

A Comprehensive Approach To Data Integration In Heterogeneous Environments: Challenges And Solutions For Unstructured Data

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Abstract

The growing demand for seamless data sharing across diverse platforms has highlighted the need for robust integration solutions, particularly in environments dealing with both structured and unstructured data. Current systems primarily address structured data integration, leaving a significant gap in handling unstructured file-based data. This paper proposes a novel model designed to integrate, query, and share unstructured data, focusing on news feeds as a case study. We explore how integrating heterogeneous data sources can be optimized, highlighting the importance of grid technology and unified access interfaces.

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I. Introduction

The internet provides vast amounts of information, which are often fragmented across various types of data—structured, semi-structured, and unstructured. Traditional search engines typically focus on structured data, providing access to web pages based on predefined keywords. However, unstructured data, such as news feeds, blogs, and social media posts, present challenges in terms of integration and retrieval.

To address this gap, we introduce the concept of a *topic-oriented search engine* that classifies data based on user queries related to specific topics like news, blogs, videos, and images. Unlike traditional search engines, this model offers a more tailored experience by organizing information into topic-based collections. This approach not only improves the accuracy of search results but also enhances user engagement.

II. Related Work

Several advancements have been made in the field of search engines, particularly with respect to topic-oriented and vertical search engines. For example, the Foxinfo1.0 model proposed by Ke Sun et al. offers a comprehensive approach to aggregating topic-specific information. Other studies, such as those by Surbhi Chhabra et al., have highlighted the efficiency of SEO techniques and crawlers in improving data retrieval performance.

Moreover, efforts in developing search engines tailored to specific languages, like the work of Man Yang et al. on Chinese educational resources, have shown the potential of regional optimizations in improving the retrieval of relevant data.

III. Proposed System

Our proposed system aims to integrate unstructured data by using a web crawler designed specifically for Gujarati language news feeds. The challenge is to convert unstructured web data into a structured format for efficient search and retrieval. This conversion process involves classifying web pages based on their type, purpose, and behavior, ensuring that relevant information is indexed and retrieved effectively.

The architecture of the proposed system consists of:

1. **Data Collection Module:** Gathers data from various news websites.
2. **Crawler Module:** Extracts data based on user-defined keywords, filtering for relevance.
3. **Search Engine Module:** Displays results that are specific to the query, focusing solely on Gujarati news.

By focusing on news feeds in the Gujarati language, we optimize the search engine to handle local, real-time data more effectively, ensuring that users receive the most relevant information based on their queries.

IV. Conclusion and Future Work

The proposed system addresses key challenges in the integration of unstructured data, particularly in the context of news feeds. By leveraging grid technology and custom crawlers, our model provides a more efficient and user-centric approach to data retrieval. Future work will focus on extending the model to support additional languages and refining the crawler to handle a wider range of data types, improving both precision and recall for topic-specific searches.

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