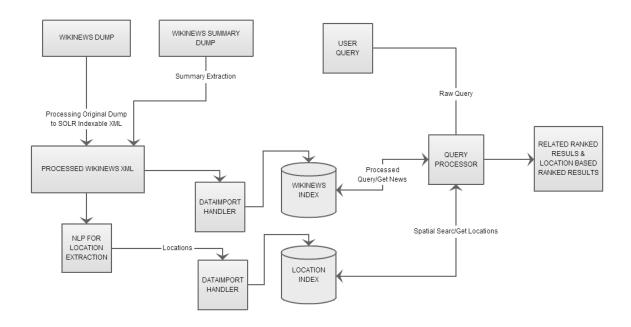


Location Based News Search PROJECT REPORT

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System Block Diagram and Description



WikiNews Dump Processing

The WikiNews Dump from Wikipeida is processed so as to get a SOLR Indexable XML file. The Dump is first scanned for articles with good titles and only these articles are selected and stored in a new processed XML. This processed file is then parsed using a WikiNews Parser to remove the wiki markup and tags. The WikiNews Summary Dump is used to add summary to the new XML files to display in the results page.

NLP for Location Extraction

Title from each article from the processed XML is scanned for Locations by the Apache OpenNLP NameFinder API and the locations are thus extracted and stored in a text file. Now this text file is scanned for duplicate entries and if there are any they are removed. Hence we have all the locations present in the Processed WikiNews dump.

Query Processing

The query from the UI text box is retrieved and passed on to the QueryProcessor Class. The Query Processor class splits the query into location, distance and the remaining part. The location is queried in the Location Index Core of SOLR, this returns the Latitude and Longitude of the respective location. Now using Spatial Search feature of SOLR and the retrieved distance from the query, a set of nearby locations and their respective latitudes and longitudes is retrieved from the Location Index. These locations are added to the remaining part of the query

and this newly generated query is then queried in the WikiNews Index Core of SOLR. Query Parser used eDismax which helped in boosting the query and sorting the results.

Results

The results returned by the Query Processing Class are ranked by their scores. Now these results are displayed in the browser in 2 sets. The first set is the results that are related to the query and the original location provided in the query. The second set are other results from nearby locations. Also a map displaying the query location all the nearby locations is shown in order to get an idea as to how many such results are present in the given distance near the given location.

Data Import Handler

This module is used to parse and index the XML file created by the WikiNews Dump Processing Module.

Features/USPs:

- Implemented auto-suggest feature using solr Suggester class. Displayed the suggestions in the browser using jquery primarily.
- Displayed locations entered by the user and its nearby locations on google map, thus enabling the user to judge the intensity of events near his desired location.
- We've divided the results into two categories for the convenience of the user. First
 contains results related to the query and second has results that show news from
 nearby locations.

Configuration Details & Tweaks

solrconfig.xml

- Initialized DataImport Handler in solrconfig.xml. DataImport Handler was used to index the processed wikinews and locations xml files
- Initialized Suggester in solrconfig.xml. Suggester is used to provide suggestions based on index to the autosuggest feature in the UI query box.

data-config.xml

• This file is used by DataImportHandler to parse the XML for indexing.

Analyzers used for wikinews core:

	text_title	Text_category	text_content	text_summary	tdates
WhiteSpaceTokenizerFactory	✓	✓	✓	×	×
TrimFilterFactory	✓	✓	✓	×	×
StopFilterFactory	✓	✓	✓	×	×
PorterStemFilterFactory	✓	✓	×	×	×
LowerCaseFilterFactory	✓	✓	✓	×	×
RemoveDuplicatesTokenFilterFact	✓	✓	✓	×	×
ory					
ShingleFilterFactory	✓	✓	✓	×	×
WordDelimiterFilterFactory	×	×	✓	×	×
PatternReplaceCharFilterFactory	×	×	✓	×	×

- No analyzers were applied to text summary and tdates fields.
- Stemming was not performed on text_content because the words from the content were used by the Suggester to provide suggestions.

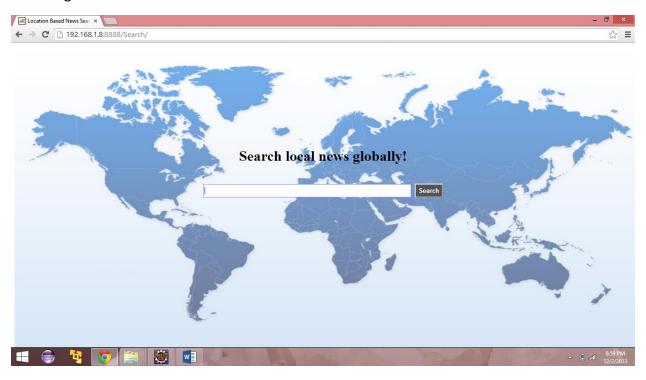
Analyzers used for location core:

	location_name	location(lat-lng)	Country
StandardTokenizerFactory	✓	×	×
SynonymFilterFactory	✓	×	×

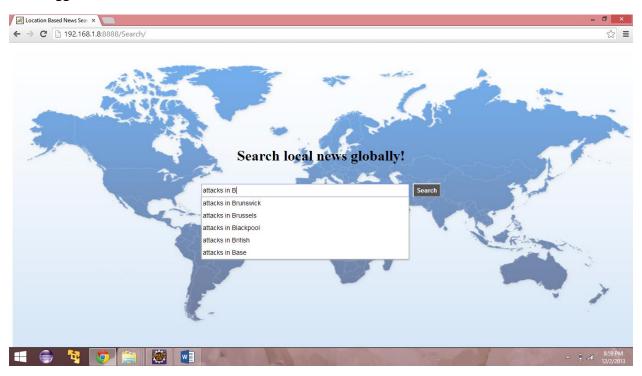
SyonymFilterFactory was used to find the locations if abbreviations of the location name was used to search. Example: if NY was used to search for New York.

User Interface Snap Shots

Main Page

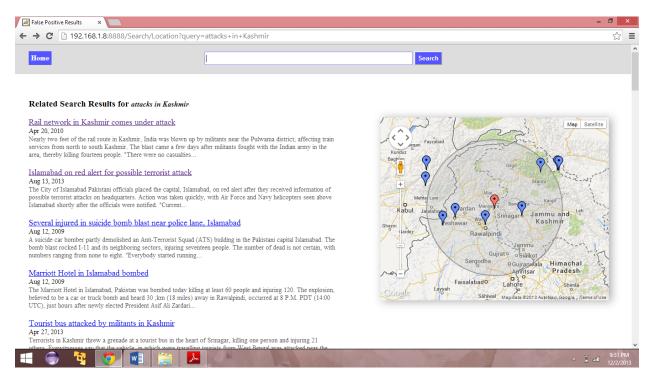


Autosuggest Feature

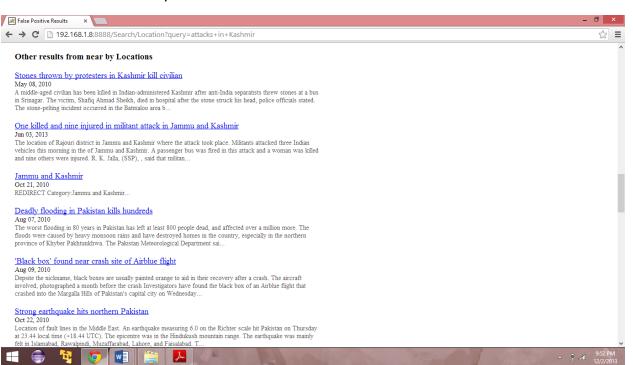


Query: attacks in Iraq

Related Search Results

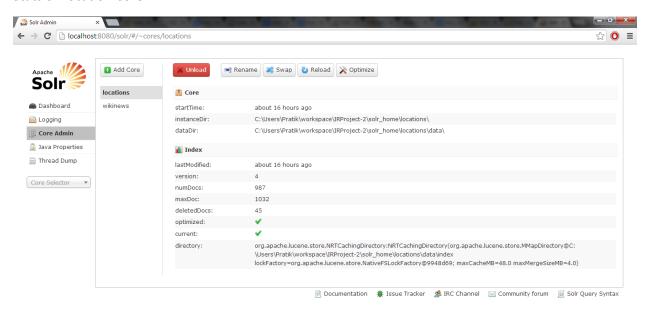


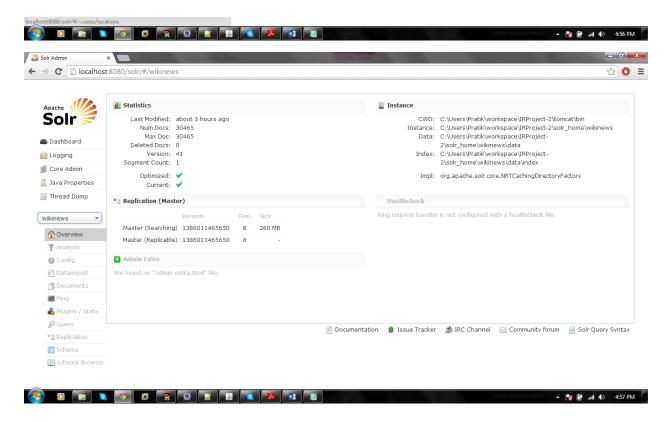
Other results from nearby Locations



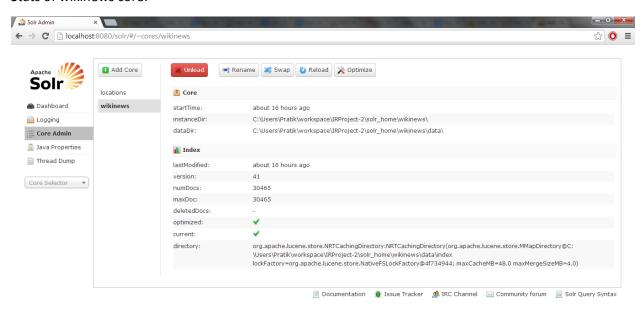
Solr Stats

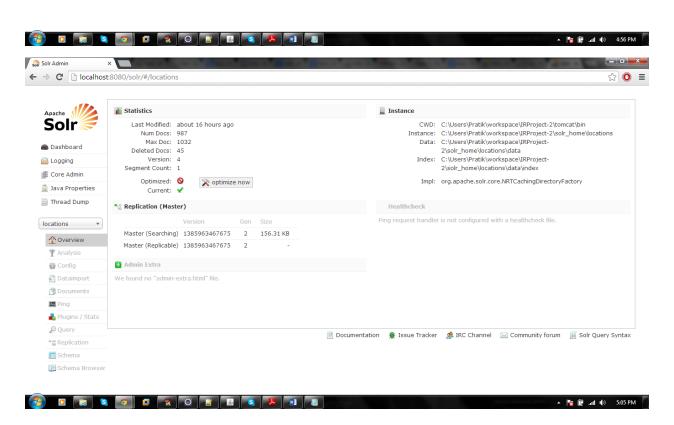
Stats of Location Core:



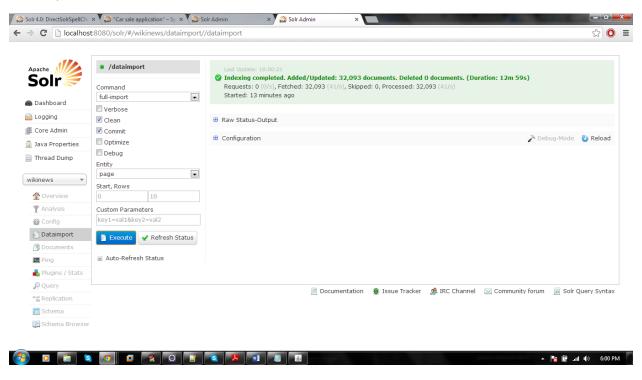


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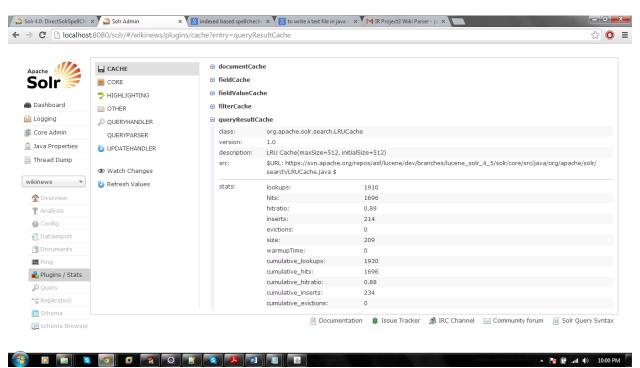


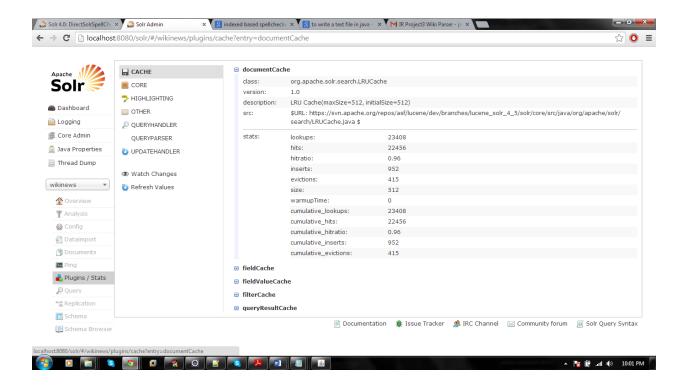


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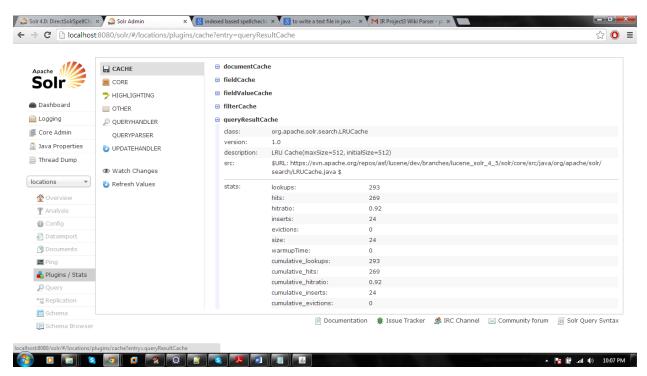


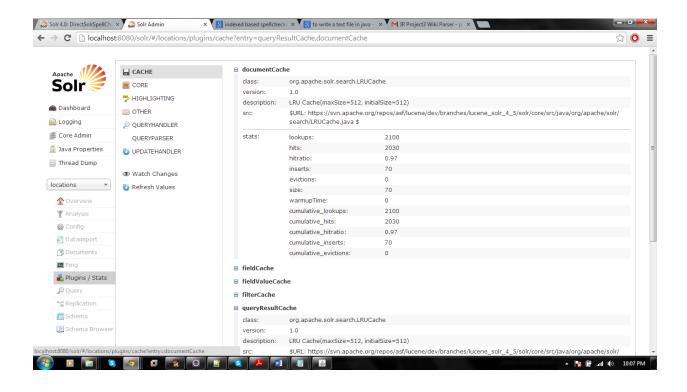
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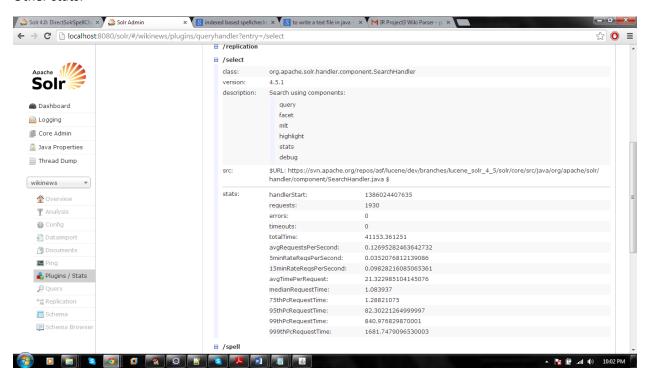


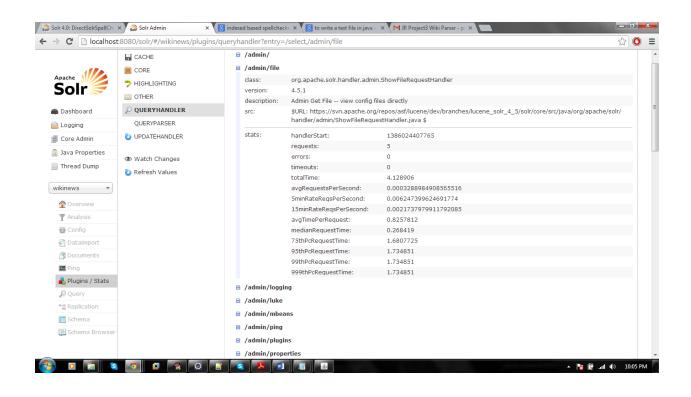
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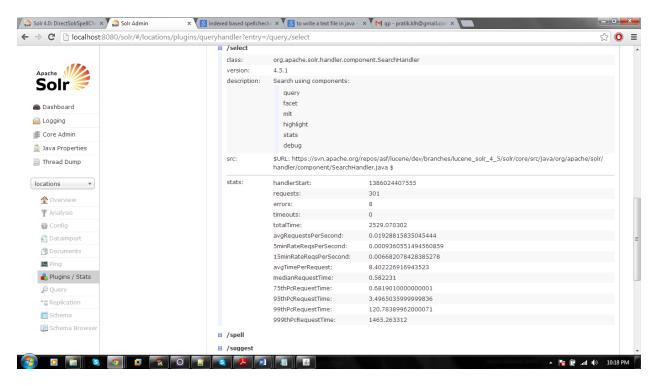




Other stats:







Future Work:

- Implement spell check.
- Expand to other online news providers like New York Times, using a web crawler.

Member Contributions

- Displaying result and building basic UI- Vivek Bhalla
- Enhancing UI by adding features like auto-suggest, maps and similar articles- Anuj Garg
- Location Extraction and Query Processing- Pratik Rajendra Kolhe
- Indexing and defining the Solr schema- Pratik Rajendra Kolhe , Taher Suterwala