Abstract

Numerous information retrieval tools like Search Engines, Web Directories and deep-web search portals exist. Meta-search engines (MSE) developed over the past years claim to automatically and simultaneously search many other such information retrieval tools and improvise the fused results.

This paper acquaints SSIR (http://www.ssir.in) a tier-three Meta-Search Engine or a Meta-meta search tool. Upon receiving a query, SSIR passes the modified query to various Meta-Search Engines in parallel, collects and processes the results and passes it to the user like any other Meta-Search Engine. Currently it is hosted as a live prototype and various improvements are being added.

Apart from being a public software product used for internet searching, it is being used as a tool for analysis of overlaps and uniqueness among search results of various MSEs. The
Analysis of Meta-Search Engines using the Meta-Meta-Search tool SSIR

study also analyses the percentage of contribution in the top results of popular search engines Google, Yahoo and Windows-Live in the top results covered by individual MSEs and by SSIR.

Reference


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