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Lecture 6: Information Retrieval I

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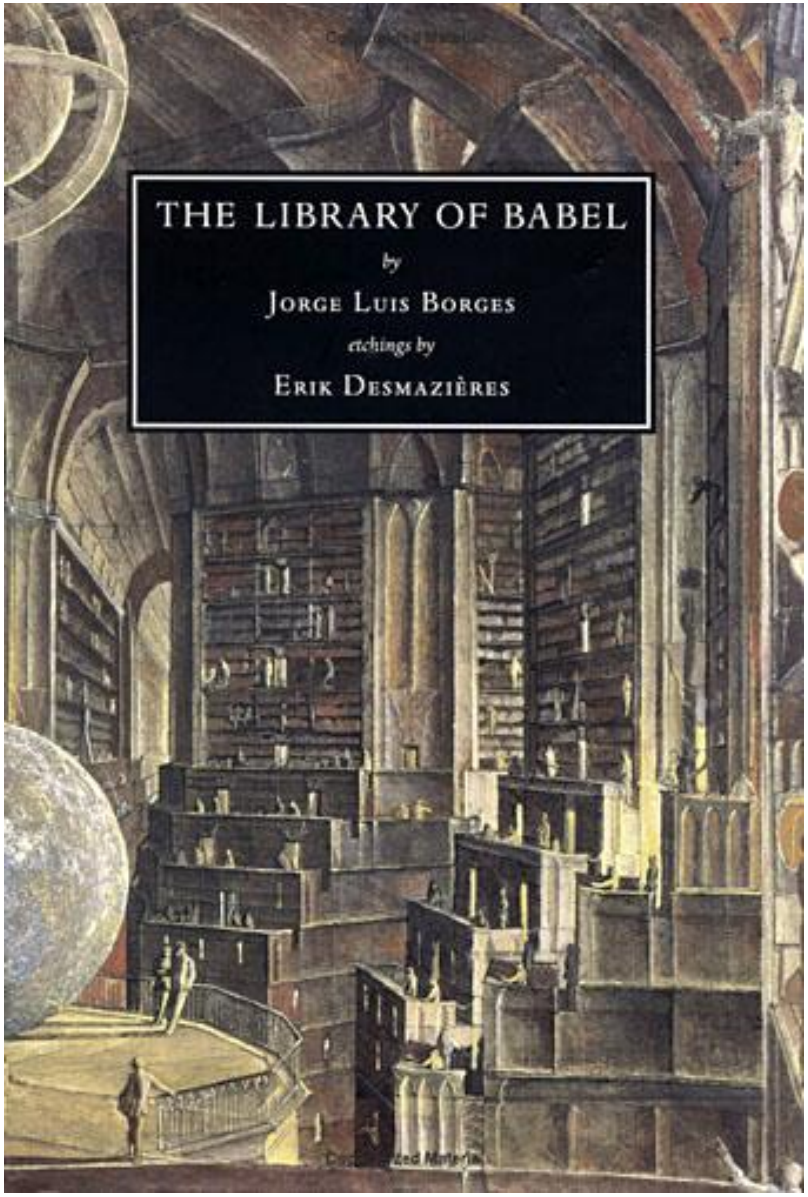
Postponing …


MapReduceBase
HDFS
grunt
Pig
replication
Sort
Hive
replicas
Rack-awareness
MapReduce
Partitioner
JobNode
JobTracker
ChunkServer
GFS
chunks
Hadoop
Reporter
Mapper
Writable
Shuffle
NameNode
Pipelined-reads
Reducer
Combiner
WritableComparable
DataNode
SecondaryNameNode

MANAGING TEXT DATA

Information Overload

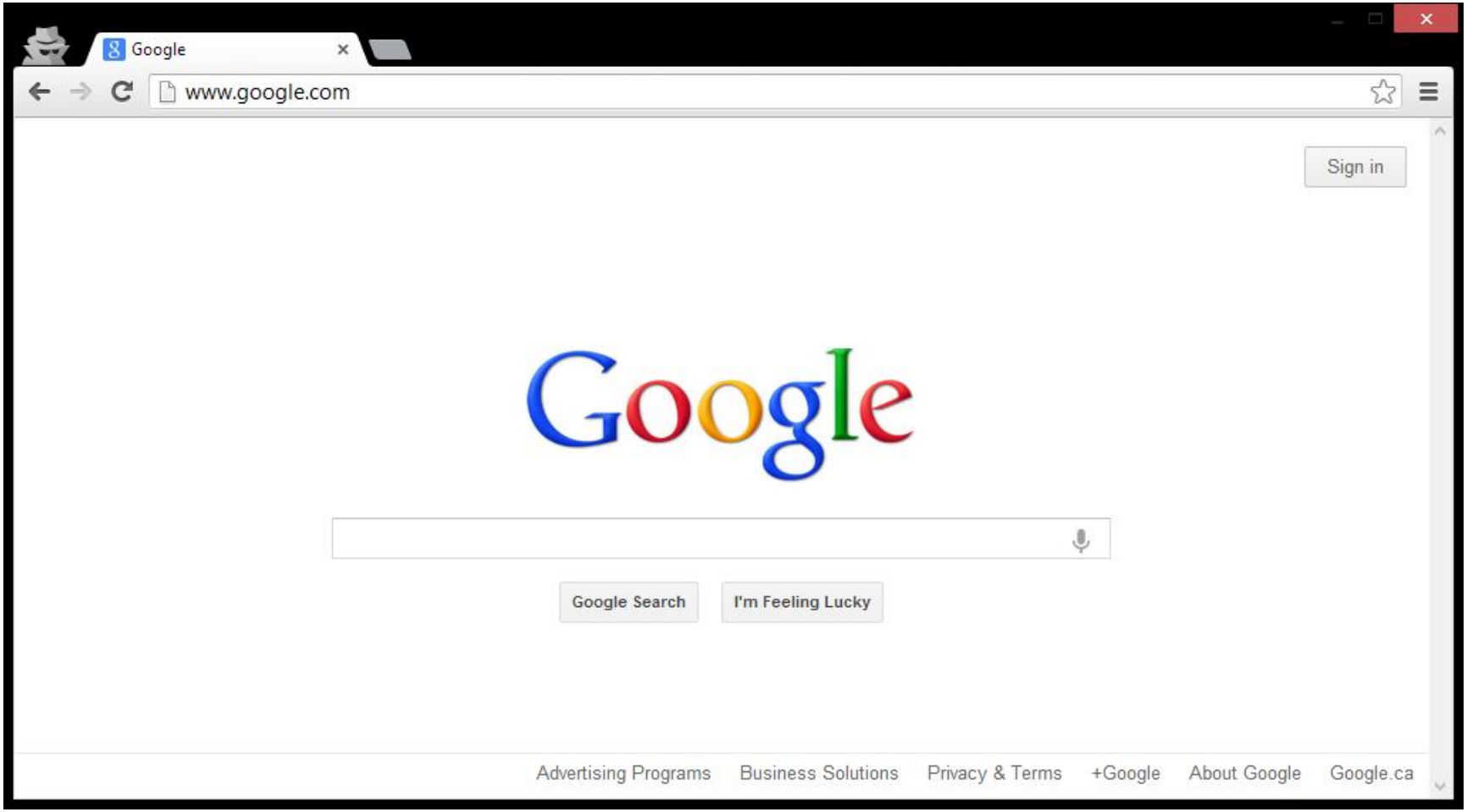
If we didn't have search …



- Contains all books with
  - 25 unique characters
  - 80 characters per line
  - 40 lines per page
  - 410 pages
  - 410 x 40 x 80 = 1,312,000 chars
  - $25^{1{,}312{,}000}$ books
- Would contain any book imaginable
  - Including a book with the location of useful books ;)

All information = Zero information

The book that indexes the library



WEB SEARCH/RETRIEVAL

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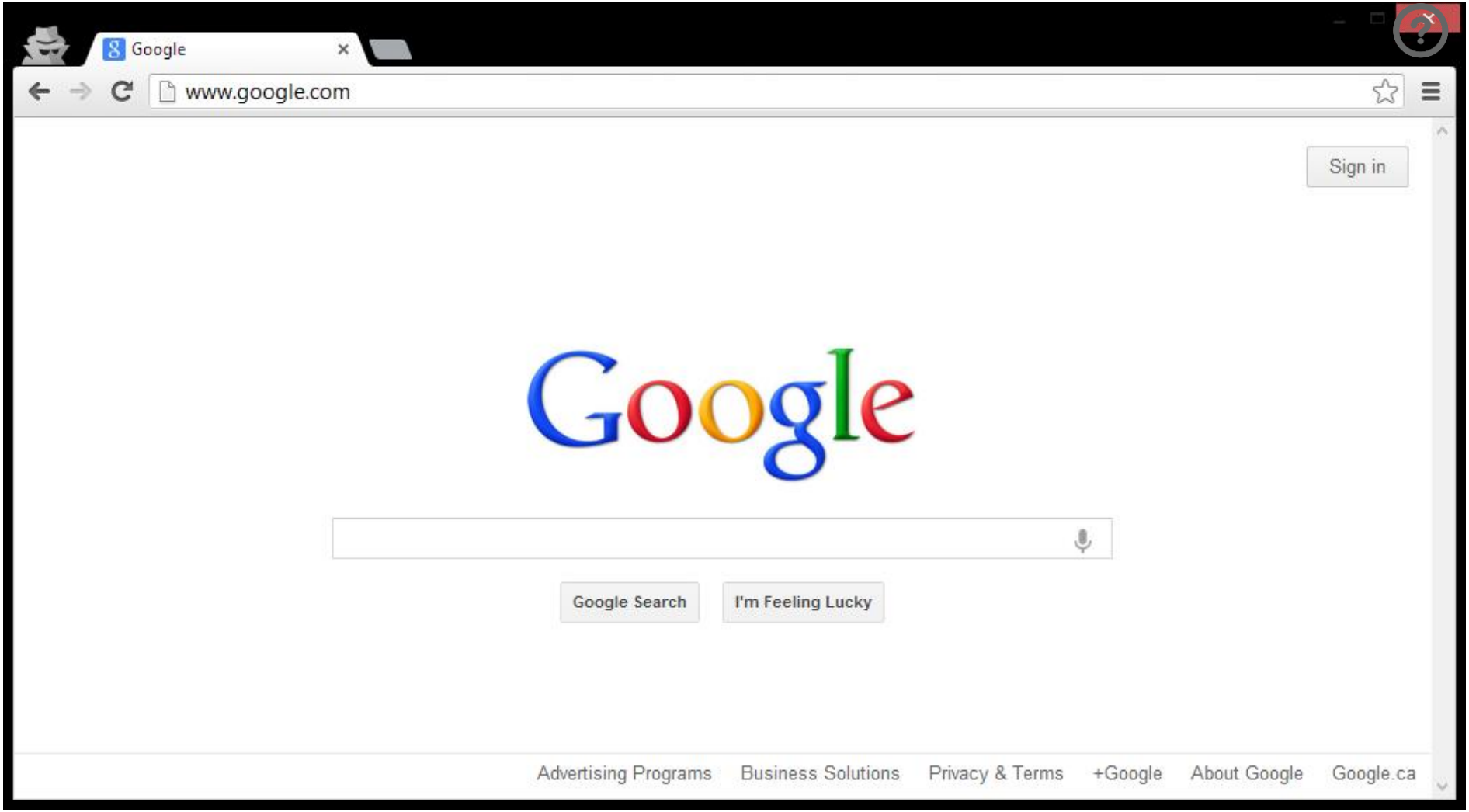

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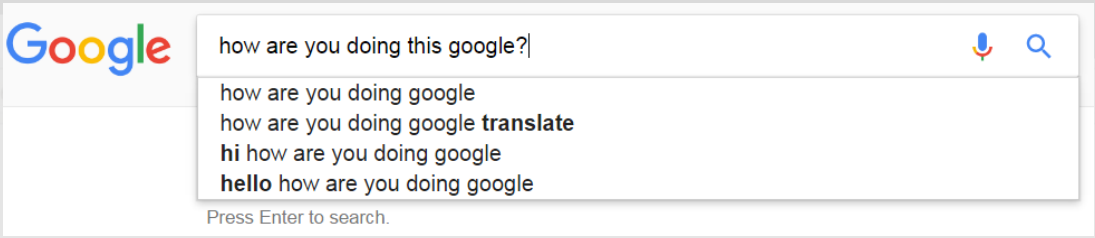


What processes/algorithms does Google need to implement Web search?

Crawling

1. Parse links from webpages
2. Schedule links for crawling
3. Download pages, GOTO 1

Indexing

1. Parse keywords from webpages
2. Index keywords to webpages
3. Manage updates

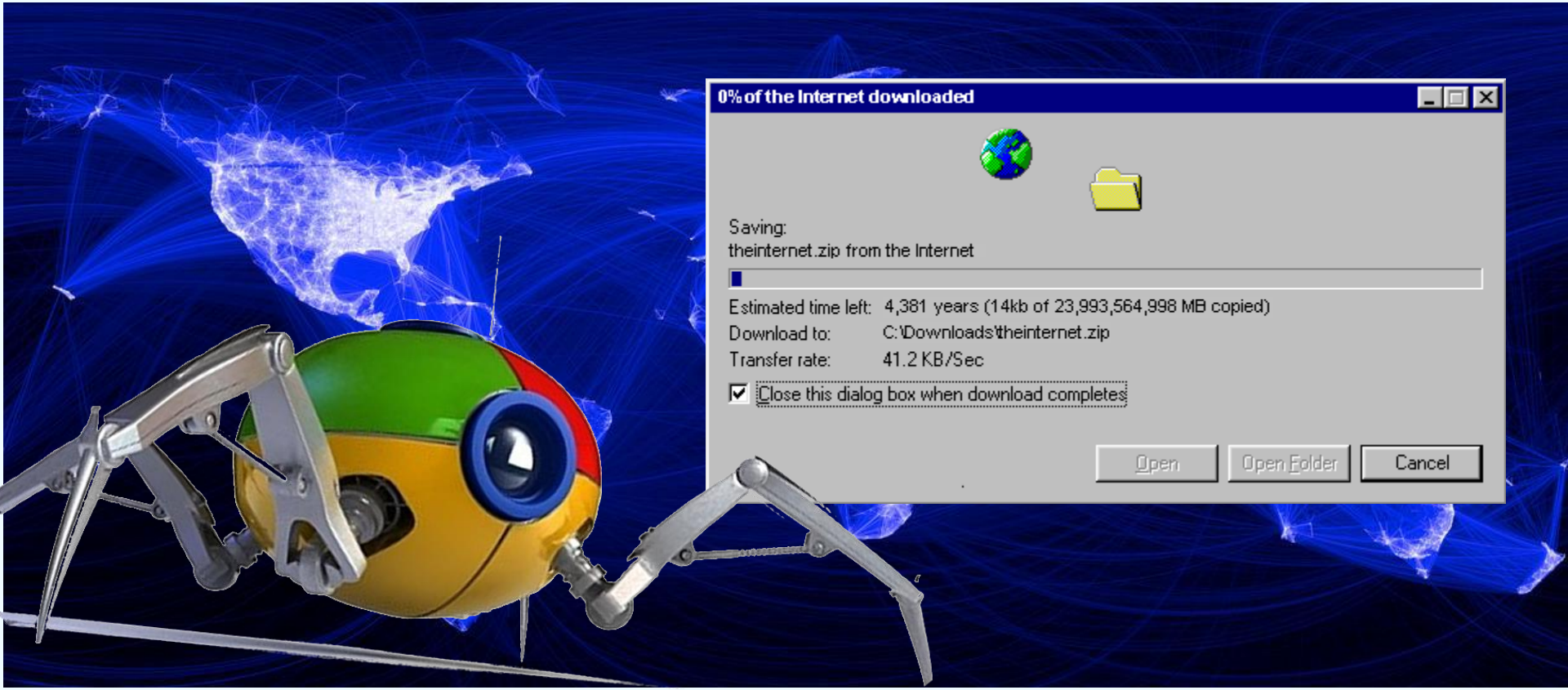
Ranking

1. How relevant is a page? (TF-IDF)
2. How important is it? (PageRank)
3. How many users clicked it?

…

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL: CRAWLING

How does Google know about the Web?



Crawling

Download the Web. ☺

```
crawl(list seedUrls)
    frontier_i = seedUrls
    while(!frontier_i .isEmpty())
        new list frontier_i+1
        for url : frontier_i
                page = downloadPage(url)
                frontier_i+1.addAll(extractUrls(page))
                store(page)
        i++
```

What's missing?

Crawling: Avoid Cycles

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Performance? 

Crawling: Avoid Cycles

Download the Web. ☺

```
C:\Users\Aidan>ping twitter.com

Pinging twitter.com [199.16.156.198] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 199.16.156.198: bytes=32 time=118ms TTL=50
Reply from 199.16.156.198: bytes=32 time=120ms TTL=50
Reply from 199.16.156.198: bytes=32 time=120ms TTL=50
Reply from 199.16.156.198: bytes=32 time=125ms TTL=50

Ping statistics for 199.16.156.198:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 118ms, Maximum = 125ms, Average = 120ms

C:\Users\Aidan>
```

page = downloadPage(url)

- Majority of time spent waiting for connection
- Disk/CPU usage will be near 0
- Bandwidth will not be maximised

Performance?

Crawling: Multi-threading Important

```
crawl(list seedUrls)
    frontier_i = seedUrls
    new set urlsSeen
    while(!frontier_i .isEmpty())
        new list frontier_i+1
        new list threads
        for url : frontier_i
                thread = new DownloadPageThread.run(url,urlsSeen,fronter_i+1)
                threads.add(thread)
        threads.poll()
        i++
DownloadPageThread: run(url,urlsSeen,frontier_i+1)
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    synchronised: frontier_i+1.addAll(extractUrls(page).removeAll(urlsSeen))
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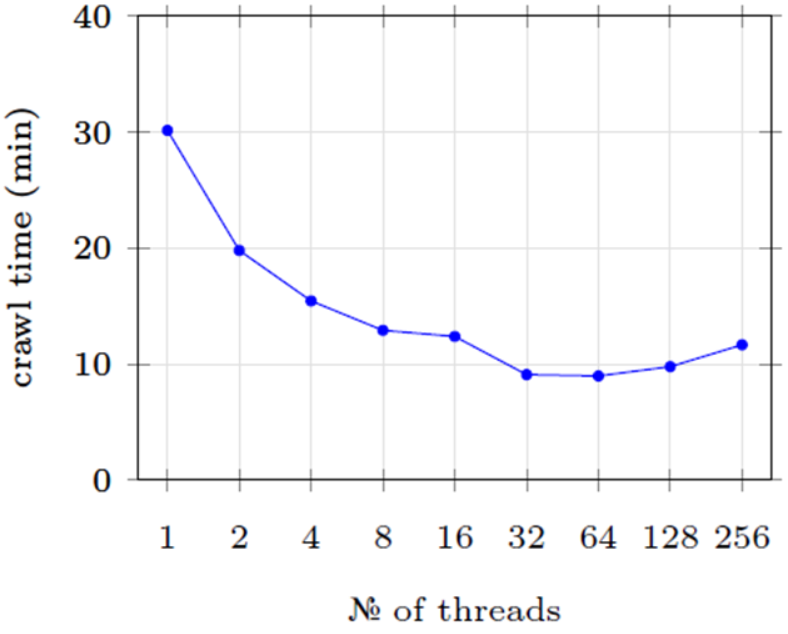
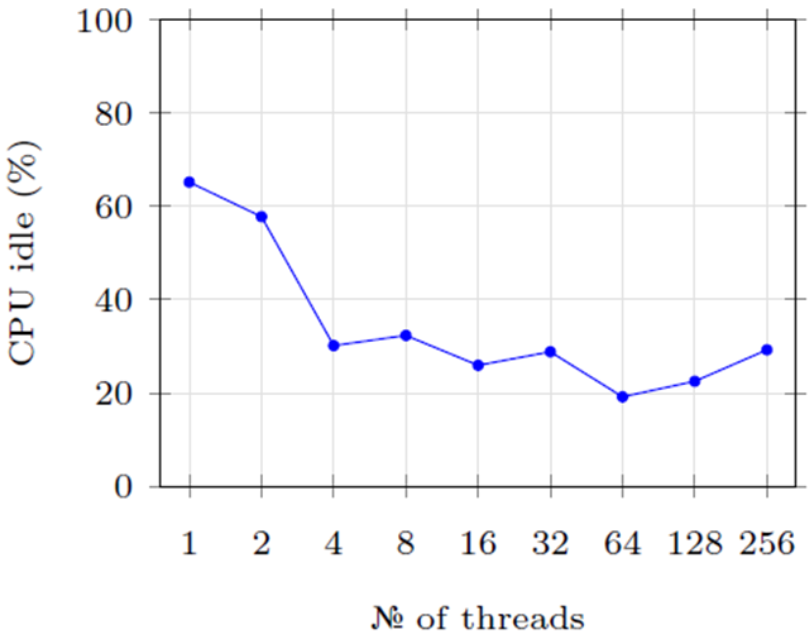
```

Crawling: Multi-threading Important

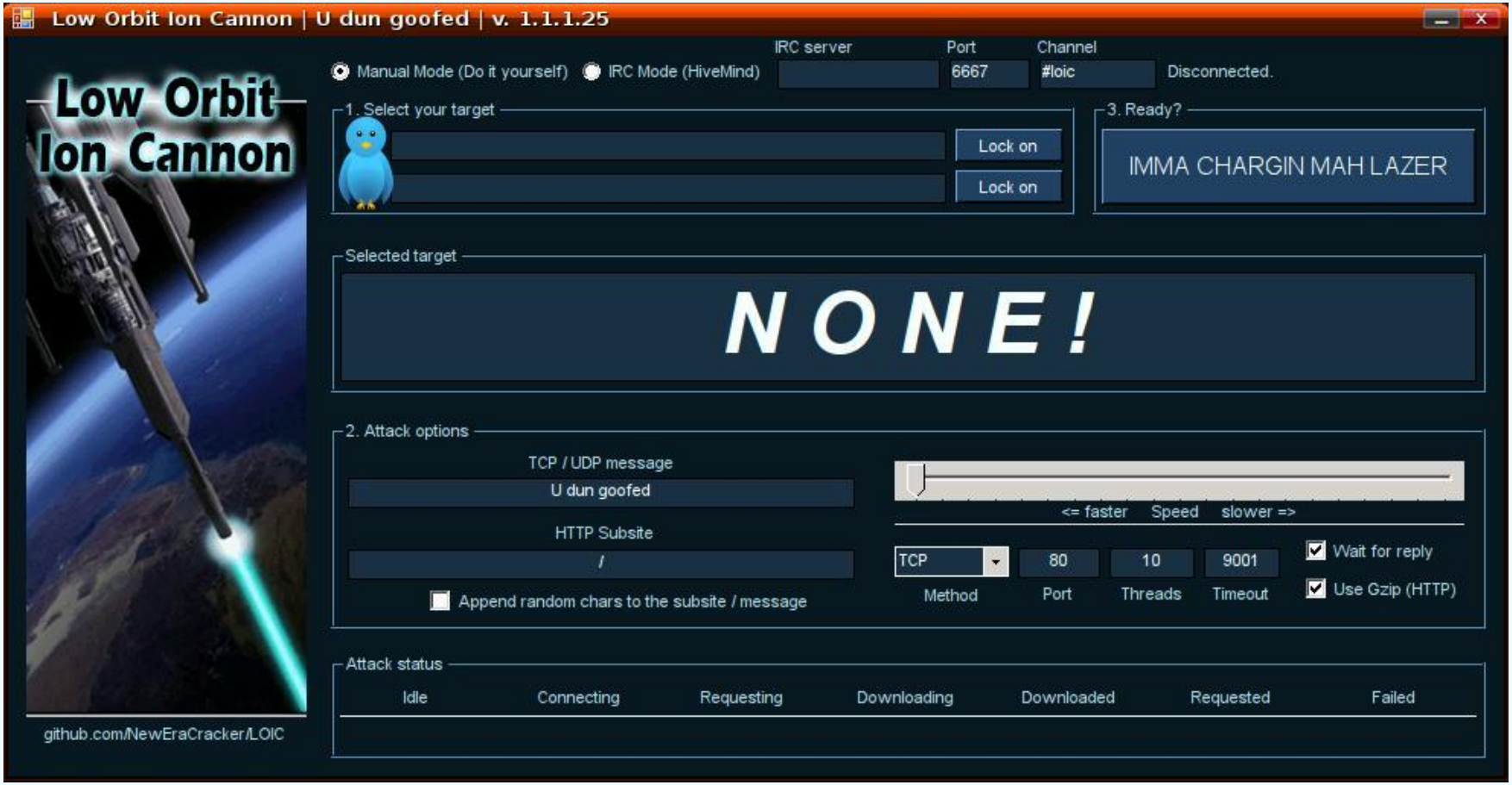
Crawl 1,000 URLs …





Crawling: Important to be Polite!

(Distributed) Denial of Server Attack: (D)DoS



Crawling: Avoid (D)DoSing

- Christopher Weatherhead
- 18 months prison

… more likely your IP range will be banned

Crawling: Web-site Scheduler

```
crawl(list seedUrls)
    frontier_i = seedUrls
    new set urlsSeen
    while(!frontier_i .isEmpty())
        new list frontier_i+1
        new list threads
        for url : schedule(frontier_i) #maximise time between two pages on one site
                thread = new DownloadPageThread.run(url,urlsSeen,fronter_i+1)
                threads.add(thread)
        threads.poll()
        i++
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Robots Exclusion Protocol

http://website.com/robots.txt

```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /
```

No bots allowed on the website.

```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /user/
Disallow: /main/login.html
```

No bots allowed in /user/ sub-folder or login page.

```
User-agent: googlebot
Disallow: /
```

Ban only the bot with “user-agent” googlebot.

Robots Exclusion Protocol (non-standard)

```
User-agent: googlebot
Crawl-delay: 10
```

Tell the googlebot to only crawl a page from this host no more than once every 10 seconds.

```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /
Allow: /public/
```

Ban everything but the /public/ folder for all agents

```
User-agent: *
Sitemap: http://example.com/main/sitemap.xml
```

Tell user-agents about your *site-map*

Site-Map: Additional crawler information

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<urlset>
    <url>
        <loc>http://aidanhogan.com/</loc>
        <lastmod>2017-04-17</lastmod>
        <changefreq>weekly</changefreq>
        <priority>0.8</priority>
    </url>
    <url>
        <loc>http://aidanhogan.com/teaching/</loc>
        <lastmod>2017-04-04</lastmod>
        <changefreq>monthly</changefreq>
        <priority>0.5</priority>
    </url>
</urlset>
```

Crawling: Important Points

- Seed-list: Entry point for crawling
- Frontier: Extract links from current pages for next round
- Seen-list: Avoid cycles
- Threading: Keep machines busy
- Politeness: Don't annoy web-sites
  - Set delay between crawling pages on the same web-site
  - Stick to what's stated in the robots.txt file
  - Check for a site-map

Crawling: Distribution

How might we implement a distributed crawler?

```
for url : frontier_i-1
        map(url,count)
```

Similar benefits to multi-threading

What will be the bottleneck as machines increase?

Bandwidth or politeness delays

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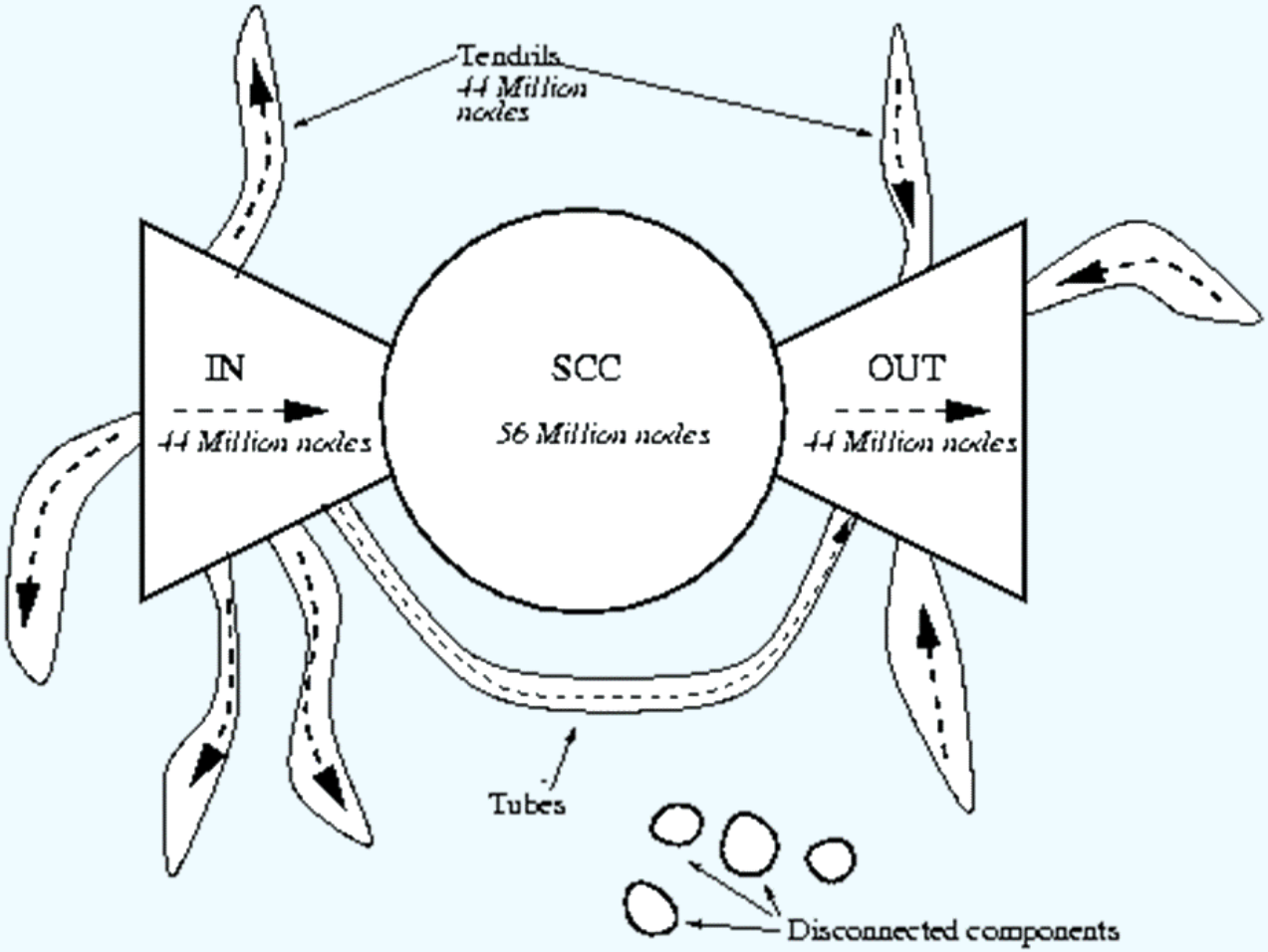
Can Google crawl all the Web?

Crawling: Inaccessible (Bow-Tie)



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46% of statistics made up on the spot

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Can Google crawl all the Web?

Can Google crawl itself?

Apache Nutch

- Open-source crawling framework!
- Compatible with Hadoop!

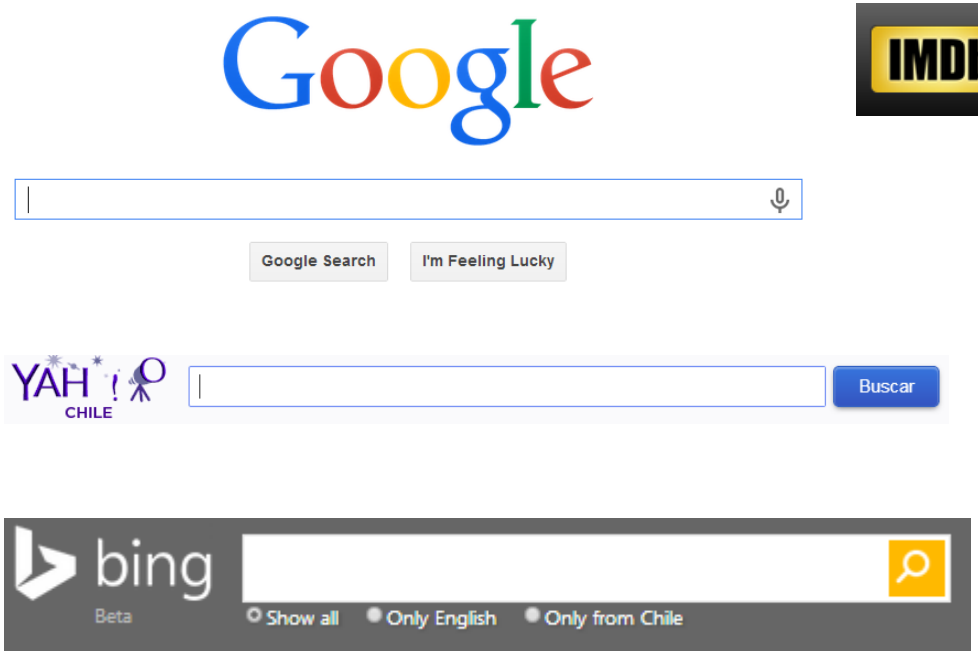
https://nutch.apache.org/

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL: INVERTED-INDEXING

Inverted Index

- Inverted Index: A map from words to documents
  - "Inverted" because usually documents map to words

Examples of applications?



Inverted Index: Example

1

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fruitvale_Station

Fruitvale Station

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Fruitvale Station is a 2013 American drama film written and directed by Ryan Coogler.

Inverted index:

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directed	(1,2,…)
drama	(1,16,…)
…	…

Inverted Index: Example Search

american drama

- AND: Intersect posting lists
- OR: Union posting lists
- PHRASE: ???

How should we implement PHRASE?

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Inverted Index Flavours

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- Language specific!
- Use same normalisation on query and document!

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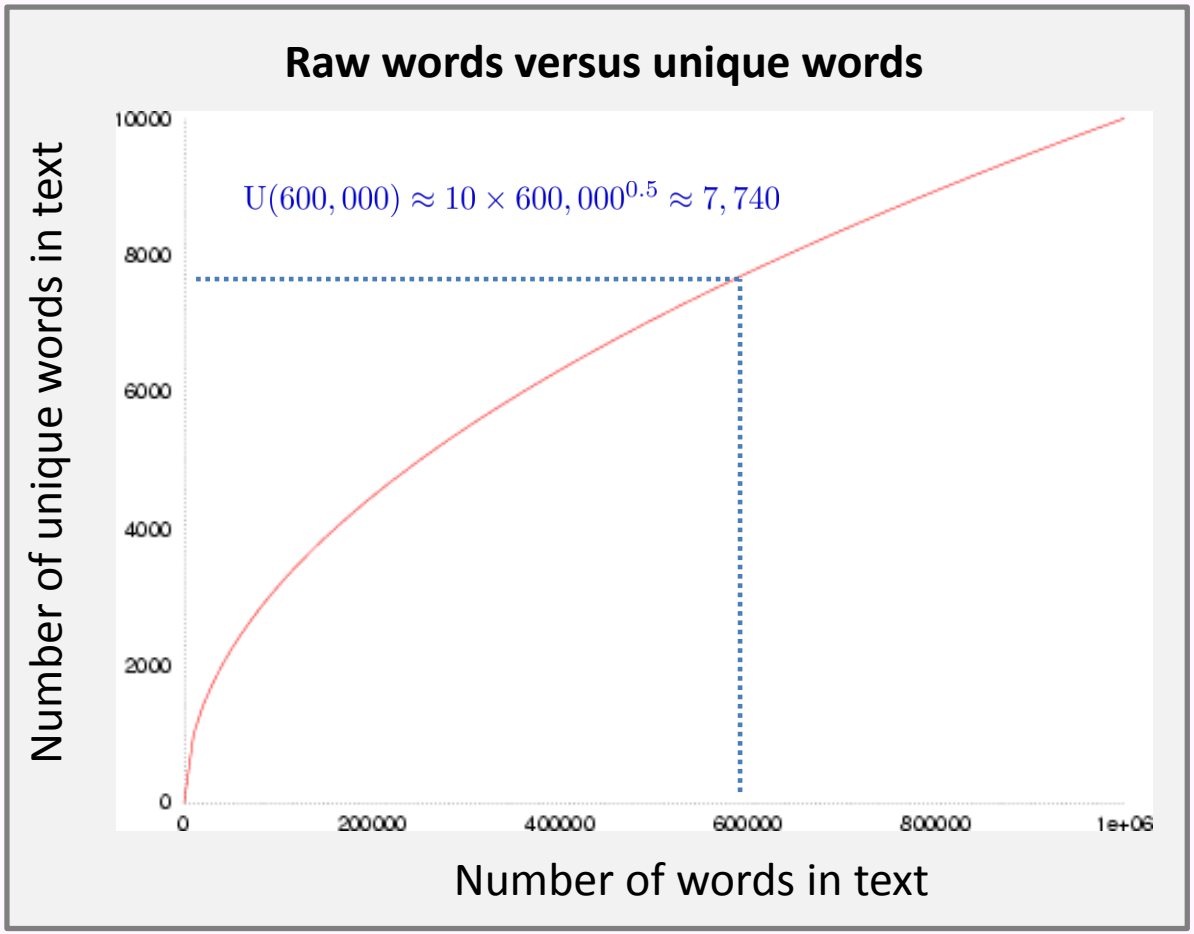
Inverted Index: Unique Words

Not so many unique words …

- Heap's law: $\mathrm{U}(n) \approx Kn^{\beta}$
- English text
  - K ∈ [10,100]
  - β ∈ [0.4,0.6]



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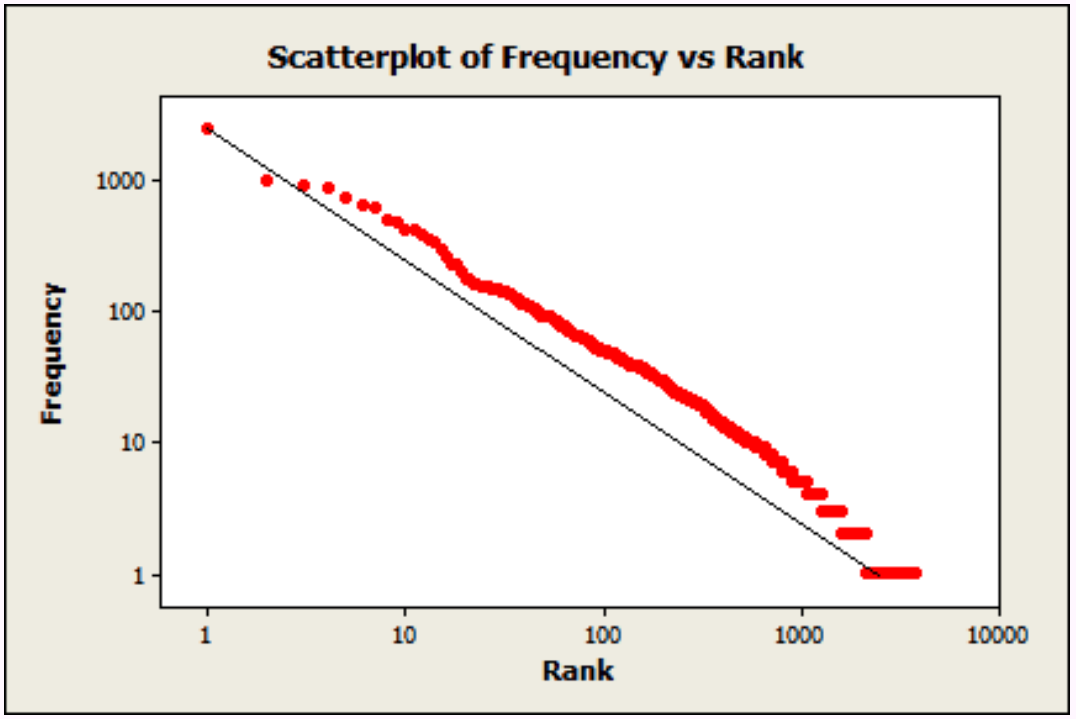

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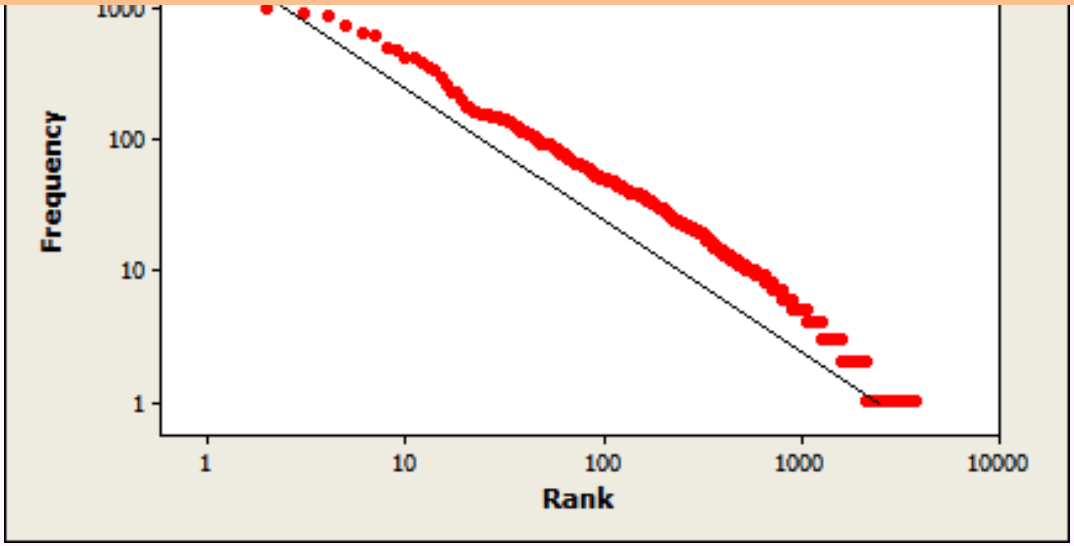

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Inverted Index: Common Words

- Perhaps implement stop-words?
  - Most common words contain least information

the drama in america

Inverted Index: Common Words

- Perhaps implement stop-words?
- Perhaps implement block-addressing?

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Block 1 **Block 2**

What is the effect on phrase search?

Small blocks ~ **okay**
Big blocks ~ **not okay**

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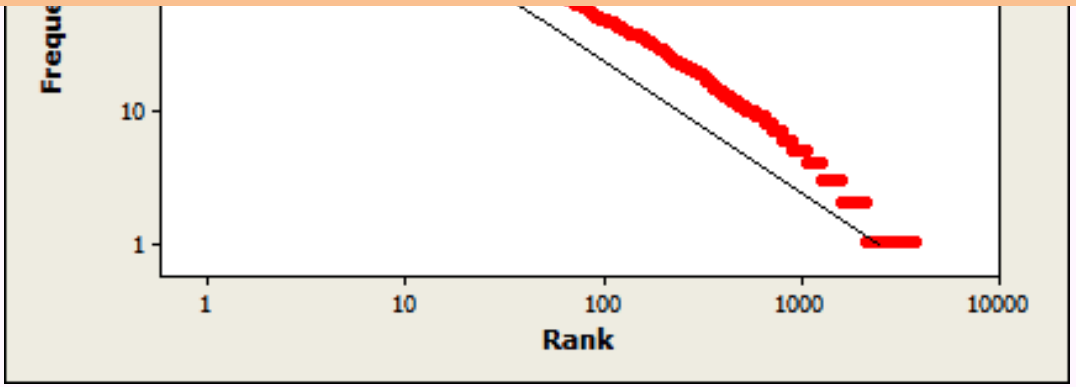
- Expect more queries for common words



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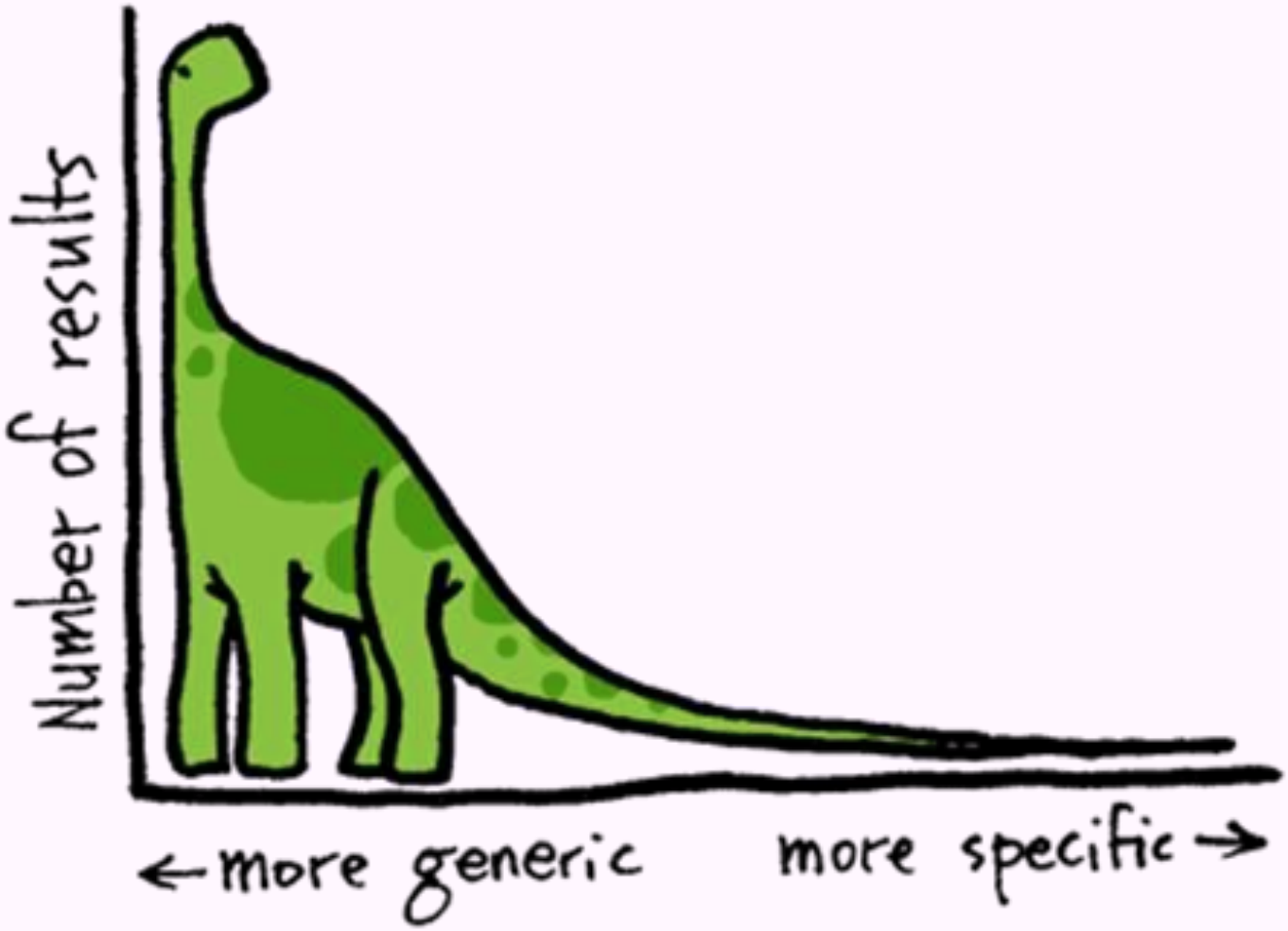

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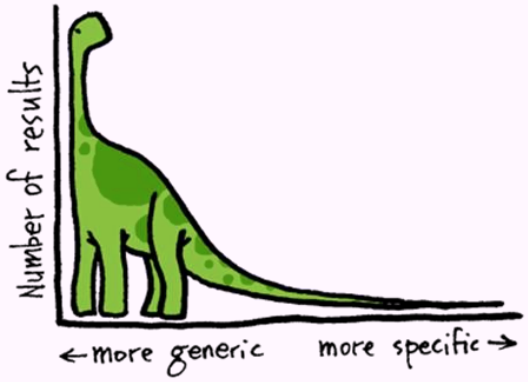
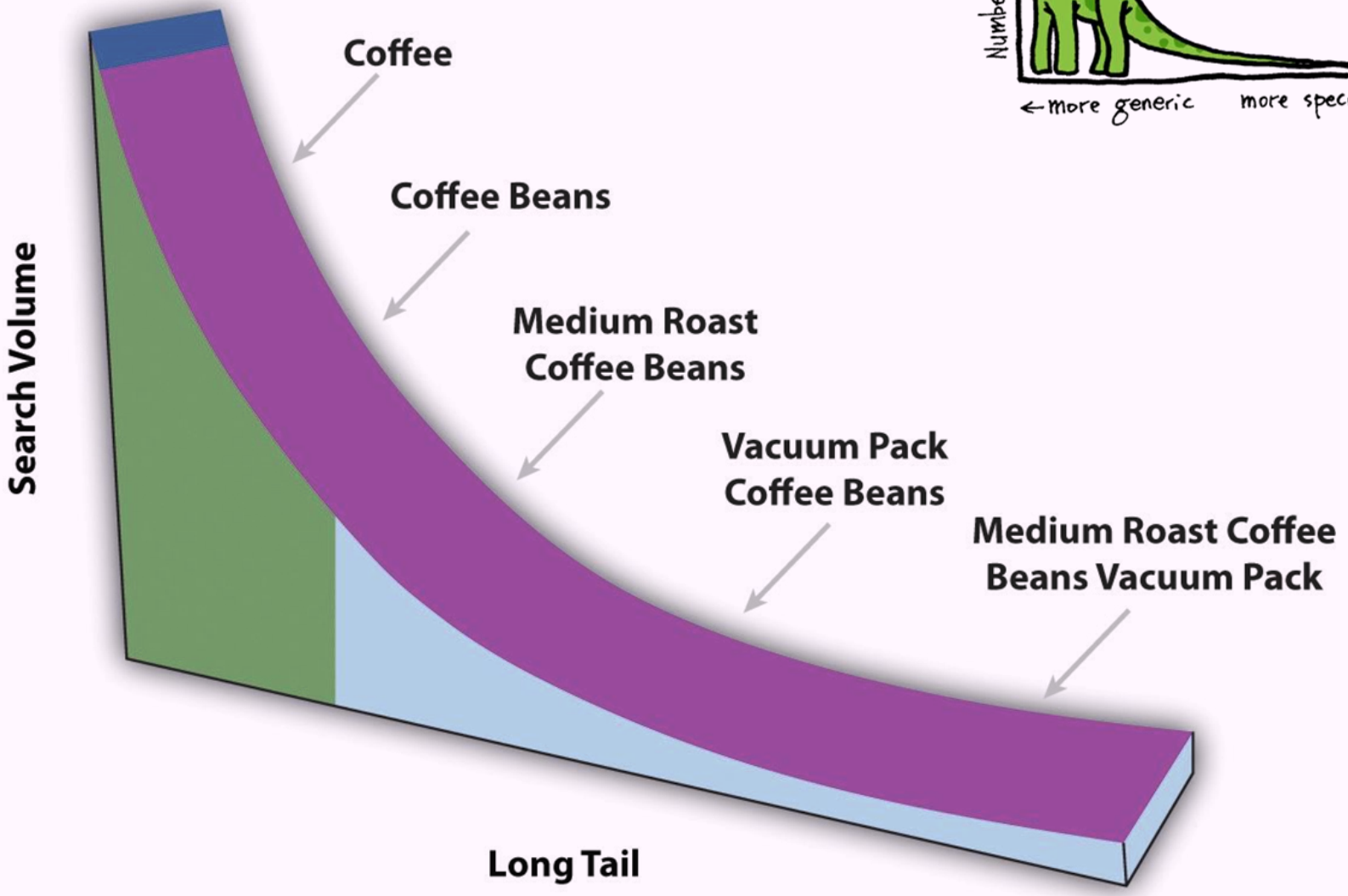
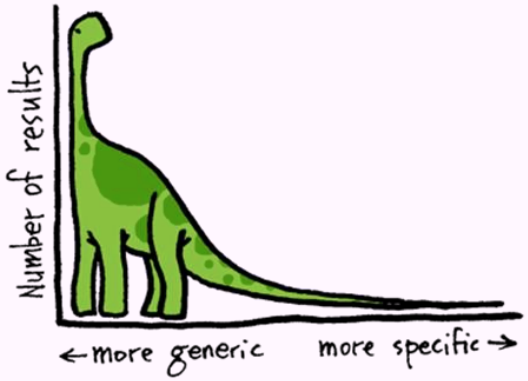




How to optimise for this? ?

Caching for common queries like "**coffee**"

If interested …



Anatomy of the Long Tail: Ordinary People with Extraordinary Tastes

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ABSTRACT

The success of "infinite-inventory" retailers such as Amazon.com and Netflix has been ascribed to a "long tail" phenomenon. To wit, while the majority of their inventory is not in high demand, in aggregate these "worst sellers," unavailable at limited-inventory competitors, generate a significant fraction of total revenue. The long tail phenomenon, however, is in principle consistent with two fundamentally different theories. The first, and more popular hypothesis, is that a majority of consumers consistently follow the crowds and only a minority have any interest in niche content; the second hypothesis is that everyone is a bit eccentric, consuming both popular and specialty products. Based on examining extensive data on user preferences for movies, music, Web search, and Web browsing, we find overwhelming support for the latter theory. However, the observed eccentricity is

Categories and Subject Descriptors

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General Terms

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Long tail, infinite inventory

1. INTRODUCTION

The explosion of electronic commerce has opened the door to so-called "infinite-inventory" retailers, such as Amazon.com, Netflix, and the iTunes Music Store, which offer an order of

Search Implementation

- Vocabulary keys:
  - Hashing: O(1) lookups (assuming good hashing)
    - no range queries
    - relatively easy to update (though rehashing expensive!)
  - Sorting/B-Tree: O(log(u)) lookups, u unique words
    - range queries
    - tricky to update (standard methods for B-trees)
  - Tries/FST: O(l) lookups, l length of the word
    - range queries, compressed, auto-completion!
    - referencing becomes tricky (on disk)

Tries? FSTs? (in class) 

Memory Sizes

- Term list (vocabulary keys) small:
  - Often will fit in memory!
- Posting lists larger:
  - On disk / Hot regions cached

Term List	Posting List
a	(1,[21,96,103,…]), (2,[…]), …
american	(1,[28,123]), (5,[…]), …
and	(1,[57,139,…]), (2,[…]), …
by	(1,[70,157,…]), (2,[…]), …
directed	(1,[61,212,…]), (4,[…]), …
drama	(1,[38,87,…]), (16,[…]), …
…	…

Compression techniques

- Numeric compression important

Term List	Posting Lists
country	(1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), …
…	…

Compression techniques: High Level

- Interval indexing
  - Example for record-level indexing
    - Could also be applied for block-level indexing, etc.

Term List	Posting List
country	(1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), …
…	…

Term List	Posting List
country	(1–4), (6–7),
…	…

Compression techniques: High Level

- Gap indexing
  - Example for record-level indexing
    - Could also be applied for block-level indexing, etc.

Term List	Posting List
country	(1), (3), (4), (8), (9), …
…	…

Term List	Posting Lists
country	(1), 2, 1, 4, 1
…	…

Benefit?  Repeated small numbers easier to compress!

Compression techniques: Bit Level

- Variable length coding: bit-level techniques
- For example, Elias γ (gamma) encoding
  - Assumes many small numbers

z: integer to encode	n = $\lfloor \log_2(z) \rfloor$ coded in unary	a zero marker	next n binary numbers	final Elias γ code
1	0			0
2	1	0	0	100
3	1	0	1	101
4	11	0	00	11000
5	11	0	01	11001
6	11	0	10	11010
7	11	0	11	11011
8	111	0	000	1110000
…	…	…	…	…

Can you decode "01000011000111000011001"?  <1,2,1,1,4,8,5>

Compression techniques: Bit Level

- Variable length coding: bit-level techniques
- For example, Elias δ (delta) encoding
  - Better for some distributions

z: integer to encode	$n = \lfloor \log_2(z) \rfloor$ coded in **Elias γ**	next *n* binary numbers	final Elias δ code
1	*0*		0
2	100	0	1000
3	100	1	1001
4	101	00	10100
5	101	01	10101
6	101	10	10110
7	101	11	10111
8	11000	000	11000000
…	…	…	…

Can you decode "01100000110010110010 01"?  <1,9,3,1,17>

Compression techniques: Byte Level

- Use variable length byte codes
- Use last bit of byte to indicate if the number ends

- For example:

- 0010010 = 18, 1010001= 81, 100010010= 274

Parametric compression

- Previous methods "non-parametric"
  - Don't take an input value
- Other compression techniques parametric:
  - for example, Golomb-*3* code:

z: integer to encode	*n* = ⌊(*z-1*)/3⌋ coded in unary	Zero separator	binary remainder	final Golomb-3 code
1	*0*		0	00
2	0		10	010
3	0		11	011
4	1	0	0	100
5	1	0	10	1010
6	1	0	11	1011
7	11	0	00	1100
8	11	0	010	11010

Other Optimisations

- Top-Doc: Order posting lists to give likely "top documents" first: good for top-*k* results

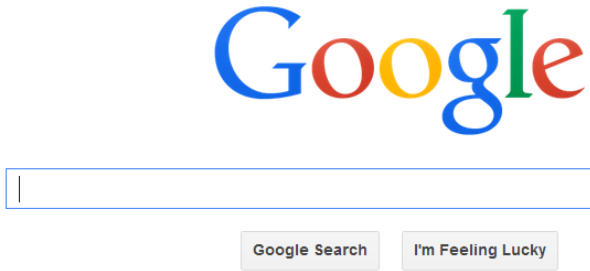
- Selectivity: Load the posting lists for the most rare keywords first; apply thresholds

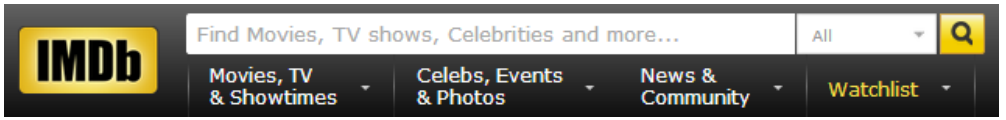
- Sharding: Distribute over multiple machines

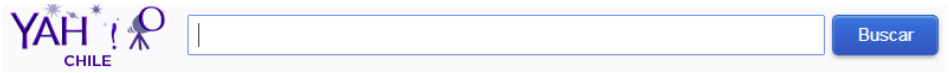
How to distribute? (in class) 

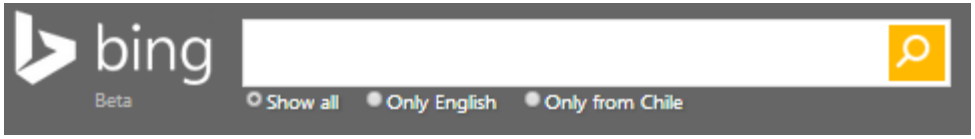
Extremely Scalable/Efficient

When engineered correctly ☺





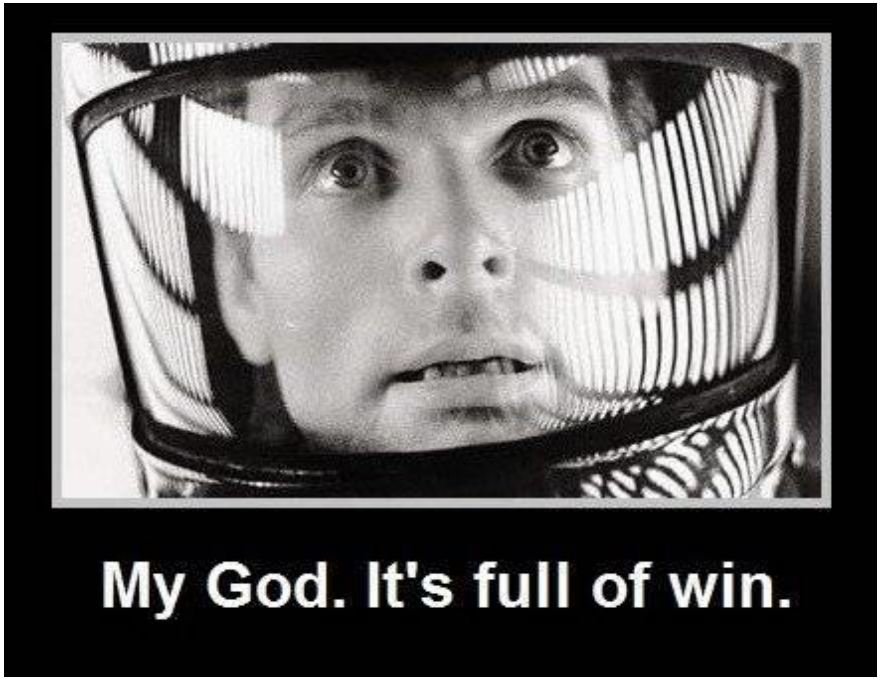




AN INVERTED INDEX SOLUTION

Apache Lucene

- Inverted Index
  - They built one so you don't have to!
  - Open Source in Java



(Apache Solr)

- Built on top of Apache Lucene
- Lucene is the inverted index
- Solr is a distributed search platform, with distribution, fault tolerance, etc.
- (*We will work with Lucene*)

Apache Lucene: Indexing Documents

```
/**
 *
 * @param webData Tuples representing Web documents
 *                        with <url, title, text>
 * @param indexDir Directory on disk
 * @throws IOException
 */
public static void indexWeb(Iterator<String[]> webData, File indexDir) throws IOException{
    // open a directory on-disk for the inverted index
    Directory dir = FSDirectory.open(indexDir);
    // an analyser extracts terms (individual words)
    // from text ... analysers exist for different languages
    Analyzer analyzer = new StandardAnalyzer(Version.LUCENE_48);

    // this configures how the index will be written
    IndexWriterConfig iwc = new IndexWriterConfig(Version.LUCENE_48, analyzer);
    // we want to create an index so we pass CREATE
    iwc.setOpenMode(OpenMode.CREATE);

    // open a new index writer with given config and dir
    IndexWriter writer = new IndexWriter(dir, iwc);

    while(webData.hasNext()){
        String[] urlTitleText = webData.next();

        // a document represents the thing indexed
        // or a "result"
        Document d = new Document();
```

… continued …

Apache Lucene: Indexing Documents

… continued …

```
            // a document represents the thing indexed
            // or a "result"
            Document d = new Document();

            // StringField: stored as a normal String that's not tokenized
            // Field.Store.YES means it can be retrieved later
            Field url = new StringField("url", urlTitleText[0], Field.Store.YES);
            d.add(url);

            // TextField: will be tokenized and indexed by analyser
            Field title = new TextField("title", urlTitleText[1], Field.Store.YES);
            d.add(title);

            // same as above but this time the entire text cannot
            // be retrieved from the result
            Field text = new TextField("text", urlTitleText[2], Field.Store.NO);
            d.add(text);

            // can search by the time it was indexed but cannot retreive
            // time from the result
            Field modified = new LongField("modified", System.currentTimeMillis(), Field.Store.NO);
            d.add(modified);

            // write the document to the index
            writer.addDocument(d);
        }

        // close the writer
        writer.close();
    }
}
```

Apache Lucene: Searching Documents

```
/**
 *
 * @param indexDir : the location of the index directory
 * @param keywordQuery : the keyword query to run
 * @throws IOException
 * @throws org.apache.lucene.queryparser.classic.ParseException
 */
public static ArrayList<String[]> runSearch(File indexDir, String keywordQuery) throws IOException,
                                                        org.apache.lucene.queryparser.classic.ParseException {
    // open a reader for the directory
    IndexReader reader = DirectoryReader.open(FSDirectory.open(indexDir));
    // open a searcher over the reader
    IndexSearcher searcher = new IndexSearcher(reader);
    // use the same analyser as the build
    Analyzer analyzer = new StandardAnalyzer(Version.LUCENE_48);

    // these boosts decide the relative importance of the
    // fields for the search ranking
    HashMap<String,Float> boosts = new HashMap<String,Float>();
    boosts.put("text", 1f); //<- default
    boosts.put("title", 5f);  //<- 5 times more important than text

    // this accepts queries/searches and parses them into
    // searches over the index
    MultiFieldQueryParser queryParser = new MultiFieldQueryParser(
            Version.LUCENE_48,
            new String[] {"title", "text"},
            analyzer, boosts);

    // parse the keyword query string into a query object
    Query query = queryParser.parse(keywordQuery);
```

Apache Lucene: Searching Documents

```
    // 10 is the top-k being looked for
    TopDocs results = searcher.search(query, 10);
    // get the documents (results) and their scores, they will be ordered by score
    ScoreDoc[] hits = results.scoreDocs;

    // total number of matching results
    System.out.println("Matching documents: "+results.totalHits);

    // to store results
    ArrayList<String[]> urlTitle = new ArrayList<String[]>();
    for(int i=0; i<hits.length; i++) {
        // get hit number i
        Document doc = searcher.doc(hits[i].doc);
        String title = doc.get("title");
        String url = doc.get("url");
        urlTitle.add(new String[]{title,url});
    }

    return urlTitle;
}
```

RECAP

Recap

- Crawling:
  - ~~Cycles~~, multi-threading, politeness, ~~DDoS~~, robots exclusion, sitemaps, distribution, deep web

- Inverted Indexing:
  - boolean queries, record-level vs. word-level vs. block-level, word normalisation, lemmatisation, space, Heap's law, Zipf's law, stop-words, tries, hashing, long tail, compression, interval coding, variable length encoding, Elias encoding, top doc, sharding, selectivity

CONTROL

Monday, 24th April

- 1.5 hours
- Four questions, all mandatory
  1. Distributed systems
  2. GFS
  3. MapReduce/Hadoop
  4. PIG
- One page of notes (back and front)

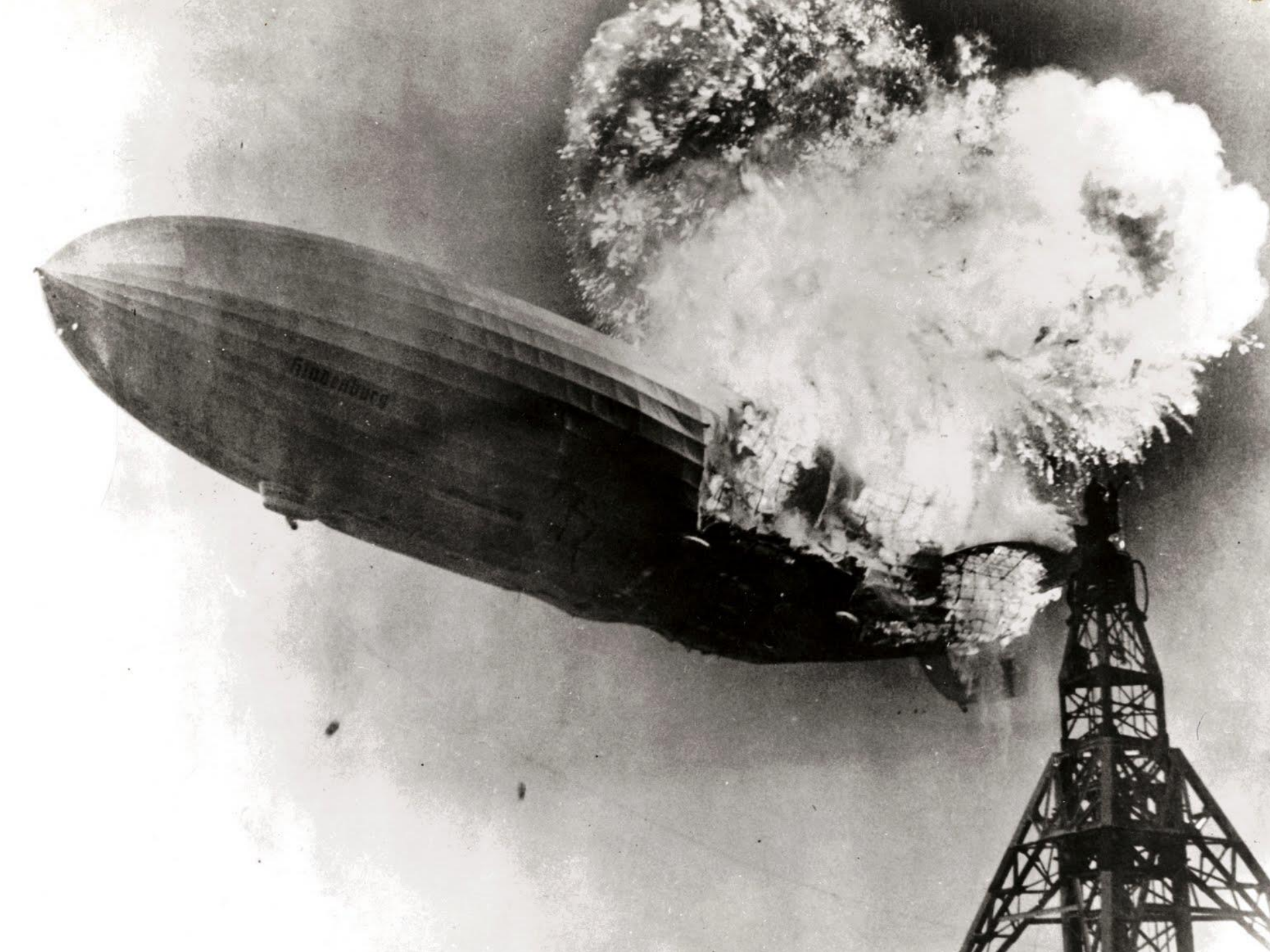
CLASS PROJECTS

Course Marking

- 50% for Weekly Labs (~3% a lab!)
- 35% for Controls
- 15% for Small Class Project

Class Project

- Done in threes
- Goal: Use what you've learned to do something cool/fun (hopefully)
- Expected difficulty: A bit more than a lab's worth
  - But without guidance (can extend lab code)
- Marked on: Difficulty, appropriateness, scale, good use of techniques, presentation, coolness, creativity, value
  - Ambition is appreciated, even if you don't succeed: **feel free to bite off more than you can chew! I will take this into account.**
- Process:
  - Start thinking up topics
  - If you need data or get stuck, I will (try to) help out
- Deliverables: 4 minute presentation & short report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Questions?