

UFO research

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Motivation and goal

1. interesting dataset (plenty of well documented sightings)
2. making the data easier searchable for everyone
3. focus on time, location, description of sighting

Corpus statistics

1. CSV file: datetime, city, state, country, shape, duration (seconds), duration (hours/min) - (we left that out), comments, date posted, latitude, longitude
2. total of 80332 sightings reported in the dataset
3. sort by date?
4. latitude and longitude - show sightings nearby?

Current status

1. data refining (partly done): html tags, "unparseable" longitudes, latitudes, seconds
2. indexing done with Python Whoosh
3. prototype search implemented using Python Whoosh
4. GUI to be implemented in Php

Other issues

Team issues, some members left (we are two people now!)