The Hacker News Similarity Distance

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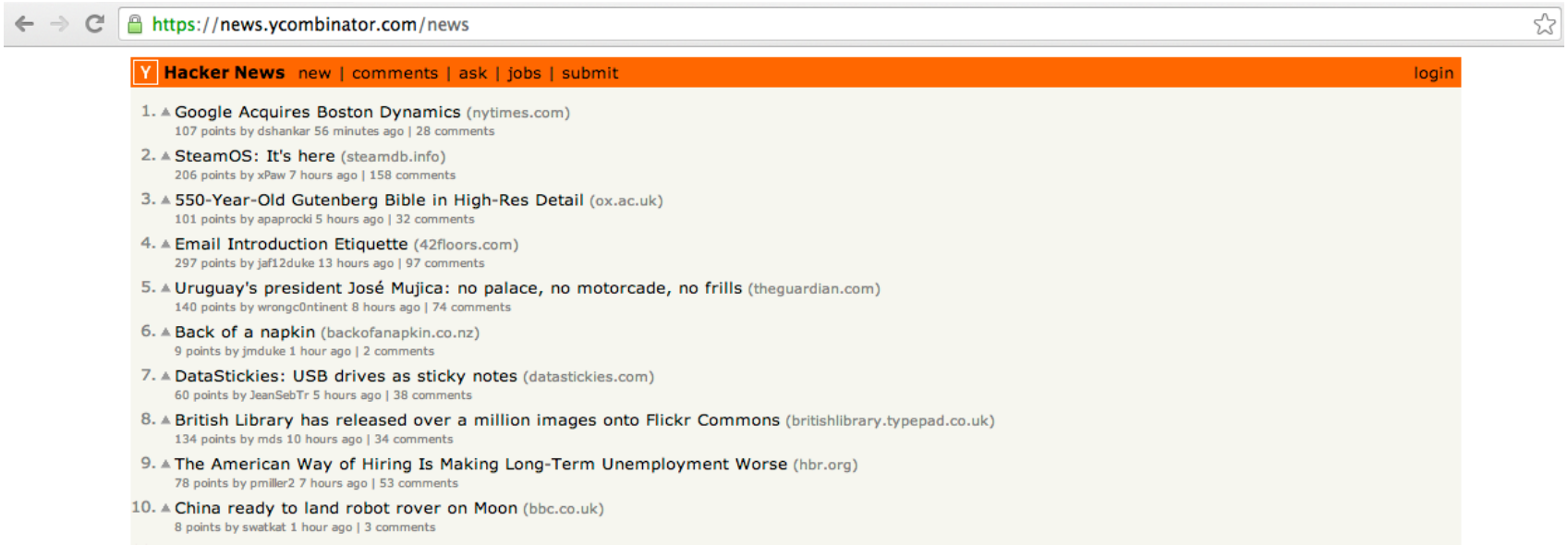
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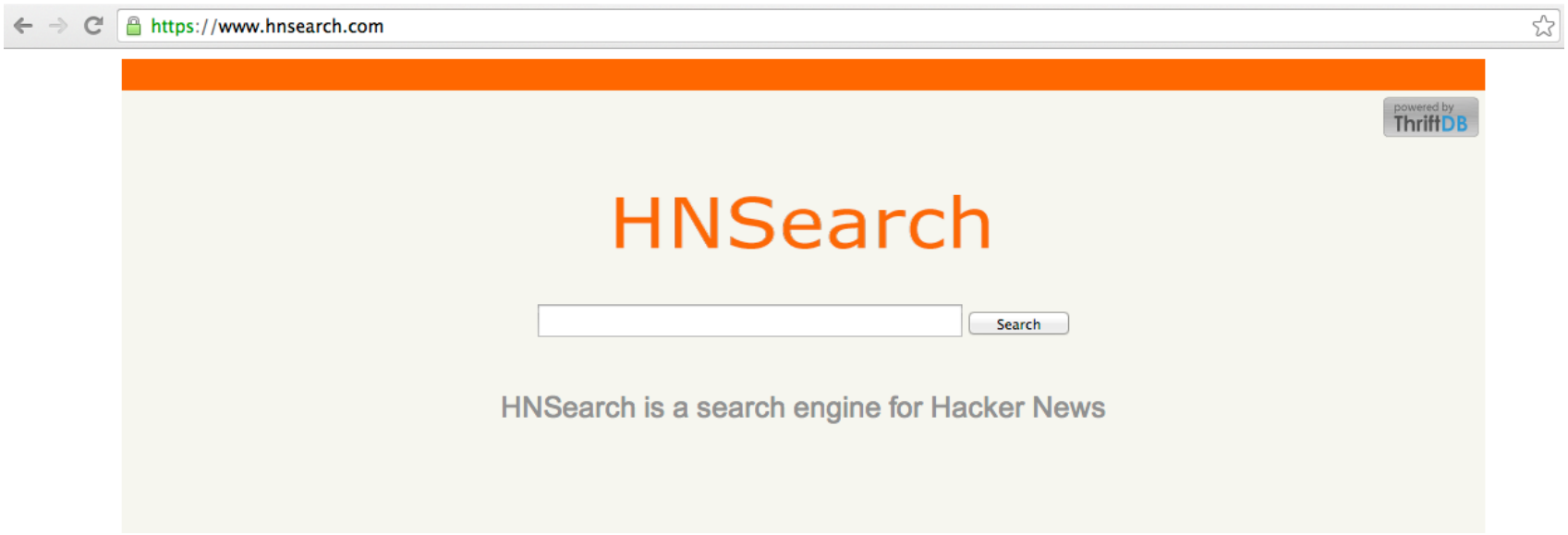
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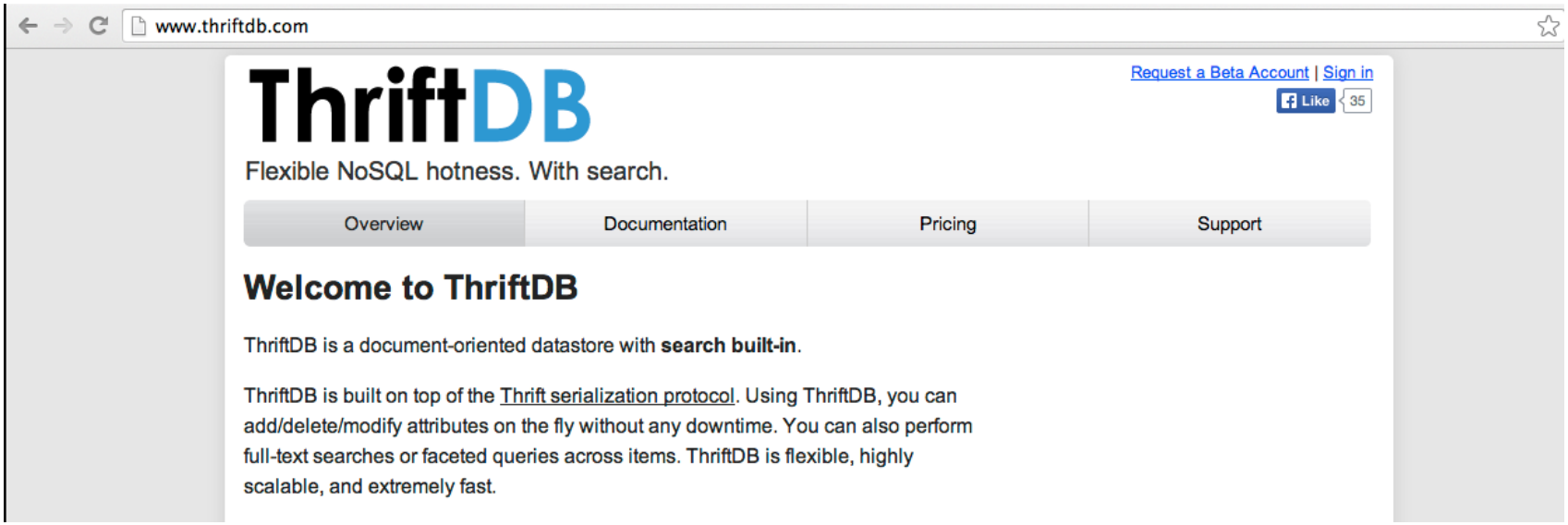
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A simple API

The Google Similarity Distance

Definition (Cilibrasi, Vitányi 2007)

Let x and y be search terms and N the size of the Google index. We define:

$$\mathrm{NGD}(x,y) = \frac{\max\{\log f(x), \log f(y)\} - \log f(x,y)}{\log N - \min\{\log f(x), \log f(y)\}}$$

where $f(x)$ denotes the number of pages containing x, $f(x,y)$ the number of pages containing both x and y as returned by Google.

The Hacker News Similarity Distance

Definition

Let x and y be search terms and N the size of the HNSearch index. We define:

$$\mathrm{NHND}(x, y) = \frac{\max\{\log f(x), \log f(y)\} - \log f(x, y)}{\log N - \min\{\log f(x), \log f(y)\}}$$

where $f(x)$ denotes the number of pages containing x, $f(x, y)$ the number of pages containing both x and y as returned by HNSearch.

Implementation

Results