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User Manual

UrbanSearch

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User Manual

This is the user manual for the UrbanSearch Web Interface. Here we will discuss the various interfaces that are available in the UrbanSearch system. The manual is meant for new users of the system.

1.1 General remarks

The UrbanSearch Web Interface can be accessed by visiting <http://citynetworks.bk.tudelft.nl/>. Visiting this URL will open an interactive map on which intercity relations are visualised. The front-end of the UrbanSearch system consists of several interfaces listed below. In the coming sections we will dive deeper into the functionalities offered by the different interfaces.

Interactive Map with cities and relations visualised

Classification interface use to extend the training data

Classifier interface to train the classifier and get info about the data sets

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1.2 Interactive Map

To display the extracted and processed data in our system, we use an interactive map (figure 1.1). The map is implemented with use of Google Maps. This means the typical map controls, like zooming for instance, are the same as on any Google Maps map.

Furthermore the map contains several entities which are used to convey information to the user and to interact with/manipulate the available data.

Below we will discuss the different entities available on the map.

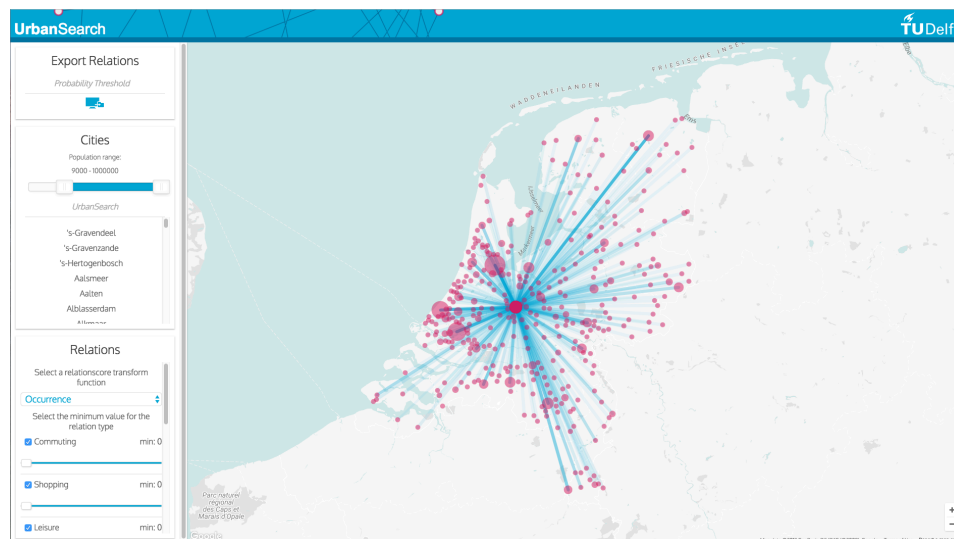


Figure 1.1: The interactive map with one relation selected

1.2.1 Cities

Cities are represented by circles which are drawn on the map and placed in the correct position using the latitude/longitude properties belonging to the city. We scale the circle based on the size of the population of the city. An example of a city on the map is shown in figure 1.2.

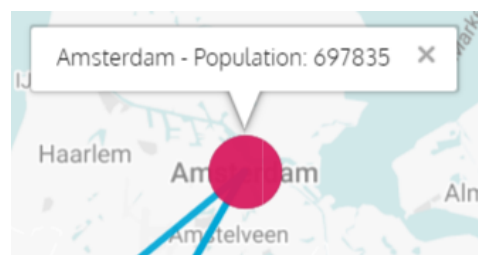


Figure 1.2: Hovering over a city will display extra information about the city

When we hover over a city on the map a pop up will appear with extra information about that city.

If a city is clicked the relations to other visible cities are shown. Clicking on a selected city toggles the visibility of the previously displayed relations.

1.2.2 Relations



Figure 1.3: City showing relations

1.2.3 Sidemenu

The side-menu displayed in figure 1.4 allows the user to control the information that is displayed on the map.

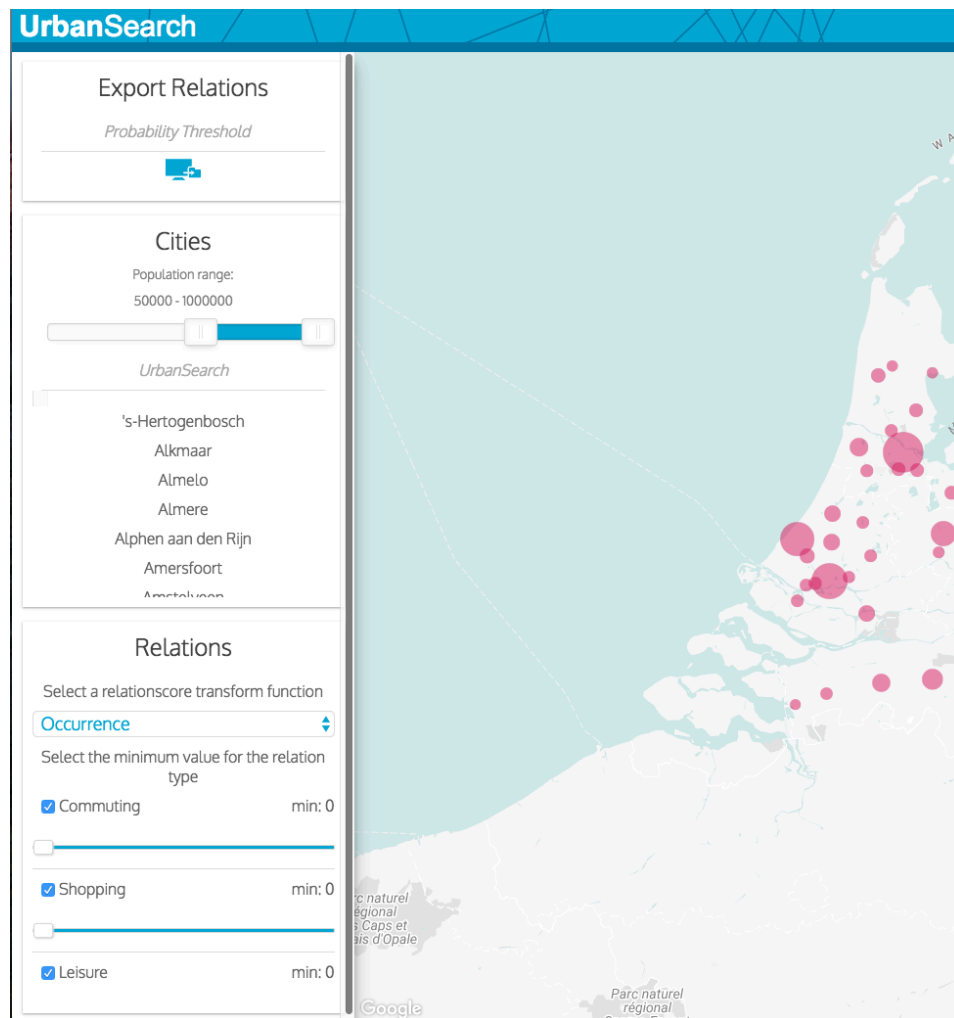


Figure 1.4: The sidemenu displayed on the left side of the interface

City Controls

The second section of the menu displays options for selecting which cities should be displayed on the map. A slider can be used to select a minimum and maximum population size for displayed cities. Underneath is a dropdown menu in which cities can be removed and added to the map manually.

Cities

Population range:
300000 - 1000000

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Amsterdam
Den Haag
Rotterdam

Figure 1.5: Cities options

Relation Controls

In the relations section of the menu a dropdown menu is displayed which is used to select how the weights of the relations should be calculated. The standard way is to just select the occurrences of documents per relation type. However it is also possible to use a gravity model, which takes the population and the distance between cities into account.

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Beneath that are sliders for the different relationship types. Here you can change the minimum occurrences a relation type should have per two cities before the relation is taken into account. There is also an option to turn off the relation types entirely.

Relations

Select a relationscore transform function

Occurrence

Select the minimum value for the relation type

☒ Commuting min: 0

☐ Shopping min: 0

☒ Leisure min: 0

Figure 1.6: Relations options

Export

The first section on the menu is an export option. Here a button is displayed which can be used to export all relations between cities in an excel file (CSV). Above this button is a field in which a probably threshold can be set for the export.



Figure 1.7: Export

Relation Information**Relation Documents**

1.3 The Menu

The menu on the left of the screen displays three different sections. The first section displays an option to export the data. The second section can be used to determine what cities should be displayed on the map. The last section displays the different relation types. The thresholds cities should have for each type can be adjusted here. This section also includes an option to select other weighting models that can be used.

1.4 The Map

After a few seconds needed to load the relations, a map should be displayed. This map first only contains some cities. The scroll wheel of the mouse or the plus and minus buttons in the lower right corner of the map for zooming. When hovering over a city with the mouse the population of that city will be displayed. To show the relations of a city, that city can be clicked on. The cities showing relations will have a slightly darker color than cities that have not been clicked on. You can also click on a relation. This will open up an extra window in the menu containing information about that relation.

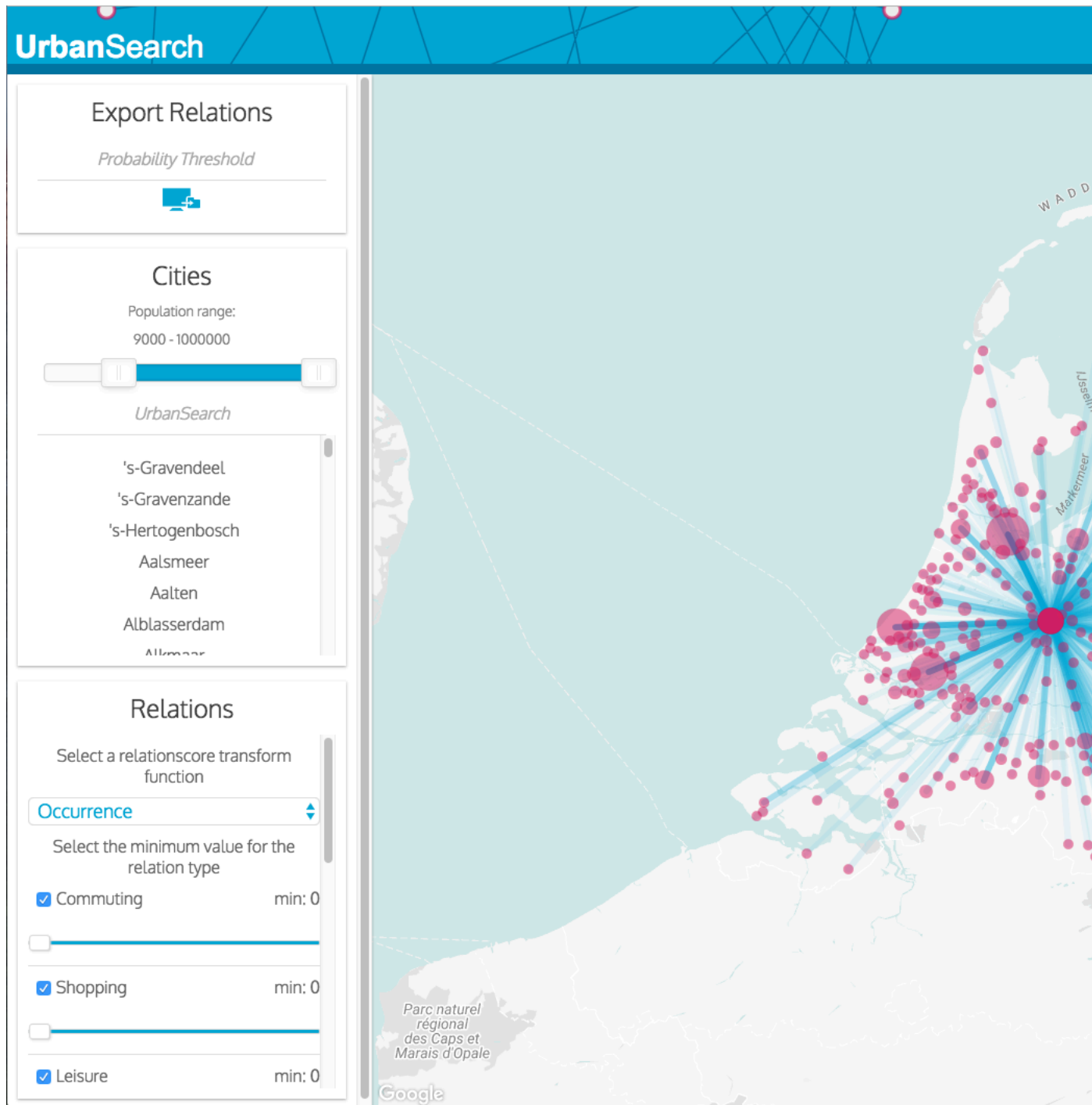


Figure 1.8: Map

1.4.1 Relation window

When clicking on a relation an extra window in the menu will be opened. This contains all information about the relation between the two cities. The strength of the relations (amount of documents found for the relation between those cities) will be displayed, as well as the strength of the relations per relation type (such as commuting, shopping, leisure, ..). To check how these relationships were found the option on the lower end of this window can be used to open up another window displaying all documents that connect those two cities.



Scores for Relation	
Amsterdam - Rotterdam	
From	Amsterdam
To	Rotterdam
Commuting	270
Shopping	5162
Leisure	12413
Residential_mobility	1277
Education	1193
Collaboration	2822

Figure 1.9: Relations scores between two cities

1.4.2 Documents connecting two cities menu

In this new window all documents will be displayed. For each document the type of relation to which the document fits and the probability this documents fits to that relation is displayed. If a document does not fit to the relation types (and is thus labelled other), it is not displayed here. The documents can be downloaded in a text file by clicking on them.



Extracted Documents for Relation	
Amsterdam - Rotterdam	
leisure	0.617
leisure	0.555
collaboration	0.464
leisure	0.523
education	0.76

Figure 1.10: Documents included in relations