

Requirements Specification - LTU Search Engine

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1 Functional Requirements

Table 1: Functional Requirements List

| RQ ID | Description | Test Method |
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| <i>Crawler (1000 Series)</i> | | |
| FRQ-1001 | The system shall crawl web pages starting from a given seed URL. | Test Crawl starts from provided seed URL |
| FRQ-1002 | The system shall follow internal links recursively. | |
| FRQ-1003 | The system shall limit crawling speed max 300 requests/minute (limit the site requests). | |
| FRQ-1004 | The crawler must parse and adhere to the “robots.txt” file of the target domain. | |
| FRQ-1005 | The system shall restrict crawling to a configurable whitelist of domains. | |
| FRQ-1006 | The crawler shall avoid crawling the same URL more than once per execution. | |
| FRQ-1007 | The crawler shall ignore non-relevant resources (images, CSS, JS). | |
| FRQ-1008 | The crawler must only search within the domain specified in the whitelist. | |
| FRQ-1009 | The system must support adding new domains to a whitelist automatically. | |
| FRQ-1010 | The crawler must detect linked PDF files and include them in the index. | |
| FRQ-1011 | The crawler must not follow/crawl links found inside PDF documents. | |
| <i>Indexing (2000 Series)</i> | | |
| FRQ-2001 | The system shall extract textual content from HTML pages. | |
| FRQ-2002 | The system shall store indexed terms together with page references (inverted index). | |
| FRQ-2003 | The system shall support incremental updates of the index. | |
| FRQ-2004 | The system shall ignore non-textual content (images, videos, binaries). | |
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| <i>Searching (3000 Series)</i> | | |
| FRQ-3001 | Query Terms. The system shall support queries composed of terms (e.g., "cats and dogs") and operators (e.g., "cats" AND "dogs"). | |
| FRQ-3002 | Single Term Support. The system shall support single-term queries, where a term consists of one word (e.g., test, hello). | |
| FRQ-3003 | Phrase Support. The system shall support phrase queries, defined as multiple words enclosed in double quotation marks (e.g., "hello dolly"). | |
| FRQ-3004 | Boolean Operator Support. The system shall support Boolean operators for combining query terms (e.g., "cats" AND "dogs", "cats" OR "dogs"). | |
| FRQ-3005 | Operator Case Sensitivity. The system shall require Boolean operators to be specified in uppercase letters. | |
| FRQ-3006 | OR Operator. The system shall support the OR operator to match documents containing at least one of the specified terms. (e.g. If the query searches for "cat OR dog", results must include items containing either "cat", "dog", or both.). | |
| FRQ-3007 | Default OR Behavior. If no Boolean operator is specified between two terms, the system shall treat the operator as OR by default. | |
| FRQ-3008 | OR Symbol Alternative. The system shall allow the symbol as an alternative to the OR operator. | |
| FRQ-3009 | AND Operator. The system shall support the AND operator to match documents containing all specified terms. (e.g. If the query searches for "cat AND dog AND fish", results must include items containing all terms ("cat", "dog", and fish).). | |
| FRQ-3010 | AND Symbol Alternative. The system shall allow the symbol && as an alternative to the AND operator. | |
| FRQ-3011 | NOT Operator. The system shall support the NOT operator to exclude documents containing a specified term. (e.g. If the query searches for "cat NOT dog", results must include items containing "cat" and does not include "dog".). | |
| FRQ-3012 | NOT Symbol Alternative. The system shall allow the symbol ! as an alternative to the NOT operator. | |
| FRQ-3013 | NOT Usage Constraint. The system shall reject queries where the NOT operator is used without a preceding positive term. (e.g. If the query searches for "NOT dog", then an error message shall be displayed.). | |
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| FRQ-3014 | Required Term Operator. The system shall support the required (+) operator, indicating that the term must exist in a matching document. (e.g, If the query searches for "+are cats" dog", results must include items containing "are cats" and can but does not have to contain "dog"). | |
| FRQ-3015 | Prohibited Term Operator. The system shall support the prohibit (-) operator, indicating that documents containing the specified term shall be excluded. (e.g, If the query searches for "cat -dog, results should include items containing "cat" but not "dog".). | |
| FRQ-3016 | Grouping with Parentheses. The system shall support grouping of query expressions using parentheses to control operator precedence. (e.g, If the query searches for ("cat" AND "dog") OR "fish", results should include items containing either both "cat" and "dog", "fish" or both clauses.). | |
| FRQ-3017 | Date Range Queries, inclusive. The system shall support date range queries using inclusive bounds (e.g., date:[1938 TO 1944]). (e.g, If the query searches for date:[1938 TO 1944], results should include items with dates from and including 1938 to and inclusive 1944.) | |
| FRQ-3018 | Date Range Queries, exclusive. The system shall support date range queries using exclusive bounds (e.g., date:1938 TO 1944). (e.g, If the query searches for date:1938 TO 1944, results should include items with dates from and excluding 1938 to and excluding 1944.) | |
| FRQ-3019 | Text Range Queries, inclusive. The system shall support text range queries using inclusive bounds (e.g., title:[anger TO hatred]). (e.g, If the query searches for title:[anger TO hatred], results should include items with titles that are alphabetically grater and including "anger" to titles alphabetically less than and inclusive "hatred".) | |
| FRQ-3020 | Text Range Queries, exclusive. The system shall support text range queries using exclusive bounds (e.g., title:anger TO hatred). (e.g, If the query searches for title:anger TO hatred, results should include items with titles that are alphabetically grater and excluding "anger" to titles alphabetically less than and excluding "hatred".) | |
| FRQ-3021 | Special Character Escaping. The system shall support escaping of special query characters using a backslash (\). Supported Escapable Characters: + - & ! () { } [] ^ " ~ * ? : \ | |
| FRQ-3022 | Literal Search with Escaping. The system shall correctly interpret escaped characters as literal values within a query. | |

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| FRQ-3023 | Results of queries must be paginated when more than 10 results are found. | |
| FRQ-3024 | The results should contain the headline of the context found. | |
| FRQ-3025 | The results should contain a snippet with keywords highlighted. | |
| FRQ-3026 | Search results shall be ranked by relevance using a combination of TF/IDF scores and PageRank. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents with higher TF/IDF scores for the query terms must appear before documents with lower scores. • When TF/IDF scores are equal, documents with higher PageRank shall appear first. <p>Example: For the query "cat dog", a document containing both "cat" and "dog" with high term frequency and appearing on a highly linked page shall be ranked above a document containing only "cat" or appearing on a low-ranked page.</p> | |
| <i>User Interface (4000 Series)</i> | | |
| FRQ-4001 | The system shall allow users to enter search queries and view results. | |
| FRQ-4002 | The UI shall indicate the current page (pagination state). | |
| FRQ-4003 | When a search query returns zero results, the UI shall display a visible message stating that no results were found (e.g., "No results found") | |

2 Low-Priority Functional Requirements

| RQ ID | Description | Test Method |
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| L-FRQ-5001 | The query should be able to handle wildcards. | |
| L-FRQ-5002 | An estimation of the completed query should be suggested (Autocomplete). | |

3 Non-Functional Requirements

| RQ ID | Description | Test Method |
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| NFRQ-6001 | A query should take no longer than 10 seconds. | |
| NFRQ-6002 | The search engine should search the whole LTU-Domain (with exceptions). | |
| NFRQ-6003 | The system shall only index publicly available HTML pages. | |

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| NFRQ-6004 | The system shall provide a web-based search interface. |
| NFRQ-6005 | The system shall provide a search API for the UI. |

4 Non-Testable RQ

- FRQ-2005 The system shall use a clearly defined data structure (e.g., ER diagram).
- FRQ-3001 A query containing 2-3 words should return the correct result.
- FRQ-3004 Use same syntax as other providers (standard search syntax).