Wrap Up and PageRank

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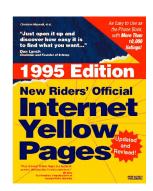
Announcements

- Report due today (anytime)
- Homework due now
- Time slots for talks will be 4 to 8 minutes.



The Problem

Assuming we have already collected the contents of a large collection of webpages, how do we help users find sites of interest to them?



Keyword Solution

When the user performs a search find those site containing each word in the search string and sort site by how often the keywords appear.

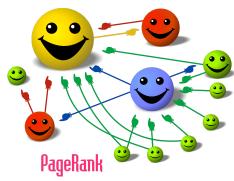


This led to abuse quickly: site started putting fake keyword hidden on their web sites rendering search results useless.

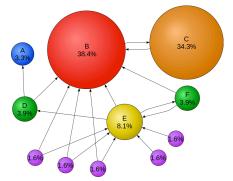
Page Rank

In the late 1990s Larry Page and Sergey Brin found a method of combining keyword search with a popularity metric.

So when you search for a site you get the most popular site matching your keywords.



Random Surfer Model



What is the probability that a random web surfer landed on a given webpage.

Impact on Society



Essentially all known information is now easily accessible!

Is there any reason left to wonder?

Societies Impact

People have started to create fake webpages to boost PageRank and in turn Google is combating this.



A never ending battle between search and scammers!

Thank You!

Any questions?

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