

Types of Information Needs

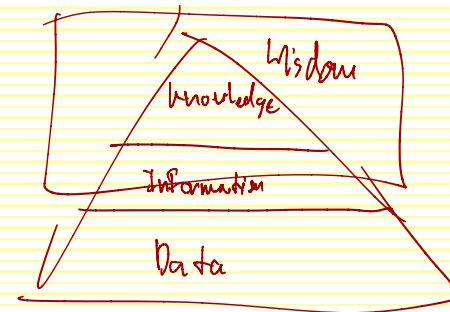
○ Retrospective (Information)

- “Searching the past” *อดีต*
- Different queries posed against a static collection
- Time invariant

○ Prospective

- “Searching the future”
- Static query posed against a dynamic collection
- Time dependent

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What types of information?

- Text (Documents and portions thereof)
- XML and structured documents
- Images
- Audio (sound effects, songs, etc.)
- Video
- Source code
- Applications/Web services

Interesting Examples

- Google image search

<http://images.google.com/>

- Google video search

<http://video.google.com/>

- Finding naked people (seriously!)

<http://http.cs.berkeley.edu/~daf/people.html>

- Query by humming

<http://www.cs.cornell.edu/Info/Faculty/bsmith/query-by-humming.html>

What about databases?

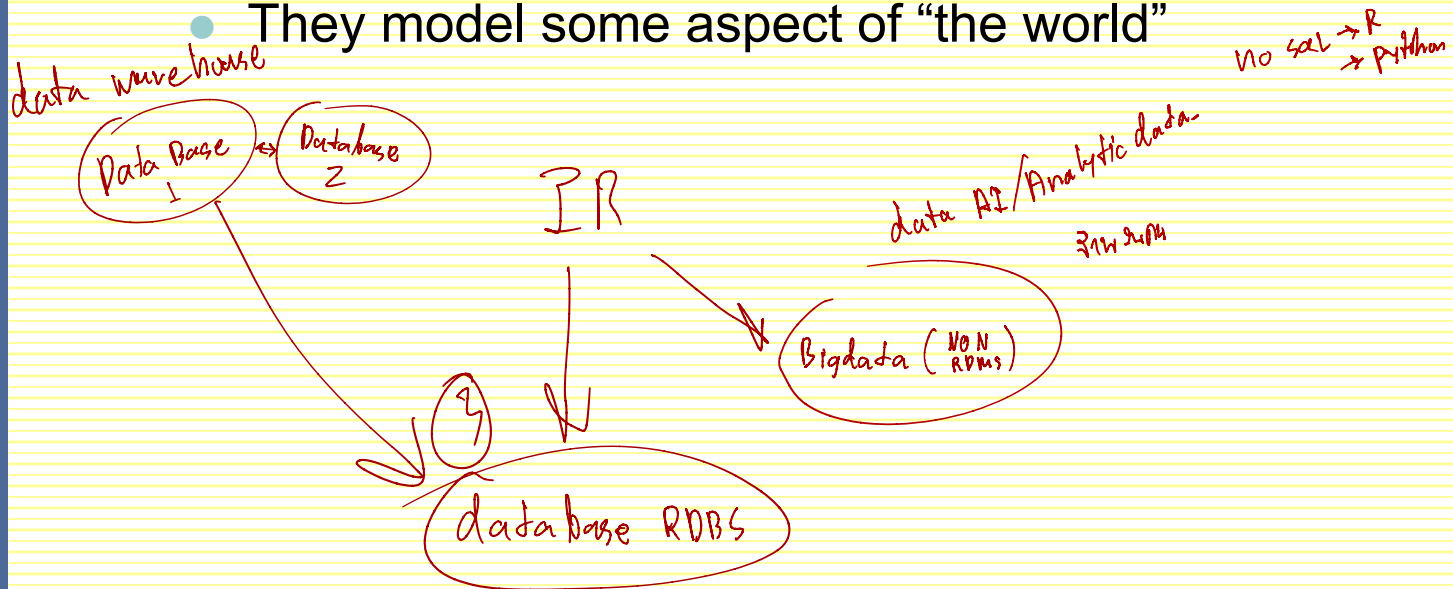
- What are examples of databases?

- Banks storing account information
- Retailers storing inventories
- Universities storing student grades

Data mining

- What exactly is a (relational) database?

- Think of them as a collection of tables
- They model some aspect of “the world”



Databases vs. IR

Query Retrospective

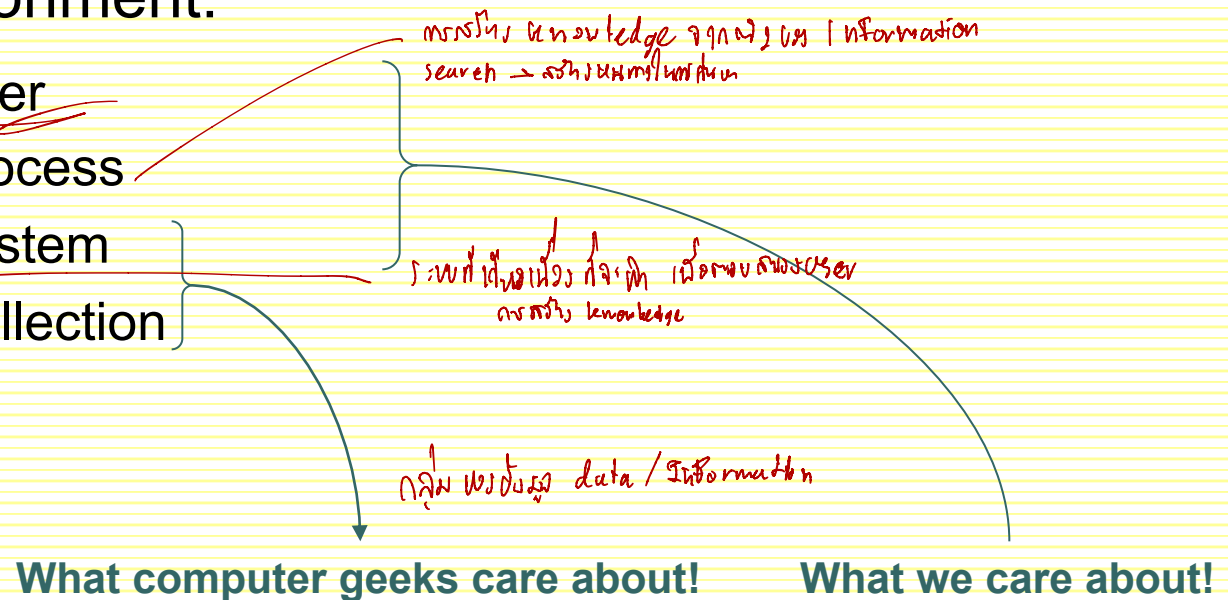
Prospective

	Databases	IR
<u>What we're retrieving</u>	Structured data. Clear semantics based on a formal model.	Mostly <u>unstructured</u> . Free text with some metadata.
Queries we're posing	<u>Formally</u> (mathematically) defined queries. Unambiguous.	Vague, imprecise information needs (often expressed in natural language).
<u>Results we get</u>	<u>Exact</u> . Always correct in a formal sense.	Sometimes relevant, often not.
Interaction with system	One-shot queries.	Interaction is important.
Other issues	Concurrency, recovery, atomicity are all critical.	Issues downplayed.

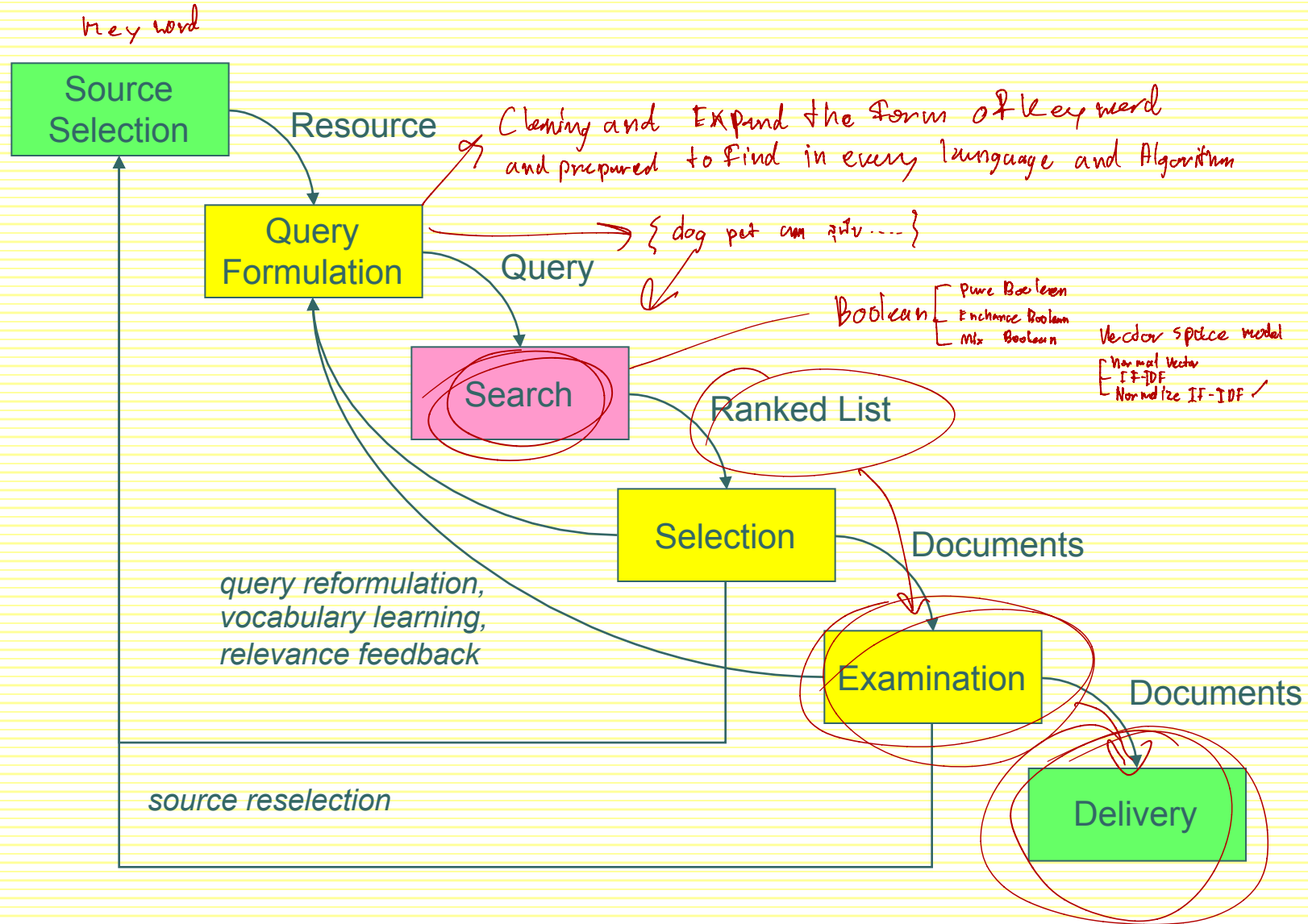
The Big Picture

- The four components of the information retrieval environment:

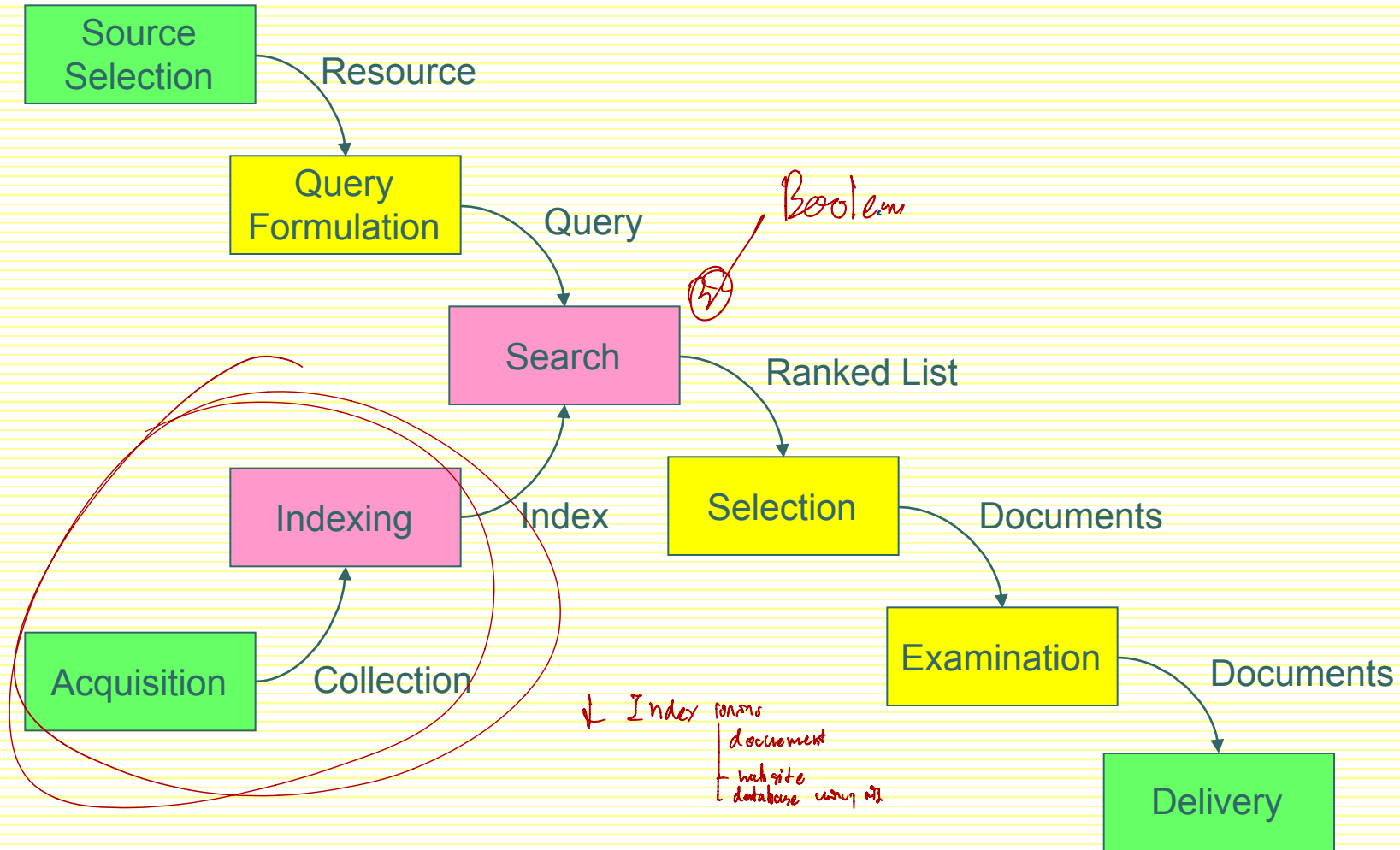
- User
- Process
- System
- Collection



The Information Retrieval Cycle



Supporting the Search Process



Simplification?

