



Development Team Project: Academic Paper Search Application

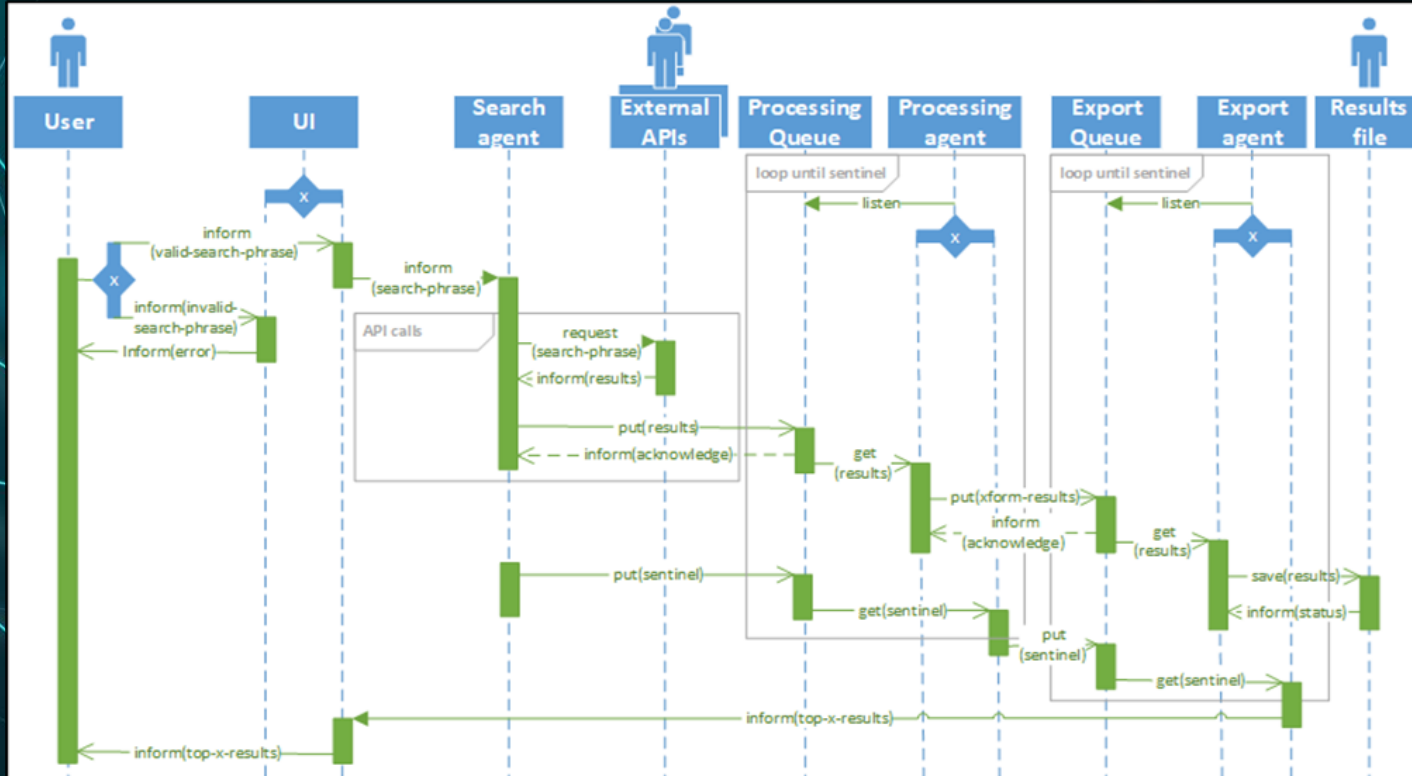
Credits

The template has been provided by slidesgo

Introduction

- Development of an Academic Paper Search application was chosen because
 - Demonstrates multi-agent application with discrete agents interacting with each other
 - User Interface
 - Search Agents
 - Processing Agent
 - Export Agent
 - Could also be a useful tool for future studies
- During the project we expected to prove
 - Interaction between agents within a single code base to achieve the goal of retrieving academic information based upon search terms
- Out of scope
 - Agents operating in independent code bases, able to start and stop independently
 - Agent communication languages such as Knowledge Query and Manipulation Language (KQML)

Design (from project 1)



- APIs implemented
- IEEE Xplore
 - arXiv
 - PubMed

Development

- Agent autonomy and parallel processing options:
 - Multiprocessing - tested and discounted
 - **Threading** - **tested and used**
 - Asyncio - discounted
- Queues to allow asynchronous communication between agents
- Separate method for each API within search agent and processing agent
- During development: enhanced to search for multiple search terms within a single search
 - Better agent architecture
 - Better user experience
 - Impacted UI responsiveness so implemented PyQt5's QThread and pyqtSignal
- Unexpected error handling meant PyQt5's QThread and pyqtSignal was a better choice anyway

Error handling

```
# perform processing
if dict_data:
    try:
        articles = dict_data['articles']['article']
    except KeyError as e:
        # If 'article' is missing from 'articles', then there are no search results
        if str(e) == "'article'":
            # log message
            logger.warning("No search result for this search term for IEEE Xplore",
                           extra={"agent": "PROCESSING AGENT"})
            # emit signal to inform UI about the no result
            agent_signals.no_result_ieee.emit("No search result for this search term for IEEE Xplore")
            return 'IEEE Xplore', "No search result for this search term"
        # any other KeyError
    else:
        # emit signal to inform UI about the error
        agent_signals.error_ieee.emit("Unexpected response from IEEE Xplore, review app logs for more info")
        # log message
        logger.error("Unexpected response from IEEE Xplore, KeyError: {e}",
                     extra={"agent": "PROCESSING AGENT"})
        return 'IEEE Xplore', "unexpected response"
else:
    # this should never be hit because the search agent returns an empty xsl for "processing" so
    # 'dict_data' should never be empty, however putting this here just in case
    # send appropriate signal/info message to UI
    agent_signals.error_ieee.emit("Unexpected response from IEEE Xplore, review app logs for more info")
    # log message
    logger.warning("Empty response from IEEE Xplore", extra={"agent": "PROCESSING AGENT"})
    return 'IEEE Xplore', "unexpected response"
```

Searching for Mechanic banana...

No search result for this search term for IEEE Xplore

Stop signalled, finishing threads...

Search, process, and export agents finished - CSV will be opened

Search complete, CSV will be opened in default .csv extension application.

The file path is: /Users/astrid/Library/Application Support/IntelligentSearchAgent/csv-exports/search-export-43.csv

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Search Term	Title	Summary/Abstract	Author(s)	URL			
2	Mechanic banana	Energetic particle loss mechanisms in	Collisionless physics	['E. J. Paul', 'A. Bhatta	http://arxiv.org/abs/2208.02351v2			
3	Mechanic banana	Negative differential resistance: another	Just like the artefact found	['J. Li', 'H. -F. Zhang',	http://arxiv.org/abs/1409.6438v1			
4	Mechanic banana	The nature of the Island and Banana	We propose an	['M. J. Church', 'A. Gib	http://arxiv.org/abs/1312.1823v1			
5	Mechanic banana	Influence of kepok banana bunch as new	Bioplastics were developed	['Autha Nelga', 'Sireg	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37435944/			
6	Mechanic banana	{'i': 'Triumfetta cordifolia A. rich', '#text	{'i': 'Triumfetta cordifolia',	['Soppie Anny Gerald	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37408913/			
7	Mechanic banana	Functionality and characterization of m	The objective of this work v	['Aurelio Ramv#rez-H	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37406918/			
8								

The app.log file, debugging, & back-end testing

```
2023-07-15 13:37:34,012 - INFO - INFO - SEARCH TERM: Mechanic banana
2023-07-15 13:37:34,013 - INFO - INFO - NEW CSV: True
2023-07-15 13:37:34,013 - INFO - INFO - NUMBER OF DESIRED SEARCH RESULTS: 3
2023-07-15 13:37:34,016 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - TRYING ARXIV
2023-07-15 13:37:34,920 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - arXiv response received, sending to processing queue
2023-07-15 13:37:34,921 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - TRYING PUBMED
2023-07-15 13:37:34,921 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - search_results can be added to logs here if desired (can clog logs with large requests)
2023-07-15 13:37:34,921 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - PROCESS IDENTIFIER is arXiv
2023-07-15 13:37:34,922 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - Starting arXiv processing...
2023-07-15 13:37:34,929 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - arXiv processing finished
2023-07-15 13:37:34,929 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Exporting processed arXiv data to CSV...
2023-07-15 13:37:34,930 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Processed arXiv data has been written to CSV at location /Users/astrid/Library/Application Support
2023-07-15 13:37:35,934 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - Search result queue is empty, waiting...
2023-07-15 13:37:35,935 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Export queue is empty, waiting...
2023-07-15 13:37:36,119 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - PubMed records requested Id list: 37435944,37408913,37406918
2023-07-15 13:37:37,167 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - PubMed response received, sending to processing queue
2023-07-15 13:37:37,169 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - TRYING IEEE XPLORE
2023-07-15 13:37:37,169 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - search_results can be added to logs here if desired (can clog logs with large requests)
2023-07-15 13:37:37,170 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - PROCESS IDENTIFIER is PubMed
2023-07-15 13:37:37,170 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - Starting PubMed processing...
2023-07-15 13:37:37,178 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - PubMed processing finished
2023-07-15 13:37:37,178 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Exporting processed PubMed data to CSV...
2023-07-15 13:37:37,179 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Processed PubMed data has been written to CSV at location /Users/astrid/Library/Application Support
2023-07-15 13:37:38,182 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - Search result queue is empty, waiting...
2023-07-15 13:37:38,184 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Export queue is empty, waiting...
2023-07-15 13:37:39,029 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - IEEE Xplore response received, sending to processing queue
2023-07-15 13:37:39,187 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - search_results can be added to logs here if desired (can clog logs with large requests)
2023-07-15 13:37:39,188 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - PROCESS IDENTIFIER is IEEE Xplore
2023-07-15 13:37:39,188 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - Starting IEEE Xplore processing...
2023-07-15 13:37:39,188 - WARNING - PROCESSING AGENT - No search result for this search term for IEEE Xplore
2023-07-15 13:37:39,192 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - No search results for IEEE Xplore, nothing to export - continue
2023-07-15 13:37:40,043 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - Search term queue is empty, waiting...
2023-07-15 13:37:40,191 - INFO - PROCESSING AGENT - Search result queue is empty, waiting...
2023-07-15 13:37:40,197 - INFO - EXPORT AGENT - Export queue is empty, waiting...
```

try to make the EFetch request

```
try:
    raise ValueError("Testing Exception")
```

```
2023-07-07 19:56:47,460 - WARNING - SEARCH AGENT - Request error occurred for PubMed efetch API: Testing Exception
2023-07-07 19:56:47,460 - INFO - SEARCH AGENT - Retrying PubMed...
```

BDD testing

- Behaviour Driven Development test scripts were used to specify positive and negative tests
- Every test from a user perspective:
 - To extend the design with user interactions
 - Serves as maintainable and readable product documentation
 - To provide definitive pass/fail criteria
- Feedback from testing was used to finalise the final solution, including:
 - Enhancement from single search to multi-search capability
 - Additional error handling
 - Renaming of buttons and re-wording of explanatory text for easier understanding
 - Addition of search using “Enter” key as well as “Search” button
- Intermittent issue with arXiv returning no results for search terms that had previously worked. arXiv said they were migrating servers which was probably the cause, so the application was working OK.

Distribution

- Python source code plus executable files for Windows and iOS have been supplied
 - Python:
 - academic_search_ui.py
 - agents_code.py
 - logging_setup.py
 - Windows
 - academic_search_ui_windows.exe
 - macOS (Unix executable file compiled on M1)
 - academic_search_ui_unix
 - Linux (Unix executable file compiled on M1 or directly from the script)
 - academic_search_ui_unix
- All available at:
 - <https://github.com/aster-droide/ia-team-project>

README

Intelligent Academic Research Tool

This repository contains an Intelligent Academic Research Tool allowing users to search multiple academic databases simultaneously and export the search results to a CSV file. It provides a simple and convenient way to retrieve research articles and relevant information for a given search term.

Features

- Search multiple databases: arXiv, PubMed, and IEEE Xplore (for now).
- Customisable search options, users can:
 - select the desired search engines
 - set max number of results to retrieve
 - retrieve results for unlimited search terms in one CSV export
 - choose a new file or append to existing file
- Data is exported to .csv format for easy access to further analysis.
- User-friendly graphical user interface (GUI) that is intuitive and easy to use.

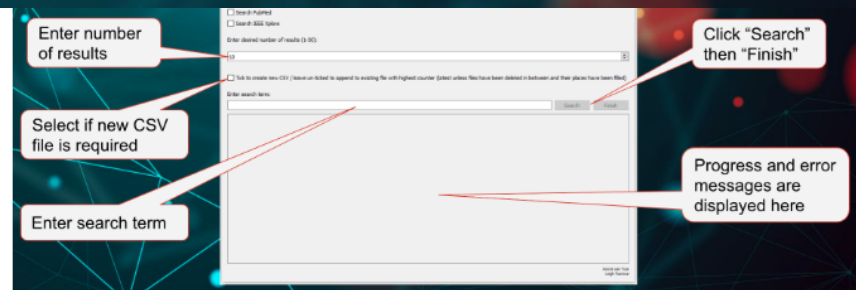
Installation

In [this folder](#) two zip files are provided with a compiled version of the application for Mac* and Windows. These applications include all dependencies and can be run directly on respective platforms.

Alternatively, the application can be launched directly by running the `academic_search_ui.py` file. To run locally, please ensure all three Python files are downloaded and in the same directory.

*Unix executable compiled and tested on Mac M1, it is not guaranteed it will run as expected on intel devices or Linux. In case of failure the code can be run directly. While this has been thoroughly tested on the Mac M1 and Windows, it is not guaranteed it will work on Linux.

Usage



Acknowledgments

This application was developed by Astrid van Toor and Leigh Feaviour as part of a team project for the MSc Intelligent Agents module from the University of Essex. Any questions, feel free to reach out to us.

Relevant sources used during development

Tutorials and forum discussions

<https://realpython.com/python-pyqt-qthread/>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/3044580/multiprocessing-vs-threading-python>

<https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-concurrency/python-threading/>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/27435284/multiprocessing-vs-multithreading-vs-asyncio>

Key library documentations

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/multiprocessing.html>

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/threading.html>

<https://pypi.org/project/PyQt5/>

User Interface

Select
sources

Enter number
of results

Select if new CSV
file is required

Enter search term

Click “Search”
then “Finish”

Progress and error
messages are
displayed here

The screenshot shows a web application window titled "Academic Research Tool". The interface includes a welcome message, instructions, a list of search engines to select, a field for the number of results, a checkbox for creating a new CSV file, a search term input field, and "Search" and "Finish" buttons. A large empty box at the bottom is designated for progress and error messages. Callout boxes with red leader lines point to these specific features.

Academic Research Tool

Welcome to the Academic Research Tool!

Please select the desired search engines, choose the maximum number of results you'd like to see per search, enter your search term then click 'Search'.
When you have entered all of your search terms, click 'Finish' to see the results.

☐ Select All
☐ Search arXiv
☐ Search PubMed
☐ Search IEEE Xplore

Enter desired number of results (1-50):

10

☐ Tick to create new CSV / leave un-ticked to append to existing file with highest counter (latest unless files have been deleted in between and their places have been filled)

Enter search term:

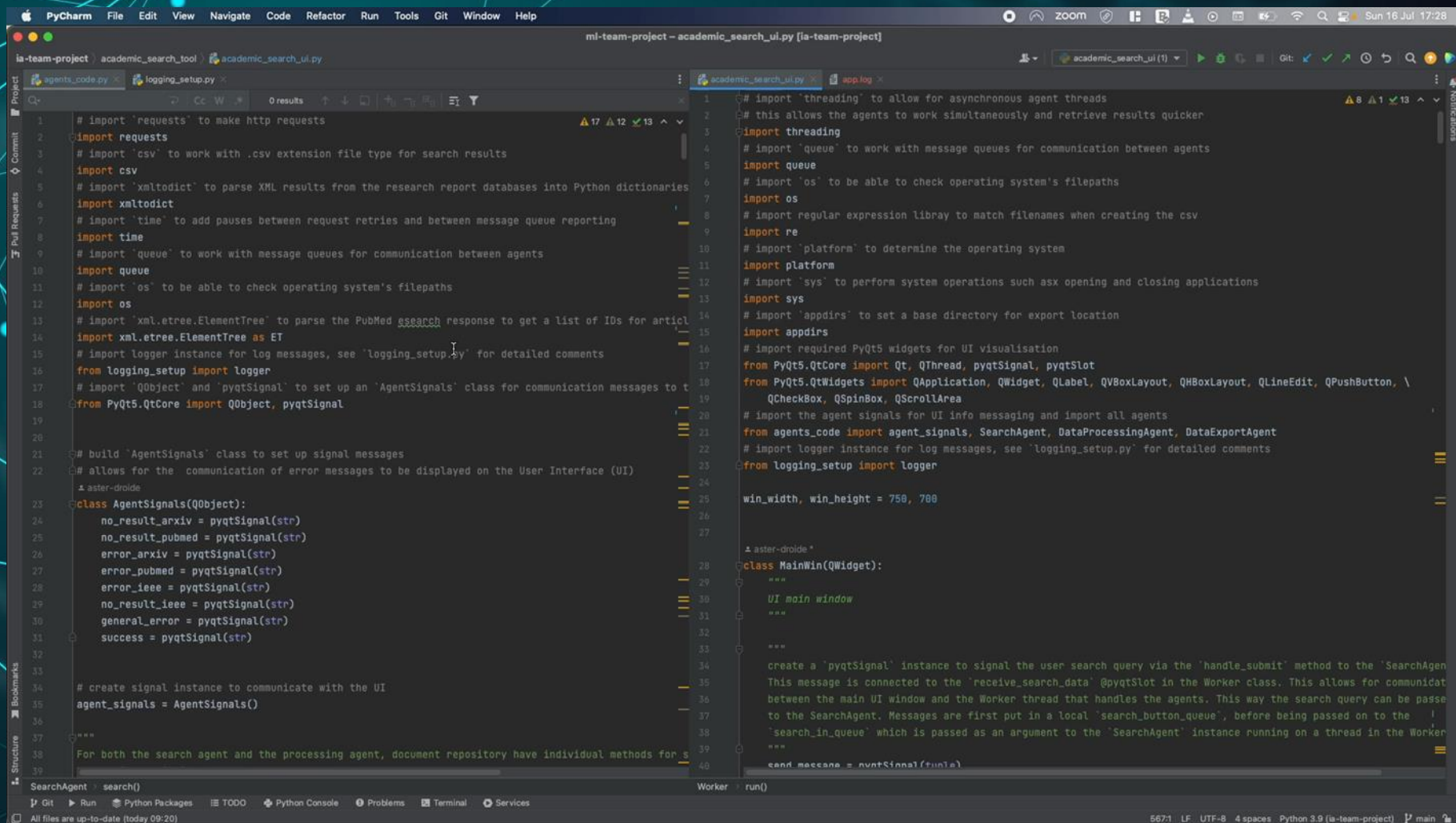
Search Finish

Progress and error messages are displayed here

Astrid van Toor
Leigh Fealour

CSV example

A	B	C	D	E
Search Term	Title	Summary/Abstract	Author(s)	URL
Artificial intelligence	The Governance of Physical Artificial Intelligence	Physical artificial intelligence can prove to be one of the i	['Yingbo Li', 'Anamaria-Beatrice Spulber', 'Yucong Duan']	http://arxiv.org/abs/2304.02924v1
Artificial intelligence	Does an artificial intelligence perform market ma	Who should be charged with responsibility for an artificia	['Takanobu Mizuta']	http://arxiv.org/abs/2005.10488v1
Artificial intelligence	Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Economic Thei	Artificial intelligence has impacted many aspects of huma	['Tshilidzi Marwala']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1509.01213v1
Artificial intelligence	The case for psychometric artificial general intell	A short review of the literature on measurement and det	['Mark McPherson']	http://arxiv.org/abs/2101.02179v1
Artificial intelligence	Proceedings of the Thirteenth Conference on Un	This is the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Conference on t	['Dan Geiger', 'Prakash Shenoy']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.3846v1
Artificial intelligence	Proceedings of the Ninth Conference on Uncerta	This is the Proceedings of the Ninth Conference on Uncer	['David Heckerman', 'E. Mamdani']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.3851v1
Artificial intelligence	Proceedings of the Second Conference on Uncer	This is the Proceedings of the Second Conference on Unc	['Laveen Kanal', 'John Lemmer']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.3859v1
Artificial intelligence	Artificial Intelligence in Humans	In this paper, I put forward that in many instances, thinkir	['Michael Swan Laufer']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1311.0716v1
Artificial intelligence	AAAI FSS-18: Artificial Intelligence in Governmen	Proceedings of the AAAI Fall Symposium on Artificial Inte	['Frank Stein', 'Alun Preece', 'Mihai Boicu']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1810.06018v1
Artificial intelligence	Watershed of Artificial Intelligence: Human Intell	This article reviews the "Once learning" mechanism that i	['Li Weigang', 'Liriam Enamoto', 'Denise Leyi Li', 'Geraldo Per	http://arxiv.org/abs/2104.13155v2
Artificial intelligence	Human Performance in Competitive and Collabo	In the modern world, many important tasks have become	['Bennett Murray S', 'Hedley Laiton', 'Love Jonathon', 'Houpt	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37439275/
Artificial intelligence	Noninvasive In Vivo Thrombus Imaging in Patien	['@Label': 'BACKGROUND', '@NlmCategory': 'BACKGROU	['Whittington Beth', 'Tzolos Evangelos', 'Bing Rong', 'Andrew	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37439259/
Artificial intelligence	Margin notes from the COVID-19 pandemic for th	The COVID-19 pandemic has been characterized as a "big	['Bond Andrew']	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37439203/
Artificial intelligence	['I': 'versus', 'ttext': 'Efficacy of machine learning	['@Label': 'OBJECTIVE', '@NlmCategory': 'OBJECTIVE',	['Gao K', 'Wang Y', 'Cao H', 'Jia J']	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37439167/
Artificial intelligence	Single-cell transcriptome analysis identifies nov	Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) and intrahepatic cholang	['Swain Asish Kumar', 'Pandey Prashant', 'Sera Riddhi', 'Yada	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37438675/
Artificial intelligence	Prospective validation of dermoscopy-based ope	The use of artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to i	['Marchetti Michael A', 'Cowen Emily A', 'Kurtansky Nicholas	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37438476/
Artificial intelligence	AI-designed NMR spectroscopy RF pulses for fast	['sup': '1', '15', 'ttext': 'Nuclear magnetic resonance (NM	['Manu V S', 'Olivieri Cristina', 'Veglia Gianluigi']	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37438347/
Artificial intelligence	[Ecological Risk and Health Risk of Heavy Metal P	['I': 'P', 'ttext': 'In order to understand the heavy metal co	['Zhang Shu-Min', 'Liu Cui-Ling', 'Yang Gui-Ling', 'Deng Mei-Hi	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37438312/
Artificial intelligence	How much can we rely on artificial intelligence cl	['@Label': 'UNLABELLED', 'ttext': 'STATEMENT OF\xa0PRC	['Dashti Mahmood', 'Londono Jimmy', 'Ghasemi Shohreh', 'W	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37438164/
Artificial intelligence	The perils and promises of generative artificial intelligence	(AI) holds great promise	['Ray Tyler R', 'Kelllogg Ryan T', 'Fargen Kyle M', 'Hui Ferdinan	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37438101/
Artificial intelligence	Optimization Research on Wisdom Tree and Tenc	This paper adopts the hybrid online teaching mode of a&e	['Cao Yiwen']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9973975/
Artificial intelligence	Artificial Intelligence Technology Challenges Pat	The artificial intelligence revolution has brought unprec	['Shuijing Hu', 'Tao Jiang']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8669605/
Artificial intelligence	IEEE Standard Adoption of Moving Picture, Audio	This standard adopts MPAAI AI Framework (MPAAI-AIF) Tec	No authors listed	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10112600/
Artificial intelligence	IEEE Approved Draft Standard - Adoption of Movi	This standard adopts MPAAI AI Framework (MPAAI-AIF) Tec	No authors listed	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9984142/
Artificial intelligence	Goal-oriented requirements analysis and an exte	An artificial intelligence programming contest with game	['Kazunori Sakamoto', 'Hiroaki Hosono', 'Seiji Sato', 'Hironori	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6632587/
Artificial intelligence	On the Emergence of Autonomous Systems towa	Thinking and inference are key essences of human intelli	['Yingxu Wang']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9811299/
Artificial intelligence	Research on the Application of Artificial Intellig	All articles must contain an abstract. The abstract text shc	['Xianjuan Shang', 'Changhong Zhao']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9421442/
Artificial intelligence	Artificial Intelligence in the Judiciary System	of S Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the prominent techno	['Adel Ismail Al-Alawi', 'Albandri Mohammed A-Lmansouri']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10050929/
Artificial intelligence	On abstract intelligence and brain informatics: M	Summary form only given. A fundamental challenge for a	['Yingxu Wang']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6311158/
Artificial intelligence	Preliminary Study on Application of Artificial Int	With the continuous development of social science and t	['Zichen Zhang', 'Shuo Xu', 'Hawking Yan']	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9148561/
Machine learning	Lecture Notes: Optimization for Machine Learnin	Lecture notes on optimization for machine learning, deri	['Elad Hazan']	https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.03550v1
Machine learning	An Optimal Control View of Adversarial Machine	I describe an optimal control view of adversarial machine	['Xiaojin Zhu']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1811.04422v1
Machine learning	Minimax deviation strategies for machine learnin	The article is devoted to the problem of small learning sa	['Michail Schlesinger', 'Evgeniy Vodolazskiy']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1707.04849v1
Machine learning	Machine Learning for Clinical Predictive Analyti	In this chapter, we provide a brief overview of applica	['Wei-Hung Weng']	http://arxiv.org/abs/1909.09246v1
Machine learning	Towards Modular Machine Learning Solution Dev	Machine learning technologies have demonstrated imm	['Samiyuru Menik', 'Lakshmi Ramaswamy']	http://arxiv.org/abs/2301.09753v1
Machine learning	Recent Advances in Optimal Transport for Machi	Recently, Optimal Transport has been proposed as a prob	['Eduardo Fernandes Montesuma', 'Fred NgolÃ	http://arxiv.org/abs/2306.16156v1
Machine learning	Introduction to Machine Learning: Class Notes	67 Introduction to Machine learning covering Statistical Infer	['Amnon Shashua']	http://arxiv.org/abs/0904.3664v1
Machine learning	The Tribes of Machine Learning and the Realm	of Machine learning techniques have influenced the field of	['Avaz Akram', 'Jason Lowe-Power']	http://arxiv.org/abs/2012.04105v1



Future Enhancements

- Additional document repositories
- Fully constructed Harvard reference for each result (referencing agent)
- Separate search and processing agents for each repository
- Separate programs for each agent
- “Always looking” option to search for new content for existing search terms
- Batch mode

References

Finin, T., Fritzson, R., McKay, D. & McEntire, R. (1994) 'KQML-a language and protocol for knowledge and information exchange' *13th International Distributed Artificial Intelligence Workshop*. Seattle, WA, 28-30 July. Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI). 93-103.

Ramos, L.P. (N.D.) Use PyQt's QThread to Prevent Freezing GUIs. Available from: <https://realpython.com/python-pyqt-qthread/> [Accessed 13 July 2023].

stackoverflow (2014) multiprocessing vs multithreading vs asyncio. Available from: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/27435284/multiprocessing-vs-multithreading-vs-asyncio> [Accessed 13 July 2023].

Wikipedia (N.N.) Zen of Python. Available from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zen_of_Python [Accessed 13 July 2023].