Information Retrieval

Assignment 1:
IMDB Spider
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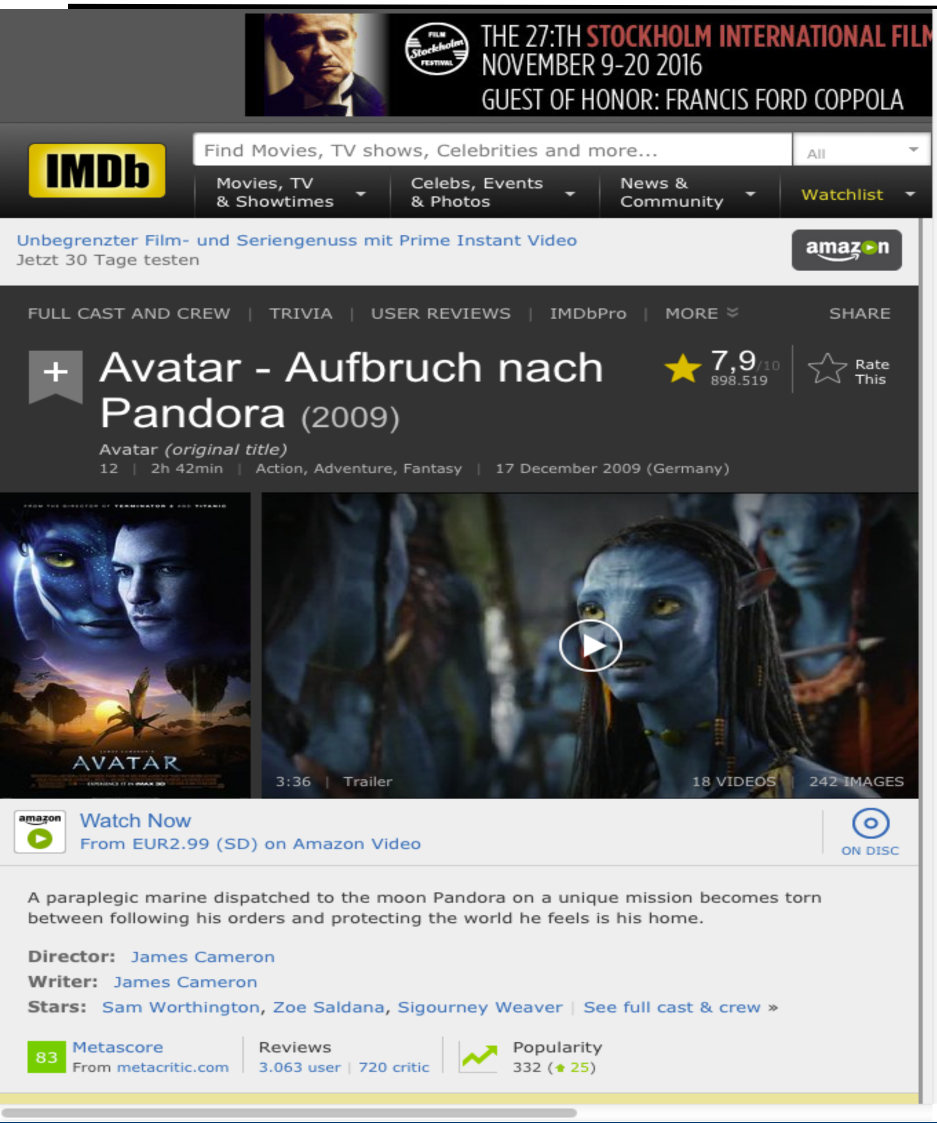
IMDB: Internet Movie Database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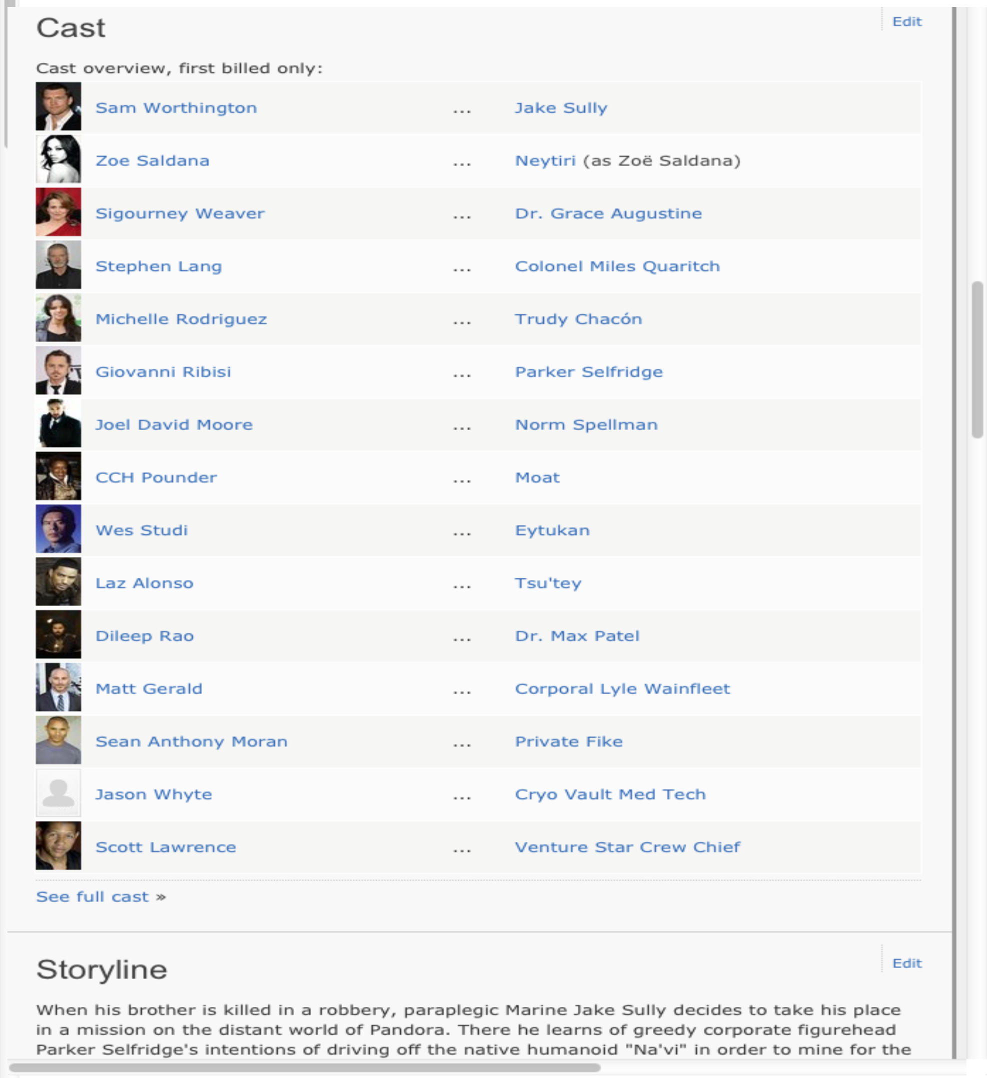

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Assignment

- Task:

  Given a list of 500 movies, answer queries on movies.

- Problem:

  IMDB data is human-readable, but semi-structured.

- Idea:
  - We “scrap”* data from each movie on IMDB.
  - Then, we perform queries on the scrapped data.

* Data scrapping is a technique in which a computer program extracts data from human-readable output coming from another program.

Concrete tasks

1. Implement a JAVA program that reads a list of 500 movie titles from a JSON file.

2. For each movie title, perform a web search on IMDB and retrieve movie's URL.

3. For each movie, extract metadata (actors, budget, description) from movie's URL and store to a JSON file.

4. Implement queries on movies' metadata.

1. Read Movie Titles from JSON File

- Read movie titles from a JSON* file “movies.json”:

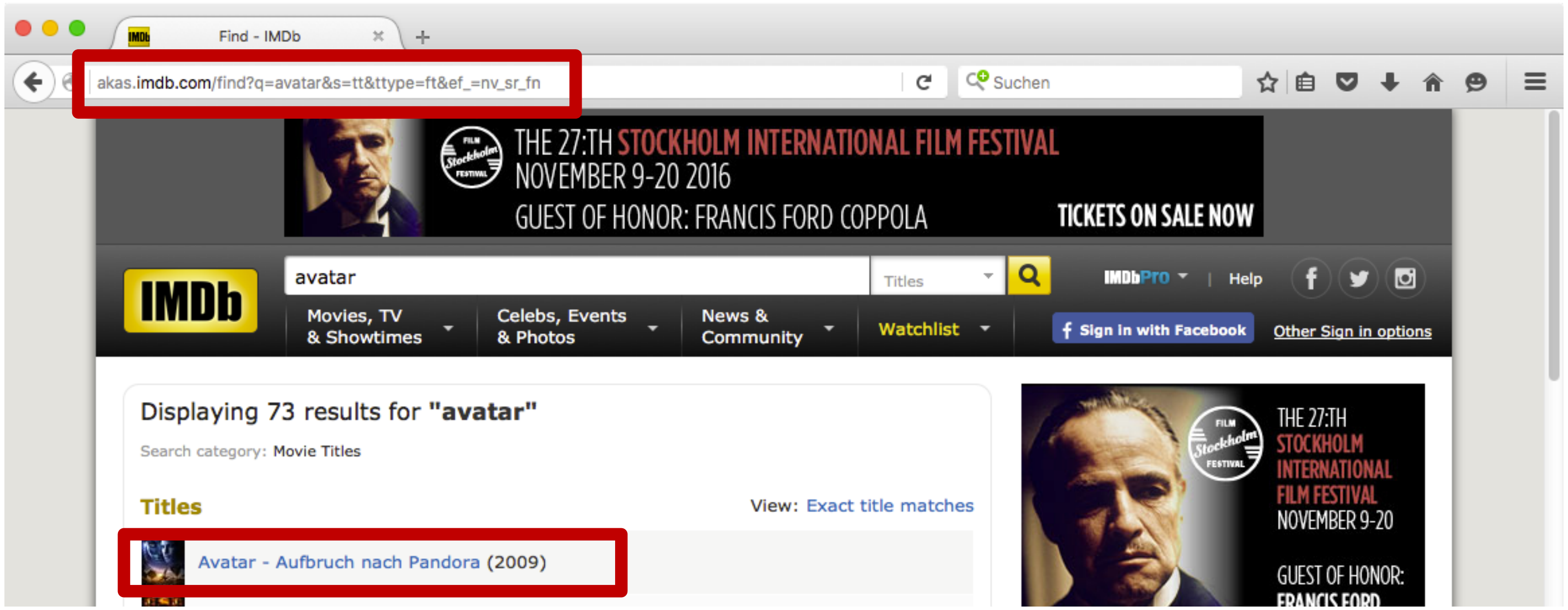
```
[
    {"movie_name":"Avatar"},
    {"movie_name":"Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens"},
    ...
]
```

- You can use any JAVA library for parsing JSON files.
    - Reference implementation: Oracle’s JSONP (https://jsonp.java.net/).
    - JSON.simple (https://github.com/fangyidong/json-simple).
    - GSON (https://github.com/google/gson).
    - Jackson Project (https://github.com/FasterXML/jackson).

* JSON is a common syntax for storing and exchanging data. JSON is an alternative to XML: http://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_intro.asp

2. Perform a Web Search on IMDB

- Implement IMDBSpider.java that opens the URL:
  http://akas.imdb.com/find?q=<MOVIE>&s=tt&ttype=ft
- From the results, extract the first element and its URL.
- Use URL encoding of movie titles.



Displaying 73 results for "**avatar**"

Search category: Movie Titles

Titles — View: Exact title matches

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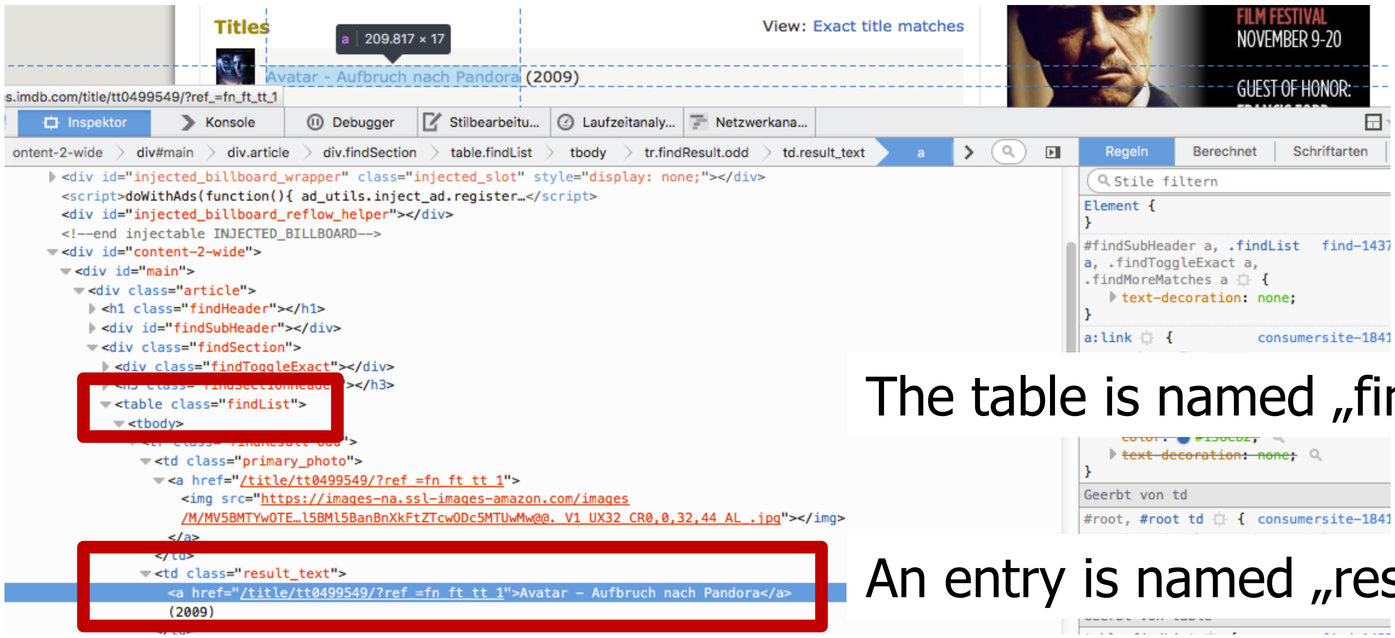
2. Perform a Web Search on IMDB

- You have to parse the html file to extract the URL.
- You can use any method. You could use XPATH and html cleaner:
  - http://htmlcleaner.sourceforge.net
  - http://htmlcleaner.sourceforge.net/doc/org/htmlcleaner/XPather.html



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<script>doWithAds(function(){ ad_utils.inject_ad.register…</script>
<div id="injected_billboard_reflow_helper"></div>
<!--end injectable INJECTED_BILLBOARD-->
<div id="content-2-wide">
  <div id="main">
    <div class="article">
      <h1 class="findHeader"></h1>
      <div id="findSubHeader"></div>
      <div class="findSection">
        <div class="findToggleExact"></div>
        <h3 class="findSectionHeader"></h3>
        <table class="findList">
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            <tr class="findResult odd">
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                  /M/MV5BMTYwOTE…l5BMl5BanBnXkFtZTcwODc5MTUwMw@@._V1_UX32_CR0,0,32,44_AL_.jpg"></img>
                </a>
              </td>
              <td class="result_text">
                <a href="/title/tt0499549/?ref_=fn_ft_tt_1">Avatar - Aufbruch nach Pandora</a>
                (2009)
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The table is named „findList"

An entry is named „result_text"

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- XPATH is a syntax for navigating parts of an XML document.
- Has a directory-path-like syntax.

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  ```
  <table class= ”list" >
      <tr>
            <TD class = ”result">Avatar</TD>
      </tr>
  </AAA>
  ```

- XPATH:
  `/table[@class='list']//td[@class='result']/text()`

=> Avatar

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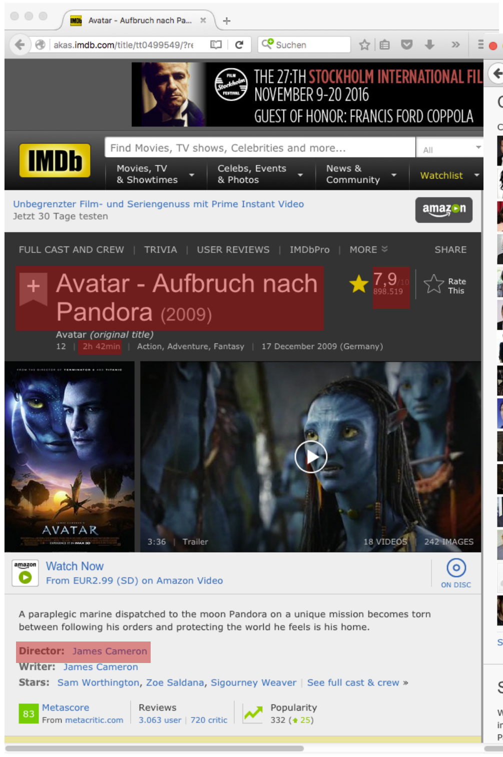

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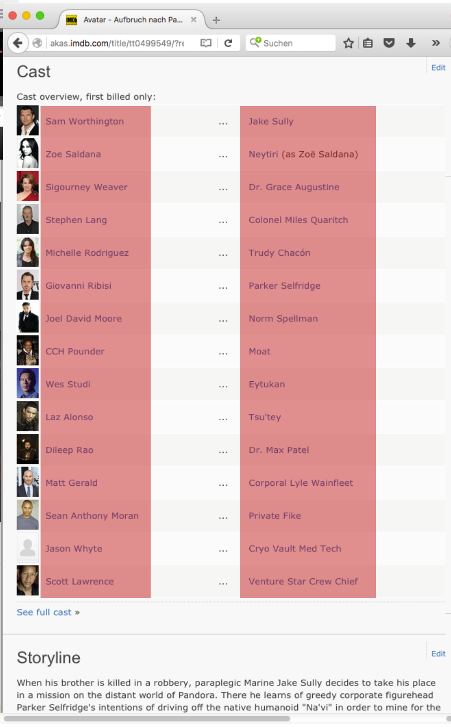

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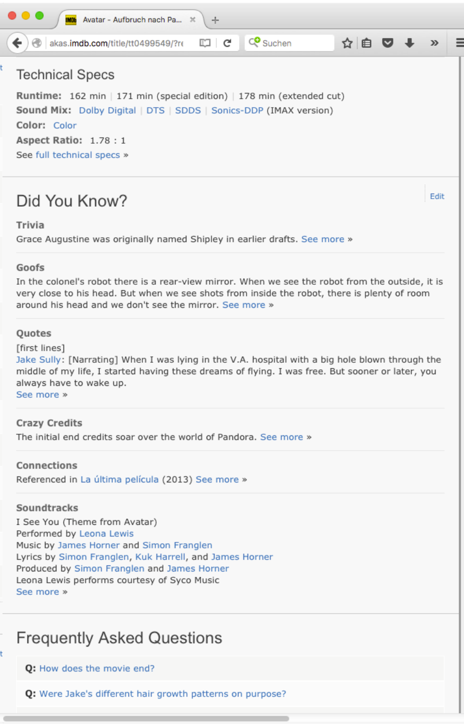

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Technical Specs

Runtime: 162 min | 171 min (special edition) | 178 min (extended cut)
Sound Mix: Dolby Digital | DTS | SDDS | Sonics-DDP (IMAX version)
Color: Color
Aspect Ratio: 1.78 : 1
See full technical specs »

Did You Know?

Trivia
Grace Augustine was originally named Shipley in earlier drafts. See more »

Goofs
In the colonel's robot there is a rear-view mirror. When we see the robot from the outside, it is very close to his head. But when we see shots from inside the robot, there is plenty of room around his head and we don't see the mirror. See more »

Quotes
[first lines]
Jake Sully: [Narrating] When I was lying in the V.A. hospital with a big hole blown through the middle of my life, I started having these dreams of flying. I was free. But sooner or later, you always have to wake up.
See more »

Crazy Credits
The initial end credits soar over the world of Pandora. See more »

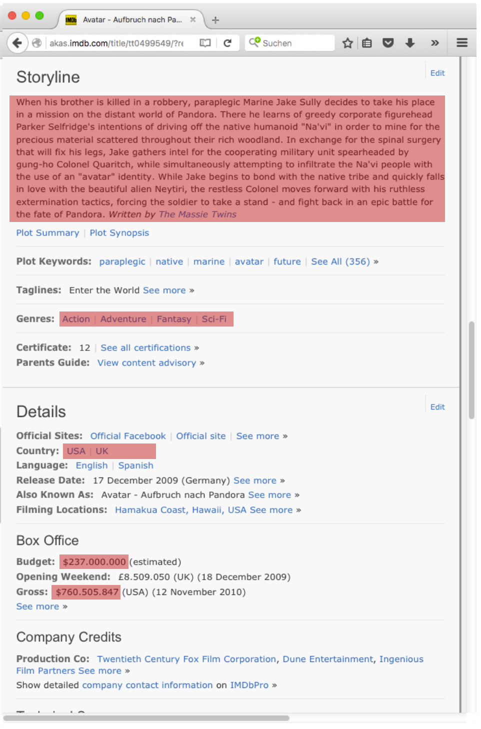
Connections
Referenced in La última película (2013) See more »

Soundtracks
I See You (Theme from Avatar)
Performed by Leona Lewis
Music by James Horner and Simon Franglen
Lyrics by Simon Franglen, Kuk Harrell, and James Horner
Produced by Simon Franglen and James Horner
Leona Lewis performs courtesy of Syco Music
See more »

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does the movie end?

Q: Were Jake's different hair growth patterns on purpose?



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Plot Summary | Plot Synopsis

Plot Keywords: paraplegic | native | marine | avatar | future | See All (356) »

Taglines: Enter the World See more »

Genres: Action | Adventure | Fantasy | Sci-Fi

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Details

Official Sites: Official Facebook | Official site | See more »
Country: USA | UK
Language: English | Spanish
Release Date: 17 December 2009 (Germany) See more »
Also Known As: Avatar - Aufbruch nach Pandora See more »
Filming Locations: Hamakua Coast, Hawaii, USA See more »

Box Office

Budget: $237.000.000 (estimated)
Opening Weekend: £8.509.050 (UK) (18 December 2009)
Gross: $760.505.847 (USA) (12 November 2010)
See more »

Company Credits

Production Co: Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, Dune Entertainment, Ingenious Film Partners See more »
Show detailed company contact information on IMDbPro »

3. Extract Metadata from Movie's URL

- Extract the following information from each movie and store it to a separate JSON file:
  url, title, year, genreList, countryList, description, budget, gross, ratingValue, ratingCount, duration, castList, characterList, directorList.
- Treat each attribute as a String and list names refer to JSON lists. Stick to exactly these names!
- Refer to example_movie_avatar.json for an example.

```
[   {    "url":"http://akas.imdb.com/title/tt0499549/?ref_=fn_ft_tt_1",
         "title":"Avatar - Aufbruch nach Pandora (2009)",
         "year":"2009",
         "genreList":["Action","Adventure", "Fantasy", "Sci-Fi"],    ...
         }
]
```

4. Easy Queries

- You have to correctly implement (at least) **three** basic queries out of:

1. All-rounder: Determine all movies in which the director stars as an actor (cast). Return the top ten matches sorted by decreasing IMDB rating.
2. Under the radar: Determine the top ten US-American movies until (including) 2015 that have made the biggest loss despite an IMDB score above (excluding) 8.0, based on at least 1,000 votes. Here, loss is defined as budget minus gross.
3. The pillars of storytelling: Determine all movies that contain both (sub-)strings "kill" and "love" in their lowercase description (String.toLowerCase()). Sort the results by the number of appearances of these strings and return the top ten matches.
4. The red planet: Determine all movies of the Sci-Fi genre that mention "Mars" in their description (case-aware!). List all found movies in ascending order of publication (year).
5. Colossal failure: Determine all US-American movies with a duration beyond 2 hours, a budget beyond 1 million and an IMDB rating below 5.0. Sort results by ascending IMDB rating.

4. Harder Queries (Aggregation & Join)

- You have to correctly implement (at least) **two** queries out of:

6. Uncreative writers: Determine the ten most frequent character names of all times ordered by frequency of occurrence. Filter any name containing "himself", "doctor", and "herself" from the result.
7. Workhorse: Provide a ranked list of the top ten most active actors (cast), i.e., those actors which have starred in most movies.
8. Must see: List the best rated movie of each year starting from 1990 until (including) 2010 with more than 10,000 ratings. Order the movies by increasing year.
9. Rotten Tomatoes: List the worst rated movie of each year starting from 1990 till (including) 2010 with an IMCB score larger than 0. Order the movies by increasing year.
10. Magic Couples: Determine those couples that feature together in the most movies. I.e., Adam Sandler and Allen Covert feature together in multiple movies; Report the top 10 pairs of actors and sort the result by the number of movies.

4. Optional: Custom Queries

- Come up with a fancy custom query.
- Give a text description of the query, the implementation and the result.

Caveats

- Crawler:
  - You must implement the JAVA class IMDBSpider.java, which reads the movie titles from a JSON file and stores each movie into a separate JSON file.
- Queries:
  - You must implement five queries in IMDBQueries.java.
  - Optional Custom Query: You can implement one fancy custom query. Give a description of the query, source code and the result.
  - A query counts as implemented if it is correct. So, implement more than five to be sure.
- **Your two jars must be ready to run on GRUENAU2 (Java 8)**

Competition

- Queries should not only be correct but as fast as possible.
- While you have 500 movies, we will execute your queries with 5000+ movies.

- Evaluation:
  - A correctly implemented query.
  - Bonus for faster implementation.

- We determine the best 5 teams.

Deliverables

- **By Thursday, 17.11., 23:59 (midnight)**
  - Two-and-a-half weeks

- Send zipped assignment by **mail** to buxmarcn@informatik.hu-berlin.de and patrick.schaefer@hu-berlin.de

- Submission: JAVA source codes, libraries, and **two** executable JARs
  - IMDBSpider must be callable with
    java -jar IMDBSpider.jar movies.json <moviesDir>
  - IMDBQueries must be callable with
    java -jar IMDBQueries.jar <moviesDir>

Presentation of Solutions

- You are be able to pick when and what you‘d like to present (first-come-first-served):

  Monday:

  https://dudle.inf.tu-dresden.de/inforet_ue1/

  Tuesday:

  https://dudle.inf.tu-dresden.de/w2hvbhdi/

- Presentation has to be given on 21.11./22.11..

Next Week (Attendance Optional)

- Q/A session for assignment 1 (as every week).
- Live coding session. Getting you started with:
  - Eclipse,
  - JSON parsing,
  - Opening URLs, and
  - XPATH,
  - Executable Jars.