



# Media Watch on Climate Change

Geospatial Web Technology for Accessing Environmental Online Resources

http://www.ecoresearch.net/climate



## **IDIOM Project**

- Scientific Partner:
  - MODUL University Vienna
  - Technical University Graz
  - Vienna University for Economics and Business Administration (Coordinator)
- Commercial Partner:
  - Gentics
  - Prisma
  - Österreichwerbung
- Project
  - Total Cost: 773,113 EUR
  - WU-CM + WU-TLS: 316,200 EUR

#### **Research Questions**

- How widespread is content redundancy, and what influences content replication within and across social networks?
- Does media interactivity influence information diffusion? Can existing models such as hub-and-spoke, syndication and peer-to-peer explain this influence?
- Which content placement strategies increase the impact on the target audience and support self-reinforcing content propagation in virtual communities (viral marketing)?
- Impact of macroscopic information flows on environmental awareness and public opinion? What are appropriate methods to measure and model the extent, dynamics and latency of this process?

## **US Election 2004 Web Monitor**

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#### US Election 2004

Weekly Snapshots of International Web Coverage

#### US Election 2004

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Post-Election Update (Jan 5, 2005). Each week, the US Election 2004 Web Monitor compares attention and attitude towards the presidential candidates among online media, the Web sites of environmental organizations, and Fortune 1000 companies. Keywords grouped by political party and geographic region summarize the key issues associated with each candidate. link :: <u>Chart | News Media</u> | <u>Environmental Sector</u> | <u>Fortune 1000</u>



**Global Warming** (Oct 13, 2004). A devastating hurricane season and the Russian government's recent decision to ratify the Kyoto Protocol have put climate change back in the limelight. But how important is the issue of global warming in the run for US presidency?

link :: Global Warming | Greenhouse Gas | Climate Change



**First TV Debate** (Oct 2, 2004). An analysis of more than one million Web pages complements opinion polls and highlights the impact of the first TV debate between George W. Bush and John Kerry, with both parties profiting. John Kerry's performance accelerated the Democrats' prior gains in media attitude. link :: <u>Chart</u>



**Energy Policy** (Sep 28, 2004). What strategies have presidential candidates suggested to cope with record-level energy prices and increasing domestic demand? Public glossaries of the Energy Information Association, the US Department of Energy, and the California Energy Commission helped compile the lists of terms represented in this analysis.

link :: Renewable Energy | Fossil Fuels | Nuclear Energy





#### summary

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#### **US Election 2004 Web Monitor**







**30 Sep** Bush and Kerry go head-to-head in the first of three televised debates.

Source: ABC News/Washington Post, CBS News/ New York Times, CNN/USA Today/Gallup

After Election

### **US Election 2004 Web Monitor**

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- a bill by the way that <u>calls</u> for a mere 15 percent increase in funding for research into alternative energy -- as <u>opposed</u> to john kerry's plan to <u>double</u> spending on alternative energy research (League of Conservation Voters).
- the bill, which president bush signed into <u>law</u> on october 22, 2004, includes only a one-year ptc extension and expands the eligible electricity resources to include geothermal energy, solar energy, open-loop biomass, small irrigation power, as well as municipal solid <u>waste</u> (<u>Union of Concerned Scientists</u>).
- an ideological chasm separates the environmental policies of the two candidates, with
  president george w. bush favoring more use of domestic coal and oil to cut dependence on
  middle east oil, while kerry seeks a shift to clean energy like solar or wind power by 2020
  (Environmental News Network). (S)
- they both talk about hydrogen as a fuel source and fuel cells, a technology for moving our cars and buses that president bush has talked about and that john kerry has made part of his campaign as well (Public Broadcasting Service).
- "this is the first significant funding at the national level since president bush's stated goal of supporting establishment of a hydrogen economy (<u>ConocoPhillips</u>).
- the texas rps, <u>passed</u> in 1999 under governor george w. bush, has been so successful that utility <u>companies</u> have <u>surpassed</u> the percentages of <u>renewable energy</u> required by them (<u>Friends of The Earth</u>).



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### Web Mining Architecture



### Media Watch on Climate Change

- Public Web Portal http://www.ecoresearch.net/climate/
- Extraction of Environmental Knowledge
  - 150 Anglo-American News Media Sites
    200,000 Documents (Mirrored in Weekly Intervals)
    10,000 Environmental Articles
- Contextualized Information Space
  - SpatialAnnotate Source and Target GeographyBBC: "Vienna Marking Mozart Milestone"Source: Europe | United Kingdom | LondonTarget: Europe | Austria | ViennaSemanticClassify Documents, Assign Ontology Concepts
  - **Temporal** Add Timestamps to Publications, Events, etc.

### **Climate Change Media Watch**

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#### **Interface Services**

- Semantic Interfaces
  - Perceptual Maps (US Election Monitor 2004)
  - Information Landscapes (Aureka, VisIslands)
  - Ontology-based Visualizations



#### **Perceptual Maps**



#### **Thematic Maps**







#### **Ontology Services**



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- Geospatial Interfaces
  - The Geospatial Web "may ultimately be the big disruptive innovation of the coming decade" (Erle et al. 2005, xxv).
    - 2D Platforms
      - MapQuest
      - Google Maps
      - Yahoo! Maps
    - 3D Platforms
      - NASA World Wind
      - Google Earth
      - MS Virtual Earth



**CIA World Factbook** 

#### www.austria.info

| Most frequently searched keywords |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Region/websites: All              |  |
| Languages: All                    |  |
| Period: 1/1/2006-30/4/2006        |  |

| n       | in %  | Results   | in %   |
|---------|---|---|--|
| 1.562   | 1,3   | 315,544   | 8,4  |
| 1.422   | 1,2   | 175.327   | 4,6  |
| 1.340   | 1,1   | 262.324   | 7,0  |
| 1.282   | 1,1   | 102.051   | 2,7  |
| 1.113   | 0,9   | 60.270  | 1,6  |
| 794     | 0,7   | 22.637  | 0,6  |
| 775     | 0,6   | 53.101  | 1,4  |
| 756     | 0,6   | 62.654  | 1,7  |
| 742     | 0,6   | 10.945  | 0,3  |
| 692     | 0,6   | 9.351   | 0,2  |
| 653     | 0,5   | 40.649  | 1,1  |
| 592     | 0,5   | 28.575  | 0,8  |
| 575     | 0,5   | 15,437  | 0,4  |
| 493     | 0,4   | 7.591   | 0,2  |
| 492     | 0,4   | 74.665  | 2,0  |
| 463     | 0,4   | 9.622   | 0,3  |
| 457     | 0,4   | 3.437   | 0,1  |
| 437     | 0,4   | 4.216   | 0,1  |
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Katrina (29.08.2005 @ 19:15) Hurricane Katrina (12L) over the Gulf Coast. [United States Mexico Florida Louisiana Mississippi Alabama]

# The Geospatial Web

- Integrates
  - Cartographic Data
  - Environmental Indicators
  - Geotagged Hypermedia
- Knowledge Planets
  - Topology of Information Landscape
    - Peak = Cluster of Documents on a Specific Topic
    - Valley = Sparsely Populated Part of the Information Space
  - Projecting Information Landscapes onto Virtual Globes
    - Initial Arrangement and Stability of Topics
    - Navigation Across Layers and the 0° Meridian Line
  - Download | www.geospatialweb.com/chapter-1

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#### **Analytical Services**







#### **IDIOM System Architecture**



### **Processing Techniques**

- Infrastructure
  - Virtualization (XEN)
  - Host Systems Siemens RX200/300 Server mit je 8 CPU's und 32 GB RAM
  - Eases administrative tasks
  - PC7 cluster
- Tasks
  - Mirroring
  - Tagging (Spatial, Temporal, Named Entities)
  - Semantic Maps
  - Ontology Extension

### **Distributed Computing – hadoop**

- Developed by the Apache project (Lucene subproject)
- Implements MapReduce + a distributed Filesystem



#### **Distributed Computing – hadoop**



# Keep things simple

- Overhead ↓ -> Processing Time ↓
- Avoid costly operations
  - Database writes, Networking, IO
- DFS Input Data -> DFS Output Data
- NFS about twice as fast
  - file names
  - Handle output of redeployed tasks

Use your Database and Data Structures wisely

#### • INSERT vs. COPY

- Example: 4 million DB writes (prepared statements, stored procedures, ...)
  - 2.5 days without results vs.
  - 30 seconds(!) + 2 min (COPY)
- Constraints and Indices
- Cache data (!)
  - Example: Computation of the Semantic Map
    - 3 hours -> 18 min (10x)
- Use prepared statements (DB Planer)
  - Approx. 10x
- Data Structures: e.g. ArrayLists vs. HashSet; List vs. Set