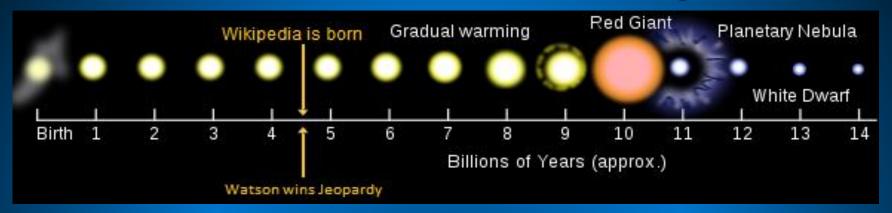
# Entity Extraction and Linking with Applications to Web Search

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Machine Learning and Intelligence

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### Where We Are in the Semantic Space



- Game changer: Wikipedia + hardware advancements
   small number of entity classes → large entity collection → Watson wins jeopardy
- Current state:

arguably, current entity extractions systems outperform non-expert humans on entity disambiguation for random documents/domains.

- Next big steps:
  - move from one large entity collection to many thousands of domain specific collections, business collections, and personal collections
  - learn to link to Web entities

### **NIST/LDC Entity Linking Evaluations**

Knowledge base derived from Wikipedia Oct. 2008

818,741 entries

Text corpus:

(for the 2013 evaluation)

Newswire:

1 mil docs

Web Text:

1 mil docs

Discussion Forums: .5 mil docs

2.5 million documents

**Annotated Data:** 

			Total mentions	PER	ORG	GPE
2009	Evaluation	Newswire	3904	627	2710	567
2010	Training	Web data	1500	500	500	500
	Evaluation	Newswire	1500	500	500	500
	Lvaluation	Web data	750	250	250	250
2011	Evaluation	Newswire	1491	500	491	500
		Web data	759	250	259	250
2012	Evaluation	Newswire	1471	702	388	381
		Web data	755	216	318	221
2013	Evaluation	News and Web	1477	686	701	803
		Forums	713	000		
2014	Evaluation	News and Web	3318	3162	1007	1065
2014		Forums	1916			



### **NIST/LDC EL - Task Description**

</query>

For a string at a given offset in a document, determine which entity from the provided knowledge base (if any) is being referred to by the string. Cluster all entities in the test set.

```
<query id="EL005833">
                                                                    LDC Knowledge Base
                                   Israeli Air Force
  <name>IAF</name>
  <docid>eng-WL-11-174596-12954631</docid>
  <offset>...</offset>
</query>
                                                                     E0123252: Italian Air Force
<query id="EL005836">
                                   Islamic Academy
                                      of Florida
  <name>IAF</name>
                                                                     E0247721: Iraqi Air Force
  <docid>eng-NG-31-142148-10021195</docid>
                                                                     E0265128: Israeli Air Force
  <offset>...</offset>
</query>
                                                                     E0290069: Indonesian Air Force
<query id="EL05838">
                                                                     E0384804: Italian Armed Forces
                                   Israeli Air Force
  <name>IAF</name>
  <docid>eng-WL-11-174596-12954257</docid>
                                                                     E0707328: Indian Armed Forces
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<query id="EL05847">
                                   Indian Air Force
  <name>IAF</name>
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```

Microsoft

# Example: which "IAF"? Is answering just a text lookup?

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<DATETIME> 2008-05-24T12:55:00 </DATETIME>
<HEADLINE> Syria stalls IAEA visit... </HEADLINE>
<TEXT> <POST>
<POSTER> GayandRight </POSTER>
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</POST>

Italian Air Force, Italian Armed Forces, Indonesian Air Force, Iraqi Air Force, Israeli Air Force, Indian Armed Forces

# **Knowledge Graph**



### Which "Washington"?

### The quantum state of entities.

**386** Wikipedia entities can be referred to as **Washington** (based on the August 5, 2013 Wikipedia dump).

- Washington, D.C.
- United States
- United States Department of State
- Federal government of the United States

. . .

... which Syria?
... which Damascus?

The answer depends on:

- The granularity of the knowledge base
- The disambiguation of the other entities in the document

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### **MSR Entity Extraction and Linking System**

 The best evidence for entity disambiguation is the set of co-occurring entities (rather than the plain text)



 Extract and disambiguate all entities in a target document



 Employ document-based features as well as local features

# **Knowledge Base**

#### Surface Forms

Washington were defeated by the Eagles.



### Wikipedia sources:

- anchor text of interlinks
- processed page titles
- redirects
- infobox fields

Washington Redskins Washington 1 Washington 0 y O 0.026 16715 Philadelphia Eagles Eagles 1 Eagles 32 y B 0.107 11556

#### OTHER ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NAME (386)

George Washington

George Washington Carver University of Washington

Washington Redskins

Washington Irving

**Booker T. Washington** 

Harold Washington

**United States Naval Observatory** 

Washington County, Maryland

Washington County, Oregon

Washington County, New York

Washington University in St. Louis

Washington County, Utah

Washington Wizards

Washington Capitals

Washington County, Florida

Washington County, Alabama Washington County, Wisconsin

Washington County, Virginia

Washington County, Virginia
Washington County, Vermont

Washington, Utah

Washington, Utah

Washington Terrace, Utah

Washington, Vermont

Washington, Virginia

Washington, West Virginia

Mount Washington (New Hampshire)

Martha Washington

Dinah Washington

USS Washington

Federal government of the United States

USS Washington (BB-56)

**Washington State** 

Lake Washington

Washington State University

Washington Mystics

William Washington

Washington and Lee University

Washington, Tyne and Wear

George Washington University
Washington Bartlett

Union Station (Washington, D.C.)

# **Knowledge Base**

**Entities** 

### Information associated with each entity:

### Topics

Wikipedia categories, list pages, interlinked entity mentions in enumerations, interlinked entity mentions in tables, ...

### Contexts

parentheticals in titles, infobox information, frequently co-occurring words

### Triggers

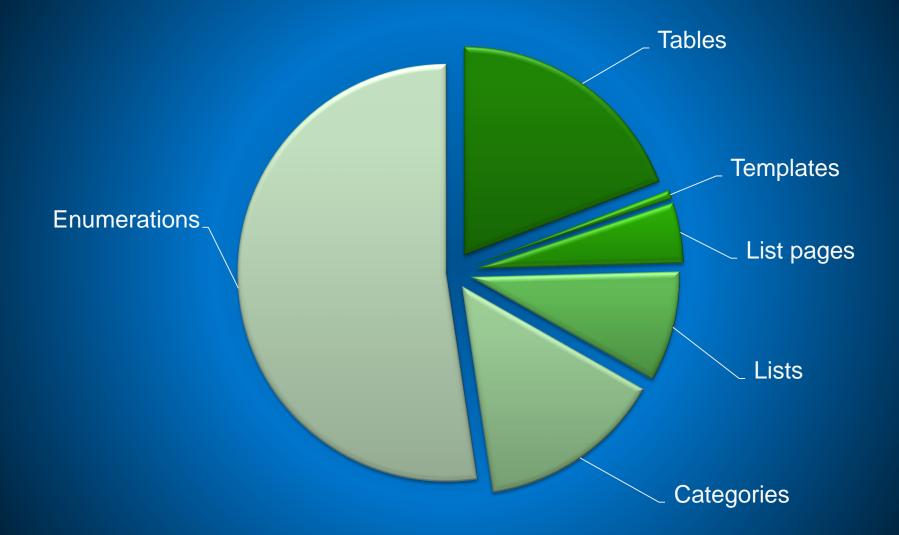
Wikipedia bidirectional linkage

### Entity Types

14 types: Disambiguation, Common, Person, Geo-political entity, Location, Organization, Event, Vehicle, Work of art, ..., Other

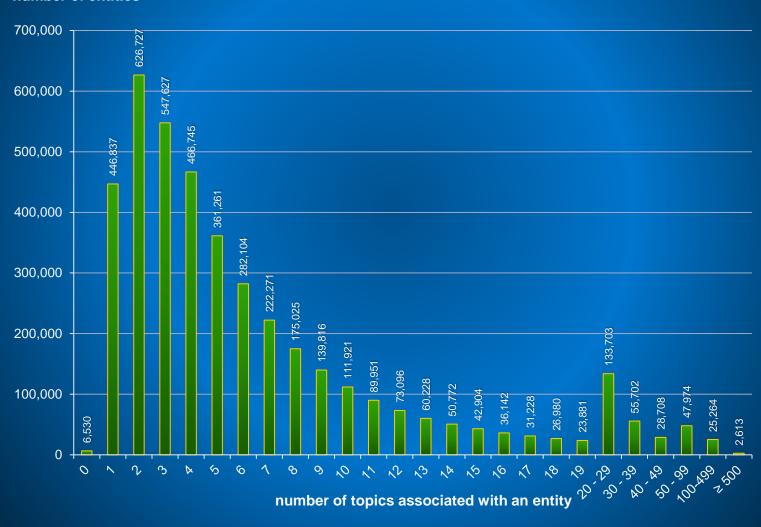
- Geo-coordinates
- Time information

### **Knowledge Base – Topics Stats (1)**



### **Knowledge Base – Topics Stats (2)**

#### number of entities



# **Knowledge Base**

Linguistic Resources

### Derived from the Wikipedia collection:

name normalization

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e.g.:
```

Ben Benjamin, Benjy, Benedict

Bernard Bernie, Barney, Bernardus, Bernhard

Betty Elizabeth, Beth, Betsy

Bill William, Billy, Bil

entity-type contexts

```
e.g.:
```

result in → B 216 C 456 D 4 L 8 M 4 O 2 P 14 T 6 ← was founded. B 18 G 2 L 42 M 2 O 198 P 8

word-capitalization statistics

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### **System Architecture**

The analysis of an input text is done in three stages, with the following main roles:

- Stage 1
  - text normalization
  - sentence breaking
- Stage 2:
  - surface form boundary detection
- Stage 3: disambiguation
  - latent document model construction
  - feature computation
  - entity candidate ranking

### **Surface Form Detection**

- Capitalization, lexical resources, known surface forms
- Soft boundaries

TAC 2011 test: query: EL\_00279

string: Bordeaux

doc: AFP\_ENG\_20081006.0534.LDC2009T13.sgm

e.g.:

Bordeaux-based wine merchant, Jeffrey Davies, said that while the crisis triggered by the terror attacks on New York and Washington had hit US wine sales, the economic meltdown had global implications. [...]

"The big spenders that were ordering the top wines in top restaurants have been taken out," Davies said.

After the attacks, sales of Bordeaux wine to the United States fell by 29 percent in volume during the final quarter of 2001 -- the key Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year period, which accounts for half of annual sales.

Composite(Bordeaux, Bordeaux wine)

Composite(US, US wine)

Employ composite surface forms and let the disambiguation process determine the best entity in the context → resolve boundaries afterwards

Microsoft

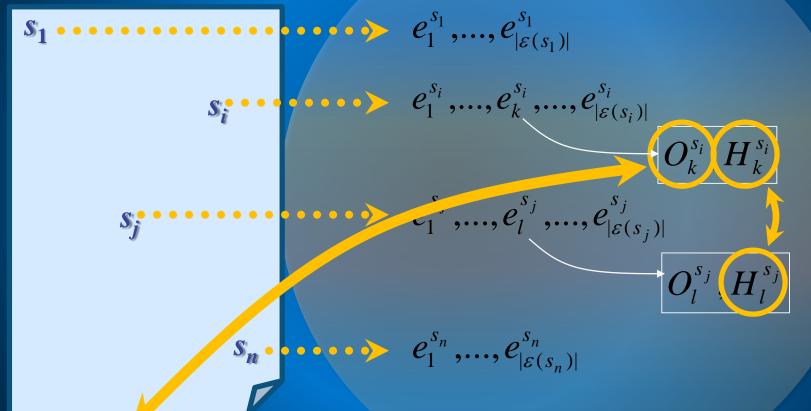
### **Disambiguation - Intuition**

Each entity has multiple vectorial representations

Text document D

observable

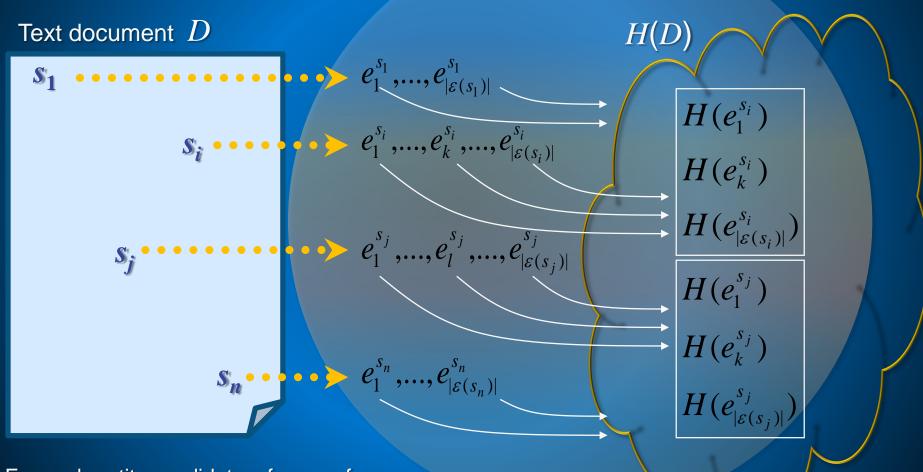
latent / hidden



Find the entity assignment that maximizes the similarity between the observable representations and the document context d and between the latent representations of the entities in the assignment.

### **The Latent Document Representation**

Build (noisy) latent vectorial representations of the document by aggregating the latent vectors from all entity candidates.



For each entity candidate e for a surface s, for each latent representation h, compute the similarity between h(e) and h(D) - h(s)

Microsoft

### **Latent Features**

And during that <u>Super Bowl</u> week, the hottest topic of conversation was <u>Peyton</u> <u>Manning</u>, not his younger brother <u>Eli</u>, who wound up leading the <u>New York Giants</u> to the title.

"There will be no other <u>Peyton Manning</u>," <u>Irsay</u> said, adding that he hoped Wednesday's joint appearance would serve to "honor incredible memories and incredible things that he's done for the franchise, for the city, for the state."

This marks the end of a strong marriage between a player and team.

After being a No. 1 draft pick himself, Manning started every meaningful game for 13 seasons in Indianapolis - 227 in a row, including the playoffs - and took the Colts from perennial also-ran to one of the NFL's model franchises and the 2007 Super Bowl title.

### **Local Features**

- Depart from the one-sense-per-discourse paradigm
- Employ a latent paragraph model in addition to the latent document model
- Employ lexico-syntactic patterns to weight the latent contributions to the paragraph model

e.g.:

possessive constructions: "Denmark's Prime Minister visited Romania" conjunctive constructions: "Denmark and Romania"

### Training (1)

#### Battle of Waterloo

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia





The Battle of Waterloo was fought on Sunday, 18 June 1815, near Waterloo in present-day Belgium, then part of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands. An Imperial French army under the command of Emperor Napoleon was defeated by the armies of the Seventh Coalition, comprising an Anglo-allied army under the command of the Duke of Wellington combined with a Prussian army under the command of Gebhard von Blücher. It was the culminating battle of the Waterloo Campaign and Napoleon's last. The defeat at Waterloo ended his rule as Emperor of the French, marking the end of his Hundred Days return from exile.

Upon Napoleon's return to power in 1815, many states that had opposed him formed the Seventh Coalition and began to mobilise armies. Two large forces under Wellington and Blücher assembled close to the northeastern border of France. Napoleon chose to attack in the hope of destroying them before they could join in a coordinated invasion of France with other members of the coalition. The decisive engagement of this three-day Waterloo Campaign (16–19 June 1815) occurred at the Battle of Waterloo. According to Wellington, the battle was "the nearest-run thing you ever saw in your life". [6]



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Treaty of Paris (and 7 other training examples)



### Training (3)

#### **Treaty of Paris**

- 1. Treaty of Paris
- 2. Treaty of Paris (1763)
- 3. Treaty of Paris (1783)
- 4. Treaty of Paris (1814)
- 5. Treaty of Paris (1815)
- 6. Treaty of Paris (1898)
- 7. Treaty of Paris (1920)
- 8. Treaty of Paris (1951)
- 9. Treaty of Paris (1856)
- 10. Paris Peace Treaties, 1947
- 11. Treaty of Paris (1810)
- 12. Paris Peace Conference, 1919
- 13. Treaty of Peace with Italy, 1947
- 14. Paris Peace Accords
- 15. Treaty of Paris (1259)
- 16. Pacte de Famille
- 17. Treaty of Paris (1229)
- 18. Treaty of Paris (1303)
- 19. Treaty of Paris (1323)
- **20.** Treaty of Paris (1355)
- **21.** Treaty of Paris (1623)
- 22. Treaty of Paris (1657)
- 23. Treaty of Paris (1900)
- 24. Bonn–Paris conventions
- 25. Treaty of Paris (band)
- **26.** Treaty of Paris (1796)
- **27.** Peace of Paris (1783)
- 28. Treaty of Paris (1626)
- 29. Treaty of Paris (1857)
- 30. Treaty of Paris (1802)

### [[Treaty of Paris (1815)|Treaty of Paris]]

← Features values →



### LINEAR CLASSIFIER (LOGISTIC REGRESSION)

- Trained on the pairs (truth, other\_candidate):

$$\frac{P(1|\hat{y})}{P(1|y)} > 1 \sim \frac{P(\hat{y}|x)}{P(y|x)} > 1 \sim \sum_{k=1}^{n} \beta_k(\emptyset_k(x, \hat{y}) - \emptyset_k(x, y))$$

Current system trained on ~90 million data points

# Which Knowledge Base? Knowing More Is Not Always an Advantage

Mapping between entity collections is not trivial

Almost 100,000 out of 820,000 Wikipedia 2008 pages in the knowledge base changed their title as of 2014

More comprehensive may lead to NIL answers
 e.g.: Birmingham

TAC 2011: EL\_00256

NILxxxx 

Birmingham campaign

The army moved to Albany, Ga., in 1961. Some observers say Albany was a failure for Dr. King, but others say it played an important part in preparing the movement for Birmingham.

TAC 2011: EL\_00258

Birmingham, Alabama

→ E0609361

A map of hate groups from the Southern Poverty Law Center in Birmingham, Ala., shows there are 33 active white supremacist groups that have formed in Pennsylvania.

Gold standard for both queries is E0609361: Birmingham, Alabama

### Results

### **NIST/LDC Evaluations**

Accuracy:	MSR logistic regression	best result in the TAC Evaluation	
	2013 system		
TAC 2011 test set	89.3 %	86.8% (MSR)	
TAC 2012 test set	80.4 %	76.2% (MSR)	
TAC 2013 test set	83.2 %	83.2% (MSR)	
	2014 system		
TAC 2014 train set	87.2 %		
TAC 2014 test set	86.8 %	86.8% (MSR)	

### Google-Microsoft-Yahoo Challenge

	Precision	Recall	F-measure
ERD 2014 Train set	83.7%	72.6%	0.778
ERD 2014 Test set	83.3%	69.9%	0.760

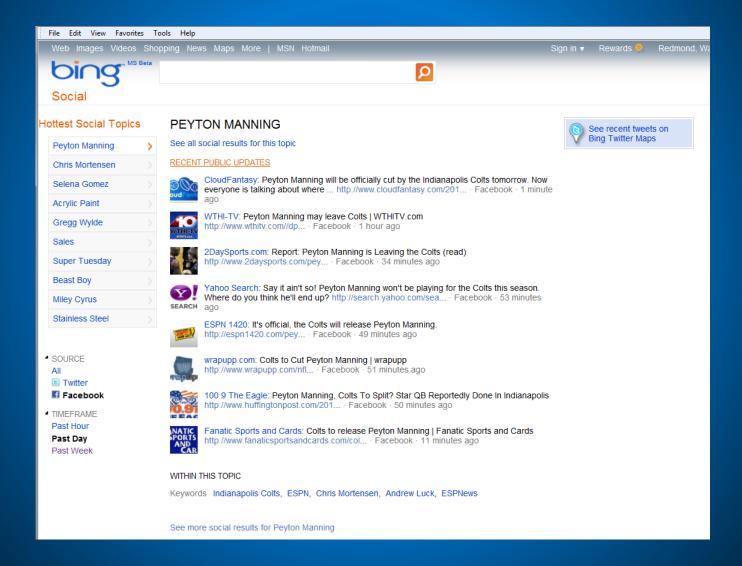
### **Entity Extraction and Linking Applications**



### **Applications: Video Annotation**



### **Applications: Trending Topics**



Applications: Facebook Collage

Emre Kiciman, Chun-Kai Wang



http://apps.facebook.com/msrcollage/

**Microsoft** 

Joe's trying to enjoy eating a cream

Learn more about Cream puff >>>

### **Applications: Search Ads Matching**

Normalization of keyphrases and queries:

e.g. big lots sales → big lots, sale on sale at big lots → big lots, sale big sale of lots → big, lot, sale

- Broad matching: replace entities in a query with related entities
- e.g. kia sorento mpg -> hyundai santa fe mpg

### "weight loss acai berry best energy weight loss herbal pill"

- acai\_berry best energy extract herbal\_pill weight\_loss
- acai\_berry best energy extreme herbal\_pill pure weight\_loss
- acai\_berry best energy extreme herbal\_pill review weight\_loss
- acai\_berry best energy extreme herbal\_pill weight\_loss
- acai\_berry best energy flush herbal\_pill weight\_loss
- acai\_berry best energy health herbal\_pill juice mn weight\_loss
- acai\_berry best energy herbal\_pill information weight\_loss
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- acai\_berry best energy herbal\_pill truth weight\_loss
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3

acai\_berry best energy herbal\_pill weight\_loss wholesale

# Applications: Query Suggestion e.g.

john travolta flics → john travolta movies
john travolta filmography
robert de niro flics
robert de niro movies
jehn wayne flics

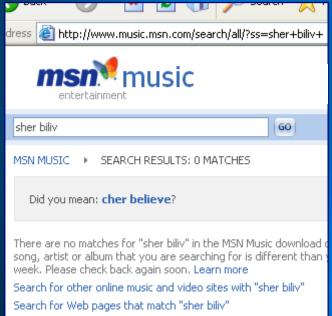
bank of america credit card

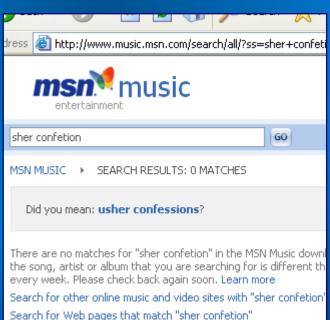
bank of america visa
wells fargo credit card
bank of brazil credit card
bank of america credit valentine

Microsoft

### **Applications: Spelling Correction**

selin dion color of love → celine dion colour of my love gensis selin → genesis selling england by the pound





sher biliv



cher believe

sher cofetion



usher confessions

Microsoft

### **Applications: Web Factoid Question Answering**



who discovered america

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#### Coming to America: Who Was First?: NPR

www.npr.org > Arts & Life > Books

Oct 08, 2007 · Who discovered America? For most of us, the answer to that question is straightforward: Christopher Columbus. That's what we were taught in school and ...

#### Who discovered America - Answers.com

www.answers.com > ... > Continents > North America ▼

Neither. Lief Ericson discovered North America second while Christopher Columbus discovered it third. A Viking did discover North America and his name was Bjarni ...

#### Who Discovered America? - LiveScience.com

www.livescience.com/32430-who-discovered-america.html >

We all learned that Columbus sailed the ocean blue ... and then American history gets very murky. Though much happened before Christopher Columbus' famous journey ...

#### Columbus May Not Have Been First to America: Discovery News

news.discovery.com/.../columbus-cabot-new-world-discovery-120503.htm ▼
Oct 14, 2013 · Columbus may not have been the first to America. Learn more about Columbus not being the first to America in this article.

#### Who discovered America ?? - Yahoo Answers

https://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080818114202AA4VyrZ >

Resolved · 22 posts · 21 total answers · Published Aug 18, 2008

Aug 18, 2008 · columbus in 1492 discovered some of the caribbean islands such as Hispanola, there is john cabot who discovered the east coast of america, vikings ...

#### Who Discovered America? - Buzzle

www.buzzle.com/articles/who-discovered-america.html >

America, also known as the New World is claimed to have been discovered by many people at many times. However, one can't say for sure who discovered America first.

#### Who Discovered America Before Columbus? - Yukozimo

discovery.yukozimo.com/who-discovered-america-before-columbus ▼

The map above shows the Viking's journey as they went to discover North America, about 500 years before Columbus found it. In 985 AD, Erik the Red reach Greenland ...



Christopher Columbus

### **Applications: Context-aware Search**



Part of the crew cabin and the forward portion of the cargo bay of Discovery as it approached the space station Dec. 11, 2006. (NASA)

#### QUOTE

in its box.

"This is a major milestone for the program."

Lead flight director John Curry

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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(CBS/AP) Anyone who's ever tried to fold a well-used map can probably relate to the challenge Discovery astronauts face in the next phase of their mission.

After a successful first spacewalk, the crew aboard the space shuttle was set to spend much of Wednesday preparing to rewire the international space station, one of their most important tasks.

One of the station's solar manels needs to be retracted to nake room for another pan, that will begin rotating for the first time after the rewiring akes place. The panels follow the sun's movement to maximize the amount of ower they can generate for the orbiting space

Bu retracting a solar array isn't essy: it can lose its original natness, just like a once-crisply folded map after it's been spread out on a cass dashboard. NASA managers are wary about putting too much pressure of the array while trying to get it back.

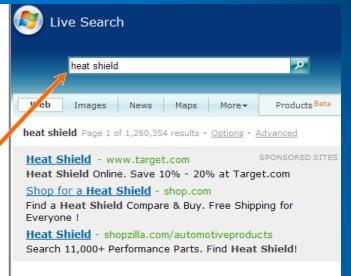
"A map never goes back to the way you fought it. It just doesn't," said John Curry, NASA's lead flight director for the space station.

Though NASA has developed continuency plans for various scenarios, managers aren't sure how the process will play out.

The rewiring is a vital step in the glowth of the space station. Reconfiguring the power system will give the station the capability to provide electricity to laboratories that will be added to the structure in upcoming years.

Meanwhile, NASA says the heat shield appears to be fine, reports CBS News correspondent Peter King, and while there are still more pictures and more data to look at, NASA says it won't ask the crew to do a more focused inspection, because there's no need. However, there are still plans for one more detailed inspection after the shuttle leaves the space station.

NASA managers said dings on its left wing and belly were not of concern. The



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### **Communicating Concepts as Context**





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### **How Important Is the Browsing Context?**

Case study: news browsing

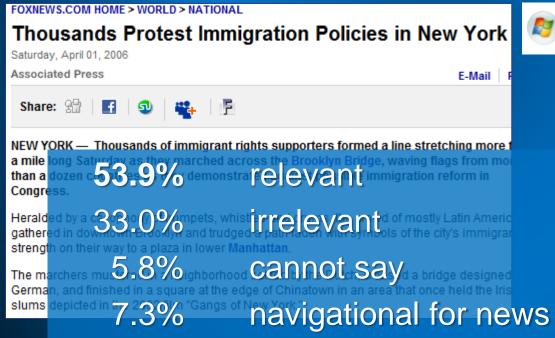
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URL of news site browsed page



Query submitted to Search Engine (Bing, Google, Yahoo)







P = 96% R = 90%

### **Applications: Topic Pages**

#### TOPIC PAGES:

#### William Shatner

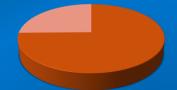
- William Alan Shatner (born on March 22, 1931) is a Canadian actor who gained fame for playing Captain James Tiberius Kirk, captain of the starship USS Enterprise in the television show Star Trek from 1966 to 1969 and in seven of the subsequent movies.
- \* "Shatner is the epitome of the post-ironic, 21st-ce www.imdb.com/name/nm0000638/bio says Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University television and pop-culture h www.rt.com/smart/William\_Shatner.html www.buddytv.com/star-trek.aspx
- Decades after his much-maligned album, "The Transformed Man," boldly took "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" into strange new worlds, Shatner performed songs from Has Been before 4,000 cheering fans.
- Actor William Shatner has sold his kidney stone for \$25,000, with the money going to a housing charity, it
  was announced Tuesday.
- "Up Till Now" by William Shatner allegedly "is riddled with discrepancies about the fateful night of august 9, 1999" when Shatner found Nerine in their pool at their studio city home.
- At age 73, Shatner reinvented himself yet again with a recurring role as a nutty attorney on the last season of The Practice, which snagged him his first Emmy in 2004 and another in 2005 for playing the same part on the spin-off Boston Legal.
- Shatner's Star Trek sidekick Leonard Nimoy will be the only original cast member on board for the prequel –
  he'll reprise his role as Mr. Spock in portions of the film.
- In 1999, Shatner suffered public personal tragedy when his third wife, Nerine, accidentally drowned in their swimming pool.
- In the latest Priceline ads, Shatner bursts forth as the Priceline Negotiator, a mashup of James Bond and Ron Popeil who will do anything to help people broker better deals.
- William Shatner has signed up to host a celebrity-interview show on the Biography Channel titled "Shatner's Raw Nerve" which will premiere sometime next year, reports Daily Variety.

### **Aspect Models Derived from Query Logs**



Topic : Michael Phelps

Aspects: sport, girlfriend, ...



Topic : George Clooney

Aspects: movies, pet, pictures, ...



Topic : Oprah Winfrey

Aspects: show, tv, website, ...

Distribution of topic only queries and topic + aspect queries in a query log sample.

Query Logs

Johnny Depp actor

Johnny Depp movies

Johnny Depp wedding

Johnny Depp

sweeney todd

...

Johnny Depp pirates

actor
movies
wedding
sweeney todd
pirates

Top 10 **Self Aspects Related Aspects** Models Model **Related Topics** John Cusack Joe Pesci Denzel actor Washington film Scott Glen movie **Nicolas** Cage wife

All Topics Self Aspects Models

John
Cusack
Oprah
Winfrey
Michael
Phelps
Hillary
Clinton
Joe Pesci
Nicolas
Cage

Self Aspects Models

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Manual
Filtering

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Top 20 General Aspects Model

family
born
home
married
young
age
awards

career

Self Aspect Models

**Related Aspect Models** 

**General Aspect Models** 

### Sentence Selection by Exploiting Web Redundancy

#### Sentence Selection Goals

Grammatical	Classify sentences using lexical and language modeling features			
Relevant	Aspect specific context vectors.			
Diverse	Explicitly maintain covered aspects. Iteratively select sentences that cover new aspects.			

What is a *typical* sentence for a given aspect?

- 1. After The Pianist Adrien Brody has appeared in four very different movies.
- 2. Adrien Brody received widespread recognition when he was cast as the lead in Roman Polanski's The Pianist (2002).
- 3. Adrien Brody is a New York actor who is known to international audiences as the star of Roman Polanski's 2002 film, The Pianist.

#### Sentence Selection Methods

A denotes aspect vector, S denotes the candidate sentence vector, and  $A_s$  denote the aspects in S.

Full Aspect (Full-context):  $f(s) = \cos ine(A, S)$ 

**Novelty (NS-Full Context):** 

until 
$$|I| < n$$
 do  
 $(1)n(s) = \lambda * f(s) + (1 - \lambda) * \min_{s_i \in I} (1 - \cos ine(s, s_i))$   
 $(2)I = I \cup \underset{s_i \in I}{\operatorname{argmax}} n(s)$ 

**Typical:**  $for each \ a \in A \ do$ :

$$(1)V_a = \sum_{s \in T_a} s$$

$$(2)C_a = \lambda * A + (1 - \lambda) * V_a$$

$$(3) \forall s \in S, t(s) = \cos ine(s, C_a)$$

$$(4)I = I \cup \underset{s \in S}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \ t(s)$$

**Diversity:** until |I| < n do

$$(1)I = I \cup \underset{s \in S}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} f(s)$$

$$(2)A = A - \delta * A_s$$

**Diversity + Typical (DS-Typical):**Apply **Diversity** to **Typical** ranking.

Rachel Weisz (The Constant Gardener), Adrien Brody (The Pianist), Mark Ruffaio (Zodiac), and Rinko Kikuchi (Babel) star in THE BROTHERS BIOOM [...]

### Results

Bette Midler, Harvey Keitel, Mario Cuomo, Newt Gingrich, Billy Bragg, Holly Hunter, Mario Lemieux, Reese Witherspoon, Bob Brady, Joe Theismann, Marion Jones, Roberto Benigni, Carmen Electra, Julie Walters, Matthew Santos, Saxby Chambliss, Elton Brand, Lindsey Graham, Monica Lewinsky, Sean Young

Method	Precision	Grammar	Non-Redund.	Novelty	Recall
Web Search	0.37 (0.12)	0.61 (0.22)	0.57 (0.23)	0.07 (0.09)	0.30 (0.16)
LexRank	0.22 (0.11)	0.61 (0.18)	0.71 (0.26)	0.19 (0.20)	0.34 (0.21)
DS-Typical	0.50 (0.17)	0.83 (0.13)	0.93 (0.15)	0.29 (0.17)	0.53 (0.19)

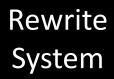
### **Applications: Fact Checking**

 $S: W_1 \dots W_m$ 



**Fact Verification Engine** 

Supporting evidence





 $Q: \{t_1, ..., t_n\}$ 







Re-ranker / Aggregator



Web Results

### **Learning From Wikipedia Citations**

### • Example paragraph from Wikipedia:

In late 1988, Obama entered Harvard Law School. He was selected as an editor of the Harvard Law Review at the end of his first year [34] and president of the journal in his second year. [30][35] During his summers, he returned to Chicago, where he worked as an associate at the law firms of Sidley Austin in 1989 and Hopkins & Sutter in 1990 [36] After graduating with a J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard in 1991, he returned to Chicago Obama's election as the first black president of the Harvard Law Review gained national media attention [30][35] and led to a publishing contract and advance for a book about race relations which evolved into a personal memoir. The manuscript was published in mid-1995 as Dreams from My Father [38]

### Wikipedia Citation Dataset

<subject> Martin Wendt </subject>

<statement> As of 2009, his total live tournament winnings exceed \$900,000. </statement>

<ref> http://pokerdb.thehendonmob.com/player.php?n=29302 </ref>

#### <subject> Gamma-Aminobutyric acid </subject>

<statement> In general, GABA does not cross the blood-brain barrier, although certain areas of the brain which have no effective blood brain barrier, such as the periventricular nucleus, can be reached by drugs such as systematically injected GABA.

<ref> http://physrev.physiology.org/content/79/2/511.full </ref>

#### <subject> Jason Beghe </subject>

<statement> Kennedy and Beghe often hung out together outside the Metropolitan Museum of Art and in Central Park, and were monitored by Kennedy's Secret Service detail. </statement>

<ref> http://www.cnn.com/US/9907/22/ifk.growing.up.in.nyc/ </ref>

#### <subject> Los Angeles </subject>

<statement> Los Angeles enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with an average of 35 days with measurable precipitation annually. </statement> <ref> http://www.weatherbase.com/weather/weather.php3?... </ref>

#### <subject> Murder </subject>

<statement> More than 500,000 people have been killed by firearms in Brazil between 1979 and 2003. </statement>

<ref> http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4628813.stm </ref>

#### <subject> Fox hunting </subject>

<statement> An amendment which allowed licensed hunting under stricter conditions, advocated by the then Prime Minister Tony Blair and some members of the government's independent inquiry on fox hunting (including its chairman Lord Burns), was voted down.
</statement>

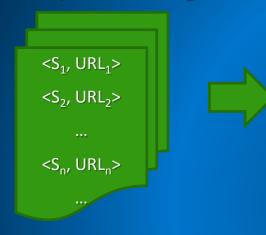
<ref> http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2000/jan/24/hunting.rura...</ref>

#### <subject> Armenian Genocide </subject>

<statement> Despite his previous public recognition and support of Genocide bills, as well as the election campaign promises to formally recognize the Armenian Genocide, the U.S. President, Barack Obama, although repeating that his views on the issue have not changed, has thus far abstained from using the term 'genocide'. </statement> <ref> <a href="http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/promises/obameter/...">http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/promises/obameter/...</ref>

### Rewriting System - Framework

Wikipedia Training



**Overlapping Terms** 

$$O_1 = \{t^1_1,...,t^1_m\}$$
 $O_2 = \{t^2_1,...,t^2_p\}$ 
...
 $O_n = \{t^n_1,...,t^n_q\}$ 

Assume the documents cited in Wikipedia are the most relevant on the Web



Search $(O_i) = URL_i$ ?

Features: {POS, sense #, tf\*idf, wikiFreq, keyphraseness, offset, multi-word}

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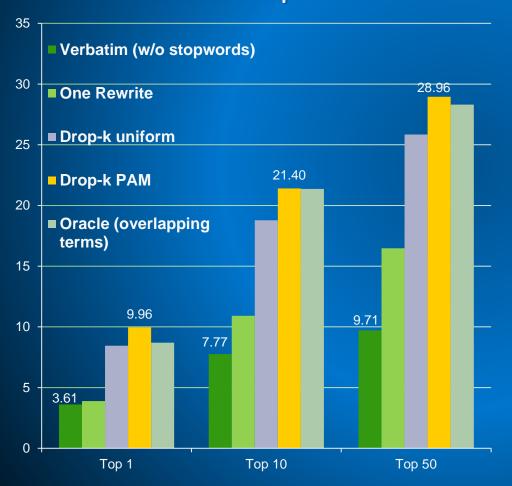






### Results

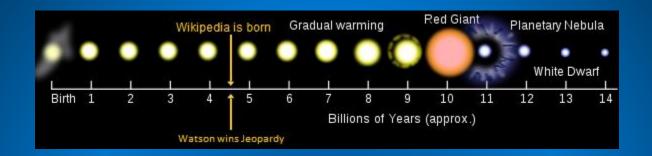
# Percentage of Wikipedia citations retrieved in top *n* results



# Amazon Turk Experiments (scale 0 – 2)

Reference Type	Quality	Ease of Effort	Trust- worthiness
Wikipedia	1.37	1.26	1.48
One Rewrite	1.15	1.18	1.36
Drop-k PAM	1.15	1.24	1.45

### Where We Go From Here



- Web-scale knowledge collections
- Web-scale annotation and fact extraction
- Instant access to knowledge in any environment
- Context-awareness
- Personalized views of the knowledge
- Fact engines

