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Novel Interactive Music Search Techniques

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A Novel Approach to Hybrid Music Search

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Statistical Text Analysis of Music Descriptions in the Web

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- Automatically Computed Content-based music similarities often do not represent the perception of human listeners (semantic gap)
- Well-known Web 2.0 services rely on user tagging to categorize music (e.g. Last.fm, iLike)
 - Complex statistical analysis on the tags is needed
 - Drawback: New content cannot be easily recommended because of missing attributions (cold start problem)
- Both approaches can benefit from each other
- Idea: Enhance the quality of music search and recommendation by combining these approaches and semantically analyzing textual descriptions on music in the Web



GlobalMusic2one

- Project develops new adaptive methods for hybrid music search and recommendation of global music content
- Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- Participating members: Bach Technology GmbH, Fraunhofer Institute for Digital Media Technology (IDMT), Piranha Musik & IT AG and 4FriendsOnly.com Internet Technologies AG

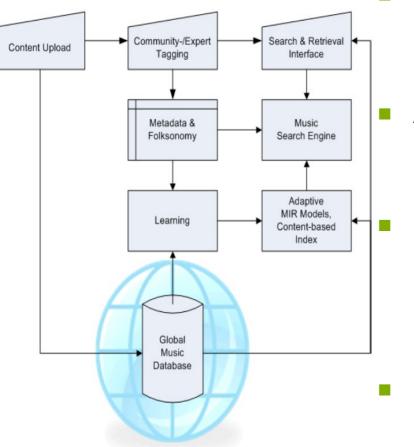
Objectives

- Creation of a software system that users train by adding new musical categories and assigning them example songs
- Identify musical qualities (e.g. genre, tempo, mood) by automatic content analyzation (Fraunhofer IDMT)
- System should "learn" to recognize relationships of musical categories based on these training sets and musical qualities
- Get additional information on music content based on statistical Web document analysis

GlobalMusic2one



Architecture



Search & Retrieval Interface

- Interactive website and visualization
- Interactive assignment of musical categories
- User feedback

Adaptive MIR Models, CB-Index

Provides music similarity information based on automatic music classification and community/expert training sets

Hybrid Music Search Engine

- Combines folksonomy data and contentbased music similarities
- Returns search results and recommendations based on calculated hybrid music similarities
- GlobalMusic2one Database
 - Stores user profiles, content-based metadata, semantic categories...



Basic Idea

- The World Wide Web contains a lot of freely accessible and descriptive information on music content (lyrics, discographies...)
- This knowledge from diverse sources presents a valuable and upto-date resource to gather dynamically changing music trends and to obtain relationships between musical entities
- Music search engines most often only accept textual queries, the importance of this knowledge is therefore further underpinned when it comes to presenting appropriate search results
- Usage of statistical text analysis to gain this knowledge

What to Expect from this Approach?

- Automatically gather textual metadata on music
- Obtain semantic relationships between musical entities
- Sensibly complements methods for community-based and contentbased music similarity analysis

NIMS



NIMS

- First showcase project for this approach
- Was funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (2007-2008)
- Developed by 4FO AG in collaboration with the NLP (Natural Language Processing) department at the University of Leipzig
- Website: http://www.potatosystem.com/nims

Objectives

- Develop novel interactive multimedia search techniques based on text mining and statistical text analysis
- Collect musical metadata and transfer them to a music text corpus
- Calculate their significance and semantic relationships between them based on co-occurrence analysis
- Visualize them as a graph on an interactive website
- Embed matching commercial advertisements





Interactive Website

Consists of a query input field, the interactive map, search history and commercial advertisements

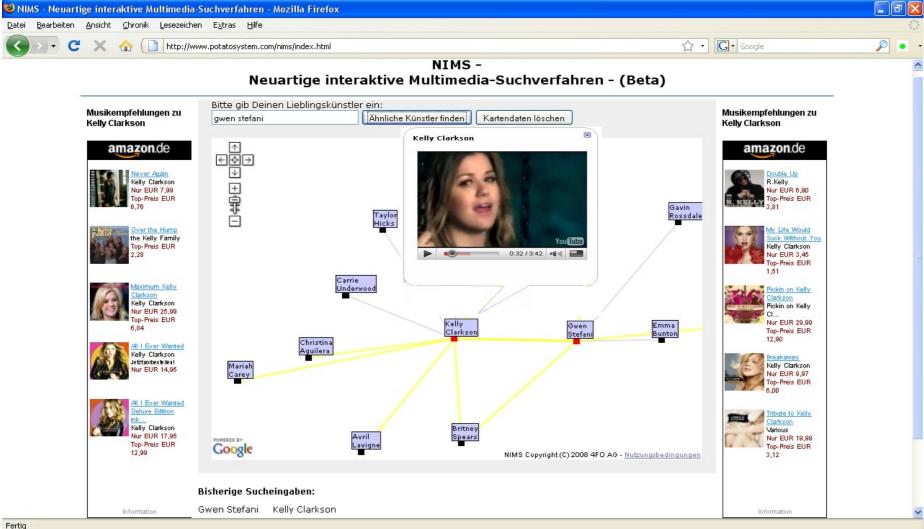
Interactive Map

- Provides users a convenient way to navigate and zoom inside the graph of musical entities (here artist similarities)
- Well-known Google Maps API used for graph visualization
 - Widely accepted interface
 - Ajax support
 - "Custom-Maps" allow to visualize third-party datasets
- Graph grows while the user explores it
 - Close nodes suggest high similarity
 - Graph calculated using a modified version of the Fruchterman-Reingold algorithm
 - Area around requested node is recalculated only
- Gimmick: Youtube videos of selected artists

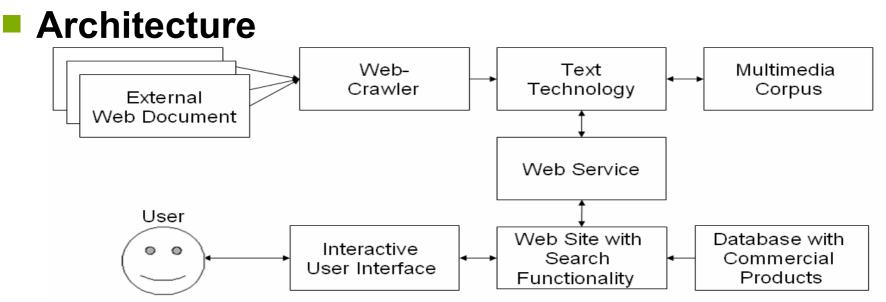
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Visualization







Webcrawler gathers freely accessible music descriptions in the Web

Also filters out unsolicited content as advertisements

Identifies relevant documents on music using a stopword list

- Text Technology (software Medusa) determines significant occurrences and significant co-occurrences of music entities
 - MusicBrainz Database used to further enhance the detection rate
- Components for statistical text analysis and graphical user interface interconnected by a Webservice

NIMS



Webservice

- Provides a subset of previously calculated term frequencies and co-occurrences for an incoming query
- Returns them in form of XML formatted data

Example query: Udo Lindenberg

Results descendingly ordered according to the query's distance

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FireMatcher – Find Matching Documents

- New Firefox Extension to search for similar documents
- Based on the text technology of NIMS
- Principle: User selects local documents or documents from the WWW, FireMatcher analyzes them and presents topically matching documents from the WWW
- Support filetypes: TXT, HTML, PDF, DOC and PPT
- Supported OSs: Windows and Linux

Usage

- Drag & Drop local documents or texts / links from webpages to the FireMatcher icon in the navigation bar
- OR: Click on the FireMatcher icon and select a local document
- OR: Analyze selected text on webpages (click in context menu)

Download Beta Version

http://www.firematcher.com/

FireMatcher – Text Technology in Action



FireMatcher – Demonstration

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_I_Ever_Wanted_(album)

📕 FireMatcher (Beta)

Select important terms from your document as a query (?):
Quick Search Quick Search always On O Off
Albums Chart 🗹 🛛 Billboard Hot 🗹 🛛 Louis Biancaniello 🗹 🛛 Ryan Tedder 🗹 🛛 Kelly Clarkson 🗹
Edition Bonus 🗌 Hide additional terms
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Ads by Google
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www.ebay.de Günstige CD-Angebote von A-Z finden Sie bei eBay supergünstig zum Kauf

Results 1 - 10 for Albums Chart Billboard Hot Louis Biancaniello Ryan Tedder Kelly Clarkson. (0.18 seconds)

All I Ever Wanted (album) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia Clarkson worked with producer and OneRepublic front man, Ryan Tedder. ... "All I Ever Wanted", Sam Watters, Louis Biancaniello, Dameon Aranda, L. Biancaniello, S. Watters, 3:59 South African Albums Chart, 3. Austrian Albums Chart, 4 ... "Kelly Clarkson Breaks Record For Hot 100 Jump". Billboard. ... en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All I Ever Wanted (album)

Kelly Clarkson - All I Ever Wanted Album Review

Label RCA Producer **Kelly Clarkson**, **Ryan Tedder**, Howard Benson, Max Martin, Lukasz Gottwald, Dre & Vidal, Sam Watters, **Louis Biancaniello ... Billboard Hot** 100 **Chart**: Black Eyed Peas - I Got A Feeling UK Singles **Chart**: ... www.musicloversgroup.com/**kelly-clarkson**-all-i-ever-wanted-**album**-review/

Kelly Clarkson. All I Ever Wanted [2009] [Deluxe Edition] MP3@320kb ...

18 Mar 2009 ... Album information Clarkson worked with producer and OneRepublic front ... that the single went from #97 to #1 on the Billboard Hot 100, ... "If I Can't Have You" Kelly



Conclusion



Summary

- Introduced GlobalMusic2one: Create new adaptive methods for hybrid music search and recommendation of global music content
- New approach: Enhance music recommendations by gathering musical metadata from the WWW and determine their relationships by applying statistical text analysis
 - Can complement methods for community-based and contentbased music similarity analysis
- NIMS is first showcase project for this approach
 - Architecture outlined
 - Visualization discussed
- FireMatcher
 - Further field of application for the text technology
 - Finds similar documents in the Web
 - Live demo



Future Developments (focus on text technology)

- Integrate the approach of NIMS in GlobalMusic2one
- Evaluation of methods for the statistical analysis of textual annotations of musical entities provided by users
 - Challenge: Semantically interconnect mostly sparse data from users (only a few tags might be available) and find similar tags, content and users
 - Solutions:
 - Interpret tags of users as co-occurrences; similar tags have high significance co-occurence value; find these tags with spreading activation approach (last year's FXResearcher)
 - Identify user communities with a similar taste by applying clustering algorithms (e.g. Flake's algorithm)
 - Further application scenarios:
 - Calculate expanded or associated queries
 - Suggest tags for not yet annotated content



Questions?

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