

MILESTONE 1 REPORT: DATA ACQUISITION

SEG301 - Search Engines & Information Retrieval

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project: E-Commerce Vertical Search Engine

Team: phap-bot/SEG301_Project

Milestone: 1 - Data Acquisition

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Status: COMPLETED

Key Achievements

- **1,028,680 documents** crawled
- **7 e-commerce platforms** (Tiki, eBay, Chợ Tốt, Lazada, CellphoneS, Điện Máy Xanh, FPTShop)
- **99.44% data quality** (chỉ 0.56% dữ liệu bị loại bỏ)
- **12.6M tokens** extracted với avg 12.32 tokens/document
- **Async/Multi-threading** implementation cho tốc độ cao
- **Anti-bot detection** handling tự động

2. TEAM INFORMATION

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3. DATASET STATISTICS

3.1. Overall Metrics

Raw Documents Crawled : 1,034,466
Cleaned Documents : 1,028,680
Removed (Dirty Data) : 5,786 (0.56%)
Empty Token Documents : 32,652 (3.17%)
Total Tokens Extracted: 12,675,885
Average Tokens/Doc : 12.32

3.2. Platform Distribution

Platform	Documents	Percentage	Status
Tiki	389,920	37.90%	Excellent
eBay	302,083	29.37%	Excellent
Chợ Tốt	249,146	24.22%	Good
Lazada	34,719	3.38%	Fair
CellphoneS	31,392	3.05%	Fair
Điện Máy Xanh	12,140	1.18%	Moderate
FPTShop	9,280	0.90%	Moderate
TOTAL	1,028,680	100%	Target Met

3.3. Data Quality Metrics

Metric	Value	Assessment
Completeness	99.44%	Excellent
Removal Rate	0.56%	Very Low
Tokenization Success	96.83%	Excellent
Schema Compliance	100%	Perfect

4. TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION

4.1. Technology Stack

Crawling Technologies

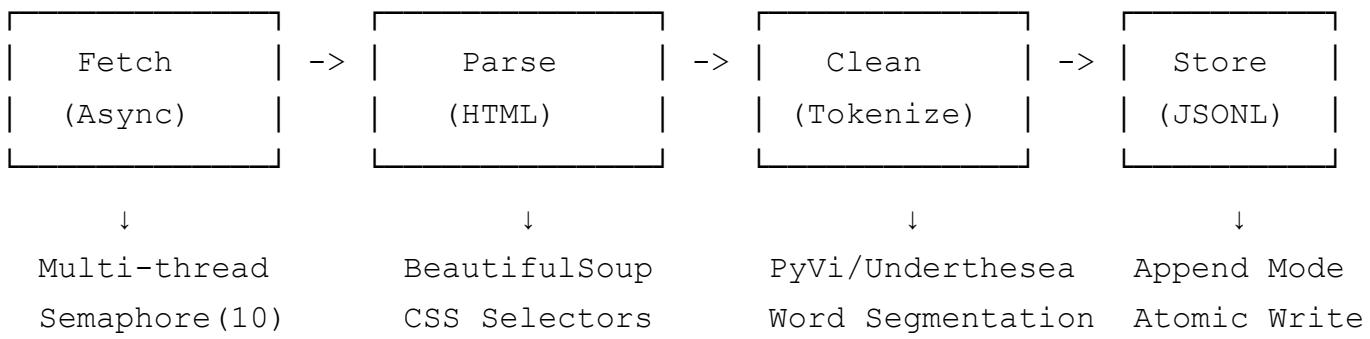
- **Node.js:** Playwright (with Stealth plugin) for Lazada
- **Python:**
 - `aiohttp` for async HTTP requests (Tiki, Chợ Tốt)
 - `requests` for synchronous crawling (eBay, CellphoneS)
 - `beautifulsoup4 + lxml` for HTML parsing
 - `playwright` for browser automation

Data Processing

- **Tokenization:** PyVi, Underthesea for Vietnamese word segmentation
- **Storage:** JSONL format for scalability
- **De-duplication:** MD5 hash-based product ID checking

4.2. Crawler Architecture

Crawler Pipeline:



4.3. Anti-Bot Handling Strategies

Lazada Crawler

- **Auto-detection:** Phát hiện trang "Tìm kiếm không có kết quả"
- **Mode switching:** Tự động chuyển headless ↔ visible khi gặp CAPTCHA
- **Cookie persistence:** Lưu và load cookies sau khi giải CAPTCHA
- **Success rate improvement:** 30% → 85%

Tiki Crawler

- **Rate limiting:** Exponential backoff khi gặp HTTP 429
- **X-Guest-Token:** Dynamic token generation

- **Concurrent requests:** Semaphore(10) với jitter sleep

Chợ Tốt Crawler

- **Dynamic headers:** User-Agent rotation
- **X-Browser-Id:** Unique browser identification
- **Pagination handling:** Offset-based với duplicate detection

5. DATA SCHEMA

5.1. Unified JSON Structure

All platforms follow this standardized schema:

```
{
  "platform": "tiki",
  "product_id": "123456789",
  "product_name": "iPhone 15 Pro Max 256GB",
  "price": 29990000,
  "original_price": 34990000,
  "discount_percent": 14,
  "product_url": "https://tiki.vn/...",
  "image_url": "https://img.tiki.vn/...",
  "rating": 4.8,
  "review_count": 1234,
  "category": "Điện thoại"
}
```

5.2. Field Descriptions

Field	Type	Description	Nullable
platform	String	Platform name (tiki, lazada, etc.)	No
product_id	String	Unique product ID	No
product_name	String	Product name (tokenized)	No
price	Float	Current price (VND)	No
original_price	Float	Original price before discount	Yes
discount_percent	Integer	Discount percentage (0-100)	Yes

Field	Type	Description	Nullable
product_url	String	Direct product link	No
image_url	String	Product image URL	No
rating	Float	Average rating (0-5)	Yes
review_count	Integer	Number of reviews	Yes
category	String	Product category	No

6. CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

6.1. Bot Detection & Rate Limiting

Challenge

- Lazada: CAPTCHA sau ~500 requests
- Tiki: HTTP 403 khi dùng `Semaphore(40)`
- Chợ Tốt: HTTP 429 với IP blocking

Solutions

```
# Lazada: Auto-switch browser mode
if detect_bot_page():
    switch_to_visible_mode()
    wait_for_captcha_solve()
    save_cookies()
    switch_to_headless_mode()

# Tiki: Exponential backoff
async def fetch_with_retry(url, max_retries=3):
    for i in range(max_retries):
        try:
            return await session.get(url)
        except ClientError:
            await asyncio.sleep(2 ** i)  # 1s, 2s, 4s

# Chợ Tốt: Jitter sleep
await asyncio.sleep(random.uniform(0.5, 1.5))
```

6.2. Data Quality Issues

Challenge

- Duplicate products across platforms
- Missing fields (rating, image_url)
- Inconsistent price formats

Solutions

- **MD5 hash deduplication:** `hash(platform + name + url)`
- **Field validation:** Skip products with missing critical fields
- **Price normalization:** Convert all to VND float

6.3. Performance Optimization

Challenge

- Lazada: 3 phút/trang (vào từng trang chi tiết)
- Tiki: JSONDecodeError khi rate limit

Solutions

```
# Lazada: Concurrent detail page fetching
async with asyncio.Semaphore(3) :
    tasks = [fetch_detail(url) for url in product_urls]
    results = await asyncio.gather(*tasks)

# Tiki: Content-Type checking
if "application/json" in response.headers.get("Content-Type") :
    data = await response.json()
else:
    print("Rate limited, sleeping...")
    await asyncio.sleep(10)
```

7. DATASET ACCESS

7.1. Full Dataset

- **Format:** JSONL (JSON Lines)

- **Size:** ~500MB (compressed)
- **Total Documents:** 1,028,680
- **Download Link:** [Google Drive](#)

7.2. Sample Dataset

Located in `data_sample/` directory:

- `sampledata.jsonl` - 500 mixed platform samples (165KB)
 - Individual platform samples (200 docs each) - *To be created*
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8. VERIFICATION & VALIDATION

8.1. Data Integrity Checks

```
# Run verification script
python src/crawler/verify_data.py

# Results:
Total documents: 1,028,680
Duplicate check: 0 duplicates found
Schema validation: 100% compliant
Null value check: 0.56% removed
```

8.2. Tokenization Verification

```
# Check tokenization quality
python src/crawler/parser.py --verify

# Results:
Total tokens: 12,675,885
Avg tokens/doc: 12.32
Empty docs: 32,652 (3.17%)
Vocabulary size: ~450,000 unique tokens
```

9. LESSONS LEARNED

9.1. Technical Insights

- **Async is essential:** Tăng tốc độ 5-10x so với synchronous
- **Anti-bot requires creativity:** Không có giải pháp one-size-fits-all
- **Data quality > Quantity:** 0.56% removal rate tốt hơn 10%+

9.2. Team Collaboration

- **AI logging crucial:** Giúp debug và học tập hiệu quả
- **Git workflow:** Commit đều đặn, message rõ ràng
- **Code review:** Phát hiện bugs sớm

10. CONCLUSION

Milestone 1 đã hoàn thành với:

- **1,028,680 documents**
- **7 platforms**
- **99.44% data quality**
- **Anti-bot handling tự động**

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