

ElasticHash: Semantic Image Similarity Search by Deep Hashing with Elasticsearch

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Image Similarity Search: Query by Example



Upload

URL

1000

Maximum number of
results

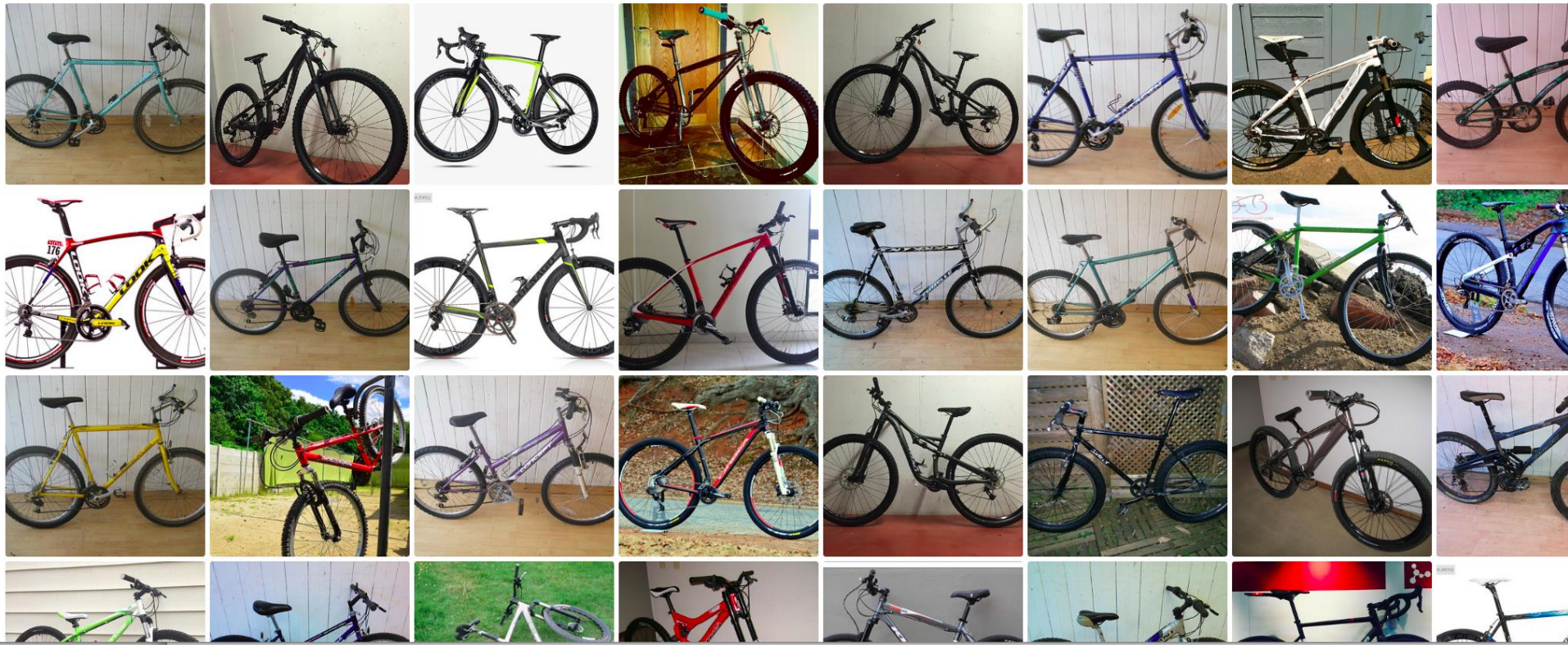
Please enter URL to image

Search similar images



query image

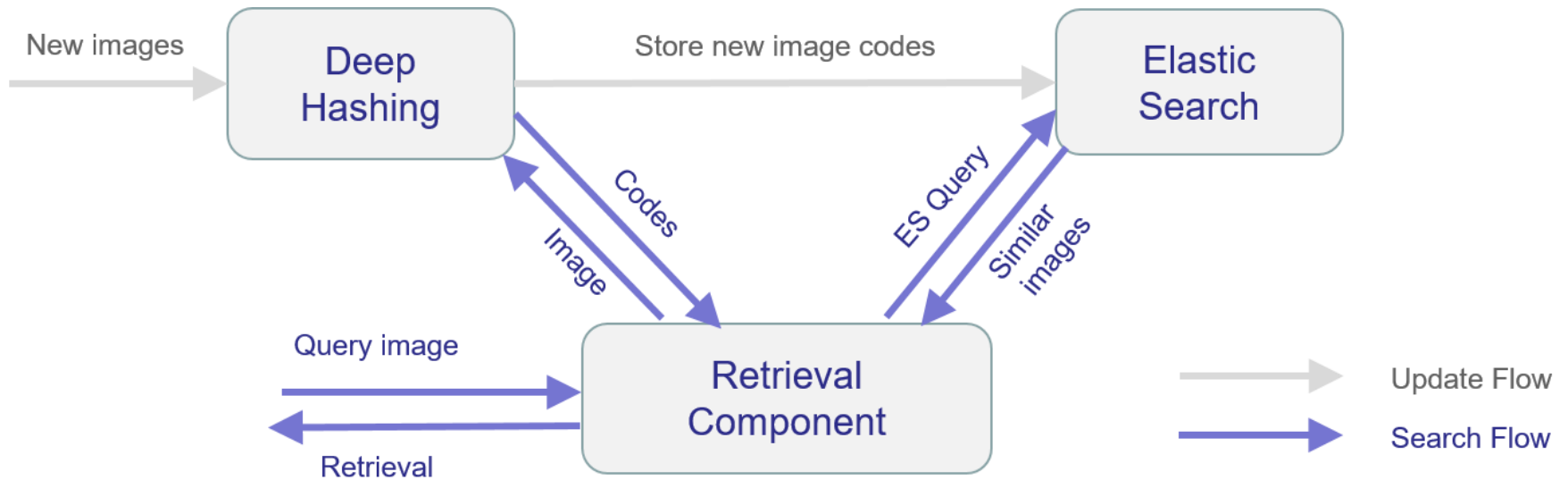
1000 images found, took 0.37 seconds



Motivation

- Elasticsearch is a full-text search system
- Elasticsearch advantages:
 - Fast due to inverted indices
 - Scalable to hundreds of server
 - Load balancing
 - ...
- Idea:
 - Integrate Image Similarity Search into Elasticsearch
 - Multi-modal queries

Similarity Search System



Deep Hashing Model

- ImageNet-pretrained EfficientNetB3
- Trained on all ImageNet Images with ≥ 1000 examples and PlacesV2
- 256-bit coding layer
- Combination of Log-loss and triplet-loss

$$\mathcal{L} = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^k y_i \log_{p_i} + \beta \max(d(a, p) - d(a, n) + \gamma, 0)$$

Review: Multi-Index Hashing (MIH)

- Binary codes:
 - $h = (h^1, \dots, h^m)$
 - $g = (g^1, \dots, g^m)$
- m : number of partitions
- H : Hamming distance

- Proposition:

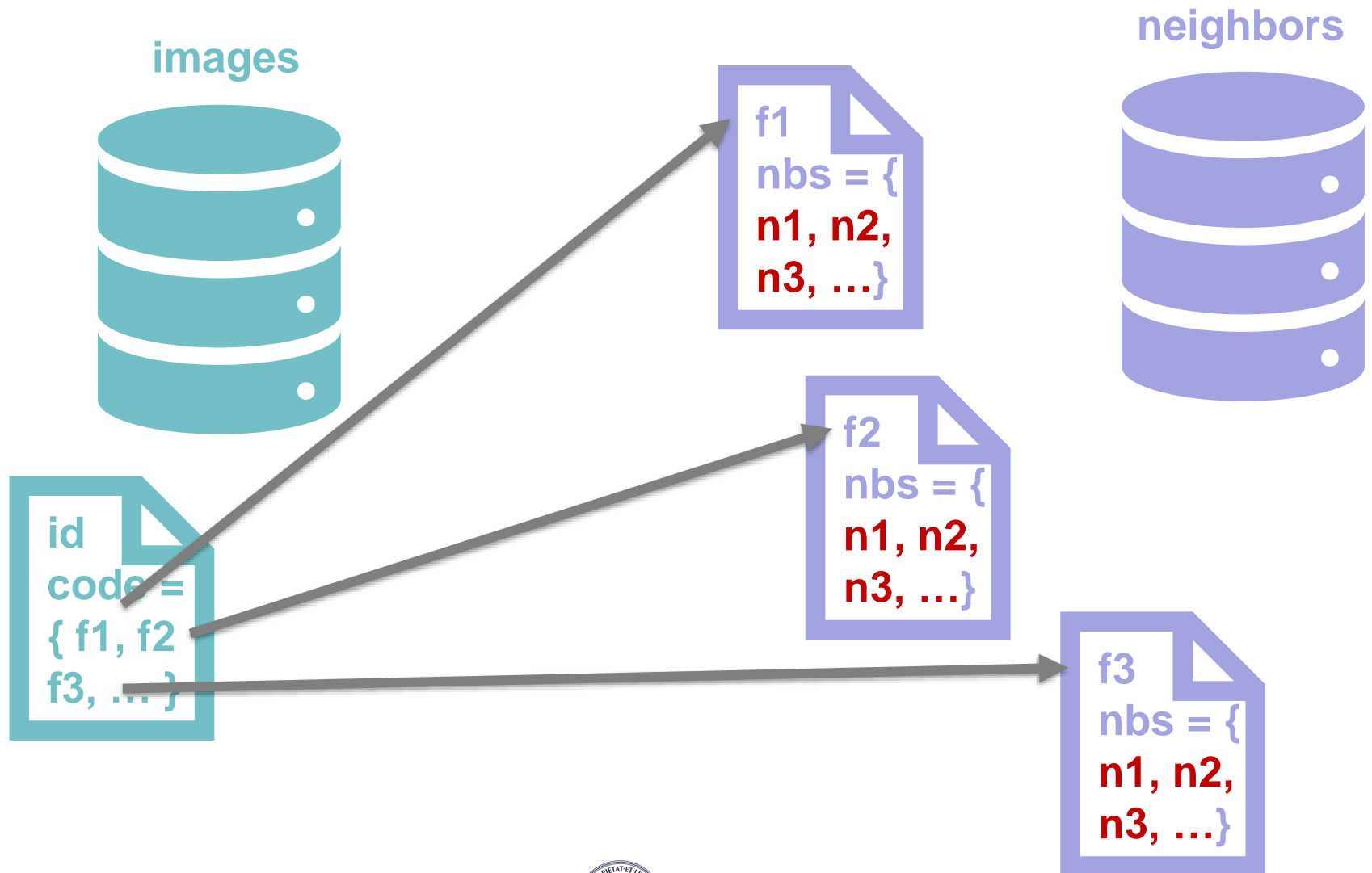
$$\|h - g\|_H \leq r \Rightarrow \exists k \in \{1..m\} \quad \|h^k - g^k\|_H \leq \left\lfloor \frac{r}{m} \right\rfloor$$

- Example: 64-bit codes decomposed into $m = 4$ subcodes
Within Hamming radius $r = 4$ at least one of the subcodes has
distance $d \leq \left\lfloor \frac{r}{m} \right\rfloor = 2$

Two-Stage Approach

- Hamming distance computation on complete data set of long hashcodes (256 bit) → does not scale
- 1st Step: Filtering (64 bit codes):
 - Find all 64 bit codes with distance < 12
 - Select 64 most important bits from 256 bit codes
 - Apply Multi-Index Hashing [Norouzi et al. 2012]:
 - Partition 64 bit codes into $m = 4$ subcodes
 - Within Hamming radius $r = 11$ at least one of the subcodes has distance $d \leq \left\lfloor \frac{r}{m} \right\rfloor = 2$
 - Searching subcode radii $d = 2$ much faster (ES inverted index)
- 2nd Step: Re-Ranking (256 bit codes):
 - More accurate
 - Hamming distance computation only on small subset

Integration into ElasticSearch



Re-Ranking

```
POST _scripts/hd64

{
  "script":
  {
    "lang": "painless",
    "source":
      64-Long.bitCount(params.subcode^doc[params.field].value)
  }
}
```

Images Index

```
PUT /es-retrieval
PUT /es-retrieval/default/_mapping
```

```
{
  "properties": {
    "image": {"type": "text"},
    "f_0": {"type": "keyword"},
    "f_1": {"type": "keyword"},
    "f_2": {"type": "keyword"},
    "f_3": {"type": "keyword"},
    "r_0": {"type": "long"},
    "r_1": {"type": "long"},
    "r_2": {"type": "long"},
    "r_3": {"type": "long"}
  }
}
```

1. Filtering:
4 x 16-bit subcodes

2. Re-ranking:
4 x 64-bit subcodes

Neighbors index

- Created once
- Contains neighboring hashcodes for each subcode f_j
- 2^{16} documents (subcodes)
- Example: all possible neighbors of 01 are $01, 10, 00, 11$, i.e. $1, 2, 0, 3$

```
POST/nbs-d2/_doc/<16 bit subcode>
```

```
{  
  "nbs" : [ <d2 neighbors of 16 bit subcode> ]  
}
```

Search Query

```
GET /es-retrieval/_search
```

```
{ "query": { "function_score": { "boost_mode": "sum", "score_mode":  
"sum", "functions":
```

```
[ ..., { "script_score": { "script": { "id": "hd64",  
  "params": {  
    "field": "r_<i>",  
    "subcode": <64 bit subcode for re-ranking> } } },  
  "weight": 1}, ... ],
```

2. Re-ranking

```
"query": { "constant_score": { "boost": 0.,  
  "filter": { "bool": { "minimum_should_match": 1, "should":  
    [..., { "terms":  
      { "f_<j>":  
        { "id": "<16 bit subcode for lookup>",  
          "index": "nbs-d2",  
          "path": "nbs" } } }, ... ]
```

1. Filtering

```
} } } }, } }
```

Evaluation

- OpenImages:
 - Multi-label
 - 9.2M Flickr images
 - ~20K different labels
 - Train/val/test splits
- Evaluation of ElasticHash:
 - Available database images: ~7M
 - Query images (quality): ~120K
 - Query images (latency): 10K
- Intel Core i7-4771 CPU @ 3.50GHz and 32 GB RAM

Results: Search Quality

- Mean AP@k for 121,588 query images
- Database images: ~7M
- Query images: ~120K

Top <i>k</i>	10	25	50	100	250	500	1000
Short	87.94	86.08	84.44	82.54	79.41	76.44	72.86
Long	95.35	94.72	94.23	93.71	92.90	92.09	90.95
Two-stage	95.21	94.48	93.90	93.22	92.02	90.61	88.42

Results: Search Latency

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Top k		10	25	50	100	250	500	1000
Short	μ	23.09	23.98	24.45	25.58	28.38	33.09	42.20
	σ	4.74	4.65	4.70	4.72	4.86	5.20	6.07
Long	μ	111.83	111.58	111.99	113.05	116.77	121.98	132.60
	σ	16.50	16.58	16.72	16.54	17.04	17.13	17.99
Two-stage	μ	36.12	36.75	37.28	38.17	40.88	45.73	55.23
	σ	7.80	7.96	7.81	7.89	7.93	8.12	8.64

Conclusion

- Deep hashing based image similarity search in ElasticSearch
- Seamless integration into ES by terms queries and neighbors index
- Evaluation on OpenImages dataset
- Low search latencies: short hash codes for filtering (64 bit)
- High retrieval quality: long hash codes for re-ranking (256 bit)
- Code, indices, models etc.: <https://github.com/umr-ds/ElasticHash>

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