

Semantic Query Analysis from the Global Science Gateway

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Scenario

- Web portals play an essential role in searching and retrieving information in the several fields of knowledge
- Web portals support the storage of a huge amount of information in NL originating from the queries launched by users worldwide
- A good example is given by *WorldWideScience.org* (The Global Science Gateway)

Objective

- The aim is to retrieve information related to *social media* which as of today represent a considerable source of digital data more and more widely used for research ends

Focus

- The query logs registered by the *GreyGuide: Repository and Portal to Good Practices and Resources in Grey Literature* and received by the *WorldWideScience.org* portal

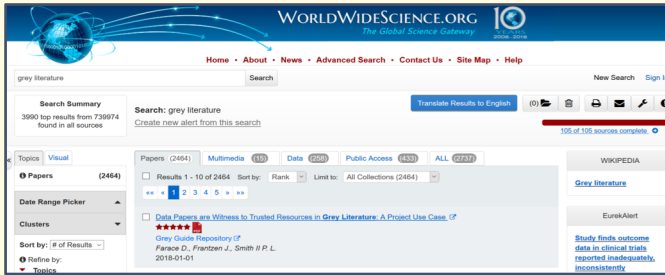


the terms convey meaning



GreyNet
http://www.grey.net/ol/

http://www.worldwidescience.org/



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This project includes eight months of query logs registered between July 2017 and February 2018 for a total of 445,827 queries

Methods and Tools

- A process of information retrieval from a rich digital catalogue of queries

- cleaning of the set of queries;
- filtering and ordering (alphabetically);
- using several trials for choosing the focus;
- processing the information and building the sample by NLP tools.

NLP analysis

- free information extraction:
 - measure the frequency of the words contained in the corpus;
 - examine the lexical variety of the queries;
 - focus on a set of terms to build a micro-ontology.
- ontology-based extraction:
 - enrich the domain;
 - retrieve each occurrence of those terms contained in the ontology by using a search engine.

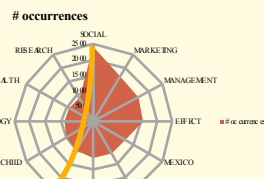


Fig. 1 - Most frequent words

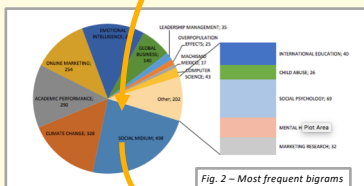


Fig. 2 - Most frequent bigrams

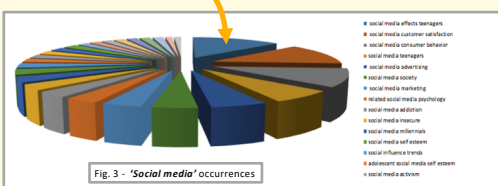
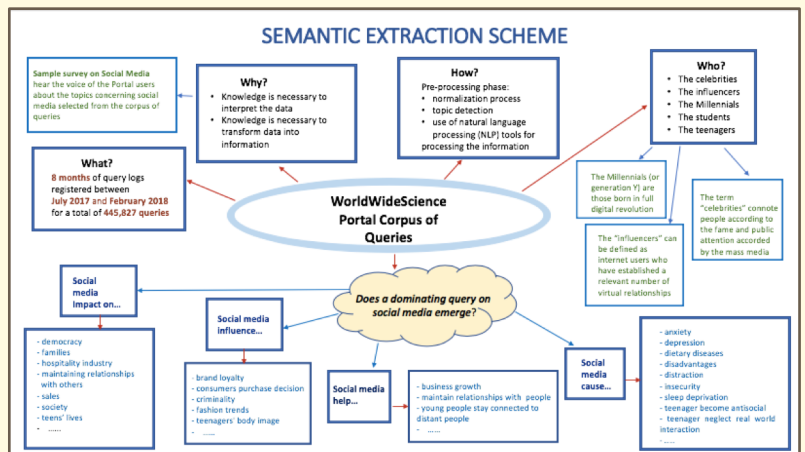


Fig. 3 - 'Social media' occurrences



WorldWideScience and 'Social Media'

Why 'social media'

- Social Media are a very effective means of communication and vehiculate knowledge
- They are often quoted in bibliographical references amongst the more traditional categories
- The subject involves document types pertaining to Grey Literature

- A case study has been carried out involving medicine, psychiatry and 'social media' Figures 1, 2, 3

- Some low-frequency terms (hapax) carry a negative connotation in relation to the use of 'social media':

<cyberbullying social media>; <depression social media>; <eating disorder social media>; <negative effects social media young adults>; <anxiety social media>; <social media compulsive buying>; <social media distraction>; <fake news social media>;

- An analysis of negative connotations in connection with *child/children*, is further investigated, as shown in Fig. 4

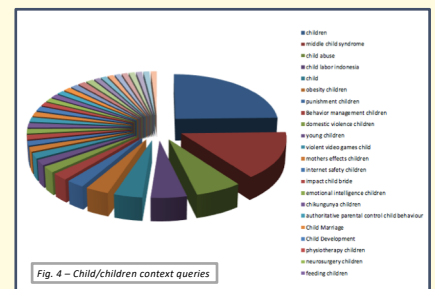


Fig. 4 - Child/children context queries

Final Remarks

- The case study illustrates the main linguistic features of the *Global Science Gateway* by showing the lexical map which represents the most used/recurrent words
- Some critical issues: a diachronic analysis of the terms was not possible given the short temporal window taken into account; queries in different languages and many spelling/grammatical errors made our task more complicated by weighing the cleaning process down
- Terms extracted from the corpus of queries are largely referring to topics pertaining to the major problems of today's society, eg. *alcoholism, depression, obesity, pornography, drugs, violence...*
- NLP analysis allowed to browse the corpus through the most and less queried terms: once *social* has been identified as the most frequent one, the analysis was channeled into 'social media' and the pertinent contexts.