CSCI 572 - Information Retrieval and Web Search Engines Assignment 4 - REPORT

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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
- 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.

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.

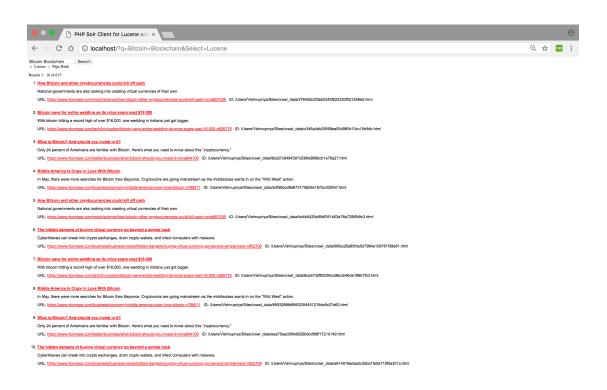
Process Flow for a Query:

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

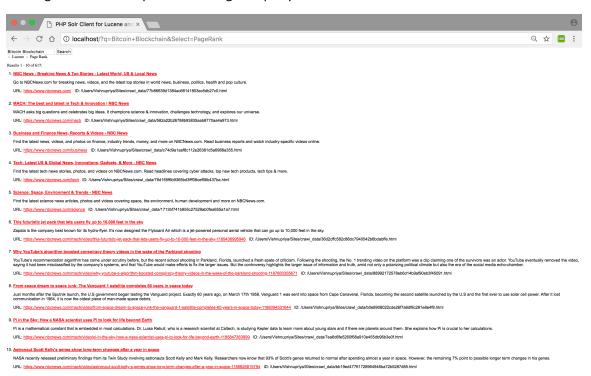
• Initial Page – Shows the search bar, two radio buttons and a submit button.



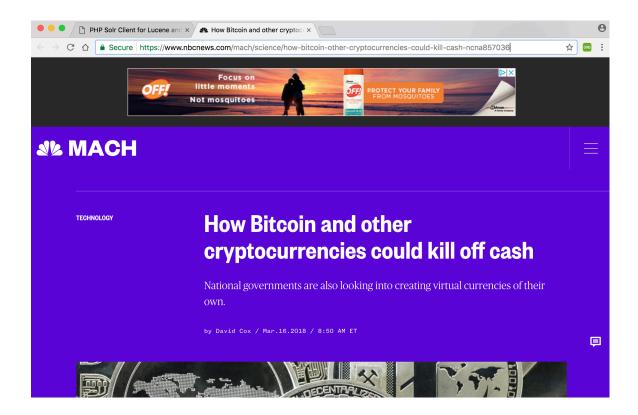
Lucene results upon submitting the query.



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	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	tcoin-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	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/why
	tcoin-pays-entire-wedding-its-price-soars-past-	-youtube-s-algorithm-boosted-conspiracy-
	16-000-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
	/middle-america-crazy-love-bitcoin-n789011	m-space-dream-to-space-junk-the-vanguard-
		1-satellite-completes-60-years-in-space-
		today-1188094531644
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/better/business/w	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/video/pi-
	hat-bitcoin-should-you-invest-it-ncna844106	in-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-	onaut-scott-kelly-s-genes-show-long-term-
	go-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	https://www.nbcnews.com/think
	e/i-m-atheist-stephen-hawking-god-	
	space-travel-n210076	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/science/spac	https://www.nbcnews.com/health
	e/i-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	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/photo
	ce-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-falcon-heavy-launch-gives-big-boost-elon- musk-ncna845256	https://www.nbcnews.com/
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/wat ch-spacex-s-falcon-heavy-rocket-make-its- maiden-flight-ncna845096	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
3.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/wat ch-spacex-s-falcon-heavy-rocket-make-its- maiden-flight-ncna845096	https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac ex-s-falcon-heavy-launch-gives-big-boost-elon- musk-ncna845256	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac ex-s-falcon-feat-may-be-just-prelude-main- event-ncna846446	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino
6.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/her e-s-what-will-happen-tesla-spacex-shot-space- ncna845566	https://www.nbcnews.com/science
7.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/mo nth-space-pictures-cosmic-penguin-playing- mars-ncsl852081	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/spac ex-s-falcon-feat-may-be-just-prelude-main- event-ncna846446	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/photo
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/science/space	https://www.nbcnews.com/video
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/how-spacex-aims-bring-high-speed-internet-whole-world-ncna853766	https://www.nbcnews.com/news

Query 4 – Syrian War

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

	children	
4.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/mideast/syri	https://www.nbcnews.com/mach
	a-s-civil-war-has-been-raging-7-years-what-	
	n849851	
5.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/mideast/syri	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics
	a-s-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	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino
	a-s-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	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk
	s-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
	press/meet-press-transcript-october-11-2015-	w-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
	press/meet-press-transcript-october-11-2015-	w-not-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
	election/la	w-to-lose-weight-and-why-it-s-so-hard-
		1187543619775

Query 6 – Black Panther

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

Query 7 – Austin Bombings

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

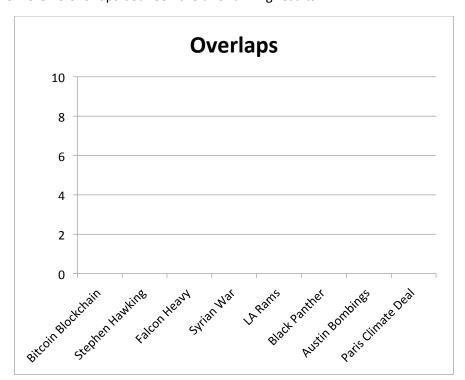
Query 8 – Paris Climate Deal

	Lucene	PageRank
1.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/
	first-foreign-trip/trump-declines-endorsing-	
	paris-climate-change-deal-g7-summit-will-	
	n765406	
2.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press
	first-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	https://www.nbcnews.com/science
	is-trump-s-america-first-foreign-policy-isolates-	
	u-s-n833046	
8.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather
	first-foreign-trip/trump-end-first-foreign-trip-	
	pledges-unwavering-support-u-s-n765446	
9.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/video
	first-foreign-trip/g-7-summit-leaders-brace-	
	clash-trump-trade-climate-n764971	
10.	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/trump-s-	https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/bill-
	first-foreign-trip/trump-end-first-foreign-trip-	cosby-scandal
	pledges-unwavering-support-u-s-n765446	

Overlaps:

The graph below depicts the overlaps between the Lucene and PageRank results for the different queries. There were no overlaps between the two ranking results.



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Assignment 5 - REPORT

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STEPS

- Used my homework 4 files as a base for this assignment.
- Used the tutorial on adding autocomplete to Solr and made the required changes to the solrconfig.xml file, thus enabling solr's autocomplete feature.
- Implemented the front end using JQuery and JQuery UI plugins in the front end to implement the autocomplete.
- 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 back from the server are displayed.
- Downloaded Peter Norvig's SpellChecker.php and used it to implement spelling correction.
- The SpellChecker.php requires a big.txt file, which is generated using a Java Program, which uses Apache Tika. I displayed the corrected query as "Did you mean:" and the correct query results.
- I used the Meta data 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.
- 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