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## **PROJECT ON**

**Building a Semantic Based Search Engine Relevance for Video  
Subtitles**

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# Objective

- Developing an advanced search engine algorithm
- Leveraging Natural language processing and machine learning
- Enhancing relevance and accuracy of search results for video subtitles

# Summary

- In the fast-evolving landscape of digital content, effective search engines play a pivotal role in connecting users with relevant information. For Google, providing a seamless and accurate search experience is paramount. This project focuses on improving the search relevance for video subtitles, enhancing the accessibility of video content.

# Core logic of this project

- Preprocessing of Data
- Cosine similarity calculation for relevance assessment
- Importance of document chunking for large documents

# Step by Step Process

## ➤ Ingesting Documents

- Reading and decoding the database file
- Understand the encoding language
- Cleaning and preprocessing steps
- Experimenting with BOW/TFIDF and SentenceTransformers
- Implementing document chunking
- Storing embeddings in ChromaDB

## ➤ Retrieving Documents

- Take User query
- Preprocessing user queries
- Creating query embeddings
- Calculating cosine similarity scores
- Retrieving relevant candidate documents

➤ Reading and Decoding the Database File:

- The subtitle data is provided in a Database file format. Ingesting begins by reading this file and understanding its structure
- Subtitles Data encoded with “Latin-1” and in a compressed format , so decoding is necessary to access the actual subtitle text

➤ Cleaning and Preprocessing Steps:

- We **took a random sample 30% of the data for cleaning**
- Before analysis The subtitles text require cleaning to remove irrerelevant elements include removing Timestamps,Special characters,stopwords ,apply lemmetaization

```
def clean_subtitles(text):
    pattern = r'\d+\s*(\r\n)+\s*\d+:\d+:\d+,\d+\s*-->\s*\d+:\d+:\d+,\d+\s*(\r\n)+'
    cleaned_text = re.sub(pattern, " ",text)
    return cleaned_text

from tqdm import tqdm, tqdm_notebook
tqdm.pandas()
new_df['clean_subtitles'] = new_df['file_content'].progress_apply(lambda x:clean_subtitles(x))
```

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```
from tqdm import tqdm, tqdm_notebook

def preprocess(raw_text, flag):
    # Removing special characters and digits
    sentence = re.sub("[^a-zA-Z]", " ", raw_text)

    # Change sentence to lowercase
    sentence = sentence.lower()

    # Tokenize into words
    tokens = sentence.split()

    # Lemmatization
    clean_tokens = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for word in tokens]

    return pd.Series([" ".join(clean_tokens)])

tqdm.pandas()
new_df['clean_data'] = new_df['clean_subtitles'].progress_apply(lambda x:preprocess(x,'lemma'))
```

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# Document Chunking

- Document chunking involves dividing large subtitle documents into smaller, more manageable chunks
- This is important because embedding entire documents as single vectors may lead to information loss, especially with long documents
- Overlapping windows with a specified number of tokens can be used to ensure continuity and context preservation across chunks

```
from tqdm import tqdm, tqdm_notebook
tqdm.pandas()
def chunk_text(text, chunk_size=500, overlap_size=50):
    chunks = []
    words = text.split()
    start_idx = 0
    while start_idx < len(words):
        end_idx = min(start_idx + chunk_size, len(words))
        chunk = ' '.join(words[start_idx:end_idx])
        chunks.append(chunk)
        start_idx += chunk_size - overlap_size
    return chunks

# Apply chunking function to the 'clean_subtitles' column
chunk_size = 500 # Number of tokens per chunk
overlap_size = 50 # Number of tokens to overlap between chunks

df['chunks'] = df['clean_data'].progress_apply(lambda x: chunk_text(x, chunk_size, overlap_size))
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- Experimenting with BOW/TFIDF and Sentence Transformers
  - After cleaning, the subtitle documents are prepared for analysis by converting them into numerical representations
  - We used BERT-based “Sentence Transformers” vectorization technique.
  - This Technique generate embeddings that encode semantic information, capturing the meaning and context of the text. They are suitable for building semantic search engines.

```
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer, util
model = SentenceTransformer('all-MiniLM-L6-v2')
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from tqdm import tqdm
tqdm.pandas()
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def encode_and_convert_to_list(text):
    encoded_vector = model.encode(text).tolist()
    return encoded_vector
```

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# Apply the function to each element of 'chunks'
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df_exploded['doc_vector_pretrained_bert'] = df_exploded['chunks'].progress_apply(encode_and_convert_to_list)
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# Storing Embeddings in a chromadb vectors database

- Once the subtitles documents are processed and converted into embeddings, they need to be stored for efficient retrieval during the search process.
- Chromadb is efficient in handling large-scale vector data and enabling fast retrieval
- Chroma gives you the tools to:
  - store embeddings and their metadata
  - embed documents and queries
  - search embeddings on the basis of cosine similarity scores

```
from tqdm import tqdm

batch_size = 5000
total_batches = (len(documents) + batch_size - 1) // batch_size

for i in tqdm(range(total_batches), desc="Adding batches"):
    start_idx = i * batch_size
    end_idx = min((i + 1) * batch_size, len(documents))

    batch_doc = documents[start_idx:end_idx]
    batch_metadatas = metadatas[start_idx:end_idx]
    batch_ids = ids[start_idx:end_idx]
    embed = df_bert_pretrained[start_idx:end_idx]

    collection.add(
        embeddings=embed,
        documents=batch_doc,
        metadatas=batch_metadatas,
        ids=batch_ids
    )
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# Retrieving Documents

- Taking User query
  - The process begins with the user inputting a query into the search engine . This query represents the information the user is seeking from the subtitle database.
- Preprocessing User queries:
  - Before the query can be used for retrieval, it undergoes preprocessing steps to standardize and clean the text
- Creating Query Embeddings:
  - After preprocessing, the user query is converted into a numerical representation, known as an embedding

- Bert-based Sentence Transformers is used to generate embeddings that encode the semantic information of the query.
- This embedding captures the semantic meaning and context of the query, allowing it to be compared to the embeddings of subtitle documents
- Calculating cosine similarity scores:
  - Now Connection is created to the path of that chromadb database
  - Once the query has been embedded, the next step is to compare it to the embeddings of the subtitle documents in the database.
  - Cosine similarity scores is calculated by chromadb between the query embedding and the embeddings of all subtitle documents.



```

# Query Point
query_point = "what happened last night when we were fully drunk"

# Encode query point
doc_vector = clean_and_encode_query(query_point, model)

# Query the collection
result = collection.query(
    query_embeddings=doc_vector,
    n_results=10,
)

# Print movie names
print_movie_names(result)

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... Movie Names:
csi.miami.s03.e03.under.the.influence.(2004).eng.1cd
friends.s07.e16.the.one.with.the.truth.about.london.(2001).eng.1cd
working.class.heroes.(2022).eng.1cd
murdoch.mysteries.s09.e06.the.local.option.(2015).eng.1cd
revenge.for.daddy.(2020).eng.1cd
workin.moms.s07.e07.its.all.gone.(2023).eng.1cd
mister8.s01.e05.komediaperjantai.(2021).eng.1cd
brutal.bridesmaids.(2021).eng.1cd
50.first.dates.(2004).eng.1cd
according.to.jim.s08.e07.the.ego.boost.(2009).eng.1cd

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# Retrieving Relevant candidate Documents

➤ Finally ,based on the calculated cosine similarity scores , the search engine retrieves the most relevant Top N candidate documents from the stored data in Chromadb database

➤ **Web application.**

We used Flask to build a web application that searches for a specific part of a subtitle and returns the top ten results. Linking each filename to the OpenSubtitles page allows for easy download of the subtitles.

## Subtitle Search: Discover Top Movies from Subtitle Snippets

Take them to the cells.  
Keep them separate.

Search

## Top Movies Related to Subtitle Snippet:

magino.story.raising.silkworms.(1977).eng.1cd

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csi.crime.scene.investigation.s04.e16.getting.off.(2004).eng.1cd

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csi.crime.scene.investigation.s04.e16.getting.off.(2004).eng.1cd

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magino.story.raising.silkworms.(1977).eng.1cd

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the.makery.s01.e08.wakey.wakey.(2023).eng.1cd

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the.repair.shop.s08.e01.charles.ii.portrait.(2021).eng.1cd

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