

A USER CONCEPT MODEL FOR PERSONALIZED INFORMATION GATHERING AND RETRIEVAL

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Abstract: As a model for knowledge description formalization, ontology are widely used to represent user profiles in personalized web information gathering. However, when representing user profiles, many models have utilized only knowledge from either a global knowledge base or user local information. In this paper, a personalized ontology model is proposed for knowledge representation and reasoning over user profiles. This model learns ontological user profiles from both a world knowledge base and user local instance repositories. The ontology model is evaluated by comparing it against benchmark models in web information gathering. The results show that this ontology model is successful.

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1)INTRODUCTION: ON the last decades, the amount of web-based information available has increased dramatically. How to gather useful information from the web has become a challenging issue for users. For this purpose, user profiles are created for user background knowledge description. To represent user profiles, many researchers have to use knowledge through global or local analysis. Global analysis uses existing global knowledge bases for user background knowledge. Used bases include

Generic ontologies (e.g., Word Net), thesauruses and (e.g., digital), and online bases e.g., online categorizations and Wikipedia). Local analysis investigates user local information or observes user behaviour in user profiles. However, because local analysis relies on mining or classification techniques for knowledge discovery, occasionally the discovered contain noisy and uncertain information. As a result, local analysis suffers from ineffectiveness at capturing formal user knowledge.

2)World Knowledge Representation:

World knowledge is necessary for lexical and referential disambiguation, including establishing coreference relations and resolving ellipsis as well as for establishing and maintaining connectivity of the discourse and adherence of the text to the text producer's goal and plans.

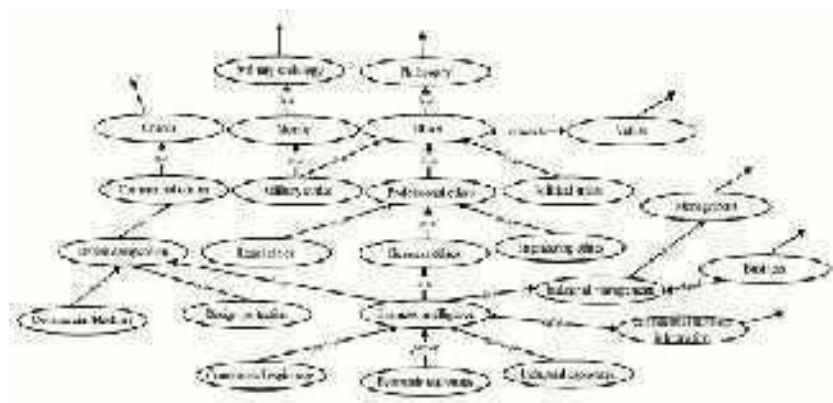


Fig1: A sample part of the world knowledge base

3)OUR IDEA:

Ontological user profiles. The world knowledge and a user's local instance repository (LIR) are used in the proposed model. World knowledge is commonsense knowledge acquired by people from experience and education an LIR is a user's personal collection of information items. From a world knowledge base, we construct personalized ontologies by adopting user feedback on interesting knowl-edge. A multidimensional ontology mining method, Specificity and Exhaustivity, is also introduced in the proposed model for analyzing concepts specified in ontologies. The users' LIRs are then used to discover background knowl-edge and to populate the personalized ontologies.

4)PERSONALIZED ONTOLOGY CONSTRUCTION:

Personalized ontologies are a conceptualization model that formally describes and specifies user background knowl- edge. From observations in daily life, we found that web users might have different expectations for the same search query. For example, for the topic "New York," business travelers may demand different information from leisure travelers sometimes even the same user may have different expectations for the same search query if applied in a different situation. A user may become a business traveler when planning for a business trip, or a leisure traveler when planning for a family holiday.

5)MULTIDIMENSIONAL ONTOLOGY MINING:

Ontology mining discovers interesting and on-topic knowl-edge from the concepts, semantic relations, and instances in an ontology. In this section, a 2D ontology mining method is introduced: Specificity and Exhaustivity. Specificity describes a subject's focus on a given topic. Exhaustivity (denoted exh) restricts a subject's semantic space dealing with the topic. This method aims to investigate the subjects and the strength of their associations in an ontology.

Algorithm 1. Analyzing semantic relations for specificity

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input : a personalized ontology  $O^u(I) := (Iar^u, rel)$ ; a coefficient  $\theta$  between (0,1).
output:  $spe_u(s)$  applied to specificity.
1 set  $k = 1$ , get the set of leaves  $S_0$  from  $Iar^u$ , for  $(a_0) \in S_0$ 
  assign  $spe_u(a_0) = k$ ;
2 get  $S'$  which is the set of leaves in case we remove the nodes  $S_0$ 
  and the related edges from  $Iar^u$ ;
3 if  $(S' == \emptyset)$  then return the terminal condition;
4 foreach  $s' \in S'$  do
5   if  $(|rel(s')| = 0)$  then  $spe_u^1(s') = k$ ;
6   else  $spe_u^1(s') = \theta \times \max\{spe_u(s) | s \in rel(s')\}$ ;
7   if  $(|rel(s')| = 1)$  then  $spe_u^2(s') = 1$ ;
8   else  $spe_u^2(s') = \frac{\sum_{s \in rel(s')} spe_u^1(s)}{|rel(s')|}$ ;
9    $spe_u(s) = \max\{spe_u^1(s'), spe_u^2(s')\}$ ;
10 end
11  $k = k \times \theta$ ,  $S_0 = S' \cup S'$ , go to step 2.

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6)UserLocal Instance Repository:

i) User background knowledge can be discovered from user local information collections, such as a user's stored documents, browsed web pages, and composed/received emails.

ii) The ontology $O^u(I)$ constructed in Section 3 has only subject labels and semantic relations specified. In this section, we populate the ontology with the instances Generated from user local information collections.

iii) Generating user local LIRs is a challenging issue. The documents in LIRs may be semi structured. (e.g., the browsed HTML and XML web documents) or unstructured (e.g., the stored local DOC and TXT documents). In some semi structured web documents, content-related descriptors are specified in the metadata sections.

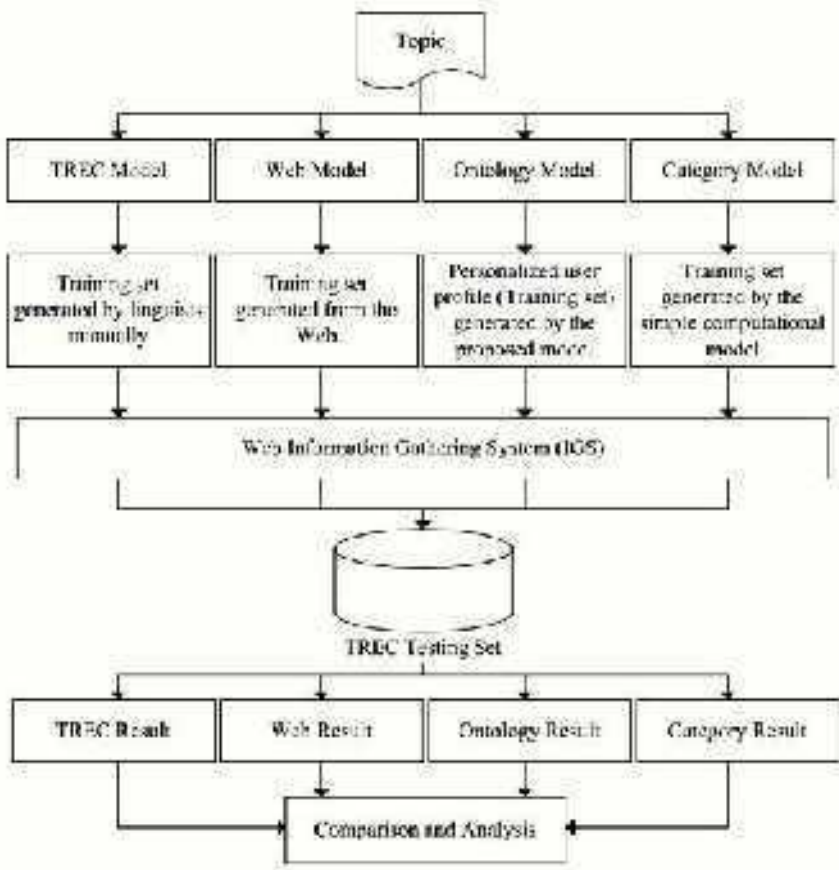


Fig5: Experiment design.

9) Web Information Gathering System:

- i) The information gathering system, IGS, was designed for common use by all experimental models.
- ii) The IGS was an implementation of a model developed by Li and Zhong that uses user profiles for web information gathering.
- iii) The input support values associated with the documents in user is also extensible in using support values of training information gathering.

10) Experimental Results:

- i) The performance of the experimental models was measured by three methods: the precision averages at 11 standard recall levels (11SPR), the mean average precision (MAP).
- ii) An 11SPR value is computed by summing the inter-polated precisions at the specified recall cutoff, and then dividing by the number of topics.

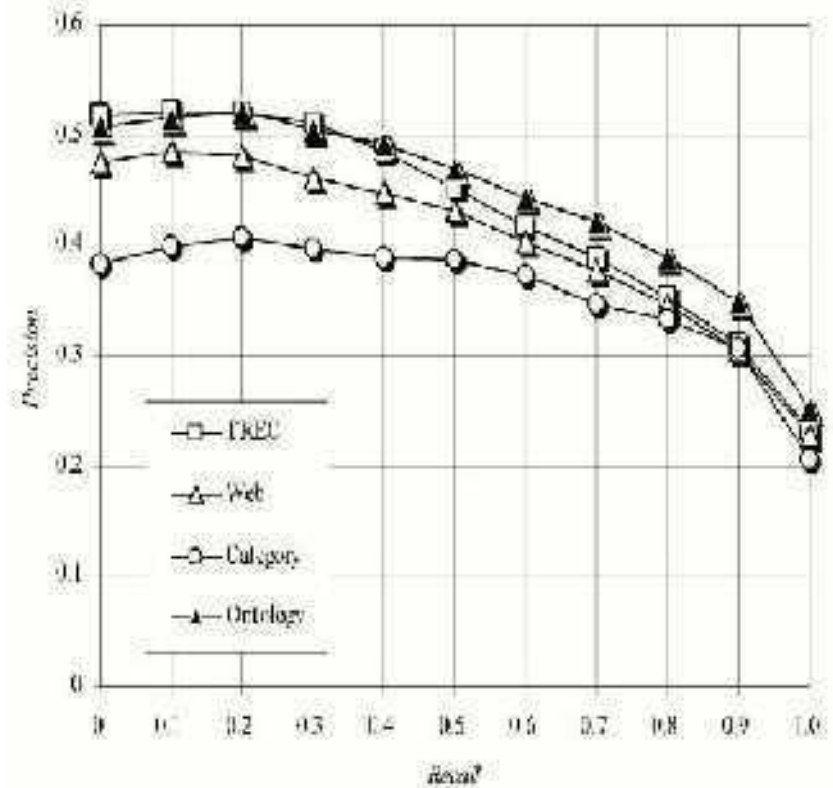


Fig6: The 11SPR experimental result. Table 2 also presents the average macro-F1 and micro-F1 Measure results. The F1 measure is calculated by

TABLE 2
The MAP F1 Measure Experimental Result

	TREC	Web	Category	Ontology
MAP	0.2901	0.2775	0.2612	0.2886
Micro-F1	0.3559	0.3458	0.3288	0.3622
Macro-F1	0.3875	0.3759	0.3554	0.3941

TABLE 3
Significance Test Results

Ontology vs.	MAP		Macro-F1		Micro-F1	
	%Sig	p-value	%Sig	p-value	%Sig	p-value
TREC	7.66%	0.882	7.00%	0.531	6.69%	0.519
Web	9.25%	0.026	8.57%	0.006	8.28%	0.005
Category	20.42%	0.0002	18.40%	0.0001	15.93%	0.0002

TABLE 4
The Design of Experimental Models in the Sensitivity Test

	is-a only	part-of only	is-a and part-of	no relationship specified
LTRs	-	-	-	Low
WKS	GI	GP	GIP	-
LTRs - WKS	GLI	CLP	Ontology	-

11) Sensitivity Analysis:

- i) The sensitivity analysis conducted in this paper aims to clarify the impacts made by different components in the Ontology model.
- ii) As the architecture shows in Fig. 4, two knowledge resources, the global WKB and the LIRs, are used in the proposed model for user background knowledge discovery.
- iii) Does the model using all contributors have better performance than those using only one (or subcombination of the four contributors).
- iv) Which one is more important to the Ontology model, the is-a or part-of knowledge.

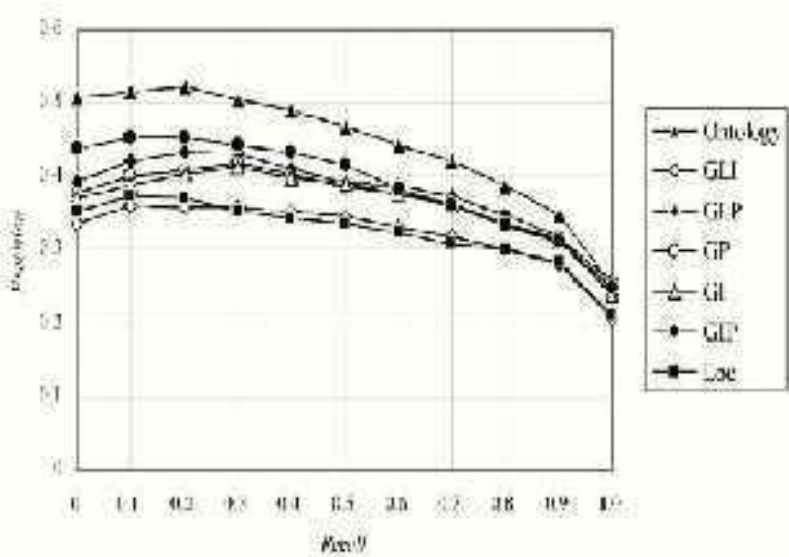


Fig. 7. The 11SPR results of sensitivity test.

TABLE5

The Average MAP and F-Measure Results of sensitivity Test

	Ontology	GLP	GLP	GP	GI	GLI	Loc
MAP	0.288	0.259	0.255	0.254	0.264	0.247	0.246
Micro-F1	0.362	0.337	0.335	0.332	0.332	0.313	0.309
Macro-F1	0.592	0.365	0.362	0.359	0.356	0.338	0.334

TABLE 6

T-Test Statistic Results for Sensitivity Test

		Ontology	GLP	GLP	GP	GI	GLI
GP	MAP	0.002					
	Micro-F1	9.53E-05					
	Macro-F1	1.11E-05					
GLP	MAP	3.95E-06	0.435				
	Micro-F1	5.16E-06	0.755				
	Macro-F1	4.47E-06	0.674				
GP	MAP	1.59E-04	0.105	0.899			
	Micro-F1	2.46E-05	0.25	0.702			
	Macro-F1	1.36E-05	0.159	0.653			
GI	MAP	8.49E-05	0.127	0.821	0.846		
	Micro-F1	1.38E-05	0.263	0.633	0.998		
	Macro-F1	1.11E-05	0.177	0.625	0.927		
GLI	MAP	1.21E-08	0.006	9.89E-04	0.029	0.022	
	Micro-F1	1.33E-09	0.005	2.53E-04	0.028	0.020	
	Macro-F1	7.77E-10	0.004	2.52E-04	0.028	0.022	
Loc	MAP	1.80E-08	0.007	0.007	0.041	0.046	0.554
	Micro-F1	3.51E-08	0.008	0.001	0.036	0.035	0.558
	Macro-F1	3.46E-08	0.007	0.001	0.042	0.042	0.611

12) CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK:

We will investigate the methods that generate user local instance repositories to match the representation of a global knowledge base. The present work assumes that all user local instance repositories have content-based descriptors referring to the subjects. However, a large volume of documents existing on the web may not have such content-based descriptors. For this problem, strategies like ontology mapping and text classification/clustering were suggested. These strategies will be investigated in future work to solve this problem. The investigation will extend the applicability of the ontology model to the majority of the existing web documents and increase the contribution and significance of the present work.

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