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- Senior .NET Developer
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Extract Content from Articles / News Pages

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background

- API for a news reader app
 - web pages content extraction is vital



unify content structure

- title
- description
- readability content
- images



every site is different

- frontend styles
- backend configurations
- not every site is of news / article type

approach

- a general parser to extract desire information
 - any kind of pages, focus on articles / news
- custom parsers for specific cases
- post-proceed extracted content for extra goodness

notice when fetching urls

- mime types
- redirections
- user agents
- http / https
- ~~authentication~~
- ~~proxies~~

NET::HTTP is good enough!

tools & techniques

- Nokogiri FTW
- ruby-readability
- HTML metas
 - w3c specified / Open Graph / Twitter Card

title - what could be wrong?

- length (truncated title)

og_title

Rails Conf 2014 Concerns, Decorators, Presenters, Service-objects, He...

twitter_title

meta_title

Rails Conf 2014 Concerns, Decorators, Presenters, Service-objects, He...

match_title

Rails Conf 2014 Concerns, Decorators, Presenters, Service-objects, Helpers, Help Me Decide-april-22-2014

- site name in title

meta_title

Northern Ireland GPs could have saved £73m says PAC - BBC News

title - approach

- pattern to recognize visible title
- longest common substring
- regex to remove site name from title

description

- og:description || meta description
- yes, it just this simple!

content - headaches

- encoding
 - work for a JP company? I know that feel, mate.
- ReactJS & heavy AJAX
- complex / alien structured articles
 - multiple pages content, slides, etc.

content - approach

- ruby-readability (monkey-patched) for general use
- custom methods for specific sites
- reject overcomplicated sites

images - issues

- no images!!!
- relative path
- size
- fixed og:image

select feature image

- og:image || first image in content || snapshot of page
- some sites need specific tune up

a possible (better) approach

- machine learning?
- feed sample correct content (per site)
- let the machine
 - guess the element it should get content from the base samples
 - improve itself from guess results

what next!

- further manipulation of extracted content
 - category & type recognition
 - language recognition
- involve machine learning
- increase users' experience
 - related & recommend news / articles

conclusion

- there is no absolute / perfect solutions
 - requirements / priorities / desire
- understand the general issues make it easier to work with specific one
- there are gems for almost everything, but writing you own lib helps to understand the issues in a higher level