

Absolutely, we can structure your progress report in a **professional, industry-style format**, showing clear milestones and achievements through Stage 5. Here's a detailed breakdown you can use for documentation, a presentation, or a portfolio:

Search Engine Project – Progress Report

Project Goal

Design and implement a full-text search engine capable of indexing documents, computing relevance scores using BM25, and returning query results with relevant snippets. The project demonstrates **end-to-end understanding** of Information Retrieval (IR) systems, data structures, and ranking algorithms.

Stage 1 – Lexicon Construction

Objective: Build a vocabulary dictionary mapping tokens to IDs and their document frequencies.

Work Completed:

- Processed 5,000 sample documents.
- Constructed **Lexicon** with 46,763 unique tokens.
- Implemented:
 - `LexiconEntry` → stores `term_id`, `term`, and document frequency (`df`).
 - Token-to-ID mapping for fast lookup.
- Verified sample entries successfully.

Outcome:

Lexicon loaded and verified. Tokens are ready for indexing.

Stage 2 – Forward Index

Objective: Build a document-centric index to store term occurrences and positions.

Work Completed:

- Created `ForwardDoc` objects storing:
 - `doc_id`
 - `term_ids`
 - `term frequencies`
 - `positions`
 - `length`
- Constructed `ForwardIndex` with all 5,000 documents.
- Verified document token counts for multiple samples.

Outcome:

Forward index successfully built and verified, allowing rapid access to document-specific term information.

Stage 3 – Inverted Index

Objective: Build a term-centric index for quick retrieval of document lists.

Work Completed:

- Constructed `InvertedIndex` mapping:
 - `term_id → vector<doc_id>`
- Verified postings for sample terms (`colvin`, `keratin`, `sba`, etc.).
- Sample verification confirmed correct document counts for each term.

Outcome:

Inverted index ready for efficient query-based document retrieval.

Stage 4 – BM25 Ranking

Objective: Compute term importance using BM25 ranking for relevance scoring.

Work Completed:

- Implemented **Stage4Ranking**:
 - Compute document lengths (**dl**) and average document length (**avgdl**).
 - Compute **IDF** for all terms.
 - Full BM25 verification across all documents confirmed **non-negative scores**.
- Verified sample term IDF:
 - **colvin** → IDF=8.112
 - **keratin** → IDF=8.112

Outcome:

Ranking module successfully computes BM25 scores; system can rank documents accurately by query relevance.

Stage 5 – Query Engine

Objective: Provide query functionality returning top-K results with snippets.

Work Completed:

- Implemented **QueryEngine** attaching to lexicon, inverted index, and forward index.
- Tested sample queries: "**lime**", "**carbon**", "**ocean**", "**technology**".
- Returned:

- Document IDs
 - BM25 scores
 - Snippets (first 200 characters for context)
- Verified results are consistent with expectations from document content.

Outcome:

Query engine fully functional, supporting relevance-based retrieval with context-aware snippets.

Summary of Progress

| Stage | Status | Key Achievements |
|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| Stage 1: Lexicon | ✓ Complete | 46,763 tokens, verified mapping |
| Stage 2: Forward Index | ✓ Complete | 5,000 documents indexed, token frequencies and positions stored |
| Stage 3: Inverted Index | ✓ Complete | Term-to-document mapping verified |
| Stage 4: Ranking (BM25) | ✓ Complete | IDFs computed, full BM25 verified |
| Stage 5: Query Engine | ✓ Complete | Top-K query results with snippet retrieval working |

Overall Progress: All stages completed to industry standards, demonstrating a **robust end-to-end search engine prototype**. The system is modular, maintainable, and ready for further enhancements such as scalability, interactive queries, or advanced ranking features.

If you want, I can also **visualize this as a polished “professional progress chart”** with stages, verification results, and key metrics – perfect for a report, CV, or LinkedIn showcase.

Do you want me to create that visual summary?