Indexing with semantic components improve information retrieval in domain-specific web portal

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Agenda



- Indexing with semantic components
- Indexing and searching problems in domain-specific IR systems
- User evaluation: indexing and retrieval
- Results
- Summing up

Searching problems



- Domain-specific IR systems often contain a large number of documents about a limited set of topics – difficult to distinguish between documents
- Domain experts have often very specific information needs related to specific work tasks
- **Situational relevance**, determined by contextual dimensions is often more important than topical relevance
- Limited time for searching

Indexing problems



- **Topics** what topics should be indexed
- Exhaustivity and specificity what level of specificity and completeness (exhaustivity)
- Terminology what terms and terminology should be used to express the topics
- **Consistency** how do we ensure consistency
- **Costs** indexing takes time and demands domain knowledge and indexing skills and knowledge

Indexing with semantic components (SC)



- Marking up semantic sections of text (*semantic components*)
- Sections contain information about specific aspects or facets of the overall topic, e.g. diagnosis, treatment, referral, risk factors
- Method based on assumptions and research results that show:
 - Domain experts know document types with a certain domain. They know document structure, and use this knowledge when reading and using documents (Dillon, 1991; Orlikowaki & Yates, 1994; Bishop, 1999)
 - Content and structure in domain-specific documents correspond to aspects/facets of domain-specific information needs (Ely et al, 1999,2000; Price, Delcambre, Nielsen, 2006)
- Supplementary to basic indexing methods, manual as well as automatic

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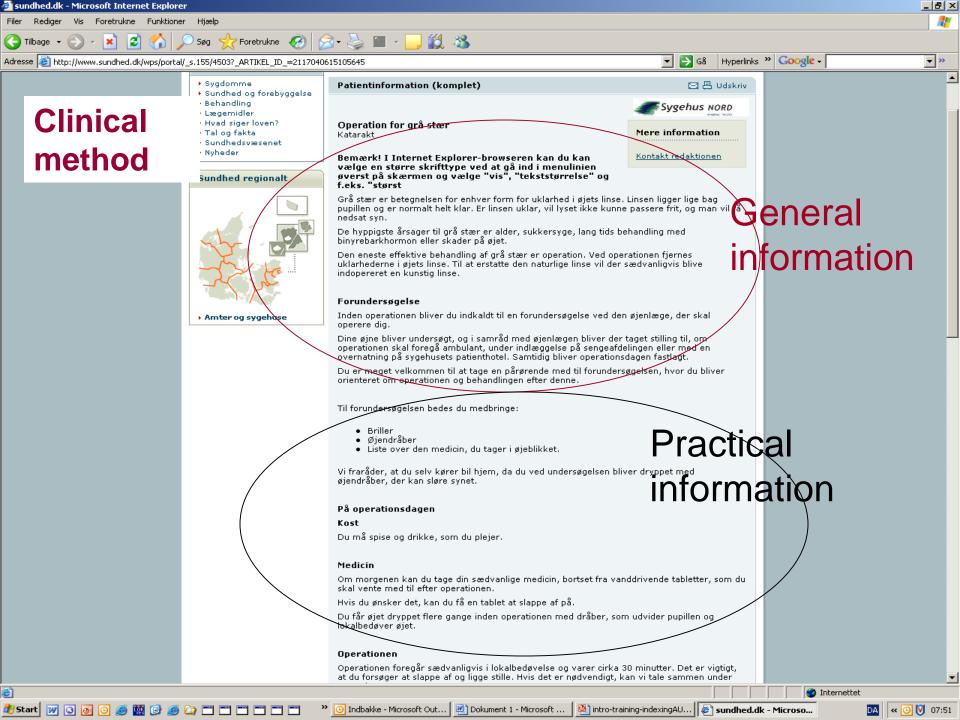
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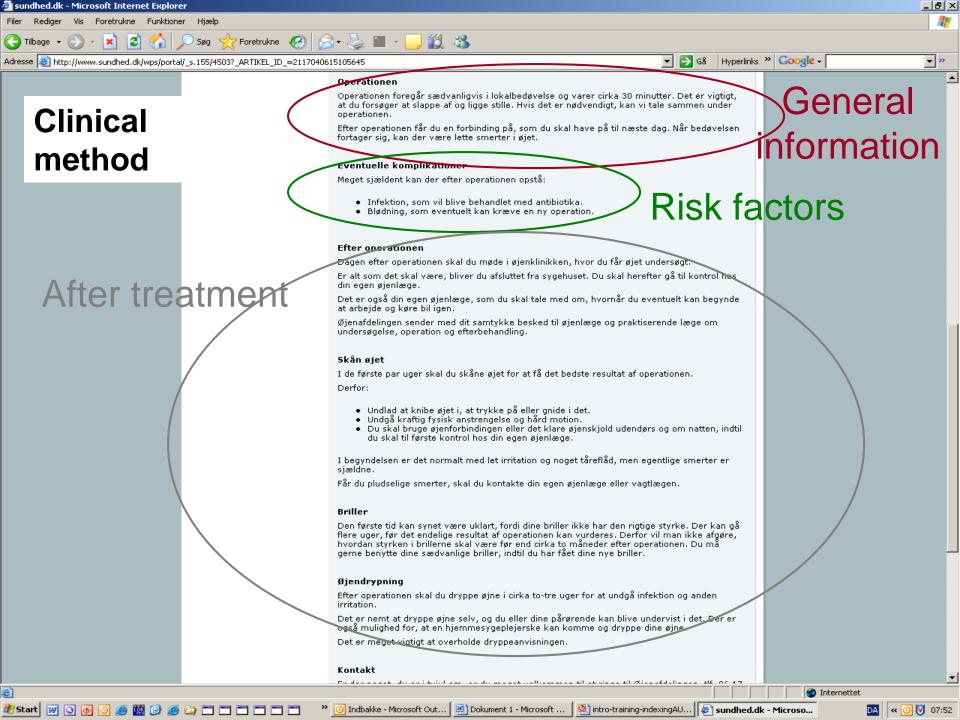
Case study



- sundhed.dk: national, Danish health portal
- Established in 2001, 25.000 documents
- Two main target groups: citizens and professionals in the health care sector
- Use of automatic as well as manual indexing methods:
 - ICPC
 - ICD-10
 - Citizens Thesaurus
- Large and varied group of indexers
 - 17 regions
 - Up to 250 indexers per region
- Research project focuses on family practitioners

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Semantic components (SC) in sundhed.dk



- In sundhed.dk we have identified 6 document types:
 - Clinical problem
 - Clinical method
 - Services
 - Drug product
 - Clinical unit
 - Note
- Each document type has its own set of semantic components, for example *Clinical method* contains 6 semantic components:
 - General information
 - Practical information
 - Referral
 - After treatment
 - Risk factors

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Opslag

User evaluation - searching



- **Comparison** between standard, control retrieval system (System 1) and experimental retrieval system with semantic components (system 2)
- **Test persons**: 30 family practitioners with experience with sundhed.dk and online information retrieval
- Training sessions: introduction to semantic components and the two retrieval systems
- Search jobs: 4 controlled, simulated search scenarios
 - 2 search jobs are carried out in System 1
 - 2 search jobs are carried out in System 2
- Random distribution of search jobs and retrieval systems

• Data collection:

 Searching behavior, graded relevance assessments (user and system relevance), time used, ease of use, and user satisfaction)

Search scenarios



Search scenario C

Anna is childless. She had two abortions (un-intentional). She is now ready to get pregnant again. There is something about folate. Should she have it, and what doses?

Search task: Find documents that help you to decide, whether Anna should take folate, and how big a doses.

Test persons



| | Test persons (n = 30) | | | | | | |
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| | Experience Internet search engines (year) | Experience sundhed.dk (year) | Experience Information retrieval (1 Much – 5 None) | Experience Medical professional (year) | | | |
| Mean | 7,2 | 2,4 | 2,4 | 21,4 | | | |
| Maximum | 12,5 | 5 | 4 | 34,2 | | | |
| Minimum | 1 | 0,6 | 1 | 6,3 | | | |
| Std | 2,82 | 1,43 | 0,93 | 7,59 | | | |

Search performance

MAP for Best query per session (Mean \pm SE)

| | Search scenario A | Search scenario B | Search scenario C | Search scenario D | Total |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| System 1 | $\textbf{0.28} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ | $\textbf{0.53} \pm \textbf{0.11}$ | $\textbf{0.21} \pm \textbf{0.05}$ | $\textbf{0.19} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ | $\textbf{0.31} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ |
| System 2 | $\textbf{0.56} \pm \textbf{0.06}$ | $\textbf{0.58} \pm \textbf{0.11}$ | $\textbf{0.26} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ | $\textbf{0.27} \pm \textbf{0.06}$ | $\textbf{0.42} \pm \textbf{0.04}$ |

nDCG for Best query per session (Mean \pm SE)

| | Search Search scenario A scenario B | | Search scenario C | Search scenario D | Total |
|----------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| System 1 | $\textbf{0.41} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ | $\textbf{0.57} \pm \textbf{0.08}$ | $\textbf{0.38} \pm \textbf{0.07}$ | $\textbf{0.34} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ | $\textbf{0.43} \pm \textbf{0.03}$ |
| System 2 | 0.60 ± 0.06 | 0.60 ± 0.08 | 0.50 ± 0.04 | $\textbf{0.46} \pm \textbf{0.07}$ | 0.54 ± 0.03 |

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Ease of use



| Ease of use, measured by queries and time $(n = 120)$ | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | queries ession | Time used (minutes) per session | | |
| | System 1 (n = 60) | System 2 (n = 60) | System 1 (n = 60) | System 2 (n = 60) | |
| Mean | 2,55 | 3,2 | 5,8 | 7,2 | |
| Minimum | 1 | 1 | 1,9 | 2,2 | |
| Maximum | 8 | 11 | 16,8 | 16,6 | |
| Std | 1,908 | 2,386 | - | - | |

Ease of use



| | Ease of use (1 Good – 5 Bad) | | | | | | |
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| | How easy to formulate | How satisfied with result | How useful to specify with Information type | How useful to specify with Region | How useful to specify with SC | How useful to search with SC | |
| System 1 | 2,02 | 2,12 | 1,90 | 1,54 | - | - | |
| System 2 | 2,07 | 2,28 | 1,62 | 1,65 | 1,58 | 1,73 | |

User satisfaction



- 73% of users indicate that they will use SC for more than 50% of their daily searches
- SC is useful for specific search tasks
 - SC is useful for complex, specific tasks for tasks where you are "on new and unknown territory"
- SC is not intuitive, demands training
 - Users need training to use SC effectively
 - Labels are not intuitive
- Better functionality
 - More simple: fewer SC and no division into document types
 - Personalization

Direct access from interface to semantic component in the text
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User evaluation - indexing



- Comparison of keyword indexing with indexing with semantic components
- Test persones: 16 Danish sundhed.dk indexers
- Training sessions: introduction to indexing with semantic components (SC)
- Indexing tasks: 12 sundhed.dk documents
 - 6 documents were indexed by semantic components (SC)
 - 6 documents were indexed by keywords: free, ICPC, ICD-10, domainspecific thesaurus (Borgertesaurus)
- Random distribution of indexing tasks and indexing methods
- Data collection:
 - Indexing data
 - Time used
 - User satisfaction

Evaluation metrics - indexing

| Indexing method | Accuracy (by use of reference standard) | Consistency |
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| Semantic components (SC) | Recall and Precision - Of characters in each component | Binary K - Agreement of marking up a semantic component - Over all characters in each component |
| Keywords | Recall and Precision - keywords | Binary K Agreement of keyword assignment Over all keywords, selected by one indexer or in reference standard Traditional consistency metrics |

Akkurathed – semantisk komponenter

| Document | Semantic component | | Keywords | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Recall macroaverage | Precision macroaverage | Recall macroaverage | Precision macroaverage |
| 1 | 0.74 ± 0.37 | 0.89 ± 0.26 | 0.14 ± 0.33 | 0.74 ± 0.43 |
| 2 | 0.56 ± 0.33 | 0.61 ± 0.39 | 0.35 ± 0.47 | 0.74 ± 0.42 |
| 3 | 0.59 ± 0.45 | 0.72 ± 0.38 | 0.10 ± 0.23 | 0.72 ± 0.42 |
| 4 | 0.33 ± 0.29 | 0.72 ± 0.41 | 0.16 ± 0.35 | 0.70 ± 0.45 |
| 5 | 0.74 ± 0.39 | 0.68 ± 0.47 | 0.38 ± 0.47 | 0.85 ± 0.30 |
| 6 | 0.59 ± 0.13 | 0.81 ± 0.35 | 0.01 ± 0.04 | 0.88 ± 0.31 |
| 7 | 0.63 ± 0.39 | 0.79 ± 0.31 | 0.28 ± 0.36 | 0.62 ± 0.41 |
| 8 | 0.70 ± 0.31 | 0.93 ± 0.17 | 0.01 ± 0.02 | 0.61 ± 0.49 |
| 9 | 0.66 ± 0.33 | 0.76 ± 0.43 | 0.21 ± 0.39 | 0.79 ± 0.39 |
| 10 | 0.61 ± 0.35 | 0.75 ± 0.26 | 0.25 ± 0.42 | 0.79 ± 0.39 |
| 11 | 0.65 ± 0.43 | 0.86 ± 0.31 | 0.12 ± 0.27 | 0.80 ± 0.36 |
| 12 Marianne Lykke Nielsen | 0.63 ± 0.48 | 0.83 ± 0.30 | 0.03 ± 0.08 | 0.85 ± 0.34 September 2008 |

Summing up



- We developed the method *Indexing with semantic components* to improve precision in retrieval
- We tested the retrieval effectiveness of the method in a case study with 30 family practitioners in sundhed.dk
 - Over all scenarios, the improvement in was 35.5% as measured by MAP and 25.6% by nDCG – compared with the standard, control system
- We tested indexing accuracy in an indexing test with 16 sundhed.dk indexers
 - Findings indicate that it is easier to obtain higher accuracy with semantic component indexing as regards recall
- Future research
 - Develop the method, e.g. simpler version, automation of up marking, use of XML for up marking, end-user up-marking
 - Evaluation in other domains

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