)?;
300
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
301
           let mut parameter: Vec<Expression> = Vec::new();
           // Proximity has a default value of 5 if no number is
303
              given
           let mut proximity = Expression::Number(5);
304
           while !self.current_is(Token::Colon) {
305
               if self.current is(Token::Comma) {
306
                   self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Comma)?;
307
308
               match self.parse_expression(Precedence::Lowest)? {
309
                   Expression::WordOrPhrase(s) => parameter.push(
310
                      Expression::WordOrPhrase(s)),
                   Expression::Number(u) => {
311
                       if self.current_is(Token::Colon) {
312
                            proximity = Expression::Number(u)
313
                        } else {
314
                            return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(
315
                               self.current.clone());
                        }
316
                   }
317
```

```
=> return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(
318
                       self.current.clone())),
               }
319
320
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
321
           Ok((parameter, proximity))
       }
323
324
       // Weighted function expects pairs of words or phrases and
325
          a weight between 0 and 1
       // All weights must add up to exactly 1
326
       fn parse_weighted(&mut self) -> Result<Vec<(Expression,</pre>
327
          Expression)>, ParseError> {
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Weighted)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
329
           let mut parameter: Vec<(Expression, Expression)> = Vec
330
              ::new();
           let mut sum_weights: f64 = 0.0;
331
           while !self.current_is(Token::Colon) {
332
               if self.current_is(Token::Comma) {
333
                    self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Comma)?;
334
               }
335
               let expression = match self.parse_expression(
336
                  Precedence::Lowest)? {
                   Expression::WordOrPhrase(s) => Expression::
337
                       WordOrPhrase(s),
                    _ => return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(
338
                       self.current.clone())),
               };
339
               self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Comma)?;
340
               let weight = match self.parse_expression(Precedence
341
                   ::Lowest)? {
                   Expression::ZeroToOne(f) => {
342
                        sum_weights += f;
343
                        Expression::ZeroToOne(f)
344
345
                    _ => return Err(ParseError::UnexpectedToken(
346
                       self.current.clone())),
               };
347
               parameter.push((expression, weight));
348
```

```
if sum_weights != 1.0 {
               return Err(ParseError::WeightError(sum_weights));
351
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::Colon)?;
           Ok (parameter)
      }
355
356
      // Groups must encapsulate an expression with parentheses
357
          and have higher precedence then other operators
      fn parse_group(&mut self) -> Result<Statement, ParseError>
358
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::LeftParen)?;
359
           let expression = self.parse_expression(Precedence::
              Statement)?;
           self.expect_token_and_read(Token::RightParen)?;
361
           Ok(Statement::Group { expression })
362
363
364
365
  // Types of errors covered by the parser
  #[derive(Debug, Error)]
  pub enum ParseError {
      #[error("Unexpected token {0:?}.")]
      UnexpectedToken (Token),
370
      #[error("Entered unreachable code.")]
371
      Unreachable,
372
      #[error("Weights do not add up to 1.0. Sum of all weights:
373
          {O} *") 1
      WeightError(f64),
374
375 }
```

Appendix 4: ast.rs

```
use crate::code_gen::lexer::Token;

#[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]

pub enum Statement {
    Group {
```

```
expression: Expression,
      },
      Infix {
          statement: Box<Statement>,
          operator: Operator,
          second_statement: Box<Statement>,
      },
      Contains {
13
          expression: Expression,
      },
15
      Starts {
          expression: Expression,
      } ,
      Inflection {
          expression: Expression,
20
      },
21
      Thesaurus {
22
          expression: Expression,
      },
24
      Near {
25
          parameter: Vec<Expression>,
          proximity: Expression,
27
      } ,
28
      Weighted {
29
          parameter: Vec<(Expression, Expression)>,
      },
31
      EoF,
32
33
34
 #[derive(Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
36 pub enum Expression {
      WordOrPhrase(String),
37
      Number (u64),
38
      ZeroToOne(f64),
39
      Infix(Box<Expression>, Operator, Box<Expression>),
      Prefix(Operator, Box<Expression>),
41
42 }
# [derive (Debug, Clone, PartialEq)]
45 pub enum Operator {
```

Appendix 5: generator.rs

```
use std::slice::Iter;
2 use thiserror::Error;
4 use crate::code_gen::ast::{Expression, Operator, Statement};
6 // Database constants
7 const DB_NAME: &str = "Wikipedia";
8 const TBL_NAME: &str = "[dbo].[Real_Article]";
9 const RETURN_ATTRIBUTE: &str = "Title";
10 const TOP_ROWS: u64 = 5;
12 // Main function to start the generation process
13 // Input: vec of statements (ast)
14 // Output: string (sql statement)
pub fn generate(ast: Vec<Statement>) -> Result<String,</pre>
    GenerateError> {
     let mut generator = Generator::new(ast.iter());
16
     // write twice to overwrite initial EoF tokens
17
     generator.write();
18
     generator.write();
19
     let mut sql_parts: Vec<String> = Vec::new();
20
```

```
sql_parts.push(format!(
          "USE {}; SELECT TOP {} * FROM(SELECT FT_TBL.{}, KEY_TBL
             .RANK FROM {} AS FT_TBL INNER JOIN CONTAINSTABLE({},
              *, '<sup>11</sup>,
          DB_NAME, TOP_ROWS, RETURN_ATTRIBUTE, TBL_NAME, TBL_NAME
      ));
24
      // generate all functions as JOIN constraints
      while let Some(sql_part) = generator.next()? {
          sql_parts.push(sql_part);
27
28
      sql_parts.push("') AS KEY_TBL ON FT_TBL.[ID] = KEY_TBL.[KEY
29
         ] WHERE KEY_TBL.RANK > 5) AS FS_RESULT ORDER BY
         FS_RESULT.RANK DESC; ".to_owned());
      Ok(sql_parts.join(" "))
31 }
33 // Generator struct with current and next token as attributes
34 struct Generator<'p> {
      statements: Iter<'p, Statement>,
35
      current: Statement,
     peek: Statement,
 }
38
40 impl<'p> Generator<'p> {
      // Initial generator creation
41
      fn new(statements: Iter<'p, Statement>) -> Self {
42
          Self {
43
              statements,
44
              current: Statement::EoF,
45
              peek: Statement::EoF,
46
47
      }
48
49
      // Generate next statement if possible
50
      fn next(&mut self) -> Result<Option<String>, GenerateError>
51
          if self.current == Statement::EoF {
52
              return Ok (None);
53
```

```
Ok (Some (self.generate_statement (self.current.clone())?)
             )
      }
57
      // Set current and peek one step further in the ast
      fn write(&mut self) {
          self.current = self.peek.clone();
          self.peek = if let Some(statement) = self.statements.
61
             next() {
              statement.clone()
          } else {
63
              Statement::EoF
          };
65
      }
67
      // Generate statement, always a function or combination of
68
         functions
      // Input: statement to generate
69
      // Output: string
      fn generate_statement(&mut self, statement: Statement) ->
71
         Result<String, GenerateError> {
          let sql: String = match statement {
72
              Statement::Infix {
73
                   statement,
74
                   operator,
75
                   second_statement,
76
              } => {
77
                   let sql_parts = [
78
                       self.generate_statement(*statement)?,
79
                       self.generate_operator(operator)?,
80
                       self.generate_statement(*second_statement)
81
                          ?,
                   ];
82
                   sql_parts.join(" ")
83
84
              // Contains generates it's search condition without
85
                   mutation
              Statement::Contains { expression } => {
86
                   format!("{}", self.generate_expression(
87
                      expression)?)
```

```
}
               // Startswith adds a * to end of a word or before
                  the last " in a phrase
               Statement::Starts { expression } => {
                   let mut word_or_phrase = self.
                      generate_expression(expression)?;
                   if word_or_phrase.starts_with('"') &&
                      word_or_phrase.ends_with('"') {
                       word_or_phrase.insert(word_or_phrase.len()
                          - 1, '*');
                   } else {
                       word_or_phrase.push('*');
                   format!("{}", word_or_phrase)
               // Inflection calls the inflection function from
                  MSSOL
               Statement::Inflection { expression } => {
100
                   let mut word_or_phrase = self.
101
                      generate_expression(expression)?;
                   if word_or_phrase.starts_with('"') &&
102
                      word_or_phrase.ends_with('"') {
                       word_or_phrase.remove(0);
103
                       word_or_phrase.remove(word_or_phrase.len()
104
                          - 1);
105
                   format!("FORMSOF(INFLECTIONAL, \"{}\")",
106
                      word_or_phrase)
107
               // Thesaurus calls the thesaurus function from
108
                  MSSQL
               Statement::Thesaurus { expression } => {
109
                   let mut word_or_phrase = self.
110
                      generate_expression(expression)?;
                   if word_or_phrase.starts_with('"') &&
111
                      word_or_phrase.ends_with('"') {
                       word_or_phrase.remove(0);
112
                       word_or_phrase.remove(word_or_phrase.len()
113
                          - 1);
                   }
114
```

```
format!("FORMSOF(THESAURUS, \"{}\")",
115
                      word_or_phrase)
116
               // Near generates a parameter list of all search
117
                  criteria and proximity in the end
               Statement::Near {
                   parameter,
                   proximity,
120
               } => {
121
                   let mut sql_parts: Vec<String> = Vec::new();
                   sql_parts.push(format!("NEAR(("));
123
                   for expression in parameter {
                        let string = self.generate_expression(
125
                           expression)?;
                       sql_parts.push(format!("{}", string));
126
                        sql_parts.push(String::from(", "));
127
                   }
128
                   sql_parts.remove(sql_parts.len() - 1);
129
                   sql_parts.push(format!("), {})", self.
130
                      generate_expression(proximity)?));
                   sql_parts.join("")
131
132
               // Weighted generates tuples of search criteria and
133
                   their respective weight
               Statement::Weighted { parameter } => {
134
                   let mut sql_parts: Vec<String> = Vec::new();
135
                   sql_parts.push(format!("ISABOUT("));
136
                   for (word_or_phrase_expr, weight_expr) in
137
                      parameter {
                       let word_or_phrase = self.
138
                           generate_expression(word_or_phrase_expr)
                       let weight = self.generate_expression(
139
                           weight_expr)?;
                       sql_parts.push(format!("{} WEIGHT({}))",
140
                           word_or_phrase, weight));
                        sql_parts.push(String::from(", "));
141
                   }
142
                   sql_parts.remove(sql_parts.len() - 1);
143
                   sql_parts.push(String::from(")"));
144
```

```
sql_parts.join("")
145
146
               _ => return Err(GenerateError::UnexpectedStatement(
147
                  self.current.clone())),
           };
           self.write();
           Ok(sql)
      }
151
152
      // Generate expression, any search criteria or number or
153
          combination of those
      // Input: expression to generate
154
      // Output: string
155
      fn generate_expression(&mut self, expression: Expression)
          -> Result<String, GenerateError> {
           let sql: String = match expression {
157
               Expression::WordOrPhrase(s) => s,
158
               Expression::Number(u) => u.to_string(),
159
               Expression::ZeroToOne(f) => f.to_string(),
160
               // Infix operator enclose their expressions with
161
                  parentheses to ensure precedence
               Expression::Infix(expr1, operator, expr2) => {
162
                   let mut sql_parts = [
163
                        String::from("("),
164
                        self.generate_expression(*expr1)?,
165
                        String::from(")"),
166
                        self.generate_operator(operator)?,
167
                        String::from("("),
168
                        self.generate_expression(*expr2.clone())?,
169
                        String::from(")"),
170
                   ];
171
                   // If the second expression is a not operator
172
                       it must write NOT before the parentheses
                   match *expr2 {
173
                        Expression::Prefix(Operator::Not, ..) =>
174
                           sql_parts[4] = String::from("NOT ("),
                        _ => (),
175
                    }
176
                   sql_parts.join(" ")
177
               }
178
```

```
Expression::Prefix(operator, expr) => {
                   let sql_parts = [
                        self.generate_operator(operator)?,
                        self.generate_expression(*expr)?,
                   ];
                    sql_parts.join(" ")
184
           };
           Ok(sql)
187
       }
189
       // Generate operator
       // Input: operator to generate
191
      // Output: string
      fn generate_operator(&mut self, operator: Operator) ->
193
          Result<String, GenerateError> {
           let op = match operator {
194
               Operator::And => "AND",
               Operator::Or => "OR",
               // has to be set infront of parentheses, see
197
                  generate_expression for infix
               Operator::Not => "",
198
           };
199
           Ok (op.to_owned())
200
201
202
203
  // Types of error covered by the generator
  #[derive(Debug, Error)]
  pub enum GenerateError {
       #[error("Unexpected statement {0:?}.")]
207
      UnexpectedStatement(Statement),
208
209 }
```

Appendix 6: mod.rs

```
mod ast;
pub mod generator;
pub mod lexer;
pub mod parser;
```

Appendix 7: base.html

Appendix 8: search.html

Appendix 9: result.html

Appendix 10: convert_wiki_to_csv.py

```
| from lxml import etree
2 from glob import glob
3 import bz2
4 import codecs
5 import csv
6 import time
7 import os
9 PATH_WIKI_XML = "/Users/light/Documents/Wikipedia/"
10 FILENAME_ARTICLES = "articles.csv"
def hms_string(sec_elapsed):
     h = int(sec\_elapsed / (60 * 60))
     m = int((sec_elapsed % (60 * 60)) / 60)
15
     s = sec\_elapsed % 60
16
     return "{}:{:>02}:{:>05.2f}".format(h, m, s)
18
 def get_parser(filename):
     ns_token = "{http://www.mediawiki.org/xml/export-0.10/}ns"
     title_token = "{http://www.mediawiki.org/xml/export-0.10/}
         title"
     revision_token = "{http://www.mediawiki.org/xml/export
23
         -0.10/}revision"
     text_token = "{http://www.mediawiki.org/xml/export-0.10/}
         text"
     with bz2.BZ2File(filename, "rb") as bz2_file:
          for event, element in etree.iterparse(bz2_file, events
             =("end",)):
```

```
if element.tag.endswith("page"):
                  namespace_tag = element.find(ns_token)
29
                  if namespace_tag.text == "0":
31
                       title_tag = element.find(title_token)
                       text_tag = element.find(revision_token).
                          find(text_token)
                       yield title_tag.text, text_tag.text
34
35
                  element.clear()
36
37
39 def pluck_wikipedia_titles_text(
      out_file, pattern="enwiki-*-pages-articles-multistream*.xml
         -*.bz2"
41 ):
      totalCount = 0
42
      longestTitle = 0
43
      longestText = 0
      with codecs.open(out_file, "a+b", "utf8") as out_file:
45
          writer = csv.writer(out_file)
          for bz2_filename in sorted(
47
              glob (pattern),
48
              key=lambda a: int(a.split("articles-multistream")
49
                  [1].split(".")[0]),
          ):
50
              print(bz2_filename)
51
              parser = get_parser(bz2_filename)
52
              for title, text in parser:
53
                   if not (text.startswith("#REDIRECT") or text.
54
                      startswith("#redirect")):
                       totalCount += 1
55
                       writer.writerow([title, text])
                       longestTitle = (
57
                           len(title) if len(title) > longestTitle
58
                               else longestTitle
59
                       longestText = len(text) if len(text) >
60
                          longestText else longestText
```

Appendix 11: create article.sql

```
USE Wikipedia;
DROP TABLE Real_Article;
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[Real_Article](
       [Title] [varchar](255) NULL,
       [Text] [varchar](max) NULL
);
INSERT INTO Real_Article(Title, Text)
VALUES ('Example', 'Fulltext');
SELECT *
FROM Real_Article;
DELETE FROM Real_Article
WHERE Title = 'Example';
```

Appendix 12: bulk insert.sql

```
USE Wikipedia;
BULK
```

Appendix 13: alter_id.sql

```
USE Wikipedia;
ALTER TABLE [dbo].[Real_Article]
ADD ID INT IDENTITY(1, 1) PRIMARY KEY
```

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