

Technical Issues

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Introduction

- Traditional Keyword Search
 - in which applications look for instances of query keywords in online documents — rose to prominence because it is efficient and good at simple searches.
 - A simple Google search can yield thousands or millions of results, including many irrelevant to the original query. Words have multiple meanings.
- Semantic Search
 - An effort to improve results by understanding what the words typed mean, and how they relate to other concepts.
 - o Google's Knowledge Graph

Spam

- Attempts to modify the web and influence search engine results
 - Different techniques
 - Keyword Stuffing
 - Link farms
 - Link farms of irrelevant reputable sites

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Google Bombs

• Spamdexing

- o Increase ranking
- o Categorization Influence
- Google Washing
 - o Media manipulation
 - o Push Out Competition
- Bowling
 - Study how Google punishes ranking manipulation
 - Provoke Google to lower the ranking of the competitor









Semantic Search

• The Future: Semantic search

- Seeks to improve search accuracy by understanding searcher intent and the contextual meaning of terms to generate more relevant results.
- Users would be able to use this information to resolve their query without having to navigate to other sites and assemble the information themselves.
- Google's Knowledge Graph enhances its search results with semanticsearch information gathered from a wide variety of sources.



Semantic Search

- Semantic search faces numerous obstacles
 - Up to 100 times the computational overhead of building traditional search indexes and up to 10 times as much hard drive space needed.
 - Adding semantic tags to documents makes more work for website authors.
 - Must cope with the changing semantic landscape, marked by new words, the changing meanings of words, and changing associations among words.
 - Lack of perceived need for the technology by some potential users, user unfamiliarity with the approach.

Conclusion

- Keyword-based approaches let search-optimization techniques artificially make hackers' or other irrelevant pages rise to the top of search results.
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- Semantic search would solve many of these problems it lets a search engine more precisely respond to a query by disambiguating the multiple meanings of words in a document and determining how they relate to one another within a sentence.
- There are now several types of semantic search approaches. However, despite the technology's promise, it must clear numerous hurdles before it can be widely adopted.

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