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Outline



- Crawling, structuring and storing data.
- Search engines: architectures, resources and evaluation.
- Recommendation engines: architectures, resources and evaluation.
- Q&A

Getting Data



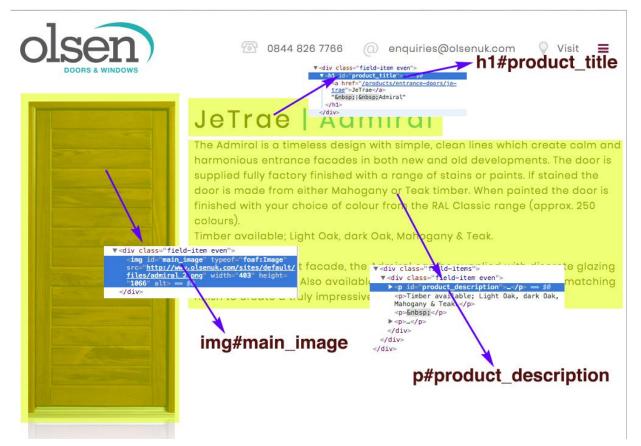
- Many ways to get data. Problem related.
- Scan books, manual collection, public Internet data, etc.

Web Crawlers

- Scrapy: open source, Python, Non-Blocking and efficient
- Identify Target Domain and Pages
- False Dead Ends & Infinite Loops
- CSS Selectors
- Post Processing & Storage

CSS Selectors





Post Crawl Processing & Storage



Post Crawl Processing:

- Remove HTML tags
- Resize images
- Classify products
- Convert PDF to text
- Extract properties
- Deduplication
- Etc.

Storage:

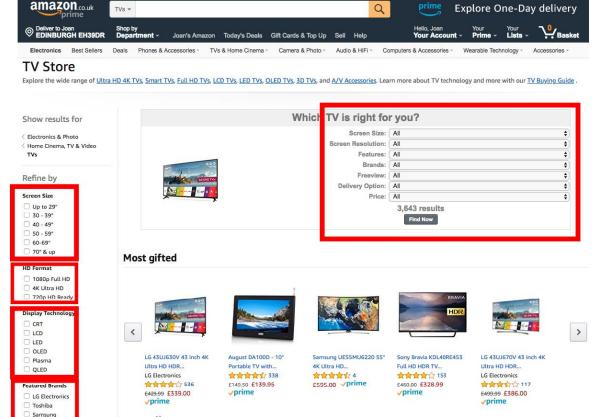
Many built-in storage pipelines:

- MySQL
- CSV
- JSON
- S3
- XML

Search Engines







Best sellers

ElasticSearch & SQL



Elasticsearch is a search engine based on Lucene. It provides a distributed, multitenant-capable full-text search engine with an HTTP web interface and schema-free JSON documents.

- Document Indexing
- TFIDF Scoring by default
- Field Boosting
- Reranking
- Autocomplete
- Misspelling errors
- Related searches
- Stemming
- Geolocation searches
- Etc

ES search is good for full text searches but difficult to work with with complex queries -> ES for full text -> SQL for the rest.

Quality Score



Data rating of the listing. Not a user review.

Title:

- Malvern Tilt & Turn (Bad)
- Malvern Tilt & Turn Stainless Steel Security Window W: 1500mm (Good)

Images:

- High Resolution (Good)
- > 3 images (Good)

Files:

- Has Files (Good)
- > 1 files (Good)
- Has 3D model (Good)

QS(P) = St*Wt + Si*Wf + Sf*Wf + ... + Sx*Wx

Improvements for Interpon D1036 Textura QS: 73*

Correcting the following issues could increase Interpon D1036 Textura popularity by 66.156%.

- Add an adjective to your product name.
- The product description is too short. We recommended you provide a description of at least 140 words.
- Add more images.
- You should add more files for download. Products with 10 or more files available perform best.

Popularity Score & Reranking



Measures how much users have engaged with a product.

- User A clicks on Product AA
- User A **downloads** a file from Product AA
- User B clicks on Product AA
- User B **compares** Product AA with Product BB

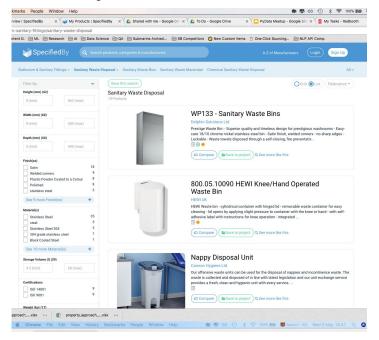
Ps(A) = #clicks*Wc + #downloads*Wd + #comparisons*Wc

Reranking:

S(query, document) = tfldf*Wtfidf + quality_score*Wqs + popularity_score*Wps

Metrics

Search Click-Through-Rate(CTR): (clicks / searches) * 100 Product Click-Through-Rate(CTR): (clicks / impressions) * 100 Average Click Position: SUM(click_positions) / clicks **Viewability**

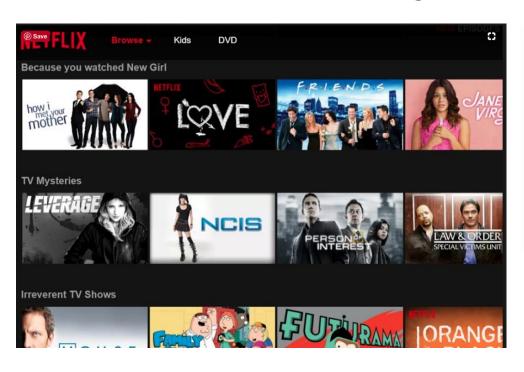






Recommendations Engines







Content Based Filtering



Features: text, category, images, sound, etc

Vectorize/Embeddings: Word2Vec, CNN, Binarize Labels, etc

Calculate Similarity: cosine, euclidean, etc

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
Item 1	1	0.8	0.1	0.3
Item 2	0.8	1	0.6	0.5
Item 3	0.1	0.6	1	0.9
Item 4	0.3	0.5	0.9	1

Collaborative Filtering



Sparks serendipity (Wow! factor)

Features: ratings from users to items. Explicit (i.e star reviews) and implicit (i.e clicks)

ratings

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
User 1	5	3	-	1
User 2	4	-	-	1
User 3	1	1	-	5
User 4	1	-	-	4
User 5	-	1	5	4

Matrix Factorisation

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
User 1	4.97	2.98	2.18	0.98
User 2	3.97	2.40	4.59	0.99
User 3	1.02	0.93	5.32	4.93
User 4	1	0.85	4.59	3.93
User 5	1.36	1.07	4.89	4.12

Resources



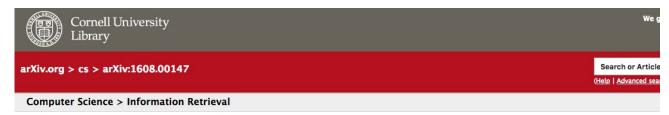
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Attention Span For Personalisation



Time spend engaging with an item. More expressive than clicks/taps.

https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.00147



Attention Span For Personalisation

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A click on an item is arguably the most widely used feature in recommender systems. However, a click is one out of 174 events a browser can trigger. This paper presents a framework to effectively collect and store data from event streams. A set of mining methods is provided to extract user engagement features such as: attention span, scrolling depth and visible impressions. In this work, we present an experiment where recommendations based on attention span drove 340% higher click-through-rate than clicks.

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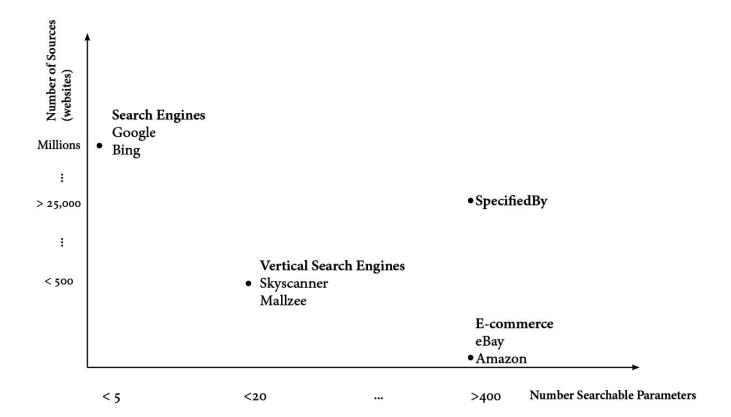
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Thank you.

Challenge





Solution



