FireCite: Lightweight real-time reference string extraction from web pages

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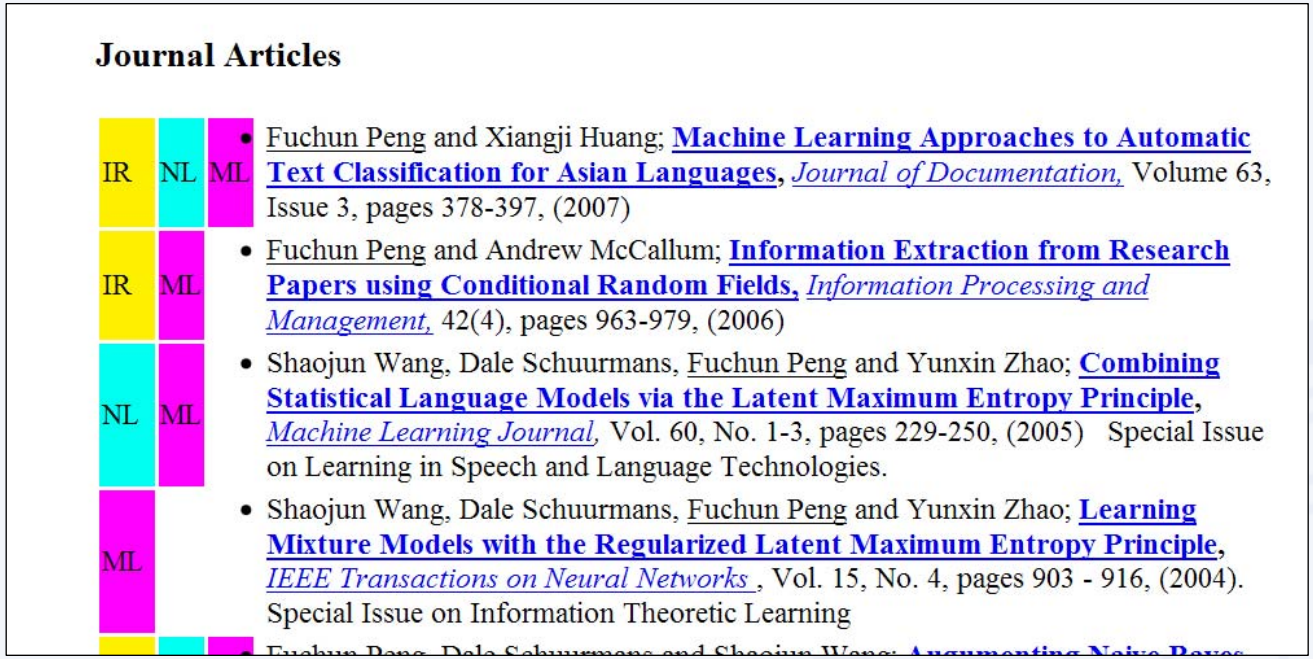
- Introduction
- Reference String Recognition
- Reference String Parsing
- Firefox Extension
- Conclusion

Introduction: The Problem

- **Recognition and parsing of references found on the Internet**

- **Criteria:**
  - Accurate
  - Fast



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Introduction: Related Work

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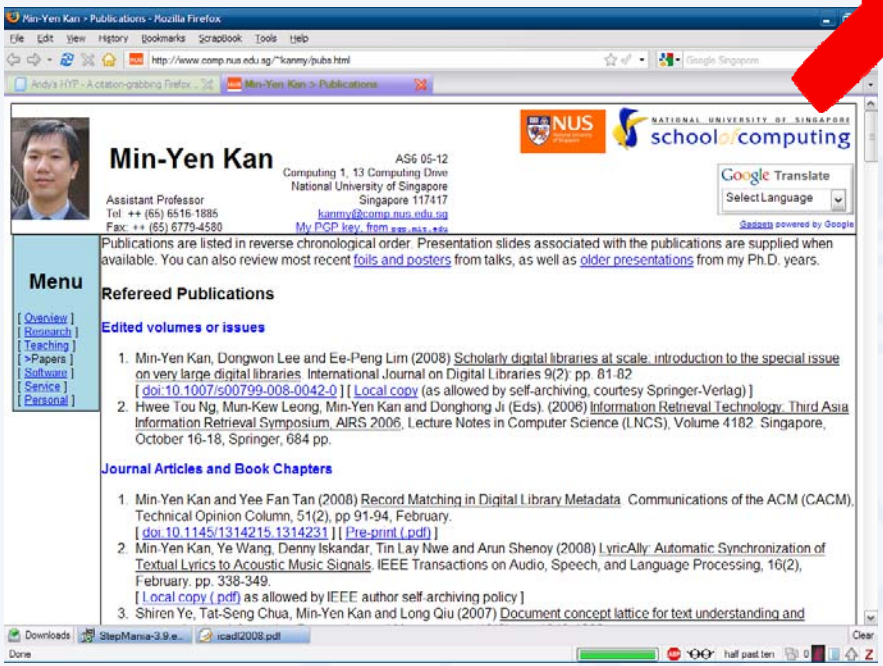

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Reference String Recognition: Definition

- Are there reference strings?
- Where are the reference strings?

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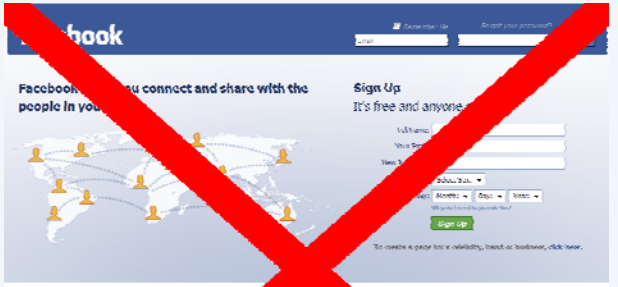
Reference String Recognition: Methodology

1. Web page exclusion

- Keyword + URL Matching



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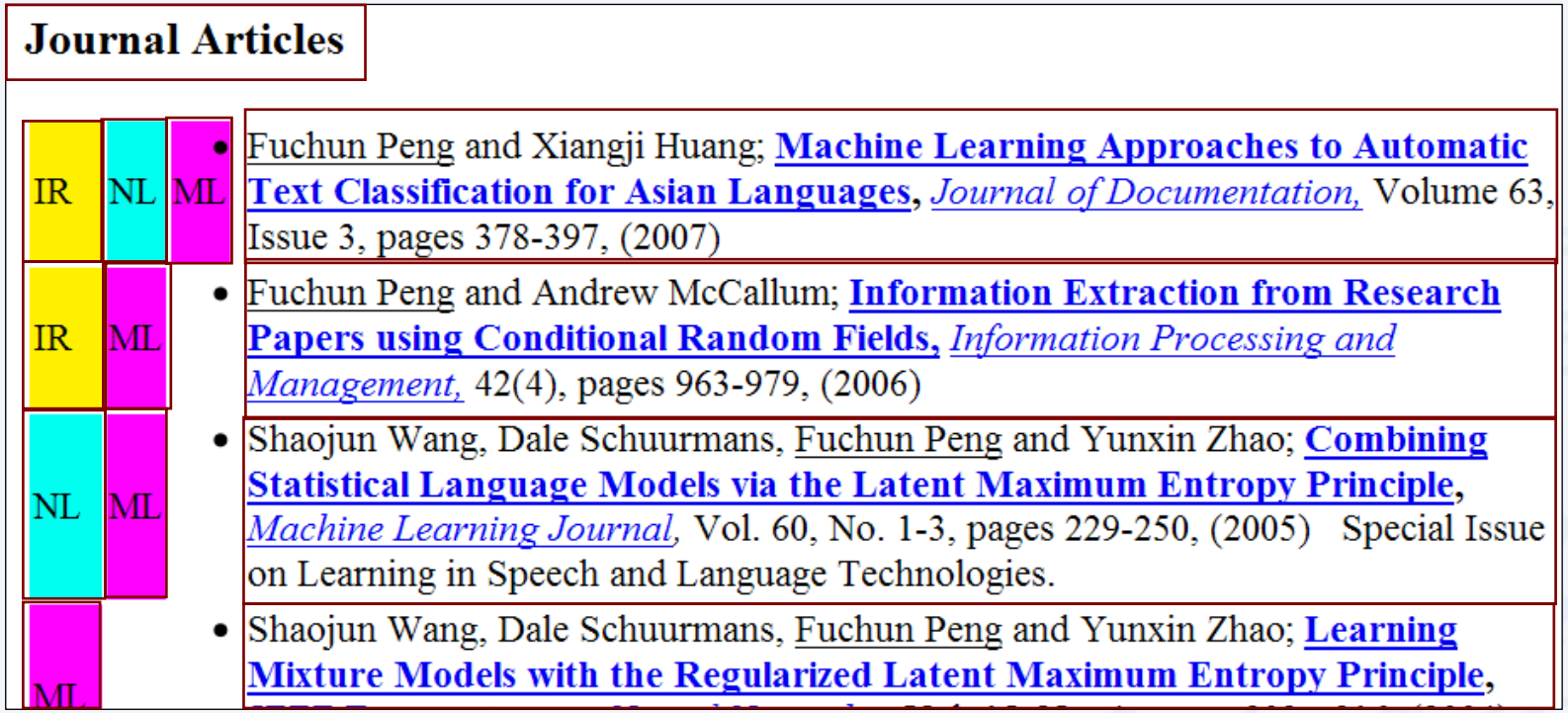
2. Splitting

- Split web page text into segments
- GOAL: Each segment to contain at most 1 reference string, and each reference string to exist in only 1 segment.



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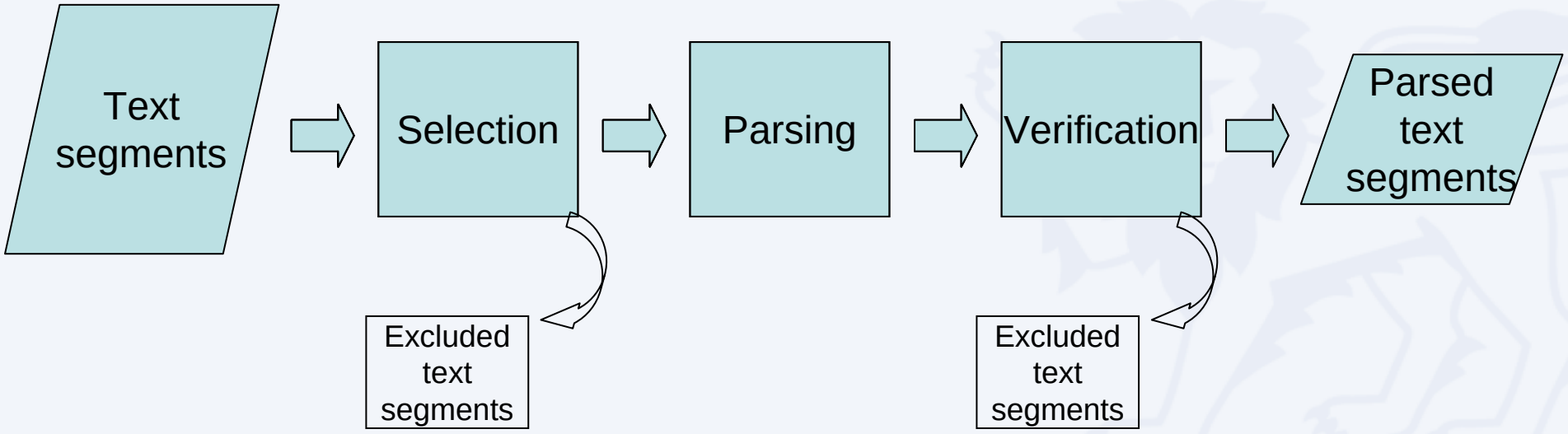
3. Selection

- Token length and word length of segment

4. Verification

- Reject segments that do not have a title or authors



Reference String Recognition: Evaluation

- **Test set: 40 staff homepages from 4 universities**
- **Reference strings found: 364/379 (96.0%)**
- **False positives: 269 (42.5%)**

System	Precision	Recall	F1-measure
FireCite (All 40 pages)	0.575	0.960	0.719
FireCite (Only 20 pages with reference strings)	0.655	0.960	0.779

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Reference String Parsing: Definition

- Purpose
  - Store reference according to metadata fields
  - Assist reference string recognition

- Only identify authors, title, date

Jesse Prabawa Gozali and Min-Yen Kan (2007) A Rich OPAC User Interface with AJAX, In Proceedings of the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL '07). Vancouver, Canada, June, pp. 329-330. Short paper.

Reference String Parsing: Methodology

- **Tokenising**

Atlas , L . , and S . Shamma ,

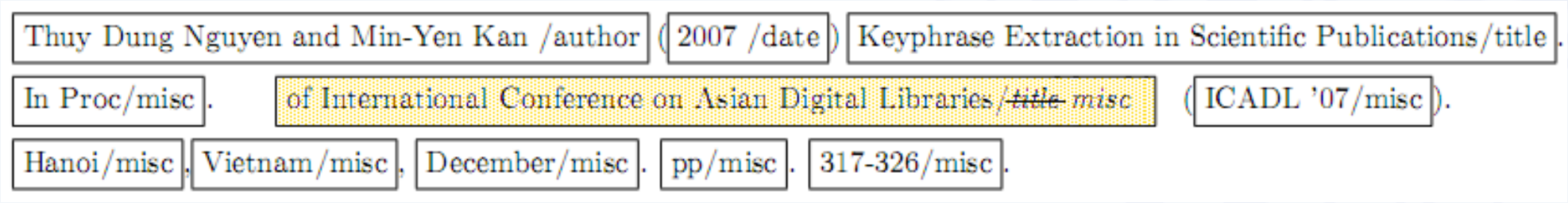
“ Joint Acoustic and Modulation Frequency , ”

EURASIP JASP , 2003 .

- Advantages
  - Reduce number of computations
  - Allow information-richer learning features

Reference String Parsing: Methodology

- **Labelling**
  - J48 decision tree classifier
  - CORA corpus (500 reference strings) as training corpus
- **Repairs**
  - "Title" and "Authors" fields are contiguous



Reference String Parsing: Evaluation

6 Faculty Staff Publication Pages

Page (No. of ref. strings)	Token-level F-measure			
	Title	Authors	Date	All Tokens
A (72)	0.902	0.893	0.988	0.708
B (52)	0.953	0.957	0.990	0.960
C (29)	0.684	0.304	0.774	0.651
D (68)	0.753	0.968	0.889	0.917
E (8)	0.692	0.875	1.000	0.889
F (45)	0.847	1.000	0.989	0.966
Overall (274)	0.836	0.916	0.948	0.878

Reference String Parsing: Evaluation

FLUX-CiM Computer Science Dataset (300 citations)

System Name	Field-level F-measure			
	Title	Authors	Date	Overall
FireCite	0.92	0.96	0.97	0.94
ParsCit	0.96	0.99	0.97	0.94
FLUX-CiM	0.93	0.95	0.98	0.97

Reference String Parsing: Evaluation

Parser	Classifier Type	Size of classifier model (KB)	Size of dictionary (KB)
FireCite	Decision Tree	12.6	0.0
FLUX-CiM	Knowledge-Based	>786 (estimated)	0.0
ParsCit	Conditional Random Fields	7339	1722

Reference String Parsing: Evaluation

Page Type	Time taken (milliseconds)		
	Minimum	Maximum	Average
Pages with reference strings	90	544	192
Pages without reference strings	6	222	74
All pages	6	544	133

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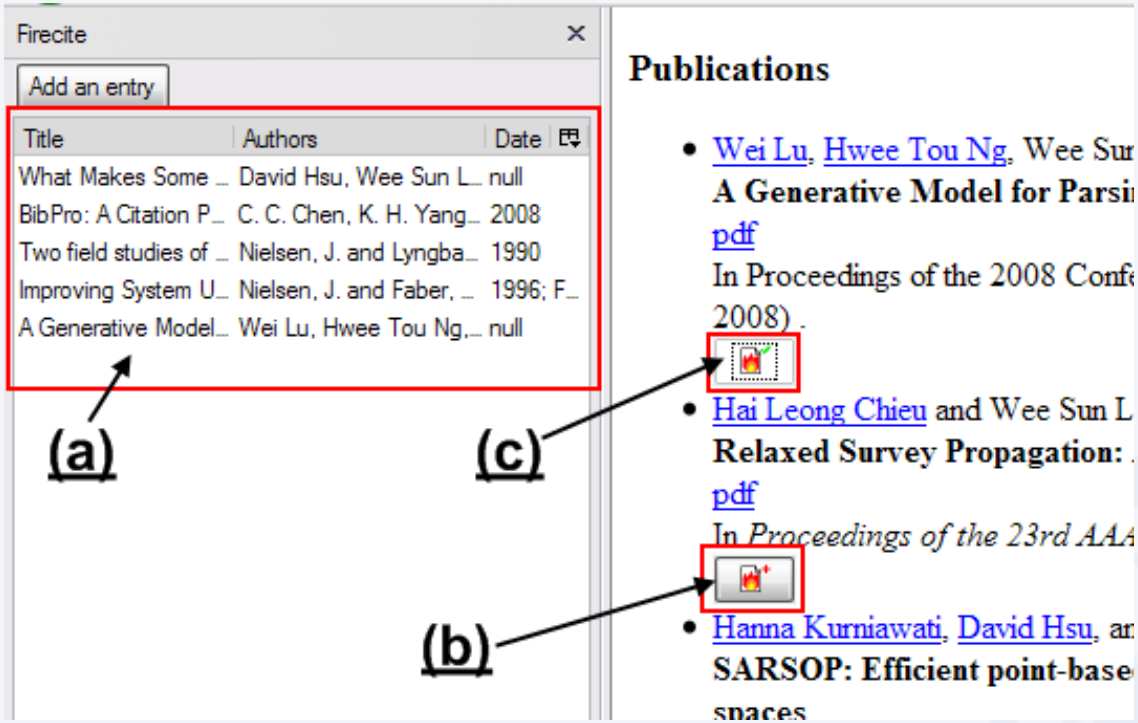
Extension: Demo



Conclusion

- **Results**
  - Fast and lightweight reference string parser
  - Reference string recogniser with good recall
  - Basic, expandable Firefox extension

Conclusion

- **Future work**
  - Reference String Recognition
    - More rules to improve precision
  - Reference String Parser
    - Use web page reference strings as training data
    - Recognise implicit/common metadata
  - Firefox Extension
    - Add more features to the extension

Questions?