

Vertical Selection for Heterogeneous Search Engine Result Pages

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Goal

When searching the web, sometimes results for queries should include more than just a list of webpages.



Research questions

- (1) How can each vertical be identified using the content inside it?
- (2) How to make a vertical selection for any query?
- (3) How to display the selected verticals in a SFRP?

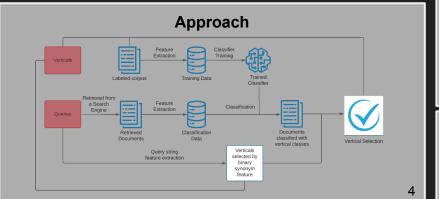
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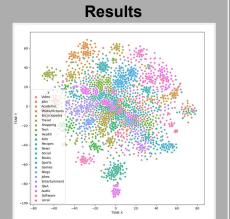
Vertical - a single category of search engine results. For example, news vertical containing news, videos vertical that contains only videos.

Heterogeneous Search Result Pages - Result pages, that allow users to see results within multiple verticals of results in one page. Combining verticals has been proven to be *beneficial* in the work of Bron et al. [1]. This motivates use of heterogeneous search engine result pages in search engines.

Verticals and **queries** used for evaluation and implementation were taken from the 2014 TREC [2] dataset, the federated web search track.

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Vertical document class visualization

Classifier	F-Score
Random Forest	0.4921
XGBoost	0.4814

Evaluation results

Future Work

From document class visualization above, it can be seen that certain verticals are unidentifiable. Future work should focus on improving the corpus retrieval and labelling approach.

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