Classified Displays of Web Search Results



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Organizing Search Results

- Going beyond the ranked list
- Two natural approaches
 - Clustering discover structure
 - e.g., Zamir & Etzioni, Hearst & Pedersen, Maarek, MSR
 - ... But, slowish, and difficulties in understanding and labeling categories
 - Classification map results to known structure
 - e.g., Chakrabarti et al., Stata et al., Northern Light
 - Fast, and easily understood category labels
 - Extends manually compiled directory structure



Classifying Search Results

- Combines the advantages of:
 - Manually compiled directory structure
 - Broad coverage from search engines
- Two main system components:
 - Classification models
 - Trained on manually classified pages (offline)
 - Classify search results on-the-fly (online)
 - UI for integrating search and structure
 - Present results in a useful and usable form



SWISH Architecture

SVM

model

Train (offline)

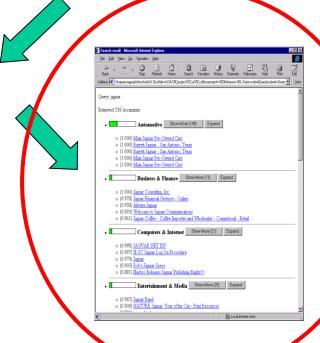
manually classified web pages



Classify (online)

web search results

local search results

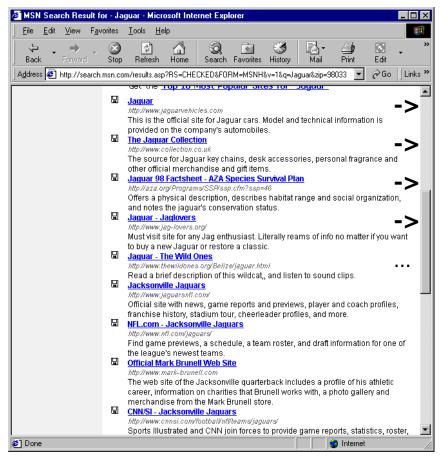


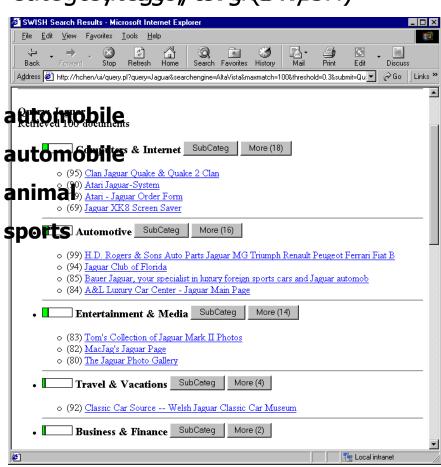


Online Classification

Query: "jaguar"

Standard List Results







Interface Design Considerations

Problems

- Large amount of information to display
 - Search results (focus)
 - Category structure (context)
- Limited screen real estate

Solutions

- Information overlay
- Distilled information display

Information Overlay

- Use tooltips (hover_text) to show
 - Summaries of web pages
- Buy or Sell a Car Chat Autometi Shows & Museums Finance & Insurance (99) H.D. Roge Trucks & Tractors IG Triumph Renault Peugeot Ferrari Fiat o (94) <u>Jaguar Clu<mark>Magazines & Books</mark></u> o (85) Bauer Jeg Vintage & Classic ign sports cars and Jaguar automob o (84) <u>A&L Luxi Maintenance & Repair</u> dealership for Makes, Models & Clubs hamed. Entertaini_{Motorcycles} s with New Car Showrooms o (83) Tom's Co Off-Road, 4X4 & RVs Other Auto Interests



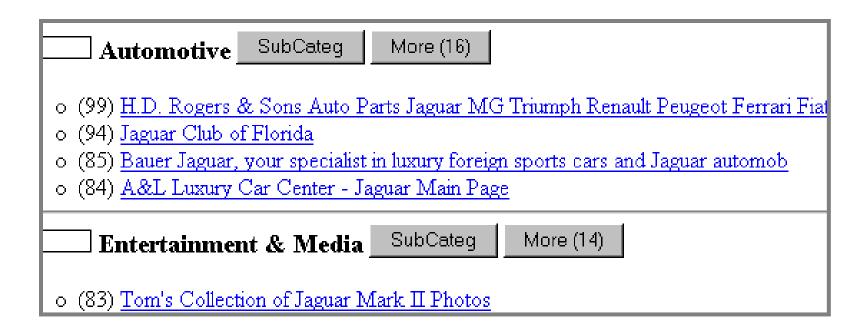
Expansion of Category Structure

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Distilled Information Display

- Only show categories with matches
- Order categories by number of matches
- Show only best matches within each initially (others available with expansion)





Chen & Dumais (CHI'2000) Interface Conditions

Category Interface



List Interface



Experimental Setup





User Study

- Participants:
 - 18 intermediate Web users
- Tasks
 - 30 search tasks
 e.g., "Find home page for Seattle Art Museum"
 - Search terms are fixed for each task
- Experimental Design
 - Category/List within subjects
 - 15 search tasks with each interface
 - Order (Category/List First) counterbalanced between subjects
- Both Subjective and Objective Measures

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Subjective Results

- 7-point rating scale (1=disagree; 7=agree)
- Questions:

Question	Category	List	significance
It was easy to use this software.	6.4	3.9	p<.001
I liked using this software	6.7	4.3	p<.001
I prefer this to my usual Web Search engine	6.4	4.3	p<.001
It was easy to get a good sense of the range of alternatives	6.4	4.2	p<.001
I was confident that I could find information if it was there.	6.3	4.4	p<.001
The "More" button was useful	6.5	6.1	n c
The "More" button was useful	6.5	6.1	n.s.
The display of summaries was useful	6.5	6.4	n.s.

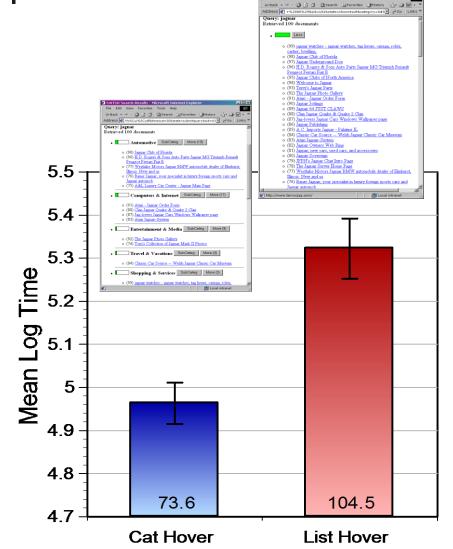
Use of Interface Features

Average Number of Uses of Feature per Task

Interface Features	Category	List	significance
Expansing / Collapsing Structure	0.78	0.48	p<.003
Viewing Summaries in Tooltips	2.99	4.60	p<.001
Viewing Web Pages	1.23	1.41	p<.053



Search Time



Category: 73 secs

List: 104 secs

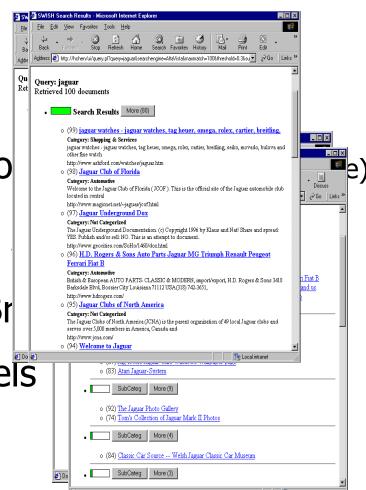
p < .002

43% faster with Category interface



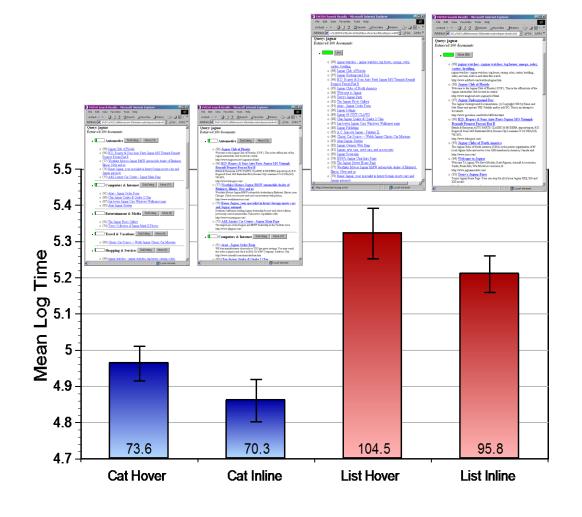
Further Category/List UI Experiments

- Enhance List
 - Inline Summary
 - Add Category Labels to
- Decompose Category
 - Remove Page Titles (Br
 - Remove Category Labels





List/Categ: Hover Text vs. Inline

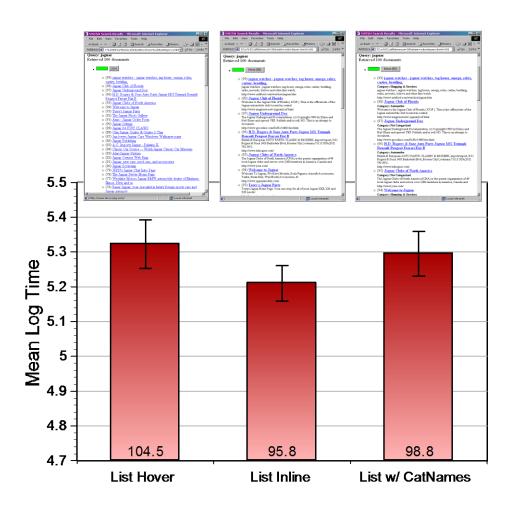


Inline faster than
Hover Text, p<0.06
Category faster than
List interface, p<0.01

No interaction No gender effects



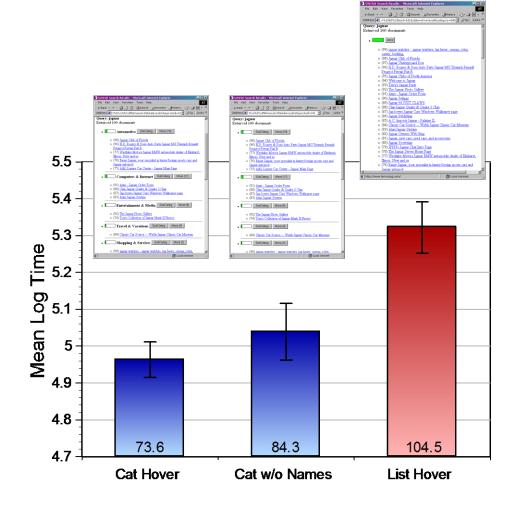
List: Hover, Inline, CatNames



Adding Category Names to List results does not help



Category: Remove Cat Names

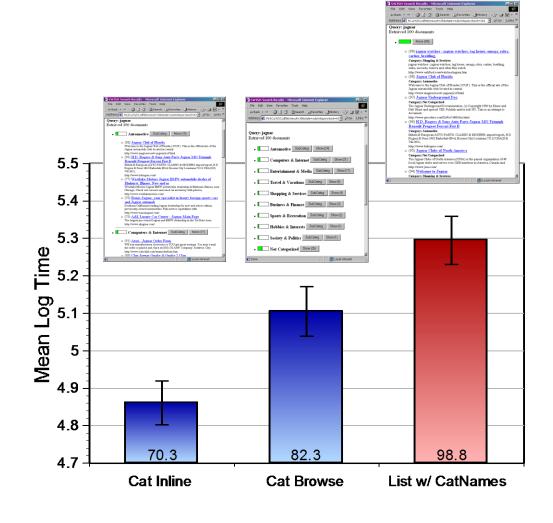


Removing Category Names no worse than Category with Names

Better than List hover, *p*<0.01

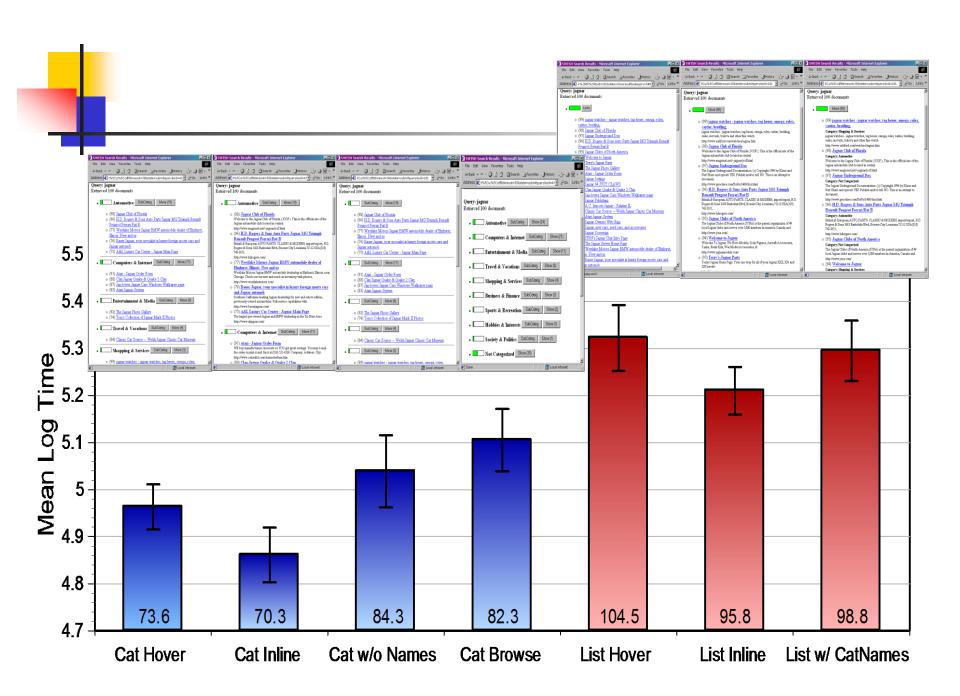


Category: Remove Page Titles (Browse)



Browsing slower than Category inline, *p*<0.01

Browsing faster than List with CatNames, *p*<0.02



Summary

- Organizing Search Results
 - Learn accurate hierarchical classification models using SVMs
 - Classify new web pages on-the-fly
 - UI to expose classification is the key
- User Interface Design and Studies
 - Inline summaries better than Hover summaries
 - Category interfaces better than List interfaces
 - Strong preference and performance advantages for categorically organized presentation of search results
 - Best Category interface uses both category names (context) and page titles (focus)
 - Results "in" context; not just results "plus" context
 - Page Titles a little more useful than Category Names



Open Issues

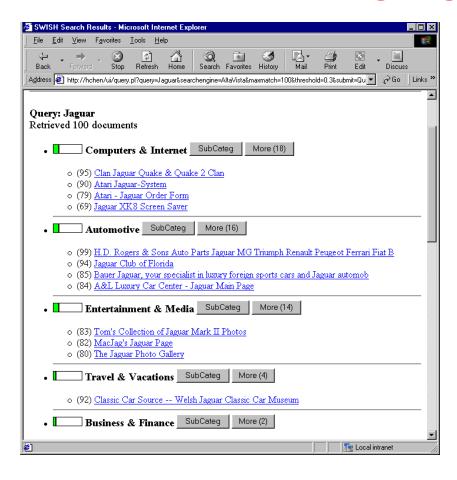
- Improve Accuracy of Classification Algorithms
- Alternative User Interface Combinations
 - Heuristics for selecting categories and pages to display
 - Query_Match: rank of page, and sometimes match score
 - Categ_Match: p(category for each page)
 - Other methods for combining context and focus
 - Integration with non-content information
- Conduct End-to-end User Study
- More info:

http://research.microsoft.com/~sdumais



Searching With Information Structured Hierarchically

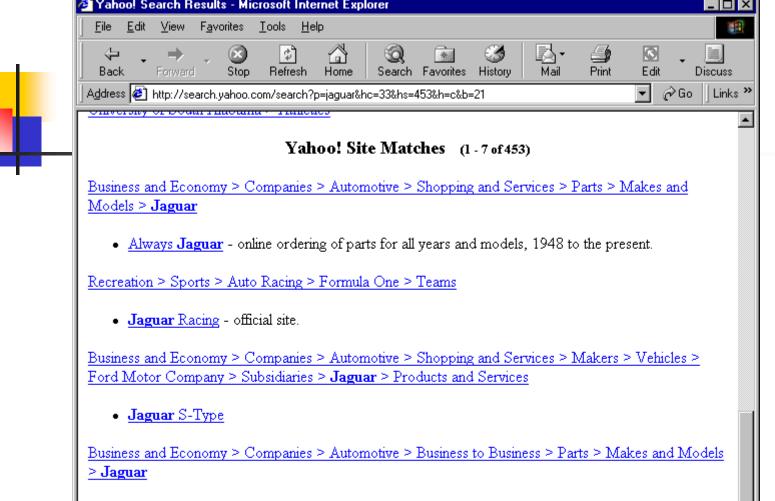
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Did not try ...

- Flat groupings a la Northern Light
- Separate category and list (tho probably close to category browse + list + switching time)



Always Jaguar - online ordering of parts for all years and models, 1948 to the present.

Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Shopping and Services > Makers > Vehicles > Ford Motor Company > Subsidiaries > Jaguar > Regional

 <u>Jaguar Nederland C.V.</u> - includes the official introduction of the new <u>Jaguar XK8</u>. Complete with screensavers, give movies and pictures.

A Internet

Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Shopping and Services > Dealers > Makes > Jaguar





Yahoo! Category Matches (1 - 20 of 33)

Recreation > Automotive > Makes and Models > Jaguar

Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Shopping and Services > Dealers > Makes > Jaguar

Recreation > Games > Video Games > Systems > Atari > Jaguar

Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Shopping and Services > Parts > Makes and Models > Jaguar

Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Shopping and Services > Makers > Vehicles > Ford Motor Company > Subsidiaries > Jaguar

Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Business to Business > Parts > Makes and Models > <u>Jaguar</u>

Regional > Countries > United Kingdom > Business and Economy > Companies > Automotive > Shopping and Services > Parts > Makes and Models > Jaguar

Regional > U.S. States > Florida > Cities > Jacksonville > Business and Shopping > Shopping and Services > Automotive > Dealers > Makes > Jaguar

Regional > U.S. States > Virginia > Cities > Richmond > Business and Shopping > Shopping and Services > Automotive > Dealers > Makes > Jaguar

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Search Books!

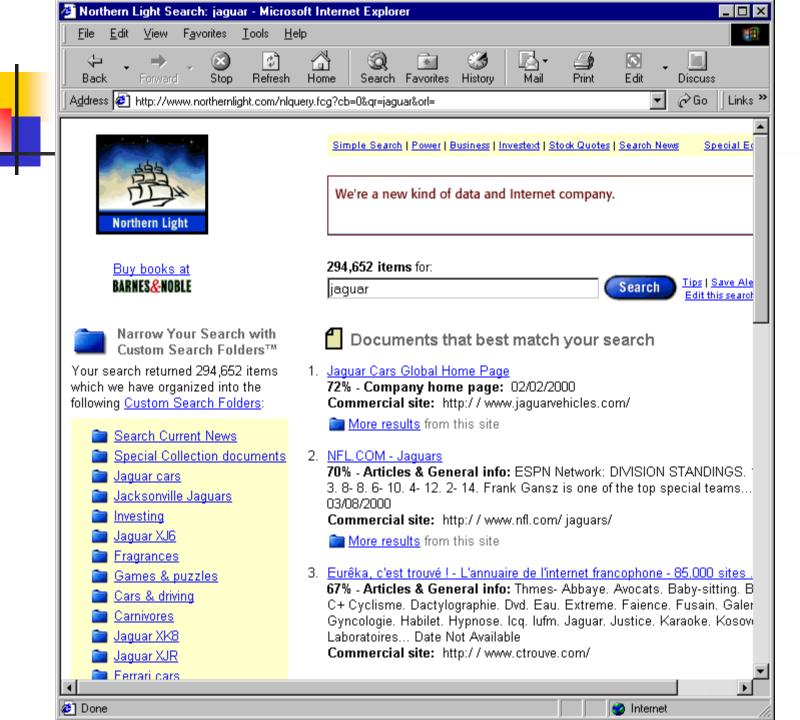
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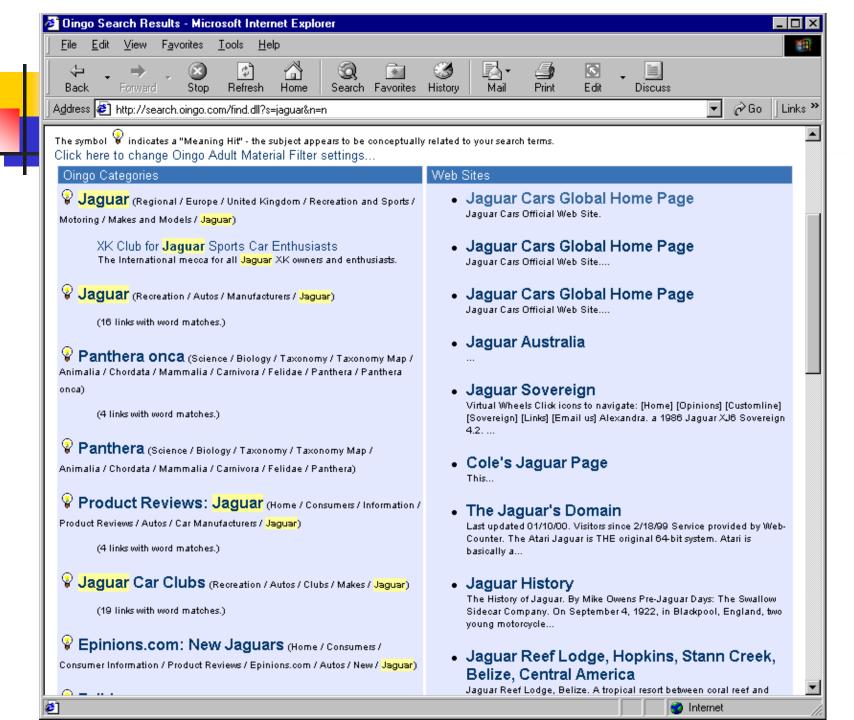
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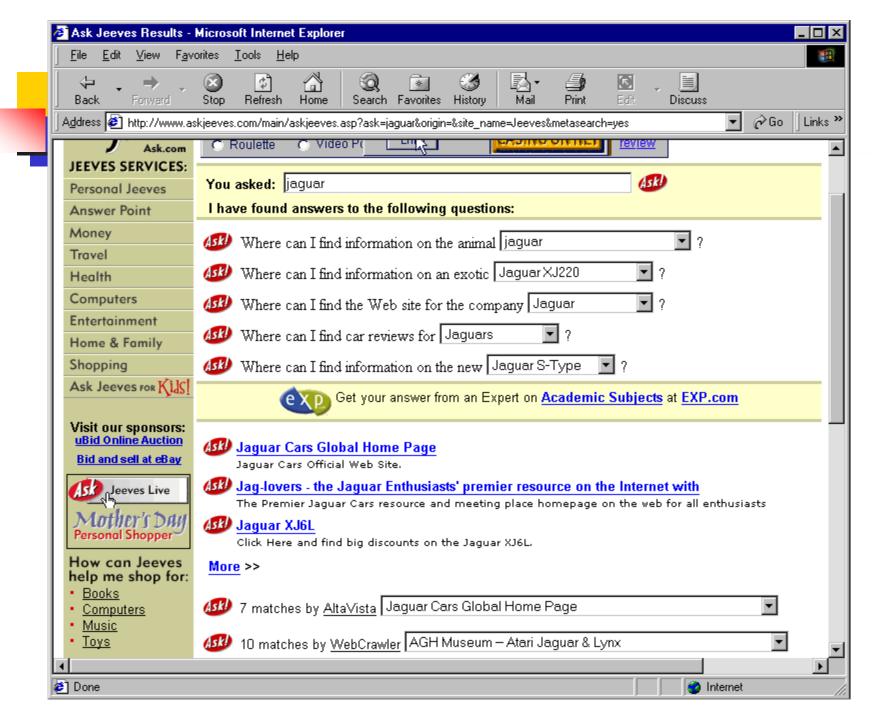
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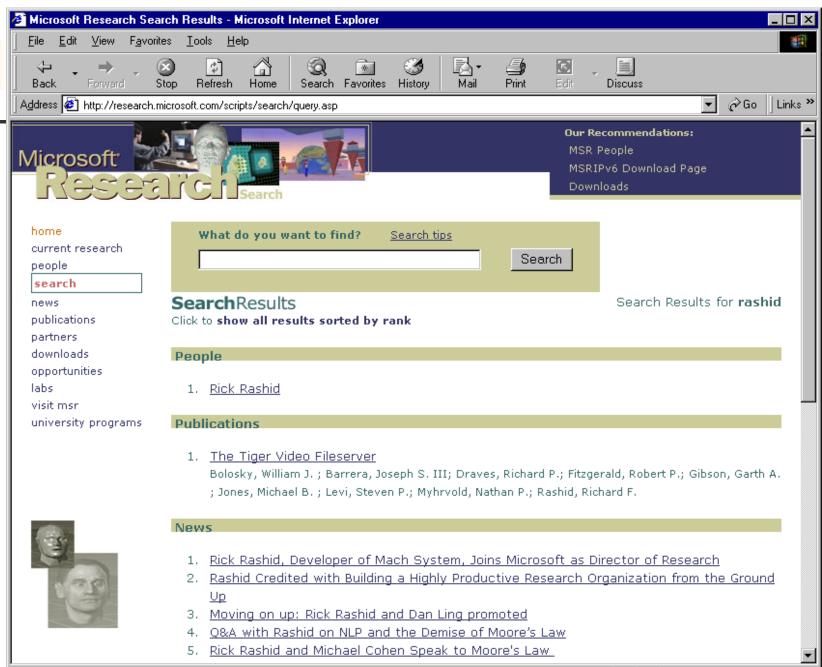




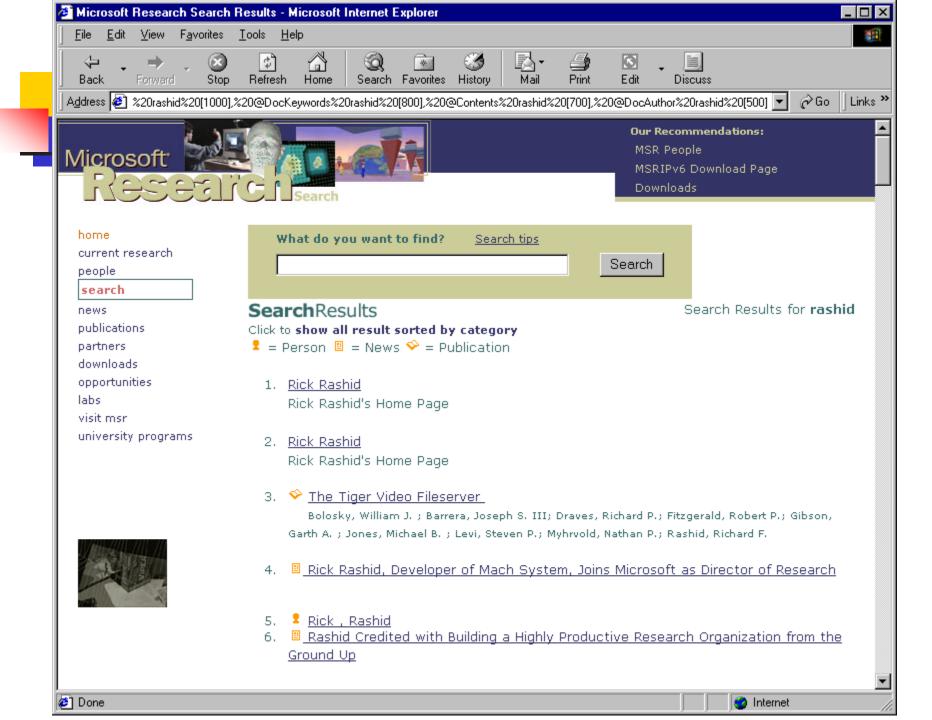


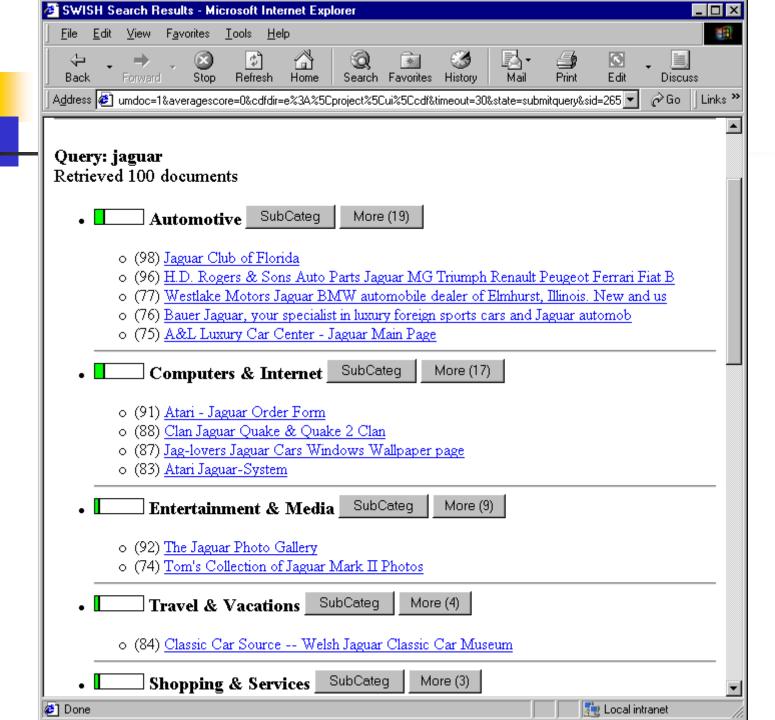


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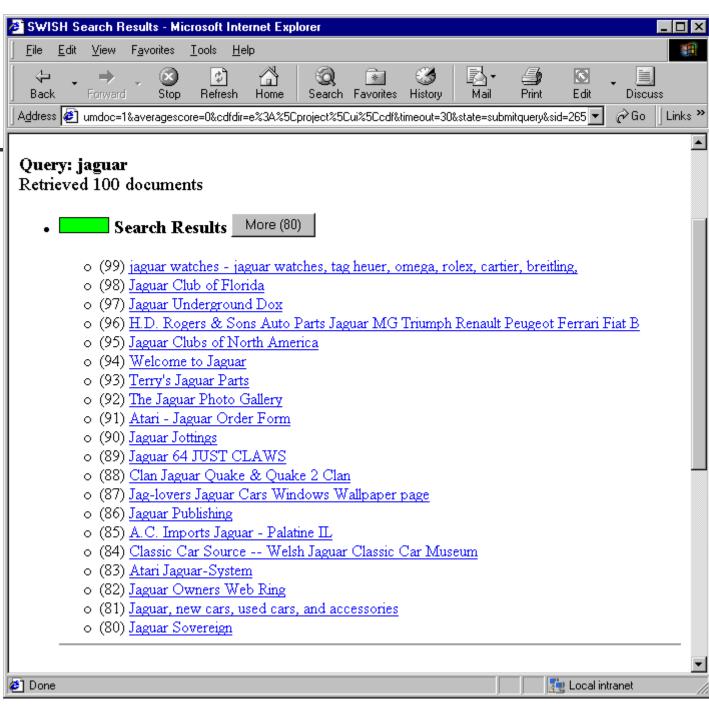


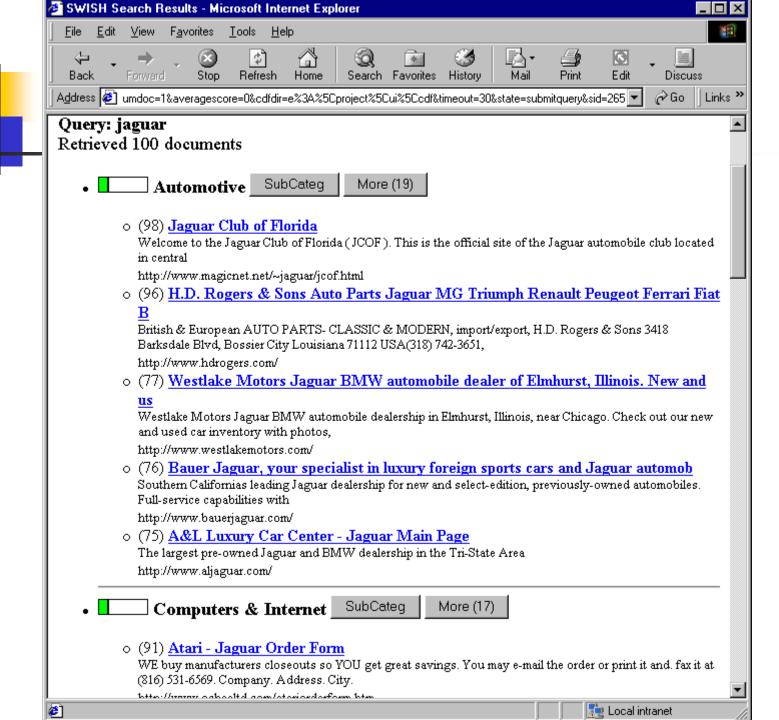
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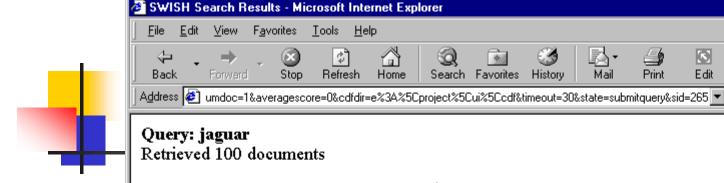












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 - (99) jaguar watches jaguar watches, tag heuer, omega, rolex, cartier, breitling, jaguar watches - jaguar watches, tag heuer, omega, rolex, cartier, breitling, seiko, movado, bulova and other fine watch
 - http://www.ashford.com/watches/jaguar.htm
 - o (98) Jaguar Club of Florida

Welcome to the Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF). This is the official site of the Jaguar automobile club located in central

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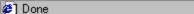
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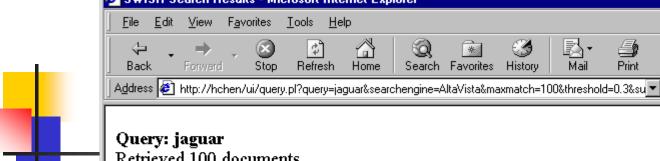
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Retrieved 100 documents

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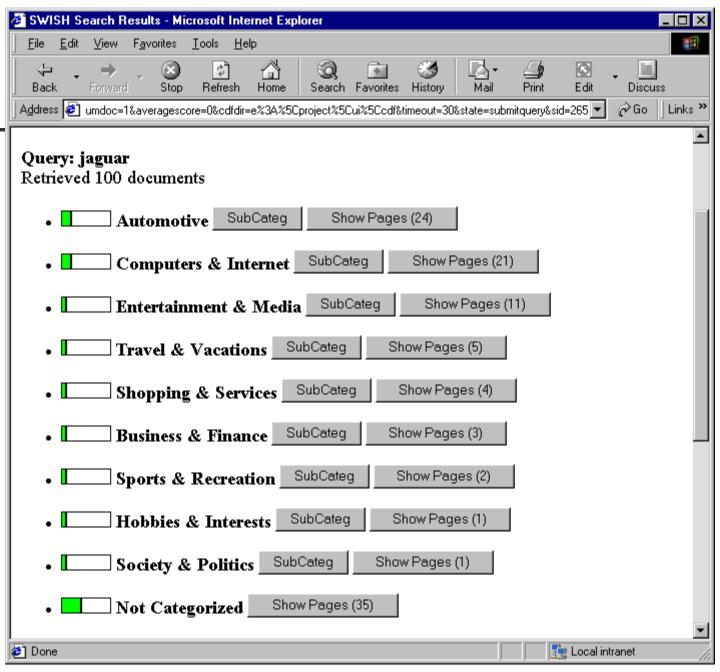
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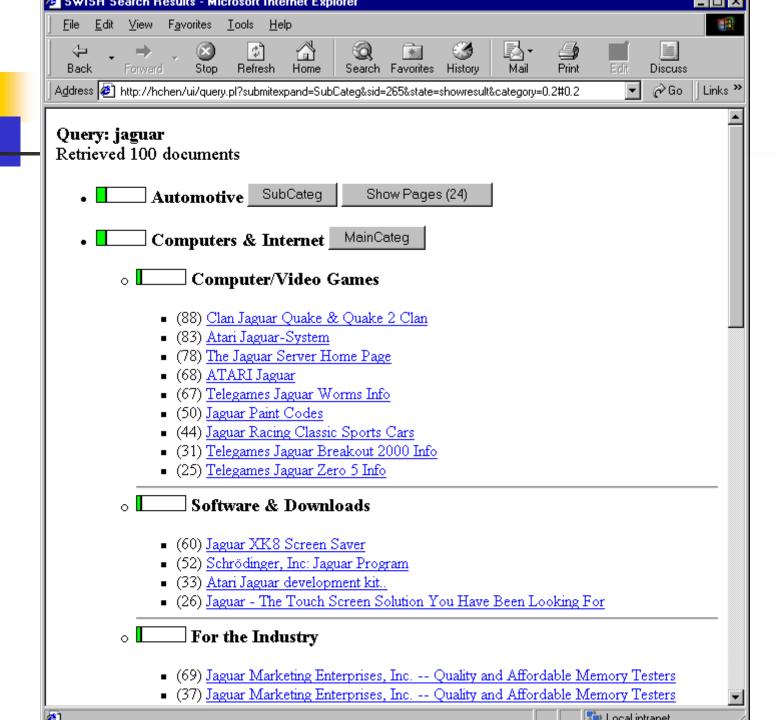
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Variability

- Across subjects
 - 37 secs/task -> 142 secs/task
- Across queries
 - category: 24 secs -> 158 secs
 - list: 18 secs -> 217 secs
 - fastest "Ford's theater"
 - slowest "Books about the author, Dylan Thomas"



Training Data: LookSmart Web Dir

- Random sample
 - Pages can be in more than one category
- Training set
 - 50k pages
 - Top-level (13 categories; 578-11163 pages per category)
 - Second-level (150 categories; 3-3141 pages per category)
- Testing set
 - 10k pages
 - Compute $f(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x})$
 - Compare to threshold

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Learned Classifiers

- Non-Hierarchical (Flat)
 - 150 second-level classifiers
 - P(L2) > threshold
- Hierarchical
 - 13 top-level; 150 second-level classifiers
 - Use for both feature selection and model building
 - Combine classifiers from L1 and L2 using:
 - P(L1)*P(L2|L1) > threshold (multiplicative)
 - P(L1)>threshold && P(L2|L1)>threshold (Boolean)



Best/Worst Categories

Category Name			
Best F1			
0.841	Health & Fitness/Drugs & Medicines		
0.797	Home & Family/Real Estate		
0.781	Reference & Education/K-12 Education		
0.750	Sports & Recreation/Fishing		
0.741	Reference & Education/Higher & Cont. Ed.		
Worst F1			
0.034	Society & Politics/World Cultures		
0.088	Home & Family/For Kids		
0.122	Computers & Internet/News & Magazines		
0.131	Computers & Internet/Internet & the Web		
0.133	Business & Finance/Business Professions		

Results

	Accuracy	Efficiency	Efficiency
	F1	training (sec)	runtime
L1:			
Hierarchical, L1	0.649		
L2:			
Non-Hierarchical	0.476	729	150 categ
Hierarchical, P(L1)*P(L2 L1)	0.495	1258 + 128	13 + 150 categ
Hierarchical, P(L1)&&P(L2)	0.497	1258 + 128	13 + 11 categ
Hierarchical, P(L1)=1	0.711		



Text Classification

- Text Classification: assign objects to one or more of a predefined set of categories using text features
 - E.g., News feeds, OHSUMED, Email spam/no-spam, Web data

Approaches:

- Human classification (e.g., LCSH, MeSH, Yahoo!, CyberPatrol)
- Hand-crafted knowledge engineered systems (e.g., CONSTRUE)
- Inductive learning methods
 - Learn models from examples -> (Semi-) automatic classification



Inductive Learning Methods

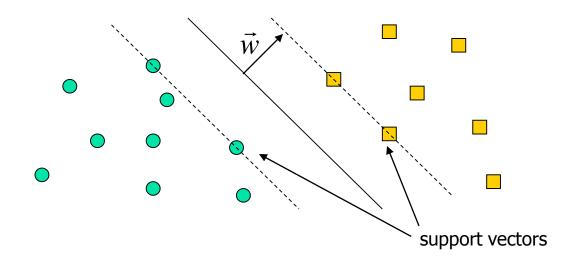
- Supervised learning from examples
 - Examples are easy for domain experts to provide
 - Models easy to learn, update, and customize
- Example learning algorithms
 - Rocchio-style Relevance Feedback
 - Naïve Bayes
 - Bayes Nets
 - Decision Trees
 - Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)
 - Language Models
 - Support Vector Machines (SVMs)



Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Optimization Problem

- Find hyperplane, h, separating positive and negative examples
- Optimization for maximum margin: $\min \|\vec{w}\|^2$, $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} b \ge 1$, $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} b \le -1$
- Classify new items using: $f(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x})$





SVMs for Text Classification

- Can also handle
 - Non-separable problems
 - Non-linear problems
- Accurate and efficient for text classification
 - Dumais et al. (1998); Joachims (1998); Yang and Lui (1999)
 - Platt's SMO algorithm for efficiency
- Text representation
 - Large vector of features (words, phrases, handcrafted)

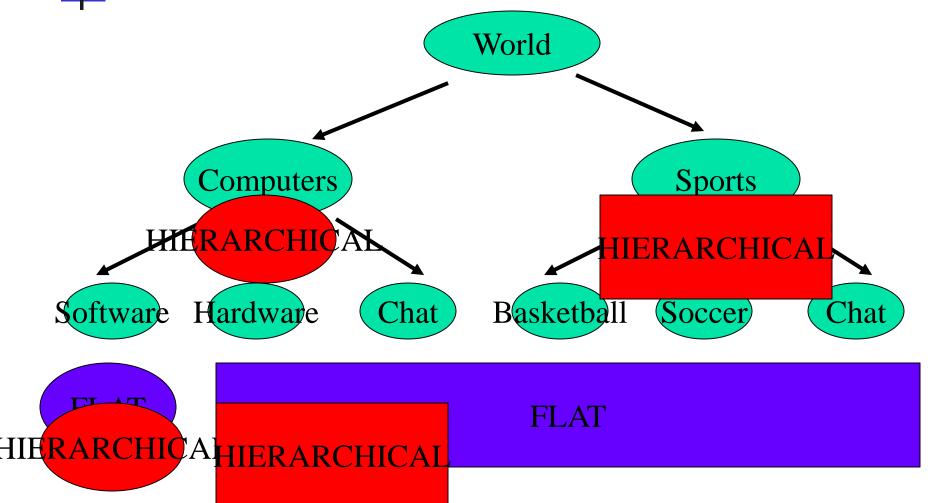
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SVMs for Text Classification

- Learned Model, \vec{w}
 - Weighted vector of words
 - "Automobile" = motorcycle, vehicle, parts, automobile, harley, car, auto, honda, porsche ...
 - "Computers & Internet" = rfc, software, provider, windows, user, users, pc, hosting, os, downloads ...
- Classify using, $f(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x})$
 - Sigmoid to produce posterior probabilities
- Hierarchical Models
 - 1 model for N top level categories
 - N models for second level categories
 - Very useful in conjunction w/ user interaction



Hierarchical Classification





Training Set: LookSmart Web Directory

- LookSmart Directory Structure (spring 99)
 - 371k pages; 17k categories; 7 levels
 - 13 top-level categories; 150 second-level categories
 - Training Set: ~50k pages; chosen randomly from all cats

Example Categories

Automotive
Business & Finance
Computers & Internet
Entertainment & Media
Health & Fitness
Hobbies & Interests
Home & Family
People & Chat
Reference & Education
Shopping & Services
Society & Politics
Sports & Recreation
Travel & Vacations

Buy or Sell a Car Chat Finance & Insurance Magazines & Books Maintenance & Repair Makes, Models & Clubs Motorcycles New Car Showrooms Off-Road, 4X4 & RVs Other Auto Interests Shows & Museums Trucks & Tractors Vintage & Classic



Training Classifiers - Expts

- Experiments to build accurate classifiers
 - Model: SVM vs LDA ... SVM slightly better; more efficient
 - Number of features/category (500-1500) ... small diffs
 - Other parametric variations (c, p) ... small diffs
 - Binary vs. rate-based representation ... small diffs
 - Length of document (full vs. summary)
 - Train full Test full71% avg break-even
 - Train full Test sum51% avg break-even
 - Train sum Test sum 61% avg break-even
 - Hierarchical vs. flat category structure
 - Hierarchical small accuracy advantages; large efficiency advantages
- -> Hierarchical SVM, 1000 binary features/class, summaries