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CSCI 572: Assignment 5 - Adding Spell Checking, AutoComplete and Snippets to Your Search Engine

Steps followed to complete the assignment:

1. As the first step for auto suggest & spell correction to work, I updated the solrconfig.xml file inside the core and added a search component in it using solr's FuzzyLookupFactory for the suggest feature

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<searchComponent class="solr.SuggestComponent" name="suggest">
    <lst name="suggester">
      <str name="name">suggest</str>
      <str name="lookupImpl">FuzzyLookupFactory</str>
      <str name="field">_text_</str>
      <str name="suggestAnalyzerFieldType">string</str>
    </lst>
  </searchComponent>
<requestHandler class="solr.SearchHandler" name="/suggest">
   <lst name="defaults">
  <str name="suggest">true</str>
  <str name="suggest.count">5</str>
  <str name="suggest.dictionary">suggest</str>
<arr name="components">
  <str>suggest</str>
</arr>
</requestHandler>
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- 2. I first used a java code using Apache Tika's libraries for html parsing, to parse all the indexed html files for my news website. This code generates a file called "big.txt" which contains words from all the html files.
- 3. This text files acts as an input to the spell corrector code.
- 4. I used Peter Norvig's SpellCorrector.php code for implementing spell correction. This code takes previously generated "big.txt" as input and performs spell correction.
- 5. The "correct" function of the spell corrector code is invoked from my main index.php file which contains the code for accepting queries and displaying search results.
- 6. The first time this function receives a misspelt word from the query, it generates an inverted index of words called serialzed_dictionary.txt
- 7. For any further spelling corrections, this inverted index is used to find the correct spelling.
- 8. After this, to handle the autosuggest feature, I used jquery. I used the json feature from solr and made an ajax call

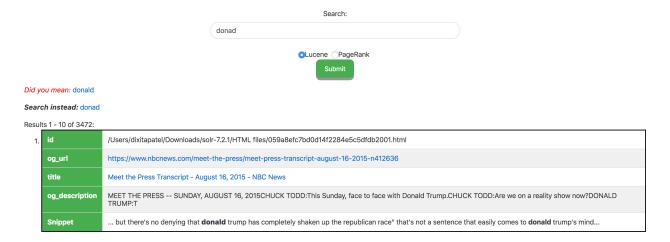
to it using it's URL. This displays top five autosuggested words for every word if they exist. Removed stop words.

- 9. I have imported simple_html_dom.php to extract information from a given webpage. This is used for generating snippets.
- 10. Used the function file_get_contents to get contents of the html files and concatenated it with the description. Used jquery on this to find a snippet of length not greater than 156 characters which contains all the terms in the provided.
- 11. I used regex to eliminate special characters and the function strip_tags to discard any snippet candidate consisting of html tags.

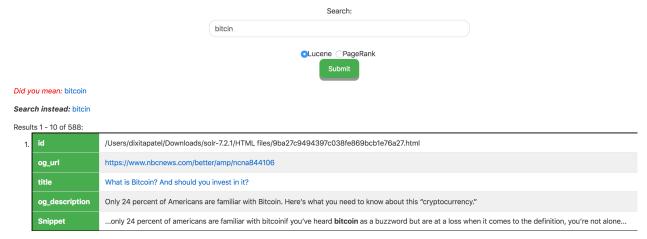
Analysis of the results:

1. Spell checking

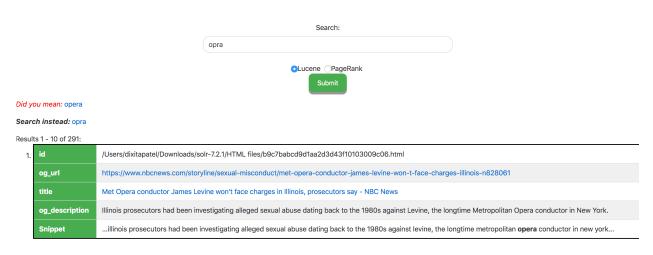
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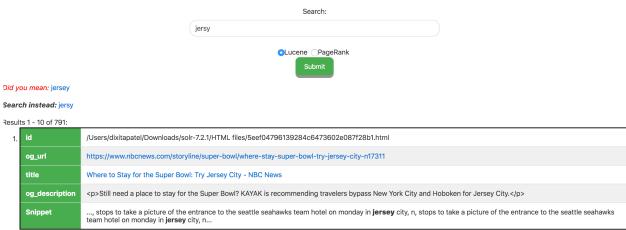
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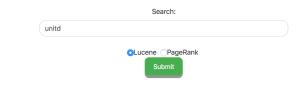
c) opra



d) jersy



e) <u>unitd</u>



Did you mean: united

Search instead: unitd

Results 1 - 10 of 3112:

1.	id	/Users/dixitapatel/Downloads/solr-7.2.1/HTML files/b1417df5e0d5c2d3cb0d2899efb3b366.html
	og_url	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/airplane-mode/colorado-infant-overheats-aboard-delayed-united-airlines-flight-n777291
	title	Colorado Infant Overheats Aboard Delayed United Airlines Flight - NBC News
	og_description	United Airlines has apologized for how the situation was handled and vowed to investigate what happened.
	Snippet	united airlines has apologized for how the situation was handled and vowed to investigate what happenedjpg" title="united airlines settles 'amicably' with dr

2. Autocomplete

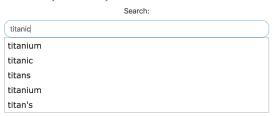
a) Whatsapp

W – width, with, when, which, whatsapp's Wh – who, white, when, which, whatapp's Whatsa – whats, whatsoever, whatsapp, whatsit, whatsapp's



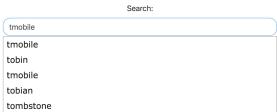
b) titanic

tita – title, total, totally, totalsides, tirades titan – titanic, titans, tiananmen, tetanus, tirades



c) tmobile

tmob – tomb, tobel, tobacco, tobby, tombstone tmobil – tmobile, tobin, tobacco, tobby, tombstone



d) atom bomb

atom – automatic, atmosphere, atomic, automakers atom b – atom by, atom body, atom be, atom but

Search:

atom bom

atom body
atom both
atom bomb
atom bottom
atom boxflex

e) <u>calendar</u>

ca – canonical, career, can cale – careers, called, callback, came

Search:

calenda

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