

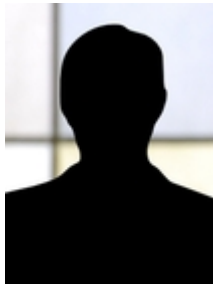
# Wikipedia Text Reuse: Within and Without



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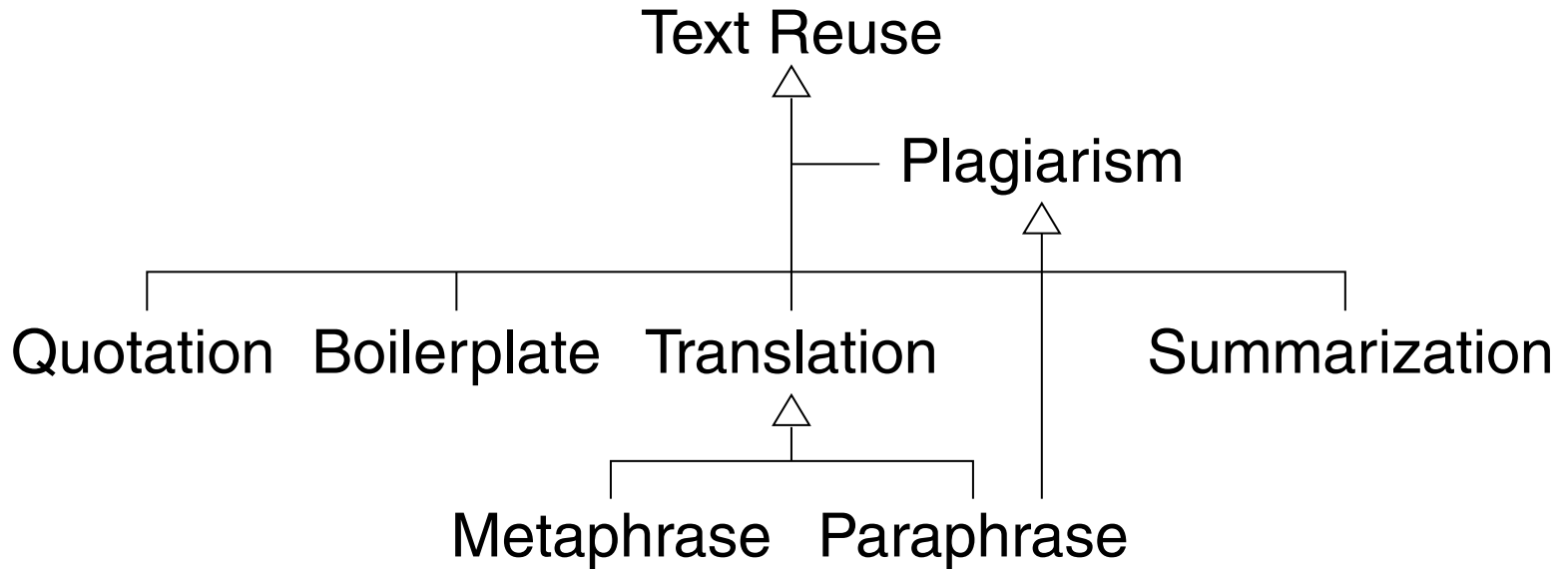


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# Introduction

## Text Reuse



- ❑ Depending on the circumstances, all kinds of text reuse can be plagiarism.
- ❑ Plagiarism may coincide with copyright infringement.
- ❑ “Boilerplate” is synonymous with “template”.
- ❑ Metaphrase and paraphrase are defined wrt. their ancient greek origins.  
Metaphrase means literal, word for word translation, paraphrase reproduction in own words.

# Introduction

## Wikipedia Text Reuse



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## Broadcast flag

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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  - Pay-per-view use of broadcast flag
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  - Related intellectual property subjects
- References
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## Introduction [ edit source ]

In the **United States**, new television **receivers** using the **ATSC** standard were supposed to incorporate this functionality by July 1, 2005.<sup>[*citation needed*]</sup>

## FCC ruling [ edit source ]

Officially called "Digital Broadcast Television Redistribution Control," the FCC's rule is in 47 CFR 73.9002(b) and the following sections, stating in part: "No party shall sell or distribute in interstate commerce a Covered **Demodulator** Product that does not comply with the Demodulator Compliance Requirements and Demodulator Robustness Requirements." According to the rule, hardware must "actively thwart" piracy.

The rule's Demodulator Compliance Requirements insists that all HDTV demodulators must "listen" for the flag (or assume it to be present in all signals). Flagged content must be output only to "protected outputs" (such as **DVI** and **HDMI** ports with **HDCP** encryption), or in degraded form through **analog** outputs or **digital** outputs with visual resolution of 720x480 pixels (**EDTV**) or less. Flagged content may be recorded only by "authorized" methods, which may include tethering of recordings to a single device.

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## What's new, new media?

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PAGES

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POPULAR PAGES ▼ COMMUNITY ▼ EXPLORE ▼

in: *Concepts & Terms, Regulation*

## Broadcast Flag

EDIT ▼

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This article documents a **current event**.

Information may change rapidly as the event progresses.

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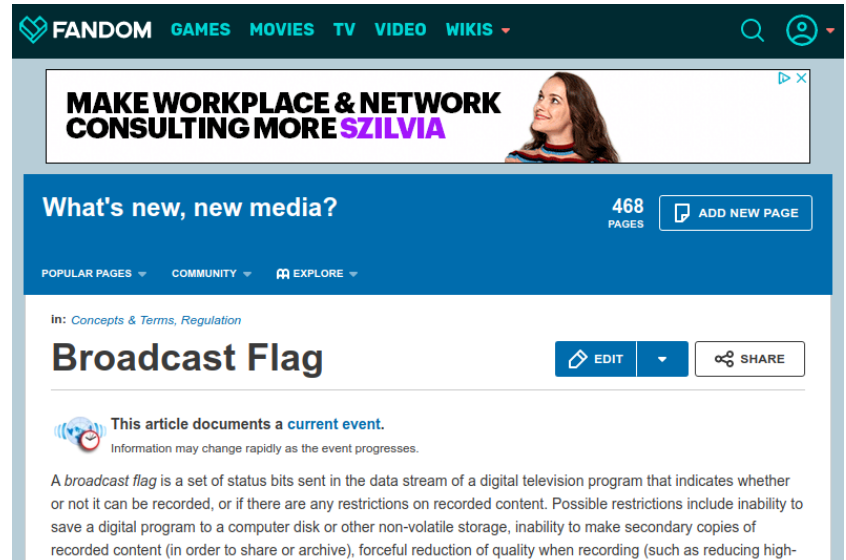
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The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Broadcast flag". The page title is "Broadcast flag" and it is categorized under "Article". The article text states: "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. A **broadcast flag** is a set of status bits (or a "flag") sent in the data stream of a digital television program that indicates whether or not the data stream can be recorded, or if there are any restrictions on recorded content. Possible restrictions include the inability to save an unencrypted digital program to a hard disk or other non-volatile storage, inability to make secondary copies of recorded content (in order to share or archive), forceful reduction of quality when recording (such as reducing high-definition video to the resolution of standard TVs), and inability to skip over commercials." The article has a table of contents with 5 sections: 1 Introduction, 2 FCC ruling, 3 Current status, 4 Related technologies (with sub-sections 4.1 Radio broadcast flag and RIAA, 4.2 European Broadcast Flag, 4.3 ISDB, 4.4 DVB-CPCM, 4.5 Pay-per-view use of broadcast flag), and 5 See also.



The screenshot shows the Fandom website interface for the "Broadcast Flag" article. The top navigation bar includes "FANDOM", "GAMES", "MOVIES", "TV", "VIDEO", and "WIKIS". A banner for "MAKE WORKPLACE & NETWORK CONSULTING MORE SZILVIA" is visible. Below the banner, there is a section titled "What's new, new media?" with "468 PAGES" and an "ADD NEW PAGE" button. The article title "Broadcast Flag" is prominently displayed, along with "EDIT" and "SHARE" buttons. A notice states: "This article documents a current event. Information may change rapidly as the event progresses." The article text is partially visible, starting with: "A broadcast flag is a set of status bits sent in the data stream of a digital television program that indicates whether or not it can be recorded, or if there are any restrictions on recorded content. Possible restrictions include inability to save a digital program to a computer disk or other non-volatile storage, inability to make secondary copies of recorded content (in order to share or archive), forceful reduction of quality when recording (such as reducing high-

- ❑ Wikipedia articles are reused on commercial web pages.
- ❑ Reuse sometimes lacks attribution, a violation of Wikipedia's copyrights.
- ❑ Reused content is not necessarily updated along the original.
- ❑ What is the extent to which the web is comprised of Wikipedia text reuse?
- ❑ What is the added value of duplicating Wikipedia content?

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## Wikipedia Text Reuse

### Albania



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates: 41°N 20°E

[...]

#### Ottoman Empire

*Main article: Albania under the Ottoman Empire*

*See also: Albanian rebellion against the Ottoman Empire*

*Further information: League of Lezhë*

With the fall of Constantinople, the Ottoman Empire continued an extended period of conquest and expansion with its borders going deep into Southeast Europe. They reached the Albanian Ionian Sea Coast in 1385 and erected their garrisons across Southern Albania in 1415 and then occupied most of Albania in 1431.<sup>[54][55]</sup> Thousands of Albanians consequently fled to Western Europe, particularly to Calabria, Naples, Ragusa and Sicily, whereby others sought protection at the often inaccessible Mountains of Albania.<sup>[56][57]</sup>

The Albanians, as Christians, were considered as an inferior class of people and as such they were subjected to



After serving the Ottoman Empire for nearly 20 years, Gjergj Kastrioti Skanderbeg deserted and began a rebellion against the empire that halted Ottoman advance into Europe for 25 years.

### Albanians



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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Prior to the Ottoman conquest of Albania, the political situation of the Albanian people was characterised by a fragmented conglomeration of scattered kingdoms and principalities such as the Principalities of Arbanon, Kastrioti and Thopia. However, after the fall of Constantinople, the Ottoman Empire continued an extended period of conquest and expansion with its borders going deep into the Southeast Europe. As a consequence thousands of Albanians from Albania, Epirus and Peloponnese escaped to Western Europe, particularly to Calabria, Naples, Ragusa and Sicily, whereby others sought protection at the often inaccessible Mountains of Albania.



The Fortress of Krujë served as the noble residence of the Kastrioti family. Skanderbeg's long struggle to keep Albania independent became highly significant to the Albanian people as it strengthened their solidarity, made them more conscious of their national identity and served centuries later in the Albanian Renaissance as a great source of inspiration in their struggle for national unity, freedom and independence.<sup>[139][140]</sup>

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- ❑ Wikipedia articles reuse text from other Wikipedia articles.
- ❑ Different articles progress independently, giving rise to inconsistency.
- ❑ There are no tools to support text reuse; manual reuse is not tracked.
- ❑ What is the extent to which Wikipedia reuses itself?
- ❑ How can reuse and repair be supported?

# Text Reuse Detection





# Text Reuse Detection



Wikipedia: [[dumps.wikimedia.org](https://dumps.wikimedia.org)]

- ❑ English dump from May 2016
- ❑ 4.2m articles
- ❑ 11.4m paragraphs

Common Crawl: [[commoncrawl.org](https://commoncrawl.org)]

- ❑ Release from April 2017
- ❑ 10% sample
- ❑ 1.4m websites
- ❑ 591m web pages
- ❑ 187m paragraphs



# Text Reuse Detection

Data acquisition  
and cluster setup

Source  
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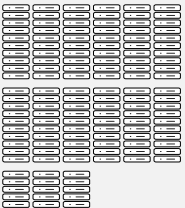

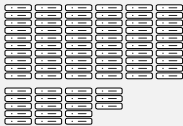





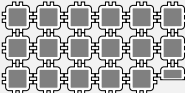


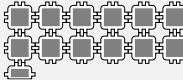

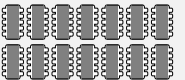
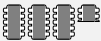

Exploratory analysis  
and tool development

Step 1

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Disk (PB)	0.2 	4.1 	0.02 	12 
Cores	176   (3.2 TFLOPs)	1,740   (67.4 TFLOPs)	96  + 61,440   (206.7 TFLOPs)	1,248   (119.8 TFLOPs)
RAM (TB)	0.8 	28 	4.8 	10 

# Text Reuse Detection



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Ranking of documents with respect to their likelihood of being source for text reuse.

Scoring function  $\rho$  for two documents  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ :

$$\underbrace{\exists c_i \in d_1, c_j \in d_2: h(c_i) \cap h(c_j) \neq \emptyset}_{\text{Search pruning}} \rightarrow \rho(d_1, d_2) = \max_{\substack{c_i \in d_1 \\ c_j \in d_2}}(\varphi(c_i, c_j)),$$

where

- ❑  $c$  is a paragraph-length chunk of a document  $d$
- ❑  $h$  is a locality-sensitive hash function producing a set of hash values
- ❑  $\varphi$  the  $tf \cdot idf$ -weighted cosine similarity

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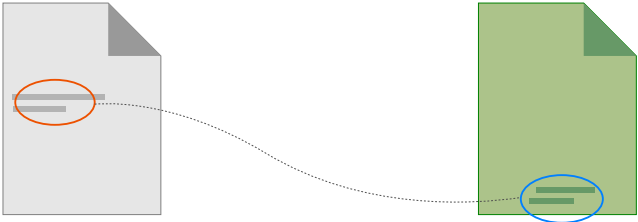
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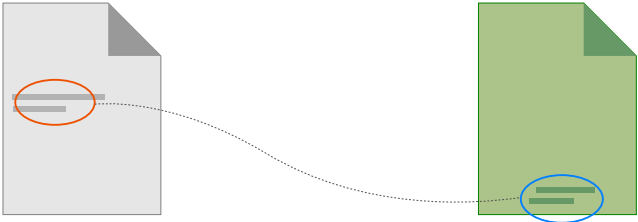
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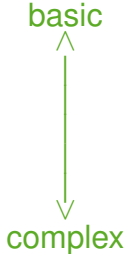


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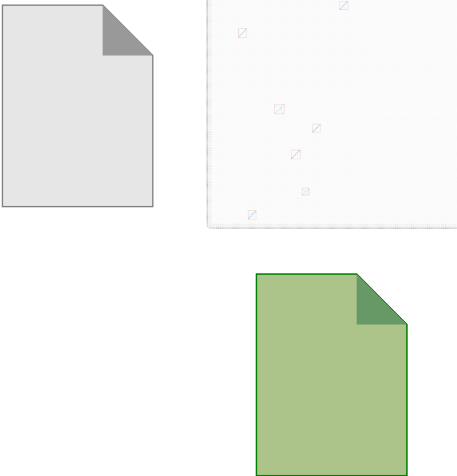
- MD5 hashing
- Hashed breakpoint chunking
- Locality-sensitive hashing
- Dot plotting

## What can be detected

- Identity analysis for paragraphs
- Synchronized identity analysis for paragraphs
- Tolerant similarity analysis for paragraphs
- Sequence analysis of word n-grams

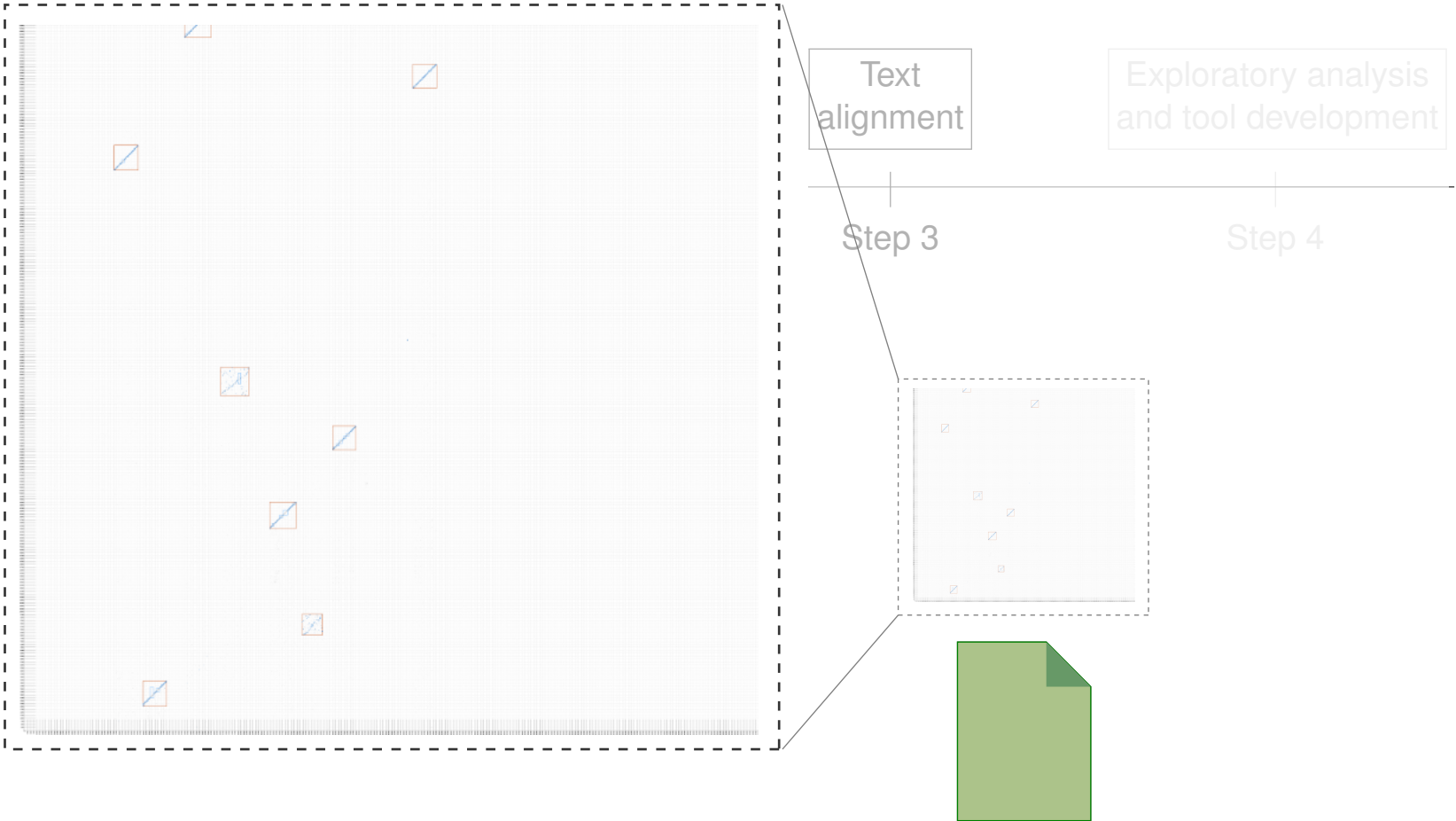


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Geometric sequence analysis of all word 3-grams of two interesting documents.

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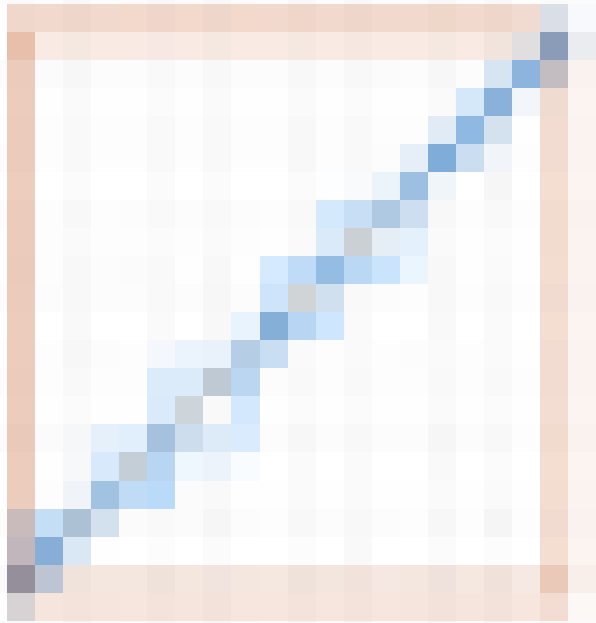


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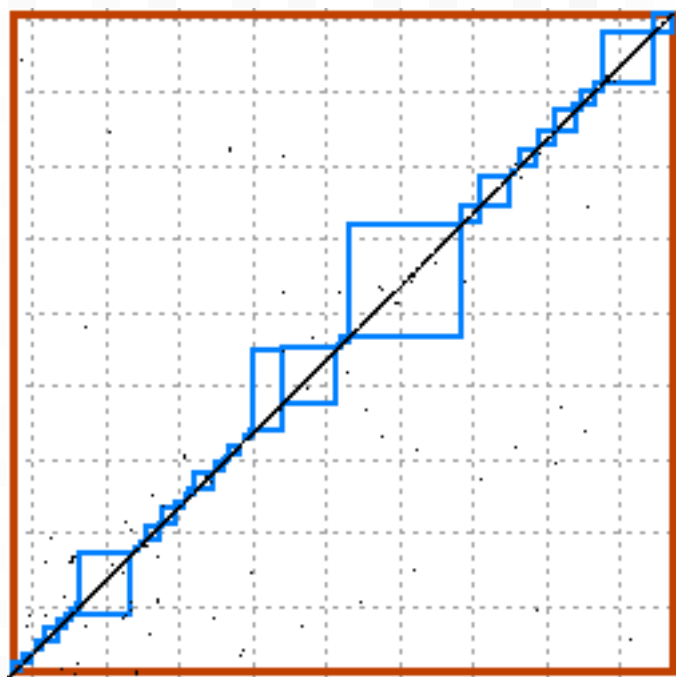


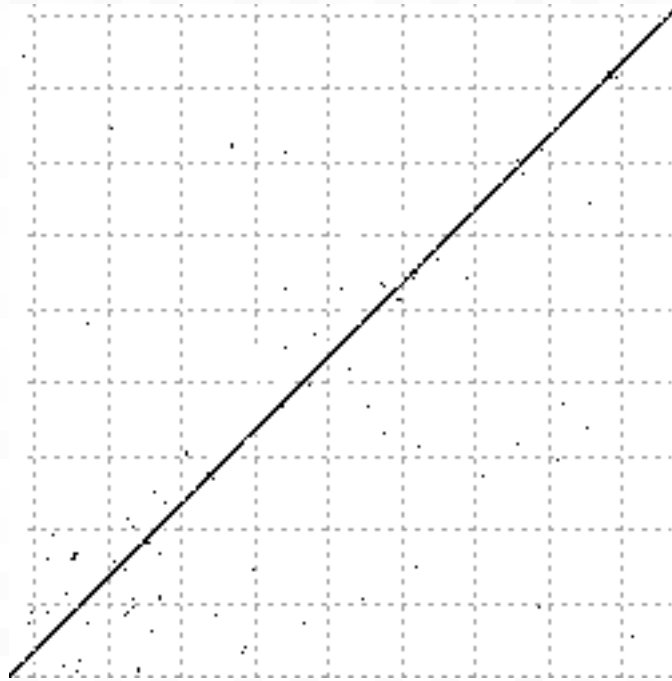


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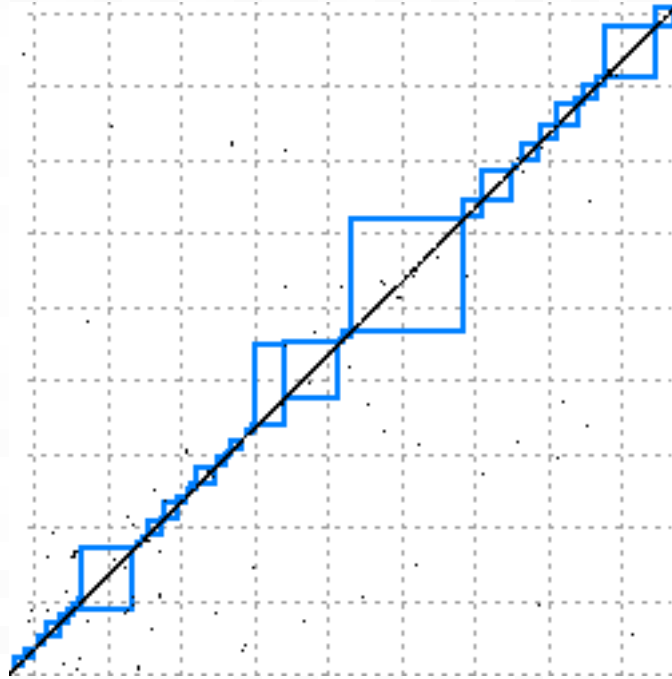


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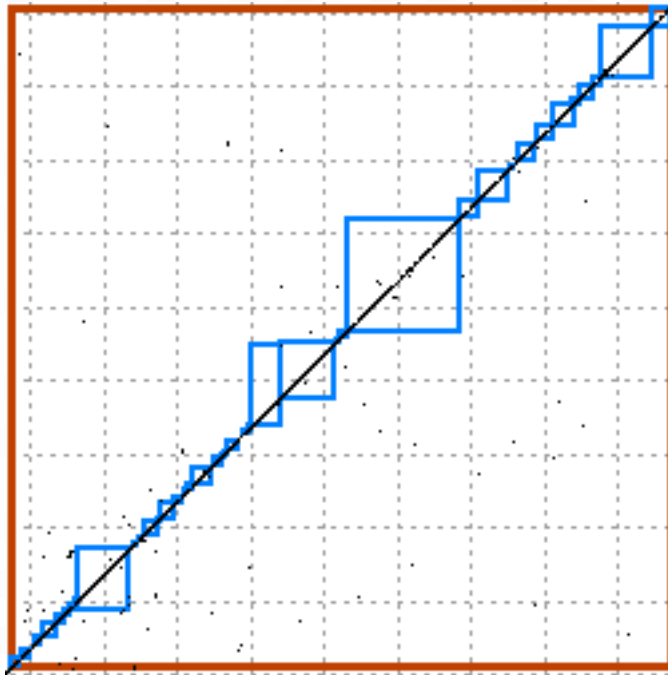




Level 1 (black): each dot indicates a common word 3-gram, i.e. a hash collision.

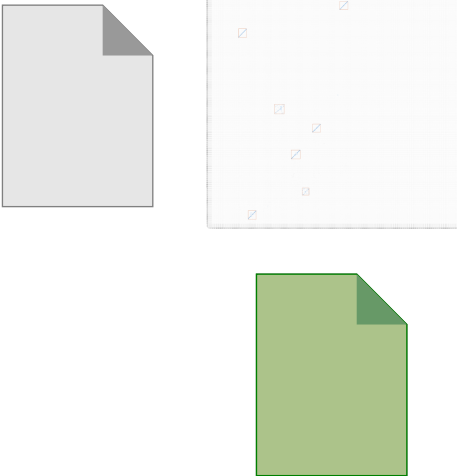


Level 2 (blue): neighbored common 3-grams are heuristically comprised.



Level 3 (red): blue groups are merged by a cluster analysis.

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- ❑ Webis Wikipedia Text Reuse Corpus
- ❑ Download: [[webis.de/data.html](http://webis.de/data.html)]
- ❑ Processing time: 2 months
- ➔ Pilot analysis
- ➔ Tool development
- ➔ Visual analytics

<b>Reuse</b>	<b>Within</b>	<b>Without</b>
Cases	110m	1.6m
<i>Documents with Reuse Cases</i>		
Articles	360,000	1.0m
Pages	–	15,000
<i>Words in Reuse Cases</i>		
Min.	17	23
Avg.	78	252
Max.	6200	1960

# Pilot Analysis

## Wikipedia Text Reuse on the Web

- ❑ **4898 out of 1.4m sampled sites reuse at least once from Wikipedia**  
Presumption: Wikipedia's editors successfully avoid reuse from third parties altogether.  
Top three: wikia.com (563 pages), rediff.com (55), un.org (28).
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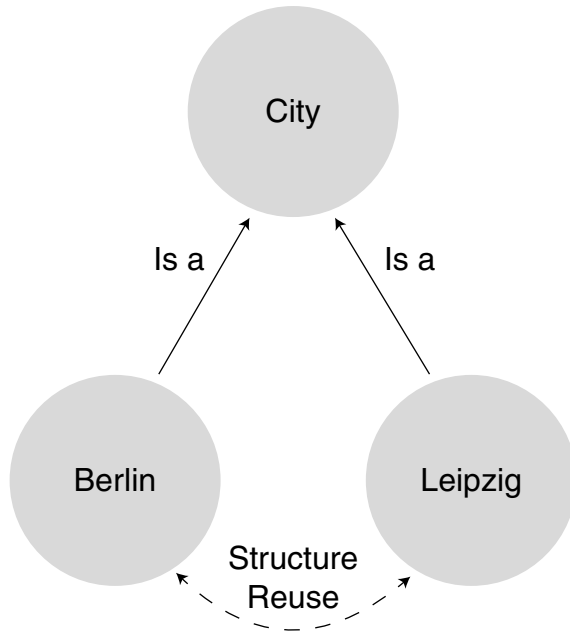
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- ❑ Nearly all pages show display ads.
- ❑ A conservative estimation of monthly ad revenue:
  - Simplifying assumptions: 1 ad per page at revenue per mille of 1.4 USD
  - Monthly views est. at 10% of the monthly page views of corresponding Wikipedia article
  - About 45,000 USD monthly ad revenue is generated by our sample
- ❑ Projection to the entire web:
  - 600,000 reusing sites out of 180m (netcraft.com) → 5.5m USD monthly ad revenue
  - 72% of Wikipedia's annual fundraising in the fiscal year 2016-2017.

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## Wikipedia Text Reuse on Wikipedia

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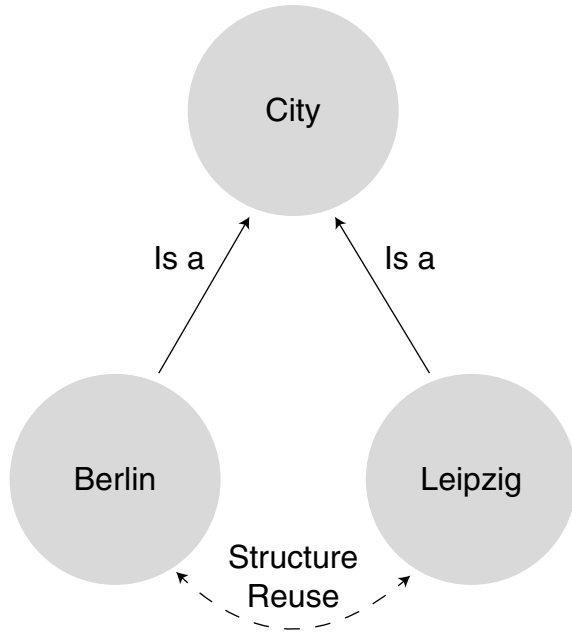


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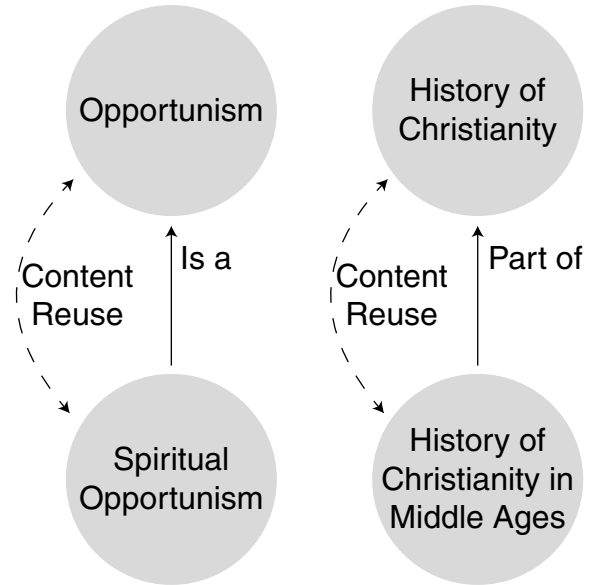
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Content reuse:



- ❑ Concept hierarchies
- ❑ Shared concepts
- ❑ Occasionally part of structure reuse

# Exploratory Analysis Tools

## Search Engine

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quantum



SUBMIT

FILTER CASES

CLEAR ALL FILTERS

Total results: 54

### Theoretical computer science

direct use of quantum-mechanical phenomena, such as superposition and entanglement, to perform operations on data. Quantum computers are different from digital computers based on transistors. Whereas digital computers require data to be encoded into binary digits (bits), each of which is always in one of two definite states (0 or 1), quantum computation uses qubits (quantum bits), which can be in superpositions of states. A theoretical model is the quantum Turing machine, also known as the universal quantum computer. Quantum computers share theoretical similarities with non-deterministic and probabilistic computers one example is the ability to be in more than one state simultaneously. The field of quantum computing was first introduced by Yuri Manin in 1980 and Richard Feynman in 1982. A quantum computer with spins as quantum bits was also formulated for use as a quantum space time in 1968, , quantum computing is still in its infancy but experiments have been carried out in which quantum computational operations were executed on a very small number of qubits. Both practical and theoretical research continues, and many national governments and military funding agencies support quantum computing research to develop quantum computers for both civilian and national security purposes, such as cryptanalysis

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[\[demo.webis.de/wikipedia-text-reuse\]](https://demo.webis.de/wikipedia-text-reuse)

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## Visual Analytics

Visualization of pairwise Wikipedia article similarities.

[Riehmann et al., EuroVis 2016]



Patrick Riehmann

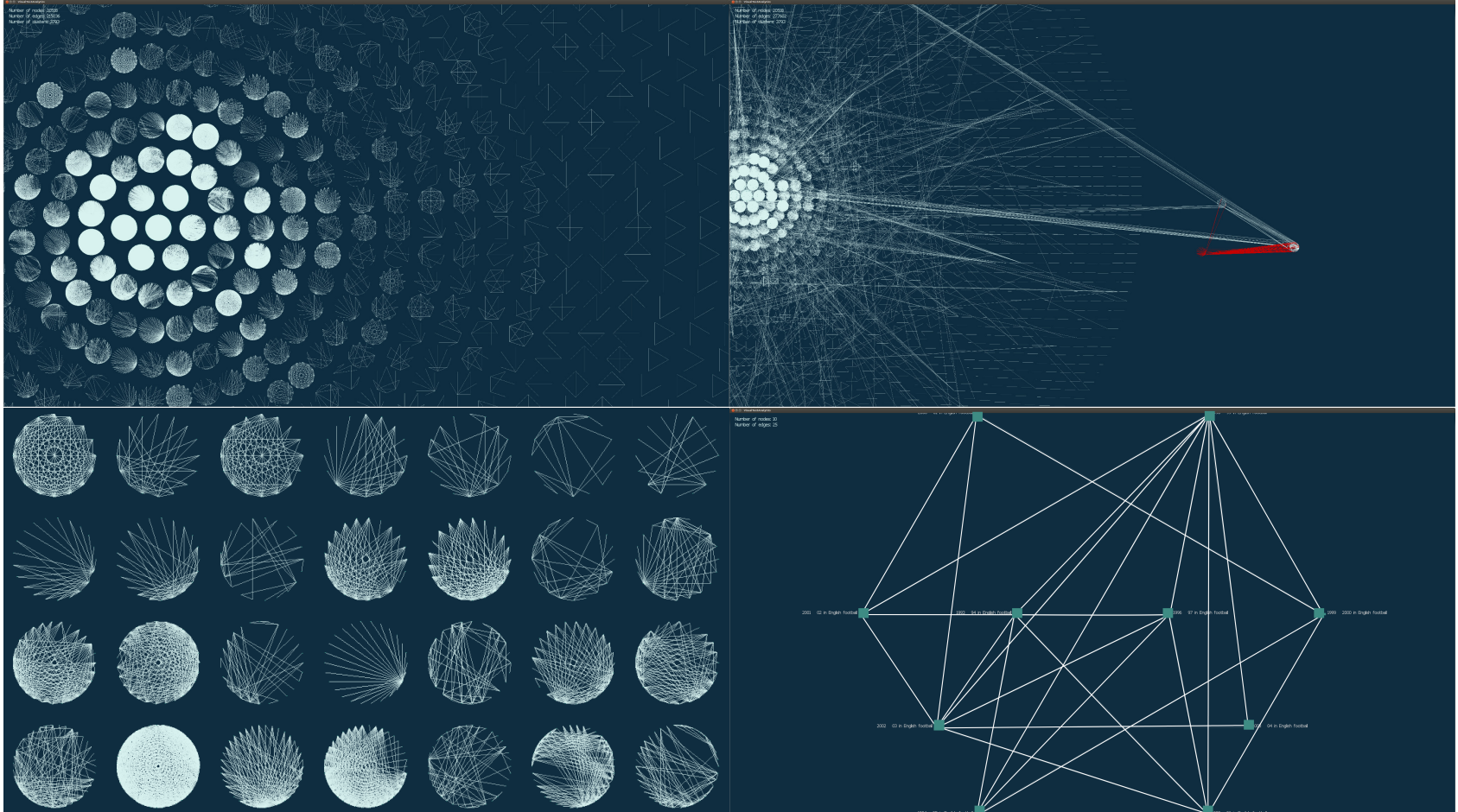


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