CSCI 572 - Information Retrieval and Web Search Engines Indexing the Web - REPORT

STEPS

- 1. Downloaded the HTML file folder (renamed crawl_data) and the csv files from the google drive
- 2. Installed Solr and started solr on terminal
- 3. Created a core called myexample and using bin/post command I indexed the crawl_data 15727 indexed files for NBC News
- 4. Checked the indexed results on localhost:8983 by querying results.
- 5. I developed a simple UI using HTML and PHP to query the index. The frontend components included a search bar, submit button and two radio buttons labeled Lucene and PageRank respectively to give the user an option to pick the algorithm (Lucene or PageRank) to use while displaying the search results.
- 6. In order to implement PageRank, I installed JSoup in Eclipse (by adding external jar file) and ran Java code to extract all the outgoing links from every webpage and created an edge list.
- 7. Using the edgelist.txt previously created as an input, I wrote Python code in Eclipse using the networkx package to obtain the PageRank scores. The parameters I used were as specified in the instructions:- alpha=0.85, personalization=None, max_iter=30, tol=1e-06, nstart=None, weight='weight', dangling=None
- 8. I stored the output of the Python code in a file called external_PageRankFile.txt and placed the file in the data folder of the core to make sure that this file is recognized by Solr. I also used the response ID from solr to make sure my pageRank results where recognized by the solr index and were of the format:
 - /Users/Vishnupriya/Sites/crawl_data/76399c3ff6499aa2b60fc386f5162159.html=1.22732964297e-05
- 9. I modified the managed-schema by adding an external field to bind the external_PageRankFile to the Solr search function.
- 10. I modified the listener event in the solrconfig.xml file to "ExternalFieldFileReloader" to make sure Solr reads the PageRank file.
- 11. If the PageRank radio button was selected, I used \$additionalParameters to include an additional 'sort' parameter in Solr to sort the PageRank values in descending order.
- 12. While displaying results, each result consists of a clickable Title and URL, which redirect the user to the actual webpage which opens in a new tab. Each result also includes a description and document ID to mimic a google like user interface.
- 13. If the URL is missing, I traversed the given CSV file to find the URL and display the same according to FAQ 20. The Title and URL for this case will be a URL retrieved from the CSV.
- **14.** If there is no title or description present in the file for a result, then "No Title Available" and "No Description available" are displayed.

Enhancing the Search Engine:

- 1. Used my homework 4 files as a base for this assignment.
- 2. Used the tutorial on adding autocomplete to Solrand made the required changes to the solrconfig.xml file, thus enabling solr's autocomplete feature.
- 3. Implemented the front end using JQuery and JQuery UI plugins in the front end to implement the autocomplete.
- 4. Every time a user types in the search box a request is sent to Solr Admin (Query used contains most importantly "/suggest?=") and the suggestions sent backfrom the server are displayed.
- 5. Downloaded Peter Norvig's SpellChecker.php and used it to implement spelling correction.
- 6. The SpellChecker.php requires a big.txt file, which is generated using a Java Program, which uses ApacheTika.Idisplayedthecorrected query as "Didyou mean:" and the correct query results.
- 7. Iused the Metadata from the html files to display the title, snippet, URL and ID for each result (top results) on the results page. I also highlighted the occurrence of every query term in the snippet.
- 8. Whenever there is no snippet available, I used the description from the HTML metadata and whenever there is no URL available I retrieved it from the CSV file using the document ID.

Results:-

Spell Correct:

	Input	Corrected Output
1.	juge	judge
2.	orge	urge
3.	amerca	america
4.	losang	losing
5.	worledl	world

Autocomplete:

	Query	Suggestions
1.	ju	Just,jul15,justice,jul
2.	Black pa	black parsed, black page, black pages, black path
3.	la	Label,last,latino,large
4.	ad	ad, advertise, adchoices, advertisement
5.	fo	for,format,footer,form

Reason for higher PageRank scores of some pages:

PageRank Algorithm is a popular search algorithm whose underlying principle is the importance of a page is determined by the number of incoming links to the webpage. The underlying assumption is that an important page will be pointed to by a good quantity of quality links, which are outgoing from pages that also have high page rank scores. Good pages lead to good pages

The reason why some pages even though irrelevant have high Page Rank scores is because these pages have a lot of incoming links. Homepages and other pages in the upper hierarchy are common examples of pages with high PageRanks since they have a high number of incoming links.

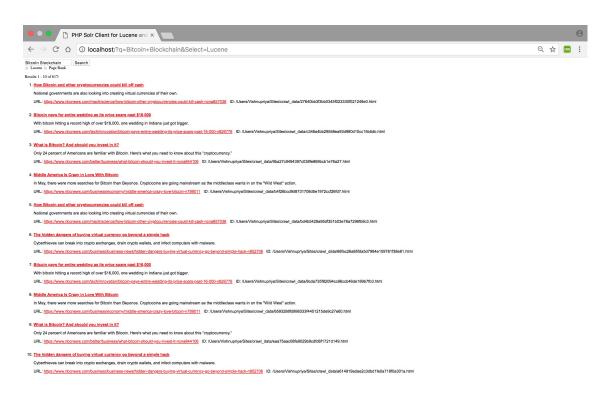
Process Flow for a Query:

Below are the screenshots showing the process flow for Query 1 – Bitcoin Blockchain

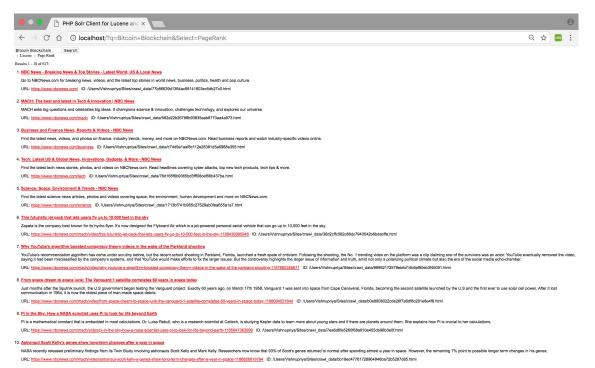
• Initial Page – Shows the search bar, two radio buttons and a submit button.



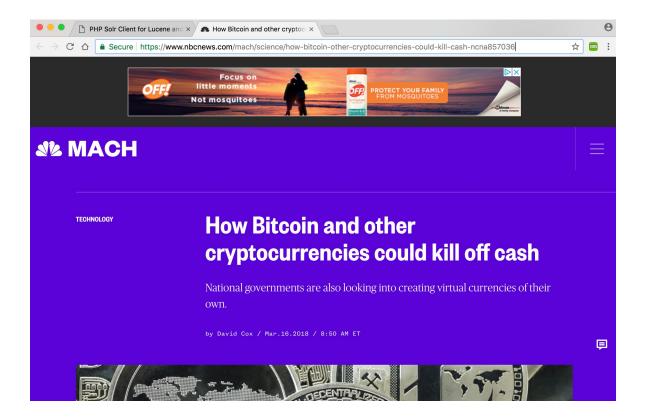
• Lucene results upon submitting the query.



PageRank results upon submitting the query.



• Webpage for Lucene query number 3 (Link opened in new tab).



URLs of top ten results to compare Lucene and PageRank:

Query 1 – Bitcoin Blockchain

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/how	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	-bitcoin-other-cryptocurrencies-could-kill-cash-	
	ncna857036	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/innovation/bi tcoin-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	pays-entire-wedding-its-price-soars-past-	
	16-000-n826776	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/better/business/w	https://www.nbcnews.com/business
	hat-bitcoin-should-you-invest-it-ncna844106	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/business/economy	https://www.nbcnews.com/tech
	/middle-america-crazy-love-bitcoin-n789011	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/how	https://www.nbcnews.com/science
	-bitcoin-other-cryptocurrencies-could-kill-cash-	
	ncna857036	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/this-

	news/hidden-dangers-buying-virtual-currency-	futuristic-jet-pack-that-lets-users-fly-up-to-
	go-beyond-simple-hack-n852706	10-000-feet-in-the-sky-1189436995946
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/innovation/bi tcoin-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/why
	pays-entire-wedding-its-price-soars-past- 16-000-	-youtube-s-algorithm-boosted-conspiracy-
	n826776	theory-videos-in-the-wake-of-the-parkland-
		shooting-1187660355671
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/business/economy	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/fro m-
	/middle-america-crazy-love-bitcoin-n789011	space-dream-to-space-junk-the-vanguard- 1-
		satellite-completes-60-years-in-space-
		today-1188094531644
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/better/business/w hat-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/pi- in-
	bitcoin-should-you-invest-it-ncna844106	the-sky-how-a-nasa-scientist-uses-pi-to-
		look-for-life-beyond-earth-1185847363999
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/astr
	news/hidden-dangers-buying-virtual-currency- go-	onaut-scott-kelly-s-genes-show-long-term-
	beyond-simple-hack-n852706	changes-after-a-year-in-space-
		1186826819794

Query 2 – Stephen Hawking

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	/brief-history-stephen-hawking-	
	cambridge-cultural-icon-ncsl856456	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
	british-physicist-stephen-hawking-among-	
	world-s-greatest-minds-science-n702301	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	/stephen-hawking-s-life-was-made- possible-	
	access-great-health-ncna856971	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/science/spac e/i-	https://www.nbcnews.com/think
	m-atheist-stephen-hawking-god-	
	space-travel-n210076	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/science/spac e/i-	https://www.nbcnews.com/health
	m-atheist-stephen-hawking-god-	
	space-travel-n210076	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news
	british-physicist-stephen-hawking-among-	
	world-s-greatest-minds-science-n702301	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science	https://www.nbcnews.com/science
	/stephen-hawking-says-humans-must- leave-	
	earth-within-600-years-ncna818926	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/science/scien ce-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/photo
	news/six-years-after-zero-g-flight-	
	stephen-hawking-still-space-f6C9703084	
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science	https://www.nbcnews.com/video
	/what-stephen-hawking-taught-us-about-	

	black-holes-ncna857471	
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science	https://www.nbcnews.com/news
	/stephen-hawking-says-humans-must- leave-	
	earth-within-600-years-ncna818926	

Query 3 – Falcon Heavy

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac ex-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	falcon-heavy-launch-gives-big-boost-elon-	
	musk-ncna845256	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/wat ch-	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
	spacex-s-falcon-heavy-rocket-make-its-	
	maiden-flight-ncna845096	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/wat ch-	https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news
	spacex-s-falcon-heavy-rocket-make-its-	
	maiden-flight-ncna845096	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac ex-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world
	falcon-heavy-launch-gives-big-boost-elon-	
	musk-ncna845256	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac ex-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino
	falcon-feat-may-be-just-prelude-main-	
	event-ncna846446	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/her e-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/science
	what-will-happen-tesla-spacex-shot-space-	
	ncna845566	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/mo nth-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather
	space-pictures-cosmic-penguin-playing-	
	mars-ncsl852081	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/photo
	ex-s-falcon-feat-may-be-just-prelude-main-	
	event-ncna846446	
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/science/space	https://www.nbcnews.com/video
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/how	https://www.nbcnews.com/news
	-spacex-aims-bring-high-speed-internet-whole-	
	world-ncna853766	

Query 4 – Syrian War

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/syrias- children	https://www.nbcnews.com/
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/syrias- children/syrian-civil-war-photo-photographer- s-rescue-goes-viral-n748146	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/aleppos-	https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news

	children	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/mideast/syri a-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	civil-war-has-been-raging-7-years-what-	
	n849851	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/mideast/syri a-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics
	civil-war-has-been-raging-7-years-what-	
	n849851	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/other/barrel	https://www.nbcnews.com/think
	-bombs-just-another-symbol-brutality-syrian-	
	civil-war-f2D11765640	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/slideshow/children	https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out
	-among-injured-besieged-damascus-suburb-	
	n834526	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/slideshow/children	https://www.nbcnews.com/business
	-among-injured-besieged-damascus-suburb-	
	n834526	
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/syrias-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world
	suffering-families	
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/mideast/syri a-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino
	civil-war-has-been-raging-7-years-what-	
	n849851	

Query 5 – LA Rams

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/sports/how-	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	history-informs-colin-kaepernick-s-national-	
	anthem-protest-n639366	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/sports/how-	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
	history-informs-colin-kaepernick-s-national-	
	anthem-protest-n639366	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/sports/sport s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk
	broadcasting-legend-dick-enberg-dies-82-	
	n832076	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/slideshow/black-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino
	quarterbacks-who-ve-played-super-bowl- n513226	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/sports/sport	https://www.nbcnews.com/tech
	s-broadcasting-legend-dick-enberg-dies-82-	
	n832076	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/pop-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-
	culture/music/bernie-casey-pro-football-	news/nbc-affiliates-n19981
	player-turned-fan-favorite-actor-dies-n803291	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/pop-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news
	culture/music/bernie-casey-pro-football- player-	
	turned-fan-favorite-actor-dies-n803291	

8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-	https://www.nbcnews.com/better/video/ho w-
	press/meet-press-transcript-october-11-2015-	mika-brzezinski-found-her-value-and-got-
	n442476	paid-what-she-s-worth-1189457987619
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-	https://www.nbcnews.com/better/video/ho w-not-
	press/meet-press-transcript-october-11-2015-	to-choke-in-sports-and-other-pressure-
	n442476	charged-situations-1186761795616
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2016-	https://www.nbcnews.com/better/video/ho w-to-
	election/la	lose-weight-and-why-it-s-so-hard-
		1187543619775

Query 6 – Black Panther

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	-panther-s-wakanda-sheds-light-black-	
	excellence-n844801	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black	https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news
	-panther-sets-fandango-record-top-pre-selling-	
	marvel-movie-n836631	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	-panther-novelist-journalism-sci-fi-bring-	
	hidden-light-n848011	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/internet/plot-	https://www.nbcnews.com/think
	destroy-black-panther-ratings-thwarted-	
	facebook-n844226	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/pop-	https://www.nbcnews.com/health
	culture/movies/black-panther-blows-away-	
	box-office-192-million-weekend-n849246	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black	https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out
	-panther-black-comic-creators-spent-years-	
	breaking-down-barriers-n848461	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black	https://www.nbcnews.com/pop-culture
	-panther-actress-janeshia-adams-ginyard-talks- living-	
	stuntwoman-life-n847646	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/defe	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk
	at-killmonger-black-panther-holds-lessons-	
	israel-ncna850831	
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian- america
	-panther-novelist-journalism-sci-fi-bring-	
	hidden-light-n848011	
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/stars	https://www.nbcnews.com/tech
	-black-panther-discuss-hope-marvel-film-	
	impact-n847706	

Query 7 – Austin Bombings

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	news/police-identify-teen-killed-austin-	
	package-bombing-investigation-grows-	
	n856371	
2.	h https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
	news/deadly-austin-bombings-were-meant-	
	send-message-police-chief-says-n857786	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-	https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news
	news/deadly-austin-bombings-were-meant-	
	send-message-police-chief-says-n857786	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/widget/video-	https://www.nbcnews.com/dateline
	embed/1184733251954	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-	https://www.nbcnews.com/better
	news/police-identify-teen-killed-austin-	
	package-bombing-investigation-grows-	
	n856371	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	news/austin-texas-edge-after-spate-package-	
	bombs-kill-two-n855956	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-	https://www.nbcnews.com/leftfield
	news/austin-texas-edge-after-spate-package-	
	bombs-kill-two-n855956	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/	https://www.nbcnews.com/think
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/califor nia-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news
	affirmative-action-bill-sparks-fierce-debate-	
	n87426	
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/celia- cruz-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk
	be-remembered-grammy-lifetime-	
	achievement-award-n516956	

Query 8 – Paris Climate Deal

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s- first-	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	foreign-trip/trump-declines-endorsing- paris-	
	climate-change-deal-g7-summit-will-	
	n765406	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s- first-	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
	foreign-trip/trump-declines-endorsing- paris-	
	climate-change-deal-g7-summit-will-	
	n765406	
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-	https://www.nbcnews.com/dateline
	house/trump-pulls-u-s-out-paris-climate-	

	agreement-n767066	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	house/here-s-what-happens-if-trump-leaves-	
	paris-climate-agreement-n766761	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-	https://www.nbcnews.com/health
	news/forget-trump-u-s-storms-ahead-climate-	
	change-never-n801826	
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-	https://www.nbcnews.com/investigations
	press/meet-press-june-4-2017-n768046	
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/analys is-	https://www.nbcnews.com/science
	trump-s-america-first-foreign-policy-isolates-	
	u-s-n833046	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s- first-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather
	foreign-trip/trump-end-first-foreign-trip-	
	pledges-unwavering-support-u-s-n765446	
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s- first-	https://www.nbcnews.com/video
	foreign-trip/g-7-summit-leaders-brace-	
	clash-trump-trade-climate-n764971	
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s- first-	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/bill-
	foreign-trip/trump-end-first-foreign-trip-	cosby-scandal
	pledges-unwavering-support-u-s-n765446	