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How to build a Search-Engine with Common Unix-Tools

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Outlook

- General Architecture of an IR-System
 - Naive Search
 - Boolean Search
 - Vector Space Model
 - Inverted Index
 - Query Processing
- Overview of useful Unix Tools
- Implementation Aspects
- Summary

+ 2 hands on exercices

- Text analytics
- Building an Inverted Index & Query processing





What is Information Retrieval?

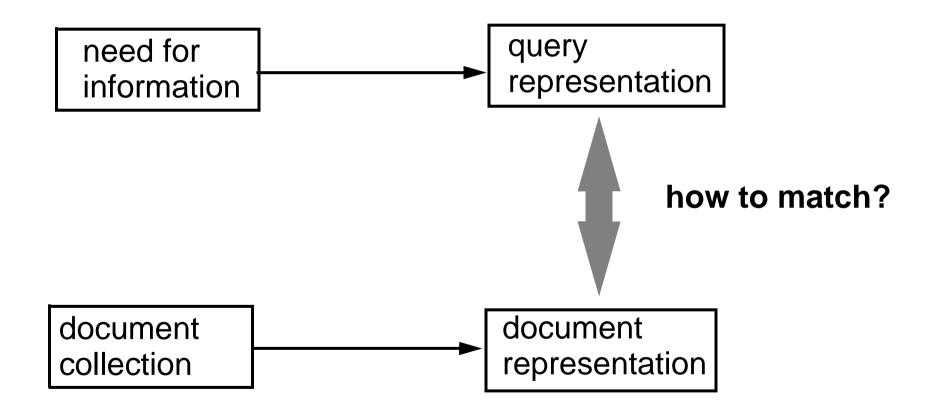
Information Retrieval (IR) is finding material (usually documents) of an unstructured nature (usually text) that satisfies an information need (usually a query) from within large collections (usually stored on computers).

[Manning et al., 2008]





What is Information Retrieval?







Keyword Search

- Given:
 - Number of Keywords
 - Document collection
- Result:
 - All documents in the collection, cotaining the keywords
 - (ranked by relevance)





Naive Approach

- Iterate over all documents d in document collection
 - For each document d, iterate all words w and check, if all the given keywords appear in this document
 - if yes, add document to result set
- Output result set

- Extensions/Variants
 - Ranking
 - multiword terms (*New York*)
 - 'near' semantic (i.e. *trump* near *russia*)

see examples later





Naive Approach

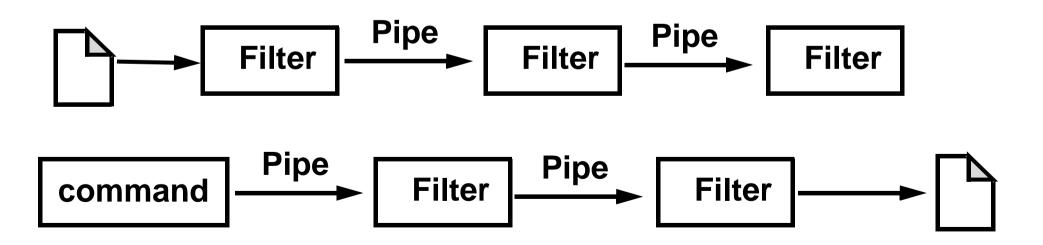
- Advantages:
 - Good for small and medium size datasets
 - No index need to be build before
 - Speed: up to 2 GB per second
- Disadvantages:
 - Not feasable for larger datasets (100 GB: 1 min. per search request)
 - Potentiell additional preprocessing for each query needed
- Implementation with the shell using the commands
 - grep (main work)
 - tr, sort, sed, uniq, sort, cut, join (pre-/postprocessing)





Data Processing with the Shell

- Architectural Pattern: Pipes and Filters (Douglas McIlroy, 1973)
- Data exchange between processes
- Loose coupling
- POSIX Standard
- Filter represent data-sources and data-sinks







Shell commandos in the Linux/Unix/Cygwin Environment

- Input-/Output channels
 - Standardinput (STDIN)
 - Standardouput (STDOUT)
 - Standarderror (STDERR)
- In-/Output Redirection
 - > : Redirect Standardoutput (into file)
 - < : Redirect Standardinput (from file)
 - 2> : Redirect Standarderror (into file)
 - >> : Redirect Standardoutput (append into file)
 - | : Pipe operator: Connect Standardoutput of a command with Standardinput of the next command
- Example:

```
cut -d, -f1 city.csv | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr | \
    awk '$1>1 {print $2}' > result.txt
```





Overview of Commands used in this Tutorial

- **grep**: print lines matching a pattern
- tr: translate or delete characters
- comm: compare two sorted files line by line
- uniq: report or omit repeated lines
- join: join lines of two files on a common field
- cat: concatenate files and print on the standard output
- sort: sort lines of text files
- sed: stream editor for filtering and transforming text
- awk: pattern scanning and processing language
- wc: Counts words, bytes, lines
- cut: Extracts columns from a file

• ...





General comment

 Most of the commands accept the input from file or from STDIN. If no (or not enough) input files are given, it is expected that the input comes from STDIN

```
head -n4 my-file.txt
cat -n my-file.txt | head -n4
```

Most of the commands have a lot of options which couldn't be explained in detail.
 To get an overview of the possibilities of a command, simple type

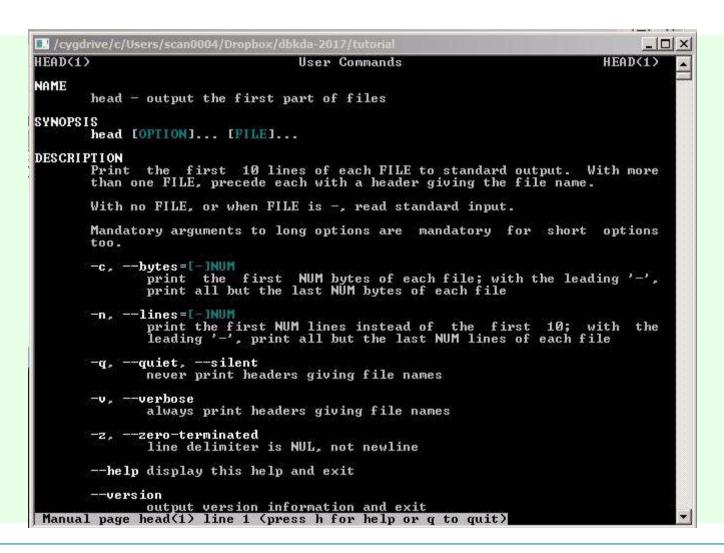
man command

Example:

man head











Online Search using grep

Multi line phrase match:

```
$ cat multiline-match.txt
This is an example of a multi line
match. In this case the phrase 'multi line match'
should be found, even if the words appear in
separate lines.
$ cat multiline-match.txt | tr '\n' ' ' | grep -o 'multi line
match'
multi line match
multi line match
```





Search for 'teaching' near 'students'

\$ less papers/1273.txt
The teaching is created with students despite the number which is about one hundred and fifty. The lecturer asks questions related to the study ...

```
$ tr -cs < papers/1273.txt \</pre>
    'A-Za-z' '\n'
                      less
The
teaching
is
created
with
                 n-words distance
students
despite
the
number
which
is
about
one
hundred
```





Search for 'teaching' near 'students'

```
$ tr < ../proceedings/papers/1273.txt -cs 'A-Za-z0-9'</pre>
                                                           '\n'| \
  grep -5 teaching|less
ask
questions
fig
                                   grep with additional context
The
                                   (n-lines before/after the match)
teaching
is
created
with
students
despite
the
```





Search for 'teaching' near 'students'





Output (sorted by decreasing relevance)

```
11 ../proceedings/papers/1273.txt
8 ../proceedings/papers/1442.txt
3 ../proceedings/papers/1351.txt
3 ../proceedings/papers/1250.txt
3 ../proceedings/papers/1210.txt
3 ../proceedings/papers/1140.txt
3 ../proceedings/papers/1121.txt
3 ../proceedings/papers/1114.txt
2 ../proceedings/papers/1504.txt
2 ../proceedings/papers/1464.txt
2 ../proceedings/papers/1303.txt
2 ../proceedings/papers/1298.txt
../proceedings/papers/1298.txt
```





Exercise I

Download Exercise 1 from

http://www.smiffy.de/dbkda-2018/IR-exercise-1.pdf

with solutions:

http://www.smiffy.de/dbkda-2018/IR-exercise-1-solution.pdf





Online Search - Discussion

- Good for small and medium size datasets
- No additional datastructure/tools/systems needed
- Disadvantage: Speed to perform online search, if document base is big
- Alternate Approach:
 - Build an appropriate datastructure for fast retrieval (offline)
 - Query the datastructure





Inverted Index

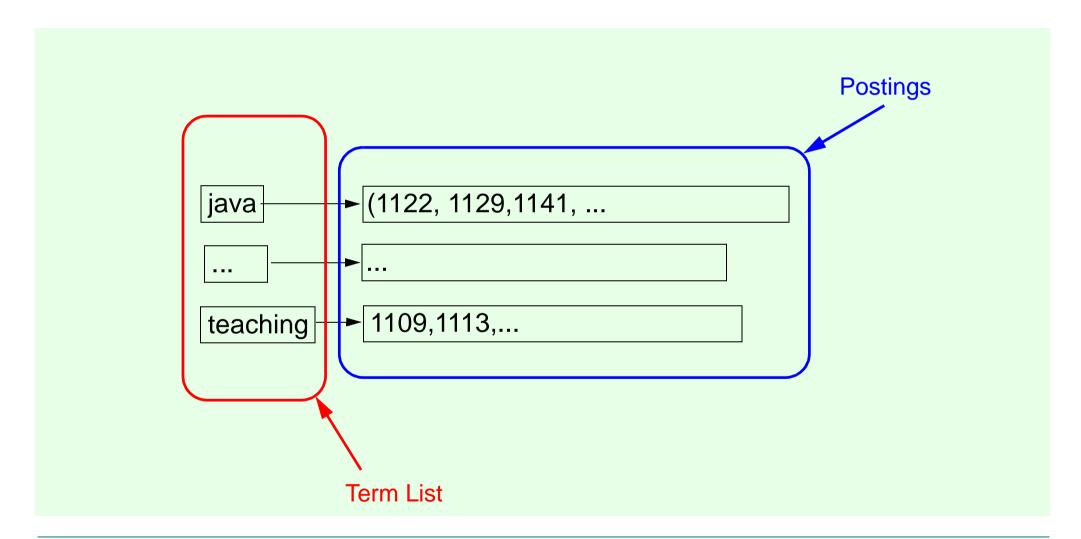
Document-set datastructure:

```
document<sub>n</sub> -> (sorted list of words in document<sub>n</sub>) document<sub>n+1</sub> -> (sorted list of words in document<sub>n+1</sub>)
...
```

- Needed: Alternate datastructure, to store information, in which documents a word appears
- General structure (words sorted alphabetically):

```
word<sub>n</sub> -> (sorted list of documents containing word<sub>n</sub>) word<sub>n+1</sub> -> (sorted list of documents containing word<sub>n+1</sub>) ...
```









Principles

- Each document is considered as a set of words
- Typically, the term list is stored in memory with a link to the document list (postings) on disk
- term list and posting list are stored sorted
- Disadvantage: No ranking possible





some statistics ...

- Conference Proceedings (IEEE EDUCON 2018)
- 300 papers
- 1473809 words alltogether
- 47288 different words (without stemming)
- 38033 different words (with stemming)
- avg: ~ 4913 words/paper
- avg: ~ 1139 different words/paper (without stemming)
- avg: ~7.5 documents per word
- Compare the amount of memory to be read using grep and using an inverted index
 - grep: 1,920,421 bytes
 - Inverted Index: Access word list + 7.5 document identifiers (on average)





General Indexer Principle (Blocked, Sort-Based Indexing)

- For performance reason, each document-path is assigned a numeric ID, which is then used during the previously described process
- Collect all document-term pairs
- Sort pairs by their term (first criteria) and document identifier (second criteria)
- Collect all pairs (term, document) with the same term into a single entry
 of the inverted list.





Modeling an Inverted Index using Files

- Entries (words) represent files
- Postings (document IDs) are represented by the content (one document-ID per line)
- Postings are sorted by ID
- Example:

```
$ cat invIndex/drivers.txt
01207
01226
01234
01242
01279
01363
```

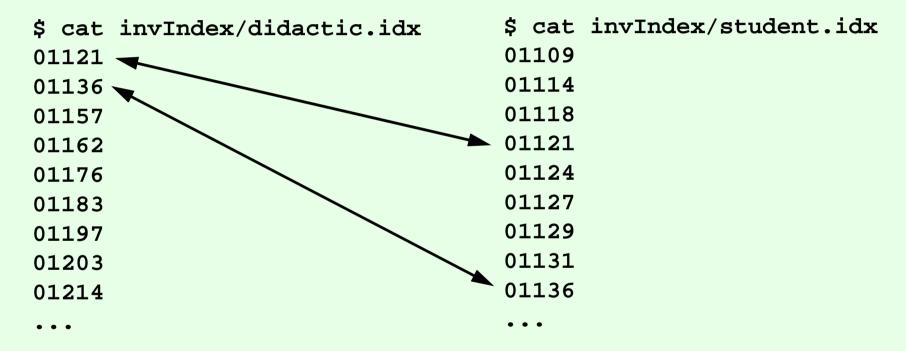
Eventually using subfolders to keep number of files per directory small





How to Process a Query

Example: Search for documents containing the word didactic and student



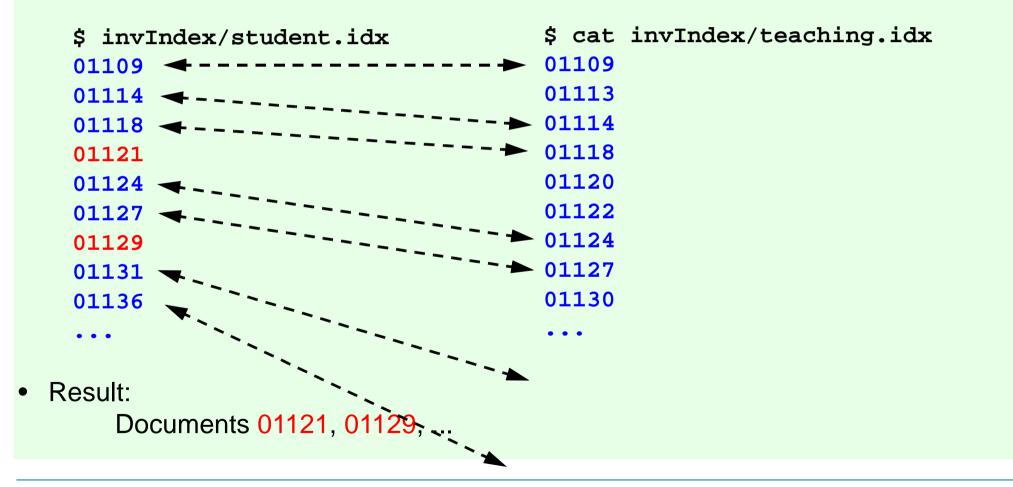
Result:

Documents 01121, 01136, ...





Example: Search for documents containing the word student, but not teaching







Step 1: Transform all PDF-Documents to Text Format

```
# We assume, that we have a number of pdf documents to index.
# In this case, we use xpdf [1]
export XPDF=c:/Programme/xpdf-3.0/bin64/pdftotext.exe
export PDF DOCS=papers/*.pdf
#!/usr/bin/bash
for f in $PDF DOCS; do
     SXPDF Sf;
done
# Result: For every pdf document, a txt-document with the same
# name is generated in the same directory
                                    [1] https://www.xpdfreader.com/
```





Step 2: Assign each File a Unique Document ID

List all documents and add a line number

Format the output





Step 3: Extract different words from a Document

```
# Tokenize the text document.
# We look for the regex-pattern [A-Za-z]+ (1-n characters) and
# print them to STDOUT. With the -o option, we only print the
# matching part. Because multiple files are given, grep adds the
filename in front of each word.
#
$ grep -o -E '[A-Za-z]+' papers/*.txt
papers/1109.txt:The
papers/1109.txt:influence
papers/1109.txt:of
papers/1109.txt:class
papers/1109.txt:attendance
papers/1109.txt:on
papers/1109.txt:the
papers/1109.txt:throughput
```





Step 4: Lowercase all, sort by term

Lowercase everything grep -o -E '[A-Za-z]+' papers/*.txt| tr 'A-Z' 'a-z' > doc-term.txt papers/1109.txt:the papers/1109.txt:influence papers/1109.txt:of papers/1109.txt:class papers/1109.txt:attendance Sort by term (first criteria) and by filename (second criteria) sort -t: -k2,2 -k1,1 doc-term.txt papers/1109.txt:a papers/1109.txt:a papers/1112.txt:a papers/1112.txt:a





Step 5: Remove Duplicates

Remove Duplicates

```
sort -t: -k2,2 -k1,1 doc-term.txt | uniq > term-file.txt
papers/1109.txt:a
papers/1112.txt:a
papers/1113.txt:a
papers/1114.txt:a
...
papers/247.txt:a
papers/1236.txt:aaai
papers/1330.txt:aaai
```





Step 6: Replace document-name by ID

```
$ sort -t: term-file.txt | head -n5
                                         $ head -n5 file-id.map
papers/1109.txt:a
                                         0001:papers/1109.txt
papers/1109.txt:about
                                         0002:papers/1112.txt
papers/1109.txt:absenteeism
                                         0003:papers/1113.txt
papers/1109.txt:abstract
                                         0004:papers/1114.txt
papers/1109.txt:ac
                                         0005:papers/1118.txt
                             join (-11)
                                                 file-id.map -01.2,2.1
$ sort -t: term-file.txt
a:0001
about:0001
absenteeism:0001
                                    column
abstract:0001
                                    separator
ac:0001
                                                        output columns
                  ioin-columns
academia:0001
academic:0001
```





Sort byTerm

```
$ sort -t: term-file.txt | join -11 -22 -t: - file-id.map \
 -o1.2,2.1 sort -t: -k1,2 | tee invIndex.idx
a:0001
a:0002
a:0299
a:0300
aaai:0086
                                      Next step:
aaai:0140
aaai:0143
```

 Write all entries with same term in a single file

awk-Intro needed





Generate file-based entry

File: write-inverted-index-to-file.awk create a new file if (\$1 != last) { print \$2 > DIR"/"\$1".txt" last = \$1} else { print \$2 >> DIR"/"\$1".txt" append to file Execution: awk -F: -v DIR=d:/data/invIndex \ -f write-inverted-index-to-file.awk invIndex.idx





Generated Inverted Index:

<pre>\$ invIndex/teaching.txt</pre>	<pre>\$ ls invIndex/tea*</pre>
0001	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/tea.txt</pre>
0003	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/teach.txt</pre>
0004	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/teachable.txt</pre>
0005	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/teacher.txt</pre>
0006	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/teachercentered.txt</pre>
0007	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/teacherfocused.txt</pre>
• • •	<pre>d:/data/invIndex/teacherled.txt</pre>
	•••





Example Query:

• Search for documents, containing the keywords, teaching and students

```
$ comm -1 -2 ./teaching.txt ./students.txt | \
    join -11 -21 - file-id.map -t: -o2.2
papers/1109.txt
papers/1113.txt
papers/1114.txt
papers/1118.txt
papers/1121.txt
```





Boolean Search - Discussion

- Advantages/Disadvantages
 - + Easy to implement
 - Small index (fast)
 - - No ranking possible





Ranking of Results

- Possible criteria:
 - The number of times, a word appears in a text
 - The relevance of the word ('whatever' vs. 'cambridge')
- Approach:
 - Store for each word, the number of times it appears in a document (Term Frequency - tf_{term, doc})
 - Store for each word, in how many document it appears (Document Frequency - df_t)
- Ranking:
 - If a term appears more often in document A than in document B, document A is considered more relevant for the query
 - Terms which appears in a smaller number of documents have a higher weight





tf*idf (TFIDF)

- term frequency—inverse document frequency
- Measure how important a word for a document is
- tf_{t,d}: Measure, how many times a term t appears inside a document d (typically nor-malized)
- idf_t: Measure to distinguish important from unimportant terms
- Definition:

 df_t : In how many documents of the collection D does term t appear $idf_t = log(N/df_t)$ # high for rare terms, low for frequent terms N: Number of documents in collection D

Composite weight for each term in each document:





tf*idf (TFIDF)

Score of a document with respect to a query with terms q (q₁, ..., q_n).

```
score (q,d) = sum t in q: tfidft,doc
```

- Vector Space model
- Idea: Represent each document as a vector V in a n-dimensional vector space
- Dimensions are spanned by terms in the document collection
- Similarity of two documents is calculated by the angle between vector representation of each document

```
sim(d_1, d_2) = V(d_1)/|V(d_1)| * V(d_2)/|V(d_2)|

Dot product: V(d_1)*V(d_2) = sum_{i=1..M} (d_{1i}*d_{2i})

Euclidian length: |V(d_1)| = sum_{i=1..M} (v_i*v_i)
```

Query is also a vector ...





Index Structure

tf-idxIndex/java.txt **Resume:** We have to store additional infor-• mation in our index # occurence: 33 docs papers/1122.txt:1 papers/1129.txt:1 papers/1141.txt:1 java → 33, [(1122,1), (1129,1), (1141,1), ...] teaching > 258, [(1109,2), (1113,2), ...] tf-idxIndex/teaching.txt # occurence: 238 docs papers/1109.txt:2 papers/1113.txt:2 dtteaching papers/1114.txt:121 ^[1]teaching,doc_1109 papers/1118.txt:27





Sort by term (first criteria) and by filename (second criteria)

```
sort -t: -k2,2 -k1,1 doc-term.txt
papers/1109.txt:a
papers/1109.txt:a
...
papers/1112.txt:a
papers/1112.txt:a
```

Remove duplicates and count them

```
$ sort -t: -k2,2 -k1,1 doc-term.txt | uniq -c|head
69 papers/1109.txt:a
631 papers/1112.txt:a
42 papers/1113.txt:a
125 papers/1114.txt:a
119 papers/1118.txt:a
66 papers/1121.txt:a
```

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Minor formatting issues ...

```
$ sort -t: -k2,2 -k1,1 doc-term.txt |uniq -c| \
  awk -F' ' '{printf "%s:%d\n", $2, $1}'> invIndexTfIdf.idx
papers/1109.txt:a:69
papers/1112.txt:a:631
papers/1113.txt:a:42
papers/1114.txt:a:125
papers/1118.txt:a:119
papers/1121.txt:a:66
papers/1122.txt:a:279
papers/1124.txt:a:138
papers/1126.txt:a:177
papers/1127.txt:a:100
# replace document name by ID is ommitted here (see boolean search)
```

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Distribute in Multiple Files (One File per Term)

```
$ awk -F: -v DIR=d:/data/tfIdfInvIndex \
            -f write-inverted-tfidf-index-to-file.awk \
      invIndexTfIdf.idx
write-inverted-tfidf-index-to-file.awk
    if ($1 != last) {
           print $2":"$3 > DIR"/"$1".idx"
       last = $1
    } else {
       print $2":"$3 >> DIR"/"$1".idx"
```



• ... and what's about the Document Frequency (df_{term})?

Improve write-inverted-tfidf-index-to-file.awk to also write out the Document Frequency df_{term}





Extended awk-script (document frequency)

```
if ($1 != last) {
    if (last!="")
      print count > DIR"/"last".df"
    print $2":"$3 > DIR"/"$1".idx"
    last = $1
    count = 1
 } else {
    print $2":"$3 >> DIR"/"$1".idx"
    count++
                                        for the last entry in file
END {
 print $2":"$3 > DIR"/"last".df"
```





Show Index:

<pre>\$ head tfIdfInvIndex/java.idx</pre>	<pre>\$ head tfIdfInvIndex2/java.idx</pre>
papers/1122.txt:1	0007:1
papers/1129.txt:1	0011:1
papers/1141.txt:1	0018:1
papers/1149.txt:4	0024:4
papers/1171.txt:6	0039:6
papers/1191.txt:4	0053:4
papers/1203.txt:1	0060:1
papers/1218.txt:8	0069:8
papers/1346.txt:1	0147:1
papers/1359.txt:1	0153:1
<pre>\$ head tfIdfInvIndex/java.df 33</pre>	<pre>\$ head tfIdfInvIndex2/java.df 33</pre>





Example Query:

```
export DF JAVA=$(cat d:/data/tfIDFInvIndex/java.df)
export DF PHP=$(cat d:/data/tfIDFInvIndex/php.df)
export N=$(ls papers/*.txt | wc -1)
join -11 -21 -t: d:/data/tfIdfInvIndex/php.idx \
      -o1.1,1.2,2.2 d:/data/tfIdfInvIndex/java.idx > result.txt
export LC ALL=C && awk -F: -v DF1=$DF JAVA -v DF2=$DF PHP -v N=$N \
                           -f ranking.awk result.txt \
    sort -t: -k2,2nr
papers/1587.txt:66.5875
papers/1441.txt:44.4532
papers/1218.txt:33.3553
papers/1466.txt:20.1116
papers/1149.txt:11.1595
papers/1517.txt:6.68337
papers/1457.txt:6.6526
```





Calculation of tf*idf values

```
ranking.awk
    tf1 = $2
    tf2 = $3
    idf1 = log(N/DF1)*tf1
    idf2 = log(N/DF2)*tf2
    print $1":"idf1+idf2
            file identifier
```





Exercise II

Download Exercise 2 from

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with solutions:

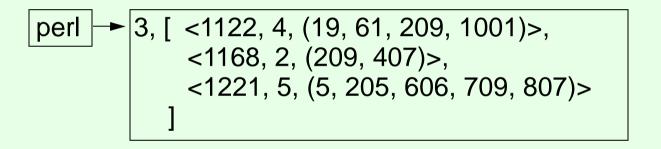
http://www.smiffy.de/dbkda-2018/IR-exercise-2-solution.pdf

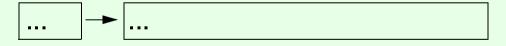




Phrase Match - Positional Indexes

 For phrase queries such like "Dead men don't wear plaid" we also need information about the position of a word in a file









Numerating the Words Inside a Document

```
include filename
grep -H -E -a -o '[A-Za-z]+' papers/1587.txt| tr 'A-Z' 'a-z'|cat -n
        papers/1587.txt:a
         papers/1587.txt:practical
         papers/1587.txt:approach
       4 papers/1587.txt:for
                                                numerize, starting
        papers/1587.txt:teaching
                                                from 1
         papers/1587.txt:model
         papers/1587.txt:driven
         papers/1587.txt:software
         papers/1587.txt:development
      10 papers/1587.txt:a
      11
         papers/1587.txt:plea
      12
        papers/1587.txt:for
```





Remove Leading spaces, replace: with <tab>

```
$ grep -H -E -a -o '[A-Za-z]+' papers/1587.txt | tr 'A-Z' 'a-z' | cat -n \
  sed 's#^ *##;s#:#\t#'
        papers/1587.txt a
2
        papers/1587.txt practical
3
        papers/1587.txt approach
4
        papers/1587.txt for
5
        papers/1587.txt teaching
6
        papers/1587.txt model
7
        papers/1587.txt driven
8
        papers/1587.txt software
9
        papers/1587.txt development
10
        papers/1587.txt a
11
        papers/1587.txt plea
12
        papers/1587.txt for
13
        papers/1587.txt the
```





Loop Over Document Collection

```
rm -f position.Index
for f in papers/*.txt; do
    grep -H -E -a -o '[A-Za-z]+' $f | tr 'A-Z' 'a-z' | cat -n | \
       sed 's#^ *##;s#:#\t#' >> position.Index ;
done
less position. Index
1
        papers/1580.txt gamification
        papers/1580.txt technique
        papers/1580.txt for
3465
       papers/1580.txt page
        papers/1581.txt traffic
1
2
        papers/1581.txt lights
        papers/1581.txt through
```





Sort by Term, File, Position

```
numeric sort
sort -k3 -k2 -k1n position.Index | tee sortedPosition.Index
84
        papers/1580.txt a
88
        papers/1580.txt a
103
        papers/1580.txt a
139
        papers/1580.txt a
3441
        papers/1580.txt a
97
        papers/1581.txt a
110
        papers/1581.txt a
119
        papers/1581.txt a
```





Distribution to Multiple Files

Target Format:

```
$ ls invPosIndex/wo*.idx
invPosIndex/women.idx
invPosIndex/word.idx
invPosIndex/wordpress.idx
invPosIndex/work.idx
invPosIndex/workbench.idx
invPosIndex/worked.idx
$ cat invPosIndex/women.idx
papers/1582.txt 2274,2482,2505,2541,2975
papers/1588.txt 751,783,806,2480,2503,2539,2979,3338
```





awk-script

```
# Format: 208 papers/1151.txt
                                 about
#
     sort order: col3, col2, col1
                                        new term
                                                    end current line
  if ($3 != last term)
    if (last term != "")
     printf "\n" >> DIR"/invPosIndex/"last term".idx"
   printf "%s\t%d", $2, $1 > DIR"/invPosIndex/"$3".idx"
   last term = $3
   last file = $2
                                     ___ new document (same term)
  } else { -
    if ($2!=last_file) {
     printf "\n%s\t%d", $2, $1 >> DIR"/invPosIndex/"$3".idx"
      last file = $2
                         mext position (same document & term)
    } else
     printf ",%d", $1 >> DIR"/invPosIndex/"$3".idx"
```





Index Structure

- Which documents contain the phrase "bachelor degree"
 - Both terms must appear
 - "bachelor" must appear directly before "degree"





Index Structure

```
$ head -15 invPosIndex/bachelor.idx ...

papers/1170.txt 1026,1513,1593,1841 papers/1172.txt 1294 papers/1189.txt 1946,1955,2614 papers/1190.txt 395 papers/1191.txt 62,293,415,1637 papers/1198.txt 95,704,1592 papers/1196.txt 2143 ...

$ head invPosIndex/degree.idx ...

papers/1173.txt 1747,1919 papers/1176.txt 1813,5481,5597 papers/1189.txt 1397,1573,1947,1956,5234 papers/1190.txt 60,97,119,376,396,413,435, ...

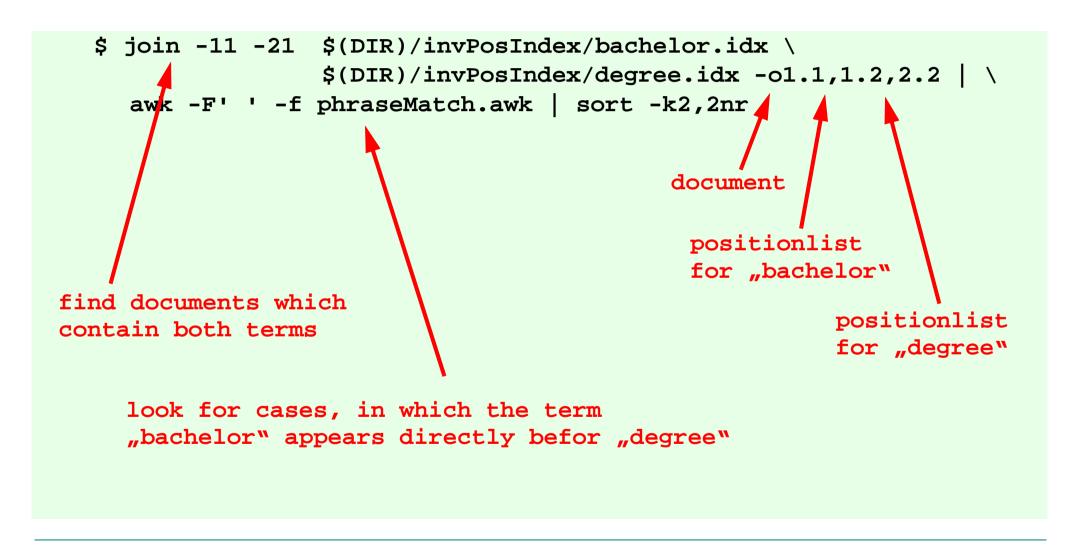
papers/1191.txt 62,293,415,1637 papers/1191.txt 63,70,88,294,416,1638,2528 papers/1196.txt 2143 ...
```

- Which documents contain the phrase "bachelor degree"
 - Both terms must appear in a document
 - "bachelor" must appear directly before "degree"





Query Execution







Example Query

phraseMatch.awk positions at which "bachelor" appear num matches = 0num_elem = split(\$0,a**) num fw = split(a[2], fw, ",")num_sw = split(a[3], sw, ",") i=1j=1 positions at which "degree" appear do { if (fw[i]>sw[j]) { **i++** } else if (fw[i]+1==sw[j+1] here, we have a match i++ **i++** num matches++ } else i++ print number of matches for each document } while (i <num fw && j < num sw)</pre> containing a match if (num_matches > 0) print \$1" "num matches





Topics not Covered

- Stemming & Lemmatisation
- Vector Space Model
- Compression





Summary

- What was the purpose of this tutorial?
- Unix Tools like grep, tr, sed, uniq, comm, sort, join are very powerful tools for data scientists
- awk can be seen as a programming language with perfect fit to the previous mentioned tools
- Alternatives to awk are python, perl, ruby, php, ... (depends on own preferences)
- There are a number of other tools not covered in this tutorial like
 paste, cut, zgrep, zcat, wget, ... which are also worth to get
 discovered
- To glue all commands together, risk a look at make





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