The Hacker News Similarity Distance

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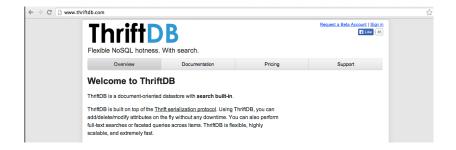
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HNSearch



ThriftDB



A simple RESTful API

The Google Similarity Distance

Definition (Cilibrasi, Vitányi 2007)

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Implementation

Results