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**Information retrieval (IR)** is the area of study concerned with searching for documents, for information within documents, and for metadata about documents, ...

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[cmpsci 646, fall 2010 | Information Retrieval](#)

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CMPSCI 646 is a graduate-level class in **information retrieval** offered at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Announcements: Mon, Dec 13. Some ranked ...

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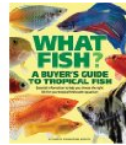
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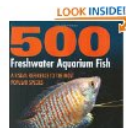
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[RR Korfhage](#) - 2008 - [citeulike.org](#)

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Abstract: **Information retrieval** did not begin with the Web. In response to various challenges of providing **information** access, the field of **information retrieval** evolved to give principled approaches to searching various forms of content. The field began with scientific ...

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Director of Engineering at Facebook

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- Lives in Palo Alto, California
- 221 mutual friends including Keith Peiris and Mark Zuckerberg

Friends Message



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Founder and CEO at Facebook

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- Studied Computer Science at Stanford University '95
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Explore your Network



# Course Goals

- To help you to understand search engines, evaluate and compare them, and modify them for specific applications
- Provide broad coverage of the important issues in information retrieval and search engines
- Book:
  - “*Search Engines: Information Retrieval in Practice*”
    - Textbook annex and ebook at [www.coursesmart.com](http://www.coursesmart.com)
    - Kindle version also available (about half price)

# Topics

- *Overview*
- Architecture of a search engine
- Data acquisition
- Text representation
- Indexing
- Query processing
- Ranking
- Evaluation
- Classification and clustering

# Course Evaluation

- Exams (2): 50%
- Homework assignments (8): 50%
  - Mostly programming
    - Building indexing and search software for sample collections of text
  - Deadlines will be mostly on Fridays
    - Submissions will be accepted over the weekend
      - 30% penalty (if no excuse)

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# Homework



Jae-Hyun



Youngho

- Submitted via Moodle
  - pointers to data, updates, etc.
- Textbook website (errata, Galago, etc.)
  - <http://search-engines-book.com>

# Information Retrieval

- *“Information retrieval is a field concerned with the structure, analysis, organization, storage, searching, and retrieval of information.”*  
(Salton, 1968)
  - General definition that can be applied to many types of information and search applications
  - Primary focus of IR since the 50s has been on *text* and *documents*

# What is a Document?

- Examples:
  - web pages, email, books, news stories, scholarly papers, text messages, tweets, MS Office, PDF, facebook pages, blogs, forum postings, IM sessions, etc.
- Common properties
  - text content
  - some structure (e.g., title, author, date for papers; subject, sender, destination for email)

# Documents vs. Database Records

- Database records (or *tuples* in relational databases) are typically made up of well-defined fields (or *attributes*)
  - e.g., bank records with account numbers, balances, names, addresses, social security numbers, dates of birth, etc.
- Easy to compare fields with well-defined semantics to queries in order to find matches
- Text is more difficult



# Documents vs. Records

- Example bank database query
  - *Find records with balance > \$50,000 in branches located in Amherst, MA.*
  - Matches easily found by comparison with field values of records
- Example search engine query
  - *bank scandals in western mass*
  - This text must be compared to the text of entire news stories

# Comparing Text

- Comparing the query text to the document text and determining what is a good match is the core issue of information retrieval
- Exact matching of words is not enough
  - Many different ways to write the same thing in a “natural language” like English
  - e.g., does a news story containing the text “*bank director in Amherst steals funds*” match the query?
  - Some stories will be better matches than others

# Dimensions of IR

- IR is more than just text, and more than just web search
  - although these are central
- People doing IR work with different media, different types of search applications, and different tasks

# Dimensions of IR

Content	Applications	Tasks
Text	Web search	Ad hoc search
Images	Vertical search	Filtering
Video	Enterprise search	Classification
Scanned docs	Mobile search	Question answering
Audio	Social search	
Music	Desktop search	
	Literature search	

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# Big Issues in IR

- Relevance
  - What is it?
  - Simple (and simplistic) definition: A relevant document contains the information that a person was looking for when they submitted a query to the search engine
  - Many factors influence a person's decision about what is relevant: e.g., task, context, novelty
  - *Topical relevance* (same topic) vs. *user relevance* (everything else)

# Big Issues in IR

- Relevance
  - *Retrieval models* define a view of relevance
  - *Ranking algorithms* used in search engines are based on retrieval models
  - Most models based on statistical properties of text rather than linguistic
    - i.e. counting simple text features such as words instead of parsing and analyzing the sentences

# Big Issues in IR

- Evaluation
  - Experimental procedures and measures for comparing system output with user expectations
  - IR evaluation methods now used in many fields
    - e.g. Netflix competition
  - Typically use *test collection* of documents, queries, and relevance judgments
    - Most commonly used are TREC collections
  - *Recall* and *precision* are two examples of effectiveness measures

# Big Issues in IR

- Users and Information Needs
  - Search evaluation is user-centered
  - Keyword queries are often poor descriptions of actual information needs
  - Interaction and context are important for understanding user intent
  - Query refinement techniques such as *query expansion*, *query suggestion*, *relevance feedback* improve ranking

# IR and Search Engines

- A search engine is the practical application of information retrieval techniques to large scale text collections
- Web search engines are best-known examples, but many others
  - *Open source* search engines are important for research and development
    - e.g., Lucene, Lemur/Indri, Galago
- Big issues include main IR issues but also some others

# IR and Search Engines

## Information Retrieval

Relevance

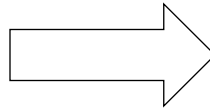
*-Effective ranking*

Evaluation

*-Testing and measuring*

Information needs

*-User interaction*



## Search Engines

Performance

*-Efficient search and indexing*

Incorporating new data

*-Coverage and freshness*

Scalability

*-Growing with data and users*

Adaptability

*-Tuning for applications*

Specific problems

*-e.g. Spam*

# Search Engine Issues

- Performance
  - Measuring and improving the efficiency of search
    - e.g., reducing *response time*, increasing *query throughput*, increasing *indexing speed*
  - *Indexes* are data structures designed to improve search efficiency
    - designing and implementing them are major issues for search engines

# Search Engine Issues

- Dynamic data
  - The “collection” for most real applications is constantly changing in terms of updates, additions, deletions
    - e.g., web pages
  - Acquiring or “crawling” the documents is a major task
    - Typical measures are *coverage* (how much has been indexed) and *freshness* (how recently was it indexed)
  - Updating the indexes while processing queries is also a design issue



# Search Engine Issues

- Scalability
  - Making everything work with millions of users every day, and many terabytes of documents
  - Distributed processing is essential
- Adaptability
  - Changing and tuning search engine components such as ranking algorithm, indexing strategy, interface for different applications
  - Exploiting huge sources of user data such as query logs, locations, social networks

# Search Engine Issues

- Spam
  - For web search, spam in all its forms is one of the major issues
  - Affects the efficiency of search engines and, more seriously, the effectiveness of the results
  - Many types of spam
  - New subfield called *adversarial IR*, since spammers are “adversaries” with different goals

# Topics

- Overview
- *Architecture of a search engine*