

# **Inverted File Index**



How can I find in which  
retrieved web pages that include  
*"Computer Science"*?

Computer Science - Google 搜索 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

地址: <http://www.google.cn/search?hl=zh-CN&newwindow=1&q=Computer+Science&aq=f&oeq=1>

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网页 搜索 **Computer Science** 获得大约 162,000,000 条查询结果, 以下是第 1-10 条。 (搜索用时 0.38 秒)

[computer science](#) 的翻译: 英语 > 中文(简体)

[computer science](#) - 计算机科学; 电脑科学

[Computer science - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#) - [ 翻译此页 ]

[Computer science](#) (or [computing science](#)) is the study of the theoretical foundations of information and computation, and of practical techniques for their ...

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer\\_science](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_science) - 网页快照 - 类似结果

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[www.cs.tsinghua.edu.cn/](http://www.cs.tsinghua.edu.cn/) - 网页快照 - 类似结果

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[cs.nju.edu.cn/](http://cs.nju.edu.cn/) - 网页快照 - 类似结果

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[eecs.pku.edu.cn/](http://eecs.pku.edu.cn/) - 网页快照 - 类似结果

[中国科学技术大学](#)

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[cs11.ustc.edu.cn/](http://cs11.ustc.edu.cn/) - 网页快照 - 类似结果

[上海交通大学—计算机科学与工程系](#)

4th International Conference on Frontier of **Computer Science** and Technology (FCST 2009), Shanghai, China, December 17-19, 2009, Sponsored by Shanghai Jiao ...

[www.cs.sjtu.edu.cn/](http://www.cs.sjtu.edu.cn/) - 网页快照 - 类似结果

Internet

👉 **Solution 1:** Scan each page for the string "Computer Science".



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## 👉 Solution 2: Term-Document Incidence Matrix

【Example】 Document sets

Doc	Text
1	Gold silver truck
2	Shipment of gold damaged in a fire
3	Delivery of silver arrived in a silver truck
4	Shipment of gold arrived in a truck

	1	2	3	4
a	0	1	1	1
arrived	0	0	1	1
damaged	0	1	0	0
delivery	0	0	1	0
fire	0	1	0	0
gold	1	1	0	1
of	0	1	1	1
in	0	1	1	1
shipment	0	1	0	1
silver	1	0	1	0
truck	1	0	1	1

silver & truck

### 👉 Solution 3: Compact Version - Inverted File Index

【Definition】 **Index** is a mechanism for locating a given term in a text.

【Definition】 **Inverted file** contains a list of pointers (e.g. the number of a page) to all occurrences of that term in the text.

Doc	Text	No.	Term	Times; Documents
1	Gold silver arrived in a truck	5	fire	<1; 2>
2	Shipment of gold damaged in a fire	6	gold	<3; 1,2,4>
3	Delivery of silver arrived in a silver truck	7	of	<3; 2,3,4>
4	Shipment of gold arrived in a truck	8	in	<3; 2,3,4>
		9	shipment	<2; 2,4>
		10	silver	<2; 1,3>
		11	truck	<3; 1,3,4>

Inverted because it lists for a *term*, all documents that contain the term

Index →



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No.	Term	Times; Documents Words
1	a	<3; (2;6),(3;6),(4;6)>
2	arrived	<2; (3;4),(4;4)>
3	damaged	<1; (2;4)>
4	delivery	<1; (3;1)>
5	fire	<1; (2;7)>
6	gold	<3; (1;1),(2;3),(4;3)>
7	of	<3; (2;2),(3;2),(4;2)>
8	in	<3; (2;5),(3;5),(4;5)>
9	shipment	<2; (2;1),(4;1)>
10	silver	<2; (1;2),(3;3,7)>
11	truck	<3; (1;3),(3;8),(4;7)>

Term  
Dictionary

Posting List



How to easily print the sentences which contain the words and highlight the words?



Why do we keep “times” (frequency)?

## Index Generator

```
while ( read a document D ) {  
    while ( read a term T in D ) {  
        if ( Find( Dictionary, T ) == false )  
            Insert( Dictionary, T );  
        Get T's posting list;  
        Insert a node to T's posting list;  
    }  
}  
Write the inverted index to disk;
```

Token Analyzer  
Stop Filter

Vocabulary  
Scanner

Vocabulary  
Insertor

Memory management

While reading a term .....

## ✂ *Word Stemming*

Process a word so that only its stem or root form is left.

[[Example]]      Process      says  
                 processing      said  
                 processes      saying } say  
                 processed } process

## ✂ *Stop Words*

Some words are so common that almost every document contains them, such as “a” “the” “it”. It is useless to index them. They are called *stop words*. We can eliminate them from the original documents.



While accessing a term .....

☞ **Solution 1:** Search trees ( *B- trees, B+ trees, Tries, ...* )

☞ **Solution 2:** Hashing

**Discussion 3:**

What are the pros and cons of using hashing,  
comparing to using search trees?

## While not having enough memory .....

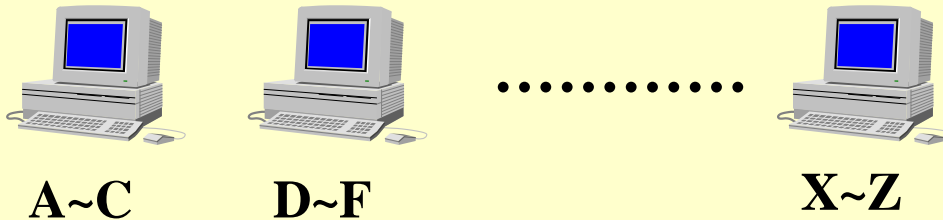
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Sorted

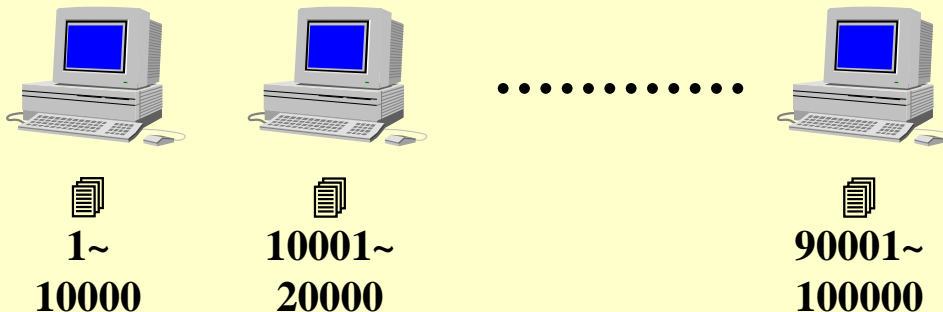
## Distributed indexing (for web-scale indexing — don't try this at home!)

—— Each node contains index of a subset of collection

### 👉 Solution 1: Term-partitioned index



### 👉 Solution 2: Document-partitioned index

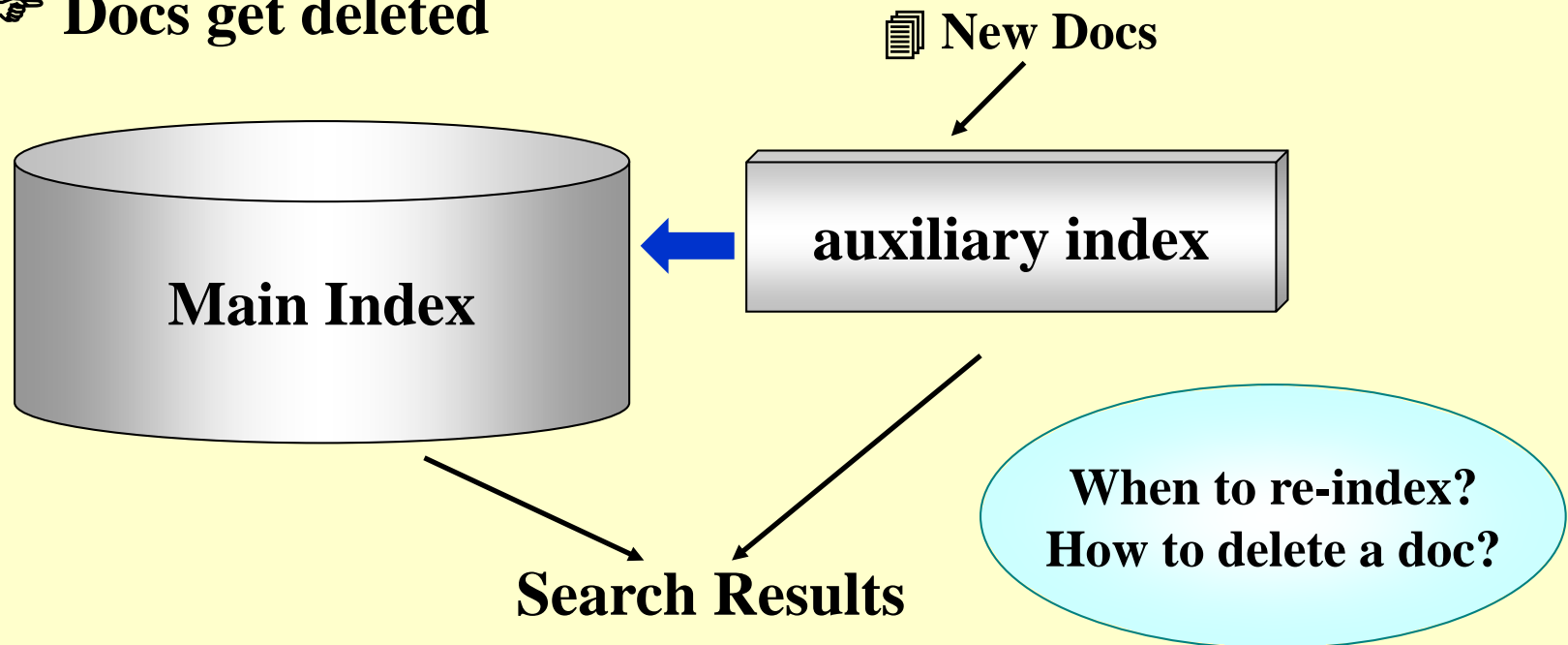


## Dynamic indexing

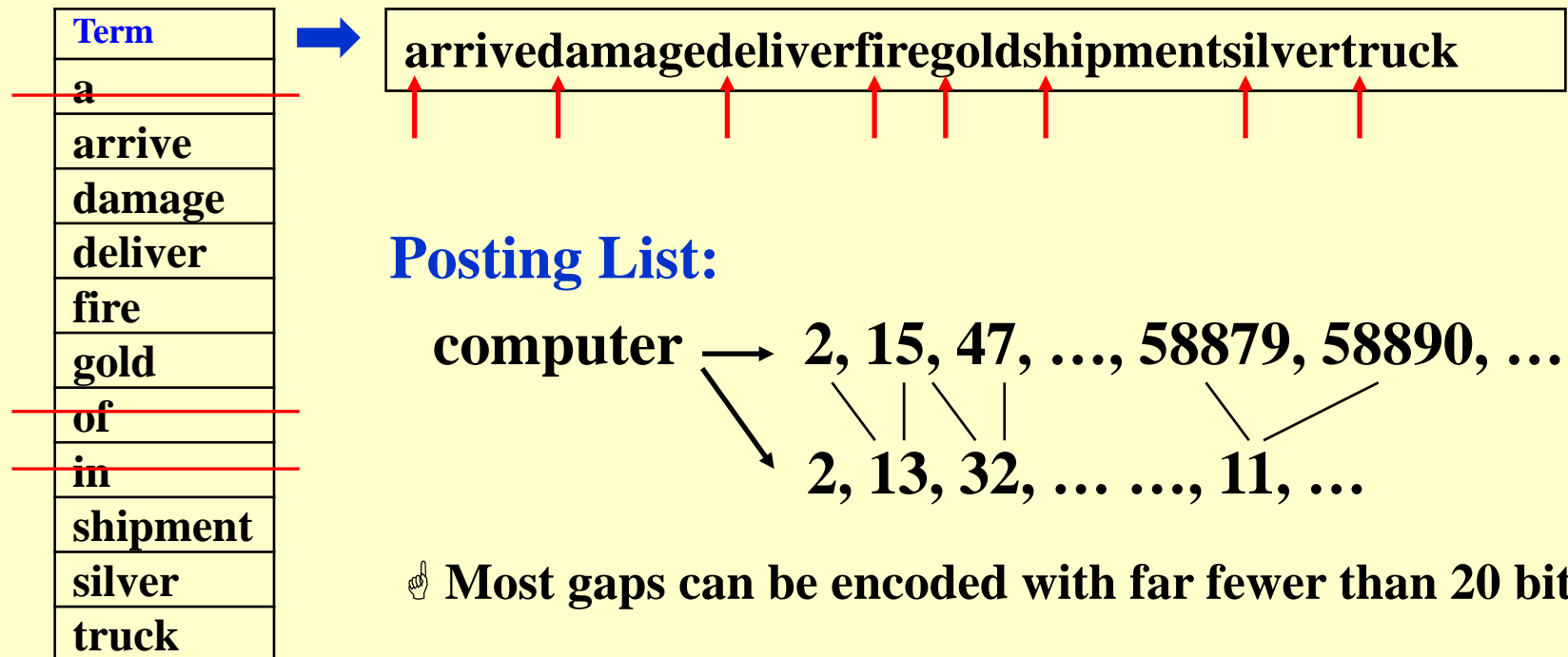
☞ Docs come in over time

- postings updates for terms already in dictionary
- new terms added to dictionary

☞ Docs get deleted



# Compression



☞ Most gaps can be encoded with far fewer than 20 bits

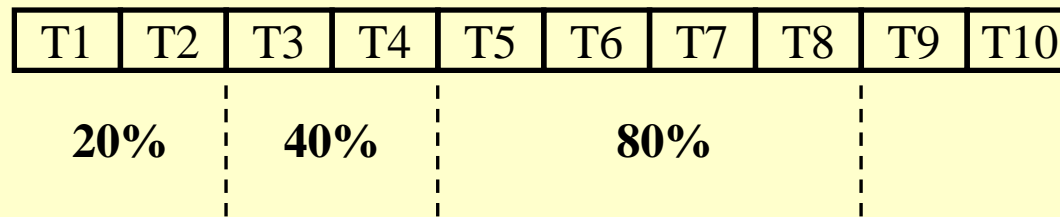
## Thresholding

👉 **Document:** only retrieve the top  $x$  documents where the documents are ranked by weight

👎 Not feasible for Boolean queries

👎 Can miss some relevant documents due to truncation

👉 **Query:** Sort the query terms by their frequency in ascending order; search according to only some percentage of the original query terms



## Measures for a search engine

### ☞ How fast does it index

- Number of documents/hour

### ☞ How fast does it search

- Latency as a function of index size

### ☞ Expressiveness of query language

- Ability to express complex information needs
- Speed on complex queries

### ☞ User happiness ?

- **Data** Retrieval Performance Evaluation (after establishing correctness)
  - > Response time
  - > Index space
- **Information** Retrieval Performance Evaluation
  - > + How *relevant* is the answer set?

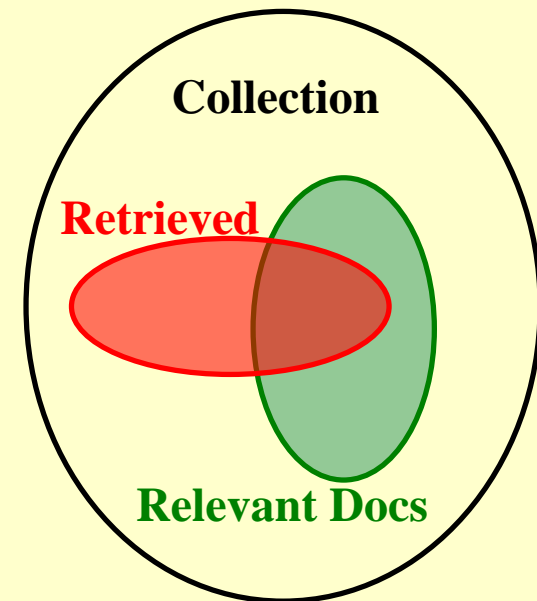
**Relevance** measurement requires 3 elements:

1. A benchmark **document** collection
2. A benchmark suite of **queries**
3. A binary **assessment** of either Relevant or Irrelevant for each query-doc pair

	Relevant	Irrelevant
Retrieved	$R_R$	$I_R$
Not Retrieved	$R_N$	$I_N$

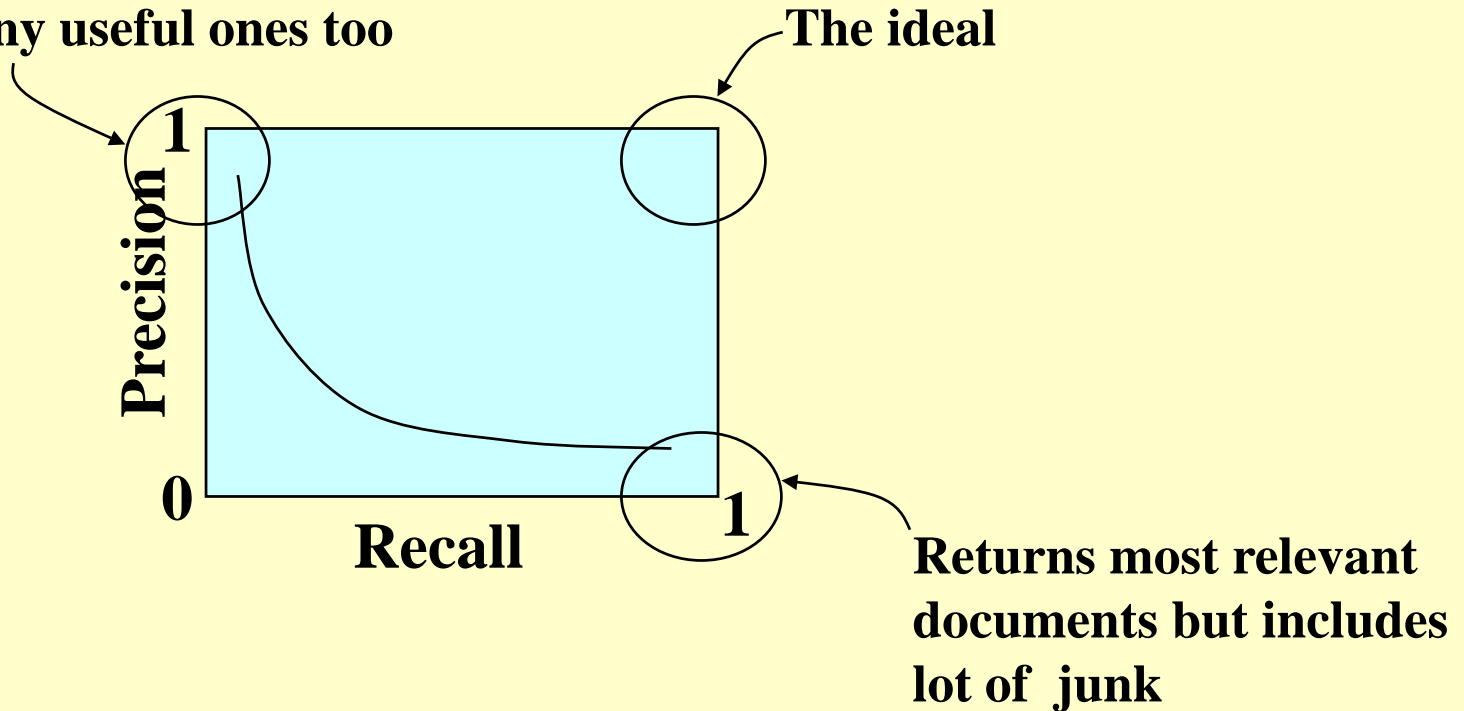
**Precision**  $P = R_R / (R_R + I_R)$

**Recall**  $R = R_R / (R_R + R_N)$





Returns relevant documents but misses many useful ones too



**Discussion 4:**

How to improve the *relevancy* of search results?



## **Research Project 2**

### **Roll Your Own Mini Search Engine (26)**

**In this project, you are supposed to create your own mini search engine which can handle inquiries over “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare” (<http://shakespeare.mit.edu/>).**

**You may download the functions for handling stop words and stemming from the Internet.**

**Detailed requirements can be downloaded from  
<https://pintia.cn/>**

## Reference:

*Download “InvertedFileIndex.zip”.*

- **The Google File System.pdf**
- **Building an Inverted Index.pdf**
- **Inverted Index Construction(ppt).pdf**
- **Compression.pdf**