

Client-Side Indexes for Fast Full-Text Searching

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ABSTRACT

Many applications on the web use a combination of client-side and server-side data stores to facilitate fast interactive and data-intensive experiences. However, standard client side databases within browsers do not currently support full-text searching. In this paper, we describe a client-side search engine built on top of IndexedDB that makes use of several types of indexes common to many well-known server-side search engines. We compare the performance of different indexes on different types of full-text content and queries and find that.... We also compare the performance of our system with that of fully server side systems and examine scenarios where a hybrid approach may be fastest. We find that...

1. INTRODUCTION

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2. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

There are a lot of cases where apps store a heavy amount of data in the browser. This study gives users ubiquitous access to data by allowing browser session migration [5]

client-side profiles for personalized advertising, privacy concerns [3]

Client-side database storage can improve the performance of data intensive websites by executing portions of web applications client-side and synchronizing with a web server. [2]

Search engines can be useful in the absence of connectivity on mobile phones. This system builds on a user study showing that revisitation is common. [1]

Previous research has demonstrated that it is feasible to store a reverse index within IndexedDB [4] though it is much slower than using a server-side application such as Lucene.

3. LUCY.JS

4. INDEX IMPLEMENTATIONS

5. EVALUATION

6. DISCUSSION

7. FUTURE WORK

8. CONCLUSION

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