

A Machine for Automatic Subject Indexing Using ToC

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Reasons for development of the machine

- Subject description performed by a librarian-cataloger is inefficient:
 - expensive human labour
 - time delay
 - limited ability to understand and describe a subject
- When document titles are too general or does not express the document meaning and contents
- When document fulltext is not available or its using is not allowed

Example

TASK: find a book on advanced using the file system in Python

OPAC by title: 0 results

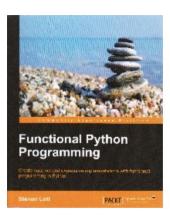
OPAC by subject: 0 results

We will find books on Python but have no tools to specify embedded subtopics.

Example

Functional Python programming: create succinct and expressive implementations with functional programming in Python

Hlavní autor:	Lott, Steven F.
Médium:	Kniha
Jazyk:	English
Vydáno:	Birmingham ; Mumbai : Packt Publishing, 2015
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Using nested information instruments

- Book index
- Table of contents

Book index – items too atomized without expressed context (a list of seperated words and short terms in alphabetical order playing a role of keys to locating information contained in the book)

Table of contents – brings overview of all important topics contained

Table of contents - advantages

- ToC is created by the author himself
- ToC is set from chapter and subchapter titles which are mostly created by the author as keywords in basic grammar forms (adv over fulltext processing)
- Chapter titles indicate chapter contents
- Precise image of contained important topics and subtopics keeping their relations and document structure (title of the work -> section name -> chapter name -> subchapter name and so on)
- ToC contain links to page numbers (we can measure importance of topics)

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Common problems

- High number of ToC forms and variations (layout, typography, design, structure, embedding)
- Pages with ToC often contain other texts (to be removed)
- Dependency between chapter-subchapters and book title-chapters

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Moduls – which? In context of book title *Python* → Moduls in Python language

Basics – which? In context of chapter *Moduls* and book title *Python* → Basics of modules in Python language

Workflow

- 1. Scanning book pages containing ToC
- 2. OCR with text block detection (learning)
- 3. Eliminating irrelevant text blocks
- 4. Resolving word and numeric blocks
- 5. Text analysis with focus on the context and position of ToC items
- 6. Keyword extraction and removal of stop words
- 7. Subject classification assignment
- 8. Validation (learning)
- 9. Usage

Scanning book pages contained ToC

- An operator have to scan all pages where a ToC is present in a book.
- Typically it is spread over more pages.
- Careful work reduces error rates in the subsequent steps (missing page, a bent corner, too solid bending, crooked text lines or a book scanned askew).
- The result of scanning is a bitmap object in the form of a graphic file such as TIFF or JPEG.

OCR with text block detection

- OCR software must be able to detect the blocks that contain text on a page.
- OCR software may identify some blocks incorrectly (layout, typography, design, structure) --> need for human intervention
- Learning from new layout situations to work better and better

Irrelevant text block elimination

- Irrelevant texts and graphic objects must be distinguished and removed from processing.
- For the next steps, we need to work only with text blocks that contain ToC items.

Resolution of word and numeric blocks

- ToCs usually list chapters with the name of each chapter and the page number where each chapter begins
- In addition, the page number for the next chapter determines the range of pages that can be used to calculate a relevance scale or to display the importance of a chapter in thematic clouds.
- Therefore, the software must retrieve the name of each chapter and its location (pages) for each ToC.
- Formal markers removal ("Chapter 2", "Book first", "Index" etc.)

Text analysis with focus on context of ToC items

- Scientific books typically use a multilevel structure for chapters in which subchapters are embedded into parent chapters keeping their context.
- We have to handle with the exact order of items and their position in their ToC tree
- Based on layout (embedded items are often indented) or on typography (embedded items often have smaller or thinner fonts)
- The meaning of child items needs to be extended by utilizing context from all parent items in order to create definite and significant keywords.

Keyword extraction and removal of stop words

- Harvested keywords can be optimized and transformed according to needs, deduplicated etc.
- The machine can also remove keywords from chapters which are considered to be marginal (e.g., if a chapter is under 2 pages, it can be assumed that such a topic is presented marginally).

Subject classification assignment

- Finally, the system suggests terms for selected subject classification systems that best match each book.
- This functionality uses a learning mechanism that tracks what keyword combinations have been applied to which classification terms.
- The system currently supports Universal Decimal Classification, Conspectus, and PSH. Others can be added.

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Technologies used

- Open source
- Web-based Java application
- Solr dicts (classification schemas)
- Tools for text analysis (Morphodita, OpenNLP etc.)
- Angular for GUI

What next

- Recognition/assessment of related words groups (lists)
 (trees = oak, beech, maple, pine, aspen, ...)
 the group name is deductive from the specific list items
- Intellectual proces which needs a knowledge